



Times of Services

Friday 4 November

Shabbat begins: **4.14 pm**

Mincha/

Kabbalat Shabbat: **4.00 pm**

Shabbat 5 November

Shacharit: **9.30 am**

Haftarah: **Rabbi Vogel**

Shabbat ends: **5.16 pm**

Sunday 6 November

Shacharit: **8.40 am**

Friday 11 November

SHABBATUK DINNER

Shabbat begins: **4.02 pm**

Mincha: **3.45 pm**

Kabbalat Shabbat: **4.30 pm**

Reading the Haftarah

If you would like to read Haftarah to mark a special event or just to make your personal contribution to the service, please contact Brian Robinson, who will be delighted to help with any preparation or revision.



Sponsoring an Event

If you are celebrating a Simcha or commemorating a family Yahrzeit, or if you are just feeling generous, please consider sponsoring a Shabbat morning Kiddush, Seudah or Sunday morning breakfast. Contact Joan Michaels: 020 8579 4261.



AJR—Meets the 1st Tuesday in every month at 2.00 pm. Contact Leslie Sommer: 020 8993 7574.

Israeli Dancing!



Tuesday evenings, 8.00 pm at Ealing United Synagogue, Grange Road.

Sunday mornings, 10.30 am at Ealing Liberal Synagogue, Lynton Avenue. All welcome. Nominal charge of £1.00.

In the event of a bereavement, in the first instance please contact the Burial Office : 020 8950 7767. Rabbi Hershi Vogel: 07970 829758 Brian Robinson: 020 8567 6558

Ealing Synagogue

שבת שלום

Friday 4 November 2016/Shabbat 4 Cheshvan 5777

Sidra: **Noach**



Synagogue

THE CHIEF RABBI'S



SHABBAT UK 11/12 NOV'16

**THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER
CHALLAH MAKE**

**FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER
SHABBATUK DINNER**

LEKET



Rescuing Healthy Food
for Israel's Needy

As many of you are aware Leket, Israel's national food bank, was one of Ealing Synagogue's chosen charities for its Kol Nidre appeal.

The following link illustrates much of what Leket does:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RJx-dzDGv_A

For more information, its website address is:
<https://www.leket.org/en/>

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SHABBAT 18 FEBRUARY 2017 : CIVIC SERVICE. Guests will be the Mayor of Ealing and local dignitaries.

SUNDAY 26 MARCH 2017 : "LSJS ON TOUR" with guest speakers Raphael Zarum and Maureen Kendler.

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EALING SYNAGOGUE'S GREAT CHALLAH BAKE-OFF
THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2016
8.00 PM

Ealing Synagogue will be kicking off its ShabbatUK with a
Challah Make on Thursday 10 November at 8.00pm
in the synagogue kitchen.

Rebbetzen Zelda Vogel will be leading the kneading.

The Challah Make is open to everyone!
Maximum 20 people. First come, first bake.

£7.50 per person.

RSVP by Monday 7 November

Contact: Marianne Temple
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**EALING SYNAGOGUE
SHABBATUK DINNER
FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL FRIDAY EVENING

Mincha : 3.45pm

Mass Candle Lighting : 4.30pm

**Followed by
Kabbalat Shabbat**

**Panel Discussion with:
Rebbetzen Zelda Vogel
Jo Glass
Edward Cohen**

**Quiz
Prepared by Ella Marks**

Three-course Dinner

Talk by Roby Shulman

Our guest will be Ronnen Shulman

£20.00 per person

Cheques to be made payable to "United Synagogue"

**For catering and organisational purposes,
reservations must be made in advance.**

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Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHA

FOURTH EDITION / ISSUE 2

5th November 2016

NOACH

4th Cheshvan 5777

Kohen - First Aliya: Page 34, Chapter 6, verses 9 - 22

- ✚ Hashem commands Noach to construct an ark of specific materials and dimensions in order that Noach, and his family along with every sort of living animal, bird and insect male and female would be saved.

Levi - Second Aliya: Page 36, Chapter 7, verses 1 - 16

- ✚ On completion Hashem orders Noach to begin gathering seven pairs male and female of every clean (kosher) animals and birds along with two pairs male and female of all the other species inhabiting the earth and lead them into the ark.
- ✚ As the rain starts to fall marking the beginning of the flood; Noach himself enters the ark, with his wife, three sons and their wives accompanying him.
- ✚ The rain lasted for 40 days and 40 nights continuously; covering and destroying every living thing left on the planet surface.

Sh'lishi - Third Aliya: Page 38, Chapter 7, verse 17 - Chapter 8 verse 14

- ✚ Once 40 days had past Hashem remembered Noach and all the inhabitants aboard the ark and caused the rain to cease falling and sent a large wind to commence drying up the land.
- ✚ 150 days later the flood waters has subsided enough for the ark to finally rest itself upon the top of mount Ararat.
- ✚ Noach sent out a raven to check if the flood had dried up completely but it came back, He then twice sent out a dove. The first time it came back with an olive branch, but did not return at all the second time. So Noach knew it was now safe enough to disembark.

R'Vi' - Fourth Aliya: Page 42, Chapter 8, verse 15 - Chapter 9 verse 7

- ✚ Noach built an altar and gave korbanas (Sacrifices) to Hashem as a thank you for saving his and his family's life.
- ✚ Hashem blessed Noach and his sons to become fruitful and multiply in order to repopulate the earth.

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya: Page 45, Chapter 9, verses 8 - 17

- ✚ Hashem makes a pact with Noah that he would never cause a flood to cover the entire world again
- ✚ As a token of the covenant, Hashem formed a rainbow in the sky which would serve as a constant reminder of his pledge.
- ✚ The seven Noahide laws are introduced.

Shishi - Sixth Aliya: Page 46, Chapter 9, verses 18 - 32

- ✚ The lineages of Noach's three sons Shem, Ham and Japheth are recorded in detail.

Sh'vi'i - Seventh Aliya: Page 51, Chapter 11, verses 1 - 32

- ✚ As a united entity, the people began constructing 'The Tower of Babel' which they hoped to reach right up to heaven to be able to connect with Hashem himself.
- ✚ In order to thwart their plans, Hashem confused the people by creating and mixing up their one spoken language into many different ones and dispersed them throughout the entire world
- ✚ Avram (Abram) is born to Terach and is later married to Sarai (Sarah)

Haftorah – YISHAYAH (ISAIAH) Chapter 54 verse 1 to Chapter 55 verse 5

OVERVIEW:

- ✦ The Bais Hamikdash has been destroyed and the land of Israel is feeling barren, because the Jewish inhabitants have been forced out into golus (exile)
- ✦ Yishayah consoles the desolate land and gives his assurance that Hashem will one day permit the Jewish People to return back because of a renewed vigour and love they will show towards him making them worthy honouree's to populate the land of Israel once more and bring it back to its former glory.

SNAPSHOT GUIDE THROUGH THE SIDDUR: Birchos HaShachar part 1

- ✦ Each Morning we always begin the synagogue service with fifteen beracha's collectively known as Birchos Ha Shachar. These relate to a person's wake-up, and dressing routine in preparation for the day ahead. Typifying what it is to be Jewish. Someone who does not take anything for granted but recognizing instead: everything we have; Hashem has bequeathed to us in order to properly thank, bless and honour him.
- ✦ The first blessing thanking Hashem for giving us the ability of distinguishing between day and night is perfectly apt to begin with as it teaches us that despite what went on yesterday, Hashem has granted us with a fresh opportunity to achieve our worldly and spiritual endeavours today by fulfilling and adhering to the 613 mitzvot, Hashem commanded us to perform.
- ✦ Blessing number two thanking Hashem for not making us a goy (heathen) is not as brazen as some might think. It's not because we have anything against our non-Jewish brethren per-se, as we must appreciate that there are numerous amounts of righteous gentiles among them striving to bring goodness into the world just like we are. The reason why this blessing is recited is because Hashem has given us the opportunity to be part of his chosen nation and allowing us to serve Hashem as Jews.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION:

In a rather matter-of-fact manner, the Torah moves from giving a detailed account of how Noah and his family survived the devastation and destruction of the world caused by the flood; to recording an incident in Noah's life which ended up provoking a major family crisis that tore them apart. The narration goes: that upon settling once again on dry land after the flood, Noah planted a vineyard, produced wine and got so intoxicated that one of his sons (Ham) finds him naked, tells his two brothers about it and they go and cover their father up. Upon arising, Noah realizes what went on while he was asleep and ends up cursing his grandson Canaan (Ham's son) and his descendants. What's going on? Why did Noah, chastise Canaan and not the real perpetrator, his son Ham who found him in that state and did nothing or even himself for getting in that intoxicating stupor to begin with?

Interestingly, a lot of the commentator's seem to say even though Noah got drunk in the first place, it was an isolated incident, which though it would certainly have been wrong in Hashem's eyes, it would not have made him accountable as Ham was. Why? As I understand it, Ham "saw" the nakedness of his father...perhaps not just as in accidentally, but more of a deeper "examination" of his father's inadequacies and weaknesses. There is no mention of that Ham's thinking was perverse, spiteful or disrespectful but I do believe the difference between Ham's attitude and his brothers attitude in relation to their father's drunken state is made clear, given that the Torah is hinting to us that Ham went and boasted to both of his brothers of what he had just witnessed, in a jokingly, mockingly sort of way, making fun of their father. Thus dishonoring Noah greatly and breaking the fifth commandment of Honouring one's parents. Whereas Ham's brothers Shem and Japheth respectfully went to their father's tent and covered Noah up without looking at him at all.

To answer why Canaan was cursed and not Ham was because. firstly: it would have been impossible not to bring up the issue of Ham's transgression as Noah would be indicting himself for his own drunkenness. And secondly because Noah was spiritually unable to do so. After the episode of the flood, Noah and his three sons had been blessed and sealed into one of the eternal covenants of Hashem meaning that Noah was unable to overturn Ham's blessing with a curse. Also, along with the Covenant Hashem also provided Noah with the gift of Prophecy and while he was asleep he foresaw the general way his future descendants would turn out. Through his son Shem, Noah saw the line of the future Jewish nation stemming from his lineage; However, regarding Ham's descendant's he knew that Canaan would also possess the same carnal and materialistic character traits as his father,

Noah also realized that Canaan would not only be the father of the Canaanites, but also of the Amorites, Jebusites, and the Phoenicians. All of these peoples would at some period in the future wage war against the descendants of Shem and (to a lesser extent) Japheth, and would also become grossly idolatrous. This is why I believe Noah did what he did and cursed Canaan and his Descendants. He wanted to try and nip this travesty in the bud early, to ease the way for the Jewish Nation to grow strong and survive. This is another reason why I believe, just like Parsha Noah begins with. Noah was a steadfast and righteous man of his time; was because all he wanted to do in his life was for the greater good and after the lesson of the flood, he wanted to help everyone to live in peace and harmony with Hashem as their guide.



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