



Times of Services 2016

Friday 9 September

Shabbat begins: 7.15 pm

Mincha/

Kabbalat Shabbat: 7.15 pm

Shabbat 10 September

Shacharit: 9.30 am

Haftarah: Rodney Coleman

Shabbat ends: 8.15 pm

Sunday 11 September

Shacharit: 8.40 am

Friday 16 September

Shabbat begins: 6.59 pm

Mincha/

Kabbalat Shabbat: 6.45 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

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שבת שלום

Friday 9 September 2016/Shabbat 7 Elul 5776

Sidra: Shoftim



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**WILLESDEN CEMETERY
SPECIAL EVENTS
SUNDAY 4 AND SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER**

Willesden United Synagogue Cemetery will be especially open on two Sundays in September for B'nai B'rith European Days of Jewish Culture.

On 4 September there is a rare opportunity to tour the site's highlights with past US president Elkan Levy.

On 11 September they are also teaming up with the National Trust's UK-wide Heritage Open Days to offer a panel discussion with heritage experts, plus a walking tour led by Rachel Kolsky.

The cemetery grounds are open for free visiting on both these days and on September 11 you'll be able to see inside ceremonial buildings not normally open to the public.

All events are free but must be booked in advance to ensure a place. Visit www.theus.org.uk/opendays to book and like them @USWillesdenCemeteryFriends on Facebook.

Sunday 4 September 2016

1400 - 1600

"A Good Jew and a Good Englishman"

Walking Tour with Elkan Levy

Sunday 11 September 2016

1500 -1600. Doors open 1445.

"What makes a Jewish cemetery such a special place?"

Panel discussion with Eric Langham and Geoff Hartnell, chair Hester Abrams

Sunday 11 September 2016

1600-1730

"Postcards, politics, furniture and finance"

Walking Tour with Rachel Kolsky

The booking links are:

<https://myus.theus.org.uk/events/32177/walking-tour-of-willesden-cemetery/>

<https://myus.theus.org.uk/events/32171/panel-discussion/>

<https://myus.theus.org.uk/events/32186/rachel-kolsky-walking-tour/>



Rosh Hashanah ~ 2nd Day Tuesday 4 October 2016

The Ealing Community is invited to
Lunch after the service on
2nd Day Rosh Hashanah

3-course fish lunch with wine

£17.50 per person.

£12.50 for children under 12.

Please advise if you have any special dietary needs.

RSVP by Friday 23 September 2016
Reservations and payment must be made in advance.

Everyone is welcome

Email: esnewsletter@btinternet.com

Tel: 020 8933 5645

Cheques to be made payable to "United Synagogue" and sent to
Ealing Synagogue, 15 Grange Road, Ealing, London W5 5QN.

Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHA

ISSUE 48

10th September 2016

SHOFTIM

7th Elul 5776

Kohen - First Aliya: Chapter 16, verse 18 - Chapter 17, verse 13

- ✦ Moshe tells Bnai Yisrael to assign judges and officers for the tribes. Once appointed they are instructed to make sure they adjudicate fairly.
- ✦ Moshe warns the people not to plant any idolatrous Asherah trees or erect anything linked to idol worship. The penalty for anyone found committing any acts of idolatry is stoning as long as it witnessed by at least two people. A single witness cannot condemn a person to death.
- ✦ If there is a dispute which the local courts are unable to settle. The case is then taken to the Kohanim and Levi'im to determine the outcome. Anyone who refuses to listen or comply with the final judgment is put to death.

Levi - Second Aliya: Chapter 17, verses 14 - 20

- ✦ Moshe explains how an anointed Jewish King should behave, i.e. He must not have an excessive amount of horses, wives, silver and gold because they might lead him astray.
- ✦ The King is instructed to write two Sefer Torah's, one copy must be kept with him at all times in order not to become too arrogant and deviate from the commandments.

Sh'lishi - Third Aliya: Chapter 18, verses 1 - 5

- ✦ Moshe explains, the reason why the Kohanim were not allocated any land was because they were chosen by Hashem personally to be his holy servants and that instead of an inheritance they will be the beneficiaries of receiving priestly gifts, selections of meat kept behind from certain Korbanos as well as tithes given to them by the other tribes.

R'v'i - Fourth Aliya: Chapter 18, verses 6 - 12

- ✦ Even though the Kohanim are designated with their own role, serving in the Mishkan or the future temple, they can retain the right to offer up their own personal korbanos at any time.
- ✦ Moshe lists the kinds of false Prophets, soothsayers, sorcerers and astrologers amongst others, which the other nations listen to but are prohibited to us because we have Hashem.

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya: Chapter 18, verse 13 - Chapter 19, verse 13

- ✦ If any Jewish Navi (Prophet) speaks in Hashem's name and declares that certain things will happen or must change but never transpires or goes against the Torah. They are classified as false-prophets and punished accordingly for trying to lead others astray.
- ✦ Moshe then reiterates the command to establish cities of refuge for inadvertent murderers.

Shishi - Sixth Aliya: Chapter 19, verse 14 - Chapter 20, verse 9

- ✦ The laws of witnesses are discussed in detail here.
- ✦ The rules of engaging an enemy in war are described here, including the prohibition of those people who are exempt from going into battle for various reasons.

Sh'v'i - Seventh Aliya: Chapter 20, verse 10 - Chapter 21, verse 9

- ✦ Before waging war with the enemy we are commanded to try and make a peaceful resolution with them first to avoid bloodshed. If they refuse to listen, only then are we allowed to go out and fight.
- ✦ The procedure of what should be done relating to a Eglah Arufah. (A corpse which was found in-between two cities) is written in detail here.

Haftorah –YISHAYAH (ISAIAH) Chapter 51 verse 12 to Chapter 52 verse 12

OVERVIEW:

- ✦ In answer to the past two weeks that Israel will not be consoled by any words offered to them by any Prophet; The Haftarah begins with Hashem assuring his people he will be the one who will comfort them personally.
- ✦ After briefly reprimanding Israel for forgetting Hashem and the suffering they had to endure because of it, Yishayah tells them the time has now arrived when our oppressors will become the oppressed and our hardships will cease to exist.
- ✦ Yishayah highlights the differences between the exodus from Mitzraim (Egypt, and the future Redemption which will end all exiles.

GEMATRIA LINKED TO THE SEDRA:

- ✦ Moshe explains to Bnai Yisrael that once the land of Israel has been entered, their attention will be turned on appointing a king. This happened during the time of the prophet Shmuel.
- ✦ Interestingly, The Torah alludes to this as both the gematria for the words ' כִּי תָבוֹא KI Tavo' (when you enter) and 'בְּיָמֵי שְׁמוּאֵל B'emay Shmuel' (in the days of Samuel) equate to 439.

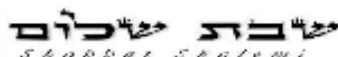
WEEKLY DISCUSSION:

In contrast to the sedra Eikev which we read a couple of weeks ago, there is a passage in this week's portion I find a bit perplexing. Two weeks ago, Moshe was enforcing the point home, that Bnai Yisrael should never forget, where they've come from and who is ultimately running the world, and acknowledging that Hashem is our one true king. Yet today we read, about Moshe instructing Bnai Yisrael on what to do in regards of appointing a new King to rule over them when they felt the time was right, once they entered the promise land. I don't know about you but it seems inconceivable in wanting to substitute our divine king (Hashem) with a human one. So, what changed?

The way I understand this dilemma is as follows. By the time Hashem was ready to form a nation for himself by delivering Bnai Yisrael from the oppressive rule of Pharaoh whilst in Mitzraim, every kingdom was being ruled by someone who claimed to have a definitive power over the other nations and were willing to wage wars with one another to claim ultimate supremacy. Yet it's clear from my limited knowledge of the Torah's text that Hashem originally wanted his chosen nation to be an exception to this and to teach the whole world that humanity can live and function perfectly well without the need of an appointed human king, because they had Hashem to govern over them.

However, through divine prophesy, Moshe realized this utopia wouldn't last and there will come a time in the future when Hashem's beloved people would like to become precisely like all the other nations in direct contradiction to the holiness that Hashem had imbued and ingrained into them. To minimize the damage, caused by defying Hashem set out in Parsha Eikev, Hashem decided to acquiesce and give specific instructions and safeguards to prevent Bnai Yisrael from assimilating completely. I.e. once appointed, a Jewish King must not acquire many wives or amass a great number of horses (Military might) to defend his realm etc. On the contrary, The King must be looked upon more as a spiritual guide and leader like Moshe than actually ruling over them like a Monarch. This is the reason why I think a Jewish King is also commanded to write himself a Sefer Torah and carry it on his person and study it at all times.

It's clear to me that what Moshe was conveying to Bnai Yisrael was that if and when the desire comes, in wanting to assign a Sovereign to reign over you. Don't see the appointment as a substitute for Hashem but use him as a conduit in order to become closer to Ha Kodesh Barech Hu. This is why several hundred years later when king Saul sinned by not carrying out Hashem's wishes of killing the king of Amalek, he was removed from his kingship duties as it contravened the basic role of what a Jewish king should represent. Someone, we can look up to inspire us to become what Hashem originally intended for us, when he took us out of Mitzraim and gave us his Torah. To remain close to the Almighty and teach the rest of the world to do the same.



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The Borough of Ealing will be holding an Open Studios event over two weekends.

Jen Henley and two friends are exhibiting artists. Jen is opening her home (42 Grange Road) to the public to view and purchase their work.

The exhibition will be open on 10-11 September and 17-18 September from 11.00am to 5.00pm.

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