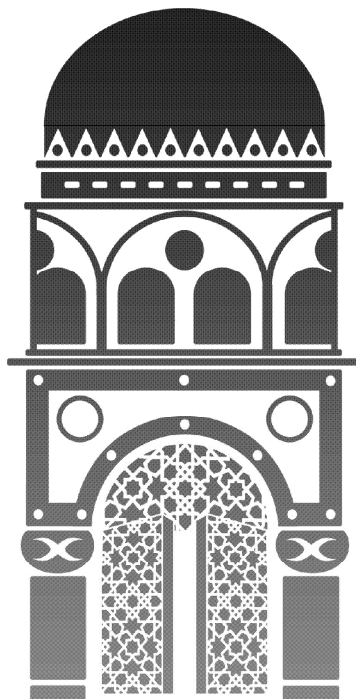


# WEST LONDON SYNAGOGUE

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SHABBAT SHALOM

13-14 January 2017

16 Tevet 5777

# SHABBAT SHALOM AND WELCOME TO WEST LONDON SYNAGOGUE

## FRIDAY

**6.00pm:** **Erev Shabbat Combo Service**  
Led by Rabbis Helen & David

**Wardens:** Orlando Ortega-Medina, Paul Jaffa, Gillian Westwood  
**Beadle:** Julia & Julian Markson

## SATURDAY

**10.00am:** **Shabbat Rinah**  
Led by Rabbis Julia & David

**10.30am:** **ShabbaTots Cafe**  
Led by Crystal

**10.30am:** **Coffee Morning**

**11.00am:** **Shabbat Morning Service**  
Led by Rabbis Julia & David  
Sermon by Rabbi Julia  
Torah read by Sam Stevens, Bar Mitzvah

**Wardens:** Orlando Ortega-Medina, Paul Jaffa, Gillian Westwood  
**Beadle:** Julia & Julian Markson

**Torah:** Genesis 49:33-50:13  
**Haftarah:** Psalm 103

*Please join us in the Stern Hall for kiddush after the service.*

The mitzvah of *derech erez-consideration for other people* is really important for us at West London Synagogue, so we would ask you to make sure that your mobile phone is turned off before the service and to leave cameras in your bags. As this is a religious place, we would also ask you to avoid inappropriate clothing or chewing gum during the service. Many thanks for your consideration in following our communal *minhag-traditions*.  
*The Rabbis and Wardens*

**Doctor or fully trained first aider?** If you are a doctor or trained first aider please make yourself known to the wardens and beadle.

## PARASHAT VAYECHI

*Vayechi* may be translated “and he lived” and records the last years and death of Jacob. After living in Egypt for seventeen years, Jacob calls his son Joseph and his grandsons, Manasseh and Ephraim, to his bedside for a blessing. He asks Joseph to bury him with Abraham and Isaac at the cave of Machpelah. Afterwards he calls all of his sons to his side and blesses each one. When Jacob dies, Joseph and his brothers bury him in Hebron. After their father’s death, Joseph’s brothers begin to fear that Joseph will now punish them for selling him into slavery. He reassures them that they are safe and promises to care for them and their families. Joseph lives to the age of one hundred and ten. Just before he dies he tells his family that God will return them to the Land of Israel and instructs them to carry his bones up from Egypt at that time.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **We wish mazal tov and good wishes to:**

- Sam Stevens and his family on becoming Bar Mitzvah
- The Smerald and Feather families on Amber’s baby blessing

Interested in conversion?

Please speak to Rabbi Helen or contact her on [helen.freeman@wls.org.uk](mailto:helen.freeman@wls.org.uk)

<sup>ל</sup>וַיָּכַל יַעֲקֹב לְצַוֹת אֶת־בָּנָיו וַיֹּאסֹף רַגְלָיו אֶל־הַמֶּטֶה וַיִּגְוַע וַיֹּאסֹף אֶל־עַמּוּיוֹ: <sup>נ</sup>וַיִּפֹּל יוֹסֵף עַל־פְּנֵי אָבִיו וַיִּבְדֹּךְ עָלָיו וַיִּשְׁקֶלּוּ: <sup>ו</sup>וַיֵּצֵא יוֹסֵף אֶת־עַבְדָּיו אֶת־הַרְפָּאִים לַחֲנֹט אֶת־אָבִיו וַיַּחֲנוּטוּ הַרְפָּאִים אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל: <sup>ז</sup>וַיִּמְלְאוּ־לוֹ אַרְבַּעַיִם יוֹם כִּי כָן יִמְלְאוּ יַמֵּי הַחַנְטִים וַיִּבְכוּ אֹתוֹ מִצָּרִים שִׁבְעִים יוֹם: <sup>ח</sup>וַיַּעֲבְרוּ יַמֵּי בְכִיתוֹ וַיְדַבֵּר יוֹסֵף אֶל־בְּרִית פְּרָעָה לֵאמֹר אִם־נָא מִצְאָתִי חַן בְּעֵינֵיכֶם דַּבְּרוּ־נָא בְּאָזְנֵי פְּרָעָה לֵאמֹר: <sup>ט</sup>הֲאֲבִי הַשְּׂבִיעֲנִי לֵאמֹר הִנֵּה אֲנֹכִי מֵת בְּקִבְרֵי אֲשֶׁר כָּרַיתִי לִי בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן שָׁמָּה תִקְבְּרֵנִי וְעַתָּה אֶעְלֶה־נָּא וְאֶקְבְּרָה אֶת־אָבִי וְאֶשׁוּבָה: <sup>י</sup>וַיֹּאמֶר פְּרָעָה עֲלֶה וְקַבֵּר אֶת־אָבִיךָ כַּאֲשֶׁר הִשְׂבִיעֶדָּ:

<sup>יא</sup>וַיַּעַל יוֹסֵף לְקַבֵּר אֶת־אָבִיו וַיַּעַלּוּ אֹתוֹ כָּל־עַבְדָּי פְּרָעָה זָקְנֵי בֵיתוֹ וְכָל זָקְנֵי אֶרֶץ־מִצְרָיִם: <sup>יב</sup>וְכָל בֵּית יוֹסֵף וְאָחִיו וְבֵית אָבִיו רַק טַפָּס וְצֹאנָם וּבְקָרָם עֲזָבוּ בְּאֶרֶץ גֹּשׁוֹ: <sup>יג</sup>וַיַּעַל עִמּוֹ גַם־רַכָּב גַּם־פָּרָשִׁים וַיְהִי הַמַּחֲנֶה כְּבַד מְאֹד:

<sup>יד</sup>וַיָּבֹאוּ עַד־גֵּרֹן הָאֲטֹד אֲשֶׁר בְּעֵבֶר הַיַּרְדֵּן וַיִּסְפְּדוּ־שָׁם מִסְפַּד גָּדוֹל וְכַבֵּד מְאֹד וַיַּעַשׂ לְאָבִיו אֲבֵל שִׁבְעַת יָמִים: <sup>טו</sup>וַיֵּרָא יוֹשֵׁב הָאֶרֶץ הַכְּנַעֲנִי אֶת־הָאֲבֵל בְּגֵרֹן הָאֲטֹד וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֲבֵל־כְּבֹד זֶה לְמִצְרָיִם עַל־כֵּן קָרָא שְׁמָהּ אֲבֵל מִצְרָיִם אֲשֶׁר בְּעֵבֶר הַיַּרְדֵּן: <sup>טז</sup>וַיַּעֲשׂוּ בָנָיו לוֹ כֵּן כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּם: <sup>יז</sup>וַיִּשְׂאוּ אֹתוֹ בָּנָיו אֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן וַיִּקְבְּרוּ אֹתוֹ בְּמַעַרַת שְׂדֵה הַמַּכְפֵּלָה אֲשֶׁר קָנָה אַבְרָהָם אֶת־הַשְּׂדֵה לְאַחֲזַת־קֶבֶר מֵאֵת עֶפְרָן הַחֲתָן עַל־פְּנֵי מִמְרָא: <sup>יח</sup>וַיָּשֶׁב יוֹסֵף מִצְרַיִמָּה הוּא וְאָחִיו וְכָל־הָעַלְמִים אֲתוֹ לְקַבֵּר אֶת־אָבִיו אַחֲרָי קִבְּרוּ אֶת־אָבִיו:

## GENESIS 49:33-50:14

<sup>33</sup>When Jacob had finished giving instructions to his sons, he drew his feet up into the bed, breathed his last and was gathered to his people.

<sup>50:1</sup>Joseph threw himself on his father and wept over him and kissed him.

<sup>2</sup>Then Joseph directed the physicians in his service to embalm his father Israel. So the physicians embalmed him, <sup>3</sup>taking a full forty days, for that was the time required for embalming. And the Egyptians mourned for him seventy days. <sup>4</sup>When the days of mourning had passed, Joseph said to Pharaoh's court, 'If I have found favour in your eyes, speak to Pharaoh for me. Tell him, <sup>5</sup>"My father made me swear an oath and said, 'I am about to die; bury me in the tomb I dug for myself in the land of Canaan.' Now let me go up and bury my father; then I will return.'" <sup>6</sup>Pharaoh said, 'Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear to do.'

<sup>7</sup>So Joseph went up to bury his father. All Pharaoh's officials accompanied him – the dignitaries of his court and all the dignitaries of Egypt – <sup>8</sup>besides all the members of Joseph's household and his brothers and those belonging to his father's household. Only their children and their flocks and herds were left in Goshen. <sup>9</sup>Chariots and horsemen also went up with him. It was a very large company.

<sup>10</sup>When they reached the threshing-floor of Atad, near the Jordan, they lamented loudly and bitterly; and there Joseph observed a seven-day period of mourning for his father. <sup>11</sup>When the Canaanites who lived there saw the mourning at the threshing-floor of Atad, they said, 'The Egyptians are holding a solemn ceremony of mourning. 'That is why that place near the Jordan is called Abel Mizraim. <sup>12</sup>So Jacob's sons did as he had commanded them: <sup>13</sup>they carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave in the field of Machpelah, near Mamre, which Abraham had bought along with the field as a burial place from Ephron the Hittite. <sup>14</sup>After burying his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, together with his brothers and all the others who had gone with him to bury his father.

## Psalm 103

Bless God, my soul, all that is in me bless God's holy name! Bless God, my soul, and forget none of God's kind deeds. The One who pardons all your deceit, who heals all your suffering, who redeems your life from the pit of death, who surrounds you with love and compassion, who fills your old age with goodness, renewing your youth like an eagle. God does what is right, does justice to all the oppressed. God's ways were made known to Moses, God's great acts to the children of Israel. Tender and compassionate is the Merciful One, slow to anger and full of love. Not for all time does God accuse, not forever remain angry, not as our failings deserve has God dealt with us, not treated us as our deceit required. As high as the sky over the earth, so great is God's love over the faithful; as far as the east from the west, so far has God taken our misdeeds from us. As a father is tender to his children, so the Merciful One is tender to the faithful; for it is God who knows our nature, remembers that we are dust. Frail mortals, their days are like the grass, they blossom like a flower in the field; but the breeze passes over it and it is gone and its place knows it no more. But the love of the Merciful One lasts forever and ever for those who are faithful, showing loyalty to the children's children of those who keep God's covenant, bearing God's laws in their mind, to do them.

## SAVE THE DATE

### **Thursday 19 January**

#### **12.30pm: Seymour Group Lunch**

Guest speaker: Jane Greenfield – ‘On Being a Jewish Farmer’s Daughter’  
To book: Call Hermy Jankel on 020 7722 8489, if she is unavailable please leave a clear message.

Early bookings will be appreciated, to facilitate catering arrangements. Please advise Hermy by 10.00am on the Friday before the lunch. Cancellations can only be accepted by that time, or you will be charged. Parking Problem? We aim to finish our meetings by 2.30pm

### **Tuesday 24 January**

#### **7.15pm: Jerusalem Ablaze: Stories of Love & Other Obsessions**

*Orlando Ortega-Medina in conversation with Rabbi David Mitchell*

Join us for what promises to be an exciting event celebrating Orlando Ortega-Medina’s debut collection *Jerusalem Ablaze: Stories of Love & Other Obsessions*, exclusively, two days prior to its UK release. Please click here for more information. There is no charge for this event, but a minimum donation of £5 toward costs is encouraged. To book, please visit email [eretz@wls.org.uk](mailto:eretz@wls.org.uk) or call William Campos-Ortega at 07902 021 227. <http://www.wls.org.uk/event/insight-israel-jerusalem-ablaze/>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NEXT SHABBAT

<b>20 Jan</b>	<b>Friday</b> Erev Shabbat Service Shabbat Shira	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>7.15pm</b>
<b>21 Jan</b>	<b>Saturday</b> Coffee Morning Shabbatots Service Shabbat Morning Service	<b>10.30am</b> <b>10.30am</b> <b>11.00am</b>

## NEXT SHABBAT

<b>15 Jan</b>	Religion School Sunday Workout WLS Drop-In	<b>10.00am</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>1.30pm</b>
<b>16 Jan</b>	Parashat Hashavuah Bereavement Support Group	<b>12.30pm</b> <b>2.00pm</b>
<b>17 Jan</b>	Carers' Support Group	<b>2.30pm</b>
<b>18 Jan</b>	JPrep Lyons Learning Project	<b>6.30pm</b> <b>7.00pm</b>
<b>19 Jan</b>	Seymour Group Lunch Kishkushim	<b>12.30pm</b> <b>7.00pm</b>

## REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri</b>	Shabbat Shira	<b>7.15pm</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Fri</b>	ShabbaTots Cafe	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat</b>	ShabbaTots Service	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sat</b>	The Library Hour	<b>1.00pm</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Tue</b>	Young Adults Torah on Tap	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Thu</b>	Kishkushim	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>2<sup>rd</sup> Thu</b>	Kolnoa-Cinema	<b>7.00pm</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Thu</b>	Seymour Group Kishkushim	<b>12.30pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>	Contact the Elderly Tea Parties	<b>3.00pm</b>

## REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

<b>Sun:</b>	Religion School Sunday Workout - Adult Education Programme WLS Youth Clubs	<b>10.00am</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>1.00pm</b>
<b>Tue:</b>	Berkeley Lunch Club	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Wed:</b>	Jewish Preparation Classes Adult Ed	<b>6.30pm</b> <b>8.30pm</b>