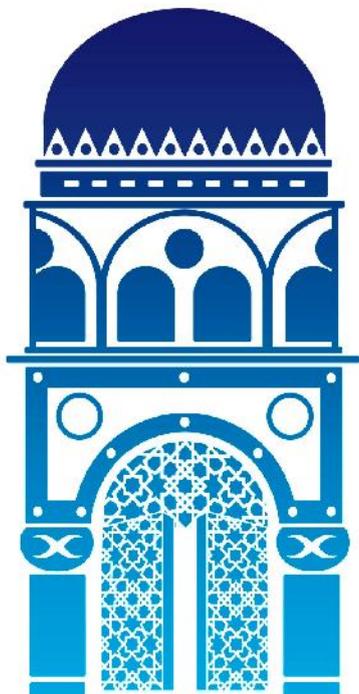


# WEST LONDON SYNAGOGUE

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SHABBAT SHALOM

11-12 May 2018

27 Iyar 5778

# SHABBAT SHALOM AND WELCOME TO WEST LONDON SYNAGOGUE

## FRIDAY

**6.00pm:**     **Erev Shabbat Combo Service**  
Led by Rabbi Julia and Rabbi Neil

**Wardens:**    Rita Yusupoff, Vivien Feather and Jim Fletcher  
**Beadle:**     Ivor Epstein

## SATURDAY

**10.30am:**    **Coffee Morning**

**11.00am:**    **Shabbat Morning Service**  
Led by Rabbis Julia and Neil  
Sermon by Rabbi Neil  
Torah Read by Elise Naftulin (Bat Mitzvah)

**Wardens:**    Gill Westwood, Vivien Feather and Sydney Levinson  
**Beadle:**     Ivor Epstein

**Torah:**       Leviticus 27:17-34  
**Haftarah:**    Ecclesiastes 5:1-19

*Please join us for Shabbat kiddush after the service.*

### **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 BECHUKOTAI

*Parashat Behar-Bechukotai* is one of seven designated Torah portions that, depending upon the number of Sabbaths in a year, is either read as two separate portions or combined to assure the reading of the entire Torah. While this volume will combine them, it will present an interpretation on each of their most important themes.

*Parashat Bechukotai* is filled with God's promises to the people if they are loyal and faithfully follow all the commandments and with God's warnings if they disobey. Peace, security, and ruin will come if they spurn God's commandments. The portion also includes brief discussions of the payment of vows and gifts made to the sanctuary.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

We wish a warm Mazel tov to:

- Elise Naftulin and her family on becoming Bat Mitzvah.
- Simon Lebor and Lisa Abrahamsohn on their birthdays.

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*

אִם-מִשְׁנֵת הַיָּבֵל יִקְדֵּשׁ שָׂדֵהוּ כְּעֶרְכָּךְ יָקוּם: יח וְאִם-אַחַר הַיָּבֵל יִקְדֵּשׁ שָׂדֵהוּ וְחָשְׁבֵלוֹ הַכֹּהֵן אֶת-הַכֶּסֶף עַל-פִּי הַשָּׁנִים הַנּוֹתֵרוֹת עַד שְׁנַת הַיָּבֵל וְנִגְרַע מֵעֶרְכָּךְ: יט וְאִם-גָּאֵל יִגְאֹל אֶת-הַשָּׂדֵה הַמִּקְדָּשׁ אֹתוֹ וַיִּסַּף חֲמִשִּׁית כֶּסֶף-עֶרְכָּךְ עָלָיו וְקָם לוֹ: כ וְאִם-לֹא יִגְאֹל אֶת-הַשָּׂדֵה וְאִם-מָכַר אֶת-הַשָּׂדֵה לְאִישׁ אַחֵר לֹא-יִגְאֹל עוֹד: כא וְהָיָה הַשָּׂדֵה בְּצִאתוֹ בַּיָּבֵל קֹדֶשׁ לַיהוָה כְּשֵׁדָה הַחֵרֶם לְכַהֵן תְּהִיָּה אֲחֻזָּתוֹ:

וְאִם אֶת-שָׂדֵה מִקְנָתוֹ אֲשֶׁר לֹא מִשָּׂדֵה אֲחֻזָּתוֹ יִקְדֵּשׁ לַיהוָה: כג וְחָשְׁבֵלוֹ הַכֹּהֵן אֶת מִכְסַּת הָעֶרְכָּךְ עַד שְׁנַת הַיָּבֵל וְנָתַן אֶת-הָעֶרְכָּךְ בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא קֹדֶשׁ לַיהוָה: כד בְּשְׁנַת הַיָּבֵל יָשׁוּב הַשָּׂדֵה לְאִשְׁר קָנָהוּ מֵאִתּוֹ לְאִשְׁר-לוֹ אֲחֻזַּת הָאָרֶץ: כה וְכָל-עֶרְכָּךְ יִהְיֶה בְשֶׁקֶל הַקֹּדֶשׁ עֶשְׂרִים גֵּרָה יִהְיֶה הַשֶּׁקֶל: כו אֶךְ-בְּכֹר אֲשֶׁר יִבְכֹּר לַיהוָה בְּבִהְמָה לֹא-יִקְדֵּשׁ אִישׁ אֹתוֹ אִם-שׂוֹר אִם-שֶׁה לַיהוָה הוּא: כז וְאִם בְּבִהְמָה הַטְּמֵאָה וּפְדָה בְּעֶרְכָּךְ וַיִּסַּף חֲמִשָּׁתוֹ עָלָיו וְאִם לֹא יִגְאֹל וְנִמְכַר בְּעֶרְכָּךְ: כח אֶךְ כָּל-חֵרֶם אֲשֶׁר יִחֲרֹם אִישׁ לַיהוָה מִכָּל-אֲשֶׁר-לוֹ מֵאָדָם וּבְהֵמָה וּמִשָּׂדֵה אֲחֻזָּתוֹ לֹא יִמָּכַר וְלֹא יִגְאֹל כָּל-חֵרֶם קֹדֶשׁ-קֹדָשִׁים הוּא לַיהוָה

כָּל-חֵרֶם אֲשֶׁר יִחֲרֹם מִן-הָאָדָם לֹא יִפְדֶּה מוֹת יוֹמָת: ל וְכָל-מַעֲשֵׂר הָאָרֶץ מִזֶּרַע הָאָרֶץ מִפְּרֵי הָעֵץ לַיהוָה הוּא קֹדֶשׁ לַיהוָה: לא וְאִם-גָּאֵל יִגְאֹל אִישׁ מִמַּעֲשָׂרוֹ חֲמִשִּׁיתוֹ יִסַּף עָלָיו: [מִפְטִיר] לב וְכָל-מַעֲשֵׂר בְּקָר וּצְאֵן כָּל אֲשֶׁר-יַעֲבֹר תַּחַת הַשֶּׁבֶט הַעֲשִׂירִי יִהְיֶה-קֹדֶשׁ לַיהוָה: לג לֹא יִבְקַר בֵּין-טוֹב לְרַע וְלֹא יִמְרְנוּ וְאִם-הִמְרָ יִמְרְנוּ וְהָיָה-הוּא וּתְמוֹרָתוֹ יִהְיֶה-קֹדֶשׁ לַיהוָה: לד אֵלֶּה הַמְצוֹת אֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְיָ אֶת-מֹשֶׁה אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּהַר סִינַי

## LEVITICUS 27:17-34

17 If they dedicate a field during the Year of Jubilee, the value that has been set remains. 18 But if they dedicate a field after the Jubilee, the priest will determine the value according to the number of years that remain until the next Year of Jubilee, and its set value will be reduced. 19 If the one who dedicates the field wishes to redeem it, they must add a fifth to its value, and the field will again become theirs. 20 If, however, they do not redeem the field, or if they have sold it to someone else, it can never be redeemed. 21 When the field is released in the Jubilee, it will become holy, like a field devoted to the Eternal One; it will become priestly property.

22 If anyone dedicates to the Eternal One a field they have bought, which is not part of their family land, 23 the priest will determine its value up to the Year of Jubilee, and the owner must pay its value on that day as something holy to the Eternal One. 24 In the Year of Jubilee the field will revert to the person from whom it was bought, the one whose land it was. 25 Every value is to be set according to the sanctuary shekel, twenty gerahs to the shekel. 26 “No one, however, may dedicate the firstborn of an animal, since the firstborn already belongs to the Eternal One; whether an ox or a sheep, it is the Eternal One’s. 27 If it is one of the unclean animals, it may be bought back at its set value, adding a fifth of the value to it. If it is not redeemed, it is to be sold at its set value. 28 But nothing that a person owns and devotes to the Eternal One—whether a human being or an animal or family land—may be sold or redeemed; everything so devoted is most holy to the Eternal One.

29 No person devoted to destruction may be ransomed; they are to be put to death. 30 A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Eternal One; it is holy to the Eternal One. 31 Whoever would redeem any of their tithe must add a fifth of the value to it. 32 Every tithe of the herd and flock—every tenth animal that passes under the shepherd’s rod—will be holy to the Eternal One. 33 No one may pick out the good from the bad or make any substitution. If anyone does make a substitution, both the animal and its substitute become holy and cannot be redeemed. 34 These are the commands the Eternal One gave Moses at Mount Sinai for the Israelites.

## ECCLESIASTES 5:1-19

Keep your mouth from being rash, and let not your throat be quick to bring forth speech before God. For God is in heaven and you are on earth; that is why your words should be few. Just as dreams come with much brooding, so does foolish utterance come with much speech. When you make a vow to God, do not delay to fulfill it. For God no pleasure in fools; what you vow, fulfill. It is better not to vow at all than to vow and not fulfill. Don't let your mouth bring you into disfavour, and don't plead before the messenger that it was an error, but fear God; else God may be angered by your talk and destroy your possessions. For much dreaming leads to futility and to superfluous talk. If you see in a province oppression of the poor and suppression of right and justice, don't wonder at the fact; for one high official is protected by a higher one, and both of them by still higher ones. Thus the greatest advantage in all the land is theirs: they control a field that is cultivated. A lover of money never has a fill of money, nor a lover of wealth a fill of income. That too is futile. As their substance increases, so do those who consume it; what, then, does the success of its owner amount to but feasting their eyes? A worker's sleep is sweet, whether they have much or little to eat; but the rich person's abundance doesn't let them sleep. Here is a grave evil I have observed under the sun: riches hoarded by their owner to their misfortune, in that those riches are lost in some unlucky venture; and if they beget a son, they has nothing in hand. Another grave evil is this: one must depart just as one came. As a person came out of the mother's womb, so must a person depart at last, naked as they came. They can take nothing of their wealth to carry with them. So what is the good of toiling for the wind? Besides, all their days they eat in darkness, with much vexation and grief and anger. Only this, I have found, is a real good: that one should eat and drink and get pleasure with all the gains one makes under the sun, during the numbered days of life that God has given; for that is their portion. Also, whenever a person is given riches and property by God, and is also permitted by God to enjoy them and to take their portion and get pleasure for their gains—that is a gift of God. For [such a person] will not brood much over the days of their life, because God keeps them busy enjoying themselves.

## RABBI SYBIL'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

At 2.06 on Thursday a young boy stepped out of the Eurostar train from Calais to a whole new world. Dawit is Eritrean. Fifteen years old, he has seen more of life than most of us will ever know. He has spent the last two years making the journey from his home country, through Ethiopia and Sudan, Egypt and Italy finally fetching up in Calais where he has slept rough for more than a year, dodging the police, the gangs and the traffickers.

I first met him last summer in Calais, when I joined a group of religious ministers living in Maidenhead and Lord Alf Dubs as part of the work of the charity Safe Passage. He handed us a letter for the Prime Minister Theresa May, - our MP - asking her to help him come to England to be reunited with his brother who is living here. She wrote to the Home Office, but even so it has taken till now for him to reach the safety of these shores.

Now he can restart his life, go to school, make up for the two years he has been out of education, - make something of himself. His brother, who arrived here some years ago, is studying for his A levels and hoping to go to university and become an engineer. How different his life would have been back in Eritrea. He would have been conscripted into the army aged 18 - and he would have been part of that army... for the rest of his life!

We little know, as we see the thousands of people alighting from the trains coming in from the continent, how significant a journey it can be. A passage from slavery to freedom, from despair to hope, from no life to a new life.

Dawit is here now, and it is incumbent upon us to make him welcome, to help him make the most of himself, the most of his life here. He joins the many refugees for whom we can engage in the age-old mitzvah of hachnassat orchim - of welcoming the stranger, remembering that it was not so long ago we were strangers still ourselves.

# SAVE THE DATE

## Monday 14 May

### 7.00pm: Israel Then & Now - Five Lectures in Five Synagogues

*With guest speaker: Simon Schama CBE*

The third in this landmark series of lectures falls exactly 70 years to the day from Israel's Declaration of Independence. World renowned historian, author and broadcaster (and member of West London Synagogue) Simon Schama CBE takes as his subject: 'ISRAEL: DREAM AND REALITY'.

Doors open 6.30pm, Lecture and discussion 7pm, followed by an opportunity to explore the issues informally with friends from our sister organisation Westminster Synagogue, over light refreshments and a glass of wine. ALL WELCOME - FREE ADMISSION - but donations towards catering are invited.

**STOP PRESS! - prior to the start of his lecture, Simon Schama will be signing copies of his best-selling book 'The Story of the Jews'.**

## Thursday 17 May

### 12.15pm: Seymour Group Lunch

Guest speaker: Javid Djallili, B'hai and Interfaith

£15 payable at the door.

Book early by phoning Hermy Jankel on 020 7722 8489. If she is unavailable please leave a clear message. Cancellations will only be accepted before 10am on the preceding Monday. Otherwise you will be charged. Parking? We aim to finish by 2.30pm

WEST LONDON SYNAGOGUE IS DELIGHTED TO INVITE YOU TO

## *The Royal Match of the Day*

TIKKUN LEYL SHAVUOT | NIGHT SCHOOL

*Saturday 19 May - Sunday 20 May*

17.30: RELIGION SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & SUPPER

18.30: FAMILY FRIENDLY COMBO SERVICE

19.15: ENHANCED KIDDUSH

19.45: PLENARY: KINGS & QUEENS QUIZ

20.40: HAVDALAH

21.00: COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS & JEWS (CCJ)

INTERFAITH LECTURE & SUPPER -

'Spirit of the Mystery: "the wind blows where

it wills"' with guest speaker Michael Barnes SJ

OR

21.00: BIG IFTAR SUPPER - ALL WELCOME

22.00: COFFEE & CHEESECAKE

22.15: REVIEWING THE ROYAL WEDDING WITH

ROBERT LACEY AND RABBI JULIA

23.15: ALL NIGHT STUDY: Matchmaker, Matchmaker,

Make Me A Match - A Diverse, Late-Night of

Relationship

05.00: SHACHARIT SERVICE ON THE ROOF