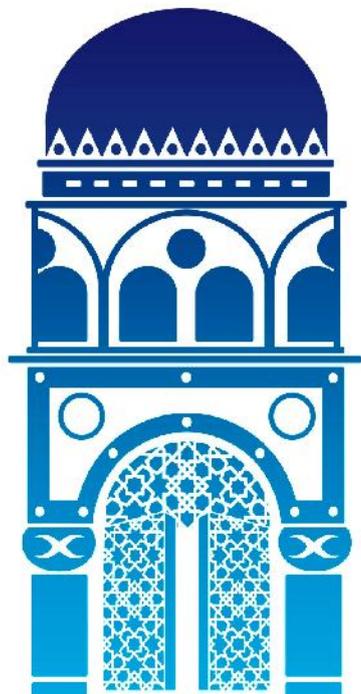


WEST LONDON SYNAGOGUE

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SHABBAT SHALOM

1-2 June 2018

19 Sivan 5778

SHABBAT SHALOM AND WELCOME TO WEST LONDON SYNAGOGUE

FRIDAY

6.00pm: **Erev Shabbat Service**

Led by Rabbi Sybil
Sermon by Rabbi Sybil

7:15pm: **Shabbat Shirah Service**

Led by Rabbi David

Wardens: Michelle Ross, Gillian Westwood and Vivien Feather

Beadle: Micky Nathanson

SATURDAY

10.30am: **Coffee Morning**

11.00am: **Shabbat Morning Service**

Led by Rabbi David and Rabbi Sybil
Story by Rabbi David

Wardens: Michelle Ross, Gillian Westwood and Monica Jankel

Beadle: Micky Nathanson

Torah: Numbers 12:1-13

Haftarah: II Chronicles 26:11-23

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 BEHA'ALOTECHA

Parashat Beha'alotecha contains instructions for installing the *menorah* in the sanctuary and for consecrating the priests and Levites. It also describes the procedure to be followed by any Israelite who misses bringing the Pesach sacrifice, and it includes a description of the Israelites' journey through the desert. When the people complain about their diet of manna, Moses asks God, "Why have You laid the burden of all this people upon me?" He is counselled to appoint seventy experienced elders and officers to share leadership and the spirit of prophecy with him. Among the appointed are Eldad and Medad, who are filled with enthusiasm. Despite Joshua's complaint about them, Moses defends their right to act as prophets. Miriam and Aaron criticise Moses for his marriage to a Cushite woman. Miriam is punished with leprosy. Both Aaron and Moses plead on her behalf. After being excluded from the camp for seven days, she is cured.

COMMUNITY NEWS

We wish a warm Mazel tov to:

- Rosalind Copisarow on her adult Bat Mitzvah.
- Sara Zeitler and her parents Adam and Orsi on Sara's baby blessing.
- Paul and Isabelle Stolerman on their wedding anniversary.
- Patricia and Jeffrey Fine on their wedding anniversary.

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

א וַתְּדַבֵּר מִרְיָם וְאַהֲרֹן בְּמִשְׁחָה עַל־אֲדֹת הָאִשָּׁה הַכֹּשִׁית אֲשֶׁר
 לָקַח כִּי־אִשָּׁה כֹּשִׁית לָקַח: ב וַיֹּאמְרוּ הֲרֹק אֶךְ־בְּמִשְׁחָה דְבַר יי
 הֲלֹא גַם־בָּנוּ דְבַר וַיִּשְׁמַע יי: ג וְהָאִישׁ מִשָּׁה עֲנֹו [עֲנִיו] מֵאֵד מִכָּל
 הָאָדָם אֲשֶׁר עַל־פְּנֵי הָאֲדָמָה:

ד וַיֹּאמֶר יי פִּתְאֹם אֶל־מֹשֶׁה וְאֶל־אַהֲרֹן וְאֶל־מִרְיָם צְאוּ שְׁלֹשְׁתְּכֶם
 אֶל־אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד וַיֵּצְאוּ שְׁלֹשְׁתָּם: ה וַיֵּרֶד יי בְּעַמּוּד עָנָן וַיַּעֲמֵד
 פֶּתַח הָאֹהֶל וַיִּקְרָא אֶהֲרֹן וּמִרְיָם וַיֵּצְאוּ שְׁנֵיהֶם: ו וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁמַעוּ־נָא
 דְבָרַי אִם־יִהְיֶה נְבִיאֲכֶם יי בַּמְּרֹאֶה אֱלֹו אֶתְוֹדַע בַּחֲלוֹם
 אֲדַבְּרֶבּוּ: ז לֹא־כֵן עֲבַדִּי מֹשֶׁה בְּכָל־בֵּיתִי נֶאֱמָן הוּא: ח פֶּה
 אֶל־פֶּה אֲדַבְּרֶבּוּ וּמְרֹאֶה וְלֹא בַחֲדִלֹת וּתְמִנֹת יי יִבִּיט וּמִדּוֹעַ לֹא
 יֵרָאֶת לְדַבֵּר בְּעַבְדִּי בְּמֹשֶׁה: ט וַיַּחֲרֹאֶף יי בָּם וַיִּלְךְ:

י וַהֲעֲנֹן סָר מֵעַל הָאֹהֶל וְהִנֵּה מִרְיָם מְצַרְעֶת כַּשִּׁלֵּג וַיִּפֹּן אֶהֲרֹן
 אֶל־מִרְיָם וְהִנֵּה מְצַרְעֶת: יא וַיֹּאמֶר אֶהֲרֹן אֶל־מֹשֶׁה בִּי אֲדֹנָי
 אֶל־נָא תִשֶׁת עָלֵינוּ חַטָּאת אֲשֶׁר נוֹאֲלָנוּ וְאֲשֶׁר חָטָאנוּ: יב אֶל־נָא
 תְּהִי כַפֹּת אֲשֶׁר בְּצִאתוֹ מִרְחֹם אִמּוֹ וַיֹּאכַל חֲצִי בְשָׂרוֹ: יג וַיִּצְעַק
 מֹשֶׁה אֶל־יי לֵאמֹר אֵל נָא רַפָּא נָא לָהּ:

NUMBERS 12:1-13

12:1 Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman he had married: "He married a Cushite woman!"² They said, "Has The Eternal One spoken only through Moses? Has The Eternal One not spoken through us as well?" The Eternal One heard it. ³ Now Moses was a very humble man, more so than any other man on earth.

⁴ Suddenly The Eternal One called to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, "Come out, you three, to the Tent of Meeting." So the three of them went out. ⁵ The Eternal One came down in a pillar of cloud, stopped at the entrance of the Tent, and called out, "Aaron and Miriam!" The two of them came forward; ⁶ and God said, "Hear these My words: When a prophet of The Eternal One arises among you, I make Myself known to him in a vision, I speak with them in a dream. ⁷ Not so with My servant Moses; he is trusted throughout My household. ⁸ With him I speak mouth to mouth, plainly and not in riddles, and he beholds the likeness of The Eternal One. How then did you not shrink from speaking against My servant Moses!" ⁹ Still incensed with them, The Eternal One departed.

¹⁰ As the cloud withdrew from the Tent, there was Miriam stricken with snow-white scales! When Aaron turned toward Miriam, he saw that she was stricken with scales. ¹¹ And Aaron said to Moses, "O my lord, account not to us the sin which we committed in our folly. ¹² Let her not be as one dead, who emerges from his mother's womb with half his flesh eaten away." ¹³ So Moses cried out to The Eternal One, saying, "O God, pray heal her!"

II CHRONICLES 26:11-23

And Uzziah had an army of fighting men, who went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account by the hand of Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's captains. The whole number of the heads of the fathers' houses of the mighty men of valor was two thousand and six hundred. And under their hand was an army, three hundred and seven thousand five hundred, who made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy. And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the army shields, and spears, and helmets, and coats of mail, and bows, and stones for slinging. And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by skilful men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvelously helped, till he was strong. But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction; for he transgressed against the The Eternal One his God, and went into the temple of the The Eternal One to burn incense upon the altar of incense. And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him eighty priests of the Eternal One, who were brave men; And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said to him, It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to The Eternal One, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Go out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed; and it shall bring you no honor from the The Eternal One! And Uzziah was angry, and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense; and when he became angry with the priests, the leprosy broke out in his forehead in the presence of the priests in the house of the The Eternal One, by the incense altar. And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead! And they thrust him out quickly from there; and he himself also hastened to go out, because the Lord had struck him. And Uzziah the king was a leper to the day of his death, and lived in the house of separation, being diseased; for he was cut off from the house of the Eternal One; and Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land. And the rest of the acts of Uzziah, from first to last, Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, wrote. And Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which belonged to the kings; for they said, He is a leper; and Jotham his son reigned in his place.

RABBI DAVID'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Summer is here, the weather is hot and muggy; tempers are beginning to fray. Irrespective of whether it's contemporary Britain, or 3,000 years ago in the Sinai desert, the heat does little to waft the proverbial wings of peace.

The Book of Numbers, set amid the dunes and rocks of the scorching desert, is rife with rows, with provision shortages, with leadership challenges and, above all else, with ill-tempered words. In synagogue we will read how Miriam and Aaron attempt to defame Moses by questioning the suitability of his Cushite wife. The poetic punishment for gossiping about this woman of colour, is for Miriam to be stricken with snow-white leprosy; a physical manifestation of her inner flaw. It then takes Moses, through his calm and healing words, to pray for Miriam's recovery. In the Book of Proverbs, we are taught that "a healing tongue is a tree of life, but a forked one breaks the spirit" (Proverbs 15:4).

Unfortunately, on these humid days, we appear to be distinctly lacking in the healing tongue of Moses, especially as things heat up within the UK Jewish community and across the Middle East. Which is why, rather than lashing out with a war of words, including appropriating the words of our sacred prayers for political purposes, we would be wise to pause and first recite a teaching by the 11th-century Jewish philosopher, Solomon Ibn Gabriel: "I can retract what I did not say, but I cannot retract what I have already said."

WLS 80th Anniversary of Kristallnacht Berlin Trip

Rabbi David Mitchell and Dame Helen Hyde are thrilled to let you know about their next educational excursion - a visit to Berlin from 8 to 12 November 2018, to coincide with the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht.

Highlights from the itinerary include:

- Friday night service on the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht in the Pestalozzi Straße synagogue (which was damaged during the pogrom of 9th November 1938).
- Old Jewish Berlin, including the district around the Hackescher Markt.
- Understanding the Nazi years, including various key sites in the city such as Bebelplatz.
- Visiting several excellent museums, including the Jewish Museum, designed by Daniel Libeskind.
- Exploring the origins of Reform Judaism in Germany, including The Great Synagogue.
- Spending Armistice Day (Sunday 11th November) visiting Wannsee (where the Final Solution conference took place), the 1936 Olympic Stadium (where Jesse Owens made history) and touring the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp.

The 5-day visit will cost £950 per person, covering BA flights from Heathrow, accommodation in a 4* hotel with breakfast, a main meal each day, all tours, transfers and entrance fees. The hotel requires a single room supplement of £255.

There are just 23 places available and they have begun to fill up fast. To register your interest please email david.mitchell@wls.org.uk by Wednesday 6th June.

Once Rabbi David has confirmed your name is on the group list, he will put you in touch with Dame Helen Hyde to secure your place via a non-refundable £400 deposit, which will be due by Friday 8th June.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 9 June

11.00am: Volunteers Shabbat Morning Service

Special Volunteers Shabbat to honour our many wonderful volunteers, who give so much of their time and energy to the synagogue and its various projects. It is a chance to highlight the amazing work done by so many volunteers in this community.

Sunday 10 June

7.00pm: Parents' Association Supper Quiz

Book your babysitter now! This is a grown-up event for Religion School Parents & members of the WLS community.

£20 PER PERSON, REDUCED RATES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST. RAFFLE TICKETS £5
RSVP or purchase your raffle tickets: RS.Parents@wls.org.uk, call Adi on 020 7535 0275 or stop by the PA Coffee Table on Sunday mornings

Tuesday 12 June

Budapest Festival Orchestra Concert and Panel Event

5.30pm: Panel | 7.00pm: Concert

The concert, which stands alone artistically, also aims to draw attention to the scourge of anti-Semitism sweeping across Europe. It is a musical plea for tolerance, which Ivan Fischer will be promoting in Hungary and Europe wide, and any monies raised from it will be split between Ivan Fischer's tolerance project in Hungary and WLS's Twinning Programme in Budapest. There will be a panel beforehand looking at anti-Semitism in Europe, which guests should register for in advance. Please note that tickets for the panel event are limited.

Concert tickets - £30.

For more information or to book, contact Kathryn Forro on 020 7535 0259 or visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/wlsevents

Thursday 14 June

12.15pm: Seymour Group Lunch

Guest Speaker: Valerie Boyd-Hellner - Chagall's Jerusalem Windows - The Stories They Tell

£15 payable at the door. Book early by phoning Hermy Jankel on 020 7722 8489. If unavailable please leave a clear message. Cancellations only accepted before 10am on the preceding Monday. Otherwise you will be charged.

7.00pm: Kolnoa-Cinema WLS - Forever Pure

This is the true story of Beitar Jerusalem Football Club in 2012, as it passes hands to a Russian oligarch with an agenda of his own. The controversial club acts as a political symbol for the underprivileged. It becomes the last in Israel to sign Moslem players, and this predictably spurs racist outrage from its far right fan club, La Famiglia. Will fans change their tune when the two hapless new players score goals and start to change the fortunes of the club?

Doors open 7pm for drinks and snacks, 7.45pm screening, and admission is free, but donations towards catering are very welcome.