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SHABBAT SHALOM

30 November-1st December 2018

23 Kislev 5779

SHABBAT SHALOM AND WELCOME TO WEST LONDON SYNAGOGUE

FRIDAY

6.00pm:

Erev Shabbat Service

Led by Rabbi Neil and Rabbi Sybil

Guest Preacher Barbara Winton

Wardens:

Oliver Walton, Steven Rowe, Orlando Ortega-Medina

Beadle:

William Campos-Ortega

SATURDAY

10.30am:

Coffee Morning

11.00am:

Shabbat Morning Service

Led by Rabbi Helen and Rabbi Sybil

Sermon by: Rabbi Sybil

Wardens:

Oliver Walton, Steven Rowe, Sydney Levinson

Beadles:

William Campos-Ortega

Torah:

Genesis 37:1-22

Haftarah:

Amos 2:6-3:8

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 VAYEISHEV

Vayeishev, which means “and he settled,” contains the story of Jacob and his sons, who have settled in Canaan. There is jealousy between the other brothers and Joseph, who dreams of ruling them. They plot Joseph’s death, but Judah persuades them to sell him to a caravan of Ishmaelites heading for Egypt. Later, they report to Jacob that Joseph was killed by a wild animal. Later, Judah’s son Er dies, leaving his wife, Tamar, a widow. Judah promises that his young son Shelah will marry Tamar, but Judah fails to keep his word. Therefore, Tamar disguises herself and tricks Judah into sleeping with her. When Judah is told that Tamar has “played the harlot” and is pregnant, he orders that she be put to death. Defending herself, Tamar reveals to Judah that he is the father of the child she is carrying. Realizing that he has not treated Tamar fairly, Judah declares: “She is more in the right than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah.” The Torah portion continues with the adventures of Joseph in Egypt, where he is sold to Pharaoh’s chief steward, Potiphar, and quickly rises from being a slave to becoming manager of his master’s house. Potiphar’s wife is attracted to Joseph and tries to seduce him. Angry because Joseph refuses her advances, she reports to Potiphar that Joseph tried to force himself upon her. Potiphar has Joseph thrown into prison. There he meets Pharaoh’s chief cupbearer and chief baker. They tell him their dreams, and Joseph interprets them. (Later, as Joseph has predicted, the cupbearer is returned to Pharaoh’s service, but the chief baker is put to death.)

COMMUNITY NEWS

We wish a warm mazal tov and good wishes to:

- BM 1 students and their families on their graduation

וַיֵּשֶׁב יַעֲקֹב בְּאֶרֶץ מְגוּרֵי אָבִיו בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן׃ אֵלֶּה תְּלֻדֹת יַעֲקֹב יוֹסֵף
 בֶּן־שִׁבְעַתְּעָשָׂר שָׁנָה הָיָה רָעָה אֶת־אָחִיו בְּצֹאן וְהוּא נָעַר אֶת־בְּנֵי בְלָהָה
 וְאֶת־בְּנֵי זִלְפָּה נְשֵׂי אָבִיו וַיָּבֵא יוֹסֵף אֶת־דְּבַתָּם רָעָה אֶל־אֲבִיהֶם׃ וַיִּשְׂרָאֵל
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 וַיִּרְאוּ אָחִיו כִּי־אִתּוֹ אֶהָב אֲבִיהֶם מִכָּל־אָחִיו וַיִּשְׂנְאוּ אֹתוֹ וְלֹא יָכְלוּ דַּבְּרוּ
 לְשָׁלָם׃ וַיַּחַלֵּם יוֹסֵף חֲלוֹם וַיַּגִּד לְאָחִיו וַיֹּסְפוּ עוֹד שָׁנָא אֹתוֹ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר
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 אֲלֹמִים בְּתוֹךְ הַשָּׂדֶה וְהִנֵּה קָמָה אֲלַמְתִּי וְגַם־נָצְבָה וְהִנֵּה תִסְבְּינָה
 אֲלַמְתֵיכֶם וְתִשְׁתַּחֲוּוּ לְאֲלַמְתִּי׃ וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ אָחִיו הַמֶּלֶךְ תִּמְלֹךְ עָלֵינוּ
 אִם־מִשׁוֹל תִּמְשָׁל בָּנוּ וַיֹּסְפוּ עוֹד שָׁנָא אֹתוֹ עַל־חֲלַמְתּוֹ וְעַל־דְּבָרָיו׃
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 וְהִנֵּה הַשָּׁמֶשׁ וְהַיָּרֵחַ וְאַחַד עֶשֶׂר כּוֹכָבִים מִשְׁתַּחֲוּוּיִם לִי׃ וַיֹּסֶפֶר אֶל־אָבִיו
 וְאֶל־אָחִיו וַיַּגִּיעַ־רַבּוֹ אָבִיו וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ מָה הַחֲלוֹם הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר חֲלַמְתָּ הַבּוֹא
 נְבוֹא אֲנִי וְאִמִּי וְאָחִיךָ לְהִשְׁתַּחֲוֹת לְךָ אֶרְצָה׃ וַיֹּקְנֵאוּ־בוֹ אָחִיו וְאָבִיו שָׁמַר
 אֶת־הַדְּבָר׃ וַיִּילְכוּ אָחִיו לְרַעוּת אֶת־צֹאן אֲבִיהֶם בְּשֶׁכֶם׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יִשְׂרָאֵל
 אֶל־יוֹסֵף הֲלוֹא אָחִיךָ רַעִים בְּשֶׁכֶם לָכֵה וְאֲשַׁלְחֶנְךָ אֲלֵיהֶם וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ הֲנִנִּי׃
 וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ לֹד־נָא רְאֵה אֶת־שְׁלוֹם אָחִיךָ וְאֶת־שְׁלוֹם הַצֹּאן וְהַשִּׁבְנֵי דַּבֵּר
 וַיִּשְׁלַחֵהוּ מֵעֵמֶק חֲבֹרֹן וַיָּבֵא שְׂכָמָה׃ וַיִּמְצָאֵהוּ אִישׁ וְהִנֵּה תַעֲהָ בַשָּׂדֶה
 וַיִּשְׁאַלֵהוּ הָאִישׁ לֵאמֹר מַה־תִּבְקֶשׁ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אֶת־אָחִי אֲנִי מִבְּקֶשׁ
 הַגִּידָה־נָא לִי אֵיפֹה הֵם רַעִים׃ וַיֹּאמֶר הָאִישׁ נִסְעוּ מִזֶּה כִּי שָׁמַעְתִּי אֲמָרִים
 נִלְכָה דַּתִּינָה וַיִּלְךְ יוֹסֵף אַחֵר אָחִיו וַיִּמְצָאֵם בְּדֹתָן׃ וַיִּרְאוּ אֹתוֹ מִרְחֹק
 וּבְטָרִם יִקְרַב אֲלֵיהֶם וַיִּתְנַפְּלוּ אֹתוֹ לְהַמִּיתוֹ׃ וַיֹּאמְרוּ אִישׁ אֶל־אָחִיו הִנֵּה
 בָּעַל הַחֲלָמוֹת הַלְזָה בָּא׃ וְעַתָּה לָכֵה וְנַהַרְגֵהוּ וְנִשְׁלַחֵהוּ בְּאֶחָד הַבְּרוֹת
 וְאִמְרֵנו חִיָּה רָעָה אֲכַלְתָּהוּ וְנִרְאָה מֵה־יָהוּי חֲלַמְתֵּנו׃ וַיִּשְׁמַע רְאוּבֵן
 וַיִּצְלָהוּ מִיָּדָם וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא נַכְנוּ נַפְשׁ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵיהֶם רְאוּבֵן אֶל־תִּשְׁפֹּכוּ־דַם
 הַשְּׁלִיכוּ אֹתוֹ אֶל־הַבּוֹר הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר בַּמִּדְבָּר וְיָד אֶל־תִּשְׁלַחוּ־בוֹ לְמַעַן הַצִּיל
 אֹתוֹ מִיָּדָם לְהַשִּׁיבוֹ אֶל־אָבִיו

GENESIS 37:1-22

^{37:1}Now Jacob was settled in the land where his father had sojourned, the land of Canaan. ²This, then, is the line of Jacob: At seventeen years of age, Joseph tended the flocks with his brothers, as a helper to the sons of his father's wives Bilhah and Zilpah. And Joseph brought bad reports of them to their father. ³Now Israel loved Joseph best of all his sons, for he was the child of his old age; and he had made him an ornamented tunic. ⁴And when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of his brothers, they hated him so that they could not speak a friendly word to him. ⁵Once Joseph had a dream which he told to his brothers; and they hated him even more. ⁶He said to them, "Hear this dream which I have dreamed: ⁷ There we were binding sheaves in the field, when suddenly my sheaf stood up and remained upright; then your sheaves gathered around and bowed low to my sheaf." ⁸His brothers answered, "Do you mean to reign over us? Do you mean to rule over us?" And they hated him even more for his talk about his dreams. ⁹He dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers, saying, "Look, I have had another dream: And this time, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me." ¹⁰And when he told it to his father and brothers, his father berated him. "What," he said to him, "is this dream you have dreamed? Are we to come, I and your mother and your brothers, and bow low to you to the ground?" ¹¹So his brothers were wrought up at him, and his father kept the matter in mind. ¹²One time, when his brothers had gone to pasture their father's flock at Shechem, ¹³Israel said to Joseph, "Your brothers are pasturing at Shechem. Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "I am ready." ¹⁴And he said to him, "Go and see how your brothers are and how the flocks are faring, and bring me back word." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. When he reached Shechem, ¹⁵a man came upon him wandering in the fields. The man asked him, "What are you looking for?" ¹⁶He answered, "I am looking for my brothers. Could you tell me where they are pasturing?" ¹⁷The man said, "They have gone from here, for I heard them say: Let us go to Dothan." So Joseph followed his brothers and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸They saw him from afar, and before he came close to them they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, "Here comes that dreamer! ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; and we can say, 'A savage beast devoured him.' We shall see what comes of his dreams!" ²¹But when Reuben heard it, he tried to save him from them. He said, "Let us not take his life." ²²And Reuben went on, "Shed no blood! Cast him into that pit out in the wilderness, but do not touch him yourselves"—intending to save him from them and restore him to his father.

AMOS 2:6-3:8

Thus said Adonai: For three transgressions of Israel, for four, I will not revoke it: Because they have sold for silver Those whose cause was just, And the needy for a pair of sandals. [Ah,] you who trample the heads of the poor Into the dust of the ground, And make the humble walk a twisted course! Father and son go to the same girl, And thereby profane My holy name. They recline by every altar On garments taken in pledge, And drink in the House of their God Wine bought with fines they imposed.

Yet I Destroyed the Amorite before them, Whose stature was like the cedar's And who was stout as the oak, Destroying its boughs above And its trunk below! And I brought you up from the land of Egypt And led you through the wilderness forty years, to possess the land of the Amorite! And I raised up prophets from among your sons and Nazirites from among your young men. Is that not so, O people of Israel? —says Adonai. But you made the Nazirites drink wine And ordered the prophets not to prophesy. Ah, I will slow your movements As a wagon is slowed when it is full of cut grain. Flight shall fail the swift, The strong shall find no strength, And the warrior shall not save his life. The Bowman shall not hold his ground, And the fleet-footed shall not escape, Nor the horsepeople save his life. Even the most stouthearted warrior Shall run away unarmed that day —declares Adonai. Hear this word, O people of Israel, That Adonai has spoken concerning you, Concerning the whole family that I brought up from the land of Egypt:

You alone have I singled out Of all the families of the earth— That is why I will call you to account For all your iniquities. Can two walk together without having met? Does a lion roar in the forest When it has no prey? Does a great beast let out a cry from its den Without having made a capture? Does a bird drop on the ground—in a trap— With no snare there? Does a trap spring up from the ground Unless it has caught something? When a ram's horn is sounded in a town, Do the people not take alarm? Can misfortune come to a town If Adonai has not caused it? Indeed, my Sovereign does nothing Without having revealed Adonai's purpose To Adonai's servants the prophets. A lion has roared, who can but fear? My Ruler has spoken, who can but prophesy?

RABBI HELEN'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Amongst the commuters at Liverpool Street Station, its easy to miss the moving memorial to the Kindertransport children, made by Frank Meisler, which sits in Hope Square.

It figures images of some of the 10, 000 unaccompanied children, most of them Jewish, who were saved by the generosity of the people of Britain. Around the base of the memorial are some of the cities they fled from, including Cologne, Prague, Vienna and Munich. It features the Talmudic statement that 'one who rescues a single soul is credited as though they had saved the whole world.'

This weekend marks the 80th anniversary of that generosity that saved so many lives. Safe Passage, a charity inspired by Lord Dubs, himself a child refugee , has initiated a debate asking what we can do to build a legacy for the Kindertransport. They want us to be proud of our generation's generosity, asking that we find a way to take in more at-risk child refugees.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 1 December

6.00pm: World AIDS Day Service & Concert

A special 6pm Memorial service featuring Havdalah to conclude Shabbat and start the new week, is followed by a concert by the London Gay Men's Chorus at 7.15pm and a meat-free buffet supper at 8.30pm.

Sunday 2 December - 1st candle

3.00pm: YAD & Contact the Elderly Tea Party

Monday 3 December - 2nd candle

4.20pm: Candle Lighting - Join WLS staff at 33 Seymour Place

Tuesday 4 December - 3rd candle

4.20pm: Candle Lighting - Join WLS staff at 33 Seymour Place

Wednesday 5 December - 4th candle

6.00pm: The Rabbis Chanukah Reception

The Rabbis are inviting the whole community to join them in the Samson Family Concourse for their annual Chanukah reception. As ever, there will be plenty of latkes, doughnuts, mulled wine and hot chocolate. All are welcome and at 6.15pm the community will be going in to the Sanctuary to light our 169-year-old historic Chanukiah (dedicated at the 1849 inauguration of our former Margaret Street building). This will be followed by more refreshments as we celebrate the middle night of our Festival of Lights. PLUS...WLS Charitable Fund Lucky Dip Tombola in aid of Dementia UK & Zichron Menachem.

Thursday 6 December - 5th candle

4.20pm: Candle Lighting - Join WLS staff at 33 Seymour Place

7.00pm: YAD Chanukah Heroes Party

Tickets: WLS YAD Member - £10 or Non-member ticket - £12, available online through WLS YAD Facebook or on the door by cash or a card.

Friday 7 December - 6th candle

4.45pm: Family Chanukah Party

Bring along the grandparents and grandchildren to our family, fun-filled Chanukah celebration with lots of activities, latkes, donuts, singing and family joy followed by:

6.00pm: Chanukah Combo Service

Sunday 9 December - 8th Candle

4.00pm: WLS Home from Home Candle Lighting