

WEST LONDON SYNAGOGUE

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SHABBAT SHALOM

22/23 March 2019

16 Adar II 5779

SHABBAT SHALOM AND WELCOME TO WEST LONDON SYNAGOGUE

FRIDAY

6.00pm:

Erev Shabbat Service

Led by Rabbi Helen and Rabbi David

Sermon by Rabbi David

Wardens:

Gillian Westwood, Vivien Feather, Steven Rowe

Beadles:

Julia and Julian Markson

SATURDAY

10.30am:

Coffee Morning

11.00am:

Shabbat Morning Service

Led by Rabbi Helen and Rabbi David

Sermon by: Rabbi Helen

Wardens:

Gillian Westwood, Vivien Feather, Liliane Chan

Beadle:

Julia and Julian Markson

Torah:

Leviticus 6:1-11

Haftarah:

Jeremiah 7:21-29; 9:22-23

Please join us for Shabbat kiddush after the service.

Doctor or fully trained first aider?

If you are a doctor, trained first aider or fully trained mental health first aider please make yourself known to the wardens and beadle.

PARASHAT TZAV

Parashat Tzav repeats and enlarges upon the descriptions of the sacrifices already discussed in *Parashat Vayikra*. Included in this portion are details about how the ancient offerings of the *olah*, *minchah*, *chatat*, *asham*, and *zavach shelamim* were performed. We are also given a description of the ordination of Aaron and his sons as priests in the sanctuary and of the dedication of the first sanctuary.

COMMUNITY NEWS

We wish a warm Mazel Tov to:

- Max Morgan on his Bar Mitzvah
- Eva Von Schmilowski on her Admission Ceremony
- Josephine Green and Carlos Talegon Perez on their Auf Ruf
- Pamela Dunnett on her significant birthday
- Andrew Barnett on his significant birthday

וַיְדַבֵּר יְיָ אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר: ^אצֹּא אֶת־אֹהֶרֶן וְאֶת־בָּנָיו לֵאמֹר זֹאת תֹּזְרֹת הָעֹלָה הִוא הָעֹלָה עַל־מוֹקְדָה עַל־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ כָּל־הַלֵּילָה עַד־הַבֶּקֶר וְאִשׁ הַמִּזְבֵּחַ תִּוְקַד בּוֹ: ^בוְלֶבֶשׁ הַכֹּהֵן מִדּוֹ בִד וּמִכְנָסֵי־בַד וְלֶבֶשׁ עַל־בָּשָׂרוֹ וְהָרִים אֶת־הַדִּשָׁן אֲשֶׁר תֹּאכַל הָאִשׁ אֶת־הָעֹלָה עַל־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ וְשָׂמוּ אֶצֶל הַמִּזְבֵּחַ:

וּפִשֵׁט אֶת־בְּגָדָיו וְלֶבֶשׁ בְּגָדִים אֲחֵרִים וְהוֹצִיא אֶת־הַדִּשָׁן אֶל־מַחוּץ לַמַּחֲנֶה אֶל־מְקוֹם טְהוֹר: ^גוְהָאִשׁ עַל־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ תִּוְקַד־בוֹ לֹא תִכָּבֶה וְיִבְעַר עָלֶיהָ הַכֹּהֵן עֲצִים בַּבֶּקֶר בַּבֶּקֶר וְעֵרֶבֶד עָלֶיהָ הָעֹלָה וְהִקְטִיר עָלֶיהָ חֲלָבֵי הַשֶּׁלֶמִים: ^דאִשׁ תָּמִיד תִּוְקַד עַל־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ לֹא תִכָּבֶה:

וְזֹאת תֹּזְרֹת הַמִּנְחָה הַקֶּרֶב אֹתָהּ בְּנֵי־אֹהֶרֶן לִפְנֵי יְיָ אֶל־פְּנֵי הַמִּזְבֵּחַ: ^הוְהָרִים מִמֶּנּוּ בְּקִמְצוֹ מִסֹּלֶת הַמִּנְחָה וּמִשְׁמֹנֶה וְאֵת כָּל־הַלֶּבֶנָה אֲשֶׁר עַל־הַמִּנְחָה וְהִקְטִיר הַמִּזְבֵּחַ רֵיחַ נִיחֹחַ אֲזַכְּרֶתָה לִי: ^ווְהִנּוֹתַרְתְּ מִמִּנְחָה לֹאֲכָלוּ אֹהֶרֶן וּבָנָיו מִצֹּת תֹּאכַל בְּמִקְוֹם קֹדֶשׁ בַּחֲצַר אֹהֶל־מוֹעֵד לֹאֲכָלוּ: ^זלֹא תֹאֲפֶה חִמְץ חֲלֶקֶם נָתַתִּי אֹתָהּ מֵאִשֵּׁי קֹדֶשׁ קֹדְשִׁים הִוא כַּחֲטָאת וְכֹאֲשָׁם: ^חכָּל־זָכָר בְּבֶנִי אֹהֶרֶן לֹאֲכַלְנָה חֶק־עוֹלָם לְדֹרֹתֵיכֶם מֵאִשֵּׁי יְיָ כָּל אֲשֶׁר־יִגַע בָּהֶם יִקְדָּשׁ:

LEVITICUS 6:1-11

¹And the The Eternal One spoke to Moses, saying, ²Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering: That is the burnt offering which burns on the altar all night until morning, and the fire of the altar shall burn with it. ³And the kohen shall don his linen tunic, and he shall don his linen trousers on his flesh. And he shall lift out the ashes into which the fire has consumed the burnt offering upon the altar, and put them down next to the altar.

⁴He shall then take off his garments and put on other garments, and he shall take out the ashes to a clean place outside the camp. ⁵And the fire on the altar shall burn on it; it shall not go out. The kohen shall kindle wood upon it every morning, and upon it, he shall arrange the burnt offering and cause the fats of the peace offerings to [go up in] smoke upon it.

⁶A continuous fire shall burn upon the altar; it shall not go out. ⁷And this is the law of the meal offering: that Aaron's sons shall bring it before the Eternal One, to the front of the altar. ⁸And he shall lift out of it in his fist, from the fine flour of the meal offering and from its oil and all the frankincense that is on the meal offering, and he shall cause its reminder to [go up in] smoke on the altar as a pleasing fragrance to the Eternal One ⁹and Aaron and his sons shall eat whatever is left over from it. It shall be eaten as unleavened bread in a holy place; they shall eat it in the courtyard of the Tent of Meeting. ¹⁰It shall not be baked leavened. [As] their portion, I have given it to them from My fire offerings. It is a holy of holies, like the sin offering and like the guilt offering. ¹¹Any male among Aaron's sons may eat it. [This is] an eternal statute for your generations from the fire offerings of the Eternal One. Anything that touches them shall become holy.

JEREMIAH 7:21-29; 9:22-23

Thus said the Eternal One, the God of Israel; Put your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat the meat. For I spoke not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices: But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward. Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them: Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers. Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shall also call unto them; but they will not answer thee. But thou shall say unto them, This is a nation that obeyed not the voice of the Eternal One their God, nor received correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth. Cut off thy hair, O Jerusalem, and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on high places; for the The Eternal one has rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath.

Thus said the Eternal One, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches. But let him that glory in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Eternal One which exercises lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, said the Eternal One.

RABBI SYBIL'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A member of the Oxford Jewish Community came up with an interesting question this week. After the tragic shootings that took place in New Zealand, their Prime Minister refused to mention the perpetrator by name to prevent any celebrity associated with the culprit. She was, in effect, 'blotting out his name' in the hope was that this would deter others from similar actions.

Every Purim, we 'blot out the name' of an individual bent on mass murder. We do this by making as much noise as we can during the reading of the Purim story so that no one hears the name being read. But it has the opposite effect. Everyone knows the name of the man who sought to kill all the Jews. The very act of listening out for it, in order to cover it up, means that inevitably we remember the name rather than blot it out of our memory. Surely, the Oxford individual asked, it would be better not to mention the name at all. Rather than boo for You-know-who, cheer loudly the name of Mordechai, thus celebrating the hero of the story, not the villain.

It's a good point. Why do we mention the name of Haman (there – I've said it) if we are trying to erase his memory? It is a contradiction that goes back to the Torah portion read last Saturday. 'Remember Amalek, (Haman's antecedent),' we read. 'He sought to destroy the children of Israel on their way.... You shall blot out the name of Amalek... Don't forget.' We should remember the name and we should blot it out. How can we do both? If we blot it out, we cannot remember it. This is the conundrum. We must remember what happened, in order to prevent it happening again. But how can we remember if we refuse to mention it?

Fast forward to Haman's most recent incarnation. Adolf Hitler. Could we really imagine never mentioning his name? Could we properly recall the Shoah without reference to him? For how long would the memory of the Holocaust survive, if the story was without the character at its heart? Without naming the evil, we cannot really overcome it. So, while what has happened in New Zealand in the aftermath of this atrocity is a wonderful initiative, when the history comes to be written, the name of the perpetrator will need to be there, if we want to ensure it never happens again.

That is why we remember Amalek, why we listen out for the name of Haman. To remind us of the evil that has taken place and continues to take place. We need to destroy that evil first. Only then can we forget the names of the individuals who committed it.

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday 2 April

Grief Works – Julia Samuel In Conversation with Rabbi Julia

Refreshments from 6.15pm, start promptly at 6.45pm

Julia Samuel and Rabbi Julia will be 'in conversation' about Julia Samuel's best-selling book, 'Grief Works'. Julia Samuel is a trained psychotherapist, working in the field of grief, and she has many insights to impart. The two Julias are old friends, and Rabbi Julia will be asking Julia about how we can think differently about approaching grief. RSVP to Jenny Browning on 0207 535 0273.

Friday 12 April

7.15pm: Friday Night Dinner

Guest speaker: KAREN ARMSTRONG, OBE

Karen Armstrong, OBE is a leading author and commentator. A former Roman Catholic religious sister, Karen's work focuses on the commonalities of the major religions such as the importance of compassion and the Golden Rule – the principle of treating others as oneself would wish to be treated.

The cost is £29.50 per adult member and £35 per adult non-member, includes a catered 3 course meal. Bookings: Kathryn Forro on 020 7535 0259. Please note that places cannot be guaranteed without payment and that we are unable to offer refunds up to one week prior to a dinner.

Sunday 28 April

7.00pm: Classic Gershwin - *Doors open at 6.15pm*

In our very first partnership with the stylish much acclaimed 7Star Arts, we present the moving story of the life and music of composer George Gershwin, brought to life in this multi genre production featuring narration, live music and visual projections.

ALL WARMLY WELCOME – a real Sunday evening Spring treat for you, your friends and family.

Classic Gershwin weaves the vibrant music of the ever popular composer, with his fascinating life story from birth in the colourful, teeming New York of 1898, to his tragically early death in 1937.

Prize-winning pianist and famed Gershwin interpreter Viv McLean, joins RSC, National Theatre and TV actress Susan Porrett as narrator, in an intriguing, eclectic mix of Gershwin's music – from the much loved Rhapsody in Blue, I got Rhythm Variations, and Swanee, to the rarely played Classical Preludes.

Online discount: All tickets £20 at [ticketsource.co.uk/eretz](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/eretz)

Tickets are £25 on the door on the night.