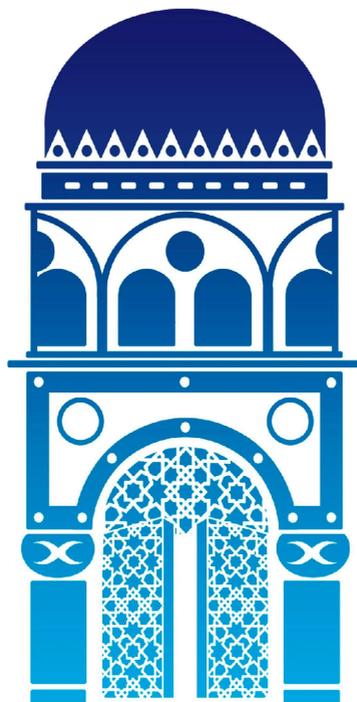


# WEST LONDON SYNAGOGUE

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SHABBAT SHALOM

14/15 June 2019

12 Sivan 5779

# SHABBAT SHALOM AND WELCOME TO WEST LONDON SYNAGOGUE

## FRIDAY

**6.00pm:**

**Erev Shabbat COMBO Service**

Led by Rabbi Helen, Rabbi David and Rabbi Neil

**Wardens:**

Gillian Wesrwood, Vivien Feather and Liliane Chan

**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 and Steven Rowe

**Beadles:**

Julia and Julian Markson

**Torah:**

Numbers 9:15-10:3

**Haftarah:**

Joshua 6:1-20

*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 B'HA'ALOT'CHA

*Parashat B'ha'alot'cha* 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 extend a warm Mazel tov to:

- Télémaque Argyriou on his admission ceremony.
- Olivia Allan and Henry Bennett on their Auf Ruf.
- Ruth Levy on her significant birthday.
- Anthony and Vivien Feather on their significant wedding anniversary.
- A warm thank you to all volunteers attending Volunteers Shabbat.

וּבַיּוֹם הַקִּיּוֹם אֶת־הַמִּשְׁכָּן כִּסָּה הָעֲנַן אֶת־הַמִּשְׁכָּן לְאַהֲלֵה הַעֲדוֹת וּבְעָרְבֵי יְהִיָּה עַל־הַמִּשְׁכָּן כַּמִּרְאֵה־אֵשׁ עַד־בֹּקֶר׃ טז כֹּן יִהְיֶה תַמִּיד הָעֲנַן יִכְסֶּנּוּ וּמִרְאֵה־אֵשׁ לַיְלָה׃ יז וּלְכִי הַעֲלוֹת הָעֲנַן מֵעַל הָאֹהֶל וְאַחֲרֵי כֵן יִסְעוּ בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וּבַמִּקּוֹם אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁכּוּ־שָׁם הָעֲנַן שָׁם יַחֲנוּ בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל׃ יח עַל־פִּי יְיָ יִסְעוּ בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל־פִּי יְיָ יַחֲנוּ כָּל־יְמֵי אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁכּוּ הָעֲנַן עַל־הַמִּשְׁכָּן יַחֲנוּ׃ יט וּבַהָאָרֶץ הָעֲנַן עַל־הַמִּשְׁכָּן יָמִים רַבִּים וְשָׁמְרוּ בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־מִשְׁמֶרֶת יְיָ וְלֹא יִסְעוּ׃ כ וְאֵשׁ אֲשֶׁר יִהְיֶה הָעֲנַן יָמִים מִסְפָּר עַל־הַמִּשְׁכָּן עַל־פִּי יְיָ יַחֲנוּ וְעַל־פִּי יְיָ יִסְעוּ׃

כא וְאֵשׁ אֲשֶׁר יִהְיֶה הָעֲנַן מֵעָרְבֵי עַד־בֹּקֶר וְנִעְלָה הָעֲנַן בִּבְקֹר וְנִסְעוּ אוֹ יוֹמָם וְלַיְלָה וְנִעְלָה הָעֲנַן וְנִסְעוּ׃ כב אוֹ־יָמִים אוֹ־חֹדֶשׁ אוֹ־יָמִים בְּהָאָרֶץ הָעֲנַן עַל־הַמִּשְׁכָּן לִשְׁכּוֹן עִלָּיו יַחֲנוּ בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל וְלֹא יִסְעוּ וּבַהֲעֵלְתוֹ יִסְעוּ׃ כג עַל־פִּי יְיָ יַחֲנוּ וְעַל־פִּי יְיָ יִסְעוּ אֶת־מִשְׁמֶרֶת יְיָ שָׁמְרוּ עַל־פִּי יְיָ בְּיַד־מֹשֶׁה׃

א וַיְדַבֵּר יְיָ אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר׃ ב עֲשֵׂה לְךָ שְׁתֵּי חֲצוּצֹת כֶּסֶף מְקֻשָּׁה תַעֲשֶׂה אֹתָם וְהָיוּ לְךָ לְמִקְרָא הַעֲדָה וּלְמִסַּע אֶת־הַמַּחֲנֹת׃ ג וְתִקְעוּ בָהֶן וְנוֹעְדוּ אֵלֶיךָ כָּל־הָעֲדָה אֶל־פֶּתַח אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד׃

## NUMBERS 9:15-10:3

15 And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered the tabernacle, namely, the tent of the testimony: and at even there was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until the morning. 16 So it was alway: the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night. 17 And when the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, then after that the children of Israel journeyed: and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Israel pitched their tents. 18 At the commandment of the Eternal One the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the Eternal One they pitched: as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they rested in their tents. 19 And when the cloud tarried long upon the tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel kept the charge of the Eternal One, and journeyed not. 20 And so it was, when the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle; according to the commandment of the Eternal One they abode in their tents, and according to the commandment of the Eternal One they journeyed.

21 And so it was, when the cloud abode from even unto the morning, and that the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed: whether it was by day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed. 22 Or whether it were two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, remaining thereon, the children of Israel abode in their tents, and journeyed not: but when it was taken up, they journeyed. 23 At the commandment of the Eternal One they rested in the tents, and at the commandment of the Eternal One they journeyed: they kept the charge of the Eternal One, at the commandment of the Eternal One by the hand of Moses.

1 The Eternal One said to Moses: 2 "Make two trumpets of hammered silver, and use them for calling the community together and for having the camps set out. 3 When both are sounded, the whole community is to assemble before you at the entrance to the tent of meeting.

## JOSHUA 6:1-20

Now Jericho was shut up tight because of the Israelites; no one could leave or enter. The Eternal One said to Joshua, "See, I will deliver Jericho and her king [and her] warriors into your hands. Let all your troops march around the city and complete one circuit of the city. Do this six days, with seven priests carrying seven ram's horns preceding the Ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the horns. And when a long blast is sounded on the horn—as soon as you hear that sound of the horn—all the people shall give a mighty shout. Thereupon the city wall will collapse, and the people shall advance, every man straight ahead." Joshua son of Nun summoned the priests and said to them, "Take up the Ark of the Covenant, and let seven priests carrying seven ram's horns precede the Ark of Adonai." And he instructed the people, "Go forward, march around the city, with the vanguard marching in front of the Ark of The Eternal One." When Joshua had instructed the people, the seven priests carrying seven ram's horns advanced before Adonai, blowing their horns; and the Ark of The Eternal One's Covenant followed them. The vanguard marched in front of the priests who were blowing the horns, and the rear guard marched behind the Ark, with the horns sounding all the time. But Joshua's orders to the rest of the people were, "Do not shout, do not let your voices be heard, and do not let a sound issue from your lips until the moment that I command you, 'Shout!' Then you shall shout." So he had the Ark of The Eternal One go around the city and complete one circuit; then they returned to camp and spent the night in camp. Joshua rose early the next day; and the priests took up the Ark of Adonai, while the seven priests bearing the seven ram's horns marched in front of the Ark of The Eternal One, blowing the horns as they marched. The vanguard marched in front of them, and the rear guard marched behind the Ark of The Eternal One, with the horns sounding all the time. And so they marched around the city once on the second day and returned to the camp. They did this six days. On the seventh day, they rose at daybreak and marched around the city, in the same manner, seven times; that was the only day that they marched around the city seven times. On the seventh round, as the priests blew the horns, Joshua commanded the people, "Shout! For The Eternal One has given you the city. The city and everything in it are to be proscribed for God; only Rahab the harlot is to be spared, and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers we sent. But you must beware of that which is proscribed, or else you will be proscribed: if you take anything from that which is proscribed, you will cause the camp of Israel to be proscribed; you will bring calamity upon it. All the silver and gold and objects of copper and iron are consecrated to The Eternal One; they must go into the treasury of God." So the people shouted when the horns were sounded. When the people heard the sound of the horns, the people raised a mighty shout and the wall collapsed. The people rushed into the city, every man straight in front of him, and they captured the city.

## RABBI NEIL'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When I was very new to my rabbinic studies, I went on a seminar about the nature of travel and particularly Jewish travel. It was in advance of a tour I was leading through Prague, Budapest and Berlin. We reflected on the nature of travel today – why do we visit as tourists the places we do? For some it is to 'get away' from the routine of life, for others it is to enrich or immerse ourselves in new and unfamiliar culture, for yet others it is to connect with a sense of who we are. This week we heard of the rise in 'dark tourism' to the site of the Chernobyl disaster and the media spent quite a lot of time asking why people would want to visit such a place. We have our own 'dark' places, where our ancestors' lives and deaths are forever intertwined with history.

But for us, travel has always been something other than tourism. I'm teaching a course about Jewish mysticism and it is clear that the trauma of expulsion or escape from so many different places in the world is impossible to unpick from a wider understanding of the history of Jewish thought. And yet Jewish travel is not just escape, it is also about return. Return to a place that we may never reach, a place we might call home, yet have never been.

That's why Amichai in his beautiful collection of poems 'Jewish Travel: Change is God and Death is his Prophet':

He yearned for the land of Canaan he would never see,  
But he turned east, toward the desert of those forty years,  
And wrote the Torah as a travel book,  
A memoir, every chapter with something very personal  
That was his alone...

We're told in our Torah portion this week, "At the commandment of the Eternal the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the Eternal they encamped: as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they remained encamped." (Numbers 9:18). How precious that our physical journeying is now so different and the blessing of the State of Israel is in our lives. Yet our Jewish journey has not stopped and we continue the travelogue, reading and writing the next chapter of our people's story.

# SAVE THE DATE

## **Saturday 22 June**

### **1.00pm: The Library Hour**

This month we will be discussing Anne Frank (who would of been 74 this week) and some recently published unpublished letters and the new-ish but dramatic rise of anti-semitism in Europe.

## **Friday 5 July**

### **PEACE OF MIND ONEG SHABBAT**

6pm: Traditional Friday night service - all very welcome

7.15pm: Oneg Shabbat Dinner, three course Summer menu with wine

As this year's one week in residence by the Peace of Mind team draws to a close, we invite host families and their friends, volunteer cooks and chaperones, project funders and sponsors, and absolutely every member of the community, to join participants in an informal, boisterous yet moving party, sharing thoughts, good food and wine in a convivial atmosphere.

£30 per adult member, £37.50 per adult non member, £18 child, fulltime student, or unwaged, £250 for a table of ten. Tickets from Kathryn on 020 7535 0259.

## **Saturday 6 July**

### **PRIDE SHABBAT**

10.30am: Welcome with coffee and cake

11.00am: Shabbat Morning Service in celebration of 50 years of Stonewall with sermon by Sir Terry Etherton, Master of the Rolls, WLS member and the most senior gay judge in the UK.

12.45pm: Celebratory Pride kiddush

1.15pm: Join the community as we make our way to meet up with the Jewish delegation on the Pride parade. WLS is especially proud to be sponsoring this year's Pride Jewish minibus for the second year, ensuring that irrespective of mobility, all members of the Jewish LGBT+ community are able to participate in this year's parade.

## **Adult Modern Hebrew School – MiliM INTENSIVE SUMMER ULPAN**

Join one of our Hebrew classes (beginners/advanced) for 16 hours of summer intensive Hebrew course! 8 sessions of two hours on these dates:

6.30 – 8.30pm: July – 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30

Early-bird price: only £150 by 5 July (Full price – £180)

For more information or to book, please contact Adi on 020 7535 0275 or email [adi.ben-naim@wls.org.uk](mailto:adi.ben-naim@wls.org.uk)