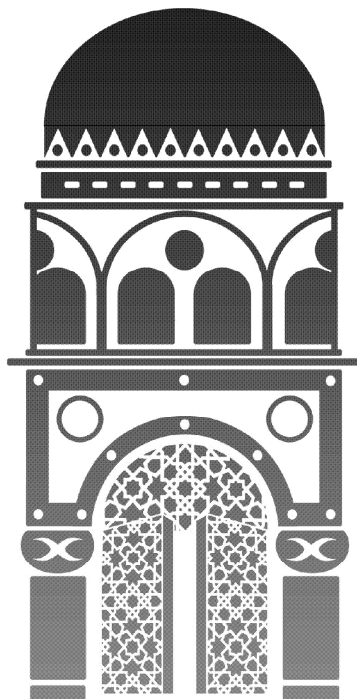


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SHABBAT SHALOM

18/19 October 2019

20 Tishri 5780

SHABBAT SHALOM AND WELCOME TO WEST LONDON SYNAGOGUE

FRIDAY

6.00pm:

Erev Shabbat Service

Led by Rabbi Julia and Rabbi Helen
Sermon by: Marie Van der Zyl

7:15pm:

Shabbat Shirah in the Succah
Led by: Rabbi David

Wardens:

Gillian Westwood, Oliver Walton and Steven Rowe

Beadles:

Julia and Julian Markson

SATURDAY

10.30am:

Coffee Morning

11.00am:

Shabbat Morning Service

Led by Julia, Rabbi Helen, Rabbi David and Rabbi Neil.
Sermon on Symbolic Guests by: Rabbi David (Intro), Rabbi
Julia, Rabbi Helen, Rabbi Neil

Wardens:

Gillian Westwood, Vivien Feather and Steven Rowe

Beadles:

Julia and Julian Markson

Torah:

Deuteronomy 8:1-10 and Deuteronomy 16:13-17

Haftarah:

Ecclesiastes 1:1-18

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.

SHABBAT CHOL HA-MO'ED SUCCOT

Our first Torah portion for Chol Ha-moed Succot emphasizes the beauty and fertility of the land of Israel and, crucially, that sustenance is a gift from God that we should be grateful to receive. It is the source of the Grace after Meals concept that when you have eaten and been satisfied, then you must bless the Eternal One for the good land.

The second Torah portion for Chol Ha-moed Succot outlines the significance of the harvest in our celebration of Succot.

COMMUNITY NEWS

We wish a warm Mazel Tov to:

- Cezara Tudoran on her admission ceremony
- Misty Minton and Joey Barnett on their Auf Ruf.

א כָּל-הַמְצוּה אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מִצְוֶה הַיּוֹם תִּשְׁמְרוּן לַעֲשׂוֹת לְמַעַן תִּחְיִין וּרְבִיתֶם וּבְאַתֶּם וּירִשְׁתֶּם אֶת-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר-נִשְׁבַּע יי לְאַבְרָהָם: ב וְזָכַרְתָּ אֶת-כָּל-הַדְּרוֹךְ אֲשֶׁר הוֹלִיכְךָ יי אֱלֹהֶיךָ זֶה אַרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה בַּמִּדְבָּר לְמַעַן עֲנֹתְךָ לְנִסּוֹתֶיךָ לְדַעַת אֶת-אֲשֶׁר בְּלִבְבְּךָ הִתְשַׁמֵּר מִצְוֹתַי אִם-לֹא: ג וַיַּעֲנֶךָ וַיַּרְעִיבְךָ וַיֹּאכְלֶךָ אֶת-הַמֶּן אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יָדַעְתָּ וְלֹא יָדְעוּן אֲבֹתֶיךָ לְמַעַן הוֹדִיעֶךָ כִּי לֹא עַל-הַלֶּחֶם לְבַדּוֹ יַחִיָּה הָאָדָם כִּי עַל-כָּל-מוֹצֵא פִי-יי יַחִיָּה הָאָדָם: ד שְׂמַלְתְּךָ לֹא בָלַתָּה מֵעֲלִיךָ וּרְגַלְךָ לֹא בָצָקָה זֶה אַרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה: ה וַיְדַעְתָּ עַם-לְבָבְךָ כִּי כֹאֲשֶׁר יִיסַר אִישׁ אֶת-בְּנוֹ יי אֱלֹהֶיךָ מִיִּסְרֶךָ: ו וְשִׁמְרָתְךָ אֶת-מִצְוֹת יי אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְלַכֵּת בְּדַרְכָיו וּלְרַאֲהָ אֹתוֹ: ז כִּי יי אֱלֹהֶיךָ מְבִיאֶךָ אֶל-אֶרֶץ טוֹבָה אֶרֶץ נַחְלֵי מַיִם עֲנֹת וּתְהַמּוֹת יִצְאִים בְּבִקְעָה וּבְהָר: ח אֶרֶץ חֹטָה וְשַׁעֲרָהּ וְגִפּוֹ וּתְאֵנָה וְרִמּוֹן אֶרֶץ-זֵית שָׁמֶן וְדָבָשׁ: ט אֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר לֹא בְּמִסְכָּנֹת תֹּאכַל-בָּהּ לֶחֶם לֹא-תַחֲסֹר כָּל בָּהּ אֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אֲבַנְיָהּ בְּרִזָּל וּמִהַרְרִיָּה תַחֲצֹב נְחֹשֶׁת: י וְאָכַלְתָּ וְשִׁבַּעְתָּ וּבִרְכַתָּ אֶת-יי אֱלֹהֶיךָ עַל-הָאָרֶץ הַטֹּבָה אֲשֶׁר נָתַן-לְךָ:

יג חַג הַסֻּכּוֹת תַּעֲשֶׂה לְךָ שִׁבְעַת יָמִים בְּאַסְפֹּף מְגֹרְנֶךָ וּמִיקְבֹּךָ: יד וְשִׂמַחְתָּ בַחֲגֹף אֹתָהּ וּבִבְנֶךָ וּבִתְךָ וְעַבְדְּךָ וְאִמְתְּךָ וְהַלּוּי וְהַגֵּר וְהַיְתוּם וְהָאֵלְמָנָה אֲשֶׁר בְּשַׁעְרֶיךָ: טו שִׁבְעַת יָמִים תַּחֲגֹל לַיי אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּמָקוֹם אֲשֶׁר-יִבְחַר יי כִּי יְבָרְכֶךָ יי אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל-תְּבוּאֹתֶיךָ וּבְכָל מַעֲשֵׂה יְדֶיךָ וְהָיִיתָ אֶךָ שְׂמֵחַ: טז שְׁלוֹשׁ פְּעָמִים בַּשָּׁנָה יִרְאֶה כָּל-זְכוּרְךָ אֶת-פָּנָי יי אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּמָקוֹם אֲשֶׁר יִבְחַר בְּחַג הַמִּצּוֹת וּבְחַג הַשִּׁבְעוֹת וּבְחַג הַסֻּכּוֹת וְלֹא יִרְאֶה אֶת-פָּנָי יי רִיקִים: יז אִישׁ כְּמִתְנַת יָדוֹ כְּבִרְכַת יי אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר נָתַן-לְךָ:

DEUTERONOMY 8:1-18 and 16:13-17

1 You shall faithfully observe all the Instruction that I enjoin upon you today, that you may thrive and increase and be able to possess the land that Adonai promised on oath to your fathers. **2** Remember the long way that Adonai your God has made you travel in the wilderness these past forty years, in order to test you by hardships to learn what was in your hearts: whether you would keep the divine commandments or not. **3** God subjected you to the hardship of hunger and then gave you manna to eat, which neither you nor your ancestors had ever known, in order to teach you that human does not live on bread alone, but that man may live on anything that Adonai decrees. **4** The clothes upon you did not wear out, nor did your feet swell these forty years. **5** Bear in mind that Adonai your God disciplines you just as a parent disciplines a child. **6** Therefore keep the commandments of Adonai your God: walk in God's ways and show reverence. **7** For Adonai your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with streams and springs and fountains issuing from plain and hill; **8** a land of wheat and barley, of vines, figs, and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey; **9** a land where you may eat food without stint, where you will lack nothing; a land whose rocks are iron and from whose hills you can mine copper. **10** When you have eaten your fill, give thanks to Adonai your God for the good land given to you.

13 After the ingathering from your threshing floor and your vat, you shall hold the Feast of Booths for seven days. **14** You shall rejoice in your festival, with your son and daughter, your male and female slave, the family of the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow in your communities. **15** You shall hold a festival for Adonai your God seven days, in the place that Adonai will choose; for Adonai your God will bless all your crops and all your undertakings, and you shall have nothing but joy. **16** Three times a year—on the Feast of Unleavened Bread, on the Feast of Weeks, and on the Feast of Booths—all your males shall appear before Adonai your God in the place that God will choose. They shall not appear before Adonai empty-handed, **17** but each with his own gift, according to the blessing that Adonai your God has bestowed upon you.

ECCLESIASTES 1:1-18

The words of Koheleth son of David, king in Jerusalem. Utterly transient!—said Koheleth—Utterly transient! All is like a breath! What real value is there for people in all the gains they make beneath the sun? One generation goes, another comes, but the earth remains the same forever. The sun rises, and the sun sets - and glides back to where it rises. Southward blowing, turning northward, ever turning blows the wind; on its rounds the wind returns. All streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full; to the place from which they flow the streams flow back again. All such things are wearisome: no person can ever state them; the eye never has enough of seeing, nor the ear enough of hearing. Only that shall happen which has happened, only that occur which has occurred; there is nothing new beneath the sun! Sometimes there is a phenomenon of which they say, "Look, this one is new!" - it occurred long since, in ages that went by before us. The earlier ones are not remembered; so too those that will occur later will no more be remembered than those that will occur at the very end. I, Koheleth, was king in Jerusalem over Israel. I set my mind to study and to probe with wisdom all that happens under the sun. An unhappy business, that, which God gave people to be concerned with! I observed all the happenings beneath the sun, and I found that all is futile and pursuit of wind: a twisted thing that cannot be made straight, a lack that cannot be made good. I said to myself: "Here I have grown richer and wiser than any that ruled before me over Jerusalem, and my mind has zealously absorbed wisdom and learning." And so I set my mind to appraise wisdom and to appraise madness and folly. And I learned - that this too was pursuit of wind: for as wisdom grows, vexation grows; to increase learning is to increase heartache.

RABBI DAVID'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The winds of change are sweeping through this world. In these uncertain times, people are looking for a sense of stability.

Every year during this festival of Sukkot I think of the Great Storm of October 1987. That night, my family went to bed with one sukkah standing in our garden. We woke up to find our sukkah falling apart, surrounded by various pieces of the sukkot of our neighbours. That image of our impermanence will stay with me until my dying day, for the sukkah is an intentional reminder that life is fragile; nothing is ever fully stable; nothing lasts forever.

The temporary nature of the sukkah echoes the words of Kohelet (Ecclesiastes), which we read during this festival: "Vanity, vanity, all is vanity". The Hebrew word for 'vanity' is *Hevel*, but 'vanity' is a poor translation, because *Hevel* means 'vapour' or 'breath' – both of which can be seen on a cold Autumnal morning as they appear and then vanish.

There is a great deal to be said for living with this awareness of our impermanence, for it helps us to focus on what really matters... neither our wealth, nor our possessions, nor even our achievements, but rather our relationships. Our core purpose in this all too brief, all too fragile life, is to connect. That is why, at the end of our days, what really counts will be the number of people whose lives we have enhanced through our interactions and affections; those whose very love takes our breath away.

And that is why the wonderful message of Sukkot is to take a deep breath as we hold on to our loved ones, for together we can weather the storm.

SEE YOU THERE

Saturday 19 October

1.00pm: Library Hour

With guest speaker Zdenka Husserl, who will be talking about her book 'Love Despite Hate' which is all about the Lingfield children.

Wednesday 23 October

7.00pm: Eretz: Insight Israel – Need Weed?

Doors: 7pm, Start 7.30pm

In proud association with the Technion – one of Israel's great centres of scientific advancement based in Haifa – we are delighted to welcome one of its leading scientists, Dr Dedi Meiri, Head of the Cancer Biology and Cannabinoid Research.

Dr Meiri will be joining us to talk about his ground-breaking work on Cannabis Research, touching on the controversies and debates surrounding its use and why its use in medicine has grown rapidly in recent years.

No entry fee, but donations towards catering and refreshments welcome on the door. Please register in advance for this event, at www.ticketsource.co.uk/eretz or contact Kathryn on 020 7535 0259.

Sunday 3 November

5.30pm: Far From the Home I Love with Margaret Fingerhut A special piano recital with narration by Margaret Fingerhut in support of West London Synagogue's Asylum Seeker Drop-In Centre

Doors: 5.30pm | Reception: 6.00pm | Concert: 6.30pm

We are delighted to be welcoming 'home' our member, the distinguished concert pianist Margaret Fingerhut. In this, the penultimate stop on her concert tour, Margaret tells stories through music about exile and yearning for home.

At the same time reflective, uplifting and in places humorous, Far From the Home I Love includes music by well known composers Handel, Haydn, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Prokofiev and Grieg. The programme also features the poignant Farewell to Hirta by Francis Pott – a beautiful meditation on the heart-breaking story of the people of St. Kilda – as well as a specially created new commission from Kurdish Syrian refugee, Moutaz Arian, known for the Anthem for the Refugee Team at the 2016 Olympics.

Tickets: £20 (full-time students and jobseekers £15) available from:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/eretz | Kathryn Forro on 020 7535 0259

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