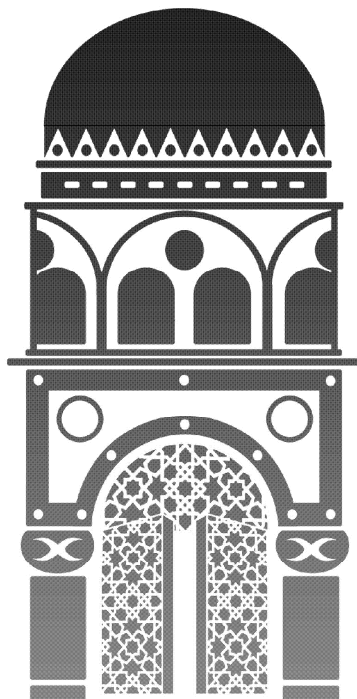


# WEST LONDON SYNAGOGUE

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SHABBAT SHALOM

17/18 January 2020

21 Tevet 5780

# SHABBAT SHALOM AND WELCOME TO WEST LONDON SYNAGOGUE

## FRIDAY

**6.00pm:**

**Erev Shabbat Service**

Led by: Rabbi David, Rabbi Helen

Sermon by: Rabbi David

**7:15pm:**

Shabbat Shirah Service

Led by: Rabbi Neil

**Wardens:**

Vivien Feather, William Campos-Ortega & Gillian Westwood

**Beadles:**

Micky Nathanson

## SATURDAY

**10.30am:**

**Coffee Morning**

**11.00am:**

**Shabbat Morning Service**

Led by: Rabbi David and Rabbi Helen

Sermon by: Rabbi Helen

**Wardens:**

Vivien Feather, Liliane Chan & William Campos-Ortega

**Beadles:**

Micky Nathanson

**Torah:**

Exodus 3:1-10

**Haftarah:**

Jeremiah 1:1-19

*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 SH'MOT

*Parashat Sh'mot* begins by mentioning the *shemot*, or "names", of Jacob's sons and telling us that after they died a new pharaoh, who did not know Joseph, comes to power. Fearing the Jewish people, the new ruler orders taskmasters to enslave them and drown their male children in the Nile River. Defying that order, one mother places her son in a basket and casts the basket into the river. Pharaoh's daughter who was bathing nearby rescues the child and adopts him as her own. She names him Moses. Some time after Moses has grown up, he sees an Egyptian beating a Jew. Defending the Jew, Moses strikes the Egyptian and kills him. When Pharaoh hears what has happened, he orders Moses put to death. So Moses flees from Egypt. When he arrives in Midian, he is welcomed by Jethro, a local priest, whose daughter, Zipporah, he later marries. While Moses is shepherding Jethro's flock, God speaks to him out of a burning bush, promising that Aaron, his brother, will help him liberate the Israelites from oppression. Moses then returns to Egypt where he and Aaron go to Pharaoh to demand freedom for their people. Pharaoh refuses and imposes hard labour upon the people, who blame Moses for making their situation worse. When Moses complains to God, he is told, "You shall soon see what I will do to Pharaoh: he shall let them go because of a greater might."

## COMMUNITY NEWS

We wish a warm Mazel Tov to:

- Noah Segal on his Bar Mitzvah.

א ומִשֶׁה הָיָה רֹעֵה אֶת־צֹאן יִתְרוֹ חֹתְנֹו כִּהֵן מִדִּיַן וַיִּנְהַג אֶת־הַצֹּאן אַחֲרֵי הַמִּדְבָּר וַיָּבֹא אֶל־הַר הָאֱלֹהִים חֲרִבָּה: ב וַיֵּרָא מִלְּאֶךְ יְיָ אֵלָיו בְּלִבַּת־אֵשׁ מִתּוֹךְ הַסֵּנֶה וַיֵּרָא וְהִנֵּה הַסֵּנֶה בֹעֵר בְּאֵשׁ וְהַסֵּנֶה אֵינֶנּוּ אֶפְלָ: ג וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶסְרֶה־נָּא וְאֶרְאֶה אֶת־הַמְּרֹאֶה הַגָּדֹל הַזֶּה מִדּוֹעַ לֹא־יִבְעַר הַסֵּנֶה:

ד וַיֵּרָא יְיָ כִּי סָר לְרְאוֹת וַיִּקְרָא אֵלָיו אֱלֹהִים מִתּוֹךְ הַסֵּנֶה וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה מֹשֶׁה וַיֹּאמֶר הַנִּנְנִי: ה וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־תִּקְרַב הֵלֶם שֶׁל־נִעְלִיךָ מֵעַל רַגְלֶיךָ כִּי הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה עוֹמֵד עָלָיו אֲדַמַּת־קֹדֶשׁ הוּא: ו וַיֹּאמֶר אֲנֹכִי אֱלֹהֵי אֲבִיךָ אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם אֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק וְאֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב וַיִּסְתֵּר מֹשֶׁה פָּנָיו כִּי יָרָא מִהִבֵּט אֶל־הָאֱלֹהִים:

ז וַיֹּאמֶר יְיָ רְאֵה רְאִיתִי אֶת־עַנְי עַמִּי אֲשֶׁר בְּמִצְרַיִם וְאֶת־צַעֲקָתָם שָׁמַעְתִּי מִפְּנֵי נַגְשָׁיו כִּי יִדְעָתִי אֶת־מַכְאֹבָיו: ח וְאֶרְדָּ לְהַצִּילוֹ | מִיַּד מִצְרַיִם וְלְהַעֲלֹתוֹ מִן־הָאָרֶץ הַהִוא אֶל־אָרֶץ טוֹבָה וְרַחֲבָה אֶל־אָרֶץ זִבְתַּחֲלָב וּדְבָשׁ אֶל־מְקוֹם הַכְּנַעֲנִי וְהַחֲתִי וְהָאֱמֹרִי וְהַפְּרִזִי וְהַחֲוִי וְהַיְבוּסִי: ט וְעַתָּה הִנֵּה צַעֲקַת בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל בָּאָה אֵלָי וְגַם־רְאִיתִי אֶת־הַלֶּחֶץ אֲשֶׁר מִצְרַיִם לֹחֲצִים אֹתָם: י וְעַתָּה לָכֵה וְאֶשְׁלַחְךָ אֶל־פְּרַעֲזָה וְהוֹצֵא אֶת־עַמִּי בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל מִמִּצְרַיִם:

## EXODUS 3:1-10

1 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the Eternal One appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. 3 So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

4 When the Eternal One saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." 5 "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." 6 Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

7 The Eternal One said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. 8 So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. 10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

## JEREMIAH 1:1-19

The words of Jeremiah son of Hilkiah, one of the priests at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin. The word of Adonai came to him in the days of King Josiah son of Amon of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign, and throughout the days of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, and until the end of the eleventh year of King Zedekiah son of Josiah of Judah, when Jerusalem went into exile in the fifth month. The word of Adonai came to me: Before I created you in the womb, I selected you; Before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet concerning the nations. I replied: Ah, Adonai! I don't know how to speak, For I am still a boy. And Adonai said to me: Do not say, "I am still a boy," But go wherever I send you And speak whatever I command you. Have no fear of them, For I am with you to deliver you —declares Adonai. Adonai put out Adonai's hand and touched my mouth, and Adonai said to me: Herewith I put My words into your mouth. See, I appoint you this day Over nations and kingdoms: To uproot and to pull down, To destroy and to overthrow, To build and to plant. The word of Adonai came to me: What do you see, Jeremiah? I replied: I see a branch of an almond tree. Adonai said to me: you have seen right, For I am watchful to bring My word to pass. And the word of Adonai came to me a second time: What do you see? I replied: I see a steaming pot, Tipped away from the north. And Adonai said to me: From the north shall disaster break loose Upon all the inhabitants of the land! For I am summoning all the peoples Of the kingdoms of the north —declares Adonai. They shall come, and shall each set up a throne Before the gates of Jerusalem, Against its walls round about, And against all the towns of Judah. And I will argue My case against them For all their wickedness: They have forsaken Me And sacrificed to other gods And worshiped the works of their hands. So you, gird up your loins, Arise and speak to them All that I command you. Do not break down before them, Lest I break you before them. I make you this day a fortified city, and an iron pillar, and bronze walls Against the whole land— Against Judah's kings and officers, And against its priests and citizens. They will attack you, But they shall not overcome you; For I am with you—declares Adonai- to save you.

## RABBI JULIA'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I spent most of Christmas Day at University College Hospital, wearing my Chairman's hat, and going round the wards with others, thanking staff for working and commiserating with patients who couldn't go home. It was a wonderful day. There were, of course, a lot of staff who were Christian or nominally so, and the Catholic chaplain laid on Mass for them at various points in the day. But there were also many Muslim staff, Hindu staff, Jewish staff, orthodox Christian staff whose Christmas was 12 days later. And everyone worked together, and everyone raided the bags of sweets, chocolates and healthy clementines we carried from floor to floor. In the maternity unit- babies wait for no festivals- various babies were being born, and we met Charedi Jews and very observant Muslims, as well as highly pregnant agnostic mothers rushing up and down the stairs to try to get the baby to be born, as if that would help! And we met all the staff in the canteen, busy dishing out a vast Christmas lunch to all and sundry.

Although there were life and death situations in high dependency and Intensive Care, although many of the people on the haematology wards couldn't go home, the atmosphere was a happy one. And, more than that, it was a day when huge numbers of staff had deliberately chosen to work, in order to make the day a happy one as far as it could be. Consultants came in, even if they didn't have to. Doctors were wearing silly hats. Nurses wore furry ears and tinsel. The Chief Nurse was dressed up as an elf! It made me feel that all those people who claim dissatisfaction with the NHS ought to see what efforts staff were making, and realise that we are extraordinarily fortunate in the UK to witness this kind of devotion from our public sector staff- on Christmas day, of course, but day in day out, all year. And I wish we said thankyou more often. Maybe we at WLS can give a lead in saying thankyou- it really is needed.

# SEE YOU THERE

## PLEASE NOTE:

**Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Rabbis' Drinks have been cancelled and the concert with Natalie Clein on Thursday 23 January has been postponed and we will be in touch as soon as a new date has been arranged.**

### **Saturday 18 January**

**1.00pm: Library Hour**

**Guest speaker: Rabbi Sybil Sheridan**

Rabbi Sybil Sheridan will be speaking about two different books she edited - *Hear Our Voice* and *Taking Up the Timbrel*, both about women Rabbis. These books are filled with essays written by women rabbis including Rabbi Julia and Rabbi Helen, and Rabbi Jackie Tabick (all close to WLS). Rabbi Sybil has been approached about re-visiting this topic but is this still an issue - is there a need to distinguish women Rabbis from Rabbis in general.

The Bob Shafritz Library opens its doors to all, immediately after the Kiddush following the Shabbat morning service. You can browse the shelves, talk to the Librarian, and borrow and return books. Every month we invite a speaker to give a short talk about a favourite book of theirs in the collection. This is followed by a lively discussion.

For further information please email Debbie Sonin

### **Sunday 26 January**

**6.00pm: International Holocaust Memorial Day: Standing Together  
*How One Synagogue Saved Children's Lives***

Rabbi Baroness Julia Neuberger and Rabbi Neil Janes, on behalf of West London Synagogue and the Lyons Learning Project, invite you to hear the incredible story of how West London Synagogue saved the lives of more than one hundred children in the Holocaust.

With guest speaker: Dr Jennifer Craig-Norton, world renowned scholar of the Kindertransport and refugee experiences.

RSVP for security and catering purposes by 16 January 2020 to Adi Ben-Naim on 020 7535 0291 or [admin@lyonslearning.org.uk](mailto:admin@lyonslearning.org.uk)