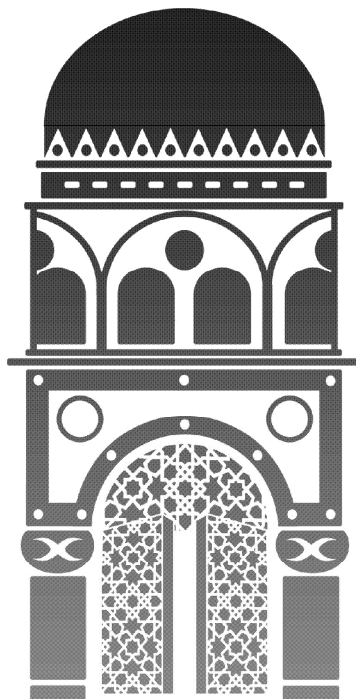


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SHABBAT SHALOM

28/29 February 2020

4 Adar 5780

SHABBAT SHALOM AND WELCOME TO WEST LONDON SYNAGOGUE

FRIDAY

6.00pm:

Erev Shabbat Service

Led by: Rabbi Helen & Rabbi Sybil

Sermon by: Rabbi Helen

Wardens:

Vivien Feather, Steven Rowe, William Campos-Ortega

Beadle:

Orlando Ortega-Medina

SATURDAY

10.30am:

ShabbaTots

Led by Rabbi Sybil

10.30am:

Coffee Morning

11.00am:

Shabbat Morning Service

Led by: Rabbi Julia, Rabbi Helen & Rabbi Sybil

Sermon by: Rabbi Sybil

Wardens:

Vivien Feather, Steven Rowe, William Campos-Ortega

Beadle:

Orlando Ortega-Medina

Torah:

Exodus 25:1-22

Haftarah:

Isaiah 49:1-13

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 T'RUMAH

Parashat T'rumah is about building the first sanctuary, or the Tabernacle. The Israelites are still wandering through the Sinai desert. Moses instructs each person to bring a *terumah*, or 'donation', 'gift', for the building of the sanctuary. The contributions may be of gold, silver and copper; of blue, purple and crimson yarns, fine linen, goats' hair; tanned ram skins, dolphin skins and acacia wood; oil for lighting, spices for the anointing oil and for the aromatic incense; lapis lazuli and other precious stones for the *ephod* and breastplate. Concerning the Tabernacle, God says to Moses, "And let them make Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them." Instructions for the architecture of the sanctuary are detailed. The ark and poles for carrying it shall be made of acacia wood overlaid with gold. Two gold cherubin with large wings are to be placed above the ark, facing each other. A table of acacia wood overlaid with gold is to be made, along with special bowls and jars for offering sacrifices. Moses is also instructed to build a *menorah*, or 'lampstand', of pure hammered gold to hold seven lamps. As for the sanctuary itself, Moses is given details of its size, the material to be used in its construction, and instructions on how to assemble it.

COMMUNITY NEWS

We wish a warm Mazel Tov to:

- Erin Smerald on her baby blessing.

א וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר: ב דַּבֵּר אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּקְחוּ־לִי תְרוּמָה
מֵאֵת כָּל־אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר יִדְבְּנוּ לְבָוֹ תִּקְחוּ אֶת־תְּרוּמָתִי: ג וְזֹאת הַתְּרוּמָה
אֲשֶׁר תִּקְחוּ מֵאֲתָם זָהָב וְכֶסֶף וְנְחֹשֶׁת: ד וּתְכַלֶּת וְאַרְגָּמָן וְתוֹלַעַת שָׁנִי
וְשֵׁשׁ וְעִזִּים: ה וְעֹרֹת אֵילִם מְאָדָּמִים וְעֹרֹת תַּחְשִׁים וְעִצֵּי שִׁטִּים: ו שָׁמֶן
לְמָאֹר בְּשָׂמִים לְשִׁמּוֹן הַמְּשֻׁחָה וְלִקְטֹרֶת הַסַּמִּים: ז אַבְנֵי־שֹׁהַם וְאַבְנֵי
מְלֵאִים לְאַפֵּד וְלַחֹשֶׁן: ח וְעָשׂוּ לִי מִקְדָּשׁ וְשִׁכְנָתִי בְּתוֹכְכֶם: ט כָּל־אֲשֶׁר
אֲנִי מֵרָאה אֹתְךָ אֵת תְּבִנֹת הַמְּשֻׁכָן וְאֵת תְּבִנֹת כָּל־כְּלָיו וְכֵן תַּעֲשׂוּ:
י וְעָשׂוּ אֲרוֹן עֲצֵי שִׁטִּים אֲמֹתַיִם וְחָצִי אַרְכּוֹ וְאַמָּה וְחָצִי רְחִבּוֹ וְאַמָּה
וְחָצִי קִמְתּוֹ: יא וְצִפִּיתָ אֹתוֹ זָהָב טְהוֹר מִבֵּית וּמִחוּץ תִּצַּפְּנוּ וְעָשִׂיתָ עָלָיו
זָר זָהָב סָבִיב: יב וְצִקַּקְתָּ לוֹ אַרְבַּע טַבַּעַת זָהָב וְנִתְּתָה עַל אַרְבַּע פַּעֲמֹתָיו
וְשִׁתִּי טַבַּעַת עַל־צַלְעוֹ הָאֶחָת וְשִׁתִּי טַבַּעַת עַל־צַלְעוֹ הַשְּׁנִייתִ: יג וְעָשִׂיתָ
בְּדָי עֲצֵי שִׁטִּים וְצִפִּיתָ אֹתָם זָהָב: יד וְהִבַּאתָ אֶת־הַבָּדִים בְּטַבַּעַת עַל
צַלְעַת הָאֲרוֹן לְשֵׂאת אֶת־הָאֲרוֹן בָּהֶם: טו בְּטַבַּעַת הָאֲרוֹן יִהְיוּ הַבָּדִים לֹא
יִסְרוּ מִמֶּנּוּ: טז וְנִתְּתָ אֶל־הָאֲרוֹן אֵת הָעֵדוּת אֲשֶׁר אֶתָּן אֵלֶיךָ: יז וְעָשִׂיתָ
כַּפֹּרֶת זָהָב טְהוֹר אֲמֹתַיִם וְחָצִי אַרְכָּהּ וְאַמָּה וְחָצִי רְחִבָּהּ: יח וְעָשִׂיתָ
שְׁנַיִם כְּרָבִים זָהָב מִקִּשָׁה תַעֲשֶׂה אֹתָם מִשְׁנֵי קְצוֹת הַכַּפֹּרֶת: יט וְעָשִׂה
כְּרוֹב אֶחָד מִקְצֵה מִזֶּה וְכְרוֹב־אֶחָד מִקְצֵה מִזֶּה מִן־הַכַּפֹּרֶת תַּעֲשׂוּ
אֶת־הַכְּרָבִים עַל־שְׁנֵי קְצוֹתָיו: כ וְהָיוּ הַכְּרָבִים פְּרָשֵׁי כְנָפַיִם לְמַעַלָּה
סֹכְכִים בְּכַנְפֵיהֶם עַל־הַכַּפֹּרֶת וּפְנִיחֵם אִישׁ אֶל־אֶחָיו אֶל־הַכַּפֹּרֶת יִהְיוּ
פְּנֵי הַכְּרָבִים: כא וְנִתְּתָ אֶת־הַכַּפֹּרֶת עַל־הָאֲרוֹן מְלֻמְעָלָה וְאֶל־הָאֲרוֹן תִּתֵּן
אֶת־הָעֵדוּת אֲשֶׁר אֶתָּן אֵלֶיךָ: כב וְנוֹעַדְתִּי לָךְ שֵׁם וּדְבַרְתִּי אֵתְךָ מֵעַל
הַכַּפֹּרֶת מִבֵּין שְׁנֵי הַכְּרָבִים אֲשֶׁר עַל־הָאֲרוֹן הָעֵדוּת אֵת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר אֲצַוֶּה
אוֹתְךָ אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:

EXODUS 25:1-22

25 The Eternal One said to Moses, 2 "Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give. 3 These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver and bronze; 4 blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; 5 ram skins dyed red and another type of durable leather; acacia wood; 6 olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; 7 and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece. 8 "Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. 9 Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you. 10 "Have them make an ark of acacia wood—two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high. 11 Overlay it with pure gold, both inside and out, and make a gold molding around it. 12 Cast four gold rings for it and fasten them to its four feet, with two rings on one side and two rings on the other. 13 Then make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. 14 Insert the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark to carry it. 15 The poles are to remain in the rings of this ark; they are not to be removed. 16 Then put in the ark the tablets of the covenant law, which I will give you. 17 "Make an atonement cover of pure gold—two and a half cubits long and a cubit and a half wide. 18 And make two cherubim out of hammered gold at the ends of the cover. 19 Make one cherub on one end and the second cherub on the other; make the cherubim of one piece with the cover, at the two ends. 20 The cherubim are to have their wings spread upward, overshadowing the cover with them. The cherubim are to face each other, looking toward the cover. 21 Place the cover on top of the ark and put in the ark the tablets of the covenant law that I will give you. 22 There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the covenant law, I will meet with you and give you all my commands for the Israelites.

ISAIAH 49:1-13

Listen, O coastlands to me, and give heed O nations afar: The Eternal appointed me before I was born, God named me when I was in my mother's womb. The Eternal made my mouth like a sharpened blade, God hid me in the shadow of the divine hand and made me like a polished arrow; The Eternal concealed me in the divine quiver. And God said to me: 'You are My servant Israel, in whom I glory'. I thought, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for empty breath.' But my case rested with the Eternal One, my recompense was in the hands of my God. And now the Eternal One has resolved-God who formed me in the womb to be servant of the divine-to bring back Jacob to God, that Israel may be restored to the Eternal One. And I have been honoured in the sight of God, the Eternal One has been my strength. For God has said: 'It is too little that you should be My servant in that I raise up the tribes of Jacob and restore the survivors of Israel: I will also make you a light of nations, that My salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. Thus said Adonai, the Redeemer of Israel, his Holy One, to the despised one, to the abhorred nations, to the slave of rulers: Kings shall see and stand up; nobles and they shall prostrate themselves-to the honour of the Eternal who is faithful, to the Holy One of Israel who chose you. Thus says God: In an hour of favour I answer you, and on a day of salvation I help you-I created you and appointed you a covenant people-restoring the land, allotting anew the desolate holdings, saying to the prisoners, 'Go free', to those who are in darkness, 'show yourselves'. They shall pasture along the roads, on every bare height shall be their pasture. They shall not hunger or thirst, hot wind and sun shall not strike them; for God who loves them will lead them, God will guide them to springs of water. I will make all My mountains a road and My highways shall be built up. Look! These are coming from afar, these from the north and the west, and these from the land of Sinim. Shout O heavens and rejoice O earth! Break into shouting O hills! For the Eternal One has comforted the people of God and taken back God's afflicted ones in love.

RABBI JULIA'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In just a few short weeks, I will be saying a very sad goodbye to West London Synagogue. There's loads happening before I go, and lots of people I'm hoping to visit for a last chat before I become Emerita, and part of the past. I was thinking about that a lot as I listened to Tony Blair talking about the Labour Party last week, and once again as I was discussing with friends my beloved music teacher at school, Jean Middlemiss, whose funeral took place this week. Many members of the synagogue knew and loved Jean, and she retained a freshness and an intellectual curiosity to the very end. Tony Blair feels like a long retired Prime Minister, even though many of his interventions are eminently sensible. But he feels part of the past.

So how does one remain fresh? Well, not interfering with one's successors is a key part of that, but so is retaining intellectual curiosity, taking up new interests, learning something new, feeling enthusiastic. I have every intention of trying to do all those things, and certainly don't want to interfere. But it's more important than the personal. The rabbinic saying that should guide me, and all of us, is from Pirkei Avot, the Ethics of the Fathers. "Rabbi Tarfon said: The day is short, the work is immense, the labourers are idle, and the reward is great- And the Master of the House is pressing." We don't have much time. There's SO much to do. We are inclined to be indolent, yet if we could get our act together the rewards would be great. And God wants us to get on with it. And so the message is about not harking back to what was, but instead doing the best one can, because it matters, and it's good for us as individuals in the future, but even better for us as a community, a city, a neighbourhood, a country. Not a bad way to live one's life, and to keep deciding to do new things, trying to help, for everyone's sake.

SEE YOU THERE

Sunday 8 Sunday

10.00am: Big Purim Party for WLS Families

Join us for: THE CHARITABLE FUND PICK-A-BAG LUCKY DIP, FROM 10AM

10.00am: Welcome Reception

10.15am: Under 5's Puppet Show and 5 & Over's Purim Kehillah
(Parents are invited to both)

10.45am: Family Carnival for ALL

Including:

- Bouncy Castle - Rodeo - Giant Games - Soft Play & Ball Pit
- Face Painting - Sweets & Snacks - and so much more!

12.00pm: Family Megillah Reading

12.15pm: Fancy Dress Competition

Monday 9 March

6.00pm: My Fair Esther Purim Spiel

Get yourselves To The Synagogue on Time for this year's Lovely Purim celebration, starting at 6pm with our My Fair Esther Purim Spiel, as well as Megillah reading.

Followed by drinks and nibbles at 7.15pm.

£5 per person. To book, contact Kathryn on 020 7535 0259 or email kathryn.forro@wls.org.uk

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AT THE BIG PURIM PARTY FOR ALL WLS FAMILIES!

MONDAY 9 MARCH, FROM 5.30PM
AT THE MY FAIR ESTHER PURIM SPIEL

The Charitable Fund needs new adult and children's gifts to be brought to reception (33 Seymour Place, W1H 5AU) clearly marked for our Purim Lucky Dip.