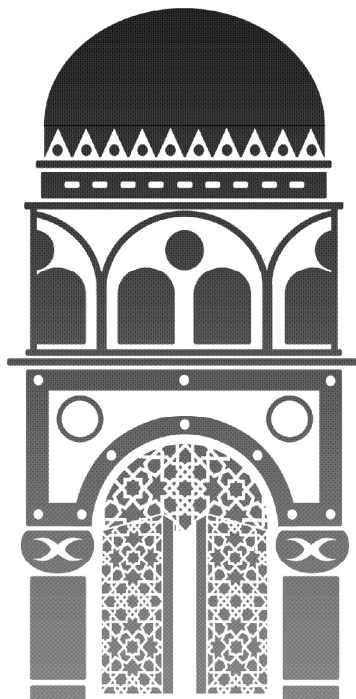


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SHABBAT SHALOM

29/30 November 2019

2 Kislev 5780

SHABBAT SHALOM AND WELCOME TO WEST LONDON SYNAGOGUE

FRIDAY

6.00pm:

Erev Shabbat Service

Led by Rabbi Julia, Rabbi Helen, Rabbi David
Sermon by: Rabbi Julia

Wardens:

Steven Rowe, Paul Jaffa and Michelle Ross

Beadle:

Micky Nathanson

SATURDAY

10.30am:

Coffee Morning

11.00am:

Shabbat Morning Service

Led by Rabbi Helen, Rabbi Neil
Sermon by: Rabbi Neil

Wardens:

Steven Rowe, Monica Jankel and Michelle Ross

Beadle:

Micky Nathanson

Torah:

Genesis 26:12-29

Haftarah:

II Samuel 23:1-17

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 TOL'DOT

Tol'dot may be translated as "generations", and "history". This Torah portion begins by describing the birth of Esau and Jacob, the twins born to Rebekah and Isaac. Esau is a rugged person of the outdoors; Jacob is a gentle person, preferring the quiet of his tent. Isaac favours Esau, and Rebekah loves Jacob. While still young, Esau sells his birthright to Jacob for a pot of stew. Later, at age forty, Esau brings pain to his parents marrying two Hittite women. When Isaac is old and near death, Rebekah and Jacob trick him into giving Jacob the special blessing he had intended for Esau. Esau discovers what they have done and vows to kill his brother. Fearing for Jacob's life and desiring that he marry someone from her people in Paddan-aram, Rebekah persuades Isaac to send Jacob to her brother, Laban. Meanwhile, Esau took his first cousin, Mahalath the daughter of Ishamael, as his third wife.

COMMUNITY NEWS

We wish a warm Mazel Tov to:

- John Flynn on his admission ceremony.
- Poppy Crisp on her baby blessing ceremony.

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to ongoing stone conservation works on the Ark, we will be closing the Sanctuary from the 16 December 2019 until 5 January 2020.

All services will be transferred to the Stern Hall for that period of time.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

יב וַיִּזְרַע יִצְחָק בְּאֶרֶץ הַהוּא וַיִּמְצָא בְשָׁנָה הַהוּא מַאֲה שְׁעָרִים וַיְבָרְכֵהוּ
 יי: יג וַיִּגְדֹּל הָאִישׁ וַיִּלְדָּה הַלֹּדֶה וַיְגַדֵּל עַד כִּי־גָדַל מְאֹד: יד וַיְהִי־לוֹ
 מִקְנֵה־צֹאן וּמִקְנֵה בָקָר וַעֲבָדָה רַבָּה וַיִּקְנְאוּ אוֹתוֹ פְּלִשְׁתִּים:
 טו וְכָל־הַבְּאֵרוֹת אֲשֶׁר חָפְרוּ עֲבָדֵי אָבִיו בַּיָּמִי אַבְרָהָם אָבִיו סִתְּמוּם
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 יח וַיֵּשֶׁב יִצְחָק וַיַּחְפֹּר אֶת־בְּאֵרוֹת הַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר חָפְרוּ בַּיָּמִי אַבְרָהָם אָבִיו
 וַיִּסְתְּמוּם פְּלִשְׁתִּים אַחֲרָי מוֹת אַבְרָהָם וַיִּקְרָא לָהֶן שְׁמוֹת כַּשְׁמוֹת
 אֲשֶׁר־קָרָא לָהֶן אָבִיו: יט וַיַּחְפְּרוּ עֲבָדֵי־יִצְחָק בְּנַחֲל וַיִּמְצְאוּ־שָׁם בְּאֵר
 מַיִם חַיִּים: כ וַיְרִיבוּ רְעֵי גֵרָר עִם־רְעֵי יִצְחָק לֵאמֹר לָנוּ הַמַּיִם וַיִּקְרָא
 שֵׁם־הַבְּאֵר עֵשֶׂק כִּי הִתְעַשְׂקוּ עִמּוֹ: כא וַיַּחְפְּרוּ בְּאֵר אַחֲרֵת וַיְרִיבוּ
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 בְּאֶרֶץ: כג וַיַּעַל מִשָּׁם בְּאֵר שֶׁבַע: כד וַיִּרְא אֱלֹהֵי יי בַּלַּיְלָה הַהוּא וַיֹּאמֶר
 אֲנֹכִי אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם אָבִיךָ אֶל־תִּירָא כִּי־אַתָּה אֲנֹכִי וַבֵּרְכָתֶיךָ וְהָרַבִּיתִּי
 אֶת־זָרְעֶךָ בְּעֵבוֹר אַבְרָהָם עֲבָדֵי: כה וַיִּבְנוּ שָׁם מִזְבֵּחַ וַיִּקְרָא בְּשֵׁם יי
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 וַאֲחֻזַּת מִרְעֵהוּ וַפִּיכַל שׂר־צָבָאוֹ: כז וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָהֶם יִצְחָק מִדּוֹעַ בְּאַתֶּם
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 כִּי־הִיָּה יי: | עַמְדָּה וַנֹּאמֶר תְּהִי נָא אֵלֵהּ בַּיְנוֹתֵינוּ וּבֵינֵךְ וּנְכַרְתָּה בְּרִית
 עִמָּךְ: כט אִם־תִּעַשֶׂה עִמָּנוּ רְעָה כַּאֲשֶׁר לֹא נִגְעֲנוּךָ וְכַאֲשֶׁר עֲשִׂינוּ עִמָּךְ
 רַק־טוֹב וְנִשְׁלַחְךָ בְּשָׁלוֹם אֶתְּהָ עִתָּה בְּרוּךְ יי:

GENESIS 26:12-29

12 Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the Eternal One blessed him. 13 The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy. 14 He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines envied him. 15 So all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the time of his father Abraham, the Philistines stopped up, filling them with earth. 16 Then Abimelek said to Isaac, "Move away from us; you have become too powerful for us." 17 So Isaac moved away from there and encamped in the Valley of Gerar, where he settled. 18 Isaac reopened the wells that had been dug in the time of his father Abraham, which the Philistines had stopped up after Abraham died, and he gave them the same names his father had given them. 19 Isaac's servants dug in the valley and discovered a well of fresh water there. 20 But the herders of Gerar quarreled with those of Isaac and said, "The water is ours!" So he named the well Esek, because they disputed with him. 21 Then they dug another well, but they quarreled over that one also; so he named it Sitnah. 22 He moved on from there and dug another well, and no one quarreled over it. He named it Rehoboth, saying, "Now the Eternal One has given us room and we will flourish in the land." 23 From there he went up to Beersheba. 24 That night the Eternal One appeared to him and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bless you and will increase the number of your descendants for the sake of my servant Abraham." 25 Isaac built an altar there and called on the name of the Eternal One. There he pitched his tent, and there his servants dug a well. 26 Meanwhile, Abimelek had come to him from Gerar, with Ahuzzath his personal adviser and Phicol the commander of his forces. 27 Isaac asked them, "Why have you come to me, since you were hostile to me and sent me away?" 28 They answered, "We saw clearly that the Eternal One was with you; so we said, 'There ought to be a sworn agreement between us' —between us and you. Let us make a treaty with you 29 that you will do us no harm, just as we did not harm you but always treated you well and sent you away peacefully. And now you are blessed by the Eternal One."

II SAMUEL 23:1-17

These are the last words of David: "The inspired utterance of David son of Jesse, the utterance of the man exalted by the Most High, the man anointed by the God of Jacob, the hero of Israel's songs: "The Spirit of the Eternal One spoke through me; his word was on my tongue. The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me: 'When one rules over people in righteousness, when he rules in the fear of God, he is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain that brings grass from the earth.' "If my house were not right with God, surely he would not have made with me an everlasting covenant, arranged and secured in every part; surely he would not bring to fruition my salvation and grant me my every desire. But evil men are all to be cast aside like thorns, which are not gathered with the hand. Whoever touches thorns uses a tool of iron or the shaft of a spear; they are burned up where they lie." David's Mighty Warriors These are the names of David's mighty warriors: Josheb-Basshebeth, a Tahkemonite, was chief of the Three; he raised his spear against eight hundred men, whom he killed in one encounter. Next to him was Eleazar son of Dodai the Ahohite. As one of the three mighty warriors, he was with David when they taunted the Philistines gathered at Pas Dammim for battle. Then the Israelites retreated, but Eleazar stood his ground and struck down the Philistines till his hand grew tired and froze to the sword. The Eternal One brought about a great victory that day. The troops returned to Eleazar, but only to strip the dead. Next to him was Shammah son of Agee the Hararite. When the Philistines banded together at a place where there was a field full of lentils, Israel's troops fled from them. But Shammah took his stand in the middle of the field. He defended it and struck the Philistines down, and the Eternal One brought about a great victory. During harvest time, three of the thirty chief warriors came down to David at the cave of Adullam, while a band of Philistines was encamped in the Valley of Rephaim. At that time David was in the stronghold, and the Philistine garrison was at Bethlehem. David longed for water and said, "Oh, that someone would get me a drink of water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem!" So the three mighty warriors broke through the Philistine lines, drew water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem and carried it back to David. But he refused to drink it; instead, he poured it out before the Eternal One. "Far be it from me, The Eternal One, to do this!" he said. "Is it not the blood of men who went at the risk of their lives?" And David would not drink it. Such were the exploits of the three mighty warriors.

RABBI HELEN'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

This week I had the extraordinary privilege of taking part in the Marylebone Service which celebrates the diversity and creativity of this part of central London. We hosted it last year, this year it was the turn of the parish church where they hosted guest readers from the Jewish, Muslim, Hindu and Baha'i communities. Our theme was 'Unity through Diversity', where the prayers for peace, harmony, mutual respect and working together for a better world were illuminated by the music of their wonderful choir. Perhaps in this pre-election season, marred by division and hatred of difference, we people of faith can model a different way of interacting with the 'other' that enables trust and understanding to grow.

SEE YOU THERE

Sunday 1 December

World AIDS Day

6.00pm: Memorial Service, ALL Welcome, Free Entry

7.15pm: Concert, £25 (£20 Concession)

8.30pm: Meat-Free Buffet Supper £10

A Memorial Service, concert and buffet dinner, marking World AIDS Day in aid of AIDS Orphan, Israel AIDS Task Force and JAT (Jewish AIDS Trust).

Together with our friends the London Gay Men's Chorus, we come together again to remember those we have lost in the global war against HIV and AIDS and to celebrate the extraordinary advances made by the medical profession and hope for a world free from AIDS.

This year, we introduce an African theme to the event and welcome a new friend, AIDS Orphan, to highlight the situation throughout Africa, especially for children, many of whom have to face the prospect of living their lives without their birth parents.

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

YAD £15 only by prior registration at liav.yaniv@wls.org.uk - concert only

Thursday 12 December

12.15pm: Seymour Group Lunch

Guest speaker: Suzanne Higgott, Curator at the Wallace Collection – speaking on 'Sir Richard Wallace, The Most Fortunate Man of his Time – Connoisseur, Collector and Philanthropist'

£15 payable at the door. Book early by phoning Hermy Jankel on 020 7722 8489. If unavailable please leave a clear message. Cancellations only accepted before 10am on the preceding Monday. Otherwise you will be charged. Parking? We aim to finish by 2.30pm.

PLEASE NOTE:

- THE RABBIS DRINKS ON 12 DECEMBER HAS BEEN POSTPONED, NEW DATE 23 JANUARY 2020.
- THE KOLNOA SPECIAL SCREENING OF 'THE FORGOTTEN SOLDIER' HAS BEEN POSTPONED, NEW DATE 19 MARCH 2020