



Chadashot

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Torah and Haftorah Reading

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Torah Reading	856	915
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Haftorah will be read by Lewis Osborne		

Shabbat Day Education

Kiddush 'n' Learn

The Rabbi will speak after Kiddush in the main Shul.

Explore and Discover the Talmud

The Rabbi will be giving a Talmud Gemara Shiur before Mincha at **9.50 pm**.

Thoughts on Ethics of the Fathers

There will "Thought on the Mishna" during Seudat Shlishit.

Week in week out

Shabbat - Crèche

Monday - No Girls Guide

Tuesday - Friendship Club 1.45 pm to 3.45 pm. The speaker will be Myra Livingstone who will be speaking about her recent trip to Orkney.

Tuesday - Table Tennis from 7.30 pm

Wednesday - Mothers & Toddlers from 10 am to 11.30 am.

Wednesday - Chess Club from 7.30 pm

Minyan Call to all Men

It is the holiday season and some of our regular daily Minyan men are away so please come and help and don't assume there will be a Minyan without your presence.

Tweet of the Week

Jews cannot cure Anti-Semitism.

Only Anti-Semites can do that, together with the society to which they belong.

Emeritus Cheif Rabbi, Lord Jonathon Sack

Friday 29th June 2018

Mincha & Kabalat Shabbat at 8.10 pm
Candles should be lit between 8.18 pm and 8.35 pm

	Shacharit	Mincha	Mariv
Shabbat 30 th June	9.30 am	10.30 pm	11.37 pm
Fast of Tammuz Sunday 1st July	8.30 am	7.55 pm	
Fast begins 1.37 am and ends 11.21 pm			
Monday 2 nd July	7.20 am	8.10 pm	
Tuesday 3 rd July	7.30 am	8.10 pm	
Wednesday 4 th July	7.30 am	8.10 pm	
Thursday 5 th July	7.20 am & 9.15 am	8.10 pm	
Friday 6 th July	7.30 am	8.10 pm (candle lighting between 8.15 pm & 8.35 pm)	

The Congregation wishes "Long Life" to all those who are commemorating a Yahrzeit the forthcoming week

Shabbat 17 Tammuz - 30 June	Mr. B. Lovatt
Mrs. Y. Caplan	
Sunday 18 Tammuz - 1 July	Wednesday 21 Tammuz - 4 July
Mrs. W. Gardner	Mr. R.C. Barnett
Mrs. S. Karter	Mrs. J. Bromberger
Mr. S. Kingsley	Mr. A. Faber
	Mr. K. Gerber
Monday 19 Tammuz - 2 July	Mr. M.R. Goodman
Mr. S. Carr	Mrs. S.L. Jacobs
Mr. I. Gillman	Mrs. A. Spencer
Mrs. M. Gold	
Mr. N.D. Shaffer	Friday 23 Tammuz - 6 July
	Mr. W. Karpf
Tuesday 20 Tammuz - 3 July	Mr. P. Kay
Mrs. M. Berman	Mr. A. Steen
Mrs. H. Jacobson	Mrs. L. Vallance

Mazal Tov

To Karen & Garry Mann on their recent marriage, Mazal Tov to Dianna Wolfson and Viv Mann.

To Kalman & Esme Bookman on the engagement of their granddaughter Chevy, daughter of Daniel & Channa Bookman.



To Dianna Wolfson on the occasion of her very special birthday. Karen & Garry invite the community invite the congregation to a special celebratory Kiddush.

Special Joint Event

The Table Tennis Club are travelling to Edinburgh for a tournament against the Edinburgh Jewish Table Tennis Club at Edinburgh Synagogue, 4 Salisbury Road, on Sunday 8 July at 11.30 am - for more information contact David Moorin.

General Overview: In this week's Torah reading, Balak, King Balak of Moab retains the sorcerer Balaam to curse the Jewish people. Instead of curses, only blessings come out of his mouth—including prophecies concerning the Messianic redemption. Moabite women entice some of the Israelites to sin, resulting in a plague amongst the Jews. Phinehas zealously kills two of the high-ranking offenders, and the plague comes to an end.

First Aliyah: The Israelites have just conquered the Emorites and the Bashanites, the two mighty neighbours of Moab. Balak, king of Moab, worries that his nation would be the Israelites' next victim. He sends messengers to the Land of Midian, to Balaam, a famed non-Jewish prophet and sorcerer, asking him to come and curse the Jews. G-d appeared to Balaam that night and instructed him not to go to Moab. "You shall not curse the people because they are blessed!"

Second Aliyah: Balaam sent word with Balak's messengers that G-d doesn't permit him to go with them. So Balak sent more prestigious messengers to Balaam, promising him great riches in return for his services. Once again G-d appeared to Balaam. This time G-d allowed Balaam to go — provided that he only speak the words which G-d dictates to him.

Third Aliyah: Balaam leaves together with the Moabite dignitaries. G-d sends an angel with a drawn sword to block Balaam's path. While Balaam couldn't see the angel, the she-donkey he was riding did, and refused to move onwards, causing Balaam to strike her. The donkey miraculously speaks, admonishing Balaam for striking her. Eventually, G-d "opens Balaam's eyes," and he sees the angel. A conversation between Balaam and the angel ensues, wherein Balaam is chastised for his behavior towards his donkey, and again he is reminded only to say what G-d dictates to him. After this humbling episode, Balaam arrives in Moab where he is greeted by Balak.

Fourth Aliyah: Upon Balaam's instructions, Balak builds seven altars and offers sacrifices to G-d. G-d "chances" upon Balaam, and dictates to him the words he should repeat to Balak and his ministers: "From Aram, Balak the king of Moab has brought me, from the mountains of the east: 'Come, curse Jacob for me and come invoke wrath against Israel.' How can I curse whom G-d has not cursed, and how can I invoke wrath if the L-rd has not been angered?..." Balaam then proceeded to shower the Israelites with beautiful blessings and praises. When Balak responds angrily to the blessings, Balaam reminds him that he can only say that which G-d tells him to say.

Fifth Aliyah: Balak takes Balaam to another location, hoping that this new venue would be more inauspicious for the Jews. They again build altars and offer sacrifices, and again G-d dictates blessing for the Jews which Balaam repeats. "G-d does not look at evil in Jacob, and has seen no perversity in Israel; the L-rd, his G-d, is with [Israel], and he has the King's friendship..."

Sixth Aliyah: The entire process repeats itself once again, Balak takes Balaam to another place, hoping that Balaam can curse the Jews from there. For a third time they build altars and bring offerings, and for a third time, only blessings issue from Balaam's mouth: "How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel! ... G-d, who has brought them out of Egypt with the strength of His loftiness He shall consume the nations which are his adversaries ... Those who bless [them] shall be blessed, and those who curse [them] shall be cursed." At this point, Balak despairs of accomplishing his goal, and sends Balaam on his way.

Seventh Aliyah: Before leaving, Balaam prophesies about the end of days: "I see it, but not now; I behold it, but not soon. A star has gone forth from Jacob, and a staff will arise from Israel which will crush the princes of Moab and uproot all the sons of Seth..." He also speaks about the eventual destruction of Esau, Amalek and Assyria. Following Balaam's unsuccessful attempt to curse the Jewish nation, Moabite and Midianite women seduce many Jewish men. In the course of their seduction, they also entice the Jewish man to worship the Baal Peor deity. G-d commands Moses to execute the guilty people, and simultaneously a lethal plague erupts amongst the Jews. A Jewish leader, Zimri, publicly displays the Midianite princess with whom he was consorting. Phinehas, Aaron's grandson, kills them both, and the plague is halted.

Haftorah - Micah 5:6-8.

This week's haftorah makes mention of the incident of Balak the king of Moab hiring the sorcerer Balaam to curse the Jewish people — the main topic of this week's Torah reading.

The prophet Micah prophesies about what will occur after the war of Gog and Magog, the war which precedes the coming of the Messiah and the Final Redemption.

"And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples — like dew sent by G-d, like torrents of rain upon vegetation that does not hope for any man and does not wait for the sons of men." The prophet describes how G-d will remove the idols and sorcerers and how He will destroy the Jews' enemies.

The prophet Micah then goes on to rebuke the Jewish people for not observing G-d's commandments, calling as witness the "mountains and hills" — a reference to the Patriarchs and Matriarchs — and reminding them of the great things G-d had done for them. He took them out of Egypt and replaced the curses that Balaam son of Beor wanted to utter against them with blessings.

The Jewish people respond by saying that they do not know how to serve G-d and ask for guidance. The prophet reminds them of the Torah, and that all they need to do is contained within it: "He has told you, O man, what is good, and what G-d demands of you: but to do justice, love kindness, and walk discreetly with your G-d."