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Something for Everyone



Service Times

Shabbat (Rosh Chodesh)	
Kabbalat Shabbat	18:30
(Candle Lighting)	18:38
Shacharit	09:30
Leining	10:30
Mincha followed by Seudah & Ma'ariv	19:45
Shabbat Ends	20:54

Weekday		
	Shacharit	Mincha & Ma'ariv*
Sun**	08:45	19:30
Mon	07:00	19:30
Tues	07:00	19:30
Wed	07:00	19:30
Thur	07:00	19:30
Fri	07:00	18:15***
Candle Lighting	18:25	

* At Bowdon Shul
** Rosh Chodesh
*** Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

Chayim Arukim to all those who have Yahrzeit this week as follows

שבת 31 August 30 Av	Wendy Knopf Ruth Taube	Father Father
Sun 1 Sept 1 Ellul	Nick Freeman	Father
Mon 2 Sept 2 Ellul	Marilyn Segal	Mother
Tues 3 Sept 3 Ellul	Audrey Lister David Sallon	Father Brother
Wed 4 Sept 4 Ellul	Sandra Mason Shelley Ferster	Father Father
Thurs 5 Sept 5 Ellul	Muriel Mond Susan Lentin	Brother Mother
Fri 6 Sept 6 Ellul	Phillip Braunstein	Father
שבת 7 Sept 7 Ellul	Jonathan Brownson Michelle Rothburn	Father Father

Kiddushim
31 August
Shelley & Peter Stoll
7 September
Joanna & Richard Hyman
14 September
Suzanne & Edward Cobb



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Parshat Re'eh
Rosh Chodesh Ellul
29 Av 5779
30 August 2019

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Thought For The Week

Listen Up

In the early 1900's it was thought that people could learn while they are sleeping. This theory, called hypnopaedia, became popular in the 60's and people attempted to learn new materials by having recorded information playing while they were sleeping. More recent studies have found that while we sleep, our brains are able to perceive sounds and process them on a very basic level. However, our brains cannot organise information or learn anything remotely complex.

The opening words of this week's sidrah are: "See that I have presented before you a blessing and a curse. The blessing: that you should listen to the mitzvos of Hashem.."

Why does the blessing come when we listen? Why not when we keep or observe the mitzvot? The Ohr HaChaim (d. 1743) explains that listening is the foundation for everything. If we actively listen to the word of Hashem, sensitising ourselves to

the message, even if our actions aren't always perfect, our listening will guide us on the proper path.

We may not practice hypnopaedia in the classic sense, but we can sometimes be guilty of doing something similar during our waking hours. Like the actual sleeping person, we can process the sounds, but are we always listening?

Unfortunately I won't be in Shule this week, so you won't have an opportunity to practice hypnopaedia during my sermon... But we hope to see you all next week, and wanted to take this opportunity to wish a heartfelt Mazel Tov to Jay Stoll on the occasion of his aufruf, Mazel Tov to Shelley and Peter and all of the family. We look forward to sharing simchas in person in the future!

Rabbi Yisroel Binstock

Shabbat Weather

AM Showers
18° High
14° Overnight Low



Parsha Overview

First Aliyah - 17 verses

Moses informs the Israelites that they can be the recipients of either blessings or curses; blessings if they obey G-d's commandments, and curses if they do not. He further instructs them to proclaim blessings on Mount Grizzim and curses on Mount Eval. Moses then commands the Israelites to destroy all idols and their accessories that they will find when they enter Israel. In the future G-d will designate a specific location (Jerusalem) where He will rest His Presence. All sacrifices must be offered in this location.

Second Aliyah - 18 verses

It is permitted to slaughter cattle for consumption purposes in any place, but blood may never be eaten. Tithes and sacred foods may only be consumed in the designated holy city.

Third Aliyah - 22 verses

Moses admonishes the Israelites not to be lured by the abominable practices of the Canaanites, and to remain true to the Torah. Discusses false prophets. This section also prescribes the death penalty for one who attempts to entice others to idolatry, and the price paid by a city which has completely succumbed to idolatry.

Fourth Aliyah - 21 verses

We are forbidden to deface our bodies with tattoos or other forms of mutilation. The laws of kashrut are revisited.

Fifth Aliyah - 8 verses

Ma'aser Sheni and overdue tithes are discussed.

Sixth Aliyah - 18 verses

Shemittah is revisited, including the freeing of Jewish slaves in the seventh year.

Seventh Aliyah - 22 verses

The male firstborn of kosher cattle must be consecrated and given to the Kohen to eat. Pesach, Shavuot, and Sukkot are revisited. All males must be in attendance in the Holy Temple during these holidays.

FUN FACT

Almost every mitzvah in this week's parsha can only be performed in the Land of Israel.

JEWELS OF JUDAISM

Delve into the deeper side of Judaism

This week we take a look at the mitzvah of giving charity

The Gift That Keeps On Giving

A philosopher asked Rabbi Gamliel how he is able to give charity again and again without being afraid of compromising his financial position. How can one give away his money without worrying that perhaps he should have saved it for a time of need?

Rabbi Gamliel asked him whether he would ever give someone a loan.

"Depends on who is asking", the philosopher replied. "If the person was a stranger, I would be afraid of losing my money".

"What if the head of the government was offered as a guarantor?" asked Rabbi Gamliel.

"I would certainly lend him money under those circumstances, for I would be fully confident that my loan is guaranteed," stated the philosopher.

Rabbi Gamliel explained, "When someone gives charity, he actually extends a loan guaranteed by the Creator of the Universe. Scripture (Proverbs 19:17) states, 'One who gives graciously to the poor ex-

tends, as it were, a loan to Hashem, Who will pay back all that is due.' No one is as trustworthy as the Creator; if He guarantees to return a donor's money, why should anyone hesitate to give charity?!"

No one ever became poor from giving tzedaka properly. In fact, the opposite is true, in accordance with the verse, 'He who gives (charity) to the poor will

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not lack, whereas he who conceals his eyes will have many curses' (Proverbs 28:27). G-d returns money spent on tzedaka, whereas money withheld from the poor will be eventually lost.

The following basic halachot pertain to the mitzvah of giving charity:

□ The amount a person should give for tzedaka depends on his income; the more he earns, the

greater his obligation. A person with an average income should distribute one-tenth of his money to charity, and a rich person up to a fifth.

□ If someone has poor relatives, helping them takes priority; next he should give charity to poor neighbours; then to the poor of his city. If he has a choice between poor people of a different city and the poor in Eretz Yisrael, those in Israel take priority.

□ The mitzvah of tzedaka encompasses money or food.

□ If a poor person asks for charity in order to provide himself with clothing, we may investigate whether his request is legitimate; but if he asks for food, we must immediately give him some contribution.

□ Tzedaka should be given in a friendly manner and with encouraging words. One who gives angrily, even a large donation, loses the merit.

Based on
'The Midrash Says',
by Rabbi M. Weissman

If you would like to share your words of wisdom, please submit your article of no more than 500 words to nick@hale-community.org.uk



Pre Yom Tov Pop-Up!

Tuesday September 17th
11.30-3.30 & 7.00-9.00

At the home of Ginni Steinberg,
Lime Tree Cottage, Bollinway, Hale Barns WA15 0NZ

Donation: £10

Pop in for a glass of prosecco & refreshments
Opener: Lady Beryl Steinberg

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Messy play in the
sunshine. The children
enjoyed painting
outside.



Masada: History, Myth and Jewish Identity

*A fresh look at ancient events,
and tackling the recent controversies*

Presented by
Professor Tessa Rajak
Chair: Professor Philip Alexander

Tuesday 10 September - 7.30pm
Hale Synagogue, Shay Lane, WA15 8NZ

RSVP: info@haleshule.com

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community who is unwell,
in need of some support,
or just out of hospital?

Our aim is to help, support, or just
a friendly chat, when you need it,
and in complete confidence.

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Parsha Stats

Re'eh is the 47th of 54
sedras

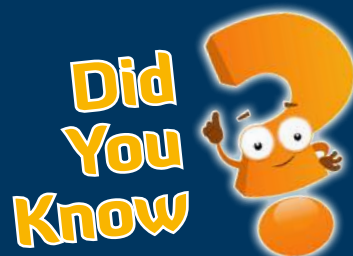
4th of 11 in Devarim

Written on 257.8 lines in a
Torah

126 verses - ranks 13th
(1st in Devarim)

1932 words - ranks 7th
(1st in Devarim)

7442 letters - ranks 7th
(1st in Devarim)



Re'eh contains an impressive
55 of the 613 mitzvot. 17 are
positive mitzvot, and 38 are
prohibitions. It is the 3rd most
mitzvah-intensive parsha.

The consecutive sedras of
Re'eh, Shoftim and Ki Teitzei
contain 170 mitzvot between
them.

In Parshat Shemini, the first
place where kosher and non-
kosher animals are presented,
only non-kosher animals are
named. In this week's parsha,
10 types of kosher mammals
are named.

Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan translates
the seven unfamiliar wild ko-
sher animals as: Gazelle, Deer,
Antelope, Ibex, Chamois, Bison
(or water buffalo), and Giraffe.



Question:

What's the difference
between a hippo and a zippo?

Answer:

One is really heavy, and the other
is a little lighter.



Tip #44

The Famous Five

Every day we recite the final five chap-
ters of Tehillim as part of Pesukei Dez-
imra. Each chapter explores a different
angle of praising Hashem each day.

Chapter 146 is interpreted as a hymn
of encouragement for Jews in exile; our
commitment to praise him Him each day
no matter what.

Chapter 147 focuses on Jerusalem, the
center from which holiness, redemption
and Torah will emanate.

TEFILLAH TIPS

Chapter 148 discusses how all of Crea-
tion joins to praise G-d.

Chapter 149 praises Hashem for provid-
ing us with the opportunity to solve and
grow from our challenges and problems.

The final chapter lists the full spectrum
of human emotions and spiritual poten-
tial, represented by the diverse range of
instruments. We repeat the final line to
signify that this section has ended.



Chassidus:
with **Rabbi Aharon**
Every Shabbat
8.50am-9.25am

Mincha & Ma'ariv during the summer will be joint with Bowdon Shul.

The schedule is as follows:

Sun 1 Sept - Thurs 5 Sept - Hale

Mazaltov to

Charlotte and Jonathan Cohen on the birth of a daughter, a granddaughter to Angela & Anthony Cohen.

Sharon & Elliott Cohen on the occasion of Ivri's forthcoming wedding to Kerrie Slager.

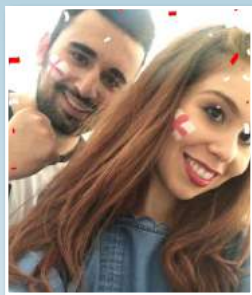
Shelley & Peter Stoll on the occasion of Jay's Aufruf.

As we approach the month of Elul and begin preparations for the High Holy Day Season, your council has been reviewing the Yom Kippur appeal recipients.

Last year we gave to:

Friendship Circle	The Fed
St Anne's Hospice	Hale Shule Education
Zaka	United Hatzala
UJIA	Israel Guide Dog Centre
Zichron Menachem	Or Meir v'Bracha
Magen David Adom	

Please can you let us know if you would like any other charities to be considered, by emailing info@haleshule.com



Youth Director's Announcement

We are delighted to announce the appointment of our amazing new Youth Directors at Hale Shule, Daniel and Tamara Haffner, who will be starting next week. This record signing was completed from Borehamwood & Elstree United Synagogue (where they have previously been Youth Directors) just before the close of the transfer window...

Daniel grew up in North Manchester, has been active in various areas in the Jewish community, studied in Yeshiva in Israel, has just finished his law degree, and is currently doing his articles. He's a keen sportsman, and has a track record of making youth programmes which are fun, vibrant and relevant to everyone. He wants to share his excitement for Judaism with our next generation.

Tamara is originally from London, and has a degree in Interior Design. She has been active in youth groups around the community, including camps and Shule. She passionately believes in the unique role that a Youth Director has in developing and empowering the youth of today.

We look forward to welcoming them to Hale!

Their Message:

Hey everyone, Tamara and Daniel here! We cannot wait to get started as your youth directors and meet you all! We'll have arrived in Hale next Shabbat so we look forward to seeing you all then...details to follow!! We also have some great events lined up for you throughout the year, so make sure to listen out for our first big event coming soon!!

In The Spotlight



Jay Stoll & Samantha Magnus

This week we are celebrating Jay's aufruf, and his forthcoming marriage to Samantha.

Jay met Sam in 2014 at the National Conference of the National Union of Students, and though that encounter was brief, it was another two years before they spoke again, bumping into each other whilst grabbing coffee in Parliament. They both work in Westminster: Jay (28) works for a Labour MP, and Sam works for a Conservative Secretary of State (making dinner conversations very interesting!)

Beyond politics, they love travelling (although Jay has a horrendous fear of flying), they enjoy music and food, and Sam loves when Jay cooks for her! They also find time for charity work too.

They will be celebrating with family and friends from London, Liverpool and Manchester, including proud grandparents Sue & Neville Johnson, Hazel & Arnold Stoll, and great grandma Joyce Hyman. We also welcome Sam's parents, Sharon & Adrian, to the community.

We wish Mazaltov to Shelley and Peter, and we thank them for their hospitality.