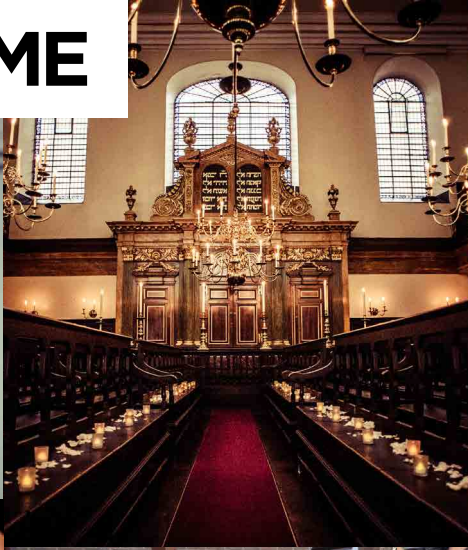


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Hello and WELCOME

I am pleased to present to the Kahal the latest edition of our community programme with thoughts from our rabbis on the attributes of our forefathers. We have many new and exciting events planned throughout the season and I hope that you will enjoy participating in them over the coming months.

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS - ABRAHAM ABINU

Ever since Abraham Abinu was a young boy, he searched for truth. He looked for causes of the phenomena that he observed in the world and found the ad hoc answers that people offered him insufficient. In his search for causes he came to discover the ultimate cause of all things, and in that discovery he found God.

God enters into a covenant with Abraham commanding him to walk before Him. Abraham, therefore, walked in front of G-d, on a journey of self-discovery and self-actualisation. It is important that we understand what it means to walk as Abraham did because we are his children and inheritors of his legacy.

Abraham challenged people's idols and their need to placate their psychology with superstitions. He encouraged people to question their assumptions about reality. He recognised that people were immersed in irrational fears and behaviours and were not interested in properly assessing reality. Instead they were locked into the confines of their own minds, worshipping their own ideas rather than God.

Abraham kept his assumptions about the nature of reality to a minimum and therefore did not assume that he knew how to serve God. He instead worked on connecting to God, the source of all existence, by cultivating and supporting life through helping others in the best way he could. We call this Hessed.

We call Abraham an Ab/Father, because his vision set the ultimate paradigm for the people of Israel. Like Abraham we strive to commit ourselves to searching for truth and cultivating life through true kindness. We see every aspect of creation as expressions of God and in them we discover Him. By being bold enough to relinquish our superstitions and false perceptions of reality we genuinely open ourselves to becoming true performers of kindness committed to life and viable paths forward. In doing so we walk in the footsteps of Abraham Abinu.




Rabbi Joseph Dweck
 SENIOR RABBI



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THE MISCONCEPTIONS SERIES

Join Rabbi Dweck in Hendon for the “Misconceptions” series, dealing with common misconceptions about Judaism.

At Porat Yosef Synagogue
Wednesday Nights
Begins Wednesday 13th January
9:00pm

ALL PREVIOUS CLASSES AVAILABLE ONLINE AT
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GREATER COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING



RABBI DWECK ON JEWISH LAW

Laws of Berakhot based on the rulings of Rabbi Ovadia Yosef zt'l.

Weekly Wednesday night class

🕒 **Begins 13th January**

🕒 **8:00pm**

📍 **Porat Yosef in Hendon**



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Weekly Wednesday night class

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RABBI DWECK AND FAMILY IN HENDON

R' Dweck and family will be visiting the Hendon community for a Shabbat. Please see local advertising for speaking and lecture appearances.

🕒 **19th/20th February**

📍 **Hendon**

To subscribe to the Wednesday night email list please visit
sephardi.org.uk/hendonlist

To subscribe to our regular mailing list to receive news and community announcements please visit
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ISAAC AND HIS FEAR

The emotion of fear is attributed to all of our Biblical forefathers. Abraham is described as one who fears God, and we are told that Jacob fears Esau. It is concerning Isaac, however, that the appellation of fear is most closely linked. Indeed, it is his son Jacob that invokes it. Jacob tells his father in law and uncle Laban that if it were not for the God of Abraham and the fear of Isaac, Laban would have sent him away empty-handed. What does the fear of Isaac in this context mean?

Fear is an emotion that can be both useful and damaging. Fear helps to turn us away from acting in dangerous ways. On the other hand, fear has the capacity to paralyze us, and to stop us from taking the kinds of risks necessary to succeed in life. Both of these kinds of fears are reflected in the treatment of Isaac's fear among the commentaries.

According to Kil Yakar, the fear in question refers to the fear Laban should have of Isaac. Jacob was indicating to his pursuer that Isaac was still alive and was a powerful man not to be reckoned with. On the other hand, Rashi and Ibn Ezra explain that the fear of Isaac is a euphemism for God, as in the One that Isaac fears. The 'fear of Isaac' can either be the 'fear of man' or the 'fear of God.'

It is not surprising that the word fear can imply two different things, as most qualities can either be healthy or destructive depending on context or degree. However, when it comes to fear of heaven, the very meaning of that fear is unclear. To describe a person as a 'fearer of heaven' is to give them praise. But what does it mean to 'fear heaven'?

Classically, to fear heaven is to fear retribution. The one who fears God does not sin because they believe in a God of justice. Such a person has great faith and is therefore praiseworthy. Rambam, however, explained fear of heaven in more conceptual terms. According to Maimonides to fear God is to be in awe of Him. A person looks at the world around them and cannot help but love such a creator, but at same moment they also become overwhelmed by His greatness and shrink in His presence. As with most things in life, the exact determination remains obscure, but finds itself somewhere along a continuum of possibilities. However, wherever we land on that spectrum, we strive to be like our forefathers in our relationship with God.

Rabbi Shalom Morris
BEVIS MARKS



BEVIS MARKS EVENTS



ASHLEY BLAKER STAND UP COMEDY NIGHT

Ashley Blaker - "Unfiltered"
The stand-up show from the only Charedi Jew in British comedy (Little Britain, The Matt Lucas Awards and many more). £15

- 🕒 **Wednesday 20th January**
- 🕒 **Doors 6:30pm**
- 🕒 **Show 7:00pm**
- 📍 **Book via <http://tinyurl.com/nghbkku>**



LIVING JEWISH - A PRACTICAL GUIDE

New monthly class with Rabbi Morris on living Jewish covering a wide variety of topics, all welcome.

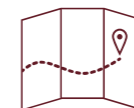
- 🕒 **Tuesday 2nd February - Kosher: In and Out**
- 🕒 **Tuesday 15th March - Purim**
- 🕒 **Tuesday 12th April - Pesah**
- 🕒 **Reception 6:15pm**
- 🕒 **Lecture 6:30pm**



THE UK JEWISH ARRIVAL WITH R' MORRIS

A monthly series on the unbelievable untold stories of how the Jews came to England (1656).

- 🕒 **Monday 18th January - Hebrews and Hebraists.**
- 🕒 **Monday 8th February - Kabbalah and Ashkenazim.**
- 🕒 **Monday 7th March - Native Americans and English Jews.**
- 🕒 **Monday 4th April - Cromwell, Catholics and Conversos.**
- 🕒 **6:15pm Reception**
- 🕒 **6:30pm Lecture**



R' DWECK AND FAMILY VISIT BEVIS MARKS

R' Dweck and family will be spending a Shabbat at Bevis Marks including a Friday Night Dinner and Shabbat Lunch.

- 🕒 **Shabbat 15th/16th January**



THE BEVIS TEA PARTY

Monthly discussion with Rabbi Morris on various topics combined with a relaxing cup of tea.

- 🕒 **Tuesday 19th January**
- 🕒 **Tuesday 9th February**
- 🕒 **Tuesday 22nd March**
- 🕒 **Tuesday 12th April**
- 🕒 **2:30-4:00pm**



TU BISHVAT CELEBRATION AND SOCIAL

Join Rabbi Morris at Bevis Marks on Tu Bishvat for some fruits and fruity cocktails.

- 🕒 **Monday 25th January**
- 🕒 **6:15pm**



BEVIS MARKS EVENTS



R' DWECK'S LECTURES AT BEVIS MARKS

Topical lectures with refreshments.
Topics TBA.

- 📅 Monday 15th February
- 📅 Monday 11th April
- 🕒 Reception 6:15pm
- 🕒 Lecture 6:30pm



MINYAN IN THE CITY

Rabbi Morris and Rabbi Dweck share quick thoughts after weekday Shahrit Services with breakfast.

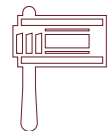
- 📅 Sunday to Friday mornings.
- 🕒 Shahrit service (7:15am Weekdays, 9:00am Sunday)



FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

We have a variety of themed Friday Night Dinners happening throughout the year at Bevis Marks.

- 📅 Friday 15th January - Community Dinner with Rabbi Dweck and Family.
- 📅 Friday 5th February - University Student Dinner.
- 📅 Friday 4th March - Community Dinner.
- 📅 Friday 18th March - Pre-Purim Young Professionals Dinner.
- 📅 Friday & Shabbat (Yom Tob) 22nd/23rd April - Communal Seder.
- 🕒 After Service and Kiddush
- 📍 Book via sephardi.org.uk/events



PURIM IN THE CITY

Open to all. Please join us for a Megilah reading followed by cocktails, hamentaschen and refreshments

- 📅 Wednesday Night 23rd March
- 🕒 Arbit and Megilah 6:30pm
- 📅 Thursday 24th March



CANDLES AND KIDDUSH

Every Friday night following services, everyone is welcome to attend our 'Candles and Kiddush'. For a light bite, socialising, words of Torah and songs.

- 📅 Friday Nights
- 🕒 6:30pm Friday Night Service followed by kiddush.



For the most up to date information please consult our website and weekly emails.



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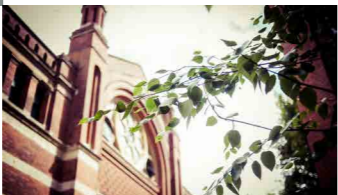
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- Monday 4th April
- 6:15pm Reception
- 6:30pm Lecture





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THE LIFE OF JACOB: IN BRIEF.

Torah descended from heaven with an ambitious task—teaching morality to a people created in G-d’s image. Our nation Israel was founded by the man Israel, named Jacob by his parents, renamed Israel in a vision of G-d. The standards demanded by the Torah are revealed in large part by its “warts and all” portrait of Jacob.

The boy Jacob is his mother’s favourite - better looking than his twin, smooth skinned, more helpful and more religious however he lacked the street smarts that his hunter brother possessed; you may say he was too sheltered. The manly Esav is his father’s favourite. The Torah tells how Jacob tricks Esav out of his birthright and out of his blessing.

Jacob refuses to feed his exhausted brother coming back from an expedition in the summer heat unless he receives Esav’s birth right as payment. Additionally, with help from his mother, Jacob steals Esav’s blessing for the best land and tribal leadership. Fearing Esav’s rage, Isaac sends Jacob to live with his Uncle Laban in distant Haran. Isaac recognised in Jacob his religious heir and this time blessed him knowing exactly who he was blessing. Alone in the desert, Jacob begins the process of growing up.

With the help of a Divine dream Jacob realises that to utilise his stolen blessing and birth right he must turn his life around. Jacob does become better but finds himself up against Uncle Laban—the master of tricks and manipulation. Jacob is tricked into an unwelcome marriage and later tricked out of his wages. The young Jacob grows into the man Jacob in the home of Laban but after a while he decides that he’d had enough of living in such a disreputable house and heads back home.

Jacob realises Esav is angry because he has been wronged . He assumes that paying compensation for the blessings he stole from his brother will buy back peace within the family. Esav accepts Jacob’s compensation and together they make peace; with Esav becoming more religious in the process (though just to please his parents). Later, together with Jacob, Esav buries his father Isaac.

Our father Israel grows up and grows honest. A good man despite his sheltered upbringing and the favouritism he received.

Jacob overcame his faults as best he could and went on to become great. Even today, Israel enjoys its inheritance from that distant Israel. Here, Israel prays that Israel shows the world it still deserves the birthright of Jacob and the blessing of Israel.



Rabbi Israel Elia
LAUDERDALE ROAD SYNAGOGUE



TU BISHVAT SEDER AND SHIUR WITH RABBI ELIA

Join Rabbi Elia as he shares thoughts on the meaning and beauty of Tu Bishvat, accompanied by a beautiful selection of delicious fruits and other refreshments.

Sunday 24th January
8:00pm - Tickets £5

Please book online at sephardi.org.uk





LAUDERDALE ROAD EVENTS



R' DWECK ON JEWISH PHILOSOPHY

An in-depth look at R' Moshe Hayim Luzzato's *Derekh Hashem*.

📅 **Re-Starts Tuesday 12th January**
🕒 **8:00pm**



SHABBAT SHIUR PROGRAMME

The Shabbat Shiur Programme with R' Dweck at Lauderdale Road features a shortened Shabbat morning service followed by a special shiur and a deluxe Kiddush.

📅 **Shabbat 9th January**
📅 **Shabbat 13th February**
📅 **Shabbat 16th April**



MADE IN HEAVEN

A five week series of workshops for engaged couples with Rabbi Israel Elia.

SERIES

📅 **Tuesday 12th January**
📅 **Tuesday 19th January**
📅 **Tuesday 26th January**
📅 **Tuesday 2nd February**
📅 **Tuesday 9th February**

SERIES

📅 **Tuesday 15th March**
📅 **Tuesday 22nd March**
📅 **Tuesday 29th March**
📅 **Tuesday 5th April**
📅 **Tuesday 12th April**



R' ELIA'S LEAD FROM THE FRONT

Want to lead services and read Haftarah in Synagogue? Come and learn with R'Elia, open to all levels, a fortnightly class.

📅 **Thursday 14th January**
📅 **Thursday 4th February**
📅 **Thursday 25th February**
📅 **Thursday 17th March**
🕒 **8:00pm**



R' ELIA'S BRINGING IT HOME

Monthly classes with R' Elia on how to conduct various life-cycle ceremonies in the home, such as Kiddush, Havdalah and lighting the Menorah.

📅 **Sunday 17th January**
📅 **Sunday 14th February**
📅 **Sunday 13th March**
📅 **Sunday 10th April**
🕒 **9:30am**



LAUDERDALE ROAD EVENTS



COOKING WITH MARGALIT AND LINDA

Come and learn exciting new dishes to spice up your table with our very own Margalit Dweck and Linda Dangoor. A three part series, with two evening options per class.

Session 1 - 30 Minute Meals

📅 **Monday 18th January**
🕒 **8:00pm to 9:30pm**

or

📅 **Wednesday 27th January**
🕒 **8:00pm to 9:30pm**

Session 2 - Rainy Day Meals

📅 **Monday 14th March**
🕒 **8:00pm to 9:30pm**

or

📅 **Wednesday 16th March**
🕒 **8:00pm to 9:30pm**

Session 3 - Gluten Free and Pesah Ready

📅 **Monday 11th April**
🕒 **8:00pm to 9:30pm**

or

📅 **Wednesday 13th April**
🕒 **8:00pm to 9:30pm**

📍 **All classes will take place at the home of the Dwecks'.**



LAUDERDALE LUNCH CLUB

A monthly Shabbat lunch for young families in the Fattal Succah after Kiddush, please book online. Continuing throughout the year.

📅 **Shabbat 23rd January**

📅 **Shabbat 19th March**

📅 **Shabbat 16th April**

🕒 **After Kiddush**

📍 **Book now via sephardi.org.uk**



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📅 **Sunday 24th January**

🕒 **8:00pm**

📍 **Book online now via sephardi.org.uk/events**



SENIOR RABBI'S COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB

We will be reading secular books of fiction and non-fiction and examining them from a Torah perspective – for more details, see the weekly S&P news.

📅 **Thursday 28th January - Capital by John Lanchester**

📅 **Thursday 25th February - The Youngest Science by Lewis Thomas**

📅 **Thursday 14th April**
🕒 **8:00pm**



FRIDAY NIGHT DESSERT AND DISCUSSION AT THE DWECKS'

During the winter months join Rabbi Dweck and Margalit in their home for some delicious desserts and light discussion after dinner.

📅 **Friday 29th January**

📅 **Friday 26th February**

📅 **Friday 18th March**

📅 **Friday 15th April**

🕒 **TBC**

📍 **RSVP to events@sephardi.org.uk**



ISRAEL: LIFE AND LEADERSHIP

A new speaker series featuring top Israeli leaders, innovators and professionals discussing life and leadership in Israel today.

*Dates and Speakers
to be announced
in January.*

Enquiries to events@sephardi.org.uk



LAUDERDALE ROAD EVENTS



NEWLY MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES DINNER

Rabbi Elia hosts a delicious dinner for newly married and engaged couples.

📅 *Friday 5th February*

📍 *Email diana@sephardi.org.uk for more information*



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS DINNER

S&P Sephardi together with TAL and Bendigamos host a lavish Young Professionals dinner.

📅 *Friday 11th March*

📍 *Bookings via www.torahactionlife.com*



PRE PURIM COMMUNITY LECTURE

Pre Purim Community Lecture with Rabbi Dweck. Topic TBC
RSVP to events@sephardi.org.uk

📅 *Monday 21st March*

🕒 *8:00pm*



LRSA SUPPER QUIZ

The Lauderdale Road Synagogue Association's annual supper quiz - an enjoyable evening with great food open to all held in the Montefiore Hall.

📅 *Sunday 7th February*

🕒 *8:00pm*

📍 *Please email Suzanne Magnus directly for bookings - suzanne@magnus.org*



MOVIE "KNIGHT" AND DISCUSSION

In preparation for Purim we will be watching The Dark Knight (2008) followed by a group discussion with Rabbi Dweck. Strictly 20's and 30's
RSVP to events@sephardi.org.uk for venue information. £3 Donation

📅 *Sunday 20th March*

🕒 *7:30pm*

📍 *Private Home Venue*



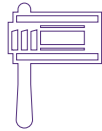
CARD AND GAMES EVENING

The Lauderdale Road Synagogue Association's annual card and game evening - an exciting event not to be missed.

📅 *Tuesday 8th March*

📍 *Booking information to follow*

LAUDERDALE ROAD EVENTS



PURIM

We have plenty going on over Purim at Lauderdale Road. Megilah reading food and more. Details TBC

📅 *Wednesday 23rd March*

📅 *Thursday 24th March*

🕒 *TBC*



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Friendship Club meets on a Wednesday afternoon and provides a warm, happy and friendly atmosphere for the more senior members of the community.

📅 *Wednesdays*

🕒 *12:30pm to 3:00pm*



ORIENTAL SERVICE

Rabbi Dweck will lead the Shahrut service as well as read from the Torah in the Oriental style along with the S&P Choir.

🕒 *Date TBC*



PRE PESAH COMMUNITY LECTURE

Pre Pesah Community Lecture with Rabbi Dweck. Topic TBC
RSVP to events@sephardi.org.uk

📅 *Monday 18th April*

🕒 *8:00pm*



LITTLE LAUDERDALES

Baby and toddler group open to all. Always open to new babies, toddlers and parents.

📅 *Thursday Mornings*

🕒 *10:00am to 11:30am*



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MOSHE - A GREAT AND HUMBLE LEADER

There are two verses in the Torah that seem to define Moshe Rabbeinu. Moshe is called the greatest prophet that ever lived and ever will. He is also referred to as Anav Mikkol Adam, the most humble person to walk the face of the planet.

Why does the Torah choose to refer to Moshe with these two specific traits and what is the connection between them?

Furthermore, the Meshech Chochma asks a brilliant question. We understand how Hashem can attest to Moshe being the greatest prophet who will ever live, as this is something that He is totally in control of. But how can Hashem guarantee that there will never be a person to live who is as humble as Moshe?

The answer he suggests is that these two things are totally interlinked. The reason why there can never be a man as humble in this world as Moshe, is because he was the greatest prophet!

He explains that the higher the level the prophet, meaning the higher level of revelation they have been exposed to, the more humble the prophet becomes.

The idea seems completely counter-intuitive. Meaning the greater the person, the more he sees Hashem and the wonders of His creation, the more humble that person becomes!

To be a leader of the Jewish people therefore means to be someone who doesn't allow the greatness to go to his head. His greatness, the heights that he reaches, are things that cause him to be more humble and realise that Hashem is the One in control and has allowed him to reach such heights.

A leader of the Jewish people must be humble because his humility is a sign of true fear of G-d and the understanding, as Moshe surely understood, that a leader is there to use his strengths for greatness, to lead and help the people do what's right, but ultimately to lead them on the right path that Hashem has set forth for them.

Rabbi Yitsy David
S&P SEPHARDI YOUTH
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SUNDAY MORNINGS WITH RABBI DWECK FOR BAR/ BAT MITZVAH-AGED STUDENTS

R' Dweck meets with Bar and Bat Mitzvah aged students at his home every other Sunday morning to discuss the principles of Judaism. Breakfast is served.

📍 Begins 10th January



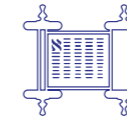
TU BISHVAT YOUTH PARTY

Join Rabbi Yitsy and his family for Pizza & chips, Fresh Fruit Smoothies & Milkshakes!

📅 Monday 25th January

🕒 6:00pm

📍 R' Yitsy's flat



YOUTH TAKEOVER SHABBAT

S&P Sephardi Youth Takeover Services at Lauderdale Road.

📅 Shabbat 26th March



YOUTH MINYAN

Contact R' Yitsy for more details
Open to post Bar/Bat-Mitzvah.

📅 Shabbat 16th January



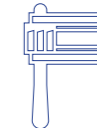
SHABBAT EXTRAVAGANZA

Monthly expanded and interactive children's services with special themed Kiddush, raffles and prizes (From toddlers to teens).

📅 Shabbat 30th January

📅 Shabbat 27th February

📅 Shabbat 19th March



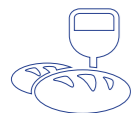
PURIM

After Megilah reading we have a fun packed evening for families followed by an amazing Purim Party for teens.

📅 Wednesday 23rd March



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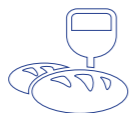


YOUTH FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

Join Rabbi Yitsy and Ruti in the flat for a delicious Friday night dinner

📅 Friday 15th January

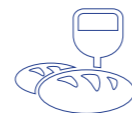
Details TBA



KIDS SHABBAT LUNCH

Join Rabbi Yitsy and Ruti in the flat for a delicious lunch. School Years 2 - 6

📅 Shabbat 30th January



YOUNG FAMILIES SHABBAT LUNCH

Join Rabbi Yitsy and Ruti for a delicious Shabbat lunch with other young families in the community whilst your children are entertained by our madrichim.

📅 Shabbat 26th March



SHAARE TIKVAH SUNDAY CLASSES

Weekly Sunday morning classes for children ages four to GCSE year. For more information contact rabbimorris@sephardi.org.uk

📅 Every Sunday



MOTSA'EI SHABBAT EVENTS

Watch this space for some exciting Motsei Shabbat Events coming up!

📅 Motsa'ei Shabbat 16th January

📅 Motsa'ei Shabbat 12th February



For the most up to date information please consult our website and weekly emails.

WIN A TURN & TAKE A SPIN, GET A BLUE & A SECRET PRIZE YOU WILL WIN!



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Contact R' Yitsy - yitsy@chazak.org.uk for more info



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AHARON - HOW TO START A PEACE PROCESS

SHALOM. One of the most ubiquitous words in Judaism. The first word we say when we greet someone is Shalom, Peace. Every day, three times a day, we conclude the amidah with a prayer for peace. On Shabbat we bless each other with a hearty Shabbat Shalom. The last word in the Priestly Blessing is Shalom.

Aharon Hakohen's name is synonymous with peace. Aharon loved and pursued peace and was an expert at resolving fractured relationships. Indeed, Aharon's death, in contrast to Moshe's, was marked by the entire Jewish nation; men, women and children wept for him for 30 days. His ability to facilitate peace was sorely missed by all segments of the Jewish nation. What was the secret of his success?

On the day of the inauguration of the Tabernacle, Nadab and Abihu, the two eldest sons of Aharon, met an untimely death as a result of offering incense which they had not been commanded to offer. The Torah's description of Aharon's reaction to the death of his two sons is profound: "Vayidom Aharon", "And Aharon kept silent". Being that Nadab and Abihu were attempting to draw near to G-d, Aharon could have questioned the fairness of their deaths. Instead, he remained silent and resigned himself to the just sentence G-d had imposed upon his sons.

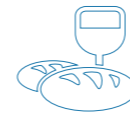
Aharon has just lost his eldest two sons, who were engaged in serving G-d and he doesn't even question it? Astoundingly, Aharon retains his composure and willingly accepts the Divine Decree. He receives the most tragic news with such equanimity and serenity. He was at peace with the situation and with himself. Here, Aharon clearly demonstrates his accepting and peaceful characteristics. Peace is being able to tolerate and respect other people's decisions and Aharon's nature epitomized this quality. When two dissenting parties would observe Aharon they would be reminded how to accept the trials and tribulations of life and be respectful of other's views and opinions.

The first step to being at peace with others is to be at peace with oneself. When one works on accepting challenges in life, when one uses the difficulties in life as springboards for success, then he can begin to be at peace with others.

'Hillel said: be of the students of Aharon: Love peace and pursue peace; love people and bring them close to the Torah' (Ethics of the Fathers 1:12).

Shalom.

Rabbi Danny Kada
WEMBLEY



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📅 **Sunday 10th January**

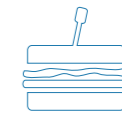
🕒 **8:30am Shahrit**



R' YITSY AND FAMILY VISIT WEMBLEY

R' Yity and family will be spending a Shabbat at Wembley, including a Friday Night Dinner.

📅 **Shabbat 5th/6th February**



NEW YORK DELI AND BINGO EVENING

Join us for an exciting bingo evening with some fantastic New York Deli style food. For more information email rabbikada@sephardi.org.uk

📅 **Sunday 6th March**

🕒 **6:30pm**



TOOTY FRUITY KIDDUSH

Just before Tu Bishvat we will have a fruit themed Tu Bishvat Kiddush

📅 **Shabbat 23rd January**



R' KADA'S MONTHLY ROSH HODESH SHIUR

R'Kada will be giving a monthly topical shiur on Rosh Hodesh of each month

📅 **Sunday 14th February - Why bad things happen to good people**

📅 **Sunday 3rd April - Understanding Pesah**

🕒 **6:30pm**



For the most up to date information as well as event bookings please consult our website and weekly emails.



WEMBLEY EVENTS



PURIM PARTY AND MEGILAH READING

Entertainment and food for all after our Megilah reading

📅 *Wednesday 23rd March*

🕒 *6:30pm*



R' KADA'S MONTHLY Q & A

R' Kada takes questions from the Wembley Congregation on the third Shabbat of each month instead of a sermon. Please forward your questions to rabbikada@sephardi.org.uk

📅 *Third Shabbat of the month*



CHILDREN'S SERVICES

There will be a children's service on third Shabbat of the month.

📅 *Third Shabbat of each month*



R' DWECK AND FAMILY VISIT WEMBLEY

R' Dweck and family will be spending a Shabbat at Wembley, including a Friday Night Dinner.

📅 *Shabbat 25th to 26th March*



FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

There will be a Friday night service on the first and third Shabbat of each month followed by a hot kiddush.

📅 *First and Third Shabbat of each Month*

🕒 *6:30pm*



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Eliezer - Eved Avraham : Guest Debar Torah

Eliezer was an assistant to Avraham Avinu, who, behind the scenes, leads a multi-layered life of crucial significance for the foundation of Klal Yisrael. We are not told anything about his origins nor about his eventual destiny, but he was a loyal and trustworthy servant of Avraham through difficult and trying times.

Here are three key moments in his life which illustrate his extraordinary qualities.

1. Avraham, in Parshat Lech Lecha, needs to go into battle against the four most powerful tribal leaders of the region in order to save his nephew Lot, who did not deserve to be saved in his own merit. However, in one of the unfathomable twists of Jewish history, Lot was going to become the ancestor of David Hamelech. Lot is being saved in the zechut of his progeny despite his own shortcomings. In this battle, Avraham is greatly outnumbered and also untrained in warfare. He mobilises "318 of his students" (Br.14.14) referred to as "chanichav" who Rashi understands to be a reference to Eliezer and that 318 is the gematria of the name Eliezer. The use of that number in the pasuk alludes to the fact that the ultimate victory is attributed to Eliezer. So the first appearance of Eliezer is as the military Chief of Staff of Avraham in a crucial battle to save the ancestor of the future David Hamelech.

2. The second reference to Eliezer appears (Br.15.2) when Avraham says that in the absence of children, all he has in this world by way of continuity is "Damesek Eliezer". While the pshat of the word "Damesek" is simply the town Damascus, Rashi cites the Midrash that this alludes to Eliezer as the one who was "doleh u'mashkeh mi'torat rabbo le'acherim" - meaning that Eliezer was transmitting to mankind the wisdom and teachings of Avraham. Clearly his role was not only military, but also in the life-work of Avraham, in spreading the light of Emunah and Chesed to the world.

3. A third reference is in Parshat Chayei Sarah in finding a wife for Yitzchak, Avraham instructs someone who is described (Br.24.2) as the "zekan beito ha'moshel be'kol asher lo", - meaning a fully trusted individual totally in charge of the estate and household of Avraham. Chazal identify this person as Eliezer. This project requires total Emunah, very sound judgement, diplomacy and negotiation skills of the highest level.

Eliezer is able to function here in a self-effacing manner and become nothing more than a "sheliach", - an extension of his master Avraham Avinu, who is able to connect with the tefillot and the zechut of the person who has sent him on this mission. His name is not mentioned at all in this parsha, as he as an individual ceases to exist as he becomes the "yadda arichta", the outstretched arm of Avraham Avinu.

Eliezer Eved Avraham eventually disappears off the map of Jewish history, but only after he has personified for us a life of total dedication to Avraham, using all his considerable skills as a military leader, an effective educator and a diplomatic negotiator all combined in the personality of one truly remarkable individual.

Rabbi Alan Kimche
RAV OF NER YISRAEL COMMUNITY, HENDON



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Please use the following calendar for more details about all our upcoming events. The key above will help you to identify the various venues for each of the events on the calendar.

* = Birkat HaHodesh (Blessing the new month)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
3	4	5	6 Friendship Club
10 Chief Rabbi Mirvis Shahrit & Breakfast 8:30am	11	12 RJD on Rambam R' Dweck Philosophy 8:00pm Made In Heaven	13 Friendship Club R' Dweck Halakha & Philosophy 8-10pm
17 RIE Bringing it Home 9:30am	18 UK Jewish Arrival 6:15pm Cooking with M & L 8:00pm	19 RJD on Rambam The Bevis Tea Party 2:30pm R' Dweck Philosophy 8:00pm Made In Heaven	20 Friendship Club RJD Halakha & Philosophy 8-10pm Stand Up Comedy 6:30pm
24 Tu Bishvat Seder and Shiur with RIE 8:00pm	25 Youth Tu Bishvat Event 6:00pm Tu Bishvat Celebration and Social 6:15pm	26 RJD on Rambam RJD Philosophy 8:00pm Made In Heaven	27 Friendship Club Cooking with M & L 8:00pm RJD Halakha & Philosophy 8-10pm
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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Friday Night Services Shabbat Begins 3:47pm	2 Shemot Shabbat Ends 4:57pm
7 Little Lauderdals	8 Shabbat Begins 3:55pm	9 Vaera* Shabbat Shiur Programme Shabbat Ends 5:05pm
14 Little Lauderdals RIE Lead From The Front 8:00pm	15 RJD on Rambam Friday Night Services RJD and Family - Dinner Youth Dinner Shabbat Begins 4:05pm	16 Bo RJD and Family RDK Monthly Q&A / Children's Service Youth Minyan Shabbat Ends 5:14pm
21 Little Lauderdals	22 RJD on Rambam Shabbat Begins 4:17pm	23 Beshalah Tooty Fruity Kiddush Lauderdale Lunch Club Shabbat Ends 5:25pm
28 Little Lauderdals Book Club 8:00pm	29 RJD on Rambam Dessert and Discussion Shabbat Begins 4:29pm	30 Yitro Youth Shabbat Extravaganza Kids Shabbat Lunch Shabbat Ends 5:36pm



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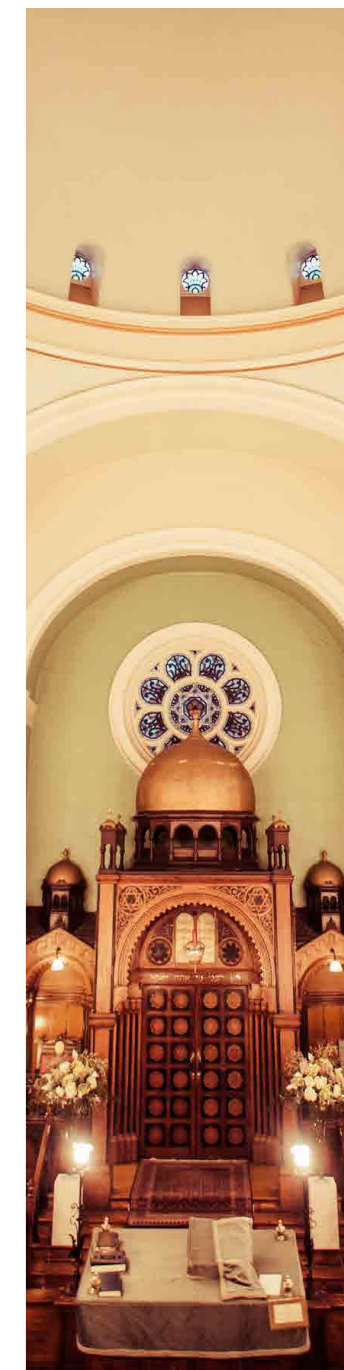


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	1	2 RJD on Rambam Living Jewish 6:15pm RJD Philisophy Class 8:00pm Made In Heaven	3 RJD Halakha & Philosophy 8-10pm Friendship Club
7 LRSA Supper Quiz 8:00pm	8 UK Jewish Arrival 6:15pm	9 RJD on Rambam The Bevis Tea Party 2:30pm RJD Philisophy Class 8:00pm Made In Heaven	10 Friendship Club RJD Halakha & Philosophy 8-10pm
14 RIE Bringing it Home 9:30am RDK Rosh Hodesh Lecture 6:30pm	15 R' Dweck Lecture 6:15pm	16 RJD on Rambam	17 Friendship Club RJD Halakha & Philosophy 8-10pm
21	22	23 RJD on Rambam RJD Philisophy Class 8:00pm	24 Friendship Club RJD Halakha & Philosophy 8-10pm
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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 Little Lauderdales RIE Lead From The Front 8:00pm	5 RJD on Rambam Friday Night Services R'Yitsy and Family Uni Student Dinner Newly Married Couples Dinner <i>Shabbat Begins 4:42pm</i>	6 <i>Mishpatim*</i> R'Yitsy and Family <i>Shabbat Ends 5:48pm</i>
11 Little Lauderdales	12 RJD on Rambam <i>Shabbat Begins 4:55pm</i>	13 Shabbat Shiur Programme Terumah <i>Shabbat Ends 6:00pm</i>
18 Little Lauderdales	19 RJD on Rambam Friday Night Services RJD and Family <i>Shabbat Begins 5:07pm</i>	20 Tetzaveh RJD and Family RDK Monthly Q&A / Children's Service <i>Shabbat Ends 6:12pm</i>
25 Little Lauderdales RIE Lead From The Front 8:00pm Book Club 8:00pm	26 RJD on Rambam Dessert and Discussion <i>Shabbat Begins 5:20pm</i>	27 Ki Tisa Youth Shabbat Extravaganza <i>Shabbat Ends 6:24pm</i>



MARCH



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		1 RJD on Rambam RJD Philisophy Class 8:00pm	2 Friendship Club RJD Halakha & Philosophy 8-10pm
6 New York Deli and Bingo Evening 6:30pm	7 UK Jewish Arrival 6:15pm	8 RJD on Rambam RJD Philisophy Class 8:00pm LRSA Card and Games Evening	9 Friendship Club RJD Halakha & Philosophy 8-10pm
13 RIE Bringing it Home 9:30am	14 Cooking with M & L 8:00pm	15 RJD on Rambam Living Jewish 6:15pm RJD Philisophy Class 8:00pm Made In Heaven	16 Cooking with M & L 8:00pm Friendship Club RJD Halakha & Philosophy 8-10pm
20 Movie "Knight" 7:30pm	21 RJD Community Pre Purim Lecture 8:00pm	22 RJD on Rambam The Bevis Tea Party 2:30pm RJD Philisophy Class 8:00pm Made In Heaven	23 Taanit Esther Friendship Club
27	28	29 RJD on Rambam Made In Heaven	30 Friendship Club RJD Halakha & Philosophy 8-10pm

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3 Little Lauderdals	4 RJD on Rambam Friday Night Services Community Dinner Shabbat Begins 5:31pm	5 Vayakhel/Shekalim* Shabbat Ends 6:34pm
10 Little Lauderdals	11 RJD on Rambam YP Friday Night Dinner Shabbat Begins 5:43pm	12 Pekude Shabbat Ends 6:47pm
17 Little Lauderdals RIE Lead From The Front 8:00pm	18 RJD on Rambam Friday Night Services Pre-Purim YP Dinner Dessert and Discussion Shabbat Begins 5:55pm	19 Vayikra/Zahor RDK Monthly Q&A / Children's Service Youth Shabbat Extravaganza Lauderdale Lunch Club Shabbat Ends 6:59pm
24 Purim Little Lauderdals	25 RJD on Rambam RJD and Family Shabbat Begins 6:07pm	26 Tzav RJD and Family Youth Young Families Shabbat Lunch Youth Takover Shabbat Shabbat Ends 7:11pm START OF BST



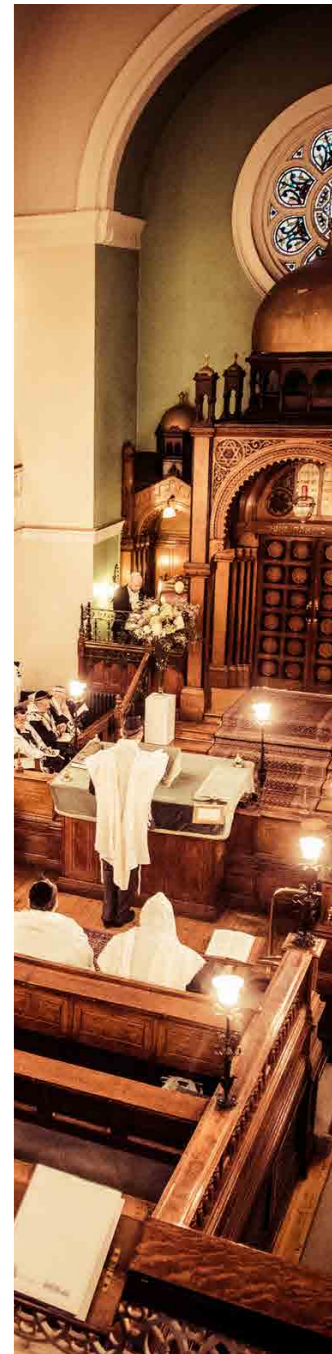
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17	18 RJD Community Pre Pesah Lecture 8:00pm	19 RJD on Rambam	20
24 Pesah II Yom Tob Ends 9:04pm	25 Hol HaMoed	26 Hol HaMoeD	27 Hol HaMoed

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	1 RJD on Rambam Friday Night Services Shabbat Begins 7:19pm	2 Shemini/Parah Shabbat Ends 8:23pm
7 Little Lauderdales	8 RJD on Rambam Shabbat Begins 7:31pm	9 Tazria/HaHodesh* Shabbat Ends 8:36pm
14 Little Lauderdales Book Club 8:00pm	15 RJD on Rambam Friday Night Services Dessert and Discussion Shabbat Begins 7:43pm	16 Metzora/HaGadol Shabbat Shiur Programme RDK Monthly Q&A/ Children's Service Lauderdale Lunch Club Shabbat Ends 8:49pm
21 Little Lauderdales	22 Taanit Behorot Erub Tabshilin Communal Seder Shabbat and Yom Tob Begins 7:54pm	23 Pesah I Communal Seder Shabbat Ends / 2nd Day Begins 9:02pm
28 Yom Tob Begins 8:04pm Little Lauderdales	29 Pesah VII Shabbat and 2nd Day Yom Tob Begins 8:06pm	30 Pesah VIII Shabbat and Yom Tob Ends 9:15pm



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