

Chigshul

W E E K L Y



25th June 2022— 26th Sivan 5782

Shelach Lecha—שְׁלַח לְכָה



The Haftarah this week is being read by

Cyril Simmons



<i>This week's Sedra and Haftarah can be found in your Chumash</i>	Sedra	Artscroll p978	Hertz p623
	Haftarah	ArtScroll p1184	Hertz p635

Mazel tov to **Aydin Mansoor** on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah.

Mazel tov to mum **Natalie** and brothers **Dylan & Narelle** and **Auntie Leora Shalom.**

This week's kiddush is sponsored by **Sylvia & Cyril Simmons** for the occasion of Cyril's 90th birthday.

This week's whisky bar is sponsored by **Andrea & Jack Pikus** on the occasion of their grandson **Sammy Zeff's** engagement to **Amber Forman.**

Wishing mazeltov to **Lara & Adam** with **Danielle & Paul** and **Ian & Jo.**

Also wishing mazel tov to all grandparents.

SHABBAT CLUB

	Toddlers 11:00– 12:00	Primary school children 11:00–12:00
Shabbat	✓	✓

Sedra Lite

BY RABBI DAVIS



Sheleach Lecha

Why did the Jews have to wander in the desert for 40 years?

This week's portion opens with Moses sending twelve 'princes' to the Land of Israel, one representative from each tribe. Their mission was 'latur et ha'aretz', to be tourists in the Land, to build up the people's enthusiasm for the Land and to prepare for each tribe's allocation within the it. They were not asked to act as spies; the Hebrew word for spy – meragel – does not appear in Shelach Lecha. On their return, these representatives reported on "a land flowing with milk and honey" and they brought back some of its luscious fruit.

So why did it all end so badly? Having praised the Land, ten of the men said efes, which means 'zero' or 'nothing': all the good of the Land is worthless because it is also a land containing powerful people and fortified cities and "we were like grasshoppers in their eyes"; they are strong, we are weak and we don't stand a chance.

Two of the spies, Calev and Joshua, tried to speak up against the majority: "the land which we passed through is an exceedingly good land; just don't rebel against G-d".

But the people ignored Calev and Joshua. They also forgot G-d's promise to deliver the Land into their hands, G-d who had brought the Ten Plagues, split the sea and performed daily miracles for them in the desert. The people despaired of being able to enter the Land of Israel, and they resolved to appoint a new leader who would return them to Egypt.

When G-d heard this, He declared to Moses that He would destroy the people and start again with him. Moses argued that the nations of the area would say that G-d had killed His own people due to His inability to bring them into the Land. This would be a desecration of G-d's Name.

G-d accepted Moses' pleas and decreed that the nation would wander in the desert for a further 39 years. The generation that had left Egypt would die out and their children would inherit the Land that their parents had rejected.

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What's going on?

COMMUNITY EVENTS

<p>Sunday 26th June</p> <p>6:30pm—Mincha</p> <p>7:00pm Concert</p>	<p>Rabbi & Nechama Davis's Farewell concert. Featuring many special guests including the Chief Rabbi.</p> <p>If you have booked your place, please ensure that you bring your ticket with you and enter through the car park gates. The car park will not be in use. If you are able, to please do walk to shul. We ask that if you are parking that you are courteous to our neighbours. Thank you.</p>
<p>Sunday 3rd July</p> <p>7:30pm</p>	<p>Ladies Cocktail & Games Night with our very own Carol Chessis of @grandmasginparlour.</p> <p>Cost £10 includes drinks and refreshments. Book online at www.chigshul.org.uk/events.</p>

The people regretted their misjudgement and rose up early the next day, ready to go up to the Land. But it was too late. Moses warned them to remain in the camp, because G-d had said that He wouldn't protect them. But they ignored him, went ahead and were crushed by the Canaanites.

There are two important mitzvot in Shelach Lecha, challah and tzitzit. Challah is the dough that must be set aside when baking bread, and, in Temple times, was given to the Kohen. These days, it is burnt. All bread and matzah (not just challah!) that is baked under kashrut supervision has challah separated from it by the bakeries themselves.

The mitzvah of tzitzit is in the third paragraph of the Shema, which is at the end of the sidra.

Events in today's Haftarah occurred about 39 years later, when the Israelites were again poised to enter the Land of Israel. They sent two spies to Jericho, both of whom returned with an encouraging report.

Shabbat Shalom

Shul Service Times

	Shacharit	Mincha/ Maariv	
Friday 24th June	7:00am	7:15pm	<i>Shabbat commences at 9:08pm Earliest candle-lighting 7:37pm</i>
Shabbat 25th June	9:15am	6:30pm	<i>Shabbat concludes 10:28pm</i>
Sunday 26th June	8:30am	6:30pm	
Monday 27th June	7:00am	7:30pm	
Tuesday 28th June	7:00am	7:30pm	
Wednesday 29th June	7:00am	7:30pm	<i>Rosh Chodesh Tammuz I</i>
Thursday 30th June	7:00am	7:30pm	<i>Rosh Chodesh Tammuz II</i>
Friday 1st July	7:00am	7:15pm	<i>Shabbat commences at 9:07pm Earliest candle-lighting 7:37pm</i>
Shabbat 2nd July	9:15am	9:00pm	<i>Shabbat concludes 10:28pm</i>

Stone Settings

17th July	11:00am	Arnold Grayson	Waltham Abbey
31st July	12:30pm	Stephanie Wynne	Waltham Abbey

More info online - www.chigshul.org.uk

For details of other events in the local Jewish community see www.ejcc.co.uk

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