

Chigshul

WEEKLY



2nd Kislev 5782

Toledot — תולדות

6th November 2021




This week's Haftarah is being read by
Andrew Preston



<i>This week's Sedra and Haftarah can be found in your Chumash</i>	Sedra	ArtScroll p124	Hertz p93
	Haftarah	ArtScroll p1137	Hertz p102

We would like to welcome members who have joined the Chigwell & Hainault family in the last 18 months to a hot cholent and kugel kiddush after the service to meet the Rabbonim, Honorary Officers & Community.

SHABBAT CLUB

	Toddlers 11am in the Board Room	Primary School Children 11:00 in the hall
Shabbat	✓	✓

Sedra Lite

BY RABBI DAVIS



Toledot 5782

Toledot opens with the statement “*ve’eleh toledot Yitzchak ben Avraham...* - and these were the descendants of Isaac, son of Abraham; Abraham fathered Isaac”. Isaac’s biggest contribution is that he continued the legacy of his father Abraham and passed it on to his son Jacob. We see this at the end of this week’s sidra, where Isaac grants Jacob the blessing of Abraham.

Isaac and Rebecca were childless for the first twenty years of their marriage. The Torah tells us that they both prayed for children and G-d answered their prayers. Rebecca became pregnant and was carrying twins who fought inside her womb. She received a prophecy that she was carrying two very different nations who would struggle with each other.

The Torah describes Esau as a ruddy, hairy baby who grew up to be a hunter. Our rabbis explain the phrase ‘Esau hunted with his mouth’ to mean that, not only was he a violent man, but he also used to trap people with his deceit. Jacob spent his time ‘in tents’, which is thought to refer to the tents of his righteous forebears, Shem (Noah’s son), and Ever, Shem’s great-grandson, both of whom were still alive.

Jacob and Esau grew up. One day, Esau, the older twin, returned from his hunting to find Jacob cooking some lentils. In a rather coarse way, he asked Jacob to pour him ‘some of this red stuff’. In return, Jacob asked Esau to sell him his birthright. Isaac’s first-born son was to be devoted to the service of G-d and to the sacred family traditions. Esau responded: “*Behold I am going to die, so what use do I have for a birthright?*” Esau sold the birthright to Jacob and the Torah testifies that Esau despised his birthright. (Ch. 25, v.34).

A major famine in the Land of Canaan (Israel) caused Isaac to move to the nearby land of the Philistines, possibly due to the wells dug there by his father Abraham, which were a vital source of water at that time. Blessed by G-d, Isaac was able to grow a large crop that year, despite the famine. He became very wealthy and the Philistines grew jealous, to the point that they stopped up Abraham’s wells. King Avimelech expelled Isaac and his family, but then followed them all the way to Beersheva where they made a peace treaty.

The second half of *Toledot* deals with Jacob receiving the blessing intended for Esau, as a result of Jacob’s deception of their father Isaac. This story is very complex. On the one hand, it seems that the Torah does not condone Jacob’s behaviour, as he himself suffers, repeatedly being deceived, first by Lavan and then by his own sons in the Joseph story.

On the other hand, it is clear that Isaac himself came to realise that this blessing was destined for Jacob. We also see that Isaac later blessed Jacob with the precious blessing of Abraham, which included the right to the Land of Israel. This was never intended for Esau.

This week’s *haftarah* contrasts G-d’s love of Jacob with His rejection of Esau and concludes with the virtues of Aaron the High Priest and the ideal Kohen. “He walked with Me in peace and straightforwardness, he restored many from sin...they seek Torah from his mouth, for he is G-d’s messenger.”

What's going on?

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Shabbat 6th November	New members are invited to meet the community and join us for a hot cholent and kugel kiddush after the service.
Sunday 7th November Monday 8th November	<p>EGM— We invite the whole community to attend either one of two Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM's) which are planned for Sunday 7th November at 5 pm and Monday 8th November at 8 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to explain the exciting plans for our Shul Redevelopment project and to seek your input. Both events will take place in the Shul hall and on Zoom link https://zoom.us/j/3850310184</p> <p>We will repeat the same presentation at both events so you only need to come along for one of them. Please let the office know if you will attending in person.</p>
Friday 12th November 4:00pm	Bring your family and friends to our Kabbalat Shabbat service which will be followed by a chicken soup kiddush . Please let the office know if you will be attending .
17th November 8pm	Whisky tasting evening with Danny Saltman from DS Tayman. Price includes a salt beef Supper and 5 drams of whisky. Cost:£36. Book your tickets at www.chigshul.org.uk/events or call 020 8500 2451.
Shabbat 20th November 10:45am	Join us for our monthly Family service— all primary school children are welcome. This will be followed by a special kiddush. Contact Rabbi Goodwin for further details on 07736 543741
Sunday 21st November	Mitzvah Day Collect-a-thons. Please see flyer for details.
Wed 1st Dec 4pm- 6pm	Family Chanukah Fair with Rabbi Rafi Goodwin and ChigsJYC! Chanukah party for toddlers and primary school children. Will include soft play, inflatables, arts and crafts, funfair stalls, food and menorah lighting.
27th February 2022	SAVE THE DATE: Remember our event Reflections 02022020? Look out for details coming soon for another exciting all day seminar , featuring the very best guest speakers and a full children's programme.

Shul Service Times

	Shacharit	Mincha/ Maariv	
Friday 5th November	7:00am	4:12pm	<i>Rosh Chodesh Kislev Shabbat Commences 4:12pm</i>
Shabbat 6th November	9:30am	12:10pm /5:35pm	<i>Shabbat Concludes 5:14pm</i>
Sunday 7th November	8:30am	4:10pm	
Monday 8th November	7:00am	7:30pm	
Tuesday 9th November	7:00am	7:30pm	
Wednesday 10th November	7:00am	7:30pm	
Thursday 11th November	7:00am	7:30pm	
Friday 12th November	7:00am	4:01pm	<i>Shabbat Commences 4:01pm</i>
Shabbat 13th November	9:30am	12.10pm / 5:25pm	<i>Shabbat Concludes 5:04pm</i>

Stone Settings			
14th November	10:30am	Derek Sidley	Bushey New
28th November	12:00pm	Stephen Barnett	Waltham Abbey

More info online - www.chigshul.org.uk
For details of other events in the local Jewish community see www.ejcc.co.uk

Useful Information

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