



30 - 31 October 2020

י"ג חשוון תשפ"א

Shabbat commences at 4:23pm and terminates at 5:24pm

**Mazel tov to Zac Simmons on his Bar Mitzvah.
We extend a warm welcome to his family and guests.**

**PLEASE NOTE SHABBAT AND SUNDAY SERVICES MUST BE PRE-BOOKED
BEFORE 9am ON FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER**

FRIDAY NIGHT:

4:25pm Mincha Kabbalat Shabbat
in the Nissan and Rifca Deal Halls

4:25pm Sephardi Friday Night Service
in the Sephardi Synagogue

SHABBAT MORNING:

7:45am HASHKAMA in the Nissan and Rifca Deal Halls

9:15am MAIN SYNAGOGUE led by Chazan Eli Sufrin
Kriat Hatorah by Chazan Eli Sufrin
Rabbi Laitner will speak

9:30am THE MINYAN in the Kinloss Suite.
Kriat Hatorah by Zac Simmons
Rabbi Lawrence will speak

9:00am SEPHARDI SERVICE in the Sephardi Synagogue
led by Rabbi Heller and Reuben Gorji.

10:00am YOUTH SERVICE in the Nissan and Rifca Deal Halls
Under the direction of our Youth Directors, Leora and Harry Salter

11:00am FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICE
in the Liora Graham Beit Hamidrash

SHABBAT AFTERNOON:

4:15pm Mincha

Shiur by Rabbi Laitner titled

"Critical moments in the life of Avraham Avinu & their lessons for us -
part 1"

(Please bring a Chumash)

5:24pm Ma'ariv and the Termination of Shabbat
in the Nissan and Rifca Deal Halls

THE FIRST BELIEVER

BY LEORA AND HARRY SALTER

Emunah in G-d is a cornerstone of the Jewish practice and belief. We have the 13 principles of Faith where we start of saying 'I believe with faith that is complete'. The Rambam's principles are based into three categories: the nature of belief in G-d, the authenticity of the Torah and man's responsibility and ultimate reward. A practical example of the principles is shown in the Bracha of Mechiay Hamaidim (revival of the dead), where the Rambam says that we must instil perfect belief whilst saying the Bracha. However, where does complete Emunah come from?

An argument can be made that the first believer was Noach. Described as a 'righteous man' (Perek 6, Passuk 9) in the beginning of last week's Sedra, Noach believed in Hashem. He had confidence in him that everything would be fine and his family would be saved from the flood. However, in the same Possuk it says that Noach 'walked with G-d'; Rashi explains this to mean that Noach needed support with G-d, but Avraham would strengthen himself and walk on his own, thus showing the argument that Avraham was the first believer in G-d.

Avraham did not need G-d's help with his belief, he was a fully committed Jew. It says in this week's Parasha, Perek 15, Passuk 6, Avraham 'trusted in Hashem'. Rashi comments on this that Avraham did not request a sign from G-d about the promise that he would have offspring, but he did require a sign from G-d about the possession of the Land of Canaan. The Sforno also comments that Avraham had complete faith in G-d and at no time did Avraham doubt G-d's promise. Furthermore, the following words of the Passuk also show the faith from Avraham. The Passuk says 'He reckoned it to him as righteousness' and both Rashi and the Sforno agree that this is a credit to his faith in Hashem. The Sforno says that if it was not complete faith in Hashem the he wouldn't have been described as righteous and quotes the book of Ezekiel (Perek 19, Possuk 24): "But when the righteous turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity...none of his righteous deeds that he has done shall be remembered".

This description of Avraham highlights his Emunah in G-d. Even though Avraham thought he couldn't have children, after G-d promised it to him, Avraham fully trusted G-d to fulfil his promise, thus showing that Avraham is the first complete believer in Hashem.

LECH LECHA STATISTICS	
Mitzvot:	One of the 613 mitzvot i.e. Brit Milah
Verses:	126 (13th longest of the 54 Sidrot)
Words:	1686 (18th longest)
Letters:	6336 (19th longest)
Haftarah:	21 verses (joint 31st longest of the 80 Haftarot).
Lech Lecha has short verses, hence the difference in ratings.	

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Some call it Challa-ween!

Boris banning Halloween (depending on which tier one inhabits) has become a more immediate concern than cancelling Christmas. Families are complaining that the “long-standing tradition of children trick-or-treating” has been compromised.

My “Anthology of Minhagim” (Otzar haMinhagim) does not record this particular tradition as one that we honour.

Long-standing?

Growing up on Baker Street, I have no recollection of any neighbourhood trick-or-treating. The greengrocer had some pumpkins and carved jack-o-lanterns. The comics definitely had a witchy theme. Most of the commercial push was for Bonfire Night and fireworks. Kids on street corners collecting “a penny for the Guy” is a stronger memory than door knocking in costume. How strange that we gathered in our gardens to burn a human effigy. Fawkes was hanged and dismembered. The “Guy” in the bonfire was not originally a representation of Fawkes, but the Pope!

Though borne in religious conflict, Bonfire Night was clearly a secular celebration and raised few halachic eyebrows. What though, of Halloween, which is rooted in pagan rite and imagery?

There are copious pessukim prohibiting idolatrous rites, associations with magic and witchcraft and emulating the practices and garb of heathens. Vayikra 18:3 adjures us not to repeat the practices of the Egyptians, whose land we have been delivered from or the customs of the Canaanites wither we were headed.

כַּמְעַשָּׂה אֶרֶץ-מִצְרַיִם אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁבָּתֶם-בָּהּ לֹא תַעֲשׂוּ וְכַמְעַשָּׂה אֶרֶץ-כְּנָעַן אֲשֶׁר אִנִּי מְבִיא אֶתְכֶם שָׁמָּה לֹא תַעֲשׂוּ וּבְחֻקֵּיהֶם לֹא תֵלְכוּ:

Tosafot (Avoda Zara 11a) distinguishes between two types of prohibition. There are the idolatrous customs, which are clearly and affront to Hashem. There are also the practices which are non-religious but foolish (or lacking in rational explanation). Clarifying (or refining) this, R' Moshe Isserles, in his Ashkenazi gloss to the Shulchan Aruch (OC 178.1) permits customs which have a basis and also customary attire which serves a purpose (functional or symbolic), such as a doctor's robes.

In America, religious or secular origin of holidays or activities raises constitutional questions concerning public funding and education. Thanksgiving is

considered secular, and indeed Rav Moshe Feinstein endorsed Jewish family gatherings and celebrations, asserting the many reasons for which the community should express support and gratitude for America and its traditions. This extends to eating turkey, but he was clear that this should not be treated as a religious ritual and there should be no liturgy. (Iggerot Moshe YD 4,11). A similar position was held by R' Soloveitchik.

The American Supreme Court has accepted Halloween as a secular holiday and has even recognised the secular aspects of seasonal trees and candelabra with Happy Holidays messaging. Halacha does not.

Halloween's origins are essentially pagan with a medieval Christian incorporation of the autumnal superstitions and rites around witches, hobgoblins and spirits into something that they could rebrand as All Hallow's Eve before All Soul's Day and All Saints Day.

Accordingly, costumes associated with magic, spirits and death are a clear religious violation. Trick-or-Treating, also, is not acceptable – even in the absence of threatening tricks.

American poskim have endorsed giving sweets to those who come by front doors through the doctrines of Mipnei Darchei Shalom (in the interests of peace) or Mishum Eiva (for fear of hatred) – so that we are not seen as mean spirited and on order that we do not invite the widespread egging of our doors.

Pumpkins, by contrast, are seasonal and not pagan. We can readily identify how they came to be incorporated into the symbology of Halloween. While it would be inappropriate to create any ritualisation, pumpkins, roasted, in pie, or pumpkin soup and also orange table décor do not fall foul of our mainstream application of וּבְחֻקֵּיהֶם לֹא תֵלְכוּ.

Wishing everyone good health and Shabbat Shalom



R' Jeremy Lawrence



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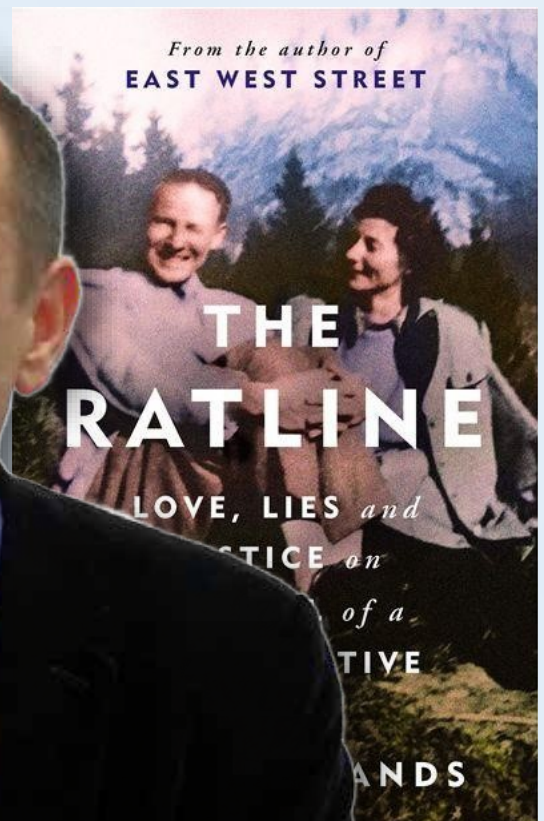
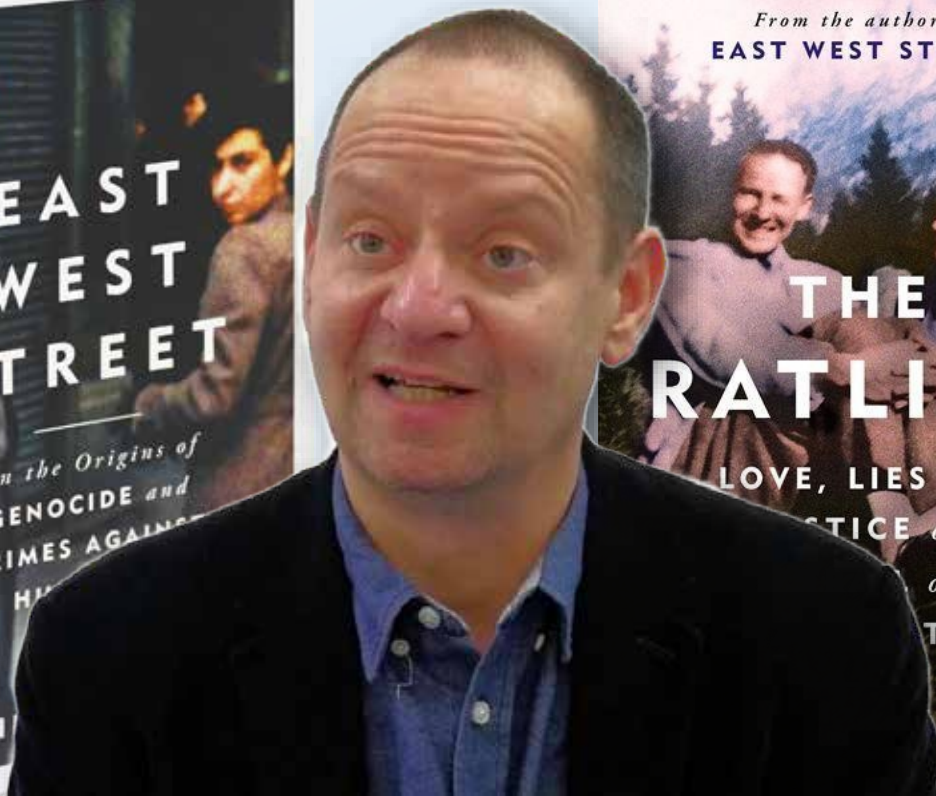
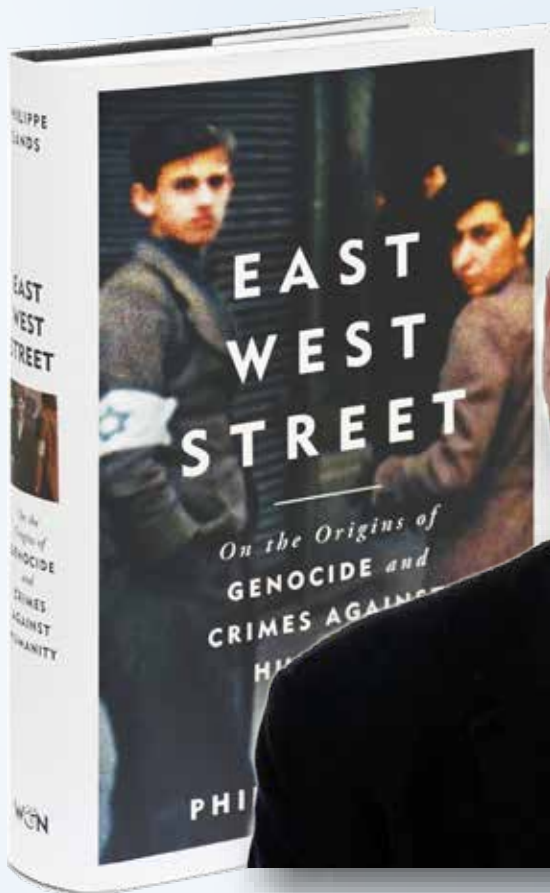
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We are looking for more volunteers in the Shul
to help welcome people, ensure social distancing
and track & trace systems are adhered to.

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JUDAISM AND POLITICS BY JEREMY MINDELL



JUDAISM AND EMPIRE

Jews have been both the subject and occasionally the exponents of Empire. How does and to what extent do the theories of imperialism fit in with Judaism?

NOVEMBER 11
8:00-9:30 PM

REGAINING OUR INDEPENDENCE

After a gap of two millennia Jews regained their independence. This seminar looks at how the political institutions of the State of Israel were formed and their influences.

NOVEMBER 18
8:00-9:30 PM

JUDAISM AND THE MONARCHY

Jeremy explores theories of monarchy which reconcile the two seemingly opposite perspectives on monarchy

NOVEMBER 4
8:00-9:30 PM

The Series Concludes with a discussion between Jeremy and Rabbi Lawrence

NOVEMBER 25
8:00-9:30 PM

SERIES WILL BE ON ZOOM TO SIGN UP:
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ZAC SIMMONS

Mazel Tov to Zac on his Bar Mitzvah

Zac has two siblings Ayden and Nate, and he attends JFS School

His hobbies are playing piano, playing football, cycling and hanging out with his friends

Zac's charity work to prepare for his Bar Mitzvah has included collected litter from around the local area

* Mazel tov to Penny Simmons, Rafi Simmons, Zac, Ayden and Nate Simmons on the occasion of Zac's barmitzvah this weekend. Mazel tov also to grandparents, Ruth & Michael Topper and Hilary Simmons. Remembering Brian Simmons who would have been so proud of Zac.

* Mazel tov to Zoe & David Green on the birth of a daughter Willow. Mazel tov to Grandparents Stacey & Michael Green and Simone & Raphael Harris.

* Mazel tov to Dolores Zeid on her 90th birthday on the 2nd November. Mazel tov also to Dolores & Monty Zeid on their forthcoming wedding anniversary on the 4th November, when they got married at Kinloss 68 years ago.

SHARED READING ZOOM
EVERYONE IS WELCOME
EXISTING OR NEW PARTICIPANTS
LOG IN TO OUR GROUP ON
Tuesday 10th November at 2pm

Log in:

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Meeting ID: 811 5659 9838

For more information, please speak to:

Kate Fulton on 07801 911 481 or kathrynfulton@hotmail.com

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14TH -15TH NOVEMBER 2020



AJEX REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY 2020

SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER AT 2.30PM ON [WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/AJEX_JMA](https://www.youtube.com/AJEX_JMA)

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AJEX SHABBAT 14TH NOVEMBER

On Shabbat 14th November, we invite you to recite a special **AJEX Remembrance Prayer** either individually or with your community.

Download and print the prayer at:
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Visit www.ajex.org.uk and choose a social media activity for sharing

- Download a profile picture for the weekend 14th/15th November
- Download an AJEX Poppy to personalise a Remembrance post to share
- Submit pictures of veterans with their medals worn with pride
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Bereavement befriending training

Date: 11th
Jan, 18th Jan,
25th Jan and
1st Feb.

Time: 8:00-
9:30pm

Induction training for new volunteers

Date: 3rd and 10th Nov

Time: 8:00-9:30pm



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Maya Harris (7)

Lola Zwick (6)
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SERVICES (שבת see front page)	Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Shacharit	8:00am	7:15am	7:15am	7:15am	7:15am	7:15am
Sephardi Shacharit	8:00am	6:30am	6:30am	6:30am	6:30am	6:30am
Mincha / Ma'ariv	4:10pm	4:10pm	4:10pm	4:10pm	4:10pm	4:10pm

CHATS FOR CHAPS

Percy Kaye is inviting you to a
scheduled Zoom meeting

ON WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER AT 11:00AM

To join the meeting, Click:

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Meeting ID: 953 8961 1637

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Shabbat 31 OCTOBER

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Sara Greenwood	Brother
Neil Nachshen	Father
Jacob Steinberg	Mother
Willy Steinberg	Mother
Regina Woolman	Brother

Sunday 1 NOVEMBER

Norman Davis	Mother
Richard Ellis	Father
Rachel Hajioff	Mother
Audrey Kelvin	Mother
Eric Lever	Father
Michael Weinstein	Father

Monday 2 NOVEMBER

Charlotte Collins	Father
Felice Crown	Brother
Miriam Graham	Father
Eva Greenspan	Mother
Devorah Harounoff	Father
Gloria Kaufman	Husband
Siegbert Mandelbaum	Wife
Daniel Selby	Father
Mike Ungelson	Sister
Mike Ungelson	Mother

Tuesday 3 NOVEMBER

Farzaneh Amini	Sister
Frances Gordon	Husband
Rami Kanzen	Sister
Percy Kaye	Father
Eleanor Kirsh	Father
Hanna Nisse	Brother

Wednesday 4 NOVEMBER

Ivan Burland	Father
Lucia Kaye	Father
Joy Lyons	Father
Monty Zeid	Father

Thursday 5 NOVEMBER

Robert Cohen	Father
Simon Crespi-Gulgoz	Mother
Josephine Elias	Father
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Benson Greenberg	Father
David Kutten	Brother
Michael Staszewski	Father

Friday 6 NOVEMBER

Lorna Bennett	Husband
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Helen Kamiel	Mother
Irene Mansfield	Father
Paul Morris	Father
Rita Toubkin	Father
Sandra Wagner	Father
Martin White	Daughter

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8 NOV	10:30am at Bushey New in memory of Paul Joseph Z"L
22 NOV	12:00pm at Bushey Old in memory of Julius Alterman Z"L
25 NOV	9:30am at Bushey Old in memory of Leonard Feller Z"L

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