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Shabbat Details

- Friday night service
6.15pm
- Saturday morning
service 9am
followed by Kiddush
- Times for Shabbat:
LC 8:12PM,
ends 9:12PM

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Notices

- **Please join us at Shul this week to celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of Yogev Goldstein, son of Anat and Meir, parashat Yitro on 22 January 2011. A special Kiddush will follow the service and all are welcome.**
- On behalf of the AHC members, Board and staff we wish Rob and Miriam Millingen a hearty Mazaltov and much Naches on the birth of their grandson. May he be blessed with and long life good health, and Torah Blessings.
- We wish refuah shleimah to Gilbert Fromm, Ivor Lee, Jeanette Ailion, Maurice Nahmad, Nina Hassan, Dinah Ellis, Rosy Costi, Sybil Ailion, Mara Zaks, Mary Schechter and anyone else who has been unwell recently.

Yahrzeits

We wish the following members long life on their Yahrzeits:

- Mrs Janette Ailion for her father Moses Ailion
- Mrs Yvette Alhanati for her mother Emilia Anaf
- Mrs Anne Frances Bayer for her husband Ben Bayer
- Mrs Margaret Benveniste for her father Colin Millingen
- Mrs Anne Horowitz for her son David Horowitz
- Prof. Join Horowitz for his son David Horowitz
- Mrs Suzy Kertesz for her grandmother Regina Sarah Frangi
- Mr Robert Charles Millingen for his father Colin Millingen
- Mr Maurice Nahmad for his sister-in-law Rachael Nahmad
- Mrs Marjorie Miriam Phillips for her father Moses Ailion
- Mrs Mary Riches for her sister-in-law Louly Ester Riches

Shabbat Parashat Yitro

Thoughts for the week – Torah and Bar Mitzvah

In the Parasha, the People of Israel are excitedly awaiting to receive the Ten Commandments (and hence the Torah) from Mount Sinai.

While they were waiting Moses was called up to the Mountain, and Hashem spoke to Moses and to the People as follows:

"You have seen what I did to Egypt, and that I carried you on the wings of eagles and brought you to Me. And now you hearken well to Me, and you will keep my covenant, you will be treasure to Me from among all the peoples... You will be to Me a kingdom of ministers and a holy nation..(Exodus 19, 4-6).

Why does Hashem choose to describe the way He took the People of Israel from Egypt, as being "on the wings of eagles"?
What is so special about eagles?

Rashi explain that eagles are different from other birds. All the birds put their young between their feet, because they are afraid for their young of other birds which can fly above them. But the eagle is different and afraid only of man, lest he shoot an arrow into him. In the same way, Hashem protected the People of Israel, "and the angel of G-d traveled between the camp of Egypt and Israel". In the remainder of the verses Hashem calls the People of Israel - a "treasure to Me from among all the peoples".

Only a parent can understand the worries, and the great responsibility involved in *being* a parent, and he finds himself asking himself constantly, 'Am I doing everything I can for my child?'; 'Is the following the most correct, the best thing to do for my child?'

Our Children are our treasure. Just as Hashem treated us, and protected us like eagles protect their young, we protect our little (or big!) treasures. Because we, from amongst all other nations, are treasured to Hashem, we should do everything we can to preserve our Jewish Identity, and our magnificent unique history; and, for this reason we are very delighted to bring another young man to have his Bar Mitzvah with us, and we are equally delighted for every other man or woman, young or old, who makes an effort to come to the Shul or School, and keeps himself connected to our traditions and beliefs.

Shabbat Shalom,
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