



SHABBAT VAYIGASH 30th/31st December 2011



Shabbat Shalom and welcome to Alei Tzion!

Please see below for details for our exciting programme of events or look at our website at www.aleitzion.co.uk Rav: Rabbi Daniel Roselaar, rav@aleitzion.co.uk / 07914 883 269

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RABBI DR NATHAN LOPES CORDOZO

We are delighted to welcome Rabbi Dr. Nathan Lopes Cardozo to Alei Tzion this Shabbat. Rabbi Cardozo will be giving a 45 minute shiur following the main minyan on Shabbat morning, entitled "The Torah is not moral and God is not righteous – A new approach to the question of how the Torah which is the word of God includes laws which are morally unacceptable". On Sunday morning 1 January 2012, Alei Tzion together with Ner Yisrael will be holding a Yom Limmud, where Rabbi Cardozo will be speaking at 10.30am. More details attached. Rabbi Cardozo is in England as a guest lecturer of Limmud-Warwick

SHAVUA LIMMUD

The last two days of Alei Tzion's seasonal shiurim will take place this week. On Sunday and Monday, Shacharit will take place at 8.15am followed by a shiur:

- **Sunday 1st January:** Rabbi Daniel Roselaar – *1st January 2012*.
- **Monday 2nd January:** Alan Levenson – *The Ups and Downs of Yaakov's Life*

DEGEL – CALL FOR ARTICLES

The time has come again to call for articles for the next edition of Degel, which will appear for Pesach. You know the guidelines by now: 3,000-7,000 words, original and footnoted on any Jewish topic. The deadline is Rosh Chodesh Adar. For this edition it is particularly important that the Alei Tzion home-team writes, because otherwise it will have a distinctly American flavour (or flavor). Ben Elton is always available to discuss your ideas on benjaminelton@hotmail.com.

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

We are looking for people to sign up to sponsor kiddushim in advance, to guarantee that we can have a delicious Kiddush each week. Please sign up [here](#) to book your birthday, anniversary or other special occasion in!

ALEI TZION WHISKY TASTING

The Alei Tzion whisky tasting will be on Sunday 15th January at 8pm at LSJS. If you would like to come, please contact Heskel Balas at heskel@gmail.com or Raph Cooper at raphael24@gmail.com by 8th January 2012. Only a limited number of places available.

THIS WEEK'S KIDDUSH

This week's kiddush is sponsored by Howard and Judy Elbaum (parents of Rachel Staffler) in memory of Howard's brother, Gerald Elbaum. The New Year's Whisky is sponsored by Dr Alfred White. If you wish to sponsor a future Kiddush, please contact quvlebens@gmail.com or to sponsor a Shabbat Mevarchim Single Malt please contact steeldanny@hotmail.com.

SHABBAT AND DAVENING TIMES

Shabbat begins / Shabbat ends	3:45pm / 4:55pm
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	3:45pm
Shabbat – Hashkama Minyan	7:45am
Shacharit	9:15am
Sof Zman Kriyat Shema	10:04am
Early Mincha	12.30pm
Mincha (followed by a shiur)	3:45pm
Maariv – Motzei Shabbat	4:55pm
Shacharit – Sunday and Monday	8:15am
Mincha and Maariv – Sunday and Monday	3:50pm
Shacharit – Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday	7:00am
Mincha – Tuesday - Thursday	12:30pm
Maariv – Tuesday - Thursday	7:30pm
Thursday – Asara B'Tevet – Fast begins	6:17am
Shacharit	6:40am
Fast ends	4:54pm

LEARNING AND SHIURIM

- Shabbat morning: 8:30 am – private learning. 8:45am – Rabbi Roselaar's halacha chabura.
- Shabbat afternoon between Mincha and Maariv – Rabbi Roselaar will give a shiur
- MD Spitzer's Gemara shiur will be taking place on Monday night at 8.45pm.
- The Rabbi's Tuesday morning breakfast shiur, 7.35-8am, will take place on Massechet Sofrim
- The Rabbi's Tuesday evening parsha shiur will take place at 9pm.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

There will be no children's service or supervision this Shabbat. This will resume next week as usual.

SHABBAT HOSPITALITY

If you would like to be hosted this Shabbat, please contact miramlevenson@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP AND TCM

We are of course always seeking new members of the Shul together with those that qualify to join via TCM. If you would like to know more or to discuss the various options please contact Neil Maurice on membership@aleitzion.co.uk or visit our membership page on <http://www.aleitzion.co.uk/membership.php>