


28th Nisan 5768/3rd May 2008

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

Parshat Kedoshim Shabbat Mevarchim Hachodesh

Hertz Cohen Stone Gutnick

Sedra	497	723	656	758		Shabbat	8.11pm
Haftarah	509	735	1173	1435		Havdalah (Shabbat ends)	9.21pm

**Personal Reflections – Kindertransport
by Simon Reiss**

One has to start somewhere and, upon reflection, I have decided that my fate was sealed almost 70 years ago on 28 October 1938 when, as a boy of 14, I heard a persistent loud knock at the door of our flat in Berlin. My mother opened the door. I was still in a state of sleepy drowsiness when I heard some strident voices. I got up and there were two men in Nazi uniform commanding my father to get dressed and pack a small suitcase. My mother, sister and I did not know what fate awaited him. It was only the next day that we learnt that my father had been taken to a police station to await deportation to Zbanzyn, to the dumped in no man's land between Germany and Poland, with 18,000 Jewish compatriots.

The Germans had decided to expel all Jews over the age of 16, who held Polish passports. It was the last time I saw my father who was composed, affectionate as always and asked me to look after my mother and twin sister.

I was born in Berlin of an orthodox Jewish family and it was chinuch and emunah, that early education and faith that gave me the sense of identity that I needed to draw upon in later life.

Let me share reflections with you that shaped my life. It was the night of 9/10th November, Kristallnacht" night of the broken glass", when all synagogues were set alight throughout Germany and all Jewish shop windows were smashed and their contents looted. Jewish homes were vandalised. It was as a result of this barbaric act that the British Government decided to allow up to 10,000 unaccompanied non-Aryan children from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia to come to England as transmigrants. Operation Kindertransport was about to commence.

The Jewish Agency had previously agitated to bring 10,000 children from Europe to Palestine but the British Government declined the request repeatedly and emphatically. Following Kristallnacht, Neville Chamberlain and the then Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, were strongly urged to make a tangible gesture to assuage public opinion in the UK. Chamberlain at that time had a very low PR rating following the appeasement to Hitler at Munich. Allowing the refugee children to enter the UK was an expedient way to improve the Government's image.

On 21 November 1938 in the House of Commons when the Jewish refugee issue was debated on that fateful day, the Government, led by Neville Chamberlain, announced its decision to permit an unspecified number of children, up to the age of 16, to enter Great Britain for subsequent migration to other destinations within one year. A bond of £50 per child had to be posted. Professor Norman Bentwich, the first Attorney General in Palestine under the British mandate, immediately went to Holland to see Professor David Cohen, who headed the Dutch Refugees committee, to discuss the logistics of moving up to 10,000 unaccompanied infants who would have to traverse Holland to reach the British Isles, their final destination. Thanks to the Dutch Government's prompt decision to provide the children with temporary refuge, the first transport arrived in England on 2 December 1938.

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9th May — 10th May 2008

Commences 8.22pm Mincha & Maariv 6.45pm

Announcements

A warm welcome to Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan & Lady Sacks who will be with us this Shabbat

Kiddush Sponsor

The Goldberg family invite the congregation to Kiddush in the Bloomstein Hall after the service to celebrate Sheila's special birthday, Ian's 50th birthday and Jenna's ??? Birthday. Three generations of birthdays!

Breakfast Sponsor

The Festive Breakfast on Yom Ha'atzmaut has been kindly sponsored by Cyril Stein

Birthdays Mazal Tov to:

Alexander Cedar	Benjamin Sage
Jenna Goldberg	Matthew Rapport
Georgina Djanogly	Edward Lee
Ruth Adley	James Adley
Nadia Moosah	Barry Wiseman
Marian Birnhak	Manfred Gorvy
Geraldine Offenbach	Doreen Kaye
Valerie Balfour Lynn	Ruben Cohanim

Wedding Anniversaries Mazal Tov to:

Claire & Paul Rayden
Tara & Jeremy Wayne
Pamela & John Davis
Ruth & Michael Phillips
Jeannette & Mark Markovitz

Refuah Shelema

Baby Simon Conway	Shimmon Ben Adina Hacoen
Jack Winsor	Yaacov ben Miriam Chaya
Alma Djanogly	Alma Shulamit bat Tovah
Gertie Enfield (Simmonds)	Rachel Bat Yudit
Ann Zahl	Channa bat Elisheva
Freida Handelsman	Faiga Rachel bat Freida
Sheila Tuchmann	Simcha bat Gala Girji

Haftarah

Would anyone wishing to read the Haftarah on Shabbat, eg on the anniversary of their Bar Mitzvah, to mark a special occasion or for any other reason, please contact the Honorary Officers as we wish to involve as many people as possible

Diary Notes

Friday 2nd May

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Ervin Landau
6.30 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

Shabbat 3rd May

- 8.45am Shiur with Ervin Landau
9.15am Shacharit
8.15 pm Mincha, followed Seudah Shlishit & Dvar Torah by The Chief Rabbi
9.21pm Maariv & Havdalah

Sunday 4th May

- 8.30am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Shiur by Aron Freedman
10.00 am Cheder Age 4—12 years
Contact Debra Corney 07967 702 251
Or email cheder.marblearch@gmail.com

Monday 5th May Rosh Chodesh & Bank Holiday

- 8.30 am Shacharit followed by Breakfast & D'var Torah by Michael Milston
No Ladies Shiur this week

Tuesday 6th May Rosh Chodesh

- 7.15am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Shiur by Rabbi Yosef Vogel

Wednesday 7th May

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Parsha Shiur by Ervin Landau

Thursday 8th May Yom Ha'atzmaut

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by festive breakfast sponsored by Cyril Stein

Friday 9th May

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Ervin Landau

**Mincha & Maariv through the week
Sun 4th May—Thursday 8th May 6.45pm**

Kiddush Rota

Linda Sharpe. Carol Truman

Security Rota

Steven Truman. Michael Ziff.

Our Rabbi

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**Please note the the Synagogue Office
will be closed this Sunday and Monday,
4th & 5th May 2008**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Thursday 8th May

Please join us for a bumper Yom Ha'Atzmaut festive breakfast immediately after Shacharit to help celebrate the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel. Everyone welcome. Kindly sponsored by Cyril Stein

Extraordinary General Meeting/Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 27th May

An EGM will be held on Tuesday 27th May at 7.30pm, followed by the AGM at 8.00pm. Please make every effort to attend

Sponsor a Member

We have set up a fund to assist members of our community who for whatever reason have fallen on hard times and struggle to pay their membership / burial contributions. There are currently over 100 members in our community who require financial assistance in one form or the other. This fund will be treated in the strictest confidence. No member receiving help will know who has contributed. Making a donation to this fund will be a real Mitzvah and will have a major impact on the lives of our less fortunate members. Though a voluntary scheme it is vital to those who require assistance - please donate whatever you can afford.

ORT are desperate for clothes, shoes and other items.

If you have any clothes that you are going to give away please contact them on **020 7446 8520**.

They will collect from your home.

Please also see the email attachment flyer which gives full details of what they need.

Yadgaroff Library

The Yadgaroff Library is open every day for those wishing to study or browse the fine selection of books.

Sponsoring an Event

If you are celebrating a Simchah or commemorating a family Yahrzeit or if you are just feeling generous please consider contacting the office and sponsoring a Shabbat Morning Kiddush, the Morning Minyan breakfasts or the weekly Newsletter.

Polite Request

May we ask that for all future events, to avoid embarrassment to members and office staff, payment preferably be made in advance of any function. Any payment being made on the evening should be in a sealed envelope. marked with the payees name. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.