

12th Iyar 5768/17th May 2008

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

Parshat Behar

Hertz Cohen Stone Gutnick

Sedra	531	764	696	810
Haftarah	539	774	1177	1441



Shabbat	8.33pm
Havdalah	9.47pm
(Shabbat ends)	

Who Will Set The Record Straight?

I wonder if any of you saw Thursday's edition of *The Times*: I had to look twice to realise that one full page had been paid for: entitled, "Recognising the Nakba -60 Years on" - with a map of Israel, filled with faces, mostly women and children, presumably portraying those whom the narrative asserts "were forcibly expelled from their homes in order to make way for the establishment of Israel as a Jewish State". (How they abhor the existence of our one 'Jewish' State!) Full of the usual distortions and omissions, it is signed by the customary "eminent" individuals, self-hating Jews and Neturei Karta "frummer Yiden", as well as Arab and pro-Arab organisations. After weeks of media attention on Israel as it reaches its 60th birthday, one has become used to the slanted, often viciously negative observations - but this page was particularly repellent, since at 6pm the previous evening, 67 Israeli civilians including many children had been injured and sent into shock by a Iranian-made rocket exploding directly in a busy shopping mall in Ashkelon. Mercifully most were released after treatment, but 3 casualties with serious head injuries were flown by helicopter to Beersheba's Soroka Hospital for urgent and complex operations. Hamas enthusiastically blessed this "success": "The Popular Resistance Committee spokesman says that all Zionist residents of Southern Palestine are in life-threatening danger." Amazingly, non-Zionist residents are safe!

Did any of you hear or read of this in the national press or on TV? This rocket is not the first to reach Ashkelon, but it was certainly the first to cause such damage in that city - once thought to be "safe" from the missiles, and as such I might have thought that *The Times* would have found space for a line or two; but I guess it's waiting to headline the Israeli "response" (which must surely come) with the appropriate pictures of Gaza's suffering population, while no doubt referring in a kind of afterthought to what had caused the response in the first place. Yet the continuous live commentary on Israel Television from the scene of the rocket attack could easily have been picked up by the various news agencies for their evening news bulletins: but - nothing! (Although I am happy to be corrected.)

In fact in Friday's *Times*, in addition to the *Nakba* page, there was another devoted to two more pieces about Israel, this time written by the journalists; the first, entitled "Troubled Land" gave the shortest of potted histories from 1948, again littered with inaccuracies - in its analysis of the year 2006 it wrote: "Hundreds of Palestinians killed by Israeli security forces". No rockets, no missiles from Gaza, nothing. Just Israelis killing Palestinians. (No terrorists among the victims either.) And of course there had to be the obligatory large picture of, naturally enough, a young Palestinian girl - holding up a large key "representing the hundreds of thousands of houses Palestinians abandoned in 1948". But, just as naturally, no photo of the Jewish baby girl being rushed in a helicopter for a life-saving operation in Soroka hospital. Nothing. It didn't happen. The thousands of missiles launched deliberately at civilians do not exist.

Is there no one around to set the record straight? Actually, yes:

- 1) Read or listen to President Bush's tremendous, heart-warming address to the Knesset on the day after the rockets hit Ashkelon.
- 2) Enjoy our Chief Rabbi's magnificent narration of Israel's history, interspersed with songs of every genre, on his double disc entitled "Israel- Home of Hope". 191,000 copies have gone out across the world. Let's also send one to every journalist who persists in decrying the State of Israel and her achievements.

Shabbat Shalom Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Announcements

A warm welcome this Shabbat to our Distinguished Visitor, to The Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan & Lady Sacks, and to the Choir directed by Jason Silver.

Kiddush Sponsor

Gloria Levin invites the congregation to Kiddush in the Bloomstein Hall after the service to commemorate the Yahrzeit of her husband Dr. Arthur Levin z"l

Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts this week are sponsored by the Board of Management in honour of Jack Stanford who is a ever-regular at our daily Mincha/Maariv Minyan.

Birthdays—Mazal Tov to:

Ralph Levy	Joshua Adley
Sasha Brenner	Sara Buchler
Claudia Plaut	Daniel Bloom
Carolyn Goldhill	Naomi Levy
Gregory Phillips	Ross Marks
James Glyn	Geoffrey Klass
Yvonne Gill	Renata Knobil
Gillian Newton	Paula Leigh
Harry Michaels	Renee Harris

Wedding Anniversaries—Mazal Tov to:

Debbie & Alistair Jaque
Michelle & Adam Cedar

Refuah Shelema

Albert Lieberman	Aryeh Leib ben Gitel
B.A	Baruch Pinchas ben Zissel
Gerald Bloomberg	Yoseph ben Devorah
Jack Winsor	Yaacov ben Miriam Chaya
Alma Djanogly	Alma Shulamit bat Tovah
Ann Zahl	Channa bat Elisheva
Freida Handelsman	Faiga Rachel bat Freida
Sheila Tuchmann	Simchah 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

**Rabbi Rosenfeld gives a Mishnah Berurah Shiur weekdays
Mon—Fri mornings at 7.00am before Shacharit**

Friday 16th May

- 7.30 am Shiur followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Ervin Landau
7.00pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

Shabbat 17th May Please note earlier times

- 8.40 am Shiur with Henry Knobil
9.00am Choral Service
8.45 pm Mincha, followed Seudah Shlishit & D'var Torah by Chief Rabbi
9.47 pm Maariv & Havdalah

Sunday 18th May

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

Monday 19th May

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by Breakfast & D'var Torah by Michael Milston
10.30 am Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld's Shiur for Ladies
3.30 pm Senior members' tea party

Tuesday 20th May

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

Wednesday 21st May

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

Thursday 22nd May

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah by Bernard Silver

Friday 23rd May

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

**Mincha & Maariv through the week
Sun 18th May—Thursday 22nd May 7.10pm**

Kiddush Rota

Esther Isaacs. Linda Sharpe. Angela Wayne

Security Rota

Henry Ejdelbaum. Martin Goldstein.

Our Rabbi

You can contact Rabbi Lionel & Natalie Rosenfeld at rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk
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Yadgaroff Library

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Monday 19th May 2008

3.30pm—5.00pm in the Bloomstein Hall

Mrs. Natalie & Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld invite our senior members to a tea party. Please come along with all your friends. RSVP contact Maureen at 020 7723 9333 or by email maureen@marblearch.org.uk

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.

WESTERN MARBLE ARCH ELECTIONS ON TUESDAY 27TH MAY 2008

This month the elections for President and Vice President of our synagogue will be held. Both posts are being contested and we are pleased that there is such interest in serving our community.

This may be a close election and your vote may make a difference. Please make every effort to attend the AGM or **at the very least come to** the Synagogue to place your vote

The voting will take place at the synagogue between:

7:30am – 10:30am and 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

If you have any questions or need assistance in getting to the synagogue in order to cast your vote, please call the office: 020 7723 9333.

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT PLEASE USE IT

Sunday 8th June Consecration Willesden

The consecration of the memorial stone of Joseph Goldberg z"l will take place on Sunday 8th June at 12 noon

Children's Services to commence!

We are pleased to announce that weekly children's services will be held, commencing on Shabbat 7th June at 10.30am, supervised by Meryl Cohen. Also please note that on 10th June, Second Day Shavuot, there will be a Yom Tov Children's Service, followed by a baby blessing on the Bimah for all children born in the last 2 years and an ice cream party. We look forward to seeing your children and/or grandchildren at these services.

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.