

1st Av 5768/2nd August 2008

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Parshat Masei—Shabbat Rosh Chodesh

	Hertz	Cohen	Stone	Gutnick		
Sedra	714	971	918	1094		Shabbat 8.35pm
Maphtir	695	944	890	1062		Havdalah 9.43pm
Verse	9-15	9-15	9-15	9-15		(Shabbat ends)
Haftarah	725	984	1193	1465		

What makes a Jewish mother?By **Tova Ben-Dov**, Part 2, concluding

The Terrorist, Samir Kuntar was freed last week in a deal with the devil. He and his accomplice took Smadar Haran's husband Danny and 4 year old daughter, Einat down to the beach where one of them shot Danny in front of Einat so that his death would be the last sight she would ever see and then smashed the little girl's skull in against a rock with his rifle butt.

The name Samir Kuntar is once again haunting Smadar Haran and every other Jewish mother in Israel. Two years ago, in a well executed terrorist move, Hezbollah terrorists kidnapped Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev of the IDF from Israeli soil, heralding the start of the second Lebanon War. Despite our belief that we live in an 'enlightened world, no hint of their fate was released. No Red Cross representative was allowed to visit them, no letters were exchanged. Their families lived through hell.

Every woman who gives birth in Israel lives in fear of the day when her son will join the Israeli army, but she knows that it is for the sake of her country. Almost reliving the 'Sacrifice of Isaac', as it transpires in our times, she sends her son into the Israeli army, not knowing what will happen to him, but knowing that ultimately he is going for the sake of the Jewish people. But Isaac was saved and returned to his mother, Sarah. Today's mothers are often not so fortunate. The military cemeteries are filled with Jewish mothers visiting the graves of their sons. They will never again know pure joy; every celebration in the future will be tinged with sadness.

But what of having a son taken prisoner.? Not knowing what is happening to him, whether he is being tortured, getting medical attention, how much pain he is in? Such was the pain of the Goldwasser & Regev families. Such is the pain of the family of Gilad Shalit, kidnapped by Hamas over 2 years ago.

The only terms that the murderous Nasrallah and his Hezbollah terrorists deemed acceptable for the return of Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev was the return of Samir Kuntar and other murderers.

The country was in turmoil. Should we have given back cruel killers, for two seemingly dead soldiers? Could we bear to see the victory rallies that surrounded Kuntar's release in Lebanon, and what lessons are being learnt for the future by other would be kidnappers?

But all the questions and argument pale into the background when we ask ourselves just one question, 'What if it were my son?'

And the answer is clear. We all want, and think it is the right of every Jewish parent to bring their son home, whether he is alive or dead. And it could happen to any mother, any of us, at any time.

Smadar Haran displayed the unique quality of the Jewish mother in a press conference which she gave prior to a government decision on whether to accept the 'deal': "Do not let my personal emotions stand in the way of a decision which is being made for the benefit of the country."

Every mother cried with her. What a brave statement from someone about to see the cruellest of terrorists, who murdered her family of three, about to go free. But in making the statement she was just thinking of two mothers, the mothers of Ehud Goldwasser and the mother of Eldad Regev, who desparately wanted their sons home.

With thanks to Everard N. Goodman for bringing this article to our attention

Announcements**Kiddush Sponsor**

Kiddush is being given this week by the Honorary Officers and Board of Management in honour and memory of Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev z"l

Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts this week are kindly sponsored by Faanya Rose to celebrate the visit of her granddaughter Nicole Goldin

Engagement

Congratulations to Zara Land and family on the engagement of her granddaughter Sarah Esdaile

Birthdays—Mazal Tov to:

Lucas Lipton	Daniel Khalili
Benjamin Gilinsky	Ruth Hanbury
Carolyn Balcombe	Angela Franks
John Davis	Wendy Sheridan
Nicholas Springer	Zara Land

Wedding Anniversaries—Mazal Tov to:

Annabelle & Bruce Josyfon—1st Anniversary
Zina & Michael Lewis
Ruth & Joseph Bromberg

Refuah Shelemah

Seymour Freed	Shmuel Zeev ben Sara
B.A	Baruch Pinchas ben Zissel

A warm welcome back to Bertha Harrison .

Next Shabbat - Devarim, Shabbat Chazon

8th—9th August 2008
Commences 8.22pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6.45pm

Diary Notes

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

Friday 1st August

7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Ervin Landau
7.00pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat and D'var Torah

Shabbat 2nd August—Rosh Chodesh

8.45 am Shiur with Stanley Simmonds
9.15 am Shacharit
8.30 pm Mincha, followed by Seudah Shlishit & D'var Torah
9.43 pm Maariv & Havdalah

Sunday 3rd August

8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Thought for the Day by Alan Goldberg

Monday 4th August

7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah by Michael Milston
10.30 am Rabbi Rosenfeld's Parsha Shiur for Ladies

Tuesday 5th August

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

Wednesday 6th August

7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Parsha Shiur by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Thursday 7th August

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

Friday 8th August

7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

**Mincha & Maariv through the week
Sun 3rd - Thurs 7th August 7.00pm**

Security Rota

Daniel Conway. Daniel Coh. Jacob Lyons.

Kiddush Rota

Bertha Harrison. Linda Sharpe.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Eldad Regev and Ehud Goldwasser officially identified

On Wednesday, 16 July 2008, after two years of waiting for a sign of life from the two abducted Israeli soldiers, Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev, their bodies were returned to Israel, together with additional recovered remains of soldiers who fell during the Second Lebanon War.

You are invited to [add your name to a condolence book](http://www.cicweb.ca/condolences/index.cfm) (<http://www.cicweb.ca/condolences/index.cfm>) being prepared for the Regev and Goldwasser families, and ask that you forward this note to your friends.

Timetable for Tisha B'Av—Fast of 9th Av— Sunday Aug 10th

Sat 9th Aug: Fast begins 8.34pm, Maariv 9.45pm followed by reading of the Book of Eichah—Lamentations.

Sunday 10th August: Shacharit 8.30am followed by the reading of Kinot. First Mincha 1.30pm, second Mincha 7.00pm.

At 7.30pm you are invited to a special Tisha B'Av Programme when we will be screening films relating to the Shoah.

Maariv 9.00pm. Fast ends 9.21pm.

Shanah Tovah Magazine

This year's Shanah Tova Magazine is being compiled by Howard Richenberg, which with your help we hope will be an even bigger success than last year. Many members of the congregation use the Magazine to send New Year Greetings and as the brochure has become so important, please ensure that you are included in this worthwhile cause.

Please send or email your advert today to the Synagogue Office. Please send us your articles or letters that you wish to be considered for publication in the brochure.

Yizkor Book 2008/5769

Please remember to return your form to the Synagogue office before going on holiday. Closing date Monday 1st September 2008.

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

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.

Yadgaroff Library

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