

8th Av 5768/9th August 2008

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

Parshat Devarim - Shabbat Chazon

Hertz Cohen Stone Gutnick Shabbat 8.22pm

Sedra 736 989 938 1120 Shabbat ends 9.29pm

Haftarah 750 1004 1195 1468



TISHA B'AV

I was fifty three years old and I hadn't observed Tisha B'Av before. What a deplorable omission, what a wretched admission, what sad self-criticism. I came alone. I didn't know what to expect.....

A feeling of melancholy attached itself to me as I sat close to the ground. The melody of the threnody carried me along a road of silent, darkest, coldest night. I didn't understand the words at all, but I did not require even a hint of explanation, due to the perfect interpretation of the mournful repetitive tune. It spoke so eloquently to me.

The next morning I was compelled to return to the low chair that I had occupied just a few hours before. I felt the need to continue on my sorrowful journey and to feel again the pain of bereavement that had visited me briefly last night. Our temple has been destroyed twice, and this is a colossal tragedy for our people, but the agony, the distress and the suffering of our people is the hugest tragedy of all.

There were not many of us in Shul, either last night or this morning, but the few of us who did come wanted to remember the cruel plight of our Jewish ancestors, and it was necessary even vital for us, to acknowledge their many and varied torments as well as their hopeless and torturous situations. I sat inside my space in perfect silence. I emptied my mind of everything, after pausing for a few moments, to concentrate on those who had perished for the sake of our religion, or simply because of our religion, simply because they were Jews.

I listened to my Rabbi, as he slowly, carefully recited and translated the first monody. His descriptive powers made my heart open and I began to cry inwardly. And this is when they came, so many of them. Arms reached out to me, voices cried, wept and wailed, begged me not to forget the pain that they had suffered in order that I should live. Their dear precious souls were drawn to where we were. They felt the love and the pain pouring out from all of us in our group. We were remembering what had happened, most of it long before we were born. From shabby graves, our butchered ancestors rose and visited us, sat amongst us, leaned against us, clung to us, relieved not to have been forgotten, ignored or overlooked. They all knew that we were mourning for their cruel unjust deaths.

This evening I will recite Kaddish in their memory. I pray that they will hear me, and that my prayers, together with all prayers said for them today, by so many Jews around the world, will comfort their souls. I hope that they will gain strength from this. I hope that they will be able to finally let go and go on to find perfect eternal peace.

Shabbat Shalom
Beverly

Next Shabbat - Va'etchanan—Shabbat Nachamu

15th—16th August 2008

Commences 8.09pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6.45pm

Announcements

Kiddush Sponsor

Jaqueline & Graham Colover invite the congregation to Kiddush in the Bloomstein Hall after the service to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Graham's mother Kitty Colover z"l

Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts this week are sponsored by Iris Johnstone to commemorate the Yahrzeit of her husband Dr. Martin Johnstone z"l

Birthdays—Mazal Tov to:

Harry Gee Alexander Hersham
Daniel Bradman Justin Silver
Suzanne Goodman
Henrietta Rose Sharon Tarlow
Joan Fobel Rina Waterman
Frula Shear Wolf Rayden
Michael Kovacs Etty Lewis

Wedding Anniversaries—Mazal Tov to:

Hammond & Lillian Sonenthal

Refuah Shelemah

Richard Mintz Avraham Zelig
Ben Channa
Seymour Freed Shmuel Zeev ben
Sara
B.A Baruch Pinchas
Ben Zissel

Tisha B'Av

Join us at services for Tisha B'Av and special programme tomorrow evening as detailed overleaf.

Our Rabbi

You can contact Rabbi Lionel & Natalie Rosenfeld at rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk
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Diary Notes

Friday 8th August

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld
6.45pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & D'var Torah by Rabbi LR

Shabbat 9th August

- 8.45 am Shiur with Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld
9.15 am Shacharit

6.00 pm Mincha—please note special time

Fast of Tisha B'Av

- 8.34pm Fast begins
9.45pm Ma'ariv followed by reading of Megilat Eichah

Sunday 10th August Tisha B'Av

- 8.30 am Shacharit followed by Kinot
1.45 pm First Mincha
7.00 pm Second Mincha
7.30 pm Holocaust Film Programme for Tisha B'Av
9.00 pm Ma'ariv
9.21 pm Fast ends—Havdalah

Monday 11th 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 12th August

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

Wednesday 13th August

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Parsha Shiur by Bernard Silver

Thursday 14th August

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Friday 15th August

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Alan Goldberg

Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week
Sunday 10th August:
First Mincha 1.45pm, Second Mincha 7.00pm
Ma'ariv 9.00pm
Mon 11th - Thurs 14th August
6.45pm

Security Rota

Ben Kaye. Philip Kremen.

Kiddush Rota

Ruth Rouach. Linda Sharpe

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

Sat 9th Aug: Fast begins 8.34pm, Ma'ariv 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 1.45pm, second Mincha 7.00pm.

At 7.30pm you are invited to a special Tisha B'Av Programme when we will be screening a film on the life of the acclaimed nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal z"l.

Ma'ariv 9.00pm. Fast ends 9.21pm with Havdalah.

Luncheon Club—30th August

Everyone welcome. Please advise the Office if you wish to attend

GCSE Classes

Rabbi Rosenfeld is offering to teach a GCSE course in Judaism for post Bar and Bat Mitzvah teenagers, to be held after school one day a week. He is also offering a similar course for adults, one evening a week.

Anyone who is interested should contact Rabbi LR email: rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk

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.

Temporary Seats

Please contact the Synagogue Office to order your extra seats for family and friends for the Chagim

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.