

22nd Av 5768/23rd August 2008

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

**Parshat Ekev**

Hertz Cohen Stone Gutnick

Sedra 736 989 938 1120  
Haftarah 750 1004 1195 1468



Shabbat 7.55pm  
Shabbat ends 8.57pm

**A Tribute**

We would like to invite all members who have lost a loved one in the last year to submit (should they wish to do so) a short "tribute" which we would be happy to include in our annual Rosh Hashanah brochure.

If anyone wishes to have an article printed, we would ask them to write between 100 and 250 words and to also enclose a photograph to accompany their words. All material should be sent to the Synagogue Office and should arrive there no later than Wednesday 27th August by midday.

We look forward to hearing from you.

**Shabbat Shalom  
Brochure Chairman**

**Ekev**

This week's Sedra, *Eikev*, begins: "It will be that if you listen to My commandments that I command you today, to love Hashem, your G-d, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul..."

Rashi states: "Serve Him with a service that is in the heart, i.e., prayer, for prayer is termed service ('avodah')." The Dubno Maggid (R' Yaakov Krantz 1741-1804) asks: "What is the purpose of prayer? G-d already knows our needs and our desires. If something we want is good for us, let Him give it to us. If it is not good for us, then prayer can have no effect. We are all witnesses to the fact that a person will sometimes pray for something 1,000 times and still not be answered."

The answer is that it is for us to sense the difference between good circumstances and bad ones. If G-d gave us everything we needed before we asked for it, we would never sense His beneficence; we would think that everything comes about naturally. For example, one who is healthy, who is whole in body and limb, whose eyes can see and whose ears can hear, and so on, does not usually rejoice over his physical faculties. He is not aroused to bless his Creator for these gifts. Only one whose faculties are impaired and then is cured is aroused to appreciate what he now has. Our Rabbis taught: "To what may prayer be compared? To night watchmen who call out every hour, 'It is such-and-such o'clock and all is well.' Why do they wake up sleeping townspeople to make this announcement? Not because the townspeople need to know the time, but in order to prove that the watchmen are awake and alert. Likewise, Hashem does not need our prayers. Rather, we pray to prove that we are "awake."

*Adapted from "Hama'ayan on the Sedra" by Shlomo Katz, with acknowledgment.*

**Next Shabbat - Re'eh - Mevorachim Hachodesh**

29th—30th August 2008

Commences 7.39pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6.15pm

**Announcements**

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

**We thank Jeremy Davidson for Leyning this Shabbat**

**Kiddush Sponsor**

Kiddush this week in the Bloomstein Hall is sponsored by the Honorary Officers and Board of Management in honour of Gerald Bloomberg a highly respected Elder of Western Marble Arch who has given many years of communal service.

**Breakfast Sponsor**

Breakfasts this week are sponsored by the Honorary Officers and Board of Management

**Birthdays—Mazal Tov to:**

Jasper Isaacs	Simone Lee
Alan Djanogly	Gabriel Stein
Linda Weinberg	Alan Goldberg
Henry Ejdelbaum	Steven Gee
Ann Richenberg	Ann Shulman
Judith Morris	Louise Naftalin
Georgio Laurenti Levi	
Howard Jacobson	Lena Shamash
Seymour Freed	Ervin Landau
Harry Moss	Freda Harris
Basil Appleby	Albert Harris
Hammond Sonenthal	

**Wedding Anniversaries—Mazal**

**Tov to:**

Miriam & Garry Khasidy  
Mercedes & Ron Feldman  
Wendy & Philip Kremen  
Phyllis & Michael Rapp  
Vivienne & Jonathan Lassman  
Ruth & Michael Phillips

**Refuah Shelemah**

Seymour Freed	Shmuel Zeev ben Sara Rifka
B.A	Baruch Pinchas Ben Zissel
Sidney Jaque	Shlomo Ben Sarah

## Diary Notes

### Friday 22nd August

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Alan Goldberg  
6.30pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & D'var Torah by the Chief Rabbi

### Shabbat 23rd August

- 8.45 am Shiur with Henry Knobil  
9.15 am Shacharit  
7.45 pm Mincha, followed by Seudah Shlishit, & D'var Torah by The Chief Rabbi  
8.57 pm Maariv & Havdalah

### Sunday 24th August

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

### Monday 25th August—Bank Holiday

- 8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah by Michael Milston

### Tuesday 26th August

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

### Wednesday 27th August

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Parsha Shiur

### Thursday 28th August

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

### Friday 29th August

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

**Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week  
Sun 24th - Thurs 28th August 6.30pm**

### Security Rota

David Djanogly. Alan Goldberg

### Our Rabbi

You can contact Rabbi Lionel & Natalie Rosenfeld at  
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### Our Website:

[www.marblearch.org.uk](http://www.marblearch.org.uk)

### Have you a few hours to spare each week?

General office help, i.e. filing etc. If you can be of any assistance, please contact the Synagogue Office 020 7723 9333.

### Yadgaroff Library

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

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Luncheon Club—30th August for Members

& Visitors. 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, Beverly Miller and Steven Truman, 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

### Sponsor a Member – Do a real Mitzvah!

We all know that over 100 members in our community require financial assistance in one form or the other because for whatever reason they have fallen on hard times and struggle to pay their membership / burial contributions. Let me give you a real example

**Mr A**—He is a senior citizen and attends Shul on a regular basis and joins in at all functions. He is well liked by all members. He is a widower and lives alone; he has no children, so the Synagogue is really his extended family. He's only income is a state pension. He thus struggles to pay his membership contribution and burial rights; the latter aspects do worry him a lot. We offered a free membership.

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. Please donate whatever you can afford. Whatever amount you will donate - may we thank you in advance for your generosity