

20th Ellul 1 5768/20th September 2008

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

Parshat Ki Tavo

Hertz Cohen Stone Gutnick

Sedra	859	1117	1068	1294
Haftarah	874	1134	1201	1478



Shabbat 6.52pm
Shabbat ends 7.51pm

The Jews of Morocco

Jews have been living in Morocco since antiquity. During World War Two they suffered no deportations thanks to the energetic protests of King Mohamed V, and by 1948 their numbers had risen to 248,000. In 1956, Morocco declared its independence, and Jewish immigration to Israel was suspended. In 1963 emigration resumed allowing over 100,000 Moroccan Jews to reach Israel.

After the 6-day war the tension between the Jewish and Muslim community worsened; to be called a Jew was the worst insult one Moroccan could hurl at another. Some elements have remained anti-Jewish. They hide their virulent anti-Semitism by contending that the State of Israel was the creature of imperialism. These were the same elements that had enthusiastically welcomed Hitler's killings.

King Hassan was another great protector and friend of the Jewish community in Morocco. During his reign and since his death in 1999, Moroccan Jews have continually held leading positions in the business community and government. Morocco remains the most tolerant environment for Jews living in the Arab world and is probably Israel's closest friend among Arab regimes.

Casablanca is the home of most of the Jews of Morocco today. It is an exotic city as well as being the commercial and entertainment centre - the beaches are about 20 minutes drive away. It is divided into two parts, the residential and the Mellah. In the evenings seas of women in brightly-coloured djellabahs carry mounds of fruits and vegetables for sale throughout the cramped narrow streets of the Mellah. Kosher butchers are found in the old market; the ancient Jewish cemetery is also situated in the Mellah - an open, quiet retreat, with well-kept white stone markers in Hebrew, French and Spanish. The Jews no longer reside in the traditional Jewish Mellahs; most live in the modern section of the city where they can worship in over 30 synagogues, eat in kosher restaurants, enjoy their community centres and send their children to Jewish schools. The community has always been religious and tolerant in practice and very proud of its heritage. Casablanca is also the home of the Hassan II mosque, inaugurated in 1994, and the second largest in the world; the Jewish community contributed to its construction.

By 2003 the Jewish population had fallen to 5500. In May that year suicide bombers attacked Jewish targets in Casablanca. Despite tragic loss of life and limb, no Jews were hurt, but the bombings deeply affected the community's sense of security.

Our thanks to Jacques Bouskila for contributing this article.

Next Shabbat - Nitzovim

26th—27th September 2008

Commences 6.35pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6.00pm

Announcements

Kiddush Sponsor

Esther Isaacs & Richard Harris invite the congregation to Kiddush in the Bloomstein Hall after the service.

Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts this week are sponsored by Ruth & Albere Rouach

Birthdays—Mazal Tov to:

Sophia Lipton.	Henry Ziff
Peter Shasha	David Shasha
Andrew Tobias	Rita Frydman
Aubrey Sint	Gary Offenbach
Lesley Aaronson	Norman Naftalin
Zina Lewis	

Refuah Shelemah

Raphael Etesami	Raphael ben Michal
Stewart Cohen	Shimmon Shaul Ben Rifka
Albert Lieberman	Areya Leib ben Gitel
Seymour Freed	Shmuel Zeev ben Sara Rivka
B.A	Baruch Pinchas Ben Zissel
Sidney Jaque	Shlomo Ben Sarah

Succot Meals

We invite you to join our communal Succah meals on Monday evening 13th October and/or lunch on Tuesday 14th October.

Please advise the office by this Sunday 21st September as space is limited.

We must request such notice being given in order to avoid financial losses resulting from over preparation, or by those who indicate informal compliance but alas, fail to honour their financial commitment !

Friday 19th September

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Ervin Landau
6.00pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & D'var Torah by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Shabbat 20th September

- 8.45 am Shiur with Henry Knobil
9.15 am Shacharit
6.45 pm Mincha, followed by Seudah Shlishit, & D'var Torah by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld
7.51 pm Maariv & Havdalah

Sunday 21st September—Selichot

- 8.10 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Thought for the Day by Alan Goldberg
10.00 am **Cheder Age 4 – 12 years.** Contact Batsheva Burns for further information on 0796 88 555 96 or email cheder.marblearch@gmail.com

Monday 22nd September —Selichot

- 7.10 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah by Michael Milston
10.30 am Shiur by Rabbi Rosenfeld— Understanding the High Holyday Services—Part 2

Tuesday 23rd September —Selichot

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

Wednesday 24th September— Selichot

- 7.10 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Parsha Shiur by Ervin Landau
10.30am Shiur by Rabbi Rosenfeld— Understanding the High Holyday Services—Part 3

Thursday 25th September—Selichot

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

Friday 26th September—Selichot

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

**Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week
Sun 21st - Thurs 25th September 5.30pm**

Security Rota

Sam Mintz.

Kiddush Rota

Ruth Hanbury. Bertha Harrison.
Jane Mirwich. Linda Sharpe.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Bat Mitzvah Classes

Rabbi Rosenfeld begins a class for girls preparing for Bat Mitzvah in the coming year on Monday's at 5.00pm beginning this Monday, September 22nd.

GCSE Classes

Rabbi Rosenfeld has offered to teach a GCSE course in Judaism for post Bar and Bat Mitzvah teenagers, to be held after school one day a week. To date he has received only 3 applications to join this class. To make this viable he would like more interest to be shown.

Please contact him at rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk or by phone

JACS

Jewish Adult Cultural Society

As part of our programme, we are setting up a JACS group at Marble Arch.

Are you.....Interested....55 plus...

Call or email the office for further details, office@marblearch.org.uk or 020 7723 9333

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.

Rabbi Rosenfeld will be delighted to help anyone who needs to brush up' his Haftarah reading ability. Please contact him by phone.

Yadgaroff Library

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

Our Rabbi

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