


30th Kislev 5769/27th December 2008

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

Parashat Miketz Shabbat Chanukah First Day Rosh Chodesh

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| Sedra | 155 | 252 | 222 | 268 |  | Shabbat Begins 3.41pm |
| Chanukah Verses | 599 42-47 | 830 42-47 | 768 42-47 | 902 42-47 | | Shabbat ends 4.52pm |
| Rosh Chodesh Verses | 695 9-15 | 944 9-15 | 890 9-15 | 1062 9-15 | | |
| Haftarah | 987 | 857 | 1210 | 1449 | | |

The Significance of Visions & Dreams in Sefer Bereshit

The Torah refers to visions and dreams on thirteen separate occasions in the book of Bereshit. A number of these are in the presence of Hashem, some are promises, others are warnings, some require an interpretation, others do not.

The first vision occurs in Parsha Lech Lecha when Hashem appears to Abraham and promises to protect and reward him. The second occasion takes place in Parsha Toldot when Hashem appears to Isaac in a vision, blesses him and promises to make a great nation from his descendants.

Prior to Isaac's vision, we learn in Parsha Vayyera that Hashem appeared to Abimelech in a dream to warn him of the dire consequences that would befall him if he did not return Sarah, unharmed to Abraham.

The Parsha of Vayyetze records three dreams—two are by the Patriarch Jacob and the third is a dream by Laban. The first of Jacob's dreams is perhaps the most famous of all—angels are ascending and descending on a ladder that reaches to heaven. Furthermore, Jacob is assured by Hashem of the inheritance of the promised land and of a progeny as numerous as the dust of the earth. In his second dream Jacob is instructed by the Almighty to leave Laban and to return to the land of his fathers.

The Parsha of Vayyeshev incorporates four dreams. Two are those of Joseph, which symbolise the degree to which his family will become dependant upon him. The other dreams are those of Pharaoh's chief butler and baker, which require Joseph's interpretation, as do the dreams of Pharaoh himself, described in Parsha Mikketz, relating to the seven years of plenty, followed by seven years of famine.

The final vision in Sefer Bereshit is found in Parsha Vayyiggash in which Hashem addresses the Patriarch both by his new name of Israel as well as by the name of Jacob. It is interesting that Abraham and Isaac's dialogue with the Almighty are by means of visions, whereas initially Jacob relates to Hashem solely in dreams and it is only after his successful struggle with an angel that his encounter with G-d is by means of a vision. It would seem that to encounter G-d as a result of a vision, it is necessary to be a "visionary", as was Abraham and Isaac. Jacob too reaches a similar "madrega" or level of sanctity, but only when he became Israel, at the point when his life was dramatically changed by his successful, and transforming struggle with an angel.

Shabbat Shalom, Chanukah Sameach, Chodesh Tov

Henry Knobil

Next Shabbat - Vayigash

2nd—3rd January 2009

Commences 3.48pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 3.45pm

Announcements

Kiddush Sponsor

The Honorary Officers and Board of Management invite the congregation to a Kiddish in honour of Marion Reichwald in recognition of her hard work in running the Adult Education Programme at WMA

Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts this week for the morning minyan are sponsored by The Honourable Mr. Justice & Mrs. Carl Zalev visitors to the community from Canada

Birthdays—Mazal Tov to:

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| Alexandra Goodman | Joshua Mintz |
| Laurence Davis | David Buchler |
| Eleonora Rayden | Philip Miller |
| Denis Aaronson | Evelyn Neiss |
| Valerie Gee | Harold Winton |
| Simon Reiss | Frank Green |
| Lillian Harrison | Irving Brecker |
| Ronald Perelman | |

Wedding Anniversary- Mazal Tov to:

Joan & David Fobel
Renee & Isaac Salem
Jennifer & Eldred Tabachnik
Augusta & Leonard Kaye
Sarah & Maurice Shore

Refuah Shelema

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| Caroline Buchler | Miriam bat Sara |
| Sidney Jaque | Shlomo ben Sara |
| Nat Winsor | Noach ben Miriam Chaya |
| Gertie Endfield | Rachel bat Yehudit |
| Raphael Etesami | Raphael ben Michal |
| Seymour Freed | Shmuel Ze-ev ben Sara Rivka |
| | Shira bat Leah |

Our Rabbi

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Friday 26th December—Chanukah & Bank Holiday

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

Shabbat 27th December—Chanukah & Shabbat Rosh Chodesh

- 8.45 am Shiur with Stanley Simmonds
9.15 am Shacharit
3.45 pm Mincha, followed by Seudah Shlishit, & D'var Torah by Rabbi LR
4.52 pm Maariv & Havdalah

Sunday 28th December— Chanukah & Rosh Chodesh

- 8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Thought for the Day
Winter Break Cheder Re starts 4th January Contact Batsheva Burns for further information on 0796 88 555 96 or email cheder.marblearch@gmail.com

Monday 29th December— Zot Chanukah

- 8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah by Michael Milston
10.30am Ladies Shiur with Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Tuesday 30th December

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

Wednesday 31st December

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

Thursday 1st January—Bank Holiday

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

Friday 2nd January

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

Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week

Sun 28th December - Thurs 1st January 3.45pm

Security Rota

Philip Kremen. David Sorani.

Please note the change in the time of Shacharit this week

Office Hours over the Public Holidays

Please note that the Synagogue office will close at 3.00pm Wednesday 31st December, reopening on Friday 2nd January

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Rabbi Rosenfeld's Parsha Shiur for Ladies

A weekly series. New participants are most welcome. Monday 29th December

Rabbi Rosenfeld's GCSE—Judaism Class

There is still time to enrol for the January term. Email Rabbi Rosenfeld on rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk or call the office.

Please make a note now in your diary:

Monday 19th January 2009 at 7.45pm

Rabbi Dr. Akiva Tatz—'Dangerous Therapy in Medicine and Surgery'

Rabbi Dr. Akiva Tatz was born in Johannesburg, South Africa. After practising as a doctor in both South Africa and the U.S., he moved to Israel where he practised both in hospital and general medicine in Jerusalem and engaged in a number of year's Talmudic study and later teaching in Jewish thought and medical ethics in Jerusalem. He is the Founder and Director of the Jerusalem Medical Ethics Forum and has written a number of books on the subject of Jewish Thought and Philosophy.

Thursday 22nd January 2009 at 5.00pm

Holocaust Memorial Day

We will be hosting a service and reception to commemorate those who perished in the holocaust. This will be attended by the Lord Mayor of Westminster as well as Government Ministers and those who will be attending the Conference of the Association of Police Authorities who are conferring at WMA on that day. Please contact the office to reserve a place at the reception as soon as possible as space will be limited.

Consecration

The consecration of the stone in loving memory of Trude Reiss z"l will take place on Sunday 25th January 2009 at Willesden at 11.00am

Yadgaroff Library

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