

14th Teveth 5769/10th January 2009

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

Parashat Vayechi

Hertz Cohen Stone Gutnick Shabbat Begins 3.57pm

Sedra 180 296 268 318 Shabbat ends 5.06pm

Haftarah 191 315 1145 1396



"Disproportionate?"

I condemn Israel's disproportionate attack on Hamas because, so far, it has only lasted four days and I would like to see a proportionate response that terrifies Hamas for seven years, the years that have filled Sderot and neighbouring towns with nightmares, death, amputations and trauma coming from rockets and mortars fired from Gaza.

Perhaps a proportionate response would have Gaza's leaders fearful of being killed every day for the next two years, as Gilad Shalit has been terrified of torture and death every day for the last two years in his solitary Gaza dungeon.

A proportionate response would have Hamas mothers and fathers as fearful for their children's lives as Shalit's mother and father have been fearful for Gilad's life.

A proportionate response would have Gaza's children crying for their Mummies and Daddies, the way at a Hamas pageant earlier in December a Palestinian actor dressed as Gilad Shalit got down on his knees, mock-begging in Hebrew for his Ima and Abba while the Gaza crowds laughed.

A proportionate response would so intimidate Hamas that, as a "gesture," they send supplies into Sderot, the way Israel in response to rockets from Hamas continues sending supplies into Gaza. Imagine Churchill sending supplies into Berlin as a humanitarian gesture after - during - the bombing of London.

A proportionate response would be one that will convince Hamas there is no military solution, no solution but surrender. They can then call surrender a "peace process," if they like, just as the mostly unanswered attacks on Jews have convinced some Jews that there is no military solution but surrender to any and all demands. They suggest a euthanasia by the euphemism of "peace process," that Israel become what some are already planning to call "Canaan," a non-Jewish state of all its citizens.

A proportionate response will convince Palestinians that if they insist that the starting point to peace negotiations is that no Jew be allowed to live on the West Bank, the proportionate response will be that Israel's starting point in negotiations is that no Arab be allowed to live in Tel Aviv. Horrible to contemplate? Fine, let there be a proportionate negotiation.

A proportionate response will begin to remind Jews that there is no peace process like victory, just as Israel's decade of disproportionate restraint and self-doubt has convinced young Palestinians that *their* victory is inevitable, like youth in 1933 singing "Tomorrow Belongs To Me."

Let it be said to Israelis and Jews everywhere, in the words of Churchill: "You have enemies? Good. It means you've stood up for something." But remember: A war (and Hamas has repeatedly said this is war) is never won if you are disproportionately kind to someone who wants to destroy you and, failing in that, demands with indignation that you not destroy him.

When meeting that enemy, be proportionate.

Contributed by Beverly

Next Shabbat - Shemot

16th—17th January 2009

Commences 4.07pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 4.00pm

Announcements

STOP PRESS!!

Join the MASS RALLY FOR ISRAEL this Sunday 11th January organised by the Board of Deputies.

SEE YOU IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE FROM 11.00am—12.00 NOON

Assemble 10.40am

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

We are delighted to welcome the German Ambassador Mr Georg Boomgarden and Mrs Christiana Boomgarden.

A Hearty Mazal Tov to Simon Reiss on the occasion of his special birthday.

Kiddush Sponsor

Caroline & Raymond Esdaile invite the congregation to Kiddush after the service to celebrate Simon Reiss' special birthday

Please note that facilities are available to make Hamotzi

Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts this week for the morning minyan are sponsored by Ruth & Albere Rouach to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Albere's mother, Zorah Rouach z"l

Birthdays—Mazal Tov to:

Ines Shasha	Barney Davis
Abigail Sage	Jessica Ejdalbaum
Jacqueline Renton	Adam Buchler
Katie Goldblatt	Nicole Ronson
Yaakov Schmidt	Barbara Goldberg
Wendy Lipton	Linda Sharpe
Jonathan Tarlow	Gemma Levine
Patricia Davis	Peter Davis
Irene Leigh	Leonard Roodyn
Frances Shepherd	Edna Frey

Wedding Anniversary—Mazal Tov to:

Susie & Stacy Eden
Lorraine & David Esdaile
Sandra & John Joseph

Refuah Shelemah

Gerald Bloomberg	Yoseph ben Devorah
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 Micha
Seymour Freed	Shmuel Ze'ev ben
	Sara Rivka
Gala Colover	Chana bat Yehudit
Rita Samson	Rivka bat Sara
	Shira bat Leah

Condolences

To Jarvis & Edgar Astaire on the passing of their aunt and Steven Astaire on the passing of his great aunt, Reina Rudd z"l.

To Shirley Rayden on the loss of her husband and to Paul and Clive Rayden and Louise Ladenheim on the loss of their father, Wolf Rayden z"l, a much respected Elder of our Synagogue.

Friday 9th January

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Ervin Landau
4.00 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat, D'var Torah by The Chief Rabbi

Shabbat 10th January

- 8.45 am Shiur with Ervin Landau
9.15 am Shacharit
4.00 pm Mincha, followed by Seudah Shlishit, & D'var Torah by The Chief Rabbi
5.06 pm Maariv & Havdalah

Sunday 11th January

- 8.30 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 12th January

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

Tuesday 13th January

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

Wednesday 14th January

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

Thursday 15th January

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

Friday 16th January

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

**Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week
Sun 11th—Thursday 15th January 2009 4.00pm**

Security Rota

Mark Pasha. Greg Phillips. Joshua Ejdelbaum.
Max Truman.

Kiddush Rota

Bertha Harrison. Jane Mirwitch. Linda Sharpe.

Our Rabbi

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Our Website: For details of times of services and future events, go to
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Rabbi Rosenfeld's Parsha Shiur for Ladies

A weekly series. New participants are most welcome.
Monday 12th January

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.

Visitation Tuesday 20th January & Tuesday 27th January at 7.45pm at WMA

In conjunction with the United Synagogue we have arranged two training sessions for members of the Visitation Committee and anyone else interested in learning more about how we can improve our help and support for the sick and elderly in our community. Please telephone Stanley Simmonds on 07971079075 to book your place or for more information.

Thursday 22nd January 2009 at 4.45pm 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, Government Ministers, the Acting Police Commissioner and hopefully Mayor Boris Johnson plus those who will be attending the Conference of the Association of Police Authorities, i.e. Chief Constables from around the country, 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

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 sponsor a Shabbat Morning Kiddush, or the Morning Minyan breakfasts or the weekly Newsletter.