

28th Teveth 5769/24th January 2009

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

Parashat Vaera—Choral Shabbat - Mevarchim Hachodesh

Hertz Cohen Stone Gutnick Shabbat Begins 4.19pm

Sedra 232 351 318 372 Shabbat ends 5.26pm

Haftarah 244 372 1149 1489



Geoffrey Ognall - Reflections – UJIA Solidarity Trip

I have just returned from leading an extremely moving UJIA Solidarity Mission to Israel.

We arrive at 5am and travel south immediately to Barzilai Hospital, Ashkelon. The corridors are empty and quiet - normal activity has halted. This has led to major disruption for a population vulnerable to rocket attack. The basement of the hospital is now a crisis area with staff on standby for major emergency events. The hospital is treating side by side both Palestinian and IDF wounded!

Stepping back on the bus we learn that the minimum-maximum time from a rocket being fired to hitting is 15 - 45 seconds! A shocking statistic.

Then we enter Sderot, and meet with social and youth workers and mental trauma specialists – remarkable heroes! There, and with whoever we meet, no hatred is expressed to their neighbours in Gaza, only a heartfelt wish to live in peace, and a powerful empathy towards the current suffering of the population of Gaza. (Many of the programmes that are being delivered to the youth of Sderot are being financed by UJIA.)

We also visit the City Police Station, and meet with Chief Inspector Mickey Rosenfeld, the Chief Spokesman of Israel Police – and a cousin of our Rabbi, Lionel!

We are then taken by the IDF to a lookout hilltop and shown a panoramic view of Gaza; its frightening seeing how close Sderot is to Gaza City.

Today has been a whirlwind, what I have spoken of is only a quarter of what we packed into one day - I can't believe what we have done in just a few hours since landing, including coming under rocket attack and entering a safe shelter within 15 seconds!

The next morning, 5am and we are on the move again, this time up north to UJIA partnership region, the Galil – and alarmingly the rockets are following us.

In Carmiel we participate in the formal opening at the UJIA-funded Irisim School, with the Minister of Education Yuli Tamir, our good friend Zev Bielski, Chairman of the Jewish Agency, and Nochi Dankner, the Israeli Industrialist, as well as the Mayor and other dignitaries.

Back on the bus and to Ma'alot, where we visit the Kochav Centre (another UJIA project) - a "state of the art" centre for both Jewish and Arab residents with severe learning difficulties. It is a rewarding visit, knowing we are truly making a difference.

That evening we meet with Tom Philips, UK Ambassador to Israel. Tom is a fantastic friend of UJIA and our community, and he speaks frankly and constructively about the diplomatic situation.

In summary, I happy to say that throughout the trip we were warmly welcomed by all we met. I feel privileged to be involved in UJIA, and I come back with energy and commitment to ensure that as many people as possible in our community support what we do - it is truly making a difference.

36 hours of deep emotion and renewal - Am Israel Chai!
Geoffrey

Next Shabbat - Bo

30th—31st January 2009

Commences 4.31pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 4.30pm

Announcements

Aufruf & Kiddush Sponsor

Mazal Tov to Charles Hanbury on his forthcoming marriage to Alison Verber and Mazal Tov to parents Ruth & Philip Hanbury and Myra & David Verber.

Ruth & Philip Hanbury have pleasure in inviting the congregation to Kiddush after the service to celebrate.

We also thank them for sponsoring the Choir for the Choral Services this Shabbat.

Breakfast Sponsor ???

We have no sponsor for this week's morning Minyan breakfast. Would you like to fill the gap? There is still time for someone to do this Mitzvah. Please contact Maureen at the office.

Births

Mazal Tov to Louise & Norman Naftalin on the birth of a grandson in Israel.

Birthdays—Mazal Tov to:

Gideon Schmidt	Richard Silver
Joanne Remo	Adam Cedar
Sean Gorvy	Agnes Lee
Andrew Newton	Clive Truman
Antoinette Soning	Richard Mintz
David Woolf	Esther Osband
Teddie Reitman	Vera Ross

Wedding Anniversary— Mazal Tov to:

Yvonne & Ervin Landau
Claudia & Jonathan Plaut

Refuah Shelemah

Ian Goldberg Yitzhak ben Sarah

Ian is a valued member of our office and we wish him a speedy recovery following his operation.

A speedy recovery also to the following:

B.A.	Baruch Pinchas ben Zissel
Gerald Bloomberg	Yoseph ben Devorah
Sidney Jaque	Shlomo ben Sara
Nat Winsor	Noach ben Miriam
	Chaya
Raphael Etesami	Raphael ben Michal
Seymour Freed	Shmuel Ze-ev ben
	Sara Rivka
Caroline Buchler	Miriam bat Sara
Amanda Clore	Malka Leah Bat
	Shoshana
	Shira bat Leah

Friday 23rd January

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

Shabbat 24th January

- 8.45 am Shiur with Henry Knobil
9.15 am **Choral Shacharit & Musaf**
4.15 pm Mincha, followed by Seudah Shlishit, & D'var Torah by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld
5.26 pm Maariv & Havdalah

Sunday 25th 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 26th January—Rosh Chodesh

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

Tuesday 27th January

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Shiur by Rabbi Yosef Vogel
7.45 pm **Kabbalah Seminar with Rabbi Yaval HaCohen Asherov**

Wednesday 28th January

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

Thursday 29th January

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

Friday 30th January

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

**Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week
Sun 25th —Thursday 29th January 2009 4.15pm**

Security Rota
Jacob Lyons. Albere Rouach.

Kiddush Rota
Linda Sharpe. Esther Isaacs. Ruth Rouach.

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. Next Shiur Monday 26th January 10.30am

Rabbi Rosenfeld's GCSE—Judaism Class

Meets every Thursday at 6.00pm

Consecrations

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

The consecration of the stone in loving memory of Sheila Tuchmann will take place this Sunday 25th January at Cheshunt at 12.45pm.

Visitation Committee Tuesday 27th January at 7.45pm at the home of Rabbi Lionel & Natalie Rosenfeld

Another training session (in conjunction with the United Synagogue) will be taking place as above. We invite all those interested in learning more about how we can improve our help and support for the sick and elderly in our community to contact Stanley Simmonds on 07971079075 to book your place, or for more information.

Kabbalah Seminar this coming Wednesday evening 27th January at 7.45pm in the Bloomstein Hall

Come and meet one of Israel's foremost Kabbalah teachers, Rabbi Yuval HaCohen Asherov. Subject: "Current Events—How do we deal with them?"

Please make a note now in your diary: Monday 16th February 2009 at 7.45pm Lecture by Anne Webber Co-chair Commission for Looted Art

The Commission for Looted Art in Europe (CLAE) is an international expert and non-profit representative body which researches, identifies and recovers looted property on behalf of families, communities and institutions worldwide. Since it was set up in 1999 CLAE has been instrumental in achieving the restitution of over 3,000 Nazi looted objects. Anne Webber is founder and co-chair of the Commission for Looted Art in Europe. **A documentary filmmaker at the BBC, she became chair of Jewish Book Week in 2002 and is now President.**

Yadgaroff Library

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