

6th Shevat 5769/31st January 2009

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

Parashat Bo

Hertz Cohen Stone Gutnick Shabbat Begins 4.31pm

Sedra 248 377 340 398 Shabbat ends 5.38pm

Haftarah 263 404 1151 1403



Relationships.



In many ways it is relationships that measure the value of our lives.

I have just spent 4 intensive days in Israel with UKAWIS (Association for Well-being of Israeli soldiers)

The itinerary was jam packed, and our days were 15 hours long. Our first glimpse of Army life was at the induction base where we were photographed, fingerprinted, given our ID and dog tags, and fitted out with a uniform –yes they even found one to fit me! We were taken to the parachute regiment base and had top level briefings from the base commander . It was now dusk and we were transported to a field camp, ate a dinner of "field rations"- a tin of processed meat, one of tuna, and some Halva and sat with trainee soldiers. When we eventually went to our tents sleep did not come easily in a sleeping bag lying on the cold desert ground. Early next morning the Army brought out a travelling Aron Kodesh, and one of our group leyned- quite an experience davening Shacharit in the desert. Breakfast was the same as last night's dinner. During the next couple of days we watched training and heard briefings from different areas of the Army, and had the opportunity of meeting with high-ranking army personnel and politicians.

The outstanding experience of the trip was our time spent at the AWIS reception area at a base where the soldiers were returning from the war in Gaza. Here we spoke to these guys only hours after returning from the battle. A truly humbling experience. The first soldier I met was a boy who looked so young he probably did not have to shave. I asked him if it was what he expected. The pause was long then he told me that the most overwhelming feeling he had was fear; as he was going in the battle he was passing his wounded comrades coming back to Israel. Let us be quite clear, this is not fear of a coward, but the fear experienced by all sane soldiers in battle. We talked for a while and as much as I was overwhelmed by what he had done, this young soldier was bolstered by the fact that Jews from the Diaspora had come to Israel to show their support (I'm coming back to relationships). We were moved by the soldiers' gratitude for our support and by their stories. One told us it was Erev Shabbat, they were taking a position in one of the houses in Gaza and as the fighting had quietened down they decided to daven Kabbalat Shabbat. When it came to the verse Bo'ee Kalah they turned round and bowed their heads - just then a volley of enemy bullets flew past their heads.(a relationship with the Almighty).

Without question, that encounter at AWIS proved what the commander had told us: that the most potent weapon in any soldier's hand is not the power of his gun, but the morale that he feels, knowing that every Israeli citizen is behind their actions, and that Diaspora Jewry valued them 20 highly. I certainly wasn't going to be the one to tell them that there were Jews in this country that were not so supportive and in some instances dare I say it hostile .

So now I return to relationships. My father Louis z"l told me that the level of observance or the stream of Judaism was not the defining factor. The defining factor is when the time comes for you to stand up and be counted. Do you have a relationship with Israel?
Shabbat Shalom Richard Mintz

Announcements

Mazal Tov to Cameron Shayle on his Bar Mitzvah and to parents Amanda & Anthony Shayle, grandparents and all the family

This Shabbat we are delighted to welcome our Guest Speaker, Rabbi Marc Schneier and Rebbetzen Tobi Schneier

Kiddush Sponsor

Amanda & Anthony Shayle invite the congregation to Kiddush to celebrate Cameron's Bar Mitzvah

Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts this week are kindly sponsored by Pearl & Stewart Cohen to celebrate Stewart's birthday— Ad Meiah V'Esrim

Birthdays—Mazal Tov to:

Alexia Khodari	Ella Goldberg
Joshua Brenner	David Djanogly
Emma Berg	James Woolf
Wade Newmark	Amanda Parnes
Frances Goldberg	Carole Sandground
Jocille Cohen	Sandra Joseph
Shirley Spitz	Michael Moosah
Richard Marchant	Anita Starace
Ronald Irving	Michael Phillips
Marke Markovitz	Stewart Cohen
Ita Searle	Alec Allan

Wedding Anniversary— Mazal Tov to:

Carole & David Sandground
Karen & Anthony Yadgaroff

Refuah Shelemah

Ian Goldberg	Asher Mordecai ben Shifra
B.A.	Yitzhak ben Sarah
Gerald Bloomberg	Baruch Pinchas ben Zissel
Sidney Jaque	Yoseph ben Devorah
Nat Winsor	Shlomo ben Sara
	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

Next Shabbat - Beshalach

6th—7th February 2009

Commences 4.44pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 4.30pm

Friday 30th January

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Shiur by Bernard Silver
4.30 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & D'var Torah by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Shabbat 31st January

- 8.45 am Shiur with Stanley Simmonds
9.15 am Shacharit, followed by Sermon by Rabbi Marc Schneier
4.30 pm Mincha, Seudah Shlishit, & D'var Torah by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld
5.38 pm Ma'ariv & Havdalah

Sunday 1st February

- 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 2nd February

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

Tuesday 3rd February

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

Wednesday 4th February

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Parsha Shiur by Rabbi LR

Thursday 5th February

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

Friday 6th February

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Bernard Silver

Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week
Sun 1st — Thursday 5th February 2009 4.30pm

Security Rota
Michael Ezra. Stanley Simmonds.

Kiddush Rota
Ruth Hanbury. Linda Sharpe

Our Rabbi

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Rabbi Rosenfeld's Parsha Shiur for Ladies

A weekly series. Next Shiur Monday 2nd February 10.30am

Rabbi Rosenfeld's GCSE—Judaism Class

Meets every Thursday at 6.00pm

New Committees

Please contact Linda Sharpe to join one of our new Committees for the 35—50 year olds or the 50—65 year olds. This exciting new venture has been initiated by Linda Sharpe, Ruth Rouach and Frances Goldberg. We are looking for people to help organise either of these committees, or if you have ideas for events. Please contact Linda on 0207 289 1825, as soon as possible as we would like these groups up and running by Pesach

Shabbat Forum 14th February. Address by Ben Apfel a member of the IDF

Don't miss the address by this dynamic and very brave young man who has just returned from active duty in Gaza

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.**

Tuesday 10th March 2009 at 2.00—5.00pm

The Archers Western Marble Arch's New Senior Group Present A Purim Party with Special Guest Lady Jakobovits

Join us together with Lady Jakobovits for an afternoon of Klezmer and popular music featuring the Claudio Allodei Trio. Refreshment & Afternoon tea.

Yadgaroff Library

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