

20th Shevat 5769/14th February 2009

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

Parashat Yitro

Hertz Cohen Stone Gutnick Shabbat Begins 4.57pm

Sedra 288 445 394 458 Shabbat ends 6.01pm

Haftarah 302 464 1154 1408



'In Case I Was Missed'

You may think that I should probably be writing about this week's sidra; forgive me however if I go back a week. The reason I do this is because last week was quite an occasion for Diana and me, it was the Bat Chayil of our oldest grandchild, and as they attend a different shul, last week I "played away". It was a strange sensation. 3 services, Friday night, Shabbat morning, and the evening service, because that was when the Bat Chayil took place (they are a very busy shul) strange because I didn't have to deal with a single complaint.

As Shakespeare once said "Uneasy lies the head that wears the Kippah".

No need to worry about who was being "called up", or more important who's missed being called up, and so time to actually read the sidra.

And what a story it told. "When Moses held up his hands Israel prevailed, and when he lowered his hands, Amalek prevailed" Did this really mean that Moses was capable of swaying the progress of the battle? Was it a miracle? Or just a symbol which the people could understand, and which helped them unite and encouraged them in their plight?

People far more learned than I have adduced that those hands brought neither defeat nor victory. They merely caused the people to look upwards. Today, perhaps more than ever before, other than during those grim war days which I remember as a child, there truly is the need to do that simple act of looking up, but unfortunately the eyes of men only rarely look upwards.

So many people nowadays are exposed to moral illiteracy and impropriety cloaked under the questionable respectability of "good literature" or "entertainment", and the power for money, again thinly veiled under the name of "expansion" and "development", makes a mockery of social justice and the rights of man. Even the rights of man overtake the need to have regard to the rights of society.

There are too many hands uplifted, but mainly in protest, or urging others to commit acts of violence, and far too few eyes look upwards for inspiration.

I looked upwards last week, to a sophisticated 12 year old, as did a congregation, largely composed of her school friends, many non-Jewish, I looked at a youngster who was fortunate enough to have one of the most beautiful sections of our liturgy to talk about, The Song of the Israelites crossing the sea, and I thought how lucky was she, and how lucky are we to have such words as part of our heritage, words which truly lift up the eyes as well as the mind.

Shabbat Shalom, Barrington Black

Next Shabbat - Mishpatim

20th—21st February 2009

Commences 5.09pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 5.00pm

Announcements

We welcome Ben Apfel of the IDF who is our Guest Speaker this Shabbat morning

Kiddush Sponsor

The Honorary Officers and Board of Management invite the Congregation to Kiddush after the service in honour of Ben Apfel.

Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts this week are kindly sponsored by Aron Freedman in memory of his mother Gloria Freedman z"l

Birthdays—Mazal Tov to:

Amy Buchler	Matthew Goldhill
Edward Offenbach	Charlotte Lipton
Jane Metter	Carole Cohen
Ann Zahl	Gloria Levin
Cyril Stein	Marcel Stellman
Lewis Fox	Jack Stanford
Ruth Bromberg	Rita Rose

Wedding Anniversary— Mazal Tov to:

Francoise & David Winton
Edna & Henry Kaye

Refuah Shelemah

B.A.	Asher Mordecai ben Shifra
Nat Winsor	Baruch Pinchas ben Zissel
	Noach ben Miriam
	Chaya
Raphael Etesami	Raphael ben Michal
Caroline Buchler	Miriam bat Sara
	Shira bat Leah

Join us this Monday evening for Anne Webber's lecture on 'Looted Art'

Friday 13th February

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

Shabbat 14th February

8.45 am Shiur with Ervin Landau
9.15 am Shacharit, followed by address by Ben Apfel
5.00 pm Mincha, Seudah Shlishit, & D'var Torah by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld
6.01 pm Ma'ariv & Havdalah

Sunday 15th February

8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Thought for the Day by Alan Goldberg
Half Term Restarts Cheder Age 4 – 12 years. Contact Batsheva Burns for further information on 0796 88 555 96 or email cheder.marblearch@gmail.com
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Monday 16th February

7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah by Michael Milston
10.30am Ladies' Shiur with Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld
7.45 pm Lecture by Anne Webber on Looted Art

Tuesday 17th February

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

Wednesday 18th February

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

Thursday 19th February

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

Friday 20th February

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

Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week
Sun 15th —Thursday 19th February 2009 5.00pm

Security Rota

Alan Goldberg. Victor Lee. Jonathan Winton.

Kiddush Rota

Eve Brenner. Linda Sharpe.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Rabbi Rosenfeld's Parsha Shiur for Ladies

Next Shiur Monday 16th February 10.30am

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

Yoga & Pilates Classes

Carol Barnett, who is a fully trained yoga and pilates teacher, has expressed an offer to take classes, maybe on a Monday evening. Would those interested please contact her on carolbyoga@hotmail.com or 07956557448

This 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.**

It would greatly assist if for this, and other cultural functions, members could indicate to Marion Reichwald at marion@reichwald.me.uk if they are able to attend.

27th February Friday Night Young Peoples Chinese Dinner (22—35 year olds)

WMA has pleasure in inviting you to an unique event with the Chief Rabbi as Guest Speaker—What is new about the new anti-semitism? followed by a question and answer session. Tickets £25. Contact the Synagogue Office on 020 7723 9333. **Please note tickets will only be available until 20th February so book now to avoid disappointment.**

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.

Tuesday 14th April Dedication of Ambulance in honour of Sonia & Malcolm Howard z"l

The ambulance dedication service will take place at 10.30am at Tel Aviv Magen David Adom Station

