

27th Shevat 5769/21st February 2009

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Parashat Mishpatim Shabbat Shekalim Shabbat Mevarchin

	Hertz	Cohen	Stone	Gutnick		
Sedra	306	471	416	478		Shabbat Begins 5.09pm
Shekalim	352	540	484	554		Shabbat ends 6.13pm
Haftarah	992	1191	1212	1494		

Just Push

A man was sleeping one night in his cabin when suddenly his room filled with light and God appeared. The Lord told the man he had work for him to do and showed him a large rock in front of his cabin. The Lord explained that the man was to Push against the rock with all his might.

So, this the man did, day after day. For many years he toiled from sunup to sundown, his shoulders set squarely against the cold, massive surface of the moving rock, pushing with all his might!

Each night the man returned to his cabin sore and worn out, feeling that his whole day had been spent in vain. Since the man was showing discouragement, the Adversary (Satan) decided to enter the picture by placing thoughts into the weary mind (He will do it every time)!

You have been pushing against that rock for a long time and it hasn't moved. "Thus, he gave the man the impressing that the task was impossible and that he was a failure. These thoughts discouraged and disheartened the man.

Satan said, "Why kill yourself over this? Just put in your time, giving just the minimum effort; and that will be good enough."

That's what the weary man planned to do, but decided to make it a matter of Prayer and to take his troubled thoughts to The Lord.

"Lord" he said, "I have laboured long and hard in your service, putting all my strength to do that which you have asked. Yet after all this time, I have not even budged that rock by half a millimetre. What is wrong? Why am I failing?"

The Lord responded compassionately, "My friend, when I asked you to serve Me and you accepted, I told you that your task was to push against the rock with all of your strength, which you have done.

Never once did I mention to you that I expected you to move it. Your task was to push and now you come to Me with your strength spent, thinking that you have failed.

But, is that really so? Look at yourself. Your arms are strong and muscled, your back shiny and brown, your hands are callused from constant pressure, your legs have become massive and hard.

Through opposition you have grown much and your abilities now surpass that which you used to have. True you haven't move the rock but your calling was to be obedient and to push and to exercise your Faith and trust in My Wisdom. That you have done. Now I, my friend, will move the rock"

At times when we hear a word from God, we tend to use our own intellect to decipher what He Wants, when actually what God wants is just simple obedience and faith in him

By all means exercise the Faith that moves mountains, but know that it is still God Who move The Mountains.

When everything seems to go wrong	Just P.U.S.H
When the job gets you down	Just P.U.S.H
When people don't do as you think they should	Just P.U.S.H
When your money is "gone" and the bills are due	Just P.U.S.H
When people just don't understand you	Just P.U.S.H

P=Pray U=Until S=Something H=Happens

"Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending"

Sent in by Beverly Miller
Shabbat Shalom

Announcements

Kiddush Sponsor

Wendy-Louise & Henry Brecher invite the Congregation to Kiddush after the service in celebration of Mishi & Richards marriage in Israel

Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts this week are kindly sponsored by Norma & Selwyn Midgen to commemorate the Yahrzeits of Selwyn's parents John & Doreen Midgen z"l

Birthdays— Mazal Tov:

Pandora Yadgaroff	Adam Strong
Gregory Steckelmacher	
Anne Lassman	Ruth Rouach
Daniel Levy	Karen Joelson
Louise Harouni	Natalie Rosenfeld
Rosemary Faiman	Kenneth Levy
Phyllis Rapp	Sandra Caplan
Ivor Markovitz	Betty Stein
Everard Goodman	Doris Appleton
Gusta Neumann	

Wedding Anniversaries—Mazal Tov

Adele & Anthony Peters
Carol & Steven Truman
Liliane & Michael Harris

Refuah Shelemah

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

Next Shabbat - Terumah

27th—28th February February 2009

Commences 5.22pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 5.15pm

Friday 20th February

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

Shabbat 21st February

8.45 am Shiur with Ervin Landau
9.15 am Shacharit
5.00 pm Mincha, Seudah Shlishit, & D'var Torah by Robbie Sherman
6.13 pm Ma'ariv & Havdalah

Sunday 22nd 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 23rd February

7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah by Michael Milston
10.30am Ladies' Shiur with Henry Knobil

Tuesday 24th February—Rosh Chodesh Adar

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

Wednesday 25th February—Rosh Chodesh Adar

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

Thursday 26th February

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

Friday 27th February

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

**Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week
Sun 22nd —Thursday 26th February 2009 5.00pm**

Security Rota

Stephen Factor. Benedict Price. Steven Truman

Kiddush Rota

Bertha Harrison. Jane Mirwich. Linda Sharpe

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Rabbi Rosenfeld's Parsha Shiur for Ladies

Next Shiur Monday 23rd February 10.30am, which is kindly being given by Henry Knobil

Rabbi Rosenfeld 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

27th February Friday Night Young Peoples Chinese Dinner's (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.**

Monday 9th March 2009 –Purim Celebration in conjunction with Central Synagogue at 6.45pm

Join us at Central Synagogue for the Reading of the Megilla by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld, followed by 'Strictly Come Purim' reception and show. **Do you dream of seeing your name in lights? Would you dare to sing in front of thousands?** Call Raquel at Central Synagogue on 020 7580 1355 to reserve your 5 min slot.

Tuesday 10th March 2009 at WMA

Shacharit 7.00am followed by the Reading of the Megilla by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld and a bumper festive breakfast. Second Reading of the Megilla for Ladies 10.00am

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.

Please make a note in your diary: Monday 16th March at 8pm. Fiyaz Mughal in Conversation with Rabbi Herschel Gluck on The Muslim Community and the Jews

Fiyaz is the founder of "Muslims Against Anti-Semitism" and Founder and Director of "Faith Matters. A leading voice of moderation with Britain's Muslim community, he has led numerous trips for Muslim activist, politicians and community leaders to Israel and has organised national speaking tours for Holocaust and Kindertransport survivors and Muslim survivors of the killing camps in Bosnia.