

11th Adar 5769/7th March 2009

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

## Parashat Tetzaveh—Shabbat Zachor

	Hertz	Cohen	Stone	Gutnick		
						Shabbat Begins 5.35pm
Sedra	339	519	464	532		Shabbat ends 6.38pm
Maftir	856	1114	1066	1290		Reading of Maftir Zachor Will take place at 10.30am (Approx)
Haftarah	995	1192	1214	1497		

### MAKING OUR CONTRIBUTION

This week's Sidra of *Tetzaveh* is the second of five Sidrot that deal with the building of the Mishkan (the Tabernacle). We read last week that the Mishkan was to be financed by voluntary donations. The list of raw materials and ornaments required is lengthy, detailed and varied, from metals and wood, to stones, skins and textiles. Yet even though much was required, the Torah doesn't make the donations obligatory; instead they are given "Every man according to the prompting of his heart."

Firstly we should glean from the opening verses that the size of the gift or donation is less significant than the sincerity and feeling with which it is given, dependant not on the donor's wealth but on his heart. So it matters not if one person gives a whole forest of timber and the other a few threads of linen; how it is given is the measure. The Torah is very precise in every aspect of the construction; could it be to teach us that every gift is important and valued? Someone who can only give enough to make a single ring will realise the magnitude of even that small contribution. As an example of this concept, Psalm 117 stands on its own in the Book of Tehillim, although it consists of just 2 verses - the smallest chapter in the whole of Tenach yet recited every time we say Hallel.

Another important lesson from giving to the Mishkan is also illustrated from Tehillim. Psalm 115 v.12 (also in Hallel) states that Hashem will bless the House of Israel and the House of Aaron. "*Haketanim im Haggdolim*" - "the small and the great alike." We learn from this that the priestly and the devout (i.e. the House of Aaron and the ordinary people of the House of Israel) are equal in the sight of Hashem, so by detailing every element of the Mishkan, the metal worker is as valued as the carpenter, the textile agent as valued as the spice merchant - and all of those as valued as the Cohanim. From this we understand the lesson that the giving of one's time is as important as giving from what one owns - both acts are valued and blessed by Hashem.

These are lessons we could do well to remember within our own community. The sincerity of a donation matters as much as its magnitude: the one who can only afford to donate a candle for Havdalah is to be respected in the same way as the one who can afford to give a Sefer Torah. Five minutes talking to a lonely or sick member, or to a visitor, can be an invaluable mitzvah whose reward is not immediately apparent. Helping to make a Minyan on a Sunday afternoon to enable a mourner to say Kaddish is just as important as attending the Kol Nidre service. Whatever we do and whatever we give is important. Not all of us can do or give the same but all can play a part in building a community.

Another reason for the lengthy and exact detail of every aspect of the building of the Mishkan could be to stop the inevitable arguments. Can you imagine for example if the Torah would have just said "make rings" instead of "make four rings of gold"? You would have had one tribe saying "we will make rings of copper", another saying, "no, we should make 12 rings of iron"..... We can all learn that sometimes it is best just to do what is asked of us, rather than spending hours re-negotiating the request. Sometimes "to do" is better than "to talk".

Shabbat Shalom

Alan Goldberg

### Next Shabbat Ki Tissa—Shabbat Parah

13th—14th March 2009

Commences 5.47pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 5.45pm

## Announcements

**A warm welcome to the Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan & Lady Sacks who are with us this Shabbat.**

The Honorary Officers and Board of Management invite the congregation to Kiddush after the service in honour of Sir Ian & Lady Gainsford who are leaving the community after over 50 years to take up residence in Israel.

### Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts this week are kindly sponsored by David Sage to commemorate the Yahrzeits of his parents Gertrude & Sidney Sage z"l

### Birthdays—Mazal Tov:

William Becker	Timothy West
Natalie Jaque	Melanie Sharpe
Abigail Soning	Valeria Levy
Oliver Tarlow	Avram Goldberg
Stephen Remo	Rebecca Silver
Brian Freeman	Philip Hanbury
Jane Mirwitch	Angela Soning
Lilah Vanger	Michael Lewis
Laurence Harlington	Murray Gastman

### Wedding Anniversaries—Mazal Tov

Joanne & Stephen Remo  
Hilary & Philip David  
Lynda & Derek Rapport  
Beryl & Neil Davis  
Sharon & Jonathan Tarlow

### Refuah Shlemah

Zelma Bloomberg	Chaya Bella bat Esther Zelda Malka Bat Shaina Devora
Seymour Freed	Shmuel Zeev ben Sara Rifka
Gala Colover	Hanna bat Yehudit Asher Mordecai ben Shifra
B.A. Nat Winsor	Baruch Pinchas ben Zissel Noach ben Miriam Chaya
Caroline Buchler	Miriam bat Sara Shira bat Leah

**Friday 6th March**

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

**Shabbat 7th March**

- 8.45 am Shiur with Bernard Silver  
9.15 am Shacharit, Sermon by the Chief Rabbi  
5.30 pm Mincha, Seudah Shlishit, & D'var Torah by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld  
6.38 pm Ma'ariv & Havdalah

**Sunday 8th March**

- 8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Thought for the Day by Alan Goldberg  
10.00 am Cheder **Purim Party** Contact Batsheva Burns for further information on 0796 88 555 96 or email cheder.marblearch@gmail.com

**Monday 9th March –Fast of Esther**

- 4.51 am Fast begins  
7.30 am Shacharit & Selichot  
10.30am Ladies' Shiur with Rabbi Rosenfeld  
1.30 pm First Mincha  
5.30 pm Second Mincha  
6.35 pm Fast ends  
6.45 pm At Central Synagogue Maariv, Reading of the Megilla by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld and Purim Party

**Tuesday 10th March—Purim**

- 7.00 am Shacharit, Reading of the Megilla by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld & festive breakfast. We will be welcoming Chief Rabbi  
10.00 am Reading of the Megilla for Ladies by Rabbi LR  
2.00 pm The Archers Purim Party for Senior Members

**Wednesday 11th March**

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

**Thursday 12th March**

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

**Friday 13th March**

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

Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week  
Sun 8th, & Tues 10th—Thurs 12th March 2009 5.30pm  
Monday 9th— see above

**Security Rota**

Dean Clifford. David Harouni. Mark Pasha

**Kiddush Rota**

Esther Isaacs. Linda Sharpe. Carole Truman.

You can contact Rabbi Lionel & Natalie Rosenfeld at rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk  
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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Rabbi Rosenfeld's Parsha Shiur for Ladies**

Next Shiur Monday 9th March 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, if you are able to help us.

**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: Sunday 15th March 11.00am Dedication of the refurbishment by the Khalili Family, followed by a reception.**

**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.

**Wednesday 18th March 2009 at 7.45pm**

Paul, Aron & Ross Freedman invite you to join them for a Siyum commemorating the first yearzeit of Gloria Freedman z"l followed by Seudat Mitzvah RSVP 020 7486 1233 email: AronFreedman@chenrybond.com

**Wednesday 8th April—First Night Seder**

We are pleased to announce that Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld will again be conducting a Communal Seder on the first Seder Night. Details to follow.

**Our Website: For details of times of services and events, go to [www.marblearch.org.uk](http://www.marblearch.org.uk)**

