

25th Adar 5769/21st March 2009

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

Parashat Vayakhel-Pekudei Shabbat Mevarchin Hachodesh

	Hertz	Cohen	Stone	Gutnick		
						Shabbat Begins 5.59pm
Sedra	373	573	516	584		Shabbat ends 7.02pm
Mapthir	253	386	348	406		
Haftarah	1001	1195	1218	1502		

A Siyyum, a Hadran and a Seudah at WMA.

There are times when we have difficulty getting a Minyan together for Ma'ariv.

There was no such problem last Wednesday evening, when 150 people, men and women, crowded into the Mintz Beth Hamedresh. And they weren't just ordinary people. About ten black hats and long dark and grey beards hid the features of some very well known Rabbanim... Oh, and behind the mechitza were their wives.

Paul, Aron and Ross Freedman are very well respected members of their various communities, and they had reached the first Yahrzeit of their wife and mother, Mrs Gloria Freedman -Gitel Baylah bat Avraham, z"l.

It had been an extraordinary year; how often do people these days make such efforts to have attended three services a day to say Kaddish for the entire year, and still carry on a normal business life? And that devotion was carried through to the end of the year when here, in our shul we witnessed something very rare indeed, a "Siyyum."

A Siyyum is a formal ceremonial act of Completion, usually to celebrate the completion of the writing of a Sefer Torah, or as in this case to mark the conclusion of the study of a division of the Mishnah or Talmud, after which a special prayer called "The Hadran" is read three times in Aramaic, in the style of ancient formula. Then, those studying participate in a feast, often, as tonight, together with guests who did not join in the weeks or months of study but were invited just for the Siyyum.

For the Freedmans, father and two sons, there were assembled some of the most distinguished Rabbanim. Rabbi Rosenfeld acted as MC and opened the ceremony by explaining the meaning of a Siyyum and its relevance to the present day, praising Aron's attendance and quiet work for members of the congregation. Then he called the distinguished guests one by one to speak.

Rabbi Avrohom Pinter, Headmaster of Yesodei Hatorah spoke of the way in which Gloria Freedman had directed her sons towards their devotions by impressing upon them the value to be found in the strength of tradition, and the importance of passing on tradition.

Rabbi Shlomo Levin of South Hampstead where Ross is a member, paid tribute to his daily attendance there, explaining that the ceremony also marked the re-birth of continuation, and the need to move on.

He was followed by Rabbi Yossi Simon, and then Rabbi Sholom Liberow, Brussels Director of the European Study Network, who made reference to the very first description of mourning in the Torah, "and Abraham came to mourn for Sara and to cry for her". He pointed out that "keeping faith in the Jewish past is the way to bringing hope for the Jewish future". His plea was for us to "make every day count, as parents, as children, as Jews"

Finally Rabbi Hillel Gruber from Welwyn Garden City taught the final Mishnah of Shas and recited the Hadran, and the Freedmans said a *Kaddish D'Rabbanan*.

There were those Rabbanim there who did not speak, but their very presence was indicative of their respect for the devotion, faith, and probably most important, the very frequent acts of charity and kindness dispensed without publicity, panoply, or fuss by this very special family.

Custom dictates that such an event concludes with at least cake and wine, and at most a feast; well we enjoyed cake, wine and a feast. One of Linda's specials, quietly and efficiently dispensed as usual to round off a very memorable occasion for WMA. Thank you Paul, Aron and Ross. We wish each of you a long life.

Shabbat Shalom,
Barrington Black.

Announcements

Kiddush Sponsor

Karen & Anthony Yadgaroff invite the congregation to Kiddush after the service to celebrate Anthony's special birthday, Mazal Tov *Ad Mayer V'Esrim*

Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts this week are kindly sponsored by Beryl & Neil Davis to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Neil's father Simon Davis z"l

Birthdays— Mazal Tov:

Jack Davidson	Simon Joseph
Philippa Mintz	Michelle Caplan
Ruth Cymberg	Beryl Davis
Michael Stakol	Derek Rapport
Nicholas Shulman	Mildred Lynne
Susan Stone	Mina Goodman
Gerald Rose	Dorothy Cassen
Sidney Murray	Rene Simons

Wedding Anniversaries—Mazal Tov

Anne & Charles Lassman
Marion & Harry Heber
Gillian & John Fenner
Sheila & Charles Clore
Dolores & Gerald Rose
Frances & Harry Shepherd

Condolences

To Deborah Eker on the passing of her mother Joan Eker z"l

Refuah Shlemah

Basil Appleby	Baruch Pinchas ben Zissel Rivfam Bat Chav
Seymour Freed	Shmuel Zeev ben Sara Rifka
Gala Colover	Channa bat Yehudit Asher Mordecai ben Shifra
Nat Winsor	Noach ben Miriam Chaya
Caroline Buchler	Miriam bat Sara Shira bat Leah

Next Shabbat Vayikra

27th—28th March 2009

Commences 6.11pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6.00pm

Friday 20th March

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

Shabbat 21st March

- 8.45 am Shiur with Alan Goldberg
9.15 am Shacharit
6.00 pm Mincha, Seudah Shlishit, & D'var Torah by Alan Goldberg
7.02 pm Ma'ariv & Havdalah

Sunday 22nd March

- 8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Thought for the Day by Alan Goldberg
10.00 am Cheder **Aged 4—12 years**. Contact Batsheva Burns for further information on 0796 88 555 96 or email cheder.marblearch@gmail.com

Monday 23rd March

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

Tuesday 24th March

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

Wednesday 25th March

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

Thursday 26th March—Rosh Chodesh

- 7.15 am Shacharit followed by Rosh Chodesh breakfast & D'var Torah by Bernard Silver

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**Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week
Sun 22nd -Thurs 26th March 2009 6.00pm**

Security Rota

Malcolm Brenner. Alexander Gold.

Kiddush Rota

Ruth Rouach. Linda Sharpe

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Parsha Shiur for Ladies

Next Shiur Monday 23rd March 10.30am. which is kindly being given by Henry Knobil on The Sin of the Golden Calf— its significance and relevance to contemporary Judaism.

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.

Sunday 5th April at 12 noon

THOSE WHO WISH TO HAVE THEIR POTS AND PANS KASHERED FOR PESACH, PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE SYNAGOGUE ON THE ABOVE DATE AND TIME

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, Wednesday April 8th. Bookings can now be made through the Synagogue Office. Adults £57.50, children under 16 and accredited students £20. Credit card payments accepted.

Sunday 26th April London Marathon—Kisharon

Yoni Forsyth, who attends Shabbat Services, is a student who is running the London Marathon to raise funds for Kisharon (a school and nursery looking after children with special needs). If you would like to sponsor him for his run, this would be a great Mitzvah. Kindly go to www.justgiving.com/yoniforsyth
If you wish to donate to this worthy cause.

Sponsoring an Event

If you are celebrating a Simchah or commemorating a family Yahrzeit or if you are just feeling generous please consider contacting the office and sponsoring a Shabbat Morning Kiddush, the Morning Minyan breakfasts or the weekly Newsletter.

Yadgaroff Library

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

