

17th Nisan 5769/11th April 2009

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Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

Shabbat Chol Hamoad

	Hertz	Cohen	Stone	Gutnick
Sedra	362	558	504	574
Maftir	695	945	892	1064
Haftarah	1015		1224	1516



Shabbat Begins 7.34pm
Shabbat ends 8.40pm

NOAH..... PALWIN, CARMEL, and now ROTHSCHILD Premier Cru

It was Noah who had the forethought, just before entering the Ark to grab a vine shoot, as he thought "just in case". Maybe as well he didn't think similar thoughts as he saw two grey geese (do Greygeoses make the scenario clearer?) entering his vessel.

He did however plant the vine and we know the results and a little later it looks as though Lot didn't foresee the results of excess as he sipped a glass or two of Chateau Zoar.

All of which brings me to Rabbi Jeffrey Cohen, respected by all, and for whom I have the highest regard.

Amongst his 14 books and 300 articles is one for this time of year, called "Let my People Go" in which he draws attention to the origin of wine as a sacred draught, and the part it plays in religious rituals.

He points out that Christianity borrowed its use from Judaism, with certain theological significance. But what made the Jews draw upon its use? There cannot be certainty here, wine was clearly plentiful in ancient Israel, when a flagon of wine cost the same as a loaf of bread, and it was cheaper than honey or oil.

Rabbi Cohen suggest's that toasting ones friends and family developed into toasting or blessing the Almighty, and this became an accompaniment to all religious rituals. Possibly its use as a sacred draught originated when the Temple was in ruins, and it was part of the prayers for restoration. Some say its use originated from the Greeks, who had a "Symposia Literature" with entertainment consisting of music, dance, and dramatic readings, and the Haggadah was a Jewish version of this programme. On these occasions wine was poured in honour of the Greek gods, though it was only after the Sages prescribed a blessing that it was purged of idolatrous association and received a holy significance. Wine became part of the rules of the community "when you assemble to eat, the priest stretches his hand to bless the bread or the wine"

Rabbi Cohen out the four cups became the mainstay of the Seder, overshadowing matzoh and maror, even though the 4 cups were a rabbinical requirement and the others biblical.

The motif of four cups was adapted by "Carmel Wines", who show a Seder table with 4 types of wine, the aperitif, the white wine with the fish course, the red with the main, and the sweet pudding wine. Although there has always been much discussion as to whether it is solely the obligation of the Leader to consume the 4 cups, there has never been much difficulty in adopting the ritual of "follow my leader"

Some literal interpretations of the instruction to those sitting at the table is that "they pour out for him", "they bring before him", implying that the Seder leader displays the tokens of freedom, and other members of the family encourage that image by acting the role of attendants, though try explaining that to some members of my family and you will receive a swift response.

Rabbi Cohen argues that the 4 cups become one unit and regarded as one single mitzvah, rather like the four species at Sukkot. They also have a symbolic interpretation, for example representative of the four expressions of redemption, or of the four times the word "cup" is mentioned in the episode of Pharaoh's butler's dream, or of the 4 kingdoms that subjugated Israel, the Assyrians, Persians, Greeks and Romans.

I hope you will all drink your 4 cups, in health, in peace, and in the comfort of others, whether it is in your homes, or with our community.

Shabbat Shalom and Mo'adim L'Simcha
Barrington Black,

Next Shabbat -Shemini

17th—18th April 2009

Commences 7.46pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 7.00pm

Announcements

Kiddush Sponsor

Ian Goldberg invites the Congregation to Kiddush after the Service. We thank Ian for all the voluntary work he does in the office

Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts this week are kindly sponsored by the Honorary Officers and Board of Management.

Birth Announcement

Mazal Tov to Ruth & Philip Cymberg on the birth of their first granddaughter Emily.

Mazal Tov to Eve & Malcolm Brenner on the birth of another granddaughter, Charlotte Mia, born to Eve's daughter Danielle Cohen.

Birthdays— Mazal Tov:

Simon Djanogly	Samantha West
Michelle Ziff	Adena Conway
Ramona Seroussi	Vivienne Woolf
Jacqueline Radberg	Elizabeth Chase
Timothy Miller	Shirley Young
Henry Brecher	Tessa Levy
JoanPhillips	

Wedding Anniversaries—Mazal Tov

Jennifer & Howard Jacobson
Amy & Darren Isaacs
Simone & Gerald Davidson

Refuah Shlemah

Basil Appleby	Baruch Pinchas ben Zissel
Alf Bloomstein	Abba ben Golda
Seymour Freed	Shmuel Zeev ben Sara Rivka
Gala Colover	Chana bat Yehudit
Nat Winsor	Asher Mordecai ben Shifra
Caroline Buchler	Noach ben Miriam Chayah
	Miriam bat Sara

Shira bat Leah
Rivka Bat Chava

Friday 10th April—Second day Pesach

9.15 am Shacharit
7.00 pm Mincha & Maariv

Shabbat 11th April

8.45 am (No Shiur this week)
9.15 am Shacharit
7.30 pm Mincha, Seudah Shlishit & D'var Torah by Rabbi LR
8.40 pm Maariv & Havdalah

Sunday 12 April

8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Thought for the Day by Michael Milston

Restarts Cheder Aged 4—12 years. Contact Batsheva
10th May Burns for further information on 0796 88 555 96
or email cheder.marblearch@gmail.com

Monday 13th April—Bank Holiday

8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and D'var Torah by Michael Milston

Tuesday 14th April

7.15 am Shacharit followed by breakfast Shiur by Rabbi Yosef Vogel
7.41 pm Yom Tov begins
7.00 pm Mincha & Maariv

Wednesday 15th April—7th day Pesach

9.15 am Shacharit
7.00 pm Mincha & Maariv
8.47 pm Candle lighting 8th day Yom Tov

Thursday 16th April—8th day Pesach

9.15 am Shacharit
10.45 am Yizkor (approx)
8.00 pm Mincha
8.49 pm Ma'ariv & Havdalah

Friday 17th April

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

Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week
Sun 12th—Mon 13th April 2009 6.20pm
Tues 14th—Wed Apr 15th 2009 7.00pm
Thurs 16th April 2009 8.00pm

Kiddush & Security Rota

We thank all our members for their help over the year and wish them Chag Sameach

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Our Website: For details of times of services and events, go to www.marblearch.org.uk

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Parsha Shiur for Ladies

Next Shiur Monday 20th April at 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.

Tuesday 21st April From Grief to Hope, Handing the Memory On. An Occasion to Mark Yom Hashoah at Borehamwood Synagogue at 7.15pm

With The Chief Rabbi, Rabbi Rosenfeld and The Shabaton Choir.— A permanent place in Jewish memory and the Jewish Calendar, and with a spiritual dimension.

Please join Your President and others who hope to attend this important event.

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.

The Archers Thursday 30th April at 2.00pm for 2.30pm with Guest Speaker Kia Joorabchian talking on The Role of the Modern Sports Agent "Carlos Tevez Affair"

Please join us for this most interesting talk by one of the world's leading football and sports agents which will be of interest to both men and women. This will be followed by a sumptuous tea, music and good conversation

Annual General Meeting Monday 18th May at 8.00pm

Please remember nominations will be welcome from all members and for all members. Nomination forms must be received in the Synagogue office by Monday 20th April 2009.

INTERACTIVE WIZO: PLEASE EXPLORE THE NEW SITE:

Interactive WIZO is a unique new concept from WIZO.uk, providing a 'virtual journey' through WIZO's work in Israel. From 3 April 2009, you can log on to www.wizouk.org/interactive and click onto blue 'hot spots' to view videos, information, pictures and interactive scenes about their work caring for vulnerable children and young people in Israel. For more information, call Carly on 020 7486 2691 or email Carly@wizouk.org