



21st Sivan 5769/13th June 2009 Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

Parshat Beha'alotcha

	Hertz	Cohen	Stone	Gutnick		Shabbat Begins	9.04pm
Sedra	605	838	774	910		Shabbat ends	10.24pm
Haftarah	620	857	1182	1449			

Announcements

Kiddush Sponsor
Martin Reiss invites the congregation to Kiddush after the service to commemorate the Yahrzeit of his mother Bella Reiss z"l

Breakfast Sponsor
Breakfasts this week are kindly sponsored by Wendy & Philip Kremen to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Philip's mother Fay Kremen z"l

Birth Announcement
Mazal Tov to Natalie & Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld on the birth of a granddaughter and to parents Sarit & Danny Rosenfeld of Kibbutz Ketura Israel

Welcome to a New Member
A warm welcome to Oliver Barnett who has joined our community

Birthdays— Mazal Tov:
Zoe Stein Fiona Grunschlag
Amelia Becker Graham Shear
Suzanne Middleburgh Angela Wayne
Bernerdette Gutkin David Davis
Martin Landau Alan Kershaw
Stanley van Gelder Kathleen Slade

Wedding Anniversaries—Mazal Tov
Marion & Michael Birnhak
Amelia & Mark Becker
Ruth & Albere Rouach
Ruth & Philip Hanbury
Vivienne & David Woolf
Ruth & Stuart Lipton
Diana & Barry Black
Carmel & Ian Gainsford

Refuah Shlemah
Seymour Freed Shmuel Zeev ben Sara Rivka
Gala Colover Chana bat Yehudit
 Asher Mordecai ben Shifra
Nat Winsor Noach ben Miriam Chayah
 Shira bat Leah
 Rivka Bat Chava

Life is miraculous and so are we

In our modern day, most people offer one of two responses to biblical miracles. Some say such things never could have happened, that the Bible is merely offering a fable, perhaps for a worthy purpose, but not to be understood as history. Others argue that the bible is historical and that there must be some rational, scientific explanation for each purported "miracle."

I tend to disagree with the latter type of explanation. I believe that the Torah is true, whether or not specific aspects are historical.

Sarah and Abraham saw the supernatural in Isaac's birth. Sarah makes clear that no such thing could happen naturally to a couple their age. I believe we are not meant to understand Isaac's birth as natural.

Our people lived past the first generation of Jews, as a result of the improbable birth of a baby to a mother who was way beyond child-bearing years. Historic or otherwise, the very existence of Judaism, to this very day, is a miracle.

And of us who are parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, relatives or friends of someone who has just had a baby have been offered the opportunity of a blessed and unique encounter with creation and the "miracle" of birth. Yet I wonder how many among us really recognize G-d's involvement in this miracle?

The modern world tempts us not to notice. In so many ways, birth is a natural experience, which implies that it is not supernatural and therefore is not an act of G-d but of nature.

I experienced G-d when my daughter and son were born. What I experienced was so much more important, so much greater, than any act of nature. When all six of my grandchildren were born, I became aware of the continuity of life, of all the generations that had come before them, and all that would come after them, long after I am gone. When my children and grandchildren were born, I witnessed that G-d had intervened in my life. I witnessed miracles.

We are alive. G-d was with us when we were born. He is with us now through good and bad times and He will remain with us forever. We should never forget that we are all unique human beings. We are special. Life is a miracle. We are all extraordinary miracles.

Shabbat Shalom

Beverly

Next Shabbat Shelach-Lecha
19th—20th June 2009
Commences 9.07pm Mincha & Maariv 7.15pm

Friday 12th June

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Ervin Landau
7.15 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

Shabbat 13th June

- 8.45 am Shiur with Ervin Landau
9.15 am Shacharit
9.15 pm Mincha, Seudah Shlishit & D'var Torah by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld
10.24 pm Maariv & Havdalah

Sunday 14th June

- 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 15th June

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and D'var Torah by Michael Milston
10.30 am Parsha Shiur for Ladies by Rabbi LR
7.45 pm Adult Education Lecutre

Tuesday 16th June

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

Wednesday 17th June

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

Thursday 18th June

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

Friday 19th June

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

**Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week
Sun 14th - Thurs 18th June 7.30pm**

Security Rota

Simon Djanogly. Alexander Gold. Andrew Tobias.

Kiddush Rota

Jane Mirwitch. Angela Wayne

Note for your Diary

WMA has its stall once again at the Annual Marylebone 'Summer Fayre' this Sunday 14th June. Come join and support us between 10am and 5pm - we are located on New Cavendish St, corner of Marylebone High St.

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Rabbi Rosenfeld's Parsha Shiur for Ladies

Next Shiur Monday 15th June at 10.30am

Monday 15th June at 7.45pm R.B. Kitaj—The Controversial Artist

Join us to find out more from our speaker **Patricia Utermohlen** a recognised art historian. Patricia studied Renaissance at London University. She gained her MA from the University of Massachusetts having specialised in Modernism. On her return to the U.K. Patricia was invited to teach the history of art covering the 19th and 20th centuries at Syracuse University, London programme and continues to teach there. In addition she currently runs her own Fine Arts programme, at her studio in Little Venice, devoted to art exhibitions currently being shown in London. Please join us for this very interesting event.

Sunday 21st June Salsa Evening for the 20's—40's at 7.30pm

Join us for this fun event which will include buffet supper and summer cocktails. Contact the office on 020 7723 9333 or email office@marblearch.org.uk to reserve your place. Please note bookings must be made prior to the event.

Friday 3rd July Date for your Diary 35—55'sssss Elegant Friday Night Dinner

Further details to follow, but keep this date free for this chic fun event.

Rosh Hashanah Magazine/Brochure

We welcome your contributions and/or photographs for the Rosh Hashanah Magazine that we are beginning to compile. Closing date end of July. Please send your articles etc via email to maureen@marblearch.org.uk or post them to the office

Market Place at WMA—Exclusively for WMA Members

 A great new addition to our website has been launched ... **Market Place**, an opportunity for our members to support each other in these economically challenging times. Whatever business you are in let us know by emailing marketplace@marblearch.org.uk so we can include your listing free on the web site. Whatever you need to buy from a fridge to a flight check the website first and support our members. Our web page can be found at www.marblearch.org.uk/marketplace.html

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.