

4th Av 5769/25th July 2009

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

Parshat Devarim: Shabbat Chazon

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| | Hertz | Cohen | Stone | Gutnick | | Shabbat Begins | 8.47pm |
| Sedra | 736 | 989 | 938 | 1120 |  | Shabbat ends | 9.58pm |
| Haftarah | 750 | 1004 | 1195 | 1468 | | | |

Two stories with soul music

Last year I discovered a well-known French writer, Christiane Singer (whose father was Jewish) who passed away in 2007 at the age of 64. She was a philosopher - erudite, mystical, fascinating and sometimes irritating. This story, extracted from one of her books, actually comes from the Talmud (*Tractate Shabbat 156b*, according to Rabbi Lionel).

About to marry off his only daughter, Rabbi Akiva was told by an astrologer that the bride-to-be would die on her wedding night. One can imagine the despair of the poor father, who wisely chose to hide this fatal news from his beloved daughter. After a sleepless night, at sunrise he rushed to his daughter's house and banged on the door. Fresh as a rose, and smiling, she answered the door and embraced her dear father who anxiously asked, "Tell me, tell me, what happened last night? Do not leave any detail out."

The bride told her father that in the middle of the night someone knocked on the front door, and whilst everyone was making merry, she opened the door herself, only to be confronted by a beggar, lost and cold. She insisted that he enter the house and invited him to have something to eat and drink with the rest of the guests. So she took his coat, planted a brooch into the wall, as was the custom in those days, and hung up the beggar's coat, (coat hangers hadn't been invented yet).

The father exclaimed, "Show me! Show me! Where is the brooch?" He wrenched it off the wall and, impaled at the sharp end of the spike, was a deadly, poisonous snake. Thereupon Rabbi Akiva went out and declared: "Charity delivers from death." Indeed, her noble and royal gesture saved her life.

A few weeks ago, whilst a friend and I were waiting to be served in a bakery, a young woman, with her little daughter was choosing a birthday cake. Hesitating between a chocolate praline and one with chocolate truffles, she asked the shop assistant:

"Which is the best?"

As she was deciding I started talking to her little girl:

"Wow, you're really going to enjoy your birthday!"

"She will not." said the mother.

"Oh" I said, surprised, "whose birthday is it then?"

"It's for my father's birthday", she answered, "and he won't even acknowledge it's his birthday. You see, he has dementia."

"So why choose the most extravagant cake?" my insensitive friend asked.

"Because I still want him to have the best."

Why am I telling you these stories? Because both demonstrate an uplifting generosity of spirit. So I thought I'd share them with you. Especially on the Shabbat before Tisha B'Av.

Shabbat Shalom

Katya Silver

Announcements

Kiddush Sponsor

The Honorary Officers and Board of Management invite the congregation to Kiddush after the service in honour of Jack Stanford a senior and much respected member of our community and daily attendee at our Mincha Minyan

Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts this week are kindly sponsored by Julian Weider, a long standing member of our Morning Minyan

Birth Announcement

Mazal Tov to Valeria & Daniel Levy on the birth of their third son Gabriel

Birthdays— Mazal Tov:

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| Isaac Davidson | Laura Richenberg |
| Danielle Lipton | Jane Shasha |
| Georgiana Brecker | Simone Davidson |
| Joanne Kate Lindsay | Rosalyn Braun |
| Susan Truman | Wendy Sage |
| Susan Bradman | Sara Nash |
| Pamela Harris | Esther Drizen |
| Lawrence Drizen | Pamela Kalms |
| Stanley Hart | Bell Brooks |
| Edgar Berg | |

Wedding Anniversaries—Mazal Tov:

Dalya & Graham Shear
Pamela & Michael Harris

Refuah Shlemah

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| Simon Reiss | Simcha ben Chaya Gittel |
| Jack Winsor | Yaacov ben Miriam Chayah |
| Seymour Freed | Shmuel Zeev ben Sara Rivka |
| Nat Winsor | Noach ben Miriam Chayah |
| Sheilagh Ross | Sara bat Meryl |
| Gala Colover | Chana bat Yehudit |
| | Asher Mordecai ben Shifra |
| | Shira bat Leah |
| | Rivka bat Chava |

Next Shabbat—Va'etchanan—Shabbat Nachamu

31st July—1st August

Commences 8.36pm Mincha & Maariv 7.00pm

Friday 24th July

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

Shabbat 25th July

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

Sunday 26th July

- 8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and D'var Torah by Stanley Simmonds

Restarts September Cheder Aged 4—12 years. Contact Batsheva Burns for further information on 0796 88 555 96 or email cheder.marblearch@gmail.com. Now is the time to register your child/grandchild for the new Cheder term.

Monday 27th July

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah by Michael Milston, whom we welcome back after illness

Tuesday 28th July

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

Wednesday 29th July

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Parsha Shiur by Ervin Landau
7.15 pm **Mincha**
8.53 pm **Tisha B'Av— Fast begins**
9.00 pm **Ma'ariv & Megillat Eichah**

Thursday 30th July Tisha B'Av

- 7.00 am Shacharit & Kinot
2.00 pm First Mincha
7.00 pm Second Mincha
7.45 pm Programme for 9th Av—'18j' see next column
9.30 pm Maariv
9.43 pm Fast ends

Friday 31st July

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

Mincha & Ma'ariv this week:
Sun 26— Tues 28th July 7.15pm
Wed—Thurs 20th—30th July SEE ABOVE

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

18-j—Our presentation on Thursday, Tisha B'Av, at 7.45pm following Mincha

18-j is an Argentine motion picture and is a collection of ten, ten-minute episodes, by ten Argentine directors. July 18th, 1994 is the date when terrorists detonated a bomb-loaded car in front of the AMIA Building in Buenos Aires,, killing 86 people and wounding over 300 others. The perpetrators have never been caught. AMIA is the Argentina-Israeli Mutual Association, a charity, and the attack is considered the largest single incident of terrorism against Jews since World War II. The film is a tribute to the memory of the victims, and was released in 2004 on the ten-year anniversary of the attack. Each director portrays his or her memory and impressions of July the 18th in their own way. The ten short films are shown in a sequence capturing Argentine life at several social levels, both Jewish and non-Jewish. The ten directors use a variety of cinematic styles: the sentimental, hard-hitting, and the abstract. Importantly, the filmmakers emphasize the universality of the tragedy. The film has been screened at film festivals around the world, including Israel, Washington, San Francisco and Hong Kong.

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Remember to return your form to the Synagogue office before going on holiday. Closing date Monday 17th August 2009

Rosh Hashanah Magazine/Brochure

This year's Shanah Tovah Magazine is being compiled, which with your help we hope will be an even bigger success than last year. Many members of the congregation use the Magazine to send New Year Greetings and as the brochure has become so important, please ensure that you are included in this worthwhile cause.

Please send or email your advert today to the Synagogue Office. Please send us your articles, photographs or letters that you wish to be considered for publication in the brochure.

Rosh Hashanah Magazine Children's & Pets names

Don't forget to include your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews names in our brochure and, of course, remember to include your pets.

The Flu Epidemic

It is vital that we take all necessary precautions to avoid the spread of the current pandemic. To this extent we already have hand tissues in the toilets, and we would ask that you dispose of them in the containers placed there. Whilst never wishing to discourage people attending shul, we would counsel that consideration be given if you are in fact suffering from the symptoms.

Try to avoid sitting too close to anyone (no problem at WMA) avoid handshaking and kissing if you are subject to coughs or sneezes. This is a serious matter, and the United Synagogue has been responsible in its preparation for a problem situation.

The Hon. Officers.

