

Parshat Va'etchanan—Shabbat Nachamu

Hertz Cohen Stone Gutnick

Sedra 755 1008 958 1146

Haftarah 776 1028 1196 1470



Shabbat begins 8.36pm

Shabbat ends 9.45pm

A Tribute on *Shabbat Nachamu* – the ‘Sabbath of Consolation’ (after Tisha B’Av) - by Aron Freedman.

A great man passed away recently, one who greatly influenced my life and to whom in his latter years I became very close. Rabbi Simche Bunim Lieberman z'l was known as a *Gaon* – a prince among scholars, whose death at the age of 79 has left the world of Torah and Chassidus in deep mourning. He was born in Warsaw on Shabbat Chanukah 1929 into a family of prominent Gerer Chasidim and talmidei chachamim, and called ‘Simche Bunim’ after a famous Chasidic Rebbe of that name. He grew up in an atmosphere of holiness and learning. He “celebrated” his barmitzvah in the Warsaw Ghetto. Eyewitnesses say that even after he was taken to Auschwitz, whilst telling others to drink the “soup” he himself never broke the laws of kashrut, and tried all the time to keep up the spirits of his fellow inmates. After surviving other camps Rabbi Lieberman arrived alone in Gateshead in 1945 aged 17. He was examined for his Talmudic knowledge by a Mr. Solomon who was amazed at the depth and the breadth of his learning; he gave the young bochur a packet of biscuits and accepted him into the Yeshiva. His Rebbetzen Chava Shasha z'l who died 18 months ago was herself a survivor of the Shoah and came to the Gateshead seminary after the war. She saw the name Simche on the list of names of the bochorim eligible for her to marry; on being told that he was a Gerer Chasid and a fine student, she said that she would marry him – also she had lost a brother with the name of Simche in the Shoah. From Gateshead they moved to London and merited to raise eleven children with Torah values. The first Gerer Minyan in North-West London was held in their home; Rabbi Lieberman would begin his prayers early, standing straight and still whilst davening, like a soldier on guard, yet he did not lengthen his prayers so that no one ever waited for him.

The Lieberman’s home was known as the “Challah House” due to the large number of challot that the Rebbetzen baked and distributed to bring a ‘segulah’ - good fortune. Later they moved to Tsefat where Rabbi Lieberman’s Kollel (Yeshiva for married students) soon gained an outstanding reputation. He was a prolific writer, often seen late at night alone at an old Hebrew typewriter, typing at a fast speed. His books were prized by the sages for their depth of learning. He was also one of the four dayanim who gave answers to technical questions of Shechita. He taught many candidates to Semichah standard, though not willing to actually give Semicha himself. He always attended his students’ simchos, and it gave him great pleasure to act as Sandek at a Brit, or name a baby. Many of his talmidim today are heads of yeshivot or dayanim and rabbanim around the world.

Despite himself being strictly observant, Rabbi Lieberman displayed great love and acceptance of all Jews, and would never publicly criticize any section of Jewry. He was quick-witted and good-humoured - always “*besimcha*” as his name suggested. Yet by nature he was shy and modest even when answering the most difficult questions.

Rabbi Meir Salasnik of Bushey writes: “The difficulty is that he did not fit into any mould. This maybe is why he survived: survivors are often people who think differently to most people. He had a very good understanding of people. His definition of tolerance was spot on: ‘*Is a man tolerant when it affects him personally?*’ He was a true Chasid, beloved of all who met him - young and old, Ashkenazim and Sephardim, learned and unlearned, frum and not yet frum.” One man who was with him in the camps and had strayed from strict orthodoxy says that whenever Rabbi Lieberman would meet him, he would run to lift him up and hug him. “*I knew that Rabbi Lieberman loves me,*” he said, “*and I love him!*” Through Rav Simche he returned to traditional Judaism and sent his daughter to a Jewish school.

Another link with pre-war Warsaw is now broken; we will not see his like again.

***Shabbat Shalom* - Aron Freedman**

Next Shabbat - Ekev

7th—8th August 2009

Commences 8.24pm Mincha & Maariv 7.15pm

Announcements

Kiddush Sponsor

The Honorary Officers and Board of Management invite the congregation to Kiddush after the service in honour of Jonathan Abro who designed our website and maintains and updates it for us

Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts this week are kindly sponsored by Lillian & Joseph Gordon to commemorate the Yahrzeits of Lillian’s father Samuel Cramer z'l and Joseph’s mother Flora Gordon z'l

Wedding Announcement

Mazal Tov to Amanda Parnes and Geoffrey Miller on their forthcoming wedding this Sunday

Birth Announcement

Mazal Tov to Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan & Lady Sacks on the birth of a grandson and to parents Dina & Oliver White

Birthdays— Mazal Tov:

Lucas Lipton	Benjamin Gilinski
Alexander Rayden	Daniel Khalili
Timothy Lipton	Darren Isaacs
Carolyn Balcombe	Ruth Hanbury
Nicholas Springer	John Davis
Wendy Sheridan	Zara Land

Wedding Anniversaries—Mazal Tov:

Annabelle & Bruce Josyfon
Rebecca & Avram Goldberg
Zina & Michael Lewis
Ruth & Joseph Bromberg

Refuah Shlemah

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

Friday 31st 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 1st August

- 8.45 am Shiur with Henry Knobil
9.15 am Shacharit
8.30 pm Mincha, Seudah Shlishit & D'var Torah by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld
9.45 pm Maariv & Havdalah

Sunday 2nd August

- 8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Thought for the Day by Alan Goldberg

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 3rd August

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah by Michael Milston,

Tuesday 4th August

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

Wednesday 5th August

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Parsha Shiur

Thursday 6th August

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

Friday 7th August

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur

**Mincha & Ma'ariv this week:
Sun 2nd—Thurs 6th August 7.00pm**

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Yizkor Book 2009/5770

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

Temporary Seats

Please remember to contact the Synagogue Office to order your extra seats for family and friends for the Chagim.

The Archers Tuesday 13th October at 2.30pm

Make a note of the above date in your diary now to join us for a fun filled afternoon with guest speaker Marcel Stelman, the man behind 'Countdown', 'The Smurfs' and with a lifelong career in the music and television industry, followed by a bumper tea and music

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.

The Flu Pandemic

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.