

Parshat Eikev

	Hertz	Cohen	Stone	Gutnick		
Sedra	780	1032	980	1170		Shabbat Begins 8.24pm Shabbat ends 9.31pm
Haftarah	794	1051	1197	1472		

“Go in to dispossess...” -EIKEV

My favourite Sunday Newspaper nowadays devotes two pages, sometimes four, to a précis of the news of the past week. There is a magazine called “The Week” which publishes “all the news of the week in one hour”, and I rather suspect, although I haven’t seen a copy lately that the “Readers Digest” is still published for the benefit of those who neither have time for newspapers or books.

However, if you are one of those ultra busy people who can only gulp in at a glance what would otherwise be a far more satisfactory manner of digesting the feast of what the world has to offer, then this week’s Sidra, *EIKEV*, offers a very brief account of the story of our people. Together with last week’s Sidra of *Va’etchanan* it gives a thumbnail sketch of their travels through the wilderness, in preparation for their arrival on the “other” side of the Jordan. It is made clear that the entreaty of the Almighty is that the Israel should “go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities fortified up to heaven, and a people great and tall”; that the Almighty is on their side, “will bring (the nations) down, drive them out ...”

It is perhaps ironic that this very week has been the one chosen by the Israeli authorities to carry out a judgment of the Court and evict two families from Jerusalem’s Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood. This was done in the full searchlight exposure of the world’s media. I saw the brief pictures of part of the procedure on BBC and Sky, and it certainly appeared to be a heartless act. But then eviction always gives that impression, as much as does the award of custody of a child.

The world press has, of course, followed a predictable pattern: “unacceptable”; “illegal under international law” “provocative”; “a contravention of international calls from the international community”.

Yet how “unacceptable” is the picture of 1600 Jewish families forced out of their homes in Gaza exactly 4 years ago this week; homes in which they had been asked to settle by the mainly Labour Governments since 1967; land formerly used for farms, greenhouses, and other agriculture but thereafter used by terrorists to launch of thousands of rockets against Israeli civilians. Many of those evicted families still live in caravans elsewhere in Israel, many remain unemployed, their families suffering psychological trauma; yet the world press concentrates on two Arab families, evicted by due process of law whose grandparents had fled Jerusalem during the 1948 War of Independence and were settled after the war in these houses by the UN and Jordanian Government. When Israel captured the Jordanian-held areas of Jerusalem in 1967 the courts awarded the families protected tenant status, however the district court has ruled that even protected tenants must abide by the terms of their rental contracts, and these tenants failed to do so, so the Court ordered their departure. One very important detail that was not (of course) mentioned in any of the international newspapers or by the TV commentators who were so quick to jump on the news of the eviction is that the Sephardic Community of Jerusalem has owned these two houses since before the establishment of the State.

If I have any criticism at the entire affair it is to comment that it was perhaps a little indelicate and without foresight that the authorities allowed the immediate entry of the young Jewish family that has, quite justifiably, taken over the property. A short intermediate period, might, to some extent have disabled the venom of the media. But then again, it might not have made any difference.

Shabbat Shalom,
BARRINGTON BLACK

Next Shabbat Re’eh

14th—15th August 2009

Commences 8.11pm Mincha & Maariv 7.15pm

Announcements

Kiddush Sponsor

The Honorary Officers and Board of Management invite the congregation to Kiddush after the service

Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts this week are kindly sponsored by Aubrey Silverstone to commemorate the Yahrzeit of his dear mother Natalie Silverstone z”l

Engagement Announcement

Mazal Tov to Carol & Steven Truman on the engagement of their daughter Jessica to Jonathan Levy, son of Susan & Derek Levy and to grandparents Susan Stone, Cyril & Sylvia Levy and Yvonne Lubell

Birthdays— Mazal Tov:

Daniel Bradman	Suzanne Goodman
Henrietta Rose	Sharon Tarlow
Joan Fobel	Michael Kovacs
Etty Lewis	

Wedding Anniversaries—Mazal

Tov:

Lillian & Hammond Sonenthal

Refuah Shlemah

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
Gala Colover	Chana bat Yehudit Asher Mordecai ben Shifra
	Shira bat Leah
	Rivka bat Chava

Friday 7th August

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 8th August

8.45 am Shiur with Eli Abt
9.15 am Shacharit
8.15 pm Mincha, Seudah Shlishit & D'var Torah by Rabbi Menachem Copperman of Bet Shemesh
9.31 pm Maariv & Havdalah

Sunday 9th 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 10 August

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

Tuesday 11th August

7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast Shiur by Rabbi Yosef Vogel

Wednesday 12th August

7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Parsha Shiur LR

Thursday 13th August

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

Friday 14th August

7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Rabbi LR

Mincha & Ma'ariv this week:
Sun 9th —Thurs 13th August 6.45pm

Security Rota
Michael Ezra. Benedict Price

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Urgent Message from Rabbi Lionel: We need you for weekday Mincha & Maariv Services this month

Dear Friends, This week I had to phone around to ask gentlemen to make up the Minyan as many of our regulars are away on holiday. Can I ask that if you are free at 6.45pm this week, to come along to the Synagogue to ensure that those saying Kaddish or have Yahrzeit will have a Minyan. Thank you!

We welcome guest speaker Rabbi Menachem Copperman of Bet Shemesh for Seudah Shlishit.

He will give a D'var Torah on "The Financial Crisis in the Light of the Torah"

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.