

Parshat Re'eh—Shabbat Mevarchin

	Hertz	Cohen	Stone	Gutnick		Shabbat Begins	8.11pm
Sedra	799	1055	998	1198		Shabbat ends	9.16pm
Haftarah	818	1076	1199	1475			

It was in 1969 that I was in Teheran, with two of my (non-Jewish) directors of a major British engineering company. We were invited to a Friday evening meal at the home of a Jewish mechanical engineering services sub-contractor.

When we arrived we were led into a large room with a low table about 30 ft long and 4ft wide which was covered with a wide range of dishes replete with food. We were obliged to be seated on the floor cross-legged, men at one end and women at the other. There were about thirty participants, with almost equal numbers of men and women. Prior to the meal the Kabbalat Shabbat prayers for Friday night were chanted. When we reached *Bo'i V'Shalom* (the last stanza in the *Lecha Dodi* poem where we turn to greet the Shabbat Bride), the women all rose up, and following the grandmother of the family they gracefully 'danced in' the Shabbat around the table, then continued to dance seven times around the table whilst singing the Psalm of the Day – "*Mizmor Shir Leyom HaShabbat*". At the end of Ma'ariv we sat down to partake of the Shabbat meal. They explained that it had been the custom in Temple times for the women to 'dance in' Shabbat and Festivals at the Temple's Western Gate, doing so before the sacrifices and offerings were presented.

My colleagues and I asked our host to explain how this custom had continued to be practised by them, something I had never seen before in any other Jewish community that I had visited around the world. They told me that their family had come from deep in the Caucasus Mountains and that they were a remnant of the Ten Tribes that were exiled and went to Babylon, from where around 550 BCE they migrated to their present home in the mountains. The invasion of the Mongols who conquered Persia in the 13th Century led to great pressure on the Jews to convert, but the families in the Mountains successfully resisted at that time and remained a free Jewish entity.

I (and my colleagues more so) was amazed and impressed with this example of a beautiful two-thousand year old tradition being passed down from generation to generation - down to the twentieth century and let us hope, for many years more.

Shabbat Shalom!
Stewart Cohen

Announcements

We thank Rev. Ari Cohen for conducting services and leying on Rosh Chodesh

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 Shirley Doltis to commemorate the Yahrzeit of her husband Gerald Doltis z"l

Birthdays— Mazal Tov:

Alexander Hershman
Bernard Heilpern
Sheridan Barnett
Richard Harris
Rina Waterman
Frula Shear
Alma Ward
Barrington Black
Ronald Shear
Eric Rayman

Wedding Anniversaries—Mazal Tov:

Brenda & Brian Brenda Cooper
Becky & Ruben Cohanim

Refuah Shlemah

Jack Winsor	Yaacov ben Miriam Chayah
Seymour Freed	Shmuel Zeev ben Sara Rivka
Nat Winsor	Noach ben Miriam Chayah
Gala Colover	Chana bat Yehudit

Shira bat Leah
Rivka bat Chava
Shira Rivka bat Yehudit
Bat-Zion

Next Shabbat— Shoftim

21st—22nd August 2009

Commences 7.57pm Mincha & Maariv 7.15pm

Friday 14th August

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

Shabbat 15th August

8.45 am Shiur with Alan Goldberg
9.15 am Shacharit
8.00 pm Mincha, Seudah Shlishit & D'var Torah by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld
9.16 pm Maariv & Havdalah

Sunday 16th August

8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Thought for the Day by Alan Goldberg
Restarts September Cheder Aged 4—12 years. Contact Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld for further information on 07811202244 or email rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk
Now is the time to register your child/grandchild for the new Cheder term.

Monday 17th August

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

Tuesday 18th August

7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast Shiur by Rabbi Mendy Vogel

Wednesday 19th August

7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Parsha Shiur by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Thursday 20th August Rosh Chodesh Ellul

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

Friday 21st August Rosh Chodesh Ellul

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

Mincha & Ma'ariv this week:
Sun 16th —Thurs 20th August 6.45pm

Security Rota

Victor Lee. Mark Mishon

You can contact Rabbi Lionel & Natalie Rosenfeld at rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk
Tel: 020 7535 0458, mobile: 07811202244

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

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!

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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 27th 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 Stellman, 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.