

Parshat Shoftim

	Hertz	Cohen	Stone	Gutnick		Shabbat Begins	7.57pm
Sedra	820	1078	1024	1236		Shabbat ends	9.00pm
Haftarah	835	1094	1199	1476			

Shimi

I was asked by a friend of mine to speak about the Holocaust to commemorate Holocaust Memorial day.

My friend was the Reverend Robert Prance and he was the Chaplin at Shiplake College in Henley.

I was to speak in the Parish church one Sunday evening to an audience of 80 or so people. What concerned me most was not that I had to speak in Church to a number of people but how to put across the events of that horrific period to a group of people who did not often come into contact with Jews and who's knowledge of the Holocaust was limited, to say the least.

I spent months agonising on what to say. How could I do justice to the memory of those who suffered. It would have been all too easy to quote the numbers and generalise about what took place but that would have been an opportunity lost. On a visit to relatives in Israel I was provided with the answer.

For over 60 years Shimi Goldharber (my cousin's father) had not said a single word about his experiences in the war. He like many had kept all his feeling and thoughts to himself. Then one day only weeks before I arrived he sat his family down and from nowhere related the story of his life during and after the Nazi occupation of Poland. His complete story was written down in Hebrew as he spoke. I was given a copy which Lionel kindly translated into English.

The story is one of incredible courage fortitude and survival.

I was told to speak no longer than 5 minutes after which people would get bored. I finished after 15 minutes and not one person coughed the whole time. I had to a small extent passed on to a non Jewish audience an inkling of the horrors of the time.

Shimi passed away soon after telling his story. Perhaps he knew.

His story however has been lodged at Yad Vashem, has been told to visitors at Auschwitz, will be published in our Rosh Hashana brochure and will be told to generations of non Jews at places like Shiplake College and other schools.

I can't think of a more fitting triumph of man against inhumanity.

Shabbat Shalom

Steven Truman

Announcements

A warm welcome to Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan & Lady Sacks who will be with us this Shabbat

We welcome Eliot Alderman, who will be davening for us this Shabbat, and the members of the West End Great Synagogue who will be joining us this Shabbat

Kiddush Sponsor

Ann & Howard Richenberg invite the congregation to Kiddush to celebrate the forthcoming wedding in Israel of their daughter Laura to Jonathan Maxwell

Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts this week are kindly sponsored by Charles Saffati a visitor to our morning Minyan, in honour of his father Moshe ben Simcha

Engagement Announcement

Mazal Tov to Linda Sharpe and both families, on the engagement of her daughter Melanie to Saul Nurtman

Birthdays— Mazal Tov:

Jasper Isaacs	Simone Lee
Edmond Soning	Alan Djanogly
Amanda Pinkerton	Linda Weinberg
Gabriel Stein	Henry Ejdelbaum
Alan Goldberg	Ann Richenberg
Ann Shulman	Judith Morris
Louise Naftalin	Neil Davis
Howard Jacobson	Lena Shamash
Seymour Freed	Ervin Landau
Hammond Sonnenthal	Freda Harris

Wedding Anniversaries—Mazal Tov:

Stephanie & Joshua Gerstler
Miriam & Garry Khasidy
Mercedes & Ron Feldman
Phyllis & Michael Rapp
Vivienne & Jonathan Lassman
Ruth & Michael Phillips

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— Ki Tetzei

28th—29th August 2009

Commences 7.42pm Mincha & Maariv 7.15pm

Friday 21st August—Rosh Chodes Ellul

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

Shabbat 22nd August

- 8.45 am Shiur with Ervin Landau
9.15 am Shacharit
7.45 pm Mincha, Seudah Shlishit & D'var Torah by the Chief Rabbi
9.00 pm Maariv & Havdalah

Sunday 23rd 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 24th August

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

Tuesday 25th August

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

Wednesday 26th August

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

Thursday 27th August

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

Friday 28th August

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

Mincha & Ma'ariv this week:
Sun 23rd —Thurs 27th August 6.30pm

Kiddush Rota

Beryl Davis. Ruth Hanbury. Linda Sharpe

Security Rota

David Harouni. Victor Lee. Peter Reichwald.

You can contact Rabbi Lionel & Natalie Rosenfeld at rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk
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Our Website: For details of times of services and events, go to www.marblearch.org.uk

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

Dear Friends, Can I ask that if you are free at 6.30pm this week, to come along to the Synagogue to ensure that those saying Kaddish or have Yahrzeit will have a Minyan.

Thank you!

New Sefer Torah Presented by Mina & Everard Goodman

A further Sefer has been presented by Everard and Mina Goodman and will be finished and first be used at the Western Marble Arch Synagogue on Shabbat Ki'Tetze, when Everard will read Maftir in commemoration of the Yahtzeit of his late Father Reb Chaim Zvi ben Yaacov, and also the Haftarah."

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

Art Exhibition

Are you an artist or photographer? Would you like to hold an exhibition at Western Marble Arch? Do you know an artist or photographer who may wish to hold an exhibition?

We have a great space for an exhibition in the Bloomstein Hall, so if you are interested please contact the office on 020 7723 9333 or email office@marblearch.org.uk and let them know

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.

