

9th Ellul 5769/22nd 29th August 2009

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

Parshat Ki Tetzei

	Hertz	Cohen	Stone	Gutnick		Shabbat Begins	7.42pm
Sedra	840	1098	1046	1264		Shabbat ends	8.43pm
Haftarah	857	1115	1201	1375			

Stop me if I've told you this story before, but exactly how you might do that could present problems, so here goes.

This week's sedrah Ki-Tetzei was my Barmitzvah, well it wasn't actually, but it was the one which I did.

Those of you in shul a couple of weeks ago may remember that Howard, when he called me up, was kind enough to reveal it was my Birthday, and we then performed a sort of ceremonial war dance in the course of which Howard jumps up and down. The sedrah that week was Re-eh, and that would have been my correct bar mitzvah.

In fact it was the one which my valiant Rebbe tried to teach me. Now Re'eh is a mercifully short portion, a nice balanced sidrah, but with probably a few more curses than I would have liked, and I do admit they gave me the odd nightmare.

However, with but about two days to go, the plans for Re-eh had to be abandoned, for reasons with which I shall deal in a moment.

Surprisingly enough It had nothing to do with my inability to comprehend its intricacies, nor anything to do with the caterer, after all the maximum one could spend on the entire meal in those days was by statute 4 shillings and sixpence per head (that is about 22p in current coinage, or about 2 groats for the benefit of our elder members).

In short my Bar mitzvah had to be put off for two weeks, and I had that time to pick up the new one and so was told to look at Ki Tetzeh. I remember thinking, now that's what I call a sidrah, all about going into battle, capturing a woman of "goodly form" and taking her for your wife, though I couldn't fathom what one's wife would make of that.

It wasn't all so rosy though, I didn't like the bit about parental dealings with a "stubborn and rebellious" child, the sort with whom I had some sympathy, by taking him to the elders for a good stoning.

So why the change of plan and the two week respite? Well, it was the summer when the War ended. My father had joined the Territorial Army shortly after Hitler came to power, he knew there was going to be War, and wanted to be prepared, which he did by going off on Tuesday and Thursday nights and learning to fire weapons. He would put on his uniform, with bright red bits on the peaked cap, and I remember seeing a revolver sticking out of a leather holster which he wore round his waist, and carefully locked in a bedroom cupboard.

He went in on the day war Broke out, and served in several areas Dunkirk, The African Campaign, and so on... and although the European war had ended some months earlier, was still in Europe just before my original Barmitzvah date. In those days communications were not good, but I do remember how upset my mother was just days before Re'eh, when we heard he was not going to be back from Germany.

We gambled on a two week interval, the intervening sidra was Shoftim, and heaven alone knows how it might have affected my life if I'd done that one.... but Re'eh was the gamble.

And it worked, but only just. He came into the Beth Hamedresh Hagodol, still in uniform, still with his revolver, during the shacharit service, and just moments before "Yaamod Boruch Mayer Ben Shimon Eliezer, ha Barmitzvah"
Shabbat Shalom
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Next Shabbat— Ki Tavo

4th—5th September 2009

Commences 7.26pm Mincha & Maariv 7.00pm

Announcements

Kiddush Sponsor

Esther Isaacs and Richard Harris invite the congregation to Kiddush to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Esther's father Louis Rosenblatt z"l

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

Birthdays— Mazal Tov:

Stefan Rouach	James Miller
Toby Weinberg	Natasha Adley
Natalie Clifford	Toby Goldblatt
Alexis Brecker	Celeste Heilpern
Maurice Salem	Danielle Salem
Melanie Davis	Alan Lee
Rita Woolf	Judith Levey
Leon Magar	Colin Jaque
Elissa Isaacs	Harry Moss
David Fobel	Philip David
Helen Lee	Carole Geiger
Georgio Laurenti Levi	Arnold Lee
Mildred Greenman	Nancy Britz

Wedding Anniversaries—Mazal Tov:

Marion & Peter Reichwald
Beatrice & Meyer Bengio
Wendy & Philip Kremen
Lesley & Denis Aaronson
Valerie & Michael Lewis
Salome & Stanley Bloom

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

Friday 28th August

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

Shabbat 29th August

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

Sunday 30th August

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

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 31st August— Bank Holiday

- 8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah

Tuesday 1st September

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

Wednesday 2nd September

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

Thursday 3rd September

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

Friday 4th August

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

**Mincha & Ma'ariv this week:
Sun 30th August — Thurs 3rd Sept 6.15pm**

Kiddush Rota

Esther Isaacs. Linda Sharpe.

Security Rota

Malcolm Brenner. David Kaye.

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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 6.15pm 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

Under 35? Interested in Getting Involved with the Jewish Community?

In order to encourage wider participation in the affairs of the community by its younger members, the Board of Deputies of British Jews has offered WMA the opportunity to appoint or elect an "Under 35 Designated Observer" to serve on the Board and attend its meetings. If you are interested please contact the Synagogue Office.

