

Parshat Ki Tavo

	Hertz	Cohen	Stone	Gutnick		Shabbat Begins	7.26pm
Sedra	859	1117	1068	1294		Shabbat ends	8.27pm
Haftarah	874	1134	1201	1478			

**Doing a Mitzvah Is No Excuse for Disregarding Another's Feelings**

In the laws regarding *shiluach haken*, the sending away of the mother bird, the verse states "You shall certainly send away the mother, and the children you shall take for yourselves". Our Sages explain that it would be very painful for the mother bird to see her young chicks being taken away. To avoid causing this mental anguish, we are commanded to first send away the mother bird before taking her chicks. The Talmud [Chulin 141] infers from the double use of the verb in the phrase "You shall certainly send away- *shaleach teshalach* - that the law applies even if the birds are needed for a matter involving a mitzvah.

Rav Mordechai Katz observes that there is a tendency sometimes to trample on peoples' feelings when we are on the way to do a mitzvah. We may tend to feel that "the performance of the mitzvah takes priority over others' feelings"; that the doing of the mitzvah gives us carte blanche in this regard: "after all, I'm doing a mitzvah!"

The *pasuk* (verse) therefore emphasizes, "No. You must first send away the mother - even if your purpose is to do a mitzvah." The fact that we are performing a mitzvah is no licence to disregard the pain we will be inflicting on the mother.

The Chazon Ish\* always used to recite the afternoon prayers in the early afternoon (known as "Minchah Gedolah"). One day he could not gather the requisite minyan (prayer quorum) together. Fifteen minutes passed; twenty minutes; still no minyan. Finally a tenth person arrived. At that point the Chazon Ish's brother-in-law, Rav Shmuel Granerman said "It's now ten to one. I have an appointment at one o'clock; I told someone I would meet him in a certain location." The Chazon Ish immediately said, "If you've set up an appointment for one o'clock, then you need to be there. Just because I or these others need a minyan, it does not give you the right to disregard your word and keep somebody else waiting. **Certainly** you must leave now. We either will have a minyan without you or we won't; but your concern is to keep your word."

This is the why it says "You shall **certainly** send away the mother bird" - even if a matter of a mitzvah is involved.

*Adapted with acknowledgment from a Dvar Torah by Rabbi Yissocher Frand, Rosh Yeshiva of Ner Israel Rabbinical College, Baltimore.*

**\* Rabbi Avrohom Yeshaya Karelitz, known as the "Chazon Ish" (1878-1953)**

*The "Chazon Ish" devoted his life to the study of Torah, although he also studied astronomy, anatomy, and mathematics, since he felt that knowledge of these subjects was necessary for a full understanding of Jewish law and practice. In 1911 Rav Karelitz published in Vilna "Chazon Ish" (lit. "A Man's Vision"), the work whose title gave him the name by which he became known. He moved to Eretz Yisrael in 1933 where he held no official positions yet was recognised as a worldwide authority on all matters relating to Jewish law and life.*

Shabbat Shalom

**Next Shabbat— Nitzavim-Vayelech**

11th—12th September 2009  
Commences 7.10pm Mincha & Maariv 6.45pm

**Announcements**

**Kiddush Sponsor**

Debra & Michael Ziff invite the congregation to Kiddush in honour of Natalie & Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld's baby granddaughters Ya'ara Rivka Rosenfeld and Shira Rivka Rosenfeld

**Breakfast Sponsor**

Breakfasts this week are kindly sponsored by Eva Shore and Renee & Issy Shore to commemorate the Yartzzeit of Eva's husband and Renee & Issy's son, Dennis Shore z"l

**Birth Announcement— Mazal Tov**

To Eve & Malcolm Brenner on the birth of a new granddaughter and to parents, (Malcolm's children) Claire & Craig Coverman.

To Ruth & David Coffe on the birth of their 3rd granddaughter Abigail Coffe, and to parents Marsha & Daniel Coffe

**Birthdays— Mazal Tov:**

Anouska Levy	Camilla Yadgaroff
Jennifer Pasha	Natasha Rayden
Liane Green	Caroline Buchler
Irs Laurenti Levi	Lydia Gorvy
Michael Goldman	Godfrey Bradman
Michael Rapp	Colette Wilson
Lewi Clein	Marily Burns
Cyril Auerbach	Rachel Epsley
Robert Golbert	

**Wedding Anniversaries—Mazal Tov:**

Hilary & Jeffrey Altman  
Jane & Peter Shasha  
Zelma & Gerald Bloomberg  
Gail & Gerald Ronson  
Esther & Lawrence Drizen

**Refuah Shlemah**

	Shira bat Leah
Heinz Samson	Yaacov ben Perl
Seymour Freed	Shmuel Zeev ben Sara Rivka
Nat Winsor	Noach ben Miriam Chayah
Gala Colover	Chana bat Yehudit Rivka bat Chava Shira Rivka bat Yehudit Bat-Zion

**Condolences**

To Debra Wallace on the passing of her father Gordon Brown z"l in Arizona.  
To the family of Gusta Neumann z"l on her passing.

**Friday 4th September**

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

**Shabbat 5th September**

8.45 am Shiur with Harry Handelsman  
9.15 am Shacharit  
7.15 pm Mincha, Seudah Shlishit & D'var Torah by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld  
8.27 pm Maariv & Havdalah

**Sunday 6th September**

8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and D'var Torah  
10.00 am Cheder **Aged 4—12 years.** Contact Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld for further information on 07811202244 or email rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk

**Monday 7th September**

8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah by Michael Milston  
10.30am Rabbi Rosenfeld's Shiur for Ladies—"High Holyday Prayers—Part 1"

**Tuesday 8th September**

7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast Shiur by Rabbi Yosef Vogel

**Wednesday 9th September**

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

**Thursday 10th September**

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

**Friday 11th August**

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

**Mincha & Ma'ariv this week:  
Sun 6th —Thurs 10th Sept 6.00pm**

**Kiddush Rota**

Susan Roffman. Angela Wayne

**Security Rota**

Robbie Sherman. David Sorani.

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](http://www.marblearch.org.uk)

We apologise if we have not answered your emails this week as our server has been out of order and we have not been 'on line'

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Cheder: A new term, a new Headmistress**

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Miriam Kaye as our new Cheder Headmistress and we wish her much success, as the new cheder term begins this Sunday. Miriam is planning some innovative cheder events, besides working to improve all the children's Hebrew reading and writing skills this year.

If you know of any children who are unattached to a cheder and would benefit from a warm and caring educational environment, please contact Miriam Kaye through the office, or Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld on his mobile or email.

**The Monday Ladies' Shiur recommences**

Rabbi Rosenfeld's weekly ladies' shiur begins a new series this Monday, September 7th, at 10.30am. Subject: High Holyday Prayers—Part 1. Ladies who have not previously attended are most welcome.

**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](mailto: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.