

## 5770 ראש השנה



Shabbat/Yom  
Tov begins 6.54pm  
Yom Tov ends 7.51pm

### A Highlight of our High Holyday Service—*"Un'taneh Tokef"*

There is a point in the Musaf Service when the Ark is open and we say "Let us declare the utter sanctity of this day.....You open the book of records from which man's destiny is read, the seal of each person's hand being in that book... A still small voice is heard.....Repentance, prayer and good deeds". (Routledge Machzor page 146; Art Scroll page 480)

Because this prayer expresses so dramatically an awareness of the unpredictability and uncertainty of human life, it has occupied a pre-eminent place in the machzor. With vivid imagery, the author depicts the heavenly scene on the Day of Judgment. The Shofar is sounded, there is heard only a still small voice to herald the appearance of the Divine Judge. The angels are in terror for judgment is to be decreed against heaven, as well as earth. In the eyes of God, no being, however angelic, has perfect purity. One by one, as sheep are counted by the shepherd, each life passes in review before Him and its fate is inscribed in a book of records which contain the seal of every person's hand. The sense of doom is heightened in us as we are told that on Rosh Hashanah the decree is written and on Yom Kippur it is sealed.

It is not the poet's intention, however, to induce a fatalistic resignation; but rather the opposite. The prayer, in fact, reaches its climax when it assures us that it is within our power to annul an evil decree. The QUANTITY of our life is in the hands of God, the QUALITY in our hands only:

"Everything is foreseen, yet freedom of choice is granted". In its climactic declaration, the prayer suggests a threefold means of annulling "the evil of the decree":

1. Tshuvah—Repentance/Return: A courageous break with evil and return to God.
2. Tefilah—Prayer: A re-establishment of our relationship with God.
3. Tzedakah—Deeds of kindness: Tangible acts of love and concern for others.

Guilt is always more painful than actual punishment. Judaism teaches that acts in defiance of the moral law are punished, yet we know that this is not always confirmed by experience. The prosperity of the wicked and the suffering of the righteous have always puzzled religious thinkers. The rabbinic conviction that sin is its own punishment and that wrongdoing dulls the conscience and the heart of man, is validated by many who, after a lifetime of selfishness, leave behind them a legacy of frustration and futility as well as a bad name to remember them by.

The authorship of 'Unetaneh Tokef' is still disputed. It is said by some to have been introduced into the liturgy, by Kalonymos ben Meshullam of Mayence (ca.1100). A popular story is that it was composed by a Rabbi Amnon, an affluent scholar of distinguished family, who, in a moment of weakness, postponed for three days his answer to a request that he abandon Judaism. He was tormented with remorse at his failure to reaffirm his belief immediately. On the third day, because he then failed to give an affirmative reply, he was arrested and tortured. As Rosh Hashanah was then being observed, he asked that he be brought to the Synagogue. When the Kedushah was about to be recited, Rabbi Amnon asked for a brief pause, recited the Unetaneh Tokef prayer and then died. Its inclusion in the Liturgy is said to have been in answer to the request made of Rabbi Kalonymos by Rabbi Amnon when the latter appeared to him in a dream.

The poem has been set to music many times. The Chazan and choir have chosen two majestic melodies for the two days of Rosh Hashanah. On the first day the music, originally composed by Blumenthal has been augmented and rearranged by Lionel Rosenfeld and Stephen Glass.

Shabbat Shalom & Shanah Tovah  
Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

**Next Shabbat— Shuva Shabbat Ha'azinu**  
25th—26th September 2009  
Commences 6.38pm Mincha & Maariv 6.45pm

## Announcements

**A warm welcome to Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan & Lady Sacks and family and to the High Holyday Choir who will be with us this Rosh Hashanah**

**The Honorary Officers and Board of Management wish the whole Kehilla a Shana Tovah U'Mtukah—A Happy and Sweet Year**

### Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts this week are kindly sponsored by the Honorary Officers and Board of Management

### Engagement Announcement—Mazal Tov:

To Toby Hanbury on his engagement to Emma Fisher and to parents Ruth & Philip Hanbury and Sue & Stephen Fisher

### Birthdays— Mazal Tov:

Sophia Lipton	Henry Ziff
Elarna Mintz	Andrew Tobias
Aubrey Sint	Lesley Aaronson
Lilian Gordon	Norman Naftalin
Zina Lewis	Rita Frydman

### Refuah Shlemah

Simon Reiss	Simcha bn Chaya Gittel Seymour Freed Shmuel
Zeev ben Nat Winsor	Sara Rivka Noach ben Miriam Chayah
Gala Colover	Shira bat Leah Chana bat Yehudit Rivka bat Chava Yehudit Bat-Zion bat Bracha Liba

### Succot Meals

Natalie & Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld invite you to join them for Yom Tov Meals in the Succah:

**Friday Evening Dinner 2nd October**

**Shabbat Lunch 3rd October**

**Sunday Lunch 4th October**

£35 per person per meal/Children under 12

£20/ Children under 5 no charge

**Limited space available—book now to avoid disappointment.** Call the office on

020 7723 9333

### Arba Minim

**Order your Lulav & Etrog now**

Contact Robert Golbert in the Office

**Friday 18th September—Erev Rosh Hashanah**

6.45 am Selichot & Shacharit, breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Ervin Landau  
**Rosh Hashanah 5770**  
 6.45 pm Mincha & Choral Maariv

**Shabbat 19th September—1st Day Rosh Hashanah**

8.00 am Shacharit & Choral Services  
 10.30 am Children's Service  
 12.30 pm Sermon by the Chief Rabbi  
 6.45 pm Mincha & Choral Maariv  
 7.53 pm 1st day (Shabbat) ends— Candles 2nd day

**Sunday 20th September—2nd Day Rosh Hashanah**

8.00 am Shacharit & Choral Services  
 10.15 am Sounding of the Shofar  
 10.30 am Children's Service  
 12.30 pm Sermon by the Chief Rabbi  
 5.00 pm Tashlich in Regents Park  
 6.45 pm Mincha & D'var Torah  
 7.51 pm Maariv & Havdalah

**Monday 21st September—Fast of Gedaliah**

5.05 am Fast begins  
 7.00 am Selichot & Shacharit  
 10.30am Rabbi Rosenfeld's Shiur for Ladies  
 1.30 pm First Mincha  
 5.45 pm Second Mincha & Maariv  
 7.42 pm Fast ends

**Tuesday 22nd September**

7.00 am Selichot & Shacharit followed by breakfast Shiur by Rabbi Yosef Vogel

**Wednesday 23rd September**

7.00 am Selichot & Shacharit followed by breakfast and Parsha Shiur by Ervin Landau

**Thursday 24th September**

7.00 am Selichot & Shacharit, breakfast and D'var Torah by Bernard Silver

**Friday 25 September**

7.00 am Selichot & Shacharit followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Ervin Landau

**Mincha & Ma'ariv this week:**  
**Sun 20th Sept 6.45pm**

**Mon 21st Sept 1st Mincha 1.30pm. 2nd Mincha & Maariv 5.45pm**  
**Tues 22nd—Thurs 24th Sept 5.30pm**

**Kiddush Rota/Security Rota**

We thank all members who have helped over the past year and look forward to your continued support

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)**

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Cheder**

Miriam Kaye, our excellent new Head Teacher has planned 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.

**Rabbi Rosenfeld's Monday Ladies' Shiur**

Next Shiur Monday 21st September at 10.30am. Subject: Yom Kippur, 'Laws & Prayers'. 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.**

**Supper & Evening with Allan Conway Sunday 25th October**

Join us for what will be a fabulous fun evening with good friends, good food and drink and lots of laughs and surprises.

Allan Conway is a leading consultant in the field of graphology and divides his time between lecture tours and consultancy work. He is highly in demand as a public speaker and he has made numerous appearances on TV and radio and regularly appears on Big Brother's Little Brother, Ready Steady Cook and Celebrity Split Ups and ITV News at Ten.

**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.

Marcel Stellman started his career with the BBC. He joined Decca records in 1953 as an international manager and recorded the following artists, Dame Vera Lynn, Mantovani, Engelbert Humperdinck, Stanley Black, Edmundo Ros and the Goons. He also helped launch the careers of the Rolling Stones, Tom Jones, the Moody Blues and artists worldwide. He has also written lyrics for Max Bygraves, Bing Crosby, Tony Bennet, Jack Jones, Shirley Bassey, Dean Martin, Petula Clarke, Charles Aznavour, Gilbert Becaud, Kathy Kirby and Bicky Carr. He is also responsible for Countdown, now in its 25th year.

**Art Exhibition**

The next display in the Bloomstein Hall will be a photography exhibition. If you would like to hold an exhibition of Art or Photography please contact the office on 020 7723 9333 or email office@marblearch.org.uk to book in a time

