

Shemini Atzeret and Shabbat

	Hertz	Cohen	Stone	Gutnick		Shabbat & Yom- Tov Begins	6.06pm
Sedra	810	1067	1012	1218		Yom Tov ends	7.03pm
Haftarah	982		1245	1530			

Simchat Torah

'Simchat Torah has always been one of my favourite holiday's, a chance to let your hair down after the seriousness of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. We sing and we dance and every person whether learned, observant or not is able to take part equally. Its interesting that this takes place with our book, the Sefer Torah, not even open but rolled up as we dance with it. It's more about actions and being present than words.

We have just ended the holiday of Sukkot, which follows on into Simchat Torah and is known as the 'time of our happiness'. Why do we need a holiday devoted to happiness?

Historically, in Temple times, the seven days of Sukkot were a time when prayers were made for the entire world not just the Jewish people. On Shemini Atzeret in Israel, the eight day and Simchat Torah outside, it's as if Hashem is saying to us, you have been with Me since Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur for three weeks, through Sukkot for a further week, stay a day longer, an eight day and lets savour the time we have spent together. It's what my children would call an 'after-party'. This is apparently much more exclusive than the party itself.

At the same time, we have experienced the spiritual highs of the Chief Rabbi's sermons and Rabbi Lionel's davening, the Shofar, Kol Nidrei and Neilah and as we all know, when you come from a high point, a low often follows. What we are doing on Simchat Torah is saving up and storing some of that spiritual energy for us to use, as we enter the winter and spiritually low points of the year. Perhaps this points us to what is most relevant. The spiritual feeling of the High Holidays, as we are all together with our families and in shul is uplifting, but what is really more fundamental is how we feel and act on any ordinary weekday, after this time, when we are left to our own devices. Do we remember our resolutions and make some portion of the New Year part of our everyday lives, or just go on living as usual?

I think it's also interesting to recall that whilst we are celebrating the start of a new cycle of reading the Torah, we are marking the end of the last one. The passage that we read describes the end of the life of Moses and is tinged with sadness. It tells us how we will never have another leader or prophet like him, how he brought us to greatness as we were transformed from slaves in Egypt to a nation possessing the Land of Israel. Whilst Moses had the strength to bring our ancestors to that point, even he was not able to enter it, only seeing it from a mountain top and handing over the leadership to Joshua to settle the Land itself.

This is a poignant message for us, particularly as we remember Marsha's Mother who passed on earlier this year and the shul's own Simon Reiss. Both of them had strong traditional values like Moses and were involved in their own way in establishing the modern State of Israel. As Joshua and our forefathers did, it is now up to us to uphold and continue those values and indeed to step up to support Israel, our legacy and our security. Maybe this is why we need a fixed time which is related to happiness. Although from time to time we may not feel up to the task, we need to face things in a happy, positive way and take on with optimism the heritage that has been entrusted to us.

Chag Sameach, Moadim Le'simcha.'

Alan Lee

Announcements

A warm welcome to Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan & Lady Sacks who will be with us on Shemini Atzeret, when the Chief Rabbi will deliver the Sermon.

Kiddush Sponsor

Marsha & Alan Lee together with Marion & Guy Naggar invite the congregation to Kiddush after the services on Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah to celebrate Alan & Guy being honoured as Chatanei Torah and Bereishit

You are invited to join them on Shemini Atzeret at 4.00pm for a bumper tea party hosted by Marion & Guy Naggar and at 8.30pm for a buffet supper hosted by Marsha & Alan Lee

We thank them for hosting a wonderful Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah

Breakfast Sponsor

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

Condolences—Simon Reiss z"l

We wish long life to Caroline Esdaille and all the family on the loss of our much loved Simon Reiss z"l, Honorary Life President and Past President of WMA and a most respected member of Anglo-Jewry

We wish long life to Faanya Rose on the passing of her husband Robert z"l.

Birthdays— Mazal Tov:

Georgina Aaronson	Joshua Eidelbaum
Freddy Abrahams	James David
Annabelle Sorrell	Geoffrey Miller
Sonia Shalam	Guy Naggar
Sheila Clore	Bernard Silver
Dora Perelman	

Wedding Anniversaries—Mazal Tov:

Emma & David Berg
Adena & Daniel Conway

Refuah Shlemah

Frank Green	Ephraim ben Chana
Seymour Freed	Shmuel Zeev ben Sara Rivka
	Noach ben Miriam Chayah
Nat Winsor	Shira bat Leah
Cheryl Stakol	Devorah bat Yocheved
Mina Aminoff	Chana bat Yehudit
Gala Colover	

Next Shabbat— Bereishit

16th—17th October 2009

Commences 5.51pm Mincha & Maariv 6.00pm

Friday 9th October

7.00 am Shacharit followed by breakfast Shiur
6.15 pm Mincha and Maariv

Shabbat 10th October and Shemini Atzeret

9.00 am Shacharit followed by reading of Kohelet
11.00 am Yizkor followed by Sermon by the Chief Rabbi
4.00 pm Tea Party
6.15 pm Mincha, Maariv followed by Hakafot for Simchat Torah
7.05 pm Shabbat ends and candles for Simchat Torah
8.30pm Buffet Supper

Sunday 11th October – Simchat Torah

9.00 am Shacharit
6.15 pm Mincha
7.03 pm Maariv and Havdalah

Monday 12th October

7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah by Michael Milston
10:30 am Rabbi Rosenfeld's Shiur for Ladies

Tuesday 13th October

7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast Shiur by Rabbi Yosef Vogel

Wednesday 14th October

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

Thursday 15th October

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

Friday 16th October

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

Mincha & Ma'ariv this week:
Sunday 11th Oct 6.15pm
Mon—Thurs 12th—15th Oct 5.00pm

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

Hearing Assistive Loop System

The Synagogue is pleased to have installed a loop system for the benefit of hearing aid users. Please set your hearing aid to the 'T' setting to access this service

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

World Jewish Relief—Operation Winter Survival Campaign— A Communal Message from Suzanne Goodman

As we enter the Jewish New Year, filled with hope for a better year, not only for ourselves, but for our fellow Jews in Israel and across the world, I hope that we at Western Marble Arch can help towards the difficult plight and help provide vital aid to Jewish Communities in the former Soviet Union and support them through the freezing winter months. Our help is needed!

I have delivered "**Survival Bags**" to the Synagogue with accompanying leaflets. We will fill the bags with **new and nearly new items** such as **warm clothing, blankets and quilts; hats, gloves, scarves, thermals and new underwear; new hosiery and socks; soap, shampoo and toiletries, toothpaste and toothbrushes; nappies and baby toiletries.** They are so desperate for help, even small bottles of toiletries from hotels and airlines will be gratefully accepted - in any quantity and combination.

Bring the goods to the Synagogue at 32 Great Cumberland Place between 7.30 am and 5 pm, complete a tag from the leaflet and attach it to the Survival Bag, or if you like just drop off the goods in your own bags with the name of the donor noted, and we will deal with it from there.

We will arrange delivery to one of the local drop-off points. **The deadline is 8th November 2009**, as it is essential we deliver the gifts before the temperatures drop to levels of minus 20C. The packages will be delivered through local Jewish community workers to ensure they are given to those who need them most, and will bring both relief and hope to thousands.

May I also point out that there are significant costs involved in the packing and transportations of goods; any further donations that are able to be made will help cover these expenses and be greatly appreciated.

A few minutes thought, the donation of some much needed essentials could ease the suffering this winter.

On this Festival of Succot, the Season of our Rejoicing, let's try and give a little joy to others far worse off than ourselves.

Let's help!

Chag Sameach - and thank you in advance -
Suzanne Goodman

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.

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.

