

13th Cheshvan 5770/31st October 2009

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

**Shabbat Lech Lecha**

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Sedra	45	60	54	66		Shabbat ends	5.24pm
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**Next Year in Jerusalem**

It was time to make Aliya! After working on the farm but before leaving for Israel, members were expected to work with the youth movement. Hashomer Hatsaire was based in Nightingale Road in North London, and it was there that I lived for a few months. Like the farm it was a commune. There were four senior members who worked full-time in the office and I had to find a job to earn my keep. I found a spring factory in Dalston Junction. The Personnel officer asked me if I knew how to use a micrometer and a vernier. I hadn't a clue what he was talking about! However, I knew how to milk cows, drive a tractor and even ride horses: how difficult could these two instruments be to use?

I started working on a cold and wet Monday morning. I arrived at the factory early and was hoping to find a kind soul who would show me how to use the instruments. It turned out that they were not so hard to use: a breeze I thought.

This factory made all types of precision springs. They were mostly made by machine but they wanted me to make very small precise springs by hand that to be used in the dials of the Bristol Britannia aircrafts. Years later I worked for El Al. They had a fleet of Britannia's and I was petrified that my springs might fail and cause a terrible accident with me on board.

My pay was £3.76 a week. From this I paid my bus fares, my lunch and then I handed over the balance to the house keeper. My day started at 6 am with a breakfast of cornflakes and a cup of tea. I didn't mind because I thought that all of the others had the same breakfast. One day I stayed in bed until 9am with a terrible cold. I went down to make a drink and found that everyone else was sitting down to a breakfast of scrambled eggs, chopped herring and toast with jam. The four of them looked at me with total surprise and embarrassment. I walked to the table and said "so this is how socialism works; I work and you eat!" I picked up the edge of the table and tipped the lot on the floor. Then I packed my rucksack and left there and then. I learnt a most important lesson, that some people are more equal. However, in fairness they were probably no worse than most when no one is keeping an eye on things.

I went home, packed my wooded crate, said goodbye to my friends and family and made my way to Dover for the ferry to Ostend. From there I hitchhiked to Brussels, Amsterdam, Paris and then Marseilles from a Zim ship to Haifa.

I met a lovely couple who were going home to Israel where they had a small holding near Petach Tiqvah where they grew strawberries. We became friends, ate together and sat late on the deck talking about the future. As we approached Haifa they asked me if I would take a piano accordion into Israel. I saw no reason not to. I had my guitar so one more instrument was no hassle. I was one of the first off the ship and all I had was a rucksack and two musical instruments. Migration was a breeze because young Jewish men and women where what the state needed. However, customs was a bit more daunting, Shalom Adoni very formal anything to declare. The penny dropped, "are you a musician?" they asked. "No" I said. "But what about the accordion?", they asked and I said, "I have only just bought it and I am going to learn to how to play!" They said, "Well, welcome and good luck." I hadn't been in the country five minutes and already I was a smuggler!

I took a taxi to Kibbutz Evron my new home. Evron is very close to Naharia in the North of Israel, I arrived about 7:30pm. I went straight to the dining room where I knew that kibbutznicks would still be eating the evening meal. To my surprise I was greeted by a man who said, "I am so please that you have arrived. We thought you weren't coming. Please come straight into the kitchen you can change and prepare for your concert." And with that he was away. I thought, "What do I do now? This is going to be a disaster". I could sing and play *she'll be coming round the mountain*, and a few skiffle numbers but a concert! I began to look for the back door when in the nick of time the real musician arrived.

I settled into kibbutz life without too much difficulty and without much Ivrit. I got by and soon I could swear with the best of them. I became a Sheppard; I had a romantic view of what it would be like to work with sheep. However, the reality was somewhat different. I was consciences that as I and the other Sheppard's came into the dining room there was a mass exodus. I couldn't understand why we were considered unwelcome at the communal tables. Eventually, some kind soul said, "it's the smell."

The problem with the sheep was soon resolved when I was drafted into the IDF. Then the entire group went into Nahal. I realised that had I stayed in the UK I would have been called up for National Service. Now that I was in the Israeli Army, I was proud to be part of this new Jewish State. The late 1950's were a very special time for the veterans who lived in Israel. They would say, "We don't have much but what we have is ours and yours to share". Times have changed but the State of Israel is ours if we choose to be a part of it.

Shabbat Shalom Trevor Waterman

**Next Shabbat - Vayera**

6th—7th November 2009

Commences 4.10pm Mincha &amp; Kabbalat Shabbat 4.15pm

## Announcements

**Mazal Tov to Benjamin Zaoui on his Bar Mitzvah and to parents Anna & Michael Zaoui, Grandparents and all the family**

**We welcome the Chief Rabbi of Paris, David Messas, Rabbi Ariel Messas, Rabbi Michael Toledano of Jerusalem and Rabbi David Ben-Yoav**

**Kiddush Sponsor**

Anna & Michael Zaoui have much pleasure in inviting the congregation to Kiddush after the service to celebrate Benjamin's Bar Mitzvah

**Breakfast Sponsor**

Breakfasts this week are sponsored by Eve & Malcolm Brenner to commemorate the Yahrzeits of Malcolm's daughter Tania Brenner z"l and father Abraham Brenner z"l.

**Birth Announcement Mazal Tov to:**

Angela & John Kessler on the birth of a granddaughter, Maisie, and to parents Vivienne & Andrew Levine

**Birthdays—Mazal Tov to:**

Jonathan Conway	Lisa Harris
Samuel Shear	Harry Aaronson
Imogen Aaronson	Joshua Miller
Stephanie Rapp	Max Rayden
Georgina Zarko	Jonathan Esfandi
Judith Abrahams	Eldred Tabachnik
Linda Lewis	Gerald Lipton
Betty Freeman	Peggy Davis

**Wedding Anniversary—Mazal Tov**

Avril &amp; Colin Jaque

**Refuah Shlemah**

H.W	Chaim Shlomo ben Manshi Hacohen
Frank Green	Ephraim ben Chana
Seymour Freed	Shmuel Zeev ben Sara Rivka
Cheryl Stokol	Shira bat Leah
Gala Colover	Chana bat Yehudit
M.A.	Devorah bat Yocheved

**Friday 30th October**

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Ervin Landau  
4.30 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & D'var Torah by Rabbi LR

**Shabbat 31st October**

- 8.45 am Shiur with Henry Knobil  
9.15 am Shacharit  
4.15 pm Mincha, followed by Seudah Shlishit, & D'var Torah by Guest Speaker Rabbi David Ben-Yoav  
5.24 pm Maariv & Havdalah

**Sunday 1st November**

- 8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Thought for the Day by Alan Goldberg

**Half Term Restarts 8/11/09** Cheder Aged 4—12 years. Contact Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld for further information on 07811202244 or email rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk

**Monday 2nd November**

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah by Michael Milston  
10.30 am Ladies Shiur with Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

**Tuesday 3rd November**

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Shiur by Rabbi Yosef Vogel

**Wednesday 4th November**

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

**Thursday 5th November**

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

**Friday 6th November**

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

Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week  
Sun 1st—Thurs 5th November 3.45pm

**Security Rota**

Yaacov Schmidt. Steven Truman.

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)**

**World Jewish Relief**

**Operation Survival Campaign**

**Don't forget to drop off your warm clothes, bedding and toiletries at the Synagogue by 6th November**

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Boycott Campaign November 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**

You may be aware that during the week of 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November, the Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) will be targeting the supermarkets Waitrose and Morrisons and demanding that they boycott Israeli goods, especially those from Israeli settlements. The Board of Deputies, together with the Fair Play Campaign Group, is leading a counter campaign, encouraging the entire Jewish community to come out in force to buy Israeli goods in these supermarkets.

**GCSE Judaism Course for Teenagers**

Following on the success of last year's course, Rabbi Rosenfeld will again be teaching a GCSE Judaism Course.

The course begins this Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm, however only 2 students have registered. Any teenagers wishing to join the one year course should contact Rabbi Lionel by email: rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk or phone the office on 020 7723 9333

**Monday Shiur for Ladies**

Next Shiur Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 10.30am with Rabbi Lionel

**Young WMA Jazz Brunch - Sunday 1st November 11.30am-3pm**

Please join us for this great event with fabulous food and drink, smooth jazz sounds and great company. Book your place today to avoid disappointment by emailing [office@marblearch.org.uk](mailto:office@marblearch.org.uk) or telephone 020 7723 9333. Age 20-35yrs.

**Join Cantor Malovany for a Friday Night Communal Dinner on Friday 27th November**

Book your place now for a great communal Friday Night Dinner with one of the greatest Cantors in the World. £22.50 per person/Children under 12 £15.00. Call the office now to reserve your place on 020 7723 9333

**An Evening of Song with Cantor Joseph Malovany Saturday 28th November at 7.00pm at WMA**

Western Marble Arch in conjunction with Norwood invite you to join us for an Evening of Song with Cantor Malovany and the Western Choir.

Reception 7.00pm, Concert 7.30pm.  
Email [gemma.wolfson@norwood.org.uk](mailto:gemma.wolfson@norwood.org.uk) or call 020 8420 6829 to make your reservation

**The Archers Chanukah Party Tuesday 15th December at 2.30pm**

Please join us for an afternoon of good company, live music and entertainment, celebrity guest speaker and a special Chanukah tea and doughnuts.

**Newsletter Articles**

We have some very interesting articles that have been written by members this week and in the coming weeks and we would like to have more.

If you have a story to tell then why not publish it. The article should be around 450 words and be emailed to the office.