

27th Cheshvan 5770/14th November 2009

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

Parashat Chayei Sarah Shabbat Mevarchin

Hertz Cohen Stone Gutnick Shabbat 3.59pm

Sedra 80 118 106 132 Shabbat ends 5.03pm

Haftarah 90 135 1136 1382



Tikkun olam תיקון עולם

WJR's mission to Rwanda – cont'd from last week

Some of our group took exercise books, others pens for the children, Marion took toothbrushes and toothpaste keeping all the boys quiet and interested as she taught them to brush their teeth. These kids are amazing! Life for them, by UK standards, is incredibly tough. Sleeping 6-8 in rooms so tiny there's only space for bunk-beds, the rooms were tidy, beds made, clothes hung up on wall pegs, shoes lined up neatly in a row in each room. There is a row of latrines (squats!) next to the bedroom, no running water for showers just two buckets to have the daily wash. All the children take turns to cook and clean. We, also, took our turn in these activities, peeling green bananas for lunch, with dried beans, onions and tomatoes all in the cook-pot over the fire. We bought avocado pears for them as a special treat, never mind that this was our staple diet for five days.

Disputes are resolved collectively; the children counsel and advise each other, learning valuable skills in conflict resolution and negotiation under the watchful eye of the dedicated staff. How many 12-16 year olds do you know, ask you the same question, "Have you ever experienced genocide and do you have parents"?

We had the opportunity of seeing the 'before' and 'after'. One afternoon we sat in a café with "streetkids". Given plates of food, they had not eaten for days, they talked of their lives. One pointed to a tree and said that's where he sleeps. Another could not finish his food and turning to an elderly lady, who had sat alongside us, offered her the other half of his food – that was so moving!

We met Angelique, a 24 year old who had been through SACCA's vocational training learning to sew. She now has a sewing machine and will start earning some money. Her story was no more harrowing than others we had heard, during and after the genocide aged 10 she was raped repeatedly; HIV positive but controlled by drugs she is head of her family, living in a house, with her sister and brother, rebuilt with the help of restitution funds. She has learnt to cultivate the banana plantation around her house, her goat provides milk. We could see how SACCA'S training had helped her back onto her feet.

Tikun Olam – mending the world – is built into our religious responsibility. It is not a concept given a precise definition; nor spelt out in imperatives of Jewish law but as the Chief Rabbi wrote "it does bestow religious dignity on those, Jews and non-Jews alike, who work to eliminate evils from the world." Joining this mission, witnessing the value of funding this project makes us proud to be Jews. We close with the thoughts of others on our mission "Children, who have nothing, respond to love & care. It is universal & we have seen this so positively with this WJR project and the practical help these children receive"

Shabbat Shalom
Marion & Peter Reichwald

Next Shabbat - Toldot

20th—21st November 2009

Commences 3.50pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 3.45pm

Announcements

Kiddush Sponsor

Harry & Imogen Aaronson invite the congregation to Kiddush to celebrate the fourth anniversary of their Bar & Bat Mitzvah

Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts this week are kindly sponsored by Harry Handelsman

Engagement—Mazal Tov to:

To Esther Isaacs and Richard Harris on the engagement in America of Richard's son Daniel to Dorit Lemel

Birth Announcement Mazal Tov to:

Rita & Eddie Woolf on the birth of a grandson and to parents Chloe & Alain Charbit, sister Mia and grandparents Danielle & Henri Charbit

Birthdays—Mazal Tov to:

Asher Levy	Jonathan Becker
Chloe Rapp	Helaine Gordon
Gabrielle Hershman	David Harouni
Sara Shasha	Philip Zajac
Nigel Peters	Philip Kremen
David Sandground	Colin Howard
Nat Winsor	Helene Bull
Sonia Caplan	

Wedding Anniversary—Mazal Tov

Katie & Timothy Lipton
Danielle & Sam Lipton
Philippa & Richard Mintz
Nadia & Michael Moosah
Ruth & David Coffey
Angela & Harvey Soning
Aviva & Lewis Harris

Refuah Shlemah

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

Consecration:

The consecration of the stone in loving memory of Reina Rudd will take place on Sunday 15th November at 12 noon at Cheshunt.

Condolences To:

Gloria Green on the passing of her husband and to Linda, Jane, Vanessa, Melanie, Mark & Jonathan on the passing of their father, Frank Green z"l

Arnold Lee on the passing of his wife and to Edward & Alan Lee on the passing of their mother, Helen Lee z"l

Friday 13th November

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Ervin Landau
4.00 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & D'var Torah by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld
6.30 pm **Kabbalat Shabbat Explanatory Service led by Rabbi Rosenfeld. All wishing to learn more about our Friday night service and its songs are invited to participate. No previous knowledge of Hebrew required**

Shabbat 14th November

- 8.45 am Shiur with Harry Handelsman
9.15 am Shacharit
4.00 pm Mincha, followed by Seudah Shlishit, & D'var Torah by Rabbi Rosenfeld
5.03 pm Maariv & Havdalah

Sunday 15th November

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

Monday 16th November

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

Tuesday 17th November Rosh Chodesh Kislev

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

Wednesday 18th November Rosh Chodesh Kislev

- 7.15 am Shacharit followed by Rosh Chodesh breakfast and Parsha Shiur by Ervin Landau

Thursday 19th November

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

Friday 20th November

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

Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week
Sun 15th—Thurs 19th November 3.45pm

Kiddush Rota

Amanda Gold. Linda Sharpe
You can contact Rabbi Lionel & Natalie Rosenfeld at rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk
Tel: 020 7535 0458, mobile: 07811202244

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

Operation Winter Survival Campaign

I have been heartened by the members of WMA's most generous response to the Operation Winter Survival campaign. A huge thank you to all contributors.! Suzanne Goodman

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Kabbalat Shabbat Explanatory Service, Friday night 13th November at 6.30pm followed by Kiddush— which is in addition to our earlier service

We look forward to seeing you. Please see attached flyer for details.

Boycott Campaign November 7th – 14th

You may be aware that during the week of 7th – 14th 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 1-Year Course for Teenagers

Rabbi Rosenfeld's GCSE Judaism Course: Thursday 19th November at 5.00pm. Any teenagers wishing to enrol should contact Rabbi Lionel asap by email: rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk or phone the office on 020 7723 9333

Join Cantor Joseph Malovany for Friday Night Communal Dinner on Friday 27th Nov.

Book your place now for a great communal Friday Night Dinner with one of the great Cantors of 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 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 or call 020 8420 6829 to make your reservation

Adult Education & Cultural Events:

1. Film Evening , Monday December 7th 2009

"Looking for Love" - two films from the Maaleh Film School in Jerusalem, about young people searching for love "And Thou Shalt Love" and "Cheftzi" **Please put this date in your diary.**

2. Monday February 8th 2010—for your diary

Well known Scholar-in-Residence at the London Jewish Cultural Centre Clive Lawton on: 'Is the rest of the world a Jewish concern?'

The Archers Chanukah Party Tuesday 15th December at 2.30pm

Please join us for another afternoon of good company, live music and entertainment, celebrity guest speaker and special Chanukah tea and doughnuts, followed by candlelighting.

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.