

4th Kislev 5770/21st November 2009

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

Parashat Toldot

Hertz Cohen Stone Gutnick Shabbat 3.50pm

Sedra 93 140 124 156 Shabbat ends 4.55pm

Haftarah 102 159 1137 1384



For the last few months we have been reciting a prayer on Shabbat, composed by the Chief Rabbi for the British Soldiers in Afghanistan. In this context we publish below the reminiscences of Stephen Rosenberg, who also served in the armed forces

I WAS NEARLY A CATHOLIC!

My first week as a National Serviceman in the Royal Engineers was difficult. I managed to be allowed not to carry a rifle on the first Saturday but Sunday was awkward. The whole squad of thirty or so was marched onto the main square for Church Parade.

The sergeant shouted out, "Church of England, to the right, quick march", and off they went. Next, "Roman Catholics, to the left, quick march", and off they went. That left Muggins standing alone in the large parade ground.

Sergeant: What the bloody hell are you, Sapper?

Me: I'm Jewish, Sir.

Sergeant: Jewish, what the hell is that? Are you Church of England?

Me: No, Sir.

Sergeant: Well then you're RC, to the left quick march, and off I went to Chapel.

By Tuesday things were sorted out and the Duty Officer seemed to know what a Jew was and I was excused Church Parade and Saturday drill.

Come Shabbat there was nothing for me to do except to sit on my bunk and say the prayers. The time dragged so I decided to go for a walk. It was two miles into Fleet, near Aldershot, and I walked out of the camp in uniform but with great pleasure. The sun was shining but clouds soon gathered and just before I got to the town the rain came down. It was heavy and did not look like stopping, so I ran into town and dived into a church.

Having no money on me, I could not go to a café, the church was my temporary refuge. I felt awkward going to church on the Shabbat, but there was no alternative. I sat at the back. I was the only one in the hall, but then, after about ten minutes, three priests came in at the other end and started to fuss around the altar and chant a few prayers. I watched with interest and then, to my horror, one of them came towards me.

As he approached, I saw that he was holding a small beaker and a saucer. He came right up to me and said, "Soldier, would you like to take the wine and the wafer?"

I was totally embarrassed and stood up, mumbled a quick "No thank you" and dashed out of the church. I had nearly become a Catholic again.

Shabbat Shalom

Stephen Gabriel Rosenberg, Jerusalem

Announcements

Kiddush Sponsor

Stanley Simmonds invites the congregation to Kiddush to commemorate the Yahrzeit of his wife Carole z"l.

Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts this week are kindly sponsored by Muriel & Eli Abt in memory of Eli's mother Frieda Abt—Fromit Bat Asher z"l

Wedding Announcement Mazal Tov to:

Robert Golbert our Executive Secretary and Zila Ornstein on their forthcoming wedding

Birthdays—Mazal Tov to:

Gabreil Shear	Claire Rayden
James Foley Comer	Vivienne Lassman
Angela Kessler	Regina Levine
Wendy Brecher	Henry Knobil
Valerie Young Goodwin	Stanley Kalms
Cyril Breslauer	Helen Roodyn

Wedding Anniversary—Mazal Tov

Dena & Alexander Hamilton
Suzette & Peter Steckelmacher
Evelyn & Morrie Neiss
Sara & Daniel Nash

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

Next Shabbat - Vayetze

27th—28th November 2009

Commences 3.43pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 3.45pm

Friday 20th November

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

Shabbat 21st November

- 8.45 am Shiur with Ervin Landau
9.15 am Shacharit
3.45 pm Mincha, followed by Seudah Shlishit, & D'var Torah by Rabbi Rosenfeld
4.55 pm Maariv & Havdalah

Sunday 22nd November

- 8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Thought for the Day with Alan Goldberg
10.00 am Cheder **Aged 4—12 years**. Contact Rabbi Rosenfeld for further information on 07811202244 or email rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk

Monday 23rd November

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

Tuesday 24th November

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

Wednesday 25th November

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

Thursday 26th November

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

Friday 27th November

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

Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week
Sun 22nd—26th November 3.45pm

Kiddush Rota

Esther Isaacs. 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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

GCSE Judaism 1-Year Course for Teenagers

Rabbi Rosenfeld's GCSE Judaism Course will continue on Thursday December 10th at 5.00pm. Teenagers wishing to enrol should contact Rabbi Lionel 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?"

Family Chanukah Wonderland Sunday 13th December 4pm—6.30pm— Menorah Lighting and Songs

Bring your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters to an afternoon of fun with dreidels, latkes, doughnuts, Juggling John and much more. RSVP the age and number of children 020 7723 9333 or office@marblearch.org.uk

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.