

11th Kislev 5770/28th November 2009

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

## Parashat Vayetze

Hertz Cohen Stone Gutnick Shabbat 3.43pm

Sedra 106 164 144 180 Shabbat ends 4.50pm

Haftarah 118 188 1139 1386



### Rabbi Gavriel and Rivka Holtzberg z"l - An Appreciation in Lovng Memory

By Victor Lee

I spent the summer of 2007 in Mumbai; things had not been working out for me, so I decided that time in unfamiliar territory would be of benefit. Arriving in Mumbai it was immediately apparent that I was going to be far outside my comfort zone. The chaos, the noise, the smells and the poverty were so shocking that I didn't know if I was going to be able to last a weekend there, never mind two months. I arrived on a Friday morning and as usual my father had already contacted the local Chabad House on my behalf. What was only a relatively short distance ended up taking almost an hour to locate in the overwhelming humidity of the Indian rainy season. Hormusji Street, where Nariman House is located, is off of a main road but can barely be classified as a street; a little dark alley is a better description. When I eventually found my way down this alley I was met by a group of Indian people who were sat in a circle on the floor next to a bleating goat, intently staring at me as I walked past. I have never felt in such an alien environment as I did at that moment. Two minutes later I was sitting in a room of forty people for a traditional Shabbat dinner just as if I was at home in London.

I went back to the Chabad House for Shabbat every week, knowing that I was always guaranteed a kosher meal, conversation with likeminded individuals and a comfortable atmosphere that would immediately put me at ease. Shabbat at the Chabad House in Mumbai reminded me who I was and where I came from. Gavriel and Rivka Holtzberg achieved an immense task, in the few years that they were in Mumbai they managed to build a functioning, spiritual, communal and familial home that was open to all Jewish people in Mumbai. I will be forever indebted to them for helping me to get to know myself. The recognizable circumstances of their hospitality showed me how fortunate I was to be a Jew, with a solid support system of the most welcoming hosts even in the most hostile of locations. Unfortunately I never took the opportunity to tell the Holtzbergs of the influence that they had had on me but I hold onto the hope that they knew the positive role that they played in the lives of many Israeli, American, European and local Jews.

The word Chabad is an acronym for the Hebrew words of Wisdom- חכמה, Understanding- הבנה and Knowledge- ידע. Rabbi Gavriel Holtzberg truly embodied all of these characteristics and regularly put them into practice. The wisdom of such a young man to be able to move to a place like Mumbai and be able to install a thriving Chabad House, the understanding that he showed to the hugely varied and often unconventional people that frequented the Chabad House, as well as his knowledge in being able to provide all of the services required of a functioning Jewish community, were all quite extraordinary. It is a year and a half since I was first told that the hundreds of kosher chickens which were eaten at the Chabad House each week were personally shechted by him, but it still amazes me every time I think about it. All Chabad emissaries should aspire to be able to reach the heights that this young Rabbi accomplished. It gives me great solace to remember his pleasure when I told him how proud I was to be associated with the Chabad movement.

I did not have as much opportunity to get to know Rivka, she often sat on the opposite end of the table from her husband on Shabbat and would thrive upon having the opportunity to entertain and chat with all those who came, and was particularly adept at making all girls feel welcomed. She evidently missed her family greatly but treated anyone who entered the Chabad House as warmly as if they were kin. At the time I did not know the difficulties that she must have gone through with her first two children suffering from a terminal blood disease, but it would have been near impossible to know from the smile which constantly permeated her face. The pure joy that she showed while talking about Moshe as he crawled around, makes me think that his miraculous survival would have comforted her in her last moments (if she did indeed know). Poor Moshe'le will have a very tough time growing up without his parents but he will be constantly reminded how amazing his parents were, even to people such as myself who they did not know all that well. (to be continued)

Shabbat Shalom- Victor Lee

### Next Shabbat - Vayishlach

4th—5th December 2009

Commences 3.38pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 3.45pm

## Announcements

**A warm welcome to Cantor Joseph & Mrs. Beatrice Malovany who will be with us this Shabbat. We congratulate Cantor Malovany on completing 36 years as Chazan of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue.**

**We welcome Colin Jaque and the Western Choir who will be singing at Musaph on Shabbat morning and at the Concert on Motzei Shabbat and we thank them together with Cantor Malovany for giving us what will be a most enthralling evening**

### Kiddush Sponsor

Sherry & Morrie Grabie invite the congregation to Kiddush to celebrate their 13th annual visit from the USA to Western Marble Arch

### Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts this week are kindly sponsored by Philippa & Richard Mintz to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Richard's mother Hannah Mintz z"l

### Birthdays—Mazal Tov to:

David Sliver	Sam Lipton
Clive Gee	Elizabeth Wax
Karen Levy	Pamela Davis
Jenny Tabachnik	Cyril Chody
Lilian Danns	Joseph Bromberg

### Wedding Anniversary—Mazal Tov

Melissa & Paul Singer  
Lydia & Manfred Gorvy

### 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

### Condolences to:

Michael, David & Simon Goldhill on the passing of their father and to Grete Goldhill on the passing of her husband, Jack Goldhill z"l

Nat Winsor and Esther Winsor on the passing of their brother Jack Winsor z"l

**Friday 27th November**

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Ervin Landau  
3.45 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat  
7.00 pm Communal Dinner with Cantor Malovany

**Shabbat 28th November**

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

**Sunday 29th 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 30th November**

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

**Tuesday 1st December**

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

**Wednesday 2nd December**

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

**Thursday 3rd December**

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

**Friday 4th December**

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

Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week  
Sun 29th November—Thurs 3rd December 3.45pm

**Kiddush Rota**

Avril Jaque. Linda Sharpe

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)**

**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**

**Chanukah Workshop Sunday 29th November at 10.15am**

WesternMarble Arch Cheder looks forward to opening their doors on Sunday for a wonderful Chanukah Workshop. The children will be making olive oil and learning about chanukah. Please feel free to bring your children whether you are cheder members or not we look forward to meeting you.

**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 this 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 this 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.

**FOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO MISSED THE PREVIOUS CUT-OFF DATE, TO BRING WARM CLOTHES, BEDDING AND TOILETRIES FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION, WE HAVE ARRANGED TO TAKE CONTRIBUTIONS UNTIL FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER. ONCE AGAIN - THANK YOU FROM WORLD JEWISH RELIEF**