

9th Teveth 5770/26th December 2009

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

Parashat Vayigash

	Hertz	Cohen	Stone	Gutnick		
						Shabbat 3.41pm
Sedra	169	277	250	298		Shabbat ends 4.51pm
Haftarah	178	293	1144	1395		

" In your name"

There are some very generous people in our Community. In case you are tempted to stop reading at this point can I say this is not an Appeal. So, as I was saying, there are some very generous people in our community, people who do not even have to be asked to give. They sense some need, something lacking, something to be added to our fabric, to our surroundings, to improve our way of worship and its requirements, or our discreet way of helping others.

These people will subscribe, they will add words of support, they will give of their time and their talent, something which is often more necessary than their money.

The more efficient and reliable will do the job quietly and effectively. Their innate talent enables them to influence others, be they workmen or fellow congregants to get on with the job with little fanfare and much effect. By contrast there are others who make a lot of noise, will be the first to protest, and who wish to make it known that they are protesting and complaining.

A few months ago an elderly person came along to me and asked if I would recommend a cause, as they wished to donate a substantial sum towards its funding. I had little difficulty in suggesting some aspects where such improvement would be beneficial, but then the person said "I would like my name to be perpetuated by some form of memorial so that it will be remembered for at least 150 years." I tried to point out that there really was no guarantee, either that the memory, or even the particular organisation in its present form would last that long. "In that case" said the potential donor quite ruffled "I'm not interested".

The person did in the end, I am pleased to add, express a charitable instinct by giving generously without conditions, although alas not for the precise purpose I had in mind.

When this happens one searches one's mind for an appropriate reposit to such a situation and sometimes it doesn't come straight away, but later the thought I had was of a German Theologian who wrote along these lines "We are like full stops in a book of a thousand pages, yet we want ourselves to believe that we are significant in relationship to the whole book rather than only in the immediate page or chapter or sentence in which we appear."

It's not a rarity for people to hanker after immortality, and perhaps it is more of a whim than a vice, but it is rather a limited vision of life.

There is another story of a tired traveller arriving at an oasis. He enjoys shade and food from the trees, a tiny spring deals with his thirst and he recovers. He looks at the trees...and thinks "How can I bless you...your fruit is ripe, your shade excellent, your stature proud, my blessing is thismay those who grow from your seed be like you".

And so any practical manifestation of generosity displaying the name of the donor may do so for a number of years but falls short of perpetuity, it does however present him or her as an example for quite a long time.

So if, amongst our readers there is anyone with just the kind of wishes that I recounted earlier, I can certainly think of plans to fulfill their immediate aim, something lasting, but 150 years may just be pushing it a little.

Shabbat Shalom
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Announcements

Kiddush Sponsor

The Honorary Officers and Board of Management invite the congregation to Kiddush after the service

Breakfast Sponsor

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

Birth Announcement Mazal Tov:

To Gaby and Jacob Lyons on the birth of their first child, a daughter, to Miriam Lyons and Stephanie & Anthony Harris on the birth of a granddaughter and to Geulah Djanogly on the birth of a great granddaughter

Birthdays—Mazal Tov to:

Alexandra Goodman	Charles Becker
Joshua Mintz	Laurence Davis
Fiona Stein	Eleonora Rayden
Denis Aaronson	David Buchler
Philip Miller	Evelyn Neiss
Morrie Niess	Valerie Gee
Harold Winton	Judy Allan
Lilian Harrison	Ronald Perelman
Howard Brecker	Alan Ladow

Wedding Anniversary—Mazal Tov

Joan & David Fobel
Renee & Isaac Salem
Jenny & Eldred Tabachnik
Augusta & Leonard Kaye
Sarah & Maurice Shore

Refuah Shleimah

Alfred Bloomstein	Abba ben Golda
Nat Winsor	Noach Ben Chanoch
H.W	Chaim Shlomo ben
	Manshi Hacohen
Seymour Freed	Shmuel Zeev ben Sara Rivka
Gala Colover	Chana bat Yehudit
M.A.	Devorah bat Yocheved

Condolences

To the family of Zena Lieber z"l on her passing

Next Shabbat - Vayechi

1st—2nd January 2010

Commences 3.47pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 3.45pm

Friday 25th December— Bank Holiday

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

Shabbat 26th December

- 8.45 am Shiur with Henry Knobil
9.15 am Shacharit
3.45 pm Mincha, followed by Seudah Shlishit & D'var Torah with Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld
4.51 pm Maariv & Havdalah

Sunday 27th December—Fast of 10th Tevet

- 6.16 am Fast begins**
8.30 am Shacharit & Selichot
3.45 pm Micha & Maariv
4.46 pm Fast ends
Restarts Cheder Aged 4—12 years. Contact Rabbi Rosenfeld for further information on 07811202244 or email rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk

Monday 28th December - Bank Holiday

- 8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah by Michael Milston
Ladies Shiur with Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld **restarts 4th January**

Tuesday 29th December

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

Wednesday 30th December

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

Thursday 31st December

- 8.30am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah by Bernard Silver

Friday 1st January—Bank Holiday

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

Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week
Sun 27th Dec 3.45pm
Mon 28th—Thurs 31st December 3.40pm

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 resume on 7th January 2010. Teenagers wishing to enrol should contact Rabbi Lionel by email: rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk or phone the office on 020 7723 9333

Shabbat 9th January—Special Kiddush in Honour of all our New Members

Please join us after the service to welcome our new members

Adult Education & Cultural Events— Dates for your Diary:

Film Evening Monday 11th January 2010 "Sometime in April"

The film depicts the attitudes and circumstances leading up to the outbreak of brutal violence, the intertwining stories of people struggling to survive the Rwandan genocide of 1994, and the aftermath as the people try to find justice and reconciliation. The genocide Museum in Kigali shows the horrors of this genocide, plus other ethnic cleansing atrocities that have gone before and the Holocaust, 2010 being the 65th year since the liberation of Auschwitz.

Monday February 8th 2010

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

Shabbat 23rd January—Forum with Admiral Abraham Ben-Shoshan (res.), former Commander in Chief of the Israeli Navy

After his departure from the navy he was Israel's Defence & Armed Forces Attache at the Israeli Embassy in Washington until 1992, dealing with Prime Ministers Yitzchak Shamir and Yitzchak Rabin who were frequently in Washington. He will be talking on Iran's involvement in global terror with Hamas and Hizbullah and piracy in the Red Sea

Saturday Night/Sunday 27th—28th February 2010—Purim Celebrations in conjunction with Central Synagogue

Saturday night 27th February: Megillah reading and bumper party celebration at WMA

Sunday 28th February: Migillah Reading and festive breakfast at Central

Sunday 28th February: children's party at WMA

Full details to follow, but make a note in your diary

Office Hours over the Public Holidays

Please note that the Synagogue office will close at 3.00pm on Thursday 24th December, re-opening on Sunday 27th December from 9.00am. The office will again be closed on Monday 28th December, opening again on Tuesday 29th December and will close at 3.00pm on Thursday 31st December, reopening at 9.00am on Sunday 3rd January.

