

1st Shevat 5770/16th January 2010

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

Parashat Va'era Shabbat Rosh Chodesh Shevat

	Hertz	Cohen	Stone	Gutnick		
						Shabbat 4.05pm
Sedra	232	351	318	372		Shabbat ends 5.14pm
Haftarah	944	1188	1208	1489		

A Warmer Welcome?

It's now about 14 weeks since we started saying Geshem, the prayer for rain, a plea particularly significant for the agricultural needs of Israel and vital for the provision of drinking water to her population.

Initially it seemed to work. The heavens opened up and there were happy smiles of gratitude, the previous very dry spell had wrought havoc and it seemed that their worries were over. However this was not to be, and the recent weeks have shown unseasonably high temperatures both on the coast and inland. Would that the same could be said for those in this section of the Diaspora where climate change has meant a deep descent. Over the past couple of weeks there have been quite a few complaints to the Hon Officers about the shul temperatures. Well clearly the weather is completely out of our control, but some are asking should we have anticipated it, and done something about it.

One always anticipates cold weather in Winter, or one did when I was a child, nowadays most people are surprised when it does get so cold in winter. Let's face it though - the last couple of weeks have been really, really cold, and that is the least point of mitigation I can put forward. So what have we done about it? Well recently it became necessary to do quite a lot of work on our ancient electrical system, ancient because not much had been done by way of renovation over the past few years. What became evident however was the supply was not sufficient to cope with all our needs. The complex contains areas which are not in the control of the WMA, and the boilers are just such an area. A recent investigation by those anxious to develop the lower areas discovered that a further substation was needed, but has not alas been put in place.

In short, the amount of electricity available, without blowing fuses, is limited. We brought in extra fans and blowers last week but they were noisy, or had a diesel smell. My personal view is that draughts are caused by very old window frames behind the Ark, and that needs immediate attention. We are continuing to keep the heating on in advance of Shabbat to warm the place up, we are trying to keep doors closed, or at least only opened to allow access and egress. Bodily heat is always helpful, and for the next two Shabbatot there should be a lot of people in shul. Please come and sit together near the front, and if all else fails just hug an Hon Officer, most of them are still warm.

Shabbat Shalom,
BARRINGTON BLACK.

Next Shabbat - Bo

22nd—23rd January 2010

Commences 4.17pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 4.15pm

Announcements

Mazel Tov to Charles Becker on his Bar Mitzvah and to parents Amelia & Mark Becker, grandparents Beverly & Timothy Miller, Cecilia Becker & Frank Becker and to great grandparents Rita & Seymour Miller.

Beverly & Timothy Miller invite the congregation to Kiddush after the service to celebrate.

Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts this week are kindly sponsored by the Board of Management

Births—Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to Nathalie & Jonathan Esfandi on the birth of a son, grandson for Francoise & David Winton and Denise Esfandi & Joey Esfandi, and great-grandson for Helene Esfandi, Rita Tamman and Colette Wilson.

Birthdays—Mazel Tov to:

Jack Miller	Ariella Esfandi
Oscar Isaacs	Cameron Shayle
Abigail Sage	Charlotte Rouach
Isaac Leung	Aron Freedman
Jahnene Green	Samantha Simon
John Offenbach	Raquel Gilinski
Michael Djanogly	Ruth Lipton
Jonathan Tarlow	Rosalyn Springer
Becky Cohanim	Zelma Bloomberg
Patricia Davis	Marion Heber
Harry Heber	Anthony Isacs
Harold Gould	Stanley Bloom

Wedding Anniversary—Mazel Tov

Jacqueline & Timothy Eppel
Orna & Martin Boston
Daphne & Lewis Clein
Lorraine & David Esdaile
Sandra & John Joseph
Barbara & Stanley Green

Refuah Shlemah

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

We wish long life to husband Lewis Clein, brother Leonard Carson and family on the passing of Daphne Clein z"l.

Friday 15th January

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

Shabbat 16th January - Rosh Chodesh Shevat

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

Sunday 17th January

- 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 18th January

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

Tuesday 19th January

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

Wednesday 20th January

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

Thursday 21st January

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

Friday 22nd January

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

Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week
Sun 17th —Thurs 21st January 4.00pm

Kiddush Rota

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

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 21st January 2010. Teenagers wishing to enrol should contact Rabbi Lionel by email: rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk or phone the office on 020 7723 9333

Forthcoming Kiddish

Barbara and Stanley Green have much pleasure in inviting the entire congregation to join them for a kiddish lunch on Shabbat 23rd January to celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary

Adult Education & Cultural Event— Date for your Diary:

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 - Talk before Mussaf 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

Siyyum

Harry Handelsman, Clive & Paul Rayden and Andrew Tobias invite you to a Siyyum to mark the completion of kaddish and 1st yahrzeit for their respective parents z"l and to thank the daily minyan for their support during this time. The Siyyum will take place on Thursday 21st January after Ma'ariv.

Attention Philatelists

Joe Roith is selling his collection of unique and rare Israeli stamps, covering the entire spectrum of Israel's history from pre-State days until the present. This beautiful collection is available for viewing in the Synagogue office for those interested in purchasing it. Please contact the Synagogue office for details.