

15th 5770/30th January 2010

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

Parashat Beshalach Shabbat Shirah Tu B'Shvat

	Hertz	Cohen	Stone	Gutnick		
						Shabbat 4.29pm
Sedra	265	407	366	422		Shabbat ends 5.36pm
Haftarah	281	434	1152	1404		

It was 56 years since I was last in Prague. I had been invited there in Stalinist times to represent the National Union of Students, of which I was then the Vice President, and last week went back with Diana, whose paternal ancestor in 1627 had been The Chief Rabbi of Prague.

Many of you will have been there, and no doubt agree that it is a beautiful City with a fascinating, and well preserved, Jewish heritage. The original Ghetto area with the quaintly named "Old new shul " built in 1270, and still holding regular services is one of 5 in that area, another one of which is the Spanish Synagogue built in 1868 on the site of an original older shul built centuries earlier. It was here that we found pictures and works by the great, great, grandfather of our own Ervin Landau, Rabbi Yechezkel Landau who in 1750 also became the "Maharal" or the Chief Rabbi of Prague.

But our trip was really to find out a little about Diana's ancestor so let's go back just a little time,. Rabbi Yom Tov Lipmann Heller was born in Bavaria, he studied under the famous Rabbi Ephraim Lowe at a time when the dark ages were starting to brighten just a tad. In 1624 he was appointed Chief Rabbi of Vienna having previously been a Dayan for 28 years, and three years later appointed Chief Rabbi of Prague.

Due to the cost of the 30 Years War the Jews of Prague were taxed heavily, and trying to be fair the Rabbi decreed that the Rich should pay more, but the rich didn't like this, and as they were friendly with the rich of the Church they tried to frame the Rabbi. They alleged he had defamed Christianity, and despite defending himself with great skill he was convicted. The sentence however, usually life, was mitigated to a shorter period, and in fact the Rabbi only served 40 days.

After his release he served as Rabbi of Ludmir and then Krakow. He wrote many books and commentaries, and one of the problems he dealt concerned the Council of the Four Lands (Vaad Arba Haaratzos), whereby unworthy candidates for the Rabbinate were purchasing rabbinical positions from local princes, under his domain the ban on this practice was renewed and intensified.

Rabbi Yom Tov Lipmann Heller was part of a dynasty of Rabbonim, which, so far as Diana was concerned continued until her paternal Grandfather.

A most interesting visit.

Shabbat Shalom,

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Announcements

Tu B'Shvat Kiddush

The Honorary Officers and Board of Management invited the congregation to a Tu B'Shvat Kiddush with the fruits of Eretz Yisrael. Tu B'Shvat overview by Rabbi Mendy Vogel

Breakfast Sponsor

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

Seudah Shlishit Sponsor

Seudah Shlishit is kindly sponsored this week by Joseph Shavleyan, a member of our weekday Minyan, to mark the Yahrzeit of his father Gershon ben Yaakov z"l

Birthdays—Mazal Tov to:

Alexia Khodari	Richard Silver
Ella Goldberg	James Woolf
Joshua Brenner	Wade Newmark
Andrew Newton	Frances Goldberg
Amanda Parnes	Naomi Klug
Carole Sandground	Jocille Cohen
Richard Mintz	Shirley Spitz
Sandra Joseph	Richard Marchant
Michael Moosah	Michael Phillips
Ronald Irving	Alec Allan
Stewart Cohen	

Wedding Anniversary—Mazal Tov

Carole & David Sandground
Karen & Anthony Yadgaroff

Refuah Shlemah

Nat Winsor	Noach Ben Miriam Chaya
H.W	Chaim Shlomo ben
	Manshi Hacohen
Seymour Freed	Shmuel Zeev ben Sara Rivka
Gala Colover	Chana bat Yehudit
M.A.	Devorah bat Yocheved
Tilly Rosenblatt	Golda Esther bat Rivka Rachel

Next Shabbat - Yitro

5th—6th February 2010

Commences 4.42pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 4.45pm

Friday 29th January

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

Shabbat 30th January

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

Sunday 31st 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 1st February

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

Tuesday 2nd February

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

Wednesday 3rd February

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

Thursday 4th February

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

Friday 5th February

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

Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week
Sun 31st January —Thurs 4th February 4.30pm

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

Rabbi Rosenfeld's Monday Shiur for Ladies

Next Shiur Monday 1st February at 10.30am

GCSE Judaism 1-Year Course for Teenagers

Rabbi Rosenfeld's GCSE Judaism Course takes place every Thursday. This week is the last opportunity for teenagers to enrol in this course for the summer exams. contact Rabbi Lionel by email: rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk or phone the office on 020 7723 9333

Adult Education & Cultural Event— Date for your Diary:

Monday February 8th 2010 at 7.45pm

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

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

Motzei Shabbat 27th February at WMA: Maariv 7.00pm - Megillah reading 7.15pm

followed by Purim Supper with great entertainment, including the Young Shpielers from Stamford Hill, delicious food and Toby's famous cocktails. Call the office now to book your place as there will only be limited availability

Sunday 28th February at Central:

Shacharit 8.30am followed Megillah Reading and breakfast

Sunday 28th February: Children's party at WMA.

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

Monday 1st March 2.30pm Archers Purim Party.

Join us for a bumper tea and surprises. Further details to follow but make a note in your diary

Marketplace

Since its creation Marketplace has expanded and been a useful business tool to many of our members

We are about to revamp the sections so why not take this opportunity of listing your business.

After all it is free.

Email a logo and details of your service to

steven@premiermp.co.uk

Whatever you are looking to buy make sure that you look up www.marblearch.org.uk/marketplace and

support our members first.

Yadgaroff Library

The Yadgaroff Library is open every day for those wishing to study or browse the fine selection of books.

Sponsoring an Event

If you are celebrating a Simchah or commemorating a family Yahrzeit or if you are just feeling generous please consider contacting the office and sponsoring a Shabbat Morning Kiddush, the Morning Minyan breakfasts or the weekly Newsletter.

Newsletter Articles

We have had some very interesting articles that have been written by members in the past 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.