

13th Adar 5770/27th February 2010

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

Parashat Tetzaveh Shabbat Zachor

	Hertz	Cohen	Stone	Gutnick
Sedra	339	519	464	532
Maphtir	856	1114	1066	1290
	17-19	17-19	17-19	17-19
Haftarah	995	1192	1214	1497



Shabbat 5.20pm
Shabbat ends 6.24pm

SHABBAT ZACHOR—REMEMBRANCE, FAITH - AND CONTINUITY TODAY IN THE WEST END—by Alan Lee

This Saturday night after Shabbat we celebrate one of the happiest times in the Jewish calendar, the Festival of Purim. Since we were small children we know we are supposed to read the Megilla, dress up in costume, make a noise, have fun, give presents and charity and even get a little drunk. You could say it's an example of the classic Jewish holiday: "We were persecuted; we fought; there was a miracle; we won— Let's eat!"

Purim falls in the month of Adar when we are taught, "M'she'nichnas Adar marbim be'simcha" - "When Adar comes around we increase our celebration" - it's a happy time for our people. As we continue into the month of Nisan we are elevated to the Season when we were freed from slavery in Egypt, celebrated the first Pesach and became a nation under Moses. Then after counting 7 more weeks, our level increases as with our ancestors when they received the Torah and Ten Commandments on our behalf and of all future generations—we have the festival of Shavuot to commemorate it -- all part of our life cycle.

However there is another aspect to focus on, and that is, "remembering". This Shabbat is called Shabbat Zachor, when the Maffir we read calls on us to remember those who wished our destruction; how after the Exodus the Amalekite tribe attacked us from the rear, targeting the women and children, yet had no specific grievance against us. They were the ancestors of Haman the Agagite, who as Prime Minister in Persia similarly tried unsuccessfully to wipe us out—read the Megilla. Many believe that Hitler was also a descendant of Amalek, if not genetically then certainly symbolically.

So how have we survived over thousands of years, a tiny people, subject to persecution from those who think we are different? I would argue, for two principal reasons: memory and faith. On this Shabbat Zachor we remember that times for us have not always been easy, and we assume that despite adversity we have retained our faith. But the opposite has often been the case: in Queen Esther's time the Jewish community facing extermination were very assimilated and integrated. And in Germany in the 20th Century Jews were so much part and parcel of German society that most failed to recognise the Nazi threat until it was too late. Even now, integrated as the Jewish community is and playing its full part in Britain as in the USA and Europe, we as Jews are regularly subject to veiled attack and criticism labelled as "anti-Zionism".

The antidote? To retain faith. The Jews in the Megilla fasted and prayed until Queen Esther and Mordechai overturned the plot against them; then they formally accepted anew the Torah and re-established the community in Jerusalem, just as from the ashes of the Holocaust came the recognition by the UN (after 80 years of pioneering struggle) of the first Jewish state in almost 2000 years, bringing with it renewed Torah learning and observance.

An example of retaining faith in the present day is a unique community, the West End Great Synagogue, through its Chazan, Rev. Ari Cohen and its devoted members. The West End Great, popularly known as "Dean St" was founded over 100 years ago in Soho as a community of poor but hard-working, G-d fearing Jews, a beacon of Jewish life for education, charity and observance in London's West End. In contrast the Western Synagogue founded almost 300 years ago and the Marble Arch Synagogue which replaced the Georgian Duke's Place Shul in the City, were founded and attended by the aristocrats of Anglo-Jewry. Both have their place today. The West End Great now holds its Shabbat morning and High Holyday services here in the Mintz Bet Midrash (named in honour of one of those founders of the Marble Arch Shul) and has been maintained through the continued hard work of its Minister, honorary officers and members, who attend, rain or shine and despite adversity keep the minyan going for its long-standing members.

Faith and observance are retained by virtue of congregations like WMA and the West End Great. And just as importantly, in supporting their dedicated leaders Rabbi Lionel and Reverend Ari, are those who work so hard in a voluntary capacity in office and leadership positions; those who quietly turn up regularly for weekday minyanim; those who help to prepare the social events; who visit the elderly and sick; organise events and in so many ways ensure the continued running of our community. We accept the challenges of Shabbat Zachor and its message of remembrance and faith obligating us to support Israel and our way of life, in the knowledge that we are able to do so more easily because of the continued strength of communities such as these.

Shabbat Shalom V' Chag Purim Sameach!
Alan Lee

Announcements

Kiddush Sponsor

Harry Handelsman invites the congregation to Kiddush after the service to mark the Yahrzeit of his mother Fanny Handelsman z"l

Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts this week are kindly sponsored by Chazan Moshe & Mrs. Maureen Dubiner in celebration of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Ben and to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Rev. Dubiner's mother, Channa Raquel bat Baruch Shloma z"l

Birth Announcement

Congratulations to our caretaker Joao Nena and his wife Vanda on the birth of a son Diogo, a brother for Beatrice

Birthdays—Mazal Tov to:

Ariel Sint	Darren Goldberg
Charles Balcombe	Charles Balcombe
Daniel Moosah	Adam Strong
Selim Zarko	Adam Fenner
Karen Joelson	Ira Rapp
Jane Kaye	Alan Ladow
Daniel Nash	Martin Boston
Betty Silver	Shirley Doltis
Marion Heffner	Babette Rosner
Ronald Davis	Sarah Leader

Wedding Anniversary—Mazal Tov

Adele & Anthony Peters
Liliane & Michael Harris
Ruth & Bernard Fellowes
Pamela & Stanley Kalms

Refuah Shlemah

Eric Rayman	Yitzhak ben Rosie Rayman
Leonard Roodyn	Chaim Eliezer ben Malka
Howard Murray	Chuna ben Blumah
Nat Winsor	Noach Ben Miriam Chaya
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 - Ki Tisso

5th—6th March 2010

Commences 5.33pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 5.30pm

Friday 26th February

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Ervin Landau
5.15 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & D'var Torah with Rabbi Rosenfeld
7.00 pm Young People's Dinner

Shabbat 27th February

- 8.45 am Shiur with Henry Knobil
9.15 am Shacharit, sermon by Rabbi Rosenfeld
12.45 pm After Kiddush—**this week only—Mincha**
No Seudah Shlishit will be held this Shabbat
6.24 pm Shabbat ends giving you time to arrive for Maariv
7.00 pm Maariv
7.15 pm Reading of the Megillah followed by Purim Party

Sunday 28th February

- 8.30 am Shacharit at Central Synagogue followed by the Reading of the Megillah and festive breakfast
10.30 am Extra Reading of the Megillah for ladies at WMA
3.30 pm Children's Purim Party
Half Term restarts 7th March Cheder **Aged 4—12 years.** Contact Rabbi Rosenfeld for further information on 07811202244 or email rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk

Monday 1st March

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

Tuesday 2nd March

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

Wednesday 3rd March

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

Thursday 4th March

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

Friday 5th March

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

Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week
Sun 28th Feb—Thurs 3rd March 5.15pm

Kiddush Rota

Beryl Davis. Ruth Hanbury 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

Rabbi Rosenfeld's Monday Shiur for Ladies

Next Shiur Monday 1st March at 10.30am

Thursday 4th March at 10.00am. Tiny Tot Thursdays for Yummy Mummies

Come along to our new playground for 0—3 years and meet new friends. Toys, music and refreshments will be provided.

Young People's Friday Night 20—35 yrs Dinner - Friday 26th February at 7.00pm

Join us for this great event with fabulous food and drink, great company and guest speaker Harry Handelsman (CEO of the Manhattan Loft Corp). Kabbalat Shabbat 7.00pm, Reception 7.30pm Dinner 8pm, £32 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance on 020 7723 9333 or office@marblearch.org.uk

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 3.30pm: Children's Purim Extravaganza at WMA. Bring your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters. Children's disco, hamantashen, tea and much more. Fancy dress with everyone a winner. Contact the office today to book your place
Monday 1st March 2.30pm Archers Purim Party. Join us for a bumper tea, live music & fancy dress (not obligatory). Call the office now to reserve your place

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.

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