

12th Nisan 5770/27th March 2010

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Moshe Dubiner

Parashat Tsav Shabbat Hagadol

	Hertz	Cohen	Stone	Gutnick		
					Shabbat	6.09pm
Sedra	429	631	568	648	Shabbat ends	7.13pm
Haftarah	1005	1197	1220	1505		



Shabbat Hagadol – The Great Sabbath

There are many reasons given by our sages on why the Sabbath before Pesach is called Shabbat Hagadol. In his festival anthology entitled "The Jewish Holydays", Moshe Braun brings two ideas on this subject:

In the Torah there are two reasons for the existence of the Sabbath. The first is given in the Ten Commandments, "It was during the six weekdays that God made the heavens, the earth, the sea and all that was in them, but He rested on the seventh day" (Exodus 20:11). Then later, it is written, "You must remember that you were slaves in Egypt, when God your Lord brought you out with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. It is for this reason that God your Lord has commanded you to keep the Shabbat (Deuteronomy 5:15). Therefore, until the Exodus, the Sabbath had only one reason for its existence. On the Shabbat before they left Egypt, when the redemption was imminent, the second reason was added to it. It was the first Shabbat with two reasons and was therefore twice as powerful than all the Sabbaths that preceded it. It was therefore called the Great Shabbat, Shabbat Hagadol.

A second reason given is that the Exodus took place in three stages. On the New Moon, the first day of the month of Nissan, the Israelites were commanded to take a sheep, inspect it, and have it ready for the Passover sacrifice. On the tenth of the month of Nissan they actually took it and tied it to their bedposts, much to the chagrin of the Egyptians. On the fourteenth of the month they slaughtered it. Similarly, on the New Moon, God warned that the plague of the firstborn of all the Egyptians was imminent; by the act of tying the sheep to the bedpost on the tenth day, Shabbat, they showed the resolve to completely abandon idol worship; and on the fourteenth, God freed them completely, utterly and unconditionally.

Similarly, their hope was 'released' from bondage on the New Moon when Moses told them that the redemption is at hand; their soul was 'released' from bondage on the tenth of Nissan when they abandoned the idols of Egypt; and on the fourteenth their bodies were finally freed from bondage and slavery. Thus the high point of the Exodus was that they abandoned the idols of Egypt and their souls were free to worship the one and only God. And since this happened on the Shabbat, therefore it became elevated and of prime importance. It became the great Shabbat, Shabbat Hagadol.

Shabbat Shalom
Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Next Shabbat - Chol Hamoed

2nd—3rd April 2010

Commences 7.21pm Mincha & Maariv 6.30pm

Announcements

Rabbi Lionel & Natalie Rosenfeld together with the Honorary Officers and Board of Management wish you all a Chag Pesach Kasher V'Sameach

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 Honorary Officers and Board of Management

Birthdays—Mazal Tov to:

Benjamin Cox	Nathanael Bengio
Joseph Hall	Laura Kaye
Amanda Gold	Toby Hanbury
Suzanne Tarlow	Louise Sharpe
Michael Serero	Mark Becker
Ian Goldberg	Ruth Cymberg
Dolores Rose	Michael Harris
Aviva Harris	Lewis Harris

Wedding Anniversary—Mazal Tov

Agnes & Edward Lee
Louise & Norman Naftalin
Sheila & Charles Clore

Refuah Shlemah

Gala Colover	Chana bat Yehudit
Leonard Roodyn	Chaim Eliezer ben Malka
Seymour Freed	Shmuel Zeev ben Sara Rivka
M.A.	Devorah bat Yocheved
Tilly Rosenblatt	Golda Esther bat Rivka Rachel

Condolences

To Stanley Simmonds on the passing of his mother Gertrude Endfield z"l

Friday 26th March

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

Shabbat 27th March

- 8.45 am Shiur with Ervin Landau
9.15 am Shacharit, Shabbat Hagadol Derasha before Musaf by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld
6.00 pm Mincha, Seudah Shlishit & D'var Torah by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld
7.13 pm Maariv & Havdalah

Remember to put your clocks forward one hour tonight as British Summer time starts

Sunday 28th March

- 8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah
New Term Cheder Aged 4—12 years. Contact Rabbi Rosenfeld for further information on 07811202244
Starts 11 April or email rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk
Bedikat Chametz after nightfall

Monday 29th March—Erev Pesach Fast of First Born

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by Siyum for the first born given by Rev. Ari Cohen of the West End Great Synagogue
10.58 am Latest time for eating Chametz
12.02 pm Latest time for disposal of Chametz
6.30 pm Mincha & Maariv
7.14 pm Yom Tov begins
7.30 pm Communal Seder

Tuesday 30th March—1st Day Pesach

- 9.15 am Shacharit
7.30 pm Mincha & Maariv
8.18 pm Candle lighting and second night Seder

Wednesday 31st March—2nd Day Pesach

- 9.15 am Shacharit
7.45 pm Mincha & Maariv
8.20 pm Havdalah

Thursday 1st April—3rd Day Pesach

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

Friday 2nd April—4th Day Pesach & Bank Holiday

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

Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week
Sun 28th Mar 6.00pm Mond 29th Mar 6.30pm
Tues 30th Mar 7.30pm Wed 31st Mar 7.45pm
Thurs 1st April 6.00pm

Western Marble Arch Synagogue has disabled facilities

Due to the Bank Holiday, the Synagogue office will be closed on Sunday 4th April 2010

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Rabbi Rosenfeld's Monday Shiur for Ladies

Next Shiur Monday 12th April at 10.30am

Thursday 8th April 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.

Pesach Appeal 5770

It is our custom at Pesach to collect monies to assist those people who are less fortunate than ourselves to purchase food for Pesach and to subsidise certain members of our community and students who need to be invited to our communal Seder. Please send your donation to the Synagogue Office as soon as possible. (Credit card payments accepted)

Monday 12th April Yom Hashoah: "From Grief to Hope: Handing the Memory On: At Edgware Synagogue

Ceremony & Presentation for Holocaust Day with the Chief Rabbi, Survivors, Rabbi Rosenfeld & The Shabbaton Choir. Not to be missed. Doors open 6.45pm for 7.15pm

ADULT EDUCATION Wednesday 14 April at 7-45pm

The Opening of New Art Exhibition by the renowned artiste BETTINA CARO, in the Bloomstein Hall, together with a showing of an outstanding film (one hour only) about the integration of Jews into German Society after their liberation from the Ghetto, about survival and the extraordinary place of music in the Concentration Camps. Featuring the Music of BACH, MENDELSSOHN, MAHLER, BRUCH SCHUMANN, BLOCH...YES, AND WAGNER. With Ashkenazi, Bareboim, Kissin, Permla and Zuckerman. With the Cologne Opera Chorus

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.

Marketplace - What do you need?

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Audio Books	Oriental Carpets
Printing	Shoes
Solicitor	Travel
Over 50's showcase	Dentist
Commercial Property Investment	Charity Shop
Airport Transfers and Private Chauffer service	

It's all on www.marblearch.org.uk/marketplace

Support Your Community

Please note: Waitrose in Edgware Road now carry a range of fresh kosher meats in the refrigerated section of its Kosher Department and a large selection of Passover goods. Please support local retailers who are stocking Kosher products