

17th Iyar 5770/1st May 2010

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Moshe Dubiner

Parashat Emor

	Hertz	Cohen	Stone	Gutnick		
						Shabbat 8.08pm
Sedra	513	740	672	780		Shabbat ends 9.17pm
Haftarah	528	761	1176	1439		

“Only One Day?”

Sometimes when I write this column I seem to attract criticism. I try not to, but it happens. Consequently, this week I will try and avoid controversy and take an overview on the Sedra.

It is called “Emor” or “Speak”, and as you can see Moses is the intermediary, asked to pass some very important instructions to Aaron and the Priests. Rules and regulations as to whom they may bury, the prohibition on shaving with a razor, whom they may or may not marry, and there seems to be no role for a Cohen with a blemish. Having established that the Priest himself should be without blemish, this prohibition equally applies to animals selected for the purpose of sacrifice.

One wonders what, or if, there is any nexus to the specification of certain Holy Days which then follows. Clearly there already existed a calendar, for we have previously been told of the exact date of the departure from Egypt. If the Laws were inscribed on Tablets of Stone one wonders did everyone carry a small inscribed pebble which served as a “Luach” or diary?

First the eve of Passover on the 14th of the first month, Tishri, on the following day, the 15th a Convocation when one would eat unleavened bread and do neither servile work, nor indeed any servile work on the seventh day. There follows the rules of the Omer, and after seven weeks, on the 50th day we have Shavuot, once again a Convocation and no servile work. Then a short intermission between festivals for the harvest, with the entreaty to leave the obligatory gratuity in one corner of the field for the less fortunate.

On the first day of the seventh month Nissan, a one day Rosh Hashanah with “no manner of servile work” on that day, and finally there is Yom Kippur on the 10th day of that month, this time with “no manner of work”. Neither Purim nor Chanukah is mentioned, for they are festivals that commemorate post-Torah events.

So, nothing controversial this week, but I must admit I did hesitate for a moment as I wrote the instruction as being only “one” day for certain of our Festivals. Is it too much to ask that this contradiction be reviewed?

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Announcements

Kiddush Sponsor

We would like to thank an anonymous donor who is sponsoring Kiddush this Shabbat in honour of Rabbi Rosenfeld and the work he does for the community.

Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts this week are kindly sponsored by Henry Moezinia in honour of his father Geula ben Akiva

Mazal Tov!

Mazal Tov to Jean-Marc Barsam of our High Holyday & 5J Choir on his forthcoming marriage to Heather Freedland.

Birthdays—Mazal Tov to:

Benjamin Sage	Jenna Goldberg
Raphael Khalili	Benjamin Khalili
Georgina Djanogly	Edward Lee
Ruth Adley	Eleanor Gordon
Nadia Moosah	Jeeremiah Harouni
Cheryl Stokol	Barry Wiseman
Marian Birnhak	Brenda Cooper
Manfred Gorvy	Iris Johnstone
Doreen Kaye	Howard Simons
Valerie Balfour Lynn	Ruben Cohanim
Marion Zitron	

Wedding Anniversary—Mazal Tov

Claire & Paul Rayden
Marsha & Alan Lee
Pamela & John Davis

Refuah Shlema

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

Our Stained Glass Windows

We would welcome any information about the beautiful windows in our shul, and also those which came from the original Western Synagogue. Anyone who can tell us about the donors, those in whose memory they were presented and any insight into the pictures depicted in them, could you please pass it to Janice Serlin janserlin@btinternet.com, who has kindly agreed to collate this with the intention of it being published in appropriate form in the future.

Next Shabbat - Behar—Bechukotai

7th—8th May 2010

Commences 8.19pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 7.00pm

Friday 30th April

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

Shabbat 1st May

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

Sunday 2nd May—Lag Ba'Omer

- 8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah by Alan Goldberg
There is no Cheder this week due to the bank holiday
3:30 pm Lag Ba'Omer celebrations. See announcements on right

Monday 3rd May—Bank Holiday

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

Tuesday 4th May

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah by Rabbi Joseph Vogel

Wednesday 5th May

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

Thursday 6th May

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

Friday 7th May

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

Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week
Sun 2nd—Thurs 6th May 6.45pm

Kiddush Rota

Linda Sharpe, Jane Mirwitch

Western Marble Arch Synagogue has disabled facilities

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

You can contact Rabbi Lionel & Natalie Rosenfeld at:
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Our Website: For details of times of services and events, go to www.marblearch.org.uk

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

This Sunday 2nd May — Lag Ba'Omer

Extravaganza

Western Marble Arch and the Centre for Jewish Life are co-sponsoring a Lag Ba'Omer extravaganza in Portman Square Gardens on Sunday 2 May, featuring a fabulous family barbeque with children's entertainment from 3:30-5:30, followed by a young professionals bbq party with live music starting at 5:30. Please contact the Centre for Jewish Life at www.thejcl.org or 020 7945 6089 to purchase tickets.

Thursday 6th May 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.

Friday 7th May at 7.00pm — Family Service & Friday Night Dinner at Western Marble Arch

Please join us for 'Family Friday Night', hosted by Rabbi Lionel & Natalie Rosenfeld. This is for children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, mummies, daddies, grandmas, grandpas, aunties, uncles, cousins and anybody else who wants a wonderful Friday night experience, with good food, wine and wonderful Shabbat songs. Explanatory Service 7pm followed by dinner. Call the office to make your booking or speak to Linda (07 914 766 255) if you have any queries. £25 per person £15 for children under 12.

Wed 12 May — Yom Yerushalayim

Join us for a special morning service followed by a festive breakfast to celebrate Yom Yerushalayim.

Friday 14th May — Young WMA Shabbat Dinner

Young WMA invites members and friends ages 20-35 to a very special Shabbat dinner on 14 May, featuring a talk by Chief Rabbi Lord Sacks. There will be cocktails and canapés followed by a 4 course dinner. Tickets are £20 and can be booked at the Synagogue office.

Tuesday Evening 18th May Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Mincha & Maariv followed by traditional delicious Shavuot supper. Divrei Torah interspersed with plenty of refreshments. We will be studying through the night until Shacharit at 3.22am.

Thursday 20th May — 2nd Day Shavuot Baby Blessing

Rabbi Rosenfeld invites all children aged 0-2 and their parents & grandparents for a special baby blessing at the conclusion of the service, followed by an ice cream and chocolate Kiddush.

Rosh Hashanah Brochure 2010

Please let the office have copies of articles of interest and your favourite recipes for inclusion in this years brochure.

JNF Mission to Israel

A new forest of 25,000 trees is being planted in the Jerusalem foothills by the JNF in honour of the Chief Rabbi Lord Sacks. A special mission to dedicate the forest accompanied by the Chief Rabbi will be taking place 15-17 June. To find out more about this project and to join the mission places call the JNF on 020 8732 6100 or email them via their website www.jnf.co.uk.