

2nd Sivan 5770/15th May 2010

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Moshe Dubiner

Parashat Bamidbar

Hertz Cohen Stone Gutnick

Sedra	568	793	726	848
Haftarah	582	810	1180	1444



Shabbat 8.30pm
Shabbat ends 9.44pm

Lady Jakobovits, widow of Chief Rabbi Lord Jakobovits passed away last Friday and was taken to be buried on the Mount of Olives Jerusalem. We thought you might wish to see today's obituary in The Times, which reflects much of the personality and goodness of this unique lady, loved by all who knew her. May her soul be bound up in the bond of everlasting life. (Rabbi L R)



All the conventions pointed to Amélie Jakobovits being known simply as the widow of a very successful Chief Rabbi, a kind woman who stood in her husband's shadow and, when he was no longer alive, spent time with her children and scores of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. But that was not the woman whom the British Jewish community got to know as "Lady J", the rank to which she was entitled when her husband Immanuel Jakobovits was first knighted and later became the first Chief Rabbi to be ennobled. To Jews in Britain and the Commonwealth, of which her husband was the supreme religious leader, she was always treated with respect and a great deal of affection. When she became a widow in 1999, she immediately became known as Anglo-Jewry's Queen Mother, although she preferred the title Lady J.

As Chief Rabbi, Immanuel Jakobovits healed communal divisions, avoiding what had threatened to be a religious schism and introduced the Jewish day-school system to Britain with great success and did a considerable amount for relations with other religions. His wife had an innate sense of what his flock needed. It was she who entertained politicians and archbishops, always serving traditional Jewish fare, usually including her own recipes for chicken soup and gefilte fish. And if that gave the impression of her being a conventional "Yiddisher Mama", her conversational skills, dress sense and gift of healing personal and public rifts completely refuted the idea.

She was born in Amsuch, Bavaria, in 1928, the daughter of the town's rabbi, Elie Munk, and his wife Fanny. Eight years later, Munk was appointed to the pulpit of the Rue Cadet synagogue in Paris, the city of his birth. The community, like its rabbi, was extremely orthodox, but very conscious of the world around it. Munk transferred his respect and knowledge of other faiths to his eldest child and he also imparted a love of culture, language and tolerance as well as the essentials of her faith. When Germany invaded France, Munk was called up and joined the Foreign Legion, while his wife and family escaped from Paris just as the Nazi bombardment began. They boarded a train that they hoped would take them to Spain, but got no farther than a town close to Orléans, where there was a refugee camp. It was also close to the Legion barracks and 12-year-old Amélie was sent by her mother — whom Amélie had talked out of committing suicide by standing in the middle of a road waiting to be run over — to get on a bicycle and try to find her father. Remarkably, she did. After the defeat of France, the rabbi left the Legion and the Munks, by now with four children, found a home in Toulouse and spent much of the rest of the war in hiding, trying — and succeeding — in being one step ahead of the Nazis trying to root out all the country's Jews. Eventually, they escaped to Switzerland where they found a safe haven. After the war, they returned to France and Rabbi Munk, who had been acting as a chaplain to displaced Holocaust refugees, was back in his Paris pulpit. By various machinations of her father, Amélie was introduced to Immanuel Jakobovits, a young German-born rabbi who was now minister of London's Great Synagogue — a shell of a building that had been destroyed by bombing.

He proposed to her towards the end of 1948 at the top of the Eiffel Tower and they were married soon afterwards. A few months later, in January 1949, the pair moved to Dublin, where Jakobovits had been appointed Chief Rabbi of Ireland, the beginning of his rise to the top. It was there that she learnt to be an outstanding hostess. Nine years later, while on a lecture tour of the United States, her husband accepted the position of rabbi of the then uncompleted Fifth Avenue Synagogue in New York, which soon became the most fashionable Orthodox Jewish house of prayer in the city. He and his family stayed there for eight years until his appointment as Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of Britain and the Commonwealth in 1967. Amélie had never lived in Britain before, but took little time in settling down with their six children. She could have spent her time socialising with other women in her community, enjoying the prestigious life she was now able to take up and doing a little entertaining, but that was not her way. Immediately, she accepted roles actively working in Jewish organisations, who were somewhat shocked to realise that she regarded being a patron as much more than a sinecure. As the years went on, she got to know a wide swath of people in British life. On a weekend visit to Buckingham Palace she recalled how servants had unpacked her suitcase and laid out her husband's prayer shawl on her bed, thinking it went with her nightdress. Margaret Thatcher became a close friend and when John Major succeeded her as Prime Minister, he and his wife Norma also exchanged frequent visits. Later Tony Blair and his wife Cherie became friends, too.

When her husband died in 1999, she decided to maintain her links with a large number of Jewish organisations. But more than that, she took on a personal role that became identified with her — visiting the sick and grieving parents and keeping in contact with relatives of friends who were ill. She is survived by six children and reportedly more than 100 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She always said it was unlucky to count them.

Lady Jakobovits, widow of the former Chief Rabbi, was born on May 31, 1928. She died on May 7, 2010, aged 81

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Announcements

A warm welcome to Chief Rabbi Lord Sacks and Lady Elaine Sacks who will be with us this Shabbat

Kiddush Sponsor
Brenda Zajac & Philp Zajac invite the congregation to Kiddush after the service in memory of their father Maurice Zajac z"l

Breakfast Sponsor
Breakfast for the morning Minyan this week are kindly sponsored by Pearl & Stewart Cohen to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Stewart's father Samuel Cohen z"l

Seudah Shlishit Sponsor
Seudah Shlishit is kindly sponsored this week by Joseph Shavleyan, of our weekday Minyan, to mark the Yahrzeit of his brother Benhur ben Gershon z"l

Engagement –Mazal Tov to:
Esther Isaacs and Richard Harris on the engagement of Esther's daughter Jodi to Anthony Meyerstone

Birthdays—Mazal Tov to:

Freddie Lipton	Joshua Adley
Sophie Aaronson	Bianca Ladow
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Refuah Shlemah

Samuel Djanogly	Hayedel Shmuel Gad Asher ben Esther Chanah
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

Friday 14th May—Rosh Chodesh Sivan

- 7.15 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Ervin Landau
7.00 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & D'var Torah by the Chief Rabbi

Shabbat 15th May

- 8.45 am Shiur with Alan Lee
9.15 am Shacharit & **Sermon by the Chief Rabbi**
8.30 pm Mincha, Seudah Shlishit & **D'var Torah by the Chief Rabbi**
9.44 pm Maariv & Havdalah

Sunday 16th May

- 8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah by Alan Goldberg
10.30am Cheder **Aged 4—12 years.** Contact Rabbi Rosenfeld for further information on 07811202244 or email rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk

Monday 17th May

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

Tuesday 18th May—Erev Shavuot

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah by Rabbi Joseph Vogel
8.00 pm Mincha & Maariv followed by Shavuot Supper and Tikkun Leil Shavuot (candlelighting 8.36pm)
3.22 am Early Shacharit

Wednesday 19th May—1st Day Shavuot

- 9.15 am Second Shacharit
8.00 pm Mincha & Maariv (candlelighting 9.51pm)
6.45 pm **'Torah & Treats' - A Shavuot Experience.** with Rabbi Yisroel Lew of Bloomsbury Chabad & Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld for ages 20—35 years all invited)

Thursday 20th May—2nd Day Shavuot

- 9.15 am Shacharit followed by reading Megillat Ruth
11.00 am Yizkor (approx)
11.45 am Approx—**Baby Blessing**
9.15 pm Micha & Maariv
9.53 pm Shiur & Havdalah

Friday 21st May

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

Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week
Sun 16th—Mon 17th May 7.00pm
Tues 18th - Wed 19th May 8.00pm
Thurs 20th May 9.00pm

Kiddush Rota

Linda Sharpe. Angela Wayne

Western Marble Arch Synagogue has disabled facilities

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Rabbi Rosenfeld's Monday Shiur for Ladies

Next Shiur Monday 17th May at 10.30am

Thursday 27th 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.

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. Please reply to Rabbi Rosenfeld by email (rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk) or by phone (07811 202244) if you plan to bring a child for the blessing as he needs to know how many gifts to prepare for them.

Tuesday 22nd June 2pm—5pm The Archers 'Midsummer Madness'

An afternoon of Old Time Music Hall - featuring The Top Hat Players and a bumper tea. sponsored by the Israel Discount Bank. Join us with your friends for what will be a most enjoyable afternoon

Rosh Hashanah Brochure 2010

Please let the office have copies of articles of interest and your favourite recipes (in word format) for inclusion in this year's 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 please call the JNF on 020 8732 6100 or email them via their website www.jnf.co.uk.

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