

Parashat Chukat

	Hertz	Cohen	Stone	Gutnick		Shabbat	9.07pm
Sedra	652	898	838	988		Shabbat ends	10.27pm
Haftarah	664	911	1187	1456			

This week's Sedra, "Chukat", is well known for the story of the red heifer and how even the wisest man in the Tanach, King Solomon, could not fathom its meaning. There are several other passages in the Sedra worth noting. Not least the incident at the rock when Moshe strikes the rock to obtain water, instead of speaking to it as instructed by Hashem. Let us go back a little. The reason there was no water was because of Miriam's death, and Rashi teaches us that for their journey through the wilderness the well accompanied the people due to the merit of Miriam, and upon her death the well dried up.

One of the few things in Torah that all the sages, commentators and scholars agree on is that Moshe is the greatest leader and teacher of all. Just last week we saw how he, with G-d's help, quelled a rebellion that challenged his leadership. From the moment Moshe lead the people out of Egypt they did little but complain and/or rebel, surely it is not surprising that even Moshe may have lost his temper, calling them rebels and hitting the rock? Moshe had just lost his sibling, he didn't have time to mourn, he didn't have time to spend with his family but immediately had to deal with a complaining people.

A similar story repeats itself at the end of the same chapter 20, when Aharon dies, and was mourned by the **whole** of the house of Israel, a phrase not used for Moshe showing the love and respect in which Aharon was held; Moshe, after having lost two siblings, has no time to grieve or mourn, he is immediately thrown into organising an army for war.

We should learn from the above that some things never change, and our newly elected Board and Executive should take note, 3000 years later, the members of a community still like to complain on a regular basis. Every leadership team needs an "Aharon", a peace keeper, wanting to try and keep everyone happy. No matter how great the leader, no one is perfect, and perhaps most importantly we should all try and appreciate the fact that our communal leaders rarely get personal time. We spend Shabbat with our families and friends, and are able to be there when they need us. Our leaders, as their ancestors did, put their community first.

Shabbat Shalom

Alan Goldberg

Announcements

Mazal Tov to Alex Cedar on his Bar Mitzvah and to parents Michelle & Adam Cedar, grandparents Susan Stone and Sandra & Stanley Cedar and to all the family.

Michelle & Adam have much pleasure in inviting the congregation to Kiddush after the service in celebration

Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts for the morning Minyan this week are kindly sponsored anonymously by a member of the community

Wedding Announcement

Mazal Tov to Raquel & Jaime Gilinsky on the marriage of their son Gabriel

Birthdays—Mazal Tov to:

Tanya Truman	Jonathan Press
Jonathan Lipitch	Miriam Khasidy
Gary Khasidy	Mark Sorrell
Lance Joseph	Jonathan Abro
Susi Schmidt	Graham Shear
Joanne Cohen	Carol Truman
Avril Davis	Michael Ziff
Suzanne Middleburgh	Jacqueline Colover
Harold Pasha	Geoffrey Ognall
John Kessler	Pearl Cohen
Ian Gainsford	Stanley Dessar
Gerald Bloomberg	Renee Kosiner
Albert Lieberman	Sidney Jaque

Wedding Anniversaries— Mazal Tov

Charlotte & Grant Lipton
Caroline & David Buchler
Linda & Richard Weinberg
Nicola & Harold Pasha
Vivienne & David Woolf
Sharon & Geoffrey Ognall
Shirley & Anthony Spitz
Diana & Barrington Black

Refuah Shleimah

Father of Rita Woolf	Ezra ben Rosa
Samuel Djanogly	Hayeled 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

Condolences to:

Avril Clements and John Davis on the passing of their mother Annie Davis z"l
To the family of Susan Harris z"l on her passing

Next Shabbat - Balak

25th—26th June 2010

Commences 9.08pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat **7.15pm**

Friday 18th June

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

Shabbat 19th June

8.45 am Shiur with Henry Knobil
9.15 am Shacharit
9.15 pm Mincha, Seudah Shlishit & D'var Torah by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld
10.27 pm Maariv & Havdalah

Sunday 20th June—Rosh Chodesh

8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & 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 21st June

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

Tuesday 22nd June

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

Wednesday 23rd June

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

Thursday 24th June

7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Friday 25th June

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

Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week
Sun 20th — Thurs 24th June 7.30pm

Kiddush Rota

Rosemary Faiman. Susan Roffman. Linda Sharpe.

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Our Website: For details of times of services and events, go to www.marblearch.org.uk

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Monday Rabbi Rosenfeld's Shiur for Ladies

Next Shiur Monday 21st June at 10.30am.

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

Tuesday 22nd June Tribute to Lady Amelie Jakobovits (Lady J) at St. Johns Wood Synagogue in the Presence of the Chief Rabbi

Doors open 6.30pm, Micha 7.00pm, Tribute 7.30pm
Seats have to be reserved via the United Synagogue website

Thursday 1st July at 10.00am. Tiny Tot Thursdays for Yummy Mummies

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

The British 10k London Run 10th July 2010—In Aid of Nightingale House

Michael Ziff will be competing in the above run to raise money for Nightingale House. Anyone wishing to sponsor him for this very good cause please send a cheque payable to 'Nightingale' or via www.justgiving.com website Sponsor a friend—Michael Ziff and follow the instructions

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. **Closing date 9th July**

Yizkor Book 2010/5771

Remember to return your form to the Synagogue Office before going on holiday. **Closing date 23rd July**

Cheder Prize Giving Sunday 27th June, 10.30am

Please come along and join us for this annual event. If you would like to know more about Marble Arch Cheder or enrol your children, please feel free to email Miriam Kaye - marblearchcheder@hotmail.com

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