

Parashat Balak

	Hertz	Cohen	Stone	Gutnick		Shabbat	9.08pm
Sedra	669	915	856	1014		Shabbat ends	10.28pm
Haftarah	682	929	1189	1458			

The Visit of Rabbi Dr. Seth Farber—June 2010

On the 5th of June, Western Marble Arch Synagogue welcomed Rabbi Dr. Seth Farber, director of the Israeli non-profit ITIM, as our scholar in residence. Rabbi Farber gave a number of fascinating and scholarly shiurim and divrei Torah on parsha Shelach Lecha. His sermon on Shabbat morning highlighted the challenges faced by Jews in Israel who seek to celebrate Jewish life events, and how the non-profit organization he heads, is helping fill a void on the Israeli landscape. "Halacha can be empowering" said Rabbi Farber, "but unfortunately, all too often it is viewed as a stumbling block for Israeli citizens."

Founded in 2002 and based in Jerusalem, ITIM (The Jewish Life Information Center) assists Israeli Jews who may otherwise feel powerless and disenfranchised to navigate their way through the Orthodox establishment in Israel, all within the confines of Halacha. ITIM has successfully advocated in rabbinical courts and in the Israeli Supreme Court on behalf of individuals who were being alienated from Jewish life.

ITIM coordinates a support center whose mission is to deepen the knowledge and appreciation for the richness of Jewish lifecycle rituals, allowing for a positive encounter between rank and file Jews and Jewish tradition. From issues of proving 'Jewishness' and conversion, to questions of kaddish and brit milah, ITIM is providing assistance to almost ten thousand Israelis each year.

At the core of the ITIM's information and advocacy package are query coordinators who serve on the front lines of Jewish life in Israel. These coordinators staff a unique 24-hour hotline and more than 25,000 individuals visit the ITIM websites each month.

ITIM has partnered with the Israeli Education Ministry to revolutionise the Bar and Bat Mitzvah curriculum. It has also led a significant lobbying campaign in the Knesset to alleviate the bureaucratic obstacles to conversion.

ITIM is completely not for profit and Adena and I were honoured in helping Rabbi Farber and his important work become better known in the UK. For those seeking to further connect with Rabbi Farber, he can be reached through the ITIM website at www.itim.org.il or at his email shaul@itim.org.il

Shabbat Shalom—Daniel Conway

WMA is most grateful to Daniel & Adena Conway for sponsoring the Friday night and Shabbat meals with Rabbi Farber.

Next Shabbat - Pinchas

2nd—3rd July 2010

Commences 9.06pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat **7.15pm**

Announcements

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

Kiddush Sponsor

Angela & John Kessler invite the congregation to Kiddush after the service to celebrate John's birthday—Ad Meiah V'esrim!

Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts for the morning Minyan this week are kindly sponsored by John Slade to commemorate the Yahrzeit of his father Edward Slade z"l

Wedding Announcement

Mazal Tov to Katy Phillips and Oliver Barnett on their marriage this coming Sunday and to parents Rachael & Greg Phillips and grandmother Bertha Capper

Engagement Announcement

Mazal Tov to Caroline & David Buchler and all the Hart family on the engagement of David's daughter Gabby Lederman to Benjamin Hart

Birthdays—Mazal Tov to:

Danya Goldberg	Juliette Offenbach
Julien Green	Robin Ladow
Juliette Levy	Clive Rayden
Esther Isaacs	Katya Silver
Renee Salem	Maurice Collins
Jack Wise	Shelia Grossman
Bertha Capper	

Wedding Anniversaries— Mazal Tov

Celeste & Bernard Heilpern
 Claire & Gaby Salem
 Fiona & Raphael Grunschlag
 Sara & David Shasha
 Debra & Michael Ziff
 Carolyn & Nicholas Balcombe
 Eleonora & Clive Rayden
 Susan & Godfrey Bradman
 Rita & Edward Woolf
 Ruth & Philip Cymberg
 Frula & Ronald Shear
 Gillian & Gerald Newton
 Shelia & Gerald Grossman

Refuah Shleimah

Father of Rita Woolf	Ezra ben Rosa
Seymour Freed	Shmuel Zeev ben Sara Rivka
Gala Colover	Chana bat Yehudit
M.A.	Devorah bat Yocheved

Friday 25th June

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

Shabbat 26th June—Armed Forces Day

- 8.45 am Shiur with Stanley Simmonds
9.15 am Shacharit, **Sermon by the Chief Rabbi**
8.00 pm You are all invited to Mincha, Seudah Shlishit & address by The Chief Rabbi: on Torah V'Chochmah—Judaism in the World
10.28 pm Maariv & Havdalah

Sunday 27th June

- 8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah
10.30 am Cheder Prize Giving

Monday 28th June

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

Tuesday 29th June—Fast of Tammuz

- 1.04am Fast begins**
7.15 am Shacharit
1.30 pm First Mincha
7.30 pm Second Mincha followed by Maariv
10.21 pm Fast Ends

Wednesday 30th June

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

Thursday 1st July

- 7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast. "Pinat Halchah" by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Friday 2nd July

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

Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week
Sun 27th — Mon 28th June 7.30pm

Tues 29th June 1st Mincha 1.30pm 2nd Mincha & Maariv 7.30pm
Wed 30th June—Thurs 1st July 7.30pm

Kiddush Rota

Jame Mirwitch. Linda Sharpe.

Western Marble Arch Synagogue has disabled facilities

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Monday Rabbi Rosenfeld's Shiur for Ladies

Next Shiur Monday 28st June at 10.30am.

Shabbat 26th June—Armed Forces Day

Shabbat 26th June—You are invited to a Special Seudah Shlishit with a Keynote Address by the Chief Rabbi

- 8.00pm: Mincha
8.30pm: Light supper (kindly sponsored by the Lee Family)
9.00 pm: The Chief Rabbi will speak on: '**Torah V'chochmah—Judaism in the World**'—An exploration of the dichotomy between Torah and secular knowledge and the need for both in contemporary Jewish life. (The Chief Rabbi spoke on this subject to an audience of 1,500 last Thursday at the Great Synagogue Jerusalem)
10.28 pm: Maariv & Havdalah

Cheder Prize Giving Sunday 27th June, 10.30am

Come along and join us for this annual event. Prizes distributed by Diana Black. 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

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**

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