

25th Ellul 5770/4th September 2010

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Moshe Dubiner

Parashat Nitzavim-Vayelech

	Hertz	Cohen	Stone	Gutnick		
					Shabbat	7.28pm
Sedra	878	1138	1086	1316	Shabbat ends	8.29pm
Haftarah	883	1145	1202	1480		



CHORAL SELICHOT AND ITS EFFECT ON AN 7-YEAR OLD

How many famous film or theatre personalities have written something like, "As a little child my Mum took me to the theatre/ to the moviesfrom that moment on I knew I wanted to be an actor / a film director"

Well I can say the same thing, albeit in a slightly different setting (but perhaps not so different really). I won't forget as a child going with my father Rabbi Avram z"l to my very first Choral Selichot. I was so excited, having been put to bed on the Shabbos afternoon before Rosh Hashanah so that I could go on Saturday Night to Egerton Road Shul, Stamford Hill, and see and hear the legendary Cantor Jacob Goldstein, on one of his last services before moving to Brooklyn in the USA, singing with the equally famous Choir conducted by Mr Harris Rosenberg. To say that I was bewitched by the setting is an understatement - every pew occupied; hundreds and hundreds of men and women dressed in black coats and white scarves - it must have been theatre-night at its best. And the glorious singing! I had never heard prayer being sung with a choir before. I put down the start of my love of Choral Chazanut and prayer to that night. (Dad later told me that I only succumbed to sleep at 2.45am - at the Aleinu prayer right at the end of the service.)

And what about the effect of Selichot on my father? As a fourth-generation Palestinian Jew from Jerusalem he had come to the UK in 1934 aged 21 to find work as Rabbi and Chazan in order to help sustain his aged parents who lived austerely in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem. (He had gained Semicha from Chief Rabbi Kook, first Chief Rabbi of Eretz Yisrael.) Dad had a wonderful tenor voice and was a master of liturgy, as well as being a brilliant Torah-reader. His mother tongue was a flawless Yiddish; he also spoke an elegant old-fashioned Hebrew, but not a word of English, having only had a Yeshivah education. Yet by 1956 he had written the first ever fully-comprehensive annotated English translation of Selichot prayers for the whole year, a work of great complexity because of the hidden meanings of the prayer and poetry, mostly written by scholars of the Middle Ages who lived and died during the murder of European Jewry by the Crusaders.

My father's prayer book, known as The Authorised Selichot is still the major translation in use in English-speaking congregations. This coming Saturday Night, as every year before Rosh Hashanah, I will take down from my bookshelf my precious first copy of his first edition, inscribed "To my dear son" and use it to lead prayers, in the way my father did, at the major Choral Selichot Service in London, being held this year in the beautifully-restored and atmospheric Hampstead Synagogue, where a congregation of many hundreds of men and women (still with smart hats) will hear the Chief Rabbi give his pre-Rosh Hashanah stirring sermon. Then the Shabbaton Choir and I, for the 21st year, with wonderful young Chazan Jonny Turgel will sing the lyrical music that I have had the merit to write with Stephen Glass and Stephen Levey, perhaps not as "chazonish" as Cantor Jacob Goldstein, but with the same intention as he had: to sing heavenward and ask the Almighty to remember us, our families and the Jewish People for another year of health and goodness.

And I will think back to that magical first Midnight Selichot in Stamford Hill that inspires me to this day.

Shabbat Shalom - Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

PS You are most welcome to join me at the Choral Selichot service, Saturday Night September 4th, beginning 11.30pm at Dennington Park Road, Hampstead, NW6.

Announcements

The whole community wish Arnold Lee a hearty Mazal Tov on his 90th birthday

Marsha & Alan, Agnes & Edward Lee have pleasure in inviting the entire community to Kiddush & Lunch to celebrate—Ad Meiah V'Esrim

Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts for the morning Minyan this week are kindly sponsored by Joseph Shavleyan of our weekday Minyan in loving memory of his brother Ben-Hur ben Gershon z"l

Birthdays—Mazal Tov to:

Anouska Levy	James Miller
Camilla Yadgaroff	Jennifer Pasha
Natasha Adley	David Chapman
Liane Green	Alon Shulman
Caroline Buchler	Alan Lee
Iris Laurenti Levi	Judith Levey
Michael Goldman	Godfrey Bradman
Michael Rapp	Lewis Clein
Marilyn Burns	Cyril Auerbach
Rachel Epsley	

Wedding Anniversaries—Mazal Tov:

Jane & Peter Shasha
Valerie & Michael Lewis
Zelma & Gerald Bloomberg
Gail & Gerald Ronson
Esther & Lawrence Drizen
Salome & Stanley Bloom

Refuah Shleimah

Olivia Dein	Leva bat Sara
Peggy Davis	Pessa Rachel bat Yosefa
Lisbeth Morgan	Chaya bat Miriam
Gala Colover	Chana bat Yehudit
M.A.	Devorah bat Yocheved
Aitan Cobb	Aitan Gavriel ben Shulamit
	Aviva
Daniel Caplan	Yitzchak Akiva ben Naomi
Paul Simons	Pinchas ben Anita
Gerald Bloomberg	Yosef ben Devorah
Sinai Jemal	Chaim Sinai Ezra ben Tova
	Hacohen
Nat Winsor	Noah ben Miriam Chaya
Seymour Freed	Shmuel Zeev ben Sara Rivka

Condolences to:

George Whyte on the passing of his wife and Caroline Buchler on the passing of her mother, Sally Whyte z"l

Next Shabbat - Shabbat Shuva immediately following Rosh Hashanah

10th—11th September 2010

Commences 7.12pm Mincha & **Choral** Maariv 7.00pm

Friday 3rd September

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

Shabbat 4th September

- 8.45 am Shiur
9.15 am Shacharit
6.45 pm Pirkei Avot study session with Alan Lee & Stanley Simmonds
7.15 pm Mincha, Seudah Shlishit, & D'var Torah by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld
8.29 pm Maariv & Havdalah
11.30 pm Choral Midnight Selichot at Hampstead Synagogue Dennington Park Road, NW6

Sunday 5th September

- 8.10 am Selichot & 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 or Miriam Kaye marblearchcheder@hotmail.com

Monday 6th September—Selichot

- 7.10 am Selichot & Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah by Michael Milston
10.30am Shiur for Ladies by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Tuesday 7th September

- 7.10 am Selichot & Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah by Rabbi Yossi Vogel

Wednesday 8th September

- 6.45 am Selichot & Shacharit, breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Ervin Landau
Rosh Hashanah 5771
7.00 pm Mincha & Choral Maariv

Thursday 9th September—1st Day Rosh Hashanah

- 8.00 am Shacharit & Choral Services
10.30 am Children's Service
12.30 pm Sermon by the Chief Rabbi
5.00 pm Tashlich in Regents Park
7.00 pm Mincha & Choral Maariv
8.17 pm 1st day ends—Candles 2nd day

Friday 10th September—2nd Day Rosh Hashanah

- 8.00 am Shacharit & Choral Services
10.15 am Sounding of the Shofar
10.30 am Children's Service
12.30 pm Sermon by the Chief Rabbi
7.00 pm Mincha & Choral Maariv
7.12 pm Candlelighting for Shabbat

Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week
Sun 5th—Tues 7th Sept 6.15pm
Wed 8th—Thurs 9th Sept 7.00pm

Kiddush Rota

Carol Truman, Linda Sharpe

You can contact Rabbi Lionel & Natalie Rosenfeld at: rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk Tel: 020 7535 0458 mobile: 07811202244 **Our**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

We are delighted to inform you that there will be an exhibition of beautiful Katubot in the Bloomstein Hall over the next few weeks. A later exhibition will be of paintings and artifacts by Israeli artists with disabilities.

Saturday 4th September 11.30pm at Hampstead Synagogue—CHORAL SELICHOT SERVICE

With Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld, Chazan Jonny Turgel and the Shabbaton Choir. Keynote address by the Chief Rabbi. All members welcome to attend.

Rabbi Rosenfeld's Monday Shiur for Ladies—A New Season Begins

Shiur Monday 6th September at 10.30am

Shabbat Pirkei Avot Study Session

The next session discussing the timeless wisdom of the "Ethics of the Fathers" will be on Shabbat 4th September with Alan Lee & Stanley Simmonds. These sessions are open to both men and women.

Rosh Hashana Childrens events

Bring your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews along to our exciting Childrens Services and Kiddushim on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

Temporary Seats

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTACT THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE TO ORDER YOUR EXTRA SEATS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR THE CHAGIM

Arba Minim

Order your Lulav & Etrog now

Contact Robert Golbert in the Office. Order by 20/9/10

Succot Meals

Natalie & Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld invite you to join them for Yom Tov Meals in the Succah:

Wednesday Evening Dinner 22nd September

Thursday Lunch 23rd September

£26.50 per person/Children under 12 £14/Children under 5 no charge
Limited space available, book now to avoid disappointment on 020 7723 93333 or email office@marblearch.org.uk

Consecrations—Willesden

The consecration of the stone in loving memory of Helen Lee z"l will take place on Sunday 5th September at 3pm

The consecration of the stone in loving memory of Simon Reiss z"l will take place on Sunday 12th September at 11am

MONDAY 11 OCTOBER @ 7.45PM

ADULT EDUCATION/CULTURAL EVENT

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Lisa Miller, senior US diplomat based in the UK responsible for Middle East affairs (including Iran), talk and discussion evening. Please put this date in your diary for an interesting evening of debate and discussion

Communal Dinner and Evening with Santa Sebag Montefiore— 2nd November 2010

Join us for what will be an interesting evening which is being held in support of ovarian cancer.

Reception 7.15pm,

Dinner 7.45pm

Call the office on 020 7723933 or email

office@marblearch.org.uk to reserve your place