

27th Kislev 5771/4th December 2010.

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

Parashat Miketz—Shabbat Chanukah & Shabbat Mevarchin

	Hertz	Cohen	Stone	Gutnick		
Sedra	155	252	222	268		Shabbat begins 3.39pm
Haftarah	987	857	1210	1449		Shabbat ends 4.47pm

The joyfulness of Chanukah, lighting the candles and singing the songs are to remind us of the miraculous victory of our ancestors over the Hellenists.

One of the most well-known of the Chanukah prayers is "*Al Hanisim*" which we recite in our daily services and in Grace After Meals. In the opening verse, we thank G-d for the "*miracles, the redemption, the mighty deeds and the victories in battle which He performed for our ancestors in those days, at this time.*" Glancing over this phrase, one may discover something very fascinating: In Hebrew, each of these words of praise carry a hidden meaning as well:

- Nissim* - miracles: It can also mean "fleeing" or "running away from" (*la'ness*).
- Purkan* - redemption: It can also mean "thrusting off the yolk" (*porek ol*).
- G'vurot* - mighty deeds: It can also refer to a Herculean type of man (*gevur*).
- T'shuot* - victories: But it can also elude to the "hours" (*sha'ot*).
- Milchamot* - battles: But it can also refer to the word "dreams" (*chalomot*).

There is a profound message here. During Chanukah we thank G-d for the miracle of His saving our people during a period of spiritual decline. Despite the fact that there existed a core group of Jews, the Maccabees, who remained steadfast in their commitment to the Torah, the great majority of our people during that time were being lured into the popular Greek way of life. Many Jews were "*fleeing*" to the pagan culture, and "*thrusting off the yolk*" of G-d. Like the Hellenists who emphasised the importance of Man's "*physical strength*" and beauty, many of our ancestors spent their "*time dreaming about*" and pursuing this attractive lifestyle.

Sadly, what was in those days is taking place again today. Assimilation is rampant. Tragically, so many of our Jewish brethren are chasing a life void of Torah and spirituality.

Our challenge is to be inspired by the Maccabees. Our goal must be to mirror their success in combating the secular influences that are detrimental to religious growth. The miracle of Chanukah is the triumph of the Maccabees, their victory in preserving the Jewish faith. In our day, this victory takes the shape of the numerous outreach institutions, all working to strengthen the Jewish community. How fortunate are we in our communities to have Torah classes given on a regular basis, and singles programs to bring back our young people. We need the time to participate in these programs and study our own rich heritage; to examine our unique ancestry, and to encourage our children and grandchildren to make the most the most of the Friday Night dinners and other programs being offered, for which our synagogue is happy to fund and contribute towards.

This Chanukah let us take up the cause of the Maccabees, to see the beauty in leading a Torah lifestyle.

Shabbat Shalom - Chanukah Sameach !

Adapted from a Dvar Torah by Rabbi Gideon Shloush, Congregation Adereth El, Manhattan.

Announcements

We thank our Kiddush Sponsors

Rina & Trevor Waterman invite the congregation to Kiddush after the service to mark the Yahrzeits of Rina's mother Tagi Kermanshachi z"l and Trevor's father Myer Waterman z"l

We thank our Breakfast Sponsors

Breakfasts for the morning minyan this week are kindly sponsored by Rosemary & Paul Faiman in memory of Rosemary's father Moss Krantz z"l and Paul's father Joe Faiman z"l

Birthdays—Mazal Tov to:

Jemima Levy	Jade Salem
Joshua Newmark	Dov Diamond
Sam Lipton	Debra Ziff
Michael Green	Beverly Miller
John Fenner	Marion Heber
Gerald Grossman	

Wedding Anniversary—Mazal Tov

Valeria & Daniel Levy
Juliette & Stuart Levy
Marion & Guy Naggar

Refuah Shleimah

CM	Chaya Bella bat Esther
Renata Knobil	Mereleh bat Raizel Berel
Gemma Levine	Tsipora Chana bat Eliezer
Lisbeth Morgan	Chaya bat Miriam
Gala Colover	Chana bat Yehudit
M.A.	Devorah bat Yocheved

Arnold Lee	Aharon ben Esther Halevi
Lewis Clein	Yehudah Yonah ben Liba
Stuart Caplan	Zelig ben Etta Rasha Hacohen
Aitan Cobb	Aitan Gavriel ben Shulamit Aviva

Paul Simons	Pinchas ben Anita
Nat Winsor	Noah ben Miriam Chaya
Seymour Freed	Shmuel Zeev ben Sara Rivka
Alex Guberman	Natan ben Miriam
Benny Ollech	Ben Zion ben Yitta

Next Shabbat - Vayigash

10th—11th December 2010

Commences 3.37pm Mincha, Candlelighting & Kabbalat Shabbat **3.45pm**

Friday 3rd December—2nd day Chanukah

- 7.15 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Ervin Landau
- 3.30 pm Mincha, Candlelighting Kabbalat Shabbat & D'var Torah by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld followed by Pirkei Avot Shiur with Alan Lee

Shabbat 4th December—Shabbat Chanukah

- 8.45 am Shiur with Alan Goldberg
- 9.15 am Shacharit
- 3.45 pm Mincha, followed by Seudah Shlishit which this week has kindly been sponsored by Joseph Shavleyan in loving memory of his brother Ben-Hur ben Gershon z"l, & D'var Torah by Rabbi Rosenfeld
- 4.47 pm Maariv & Havdalah

Sunday 5th December—4th day Chanukah

- 8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and D'var Torah by Alan Goldberg
- 10.00am **Cheder Aged 4—12 years.** Contact Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld for further information on 07811202244 or email rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk or Miriam Kaye marblearchcheder@hotmail.com
- 11.30 am Dedication of Sefer Torah by the Khalili Family

Monday 6th December—5th day Chanukah

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

Tuesday 7th December 6th day Chanukah & 1st day Rosh Chodesh

- 7.15 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Shiur by Rabbi Yosef Vogel
- 2.30 pm Archers Chanukah Party

Wednesday 8th December—7th day Chanukah & 2nd day Rosh Chodesh

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

Thursday 9th December—8th day Chanukah

- 7.15 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah by Ervin Landau

Friday 10th December

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

Come and strengthen our Friday night and Shabbat Afternoon Minyanim— Friday at 3.30pm & Shabbat at 3.45pm

Mincha, Chanukah Lighting & Ma'ariv through the week Sun 5th—Thurs 9th December 3.45pm

Kiddush Rota

Linda Sharpe

You can contact Rabbi Lionel & Natalie Rosenfeld at: rabbilr@marblearch.org.uk

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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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sefer Torah Dedication & Reception this Sunday 5th December at 11.30pm, in the presence of the Chief Rabbi Lord Sacks & Lady Elaine Sacks

You are invited to join the Khalili family who will be dedicating a Sefer Torah in honour of the Chief Rabbi Lord Sacks of Aldgate. Please phone the office on 020 7723 9333 or email office@marblearch.org.uk to confirm your attendance

This Tuesday 7th December 2.30—5.00pm Archers Chanukah Party (Free Admission)

Please come along with your friends for our Annual 'Chanukah Bash' for our senior members where there will be good food, good company, good entertainment with the Claudio Allod Trio, Lighting of the Menorah and singalong with Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld and a free super prize draw.

Consecration—Willesden Sunday 12th December

The consecration of the tombstone in loving memory of Eric Rayman z"l (Ruth Hanbury's father) will take place at 12 noon

Communal Dinner and Evening with Santa- Sebag Montefiore— 17th January 2011

In support of the charity Ovarian Cancer Action Funding research, raising awareness, giving a voice. Reception 7.15pm, Dinner 7.45pm, £45 per head. Please call or email the office today to make your booking. 020 77239333, office@marblearch.org.uk

Bar & Bat Mitzvah Classes begin next term

Rabbi Rosenfeld begins a new once-weekly class for boys and girls a year away from their Bar or Bat Mitzvah, beginning January 2011. All interested families should contact him

ONGOING EVENTS

Pirkei Avot Shiur— 3rd December after Kabbalat Shabbat (for 30 minutes)

Alan Lee will be looking at the timeless wisdom of the 'Ethics of the Fathers'. All are welcome to attend.

Rabbi Rosenfeld's Shiur for Ladies

Next Shiur Monday 6th December at 10.30am. Ladies who have not previously attended are most welcome.

Monday Mornings -Healing at WMA

Sonia Shalam continues with her healing sessions on Monday mornings. Please phone her on 07799353708 to book a session or for further information.

GCSE—'Judaism' weekly course for teenagers taught by Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld every Thursday at 6.00pm

Winter Minyan Rota

Our male members will soon be needed to help in ensuring that we have a Minyan for morning and afternoon services during the December/January holiday period, when our Suburban attendees are away, yet members still have to say Kaddish and have Yahrzeits. Please therefore be responsive when Rabbi Rosenfeld contacts you

