

3rd Shevat 5771/8th January, 2011.

Minister: Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld

Emeritus Chazan: Rev. Moshe Dubiner

Parashat Bo

	Hertz	Cohen	Stone	Gutnick		
Sedra	248	377	340	398		Shabbat begins 3.54pm
Haftarah	263	404	1151	1403		Shabbat ends 5.04pm

ROSH CHODESH & FREEDOM TO SERVE

If you were asked to explain in one short byte to your children, your grandchildren, your friends, what receiving the Torah was all about, what would you tell them? Would you tell them about Shabbat, or the Ten Commandments; or just talk about morality?

In this week's Torah portion, Moses is told to speak to the Children of Israel and teach them about *Rosh Chodesh*, the New Month. In fact, this commandment is the first mitzvah given to the Jewish people as a nation. What is so significant about Rosh Chodesh that it should be the first?

The mitzvah of sanctifying Rosh Chodesh is one that is given over absolutely to the *Beit Din*, the Jewish court. Unlike Shabbat, which automatically comes around every 7 days, Rosh Chodesh was totally dependent upon the Jewish people. If two witnesses came to testify that they saw the new moon in the sky and the court declared Rosh Chodesh to be sanctified, it was sanctified. If not, the Jewish calendar could be held up, even to the point of affecting the placement of the festivals.

Rabbi Mordechai Gifter z"l (1915-2001) the great *Rosh Yeshiva* of Telz in Cleveland, explains that the Torah in Exodus Chapter 12 verse 2 specifically uses the word **lachem**, **"to you"**, in regard to the mitzvah of Rosh Chodesh: *"This month shall be the head month to you, it shall be the first month of the year"* - to teach us that G-d wants us to be the masters of the calendar. A slave is not the master of his own time; he works only according to the will of his owner. The Jewish people were developing into a free nation for the first time; G-d wanted them to know that they needed to control time, to be masters of their own destiny, and not slaves to it.

So many of us believe that our family or our religion is the most important part of our lives, yet we do not find the time to pay adequate attention to them. G-d commands us to sanctify our calendar and realize that time is a gift to us with which we can accomplish tremendous things.

There is another idea that while Rosh Hashanah is the birthday of the world, Rosh Chodesh Nissan, the beginning of the month of the Exodus, marks the birth of the Jewish people. The Jewish people had to know that with their freedom, a new entity was created; they could no longer count from creation, but instead have to count their months and their lives from the month of Nissan. Every Jew has to realize that the special destiny for which we as a people were chosen has not gone away; it remains, to be a light unto the nations and spread the message of the Torah to the world. We were not freed from Egypt simply for the sake of freedom; slavery was not abolished throughout the world at that time. We were liberated from our human masters to serve the much greater Master of the world. Shabbat Shalom.

From a D'var Torah by Rabbi Reuven Stein, head of the Atlanta Kashruth Commission.

Next Shabbat - Shabbat Shira— Beshalach

14th—15th January 2011

Commences 4.04pm Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat 4.00pm

Announcements

Mazal Tov to Jacob Brecher on his Bar Mitzvah, to parents Richard Brecher and Shirley Brecher, grandparents Wendy & Henry Brecher and Violet & Ronnie Muzry and all the family

Wendy & Henry have much pleasure in inviting the congregation to Kiddush after the service to celebrate

We thank our

Breakfast for the morning minyan this week has been kindly sponsored by a regular visitor, Howard Ash to commemorate the Yahrzeit of his father Nachum ben Mordechai z"l

Birthdays—Mazal Tov to:

Ines Shasha	Jessica Ejdalbaum
Jacqueline Renton	Adam Buchler
Toby Glyn	Katie Goldblatt
Dalia Penzik	Nicole Ronson
Yaakov Schmidt	Marsha Lee
Barbara Goldberg	Valerie West
Linda Sharpe	David Esdaile
Carole Wolfryd	Gemma Levine
Peter Davis	Irene Leigh
Leonard Roodyn	Frances Shepherd
Edna Frey	

Wedding Anniversary—Mazal**Tov**

Rene & Howard Simons
Cheryl & Michael Stakol
Rosemary & Paul Faiman

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
Lewis Clein
Aitan Cobb

Aharon ben Esther Halevi
Yehudah Yonah ben Liba
Aitan Gavriel ben Shulamit
Aviva

Paul Simons
Nat Winsor
Seymour Freed
Alex Guberman
Benny Ollech
Ivan Leon

Pinchas ben Anita
Noah ben Miriam Chaya
Shmuel Zeev ben Sara Rivka
Natan ben Miriam
Ben Zion ben Yitta
Yitzhak Aryeh ben Sarah

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Choral Shabbat Weekend 21st—22nd January with Stephen Glass of Montreal

Make a note now to join us for Choral Friday night and Shabbat morning services

Bar & Bat Mitzvah Classes beginning Sunday Morning January 9th & Monday January 10th

Rabbi Rosenfeld begins a new once- weekly class for boys and girls a year away from their Bar or Bat Mitzvah, beginning Sunday mornings in Cheder and Monday evenings. All interested families should contact him

ONGOING EVENTS

Rabbi Rosenfeld's Shiur for Ladies

Next Shiur Monday 10th January 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

Marketplace - What do you need?

IT solutions	Property Management
White Goods and Appliances	Makeup Artist
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Solicitor	Travel
Over 50's showcase	Dentist
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Airport Transfers and Private Chauffer service	

It's all on www.marblearch.org.uk/marketplace

Support Your Community

Yadgaroff Library

The Yadgaroff Library is open every day for those wishing to study or browse the fine selection of books.

Sponsoring an Event

If you are celebrating a Simchah or commemorating a family Yahrzeit or if you are just feeling generous please consider contacting the office and sponsoring a Shabbat Morning Kiddush, the Morning Minyan breakfasts or the weekly Newsletter.

Friday 7th January

7.30 pm Shacharit followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Ervin Landau
4.00 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & D'var Torah followed

Shabbat 8th January

8.45 am Shiur with Ervin Landau
9.15 am Shacharit, Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Brecher
4.00 pm Mincha, followed by Seudah Shlishit & D'var Torah by Rabbi Rosenfeld
5.04 pm Maariv & Havdalah

Sunday 9th January

8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and D'var Torah by Alan Goldberg
10.00 am **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

Monday 10th January

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

Tuesday 11th January

7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Shiur by Rabbi Yosef Vogel

Wednesday 12th January

7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Parsha Shiur

Thursday 13th January

7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & D'var Torah

Friday 14th January

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

Come and strengthen our Friday night and Shabbat Afternoon Minyanim

Mincha & Ma'ariv through the week
Sun 9th—Thurs 13th January 4.00pm

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