



קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbat 15 January 2005/5 Shevat 5765

Service Times (IJPS Year 2 Shabbaton)

Shacharit	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	3.45 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbat ends	5.13 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat next Friday	4.15 pm

We extend a very warm welcome to the Year 2 pupils and staff of **Ilford Jewish Primary School** this morning. Once again, Clayhall is delighted to be hosting the school. The children will be enjoying a full programme of activities including lunch and Seudah with the men. Their day will conclude with Havdalah. We also welcome back Rev Stewart Myers (accompanied by his wife, Gina) who will be leyning, speaking and entertaining the pupils – not all at the same time!

Reading of the Torah

Sedrah synopsis:

Joshua Harris

Leyning: Bo

Rev Stewart Myers

Hertz p 248, Soncino p 377

Haftarah:

Victor Shafier

Hertz p 263, Soncino p 404

There are some excellent articles at www.aish.com on the Tsunami Disaster written from a Modern Orthodox Jewish perspective. It is worth taking the time to read through them and digest their meaning to us as the world comes to terms with the worst natural catastrophe in living memory.



This week's 'Clayhall Kehilla' has been kindly sponsored by Jeffrey Simmons in celebration of his 70th birthday

Children's & Youth Services

Reception to School Year 6

10.15 am – 11.15 am

School Years 7 plus

10.15 am – 11.30 am

Weekday Services

Shacharit: 7.00 am on Monday/Thursday, 8.15 am on Sunday.

Shacharit daily from 24.01.05. Please see opposite page.

Minchah at Clayhall @ 1.15 pm, Monday to Thursday.

Ma'ariv: 7.30 pm every Tuesday evening.

Hospital & Home Visits



Should you know anyone who is unfortunately unwell, please let the Shul office know. We will arrange an appropriate visit, phone call and/

60 Days for 60 Years

This incredible project begins on **25 January 2005** and Clayhall is playing a full part. The special books will be with us shortly for each family. Our synagogue has been twinned with the towns of **Zhitomer, Rodcyce, Narodichi** and our learning will be in the Zichus (memory) of our brethren murdered from those places. It is worth seeing the special website that has been created on

www.tribeuk.com as this includes a moving video with the Chief Rabbi and a full explanation of why this project is so important and unique. It also links into Yad Vashem's site.

Tsunami Appeal

The Dennis Centre in Beehive Lane and Stuart Young House in Golders Green were overwhelmed by the response of the Jewish community following the appeals made last week. So much so that a second shipment may be made of **lightweight/summer clothes, Shoes for all ages, non-electronic toys, Towels and Sheets.**

We suggest that you pack these items into black bin bags and check out the Shul's website for details over the next few days. At the time of writing this newsletter, no final decision had been taken. Alternatively, see the back page.

Daily Weekday starts from 24 January...

We are thrilled that our Shacharit Service will run every day from Monday 24 January 2005. This is an **historic and great moment** for Clayhall Synagogue especially at a time when we are looking to recruit a new Rabbi. No-one can point the finger again and say that we are not a full-time Shul. We are of course very grateful to **Jewish Care** for facilitating our wishes after several months of negotiation. However, any Minyan requires 10 males over the age of 13 years. **Your Shul truly does need you** – once a week, once a fortnight – so long as you can give just a little regular commitment, the Minyan will go from strength to strength. Should you need a Tefillin refresher course, this can be arranged in total confidence. Monday/Thursday, 7am. Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday, 7.10 am

*Ladies Guild
Supper Quiz
Tuesday 25 January
2005, £9.50 each*

Yahrzeit Board

You will have seen that some of the plaques have been sent away for engraving from our new Yahrzeit Board. There are still plaques available for buying at a cost of £60 each. It is a dignified and fitting way to remember a loved one and additional forms can be picked up from the Office. A Dedication Service will be arranged after Pesach.

United Synagogue Shabbat

The 2005 US Shabbat takes place on 4th & 5th March. The theme is *Shamor V'Zachor* (Guard & Remember). Clayhall will run a series of events over the weekend, possibly including a Friday night dinner or a Shabbat lunch. If you have any ideas, let us know.

Ladies Rosh Chodesh Group

The second talk/discussion takes place on **Wednesday 11 February** at the home of Anne Yeshin. Contact office for address. All ladies are warmly welcomed. There is a small donation of £1.50 to cover costs. Speakers have been lined up for the next six months for a blend of discussion, practical ideas and answers to many questions! The next three speakers are:

9 February: Miss Melanie Shutz

9 March: Mrs Samantha Hambling ('Purim')

13 April: Rebbetzen Nechamah Rus Kahan
(*'Cooking, Cleaning and Keeping Calm!' This is a pre-Pesach session*)

A Torah Thought: The Ten Plagues – Military Tactics

The Midrash writes that Hashem brought the plagues upon Egypt in the manner that a warrior lays siege upon his enemy's city. First he attacks the water supply, hoping that without water they will be forced to surrender. Likewise, G-d turned the Nile into blood. Next, the warrior has his army make a fearful noise in order to make the people panic, and so too G-d sent the noisy army of frogs. Third, the warrior commands that they be attacked with arrows, and so G-d brought lice, which prick the body like arrows. Fourth, he sends squads of soldiers to the city to capture it, as G-d sent hordes of wild animals. Fifth, he sends wild horses to destroy all of the city's animals. Similarly, G-d sent a plague to kill the Egyptian's livestock. The warrior then captures men of the city and tortures them with fire so that they will reveal the city's weaknesses. Hashem burned their bodies with boils. The seventh step is when the invader commands that massive stones be hurled at the city's walls, and so G-d sent the hailstones. Next, the soldiers enter the city, as the locusts overwhelmed Egypt. Ninth, the commanding officer captures prisoners and places them in dark dungeons, and so Hashem placed darkness upon the country. Finally, G-d destroyed all of the first-born Egyptians. Egypt was struck with 10 plagues, their wealth was taken away, and they were forced to release the Jews – all caused by their evil hearts.

On-line Newsletter

Don't forget that the *Clayhall Kehilla* newsletter is available on-line **every Thursday** before Shabbat – so if you want to keep ahead, or need to write down important telephone numbers and addresses, log on to the Shul website at the address below. The last **23** copies are can also be seen on the website – if you like!

Tsunami Disaster Relief

World Jewish Aid has launched an appeal for the victims of the Tsunami. It has the endorsement of the United Synagogue and the Chief Rabbi. Go to:
www.worldjewishaid.org/donate
Alternatively, send your cheque to World Jewish Aid, The Forum, 74/80 Camden Street, London NW1 0EG. Telephone number: 020 7691 1774.

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