



# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

*Shabbat 29 January 2005/19 Shevat 5765*

## *Service Times (Elliot Reed's Bar Mitzvah)*

Shacharit	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	4.00 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbat ends	5.34 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat next Friday	4.40 pm

We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to Elliot Reed on the wonderful occasion of his Bar Mitzvah today, and we welcome his family from America, Israel and Manchester. Elaine & David have great pleasure in inviting the community to Kiddush after the Service. We also extend a warm *Baruch Haba* to **Rabbi James Kennard** and his elder son, Yedidya. Rabbi Kennard, Head Teacher of King Solomon High School, will be addressing our Bar Mitzvah and Yedidya is leyning for us.

## *Reading of the Torah*

Sedrah synopsis:

*Elliot Reed*

Leyning: Yitro

*Yedidya Kennard*

Hertz p 288, Soncino p 445

Haftorah:

*Elliot Reed*

Hertz p 302, Soncino p 464

'**The Book of the Covenant – Why are we Jewish?**' is the intriguing title of Rabbi Kennard's Shiur at our Seudah this afternoon. Everyone including ladies is welcome. Rabbi Kennard is an excellent speaker and this is a great opportunity to be inspired by words of Torah in our relaxed Seudah atmosphere.



*This week's 'Clayhall Kehilla' has been kindly sponsored by Elaine & David Reed in celebration of Elliot's Bar Mitzvah*

## ***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: Monday to Friday, 7.00 am. Sunday @ 8.15 am.

Minchah: 1.15 pm, Monday to Thursday.

Ma'ariv: 7.30 pm every Tuesday evening.

Sunday breakfasts: 12 February, 13 March, 10 April, 8 May.

## ***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/or shopping.

## ***Holocaust Event***

Clayhall Synagogue is planning an appropriate event to mark the project **'60 Days for 60 Years – Remembering the Past to Build the Future.'**

Please keep the evening of **Tuesday 1 March 2005** free as Sinclair House has been booked. The exact format and structure has yet to be worked out but, if you have any ideas or comments, the Honorary Officers would be happy to hear them.

## **60 Days for 60 Years**

This incredible project began on **25 January 2005** and Clayhall is playing a full part. The special books were sent out yesterday to families. 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](http://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.

## ***US Shabbat weekend***

This takes place on 4/5 March and the theme is Shamor V'Zachor (Guard & Remember). We intend to run a series of events, possibly including a Youth Friday night dinner and a Shabbat lunch with a guest speaker for all the community. Help and ideas are both welcome!

## *Daily Weekday davening off to a good start...*

We are thrilled that our daily Shacharit Services successfully began last Monday 24 January. This is an **historic and great moment** for Clayhall Synagogue especially at a time when we are recruiting a new Rabbi. No-one can say that we are not a full-time Shul any more! 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. Two of our 'regulars' are busy producing a rota and we will also be encouraging those with a Yahrzeit to daven on the appropriate morning. Should you need a Tefillin refresher course, we can arrange this in total confidence.

*Ladies Guild Trip to France, 13 March. Full details coming out soon.*

### *Israeli Dancing*

All ladies are invited to learn **Israeli and Simchah dancing** at Ilford Jewish Primary School. It is a 4-week course starting at 8.00 pm, Wednesday 2 March and then on the 9th, 16th & 23rd March. The lessons are just **£10** for the whole course. Phone the school office on **020 8551 4294** to book your place and ensure that you can dance the right steps at the next Simchah!

### *Melavah Malkah – tonight!*

Please be here just before 8.00 pm for our 3-course fish meal. Our Guest Speaker, **Rabbi James Kennard**, will be asking us '*Jews in the Pews – How do we measure Jewish engagement?*' This is followed by musical entertainment from **Cantor Stephen Robins**.

### *Ladies Rosh Chodesh Group*

The next talk and discussion takes place on **Wednesday 9 February** at the home of Anne Yeshin. 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: 'Do not take the Name...in Vain'***

'Do not take the name of the L-rd, your G-d, in vain.' You shall not swear falsely. Rav Bechaye asks: The verse ought to have said 'Do not take My name,' since G-d himself was speaking. The Ramban says that G-d Himself said only the first two commandments, as they are the essential ones, the core – to worship G-d and not worship idols. Moshe then said the remaining commandments. So it does not say 'My name' for it was Moshe who was now talking. Why does the prohibition against swearing in vain appear straight after idol worship? To show that one who swears in vain is likened to an idol worshipper. If he swears that 'by the truth of G-d, so my words are truthful,' and yet is lying, he shows that he considers G-d to be a lie, heaven forbid. No specific reward or punishment is mentioned in the Aseret Ha' Dibrot with the exception of honouring ones parents and its reward of a long life. It also warns in the commandments against idol worship and swearing in vain that G-d will harshly punish transgressors. This shows that swearing falsely is comparable to idol worship. People sometimes feel that this is not a weighty prohibition, when in actuality it is. One cannot often commit murder because of the fear of man's retribution, but a person can swear falsely a thousand times a day because he need not fear other men. However, G-d hears **all** our thoughts and words. We would be wise to remember that, ultimately, it is to Hashem that we are truly answerable, and act accordingly.

### ***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 **25** copies are can also be seen on the website – if you like!

### ***Rabbi Recruitment***

The closing date for applications for the post of Clayhall Rabbi was last Tuesday. Our selection committee will very shortly be assessing the candidates and first interviews are planned for the end of February. We will keep the community informed of future developments but, naturally, the process is totally private and confidential.

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