



# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbat 19 February 2005/10 Adar 1 5765

## *Service Times (Marcus Bean's Bar Mitzvah)*

Shacharit	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	4.40 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbat ends	6.10 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat next Friday	5.18 pm

We wish a very hearty Mazal Tov to Marcus Bean on the wonderful occasion of his Bar Mitzvah. The Bean family have great pleasure in inviting the community to Kiddush after the Service. Clayhall welcomes back **Rev Stewart Myers** who is leyning today. Rev Myers will also be delivering a D'var Torah at our Seudah this afternoon. Everyone is cordially invited.

## *Reading of the Torah*

Sedrah synopsis:

Leyning: Tetzaveh

Hertz p 339, Soncino p 519

Haftorah:

Hertz p 350, Soncino p 536

*Daniel Bean*

*Rev Stewart Myers*

*Marcus Bean*

It is Day 26 of the '60 Days for 60 Years Project' and the essay on page 79 of the *Tribe* book is called '**The Long Journey Home**' by Rabbi Andrew Shaw. This is a very moving and inspiring essay. Rabbi Shaw is the Assistant Minister of Stanmore United Synagogue and the Executive Director of *Tribe*, Young United Synagogue. The psalms associated with Day 26 are psalms 70-72. These can be recited at any time during Shabbat in Hebrew or English.



*This week's 'Clayhall Kehilla' has been kindly sponsored by Michelle & Ashley Bean on the occasion of Marcus'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: 13 March, 10 April, 8 May & 5 June.

## ***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.

## **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 last week 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.

## ***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. Full details will be sent out next week. The evening will be a mixture of speakers, readings, psalms, the lighting of six Yahrzeits and a short film. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

## ***US Shabbat weekend***

This takes place on 4/5 March and the theme is Shamor V'Zachor ('Guard & Remember'). Details are being sent out on Monday and we intend to run a Friday evening whisky tasting, a lunch for young people and a special Seudah with a good guest speaker. Please support.

### ***Chief Rabbi Dr Jonathan Sacks says...***

"What happened next will one day be told as one of the great acts of reconstruction in the religious history of mankind. A handful of Holocaust survivors set about rebuilding on new soil the world they had seen go up in flames. Rabbi Schneerson, Aaron Kotler, Jacob Kamenetzky, Joseph Soloveitchik and others like them refused to yield in despair. While others responded to the Holocaust by building memorials, endowing lectureships and writing books, they built schools, communities and yeshivot. They urged their followers to marry and have children. They said: 'Our world has been shattered but not destroyed.' They said: 'Hitler brought death into the world, therefore let us bring life.' Within a generation Mir and Ponevitz, Lubavitch and Belz lived again, no longer in Europe, but in Israel and America...It has demonstrated in our time that the classic Jewish response to crisis remains the most powerful. Like Ezra, the yeshivot and Chasidic leaders concentrated on teaching."

***Ladies Guild wine trip to France on Sunday 13 March. Book your place!***

#### ***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!

#### ***Daily Davening Rota***

Please put your name down on the daily Shacharit rota, even if just for one day a week. Tremendous efforts are being made by a few people to encourage support. Make their job much easier!

#### ***Ladies Rosh Chodesh Group***

The next talk and discussion takes place on **Wednesday 9 March** at the home of Louise Posnasky. Call the 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!

**9 March: Mrs Samantha Hambling** ('Purim')  
**13 April: Rebbetzen Nechamah Rus Kahan** ('Cooking, Cleaning and Keeping Calm!' This is a pre-Pesach session).

Future speakers include **Flo Kaufman** from the Board of Deputies and **Shlomit Naor**, Shalicha of Sinclair House.

## ***A Torah Thought: The Efod and the Choshen***

*They shall make the efod* (Shemot 28:6). Rav Bechaye asks: Previously, the *choshen*, or breastplate, was mentioned before the *efod*. Why is the *efod* now put before the *choshen*? The answer is that this is a list of the priestly garments, and the *efod* was more of a garment than the *choshen*. But previously the *choshen* was discussed first, because it had holy names on it. There were 12 stones upon the *choshen*, and each stone bore the name of one of the Tribes. The *efod* was like a skirt, wide as a man's back and reaching from under a man's arm until his ankles. It had two straps at the shoulders. It was worn like the undergarment with *tzitzis*, which is known as *arba kanfos*. Each strap had an onyx set in gold attached to it, and the names of the Tribes were inscribed on these stones, six on each. There were four rows of stones in the *choshen*, with three stones in each row, twelve stones in all. Each stone was adorned with the name of a Tribe; the names Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yaacov and other holy names were also inscribed. Each stone had six letters, totalling 72, representing the hours in the six days of the week (excluding the nights). This was to show that the world, which was created in six days, exists in the merit of the 12 Tribes. The names inscribed on the stones of the *choshen* were called the *Urim ve Tumim*. Where there was a question to be answered, they would go to the High Priest. He looked at the *choshen* on his heart to see which letters had shone and then composed a word out of them and understood its meaning.

### ***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 **28** 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 has now passed. Our selection committee has assessed the candidates and first interviews have begun. We will keep you informed of future developments but, naturally, the process is totally private and confidential. It is difficult to assess how long it will take.

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