



# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

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## *Service Times (Ellis Bolle's Bar Mitzvah)*

Shacharit	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	4.55 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbat ends	6.22 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat next Friday	5.31 pm

We wish a very hearty Mazal Tov to Ellis Bolle on the wonderful occasion of his Bar Mitzvah. Alison & Jonathan Bolle have great pleasure in inviting the community to Kiddush after the Service. Clayhall welcomes back **Mr Jonny Levy** who is leyning today. We are delighted that **Rabbi Zev Glass** of Aish Essex will be addressing our Bar Mitzvah boy, Ellis.

## *Reading of the Torah*

Sedrah synopsis:

Leyning: Ki Tisa

Hertz p 339, Soncino p 519

Haftorah:

Hertz p 350, Soncino p 536

*Ellis Bolle*

*Jonny Levy*

*Hermie Rothman*

It is Day 33 of the '60 Days for 60 Years Project' and the essay on page 100 of the *Tribe* book is called '**The Torah That Journeyed From the Depths to the Heavens**' by Rabbi Michael Laitner. It is an amazing story about a Sefer Torah that made its first appearance in a concentration camp – the very depths of human cruelty – and its last appearance in the soaring height of human ingenuity – a space shuttle. Today's specially 'linked' psalms are 83-85.



*This week's 'Clayhall Kehilla' has been kindly sponsored by Alison & Jonathan Bolle on the occasion of Ellis'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.

## ***Sponsorship***

You can sponsor the weekly newsletter for just £15 in celebration of a birthday or anniversary, or to commemorate a Yahrzeit. Please speak to Michelle in the office for available dates. Don't forget that you can also sponsor a Kiddush or a Seudah for similar reasons. We are also running low on whisky so any help is appreciated!

## ***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.

## *Clayhall's Holocaust Memorial Evening*

Everyone is invited next Tuesday 1 March to our special Holocaust Memorial Evening at 8.00 pm. The programme begins with candle lighting by pupils of **Iford Jewish Primary School**. Members will speak about our 'twinned' town of Zhitomer and profile three Holocaust victims. We will be screening a short film called 'Wasted Lives' and this is followed by our guest speaker, **Berek Obuchoweski**, Auschwitz survivor and Clayhall member. **Sarah Abrahams** will speak about her own experiences of visiting Auschwitz with King Solomon High School last year. The evening will be interspersed with appropriate readings from **Anne Frank's** diary and other sources, including the recital of Tehillim (psalms) and the Memorial Prayer. There is no admission charge and light refreshments will be served afterwards. We should be finished by 9.30 pm. There is no need to book a place beforehand and we would ask that you are in your seat by 8.00 pm. Ma'ariv commences at 7.30 pm as usual in the lounge.

*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 Iford 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!

### *Shacharit Davening*

Owing to holiday and sickness, some of our regular 'daveners' are unable to be with us at the moment. Please redouble your efforts to support the Shacharit Minyan. Don't leave it to the next man.

### *Ladies Rosh Chodesh Group*

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

*'The tablets were the work of Hashem'* (Shemot 32:16). They were created for His glory. They are termed G-d's work because He busies Himself with the Torah and revels in it both day and night. Rav Bechaye asks why the Torah describes the glory of the tablets here. Ought it not have described them in the previous portion when we were told that they were first given to Moshe? The answer is that this shows us that despite the glory of the tablets, Moshe unhesitatingly broke them when the Jewish people sinned. Rav Bechaye raises another question: How could Moshe possibly break the tablets on his own, when they were G-d's holy writings?

Even though Israel had sinned and were not worthy of receiving them, he did not have to break them. He could have merely returned them to G-d, and asked for G-d's instructions. This can be likened to a master who sends a letter bearing his seal to his servants, in the hands of a messenger. If the servants refuse to accept the letter, he returns it to his master. Similarly, Moshe ought to have brought the tablets back to G-d. The answer is that Moshe saw that the letters of the tablets flew out of them. When a master sends a letter without his seal, it is worthless. Likewise, the tablets without their writing had lost their value, and he could break them. The letters of the tablet are likened to its soul, while the tablets themselves are its body. When the soul deserts the body, the body is ready for burial. When Moshe saw the letters fly off, he broke the tablets.

### ***Purim Festivities***

We are delighted that **Rev Stewart Myers** will be reading the Megillah at Clayhall on both Thursday evening 24 March (7.20 pm) and, again, on Friday morning 25 March. All the Service details will be given nearer the time but a sumptuous breakfast will definitely follow Shacharit on the Friday morning!

### ***Rabbi Recruitment***

Interviews have begun to find a suitable Rabbi. Members will appreciate that the process cannot be rushed as it is very important that we recruit the right Rabbi and Rebbetzen. We are the fastest growing Modern Orthodox Shul in Essex and the selection procedure has to be absolutely spot-on. We are working hard on your behalf!

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