



קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 19 March 2005/8 Adar Sheni 5765

Service Times (Parshos Zachor)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	5.30 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	6.59 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	6.07 pm

The Shabbos immediately preceding Purim is called Shabbos Zachor. The portion of Amalek is read since Haman was a descendant of Agog, King of Amalek. One should be very careful to listen to all the words since most halachic authorities consider it a **Torah-level mitzvah** to hear this portion once a year. 'Zachor' means to remember and the Torah commands us 'to remember what Amalek did to you on the way out of Egypt.' Women are obligated to hear this portion as well.

Reading of the Torah

Sedrah synopsis:

Joel Abramson

Leyning: Vayikra

Jonny Levy

Hertz p 410, Soncino p 605

2nd Sefer: Hertz p 856, Soncino p 1114

Haftorah:

Leslie Linder

Hertz p 995, Soncino p 1192

It is Day 54 of the '60 Days for 60 Years' project and the essay is called '**Private Winneger**' by Kalman Packouz on page 177 of the book. Rabbi Packouz is executive director of Aish Miami Beach, Florida and one of the first five Aish students. The 'link' Tehillim are 127-134.



This week's 'Clayhall Kehilla' has been kindly sponsored by Dennis Abrahams in celebration of his 54th wedding anniversary & Sarah's 18th 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: 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: 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** 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!

Sale of Chometz

It is incumbent upon each of us to sell our Chometz before Pesach. The forms have just been sent out and **Rev Gary Newman** of Newbury Park Shul has kindly agreed to sell on our behalf. Arrangements can also be made nearer the time to sell your Chometz in person with Rev Newman.

Happy Clappy Purim Time!

Our Rabbis teach us that we must increase our joy during the month of Adar. There are **four specific Mitzvos** that apply to Purim—listening to the Megillah, distributing *Mishloach Manos* (gifts to friends), giving charity to the poor and eating a festive Purim Seudah. Purim falls on next Friday 25 March (bank holiday) and our Megillah reading on Thursday 24 March will start at **7.20 pm**. This will be preceded with Ma'ariv at **6.45 pm**. We are delighted that **Iford Jewish Primary School** is joining us and we expect a great 'ruach' (spirit) in the Shul. There will be a **fancy dress competition** for various age groups including adults and, of course, refreshments. The following morning Shacharis will begin at **7.45 am** with the Megillah reading at about **8.30 am**. Our usual sumptuous breakfast will follow replete with a vast array of mouth-watering delicacies! No excuses—it's bank holiday! We are delighted that **Rev Stewart Myers** will be reading the Megillah in his own unique and appropriate style. Get those costumes at the ready!

*Fast of Esther is on
Thursday 24 March.
Shacharis @ 6.40am
Minchah @ 6.00pm*

Go Karting!

A scintillating Karting event takes place on Sunday 10 April 2005. It is being run by Daniel Morris, Youth & Community Director, for the 4-partner Shuls. The afternoon runs from 2.00 pm until 6.00 pm for school years 7, 8, 9 & 10. The cost is £20 for Tribe members and £45 for non-Tribe members. You can book on-line at www.tribe.me.uk or phone Daniel direct on 020 8559 9341.

NEROS Quiz

The annual NEROS inter-Shul quiz takes place after Pesach (date to be confirmed). We still need team members and the four subjects this year are Israel, the Book of Ruth, History and General Knowledge. Contact Robin on 020 8220 6779 if you would like to take part.

Ladies Gallery Severe Problems

Owing to serious structural repairs being done by Jewish Care, the ladies area will have to be dug up and re-laid in April/May. The building suffers from poor drainage and the work is essential. Unfortunately, it means that there will virtually be no ladies gallery for a 4-week period. Even worse, the Shul cannot relocate to the Hall as it too will be out of action. For health and safety reasons, we cannot erect a temporary Mechitzah either. We estimate that there will be room for about 10 ladies only. Full details will be sent to all members shortly. If you have any comments or ideas, please speak to the Wardens or Michelle. We will be pleased to assist.

When in Doubt, Do Without? by Rabbi Pinchas Winston

Only Amalek is considered to be the complete antithesis of the Jewish nation, our spiritual nemesis. Why? The clue is right in Amalek's name. Numerically, the word Amalek (*ayin, mem, lamed, kuf*) is equal to 240. It is brought down that this is not coincidence because 240 happens to also be the gematria of the word '*sufek*' which means 'doubt' in Hebrew. This correlation exists to teach us that Amalek is anything that causes doubt in the mind of the Jew. But doubt in what? The answer comes from pointing out that the name Amalek also equals the words, '*el acher*' (*aleph, lamed, aleph, ches, raish*) which means 'other god.' In other words, Amalek creates doubt in G-d's oneness which is the source of idol worship – that is, the belief in other powers whether in the form of wood, stone or gold and silver. This is why the Torah indicates and Rashi explains that Amalek even causes a 'split' so-to-speak in the Ineffable Name of G-d which is another way of saying that nature gives the impression that it works independently of G-d. Amalek uses every opportunity to sow the seeds of doubt in our minds.

To win the battle against him and avoid the spiritual and physical destruction that follows in his wake, we have to re-commit ourselves to intellectual honesty, to examine and re-examine what we believe in and why we do, and what we doubt, and where the doubt stems from. Such people are the real heroes for it is their questions that lead to the true answers, and which pull back the spiritual mask from over the hidden hand of G-d. (*abridged version of main article*).

Whisky woe!

You know when things have got really bad when the Clayhall whisky lake starts to evaporate! Stocks are historically low and the Shul never has to buy. Let the Purim spirit permeate your generosity and may we be celebrating an over-flowing of fine malt.

Rabbi Recruitment

First interviews have concluded. 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 and we will keep you informed.

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