



קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 9 April 2005/29 Adar Sheni 5765

Service Times (Ethan Sapler's Bar Mitzvah & Shabbos Ha'Chodesh)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	7.10 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	8.36 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	7.30 pm

We wish a hearty Mazal Tov to **Ethan Sapler** on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah today. Fiona and Neil Sapler have pleasure in inviting the community to a Kiddush in celebration of their Simchah. **Rabbi Zev Glass**, Director of Aish Essex, is addressing Ethan and we welcome back **Jonny Levy** again for leyning. Today is both **Shabbos Mevorachim** and **Shabbos Ha'Chodesh**. Rosh Chodesh Nisan is tomorrow 10 April. We shall be reciting the Birchah Ha'Chodesh (blessing the new month) prayer this morning before the Sifrei Torah are returned to the Ark.

Reading of the Torah

Sedrah synopsis:

Ethan Sapler

Leyning: Tazria

Jonny Levy/Ethan Sapler

Hertz p 460, Soncino p 674

Maftir: Shemos 12:1-20 H p 253, S p 386

Haftorah:

Lester Harris

Hertz p 1001, Soncino p 1195

Clayhall 's membership continues to grow and we shall be holding a special New Members' Shabbos and Kiddush on **21 May 2005**. Invitations will be sent to all those who have joined the Shul in the last 12 months.



*This week's 'Clayhall Kehilla' has been kindly sponsored by
Fiona & Neil Sapler in celebration of Ethan'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: 10 April, 8 May, 5 June & 9 July.

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.

Scrummy Breakfast!

Tomorrow morning you can sample our sumptuous smoked salmon and beigel breakfast after Shacharis davening. Owing to Rosh Chodesh, we shall begin at **8.00 am**. The Service will last no more than an hour. We would like to see a few more 'Dads and Lads' of all ages. So whether you are pre or post Bar Mitzvah, please make every effort to attend. The Shul also has three sets of spare Tefillin for anyone who needs.

Getting ready for Pesach 5765

The day before Pesach is probably the busiest day in the Jewish year. On this day, the last of the Chometz is used up and the remainder burnt. But what happens when, as this year, erev Pesach falls on Shabbos? The many answers to this question can be found in your last Shul mailing. We have produced a summary of Rabbi Ginsbury's excellent guide called, **'Why is This Year Different?'** You can download the complete booklet by visiting www.unitedsynagogue.org.uk as it is well worth reading. If you have any questions, you need to ask a competent Halachic authority.

Sale of Chometz

It is incumbent upon each of us to sell our Chometz before Pesach. The forms have 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.

Rosh Chodesh Group

The Ladies Rosh Chodesh group looks forward to its fourth speaker on Wednesday 13 April. **Rebbetzen Nachama Kahan** will be '*Cooking, Cleaning and Keeping Calm*' in preparation for Pesach. Contact the office for venue details and it will be a very good practical demonstration prior to such a busy period. The vice-president of the Board of Deputies, **Flo Kaufman**, is addressing the group on Tuesday 10 May, Contact the office for venue details. Her title is '*The current state of the Jewish world*' focusing mainly on Israel and anti-semitism while on Wednesday 8 June, **Shlomit Naor**, Shlichah of Sinclair House is speaking, Contact the office for venue details. Her intriguing topic is '*Bridget Jones and Tel Aviv Women.*' All meetings begin at 8.00 pm and there is a £1.50 donation. Refreshments are provided. The evenings are a blend of social, educational and cultural experiences. Other speakers have been booked but if you have any suggestions for suitable speakers, please contact Anne Yeshin or Louise Posnasky.

The Clayhall AGM is on Tuesday 24 May at 8.00 pm here in Sinclair House

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. Book up quickly!

NEROS Quiz

The annual NEROS inter-Shul quiz takes place on **Sunday 26 June** @ Chingford Shul. 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.

Israel Film Festival 2005

Together with Newbury Park, we are hosting an evening of the 2005 Festival on **Thursday 26 May 2005** at Sinclair House as part of the Yom Ha'atzma'ut celebrations. We will show three short Israeli films followed by a talk on Israeli culture. The topics include an intimate look at the love, trials and triumphs of life in Jerusalem; the preparation, last minute difficulties and joy of a wedding organiser, and a decision that will change a person and his environment for life. Tickets at **£3** each must be purchased in advance through the Shul office. Last year's evening was extremely interesting, thought-provoking and moving. The films have been carefully selected to give maximum enjoyment and satisfaction.

Laws of the Seder (1) - The Four Cups of Wine

At the Seder, every Jewish person should drink four cups of wine corresponding to the four expressions of freedom mentioned in the Torah (Shemos 6: 6-7). Since we are free people this evening, nobody should pour their own wine, but rather each person should pour for another -- as if we are royalty who have servants. It is best to use red wine, since this alludes to the blood spilled by Pharaoh, the blood as part of the Ten Plagues, and the blood the Jews put on their doorposts. Someone who has difficulty drinking wine may use grape juice, but should add a little wine so that the taste of alcohol is detectable. Everyone should have their own wine cup, which holds a *Revi'it* -- i.e. a minimum of 98cc (3.3 oz.) according to *Rabbi Moshe Feinstein*, or 150cc (5.1 oz.) according to the *Chazon Ish*. It is preferable to drink the entire cup of wine for each of the Four Cups. Otherwise, you should at least drink a majority of the cup. Jewish law defines an act of "drinking" as two swallows without pausing. This is the preferable way to consume the Four Cups. Otherwise, you should at least consume the wine within four minutes. As an expression of freedom, the Sages enacted leaning to the side while drinking the Four Cups of wine. Everyone should lean to the left. Each of the four cups is accompanied by its appropriate recitation: the first by *Kiddush*; the second by *Haggadah*; the third by *Birchas Hamazon*; and the fourth by the remainder of *Hallel*. One who drinks the cups in rapid succession has not fulfilled his obligation.

Lag B'Omer BBQ

Our popular Lag B'Omer BBQ will again take place at the home of Deborah and Lester Harris, on **Sunday 29 May 2005**. Places are limited to the first 55 lucky people so don't delay in returning your forms once these have been sent out straight after Pesach. Start praying for dry weather and lots of sunshine!

Where's Our Rabbi?

We are getting very close to making a decision. This might seem somewhat vague but, as you will appreciate, there are all sorts of factors affecting the outcome. Whatever rumours and amusing whispers you may have heard over the last few weeks, please discount them all, until you hear officially through your Honorary Officers. It won't be long now!

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