



# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 25 June 2005/18 Sivan 5765

## *Service Times (Ethan Goldberg's Bar Mitzvah)*

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	8.55 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	10.28 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	7.30 pm

We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to Samantha and Ian Goldberg on the occasion of **Ethan's** Bar Mitzvah today. **Rabbi Zev Glass** will be addressing Ethan before Musaf. Samantha, Ian and all the family have great pleasure in inviting the community to Kiddush straight after the Service in celebration of their Simchah.

## *Reading of the Torah*

Sedra synopsis:

**Ethan Goldberg**

Leyning: Shelach L'Chah

**Rev Stewart Myers**

Hertz p 623 Soncino p 860

Haftorah:

**Ethan Goldberg**

Hertz p 635, Soncino p 875

Moses surely knew that there were trees in Israel and yet he asked the spies to seek the answer to the question, 'Does it contain trees or not?' (13:20) But it was the 'Etz Chaim' - 'the tree of life', that he had in mind. That tree represents the Torah, 'a tree of life for all who grasp it' (Proverbs 3:18). Moses needed to know if the air of the Promised Land was spiritually healthy and free from the kind of contamination which could impede the process of Torah thought, as had been the case in Egypt. The spies only concentrated on the material aspects bringing back clusters of grapes, pomegranates and figs.



*This week's 'Clayhall Kehilla' has been kindly sponsored by  
Samantha & Ian Goldberg 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: 9 July, 7 August & 4 September.

## ***Plag Ha'Minchah***



Plag Ha'Minchah is the earliest time for lighting candles for Shabbos and for davening Ma'ariv. During June and July, Friday candle lighting will be **slightly later** than 7.30 pm - our normal summer Minchah time. Next week the **correct** time for lighting Shabbos candles is **7.38 pm**.

## ***Kol Nidre Appeal***

Although Yom Kippur is still over four months away, the UJIA are worried that the monies raised over the last few years has decreased across most Shuls. This too is true at Clayhall where we received £1500 back this year against over £1800 the previous year. It may be a direct cause of more 'peaceful' times in Israel so that we all assume the need is not so great. In reality, the needs could not be more acute both in Israel and in the UK. Do remember that we receive back **30%** of the monies raised by our members and this amount will be invested into educational activities for our young people. Let's make a big difference.

## ***Shalom Magazine***

Calling all budding writers and journalists to submit articles, and other items of interest to the Editorial team no later than **31 July 2005**. It's always a struggle coaxing people to write so please make a big effort. Similarly, advertisements are most welcome as this naturally increases Shul income! It would also be nice to see many more Rosh Hashanah greetings which, at £5 per insertion are extremely good value.

## ***Refueh Shelemah***

It's a fact of life that sadly people are sometimes unwell. We make a 'group' Refueh Shelemah prayer each Shabbos. Please inform Michelle of any names that you would like added to the list. This might prevent people having to gather around the Bimah leading to less disruption and better decorum.

## *The New Committee Structure*

The Honorary Officers and Board of Management have put into place a new sub-committee structure that should deliver quality events for all Shul members. Some of these groups are new while others continue to develop their good work. They are Marketing & Communication, Care, Children & Young People, Education, Functions & Social, Membership, and Community Development. Each committee has a specific role to play. For example, Education will plan key programmes such as a Shabbaton, a Melavah Malkah, the US Shabbos weekend, guest speakers and pre-Yom Tov lectures. The Functions and Social group will be focused on fund-raising activities while the Care committee's role will concentrate on pastoral and welfare services for members.



*2nd Bar/Bat Mitzvah Seminar for all Simchas in 2007/08 on **Tuesday 12 July**  
@ 8.00 pm at Sinclair House*

*Next Sunday beigel  
breakfast is on  
9 July 2005.  
Don't miss it!*

### *Shul Library*

The Shul library is not being used nearly as much as it should be. There are some lovely books to borrow that cover a wide Jewish subject choice. It is situated within the Ackerman Resource Centre at Sinclair House on the ground floor. You may borrow books during Shul office opening hours but you must let Michelle know first. Don't miss a great opportunity. Explore and discover!

### *Shul Mailing*

Included in the Shul mailing going out next Tuesday will be a general update on key Shul matters including the Rabbi search, the Essex Regional Director, and the Board sub-committee structure. This update will become a regular feature of Shul mailings.

### *So what do YOU want?*

Have you ever wondered what you really want from the Shul? Are there some particular programmes, speakers, events or activities that you would like? Is there anything the Shul currently does that you think could be improved? Do you feel that certain groups are neglected? Are we responsive to needs? Does something really irk you? Or are you so happy with Clayhall Synagogue that you've nothing but praise and admiration? Many questions...but what about **YOUR** answers? It's a few years since we sent out a questionnaire as part of our Strategic Review in 2001/02. Let the Honorary Officers know in confidence constructively and politely. We will endeavour to respond to all comments.

## ***Know Him in All your Ways - A Lesson for Life***

*Tanchuma* writes: G-d gave his commandments in connection with every one of a person's actions. If a Jew comes to plow, it is written that he may not plow with an ox and a donkey together. If he wants to plant his garden, it is written that he may not mix species. If he wants to cut his wheat, he must leave a corner of the field for the poor. If he wants to eat wheat, he must first take off the *terumah* and tithe offerings. If he wants to knead dough, he must take off *challah*. If he wishes to eat something, he must make a blessing first. If he wants to shear his sheep, he must give the priest some of the wool. If his animal has its first-born, he must give it to the priest; if he slaughters his animal, he must give the priest the foreleg, the cheeks and the maw. If he finds a bird's nest, he must send away the mother bird. If he slaughters a bird, he must cover its blood. If he puts on a garment, he must see that there is no *shaatnez*, a forbidden mixture of linen and wool. If a son is born to him, he must circumcise him. If he wishes to approach his wife, he must be careful of the times when she is in a state of *niddah*. If he plants a tree, he must wait three years before eating of its fruit. If he buries his dead, one of his relatives, he must be certain not to mourn so much that he tears his flesh. If he wants to cut his hair, he may not cut the *peyos*, the sidelocks. If he builds a house, he must build a fence on the roof. If he builds a door, he must put up a *mezuzah*. If he sews a garment, he must put tzitzis upon it as a constant reminder of G-d's presence.

### ***The Blue Tins***

Since the introduction of the blue tins a few years ago, several thousands pounds has been collected through your generosity. The proceeds are split evenly between the Shul and other worthy charities. If you don't have a blue box in your home, or you would like to help distribute or empty the boxes, please call Michelle in the Shul office.

### ***Shacharis Minyan***

Although we manage to sustain a Minyan virtually every morning of the week, there are occasions when we fall one or two short. However, we are reliant on at least three or four non-Clayhall people **each day** in order to make the requisite number of 10 men. For a Kehilla of our size, we should **easily** guarantee a Minyan for every Service. ***We should all be doing better.***

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