



קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 16 July 2005/9 Tammuz 5765

Service Times

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	8.40 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	10.12 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	7.30 pm

We extend a very warm welcome to **Rabbi Chaim Rapoport** this morning. Clayhall Shul is honoured and privileged that Rabbi Rapoport is leynung and addressing the community. Please accord him the respect that he deserves.

Reading of the Torah

Sedra synopsis:

Joshua Harris

Leyning: Balak

Rabbi Chaim Rapoport

Hertz p 669 Soncino p 915

Haftorah:

Leslie Linder

Hertz p 682, Soncino p 929

The appalling terrorist murders in London of innocent members of the public going about their daily lives brings to our city the reality of terror. Our brothers and sisters in Israel have unfortunately endured similar outrages for too long. We pray that those injured in last Thursday's bombing recover quickly but who knows how long the mental scars might take to heal. The Jewish response to tragedy is not to stand in silence but rather to intensify our prayers. We increase the number of Tehillim (psalms) and we try to correct our own behaviour and character traits. Jewish history teaches us that in times of adversity, we rebuild and rejuvenate. That is the challenge that lies ahead.



This week's 'Clayhall Kehilla' has been kindly sponsored by Estele & Gordon Miller in celebration of their 41st anniversary

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: 7 August, 4 September & 9 October.

United Synagogue Elections



At last Monday's US Council meeting, **Dr Simon Hochhauser** was elected as the new US President, replacing the retiring Peter Sheldon. We will find a suitable time to invite Dr Hochhauser to Clayhall and we wish him Brachah v'hatzlachah in his new role.

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.

Mayor of Redbridge

We are delighted that the Mayor of Redbridge, **Cllr Charles Ellerman** and his wife will be davening at Clayhall Shul on Shabbos **30 July 2005** as our guests. A special Kiddush will be provided in their honour. A suitable occasion will also be found to invite our new Jewish MP, **Lee Scott**, to Clayhall in the near future.

The Three Weeks

The period of mourning known as *The Three Weeks* begins with the Fast of Tammuz on **Sunday 24 July**. This sad period commemorates the destruction of both Temples (on the 9th Av) in addition to other tragedies that befell the Jewish People during this time. Shacharis will begin as usual at **8.15 am** and we will then daven Minchah followed by Ma'ariv at **7.00 pm**. The Fast ends at **9.54 pm**. Tisha Ba'Av commences on Saturday evening, 13 August, at **8.27 pm**. We will daven Minchah at **8.00 pm** followed by Ma'ariv at **9.20 pm** and then the book of Eichah. Shacharis on 14 August will begin at **8.15 am** and continue with Kinos (various laments and mournful poems) through the morning. Please read below the rest of the Tisha Ba'Av programme.



A very successful Bar/Bat Mitzvah seminar was held last Tuesday for those celebrating a Simchah in 2007/08.

***Don't forget -
Shacharis every
weekday morning
at 7.00 am***

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!

Rabbi Search

The Honorary Officers are actively pursuing a new Rabbi search as priority. It is taking up considerable time and energy. If we do not have a Rabbi engaged by the Yomim Noraim we shall definitely have a Rabbi in residence for that period. We all need to be patient.

Tisha Ba'Av programme

For the first time. Clayhall Shul is offering an afternoon Tisha Ba'Av programme on **Sunday 14 August** at Sinclair House. Through the *Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation*, we shall be showing a film '*Finding Your Voice.*' As the producers say: 'On the day when Klal Yisroel mourns over our long, tragic exile, the time is right to listen to the sound of your own voice. Does it express the Shechinah that resides in every Jew? Do your words leave a trail of hurt and discord in their wake, or foster harmony that will bring us back to Yerushalayim?' It starts at **4.00 pm**, followed by a discussion. Minchah will commence at **7.15 pm** with Ma'ariv at **8.00 pm**. That gives people time to get home before the Fast ends at **9.12 pm**.

Pinchas Comes to the Fore

Moshe and all of Israel began to weep because Moshe forgot the law, and did not know that Zimri deserved to be executed at the time of his action. Why did G-d cause Moshe to forget the law? So that Pinchas would state the law and reap the reward. Pinchas knew that he must kill them during their action. He took a spear, removed the iron from it, and placed it by his chest, so that no one would know that he was walking with a spear. He came to the tent in which Zimri lay with Kozbi and leaned upon the wooden shaft of the spear, so that all would think that it was a cane, for he was afraid of the 24,000 men of the tribe of Shimon who had gathered around the tent. They asked him: 'What do you want here?' and he said: 'I want to come to Kozbi, for where do we find that the tribe of Levi is greater than that of Shimon?' They opened the door. He saw them lying together and he placed the iron tip onto the spear's shaft and pierced them both. For this he merited having 18 High Priests and prophets during the 1st Temple descend from him and 18 priests during the 2nd Temple. But because two of his descendants sold the meat of the sacrifices, they did not live long. They ought not to have taken money for it but should have given it to the poor priests as charity. Twenty-four thousand men of Israel fell in one hour, whereas only 3,000 had died because of the sin of the Golden Calf - for the sin of illicit relations is worse in G-d's eyes than that of idol worship; and worse, the people had now worshipped the idol of Peor as well.

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.

Shabbos Leyning

The following people will be leyning at Clayhall over the next four weeks. We are especially pleased that Rabbi Rappaport will be visiting the Shul to leyn and give a Sermon.

<i>16th</i>	<i>Rabbi Chaim Rapoport</i>
<i>23rd</i>	<i>Scott Goldstein</i>
<i>30th</i>	<i>Dov Fachler</i>
<i>6th</i>	

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