



# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

*Shabbos 30 July 2005/23 Tammuz 5765*

## *Service Times (Shabbat Mevarachim)*

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	8.20 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	9.49 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	7.30 pm

We are delighted and privileged that the Mayor of Redbridge **Cllr Charles Elliman JP** and the Mayoress are our guests this morning. The Mayor will be saying a few words towards the end of the Service and the community is then invited to a special Kiddush in the Mayor and Mayoress's honour. We are also pleased to welcome back **Dov Fachler** who will be leyning today and on next Shabbos. We bless the new month of Av by reciting the Birchas Ha'Chodesh prayer. Rosh Chodesh Av is next Shabbos replete with Hallel and two Sifrei Torah!

## *Reading of the Torah*

Sedra synopsis:

*Ben Wallen*

Leyning: Matos

*Dov Fachler*

Hertz p 702 Soncino p 955

Haftorah:

*Anton Ereira*

Hertz p 710, Soncino p 968

Clayhall United Synagogue has written a message in the official **Book of Condolence** in memory of those killed in the terrorist atrocities on 7 July. We also expressed wishes for a full and speedy recovery to those injured. We pray for a lasting and just peace throughout the world.



*This week's 'Clayhall Kehilla' has been kindly sponsored by Andrea and Leslie Ereira in celebration of Anton's 19th 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***

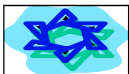
Shacharit: Monday to Friday, 7.00 am. Sunday @ 8.15 am.

Minchah: 1.15 pm, Monday to Thursday.

Ma'ariv: 7.30 pm every Tuesday evening.

Sunday breakfasts: 7 August, 4 September & 9 October.

## ***Shul Office Arrangements***



The Shul office is open from **9.30 am until 12.30 pm** on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday until 8 August when Michelle return from Israel. All messages are picked up daily from the answerphone so be assured that the HO's will deal with urgent queries.

## ***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.

## ***Ilford Jewish P School***

**IJPS has recorded its best-ever SATS results.** We truly have a gem of a school in our community that we should be justifiably proud of. After some problems a few years ago, IJPS has been transformed under its dynamic Head Teacher, **Roz Levin** allied with great teachers and support staff. For a fantastic secular and Jewish primary education, the school positively buzzes with a fabulous ruach. It's alive in every sense!

## ***Rosh Chodesh Group***

The Clayhall Ladies Rosh Chodesh group resumes its monthly educational and social activities on **Monday 5 September**, venue from the office with the return of **Melanie Shutz**. We are delighted that **Mrs Henny Sufrin** will address the ladies on **Wednesday 2 November**. More details to follow in our next mailing.

## *The Essex Ellul Programme*

**Rabbi Chapper** has taken over the running of the programme this year and Clayhall is once again hosting all lectures at Sinclair House. There are a few innovations this time. A Womens-only educational session takes place on 27 September and, on 2 October, the sole focus will be on the 18-25 age group. Among the fantastic line-up of speakers are Rabbi James Kennard, Rabbi Yitzchak Schochet, the brilliant lecturer, Rafi Zarum, Rabbi Rashi Simon and Rabbi David Lister. Three Dayanim will grace the programme - Dayanim Abraham, Ehrentreu, and Lichtenstein - while the **Chief Rabbi Dr Sir Jonathan Sacks** closes the series on Monday 10 October. The cost has been reduced from 2004 to just £3 per evening and all publicity is going out in mid-August.



*This is the first time for 21 years that the Sedras of Matos and Masei are read apart. When is the next occasion?*

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

### **Youth Director update**

As reported in the recent letter sent to you, we are investigating the feasibility of taking on our own part-time Youth Director. We are meeting with Tribe (Young United Synagogue) in early August which may lead to a shortlist of candidates. We will keep you informed.

### **The Full Gemorrah**

It is very important for a Shul to have a full set of Gemorrah's. We will be purchasing the complete **Artscroll 73-volume set** of Talmud Bavli (Hebrew/English) very shortly. You can commemorate a Yahrzeit or a special occasion by donating just **£25** per volume. In addition we are also buying 25 full-size Artscroll Siddurim and 10 pocket-size. We will put appropriate forms in the next mailing due in mid-August.

### **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**.

## ***The Three Weeks - A Nation of Mourners***

The 22-day period of mourning which began with the Seventeenth of Tammuz and ends with Tisha B'Av is colloquially known as '*The Three Weeks*.' The mourning intensifies with the advent of the month of Av and reaches its peak on the 9th itself. Some of the restrictions we take on during this time are the prohibitions of weddings, playing music and haircuts. The national tragedies which occurred to the Jewish nation over this period have transformed it until the Final Redemption into days of misfortune and require more than the usual vigilance with regard to matters of personal health and safety. The tragedy of the Spies failed mission brought forth a Heavenly decree that Tisha B'Av become a day of weeping for generations. When Moses instructed the Spies prior to their mission, he exhorted them, '*and take courage*' (Bamidbar 13:20). Realising that personal interest and desire might impede their task, Moses urged them to muster the spiritual strength needed to overcome their inclinations and see the Land with a clear vision. They failed and brought disaster upon themselves and their people. During the *Three Weeks* we can rectify their sin by garnering the strength to scrupulously observe G-d's commandments, no matter where our travels may take us. It was in Av that the Destructions actually occurred and this is sufficient reason to mandate further reflection, introspection and sadness. *Magen Avraham* writes that when Av begins, we curtail joy. The Sages intent was to prohibit *all* forms of rejoicing.

### ***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.

### ***Future Activities and Events***

Among some of the forthcoming Shul activities is a pre-Yom Tov **Ladies Hat Sale** venue from the Office on Wednesday 7 September. The Ladies Guild are also planning a dinner later in the year. Our Education Committee will be running a **Shabbaton** in November and a **Melava Malka** in February 2006. There will be many other events for all ages and tastes so watch this space!

***Clayhall United Synagogue***

*Sinclair House, Woodford Bridge Road,*

*Redbridge, Essex, IG4 5LN*

*Tel: 020 8551 6533*

*e-mail: clayhallsynagogue@hotmail.com*