



# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

*Shabbos 6 August 2005/1 Menachem Av 5765*

## *Service Times (Shabbos Rosh Chodesh)*

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	8.05 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	9.35 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	7.30 pm

Today is **Shabbos Rosh Chodesh Av**. We insert *Ya'aleh Veyavo* in the Shacharis Amidah and we recite the *half-Hallel* prayers before leynung. There are two Sifrei Torah with the special Maftir (see below) read from the second Sefer. The Musaf Amidah is changed to *Ato Ya'tzarta* and this is clearly marked in your Siddur. Did you know that the Jewish (lunar) year is usually 11 days shorter than the solar year? Therefore, after three years, it will be 33 days shorter! Pesach would not occur in the spring as the Torah commands. That is why we add an extra month of 30 days every two or three years to lengthen the Jewish year.

## *Reading of the Torah*

Leyning: Masei

*Dov Fachler*

Hertz p 714, Soncino p 971

Maftir: Num 28:9-15 Hertz p 695, Soncino p 944

Haftorah:

*Leslie Pollock*

Hertz p 725, Soncino p 984

We would normally recite the HafTorah for Shabbos Rosh Chodesh today but, instead, the normal HafTorah for Masei is sung as this is one of the three special HafTorah's of rebuke said in **The Three Week** period. We also add the first and last lines of the Rosh Chodesh HafTorah.



*This week's 'Clayhall Kehilla' has been kindly sponsored by Karen & Bradley Rubenstein in celebration of Gavi's 2nd 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***

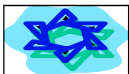
Shacharit: Monday to Friday, 7.00 am. Sunday @ 8.15 am.

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 resumes normal hours from Monday 8 August as Michelle is back from Israel. We thank all those who have looked after the office over the last three weeks. Although the phone calls were less than usual, your help was greatly appreciated.

## ***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.

## ***Shul Mailing***

You should receive your **Yomim Noraim** ticket application forms shortly with full details of our parallel Services. Again, we are delighted that **Aish Ha'Torah** will be holding their Services at Clayhall. **Rabbi Zev Glass** is offering a full programme open to our community, including explanations, discussions and, of course, food! You need to return the ticket applications no later than **Wednesday 31 August**.

## ***Rosh Chodesh Group***

The Clayhall Ladies Rosh Chodesh group resumes its monthly educational and social activities on **Monday 5 September**, venue details from 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**

### ***Tisha Ba'Av evening time change***

On **Shabbos 13 August**, we are davening Minchah earlier than usual at **6.30 pm**. This will then enable people to walk back home and eat a meal before the Fast begins at **8.27 pm**. Ma'ariv will start at **9.35 pm** which means you can drive back to Shul after Shabbos. Easy!

### ***The Full Gemorrah***

It is very important for a Shul to have a full set of Gemorrah. 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**.

## ***Acknowledging Miracles***

'*These are the travels*' (Bamidbar 33:1). King Shlomo says in the Book of Proverbs - '*The beginning of wisdom is: Acquire wisdom*'(4:7). This means that with the wisdom of the Torah, one can acquire all of wisdom. One who does not study Torah and does not see within it the miracles which G-d performed for Israel in the desert, does not know what G-d is capable of, and that person will not believe in Hashem's miracles. He will say that the world leads itself and G-d cannot judge what happens for better or for worse. He will say that the miracles of the desert did not take place and that the desert is just like any other land in which crops grow. For this reason, in this Sedrah, G-d listed all of the places to which Israel travelled in the desert, and lets us know what type of desert it was - full of burning snakes and scorpions. Besides, it was also devoid of water. It is impossible to live for even one day without water, particularly a large group of people. Yet they were there for 40 years in the desert where no man had ever been. The Torah thus specified each and every place in the desert so that we should see the miracles that Hashem performed. Another explanation is so that the nations should not say that Israel spent their time in the desert wandering like penitents, not resting one night in the place where they had rested the night before. Therefore, the Torah tells us how often they travelled during the 40 years, making 42 journeys. After Aharon died in the 40th year, they travelled 8 times from Hor to Arvos Moav.

### ***Clayhall website***

You can access the newsheet **BEFORE** Shabbos each week on the Clayhall website. Back copies are also available on-line and, if you have a colour printer, you can enjoy a better quality. The Shul's website contains important up-to-date news so log on to:  
**[www.clayhallsynagogue.org.uk](http://www.clayhallsynagogue.org.uk)**  
Contact the office to be added to the electronic list!

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

Among some of the forthcoming Shul activities is a pre-Yom Tov **Ladies Hat Sale** on Wednesday 7 September, venue from office. 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!

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