



# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

*Shabbos 20 August 2005/15 Menachem Av 5765*

## ***Service Times (Shabbos Nachamu)***

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	7.35 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	9.04 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	7.30 pm

We wish a very hearty Mazal Tov to **Sonja and Martin Altman** on the wonderful occasion of their Golden Wedding anniversary. The whole community wishes them many more years of health and happiness. Sonja and Martin have pleasure in inviting the Kehilla to Kiddush after the Service to celebrate their Simchah.

## ***Reading of the Torah***

Sedrah synopsis:

Leyning: V'eschanan

Hertz p 755, Soncino p 1008

Haftorah:

Hertz p 776, Soncino p 1028

***Grant Freedman***

***Dov Fachler***

***Leslie Linder***

The Haftorahs of the seven Shabbasos between Tisha B'Av and Rosh Hashanah are called *'the seven of consolation.'* They contain prophecies that offered the people comfort and hope after the awful Destruction of the First Temple. They are taken from the later chapters of Isaiah whose prophecies were *'half affliction, half consolation.'* In today's the Midrash states that G-d will appoint Abraham as His emissary to comfort Jerusalem. But the city will not be comforted. G-d will then send Isaac but with the same results. Jacob and Moses will fare no better. Only G-d Himself will be able to provide comfort.



***This week's 'Clayhall Kehilla' has been kindly sponsored by Sonja & Martin Altman in celebration of their Golden Wedding***

## ***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: 4 September, 9 October & 6 November.

## ***Yomim Noraim***



You would have received your ticket application form last week. Please return it to the Shul office no later than 30 August together with the Memorial Form if appropriate. The Aish Ha'Torah service is open to everyone - there is no age restriction.

## ***Kol Nidre Appeal***

Although Yom Kippur is still over two 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 everyone's benefit. Let's make a big difference.

## ***Simchas Torah 5766***

The Clayhall Kehilla will be honouring the following richly-deserving members in just a couple of months: Chasan Torah: **Mr Ernie Lion** Chasan Bereishis: **Mr David Grant**. Eshes Chayil: **Mrs Bertha Chaplain**.

We wish a hearty Mazal Tov to our three honourees and their families and look forward to celebrating in their Simchah. The children and youth chasanim and n'shei chayil will be announced in September.

## ***Rosh Chodesh Group***

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

## *What's so special about 15 Av?*

The 15th of Av is observed as a minor festival. It serves as a memorial for a number of events over which Israel rejoiced at various times. On this day death ceased for the Generation-of-the-Wilderness. It was the day when the tribe of Benjamin was permitted to intermarry with the remainder of the people of Israel. It was the day when Hoshea ben Elah removed the blockades which Yeroboam had placed upon the roads in order to prevent Israel from going up to Jerusalem for the festivals. It was the day when the cutting of wood for the altar was completed. It was the day when permission was granted by the Romans to bury the dead of Betar. In years of old this day was kept as a full festival. Today our means of rejoicing is through Torah study.



*The London Beth Din's 2005 Really Jewish Food Guide is just £9.95. Every Kosher home needs one!*

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

### *The Full Gemara*

It is very important for a Shul to have a full set of Gemaras. We will be purchasing the complete **Artscroll 73-volume set** of Talmud Bavli (Hebrew/English) very shortly. **The Schottenstein Artscroll Talmud** is a brilliant and innovative work. It translates the text into English and many explanatory footnotes are provided. This is the first serious effort to make Gemara so more accessible to far greater numbers.

### *Sponsor a Gemara - just £25*

Why not donate just £25 per volume and personalise our beautiful new Gemaras. You could commemorate a Yahrzeit of a loved one, perhaps a special birthday or wedding anniversary, or simply for any other event. Contact the Shul office on 020 8551 6533.

### *The Essex Ellul Programme*

You should have all received the full publicity by now. **Rabbi Alex Chapper** is bringing an impressive array of speakers to Sinclair House. **It is important that we all support the event as much as possible.** Among some of this year's innovations are a Mezuzah Fun Day on Sunday 18 September for all the family from 3-5 pm, a Young People's Event (18-30's) at 7.30 pm on Sunday 2 October with the brilliant **Rabbi Danny Kirsch** and a Women Only Programme on Tuesday 27 September starting at 8.00 pm with two fantastic educators. This is in addition to the other 15 talented speakers gracing our stage beginning with **Dayan YY Lichtenstein** on Monday 5 September. Donation is £3 per evening or just £20 for a season ticket.

## ***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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