



# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

*Shabbos 3 September 2005/29 Menachem Av 5765*

## ***Service Times (Shabbos Mevorachim)***

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| Shacharis                    | 9.00 am |
| Minchah followed by Seudah   | 7.00 pm |
| Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends       | 8.31 pm |
| Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday | 7.15 pm |

Today it is Shabbos Mevorachim when we shall bless the new month of Ellul. Rosh Chodesh is tomorrow and Monday. Who can believe that Rosh Hashanah is just over four weeks away?

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

Sedrah synopsis:

Leyning: Re'eh

Hertz p 799, Soncino p 1055

Haftorah:

Hertz p 818, Soncino p 1076

***Alison Mervish***

***Yisroel Newman***

***Daniel Finegold***

Since Ellul is the last month of the year and directly precedes Rosh Hashanah, it is therefore observed in repentance and with the recitation of the Selichos prayers. From ancient times these have been days of reconciliation between G-d and Israel. Moses ascended Sinai for the second time on Rosh Chodesh Ellul and stayed there for 40 days until the 10th of Tishrei (Yom Kippur). He then brought down the Second Tablets which G-d had given to Israel as a mark of renewed Divine favour. These 40 days were thus fixed for all generations as days of repentance and forgiveness. Although sincere repentance is always accepted, Ellul is especially apt for repentance since the month marks a perennial recurrence of Divine compassion.



***This week's 'Clayhall Kehilla' has been kindly sponsored by Michelle and Bradley Mervish in celebration of their 21st wedding 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: 4 September, 9 October & 6 November.

## ***A pre-Rosh Hashanah thought***



We may not know the intellectual reason for blowing Shofar but it has a symbolism that we **can** comprehend. It is like a bugle blowing a reveille for a slumbering soul, saying, 'Wake up, you sleepers from your sleep, and your slumberers, rouse yourselves to repent.'

## ***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 educational and social evenings on **Wednesday 2 November** when **Mrs Henny Sufirin** will address the ladies. The scheduled meeting this Monday 5 September has been cancelled as it clashes with the opening night of the Essex Ellul Programme.

## *Clayhall United Synagogue Youth Director*

We were all disappointed that the Essex Regional project failed to live up to its early promises. This was a collaborative programme between Clayhall, Ilford, Newbury Park and Wanstead & Woodford Shuls. The greatest achievement was to bring such close cooperation among the four Shuls by acknowledging that working together to solve our common problems might be better than paddling individual boats. It could have worked but some mistakes were inevitably made and the rest is history. The Clayhall HO's and Board of Management are now determined to recruit our own Youth Director on a part-time basis to work exclusively with our children and young people. This is an exciting development and one that could realise such massive potential.



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

*Sunday breakfast  
tomorrow after  
Shacharis.  
Davening @ 8.15am*

### *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.

### *Ladies Hat Sale*

The Ladies Guild are holding a pre-Rosh Hashanah Hat and Stationery sale at the home of Angela Levene (address from the office). It will feature a fantastic range of beautiful hats from *Hat's Life* with stunning cards, gift wrap and fun stationery ideas from Jemma Levene. It's all happening next week on **7 September** for just £1 entrance fee. You just have to have a new Yom Tov hat!

### *The Essex Ellul Programme*

The third annual Essex Ellul programme begins this Monday 5 September with the excellent **Dayan YY Lichtenstein** as keynote speaker. **Rabbi Alex Chapper** has worked very hard to bring 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. The cost is £3 per session or just £20 for a season ticket. Fantastic value!

## ***Shabbos - In Accordance with His Deed***

*'Whoever hallows the Shabbos as befits it, whoever protects the Shabbos properly...his reward is exceedingly great - in accordance with his deed.'* (Friday night Zemiro). The way in which people experience Shabbos can vary. *Whoever hallows the Shabbos as he befits it* refers to one who appreciates Shabbos for the spiritual paradise that it is. *Whoever protects the Shabbos* refers to those whose Shabbos observance is basically negative in nature - they abstain from doing that which is forbidden but do not partake of the day's holiness in a positive sense. Regarding such a Jew we can say, *'His reward is exceedingly great'* - but it will be *in accordance with his deed*, and will correspond exactly to the way in which this great mitzvah is performed (Chofetz Chaim). This concept is alluded to in the Torah. With regard to Shabbos, one verse states that for six days, *you shall work* (Ex 20:9-10) while elsewhere (ibid 35:2) the term *work shall be done*, is used. Noting this discrepancy, Mechilta comments: *'When the Jewish people fulfill the will of G-d, their work is done by others; however, when they do not fulfill His will, then their work is done by themselves.'* Also, the 2nd verse says of Shabbos, *it shall be hallowed to you*. In the 1st verse, the word *hallowed* is not used. When a Jew fulfils G-d's will in experiencing Shabbos in the desired manner, then he becomes suffused with the day's *Kedushah - holiness*, thereby meriting that his work be done by others, so that he can devote himself further to lofty, spiritual pursuits.

### ***Today's Haftorah***

Normally we would read the Haftorah this morning for 'Machor Chodesh' as Rosh Chodesh immediately follows Shabbos. However, we read the usual Haftorah for Re'eh as it continues the theme of the 'Seven Haftorahs of Consolation.' But we then add the **first** and **last** verses from 'Machor Chodesh' as well. Easy and straightforward!

### ***Davening Times***

We will daven Shacharis as usual at **8.15 am** tomorrow for Rosh Chodesh followed by breakfast. Monday Shacharis begins at **6.50 am**. Both services should last for about one hour. Please note that Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday is at **7.15 pm** as the days shorten. Your help and support in making up Minyanim is appreciated but more effort is required before we can expand Services further.

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