



# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

*Shabbos 17 September 2005/ 13 Ellul 5765*

## *Service Times*

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	6.30 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	7.58 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	6.42 pm

We wish Mazal Tov to **Marion and Stephen Shelton** on the wonderful occasion of their Ruby wedding. The Kehilla wish them many more years of health and happiness together. Marion and Stephen have pleasure in inviting the community to a Kiddush after the Service in celebration of their Simchah.

## *Reading of the Torah*

Sedrah synopsis:

*Marc Alicoon*

Leyning: Ki Tetze

*Scott Goldstein*

Hertz p 840, Soncino p 1098

Haftorah:

*Ivor Ross*

Hertz p 857, Soncino p 1115

We are delighted to announce that **Rabbi Simon Harris** will be our **Rabbi-in-Residence** for the month of Tishrei. Rabbi Harris has already officiated several times at Clayhall and is known to many members. ***The Honorary Officers wish to make it very clear that this is a temporary one-month contract and the situation regarding the search for a full-time Rabbi continues.*** Rabbi Harris will leyn, give Sermons and Divrei Torah as well as helping out with some davening. He is a gifted orator and we look forward to being spiritually uplifted during this important time. His contract concludes after Shabbos Bereishis.



*This week's 'Clayhall Kehilla' has been kindly sponsored by Tony Gadian in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of his dear mother*

## ***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: 9 October & 6 November.

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



The Shofar reminds us of the great and awesome Judgement Day of the future which Zephaniah describes: 'Near is the great day of Hashem...a day of wrath is that day...a day of trouble and oppressiveness; a day of utter desolation; a day of darkness and blackness; a day of shofar...'

## ***Neros Selichos Service***

The Service takes place on Saturday night **24 September 2005** at Waltham Forest Shul, Boundary Road. As always, a reception precedes the Service at 10.45 pm followed by an address by the Guest Speaker, Rev Gary Newman (Minister of Newbury Park Shul) at 11.30 pm. The Service is led by Chazan Henry Black and Chazan David Shine together with the London Cantorial Singers. This is an important Halachic occasion and every effort should be made to attend. The Service should be finished by about 1.15 am. This is the perfect way to really get into the Yomim Noraim mood. It may be a late night but it's a spiritual oasis.

## ***Simchas Torah***

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**.

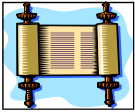
We wish a hearty Mazal Tov to our three honourees and their families and look forward to celebrating in their Simchah. The children and youth chasanim and n'shei chayil will be announced in September.

## ***Children's Celebrants***

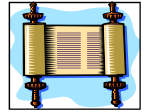
The Kehilla is delighted that **Aron Goldberg** will be our Junior Chasan Torah with **Ryan Alicoon** as Chasan Bereishis. Our Junior Eshes Chayil is **Naomi Harris**. We extend Mazal Tov to all three children and their families. Together with our 'Senior' team, we look forward to celebrating in style next month.

## ***Au Revoir...Alexander, Anton and Deborah***

Swapping the home comforts and your mother's cooking for life at University is just one of the many challenges that students face. Jewish students though have the added benefit of strong Jewish societies and the Union of Jewish Students to help them meet new friends. We wish **Alexander Segall** and **Deborah Lyndon**, both of whom are going to Southampton University and **Anton Ereira**, who is heading up to Cambridge every Brachah V'Hatzlachah in all their endeavours. It will be a life-enriching few years - or even more! Alex and Deborah have attended Clayhall Shul regularly since they could just about walk while Anton's family joined quite recently but Anton has certainly made his mark in that time. We know that you will all be successful students.



We wish **Daniel Carmel-Brown** a hearty *Mazal Tov* on being appointed as Centre Manager of Sinclair House



***Ladies Guild dinner  
with Lee Scott MP  
on 4 December.  
More details soon.***

### ***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.

### ***Shul Mailing***

You will very shortly be receiving the Yomim Noraim mailing and we thank our 'posties' for all their help. We hope that you enjoy reading 'Shalom' our excellent magazine. The tickets provide all Service times over this busy period but if you have any questions, the HO's will be glad to assist. Please also note the date of our Shabbaton - **Shabbos 12 November** - with a 4-course hot cholent and kugel lunch.

### ***The Essex Ellul Programme***

The third Essex Ellul programme continues tomorrow with a **Mezuzah Fun Day** for all the family starting at 3.00 pm until 5.00 pm at Sinclair House. You can bring along your Mezuzos for checking and enjoy a whole variety of other events including *Uncle Doovies* Ice-Cream van! Your mezuzos should be checked every 3½ years to ensure that they are still Kosher. On Monday 19th, **Rabbi Alex Chapper** (Ilford Federation) and **Rabbi Yitzchak Schochet** from Mill Hill are speaking. Later on Wednesday 21st, **Rabbi David Lister** from Muswell Hill Shul and **Dayan Yonasan Abraham** from the London Beis Din are well worth listening to - both are fantastic speakers. Another great week beckons!

## ***Patterns of Forty - with an Ellul twist!***

It was on the first day of Elul that the reconciliation process began. On that day, Moses ascended Mount Sinai (for a 3rd time), where he spent 40 days in prayer on behalf of the nation. The theme of 40 shows up many times in the Torah. The first time Moses ascended Har Sinai, he was there for 40 days. Also, in the story of Noah and the flood, the rain fell for 40 days. The Jews wandered in the desert for 40 years. A Jewish ritual bath ("*mikveh*") must hold a minimum of 40 units of water. Forty represents the concept of renewal, a new beginning. Forty means that something might look like the same old thing on the surface, but its essence is totally new. Consider this: The first time Moses climbed Mount Sinai for 40 days to receive the Torah, the Jews were transformed from a collection of individuals into a nation. Noah's 40 days of rain symbolized the world starting again from scratch. The 40 years of wandering transformed the Jewish people, entrenched in Egyptian slave mentality, to one that understood true freedom. Moreover, immersion in a mikveh is the consummate Jewish symbol of spiritual renewal. The 40 days from Elul until Yom Kippur was crucial to renewing the relationship between G-d and the Jewish people. Whenever we perceive G-d as being distant, we can be certain that G-d wasn't the one who moved away. The people had become unworthy of such an intimate relationship. They spent those 40 days changing their inner selves, and ever since then, Elul is the ideal time for personal improvement and renewal.

### ***FR Elections***

The community will receive an official letter shortly but we are pleased to inform you that **Mervyn Lyndon** has been duly elected as Financial Representative to serve until May 2007. The circumstances leading to Mervyn's election were, of course, very sad but we welcome him back as a most valued member of the Executive Team.

### ***Tuesday Ma'ariv Service***

*Will we, won't we make a Minyan* is the common question almost every Tuesday evening. This is even more frustrating if someone has Yahrzeit and needs to say Kaddish. Although we have a rota, work pressures and traffic sometimes mean that the Minyan is short. **Of course, this wouldn't be the case if there was more support from YOU!** Please come at 7.30 pm for just 15 minutes.

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