



# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 8 October 2005/ 5 Tishri 5766

## Service Times (Shabbos Shuvah)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	5.35 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	7.04 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	5.55 pm

We wish Mazal Tov to **Aaron Peters** on the wonderful occasion of his Bar Mitzvah today. The Kehilla extends a warm welcome to all our visitors. Michelle and Andrew cordially invite everyone to Kiddush after the Service in celebration of their Simchah.

We also welcome **Rabbi Moshe Muller**, Aaron's teacher, who will be reciting HaftTorah. **Rabbi Harris**, our Rabbi-in-Residence during Tishrei, will be addressing Aaron.

## Reading of the Torah

Sedrah synopsis:

Leyning: Vayelech

Hertz p 887, Soncino p 1149

Haftorah:

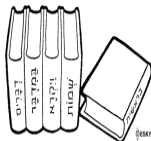
Hertz p 891, Soncino p 1155

**Aaron Peters**

**Rabbi Simon Harris**

**Rabbi Moshe Muller**

This Shabbos between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is called Shabbos Shuvah because the HaftTorah begins with the words 'Shuvah Yisroel' (Return O Israel - Hoshea 14). In general Shabbos Shuvah is a time for Torah and prayer. One ought to be careful not to pass the time idly, nor to indulge in forbidden talk, but rather to concentrate entirely on spiritual matters; thereby attaining forgiveness for the idle conversation and behaviour which marred previous Shabbasos.



**This week's 'Clayhall Kehilla' has been kindly sponsored by Michelle & Andrew Peters on behalf of Aaron's Bar Mitzvah**

## **Children's & Youth Davening Service**

Ages 4-14 years

10.30 am – 11.30 am

Please refer to your tickets for Yomim Noraim service times

## **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 Yom Kippur thought**



Yom Kippur is a foretaste of the World to Come. Just as there is neither eating or drinking in the spirituality of the World to Come, so there is neither eating or drinking on Yom Kippur. But Yom Kippur has one thing more to offer than does the World to Come, namely, *Teshuvah* (R' Shlomo of Karlin)

## **Kol Nidre Appeal**

This Wednesday evening, Rabbi Harris will deliver the Kol Nidre Appeal on our behalf. This is a very important time for giving Tzedakah to the best of our ability. The Shul receives **30%** back of all monies its members raise but over the last few years, this amount has reduced gradually. Perhaps this is a direct cause of so-called 'peaceful' times in Israel so that we assume the need is not so great. In reality, the needs could not be more acute both in Israel and the UK. Employing a part-time Youth Director may well depend on how much money we receive back from the Appeal. Let's all make a big difference and give generously.

## **Succah Crawl**

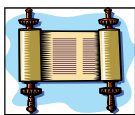
Our annual Succah lunch and crawl takes place on 1st day Succos, **18 October** for all primary school-age children. A sumptuous lunch will be served in the Shul Succah followed by a slow schlep to Helen and Johnny Lyndon's Succah for refuelling. The crawl will conclude at Chez Harris after which the children will hopefully be collected! We are pleased that Rabbi and Rebbetzin Harris will be joining us for the trek.

## **Sponsor the Newsheet**

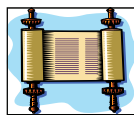
The Shul needs sponsorship for the 'Clayhall Kehilla' newsheet. For just £15, you can celebrate a birthday, anniversary or special occasion. Alternatively, you may choose to commemorate a Yahrzeit of a loved one. Please let Michelle know immediately as there are vacancies for the whole of November.

## **Simchas Beis HaSho'evah - One Big Succos Party!**

After the intense spirituality of the Yomim Noraim, let your hair down with song, dance, and good food at our Succos bash on **Sunday 23 October** in the Shul Succah. The family fun begins at 2.30 pm with our special guest, the effervescent and charismatic singer **Shlomo Cramer** and the Chasidic Rockers! It will be a really great afternoon and here's the best bit...**it's FREE!** The festivities associated with the drawing of the water for the libation on Succos were the highpoint of the festival. As Rashi explains, they were in fulfilment of the verse in Isaiah (12:3) *'and you shall draw forth water with gladness.'* The Mishnah relates that, *'Whoever did not see the rejoicing of the Beis HaSho'evah, never saw rejoicing in his lifetime.'* Come along then for a few L'Chaims!



The **Clayhall Shabbaton** will take place on Shabbos 12 November - full details to follow shortly. *Diarise the date!*



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

### **Arba Minim**

You can order Arba Minim through the Shul office. The cost again will be **£23** per set and we do need to know the numbers as soon as possible. It is a mitzvah to purchase your own set rather than to rely on using the Shul's Lulav. We are also approaching that time of the year when **whisky** will be drunk in abundance! Generous donations will be gratefully received of course!

### **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**

The **Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks** will be giving the keynote address this Monday 10 October at Sinclair House. His title is quite simply, **'Improvement begins with I.'** You must book in advance through the Shul office as demand is likely to be heavy. The programme begins at 8.00 pm and finishes about 9.30 pm followed by Ma'ariv. Coming just two days before Yom Kippur, this is just the right time to appreciate the oratorical skills of our Chief Rabbi. The general support for this year's Ellul programme has been disappointing across all the Shuls. Let us therefore make a big effort to attend on Monday. **If Essex is to attract top quality speakers and educators in the future, we need to show much more commitment.**

## **Our Children are the Future (thanks to Aish HaTorah)**

A central topic discussed in the Parsha is the *Hakhel* (literally "gathering") observance. Once every seven years during the era of the Holy Temple, every Jewish man, woman and child is commanded to go up to Jerusalem. There, the king reads sections of Devarim focusing on the covenant between God and the Jewish nation. The purpose of this is for the people to hear "so they will learn and shall fear the Lord your God." Interestingly, the next verse specifically singles out babies, stating: **"And the children who do not know - they shall hear and shall learn to fear the Lord your God."**

What possible benefit can there be to schlep along "children who do not know"? The Sfas Emes suggests that, even though an infant may not consciously understand what is being said at the *Hakhel* ceremony, **his soul can still be very much affected.** He also notes that when the child grows up he will have a greater appreciation of the importance of Torah study, knowing that his parents carried him for miles and miles just so he could hear the king read from the Torah! Experience bears this out: Many of the greatest Torah scholars came from poor homes, where the parents sacrificed basic necessities in order that their children should receive the best Torah education. In the final analysis, it is not what we give to our children, **but the sacrifices that we make for them** - particularly in the area of education - that really counts. We must never forsake our children's Jewish education. Otherwise we risk losing a generation, G-d forbid.

### **Charitable Donations**

We are distributing **£750** from the Blue Tins between three deserving charities. The **Mayor of Redbridge's** two charities will receive £500 - split between the Helen Rollason Cancer Care Appeal and APPLE (Association of Prostate Patients, London and Essex). The other £250 is being sent to *One Family* that supports victims of terror in Israel.

### **Succah Decorathon**

The Ladies Guild will decorate the Shul Succah on **Sunday 16 October** from 2 pm-4 pm. All children are invited to help. We also need donations of fruit and vegetables to beautify the Succah. Children will be able to draw pictures, make paper chains and hang fruit. Please bring your wares with you on Sunday 16 October rather than clog the office beforehand!

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