



קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 31 December 2005/ 30 Kislev 5766

Service Times (Rosh Chodesh & Chanukah)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	3.30 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	4.55 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	3.53 pm

It a bumper Shabbos with three Sifrei Torah in use because it is both Chanukah and Rosh Chodesh. The Sedrah is read from the 1st Sefer with six aliyos. The Rosh Chodesh reading is the seventh aliyah (2nd Sefer) and the Chanukah leying is read as the Maftir from the 3rd Sefer - all perfectly sensible!

Reading of the Torah

Sedrah Synopsis:

Penie Finegold

Leyning: Mikeitz

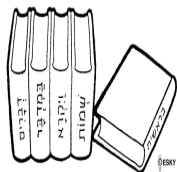
Rabbi Simon Harris

Hertz p 155, Soncino p 252

2nd: Bamidbar Ch 28:9-15, 3rd: Bamidbar Ch 7:42-47

Haft: Hertz p 620, Soncino p 857 ***Adam Finegold***

Zachariah's vision was chosen as the Haftorah for Shabbos Chanukah. Zachariah was shown a Menorah of seven lamps, fuelled by seven pipes flowing with oil. The oil was coming into the Menorah without any human hand to produce or deliver it. Zachariah asked what this Menorah symbolised and he was told: '*Neither through might nor through power, but through My spirit, says Hashem of legions* (4:6). This message indicated the miracle of Chanukah. Israel was militarily and politically weak but spiritually and intellectually it thrived because the fuel for its brilliant light was give to it by Hashem.



***This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by
David Fletcher in celebration of his 65th birthday***

Children's & Youth Davening Service

Reception - Year 6

10.30 am – 11.30 am

Year 7 - Year 11

10.30 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: 1 January, 29 January & 5 March.

A Tefillin thought



The greatest possible love is the love between G-d and man. G-d told us through Jeremiah, 'I have loved you with an infinite world of love.' To truly believe in G-d is to share this love. This bond of love exists always even when we do not deserve it. It is our duty to strengthen this connection. *Tefillin* are an eternal sign of this bond of love.

A Muslim in a Jewish Land

Dr Tashbih Sayyed, Editor-in-Chief of 'Pakistan Today' and 'Muslim World Today' has written an amazing article on www.aish.com on his first visit to Israel on 14 November 2005. He begins by stating 'I wanted to use my first visit to Israel to feel the strength of the Jewish spirit that refuses to give in to evil forces despite thousands of years of anti-Semitism. It was not Israel's suicidal sacrifices that I wanted to investigate but the foundations of Israeli determination to live in peace.' **The article is a must-read.** He finishes, 'I am convinced that it is true that G-d created this earth but it is also a fact that only an Israel can keep this earth from dying.' A remarkable piece.

Ma'ariv Services

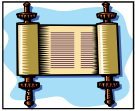
Two years ago, Clayhall only davened Shacharis on a Sunday. Now, thank G-d, we daven every morning. By contrast, our only weekday Ma'ariv service take place on Tuesdays. We are now planning to add **Wednesday** evenings to the Ma'ariv schedule. It will commence at 7.30 pm from this **Wednesday 3rd January 2006**. Once again, your support is needed if we are going to maintain this exciting growth.

Hagbah & Gelilah

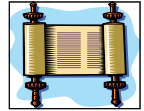
It's that dreaded moment when the Gabbai utters your Hebrew name and you've got to lift the Sefer Torah for all to see, or you may have the honour of dressing it. You worry about the correct procedure because, let's face it, nobody has ever taught you the proper way. Interested in some quick lessons? Let us know.

Magnificent Melavah Malkah

We are delighted and privileged that the United Synagogue President, **Dr Simon Hochhauser**, will be the Guest Speaker at our yearly Melavah Malkah that takes place on Motsei Shabbos (Saturday evening), **28 January 2006**. Dr Hochhauser is an outstanding speaker and well worth listening to. The highly talented **Jonny Turgel** will provide the musical entertainment. Jonny is a soloist with the Shabbaton Choir and sings regularly with Rev Lionel Rosenfeld. He has also accompanied the Shabbaton Choir on its special Solidarity trips to Israel. We will serve a delicious 3-course fish supper befitting the occasion. Application forms will be sent out shortly and we would ask that you return them as soon as possible. Please put the date in your diaries now - keep it free!



*Wednesday 3 January is the Ladies
Rosh Chodesh group with Samantha
Hambling*



***Don't forget to send
back your direct
debit forms to the
Shul office asap.***

Davening over the Holidays

Sinclair House is closed over the Bank Holiday period. Shacharis on Sunday (**Rosh Chodesh**) & Monday 1/2 January 2006 will be in David Miller's home. Breakfast will follow the davening tomorrow.

Shul Magazine

Although Pesach is still four months away, the **Pesach** edition of the Shul magazine needs to be filled with your articles, news items and any other literary masterpieces that you could conjure up. The final submission date is **5 February 2006** and it would be appreciated if this deadline could be honoured. If you or anyone you know would like to advertise in the magazine,

Natural Wisdom

Pharaoh dreams of the 7 cows, and the 7 sheaves of grain. His advisors try to interpret the dreams suggesting that perhaps 7 daughters will die, or 7 kingdoms will rebel. Pharaoh rejects these interpretations as incorrect. But how does he know? The answer is that he had dreamed the interpretations, but then forgot them. The verse implies this by saying that no one was able to "interpret for Pharaoh." This teaches us a profound lesson. You can't convince anyone of anything - you can only try to get him in touch with a truth he already knows. Buried within the farthest corner of our memory, lies an inborn conscience, a natural wisdom that God programmed into every human being. A gut instinct that so often proves to be true.

A Weekly Torah thought by Rabbi Simon Harris

How ungrateful people can be sometimes. Yosef had found the butler and the baker agitated in their cells one morning. Asking why they seemed so ill at ease, they explained that their dreams were troubling them. Yosef then accurately interpreted the meaning of their dreams; three days on, the baker would swing from a tree, whilst the butler would be restored to his former position.

And, indeed, precisely as Yosef predicted, so it turned out. The baker was executed and the butler reinstated. But the final verse of last week's portion records that the butler, whose fortunes radically improved, simply forgot Yosef. This in spite of the fact that Yosef expressly asked the butler *"remember me to Pharaoh and get me out of this jail"* (Genesis 40:14). So why was the butler so unhelpful? And the answer is because G-d purposely blighted him with amnesia.

Yosef, being a Tzaddik, should not have placed his destiny in mortal hands. He should have known that he didn't need the butler or Pharaoh to help him. He needed only Hashem. Yosef had languished in jail for a full decade, but as a direct result of his putting his faith in men he was sentenced by Heaven to a further two years. One year for each expression of reliance on mortal assistance, *"remember me"* and *"get me out."*

And that is what we declare every morning in Pesukei DeZimra, *"do not put your trust in princes, in the son of a man who has no ability to save you"* (Psalm 146). Accordingly, this week's portion commences *"And it was exactly two years to the day"* (Gen. 41:1).

Two years since Yosef made his fatal error. A harsh judgement you might think – but G-d expects exemplary behaviour from his righteous ones.

You Can Do Better!

It's still a struggle to sustain a healthy Shacharis Minyan. The numbers fluctuate day by day but we lack consistency. We know that there are many gentlemen out there that could make a real difference. So prick your consciences and let the action do the talking. It's grossly unfair on the small group of rock-solid stalwarts who lead by example.

Ladies Supper Quiz

The Ladies Guild Supper Quiz is an all-female affair taking place on Tuesday 7 February 2006. It begins at 7.30 pm prompt (doors open at 7.00 pm). Please support this event. It should be a really entertaining and fun evening. The cost is £9.50 and monies raised benefit the Shul. For tickets contact either Karen Wise on 8501 1122 or Jacquelyn Conner on 01708 746735.

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