



# קלילה קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

*Shabbos 21 January 2006/ 21 Teves 5766*

## *Service Times (IJPS Years 2, 3 and 4 Shabbaton)*

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	3.50 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	5.22 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	4.26 pm

We are again delighted to be hosting the **Ilford Jewish Primary School Shabbaton**. This time, Years 2, 3 and 4 have combined and almost **50 children** have joined us for a full day of eating and activities! After their special Service, they will join us for *Adon Olam* - perhaps with a song or two. Then the Kehilla is providing a Kiddush in the school's honour. The children will enjoy a buffet lunch with Zemiros and Bensching. After more activities, we will join together for a Seudah, something our regulars look forward to each year. Their Shabbaton ends with Havdalah in front of parents. Have a real Shabbos experience!

## *Reading of the Torah*

Sedrah Synopsis:

*Joshua Harris*

Leyning: Shemos

*Rabbi Simon Harris*

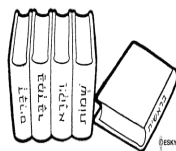
Hertz p 206, Soncino p 319

Haftorah:

*Robert Segall*

Hertz p 225, Soncino p 345

**Please get your Melavah Malkah forms in by tomorrow morning.** It's a wonderful evening (see inside). US President Simon Hochhauser is a great speaker, well worth listening to. Please support.



*This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by  
Dennis Abrahams in celebration of his 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 & Wednesday evenings.

Sunday breakfasts: 29 January, 5 March & 2 April

## **Tefillin thoughts**



On the day a Jewish boy reaches his 13th Hebrew birthday, he becomes Bar Mitzvah. It is automatic and there is no need, as far as Jewish law is concerned, for lavish parties. **The first new obligation of Bar Mitzvah is putting on Tefillin for the first time.** This is even more important than being called to the Torah in Shul.

## **Sinclair House/Jewish Care**

Jewish Care is considering a range of options to refurbish or redevelop Sinclair House, the Redbridge Jewish Youth and Community Centre, either on its current site or at a different venue. Any such discussions will inevitably impact on the future of Clayhall United Synagogue. Your Honorary Officers are in close contact with Jewish Care's senior staff and members will be kept informed of any developments. Please don't be alarmed by anything you might have read or heard. The Honorary Officers will always act in the best interests of Clayhall United Synagogue. *If you are approached by the media, please do not make any comments.*

## **Ma'ariv Services**

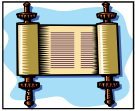
Two years ago, Clayhall only davened Shacharis on a Sunday. Now, thank G-d, we daven every morning. By contrast, our only weekday Ma'ariv service take place on Tuesdays. We have now started our **Wednesday** Ma'ariv service. It begins at 7.30 pm and lasts just fifteen minutes. Once again, your support is needed if we are going to maintain this exciting growth. Please do your best to attend.

## **Shacharis Services**

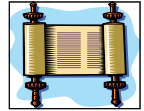
...And while on the subject of davening, there must be loads of retired gentlemen able to attend a morning Minyan, if only weekly or twice a month. Again, we failed one day this week to get 10 men. We all owe a collective responsibility to each other - that is the essence of community. Don't leave it to the next person - it won't happen!

## *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 must be returned by Monday morning 23 January. Transport to and from the event can be arranged by speaking with Gordon Miller.



*We thank Jewish Care for renewing and repairing the lighting in the Well. Please don't complain it's too bright!*



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

### ***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 we would be grateful if this deadline could be honoured. If you, or anyone you know, would like to advertise in the magazine, please let us know.

### ***Sifrei Torah Breastplates***

We are delighted that two breastplates are being donated following our recent request. There is still an opportunity for another two to be given perhaps to celebrate a special event or to commemorate a Yahrzeit. Prices without engraving start from about £220.

### ***The Children of Israel were Fruitful***

Their wives gave birth to 6 children at a time. *Ramban* says that this was a supernatural phenomenon. It enables us to understand the extraordinary increase of the Jewish nation which in just 210 years rose to a population of 2.5m people (including 600,000 men between the ages of 20 to 60). Another astounding calculation can be deduced from the figure of 22,273 firstborn mentioned in Bamidbar 3:43. Considering the fact the approximately 1.2m men of all ages left Egypt, the number of firstborn males indicates that on average each mother (one mother for every firstborn totalling to possibly 22,273 mothers) must have given birth to more than 50 children over her lifetime.

## ***Weekly Torah thought by Rabbi Simon Harris***

The first book of the Torah is *Bereishit*. After describing the process of Creation, culminating in Man, we read the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. They eat from the Tree of Knowledge and are cast out from paradise as punishment for this sin. Their elder son Cain slays his younger brother Abel. We then move on 10 generations to the narrative of Noah and the Flood. Following the Deluge another wicked generation arises, that of the Tower of Babel. Then we fast forward another ten. It is at this juncture that Abram walks onto the world stage. He is identified as the first Hebrew and by later sources as the first Jew. The rest of Bereishit is devoted solely to the saga of the Patriarchs, the Matriarchs and their offspring. It is about one family. The second volume of the Chumash is *Shemot*. 70 souls, the number of persons who had descended into Egypt at the close of Book One, have proliferated so extensively that the Hebrews now constitute a nation. This is odd because at no other time in history did a nation emerge without a land it could call its own. We were born landless, and this is held up as nothing short of miraculous. Indeed Hashem Himself declares *"Did ever a god bring forth one nation from the midst of another?"* The circumstances of our birth no doubt shaped the psyche of our people for all time. We were hatched in adversity. From our beginning we were persecuted. In fact our multiplication is linked directly to our oppression. The more the Egyptians maltreated us, the more we waxed exceedingly. We are like no other nation because we were created by G-d.

### ***Postal People Wanted!***

In order to save money, the Shul personally delivers as many mailings as possible to members. This is naturally a time-consuming exercise to organise and we are looking for more postal volunteers to deliver envelopes in the local area and slightly beyond (Chigwell, Buckhurst Hill etc.) Give the Shul office a call.

### ***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). 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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