



# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

*Shabbos 4 February 2006/ 6 Shevat 5766*

## *Service Times*

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	4.10 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	5.44 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	4.51 pm

We are delighted to welcome **Rabbi Nissan Wilson** for Shabbos. Rabbi Wilson comes from Edgware and he will be leynung and addressing us this morning. He will also deliver a D'var Torah at our Seudah this afternoon between Minchah and Ma'ariv.

Rabbi Wilson originates from Manchester, followed by study in Gateshead and Jerusalem. He was a lecturer in philosophy at Ohr Sameach institutions in Jerusalem from 2001 to 2004.

We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to **Martin Greenberg** and **Victor Shafier** on the occasion of their 70th and 65th birthdays respectively. Martin and Victor cordially invite the community to a Kiddush after the Service in celebration of their Simchah.

## *Reading of the Torah*

Sedrah Synopsis:

Leyning: Bo

Hertz p 248, Soncino p 377

Haftorah:

Hertz p 263, Soncino p 404

*Martin Greenberg*

*Rabbi Nissan Wilson*

*Victor Shafier*

Don't forget that we daven Ma'ariv on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm in addition to Tuesday. Please do your best to support.



*This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Rosalind Greenberg and Jackie Shafier in celebration of their husbands' special birthdays*

## ***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: 5 March, 2 April, 30 April and 28 May.

## ***Tzitzis thoughts***



Our Sages teach us that, "He who carefully observes the commandment of Tzitzis will be able to behold the 'Face' of the All-present G-d" because G-d does not want us to "explore after our heart and after our eyes, after which we go astray." As *Rashi* says, "The eyes see, then the heart desires, and then the body sins."

## ***Letter from the Chairman***

You should have received a letter explaining how Clayhall Kehilla will move forward after the departure of Rabbi Simon Harris and how the Shul sees its future with regard to Jewish Care and Sinclair House. The letter is designed to reassure members and their families that the Honorary Officers are committed to developing the Kehilla to its full potential. We are confident that you will unite behind the HO's and the Board of Management during these difficult and pressured times. Our Shul still is, and will always be, a wonderfully warm and friendly place to daven. Every cloud has a silver lining and we will emerge stronger than ever.

## ***Book Cupboard***

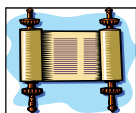
The essential maintenance work has been completed and the book cupboard is now back to normal. We would respectfully request that anything taken from it is returned to the correct place. We want to avoid past situations where the cupboard has become a complete mess. We are also investigating whether the beautiful 71-volume *Shas* (Gemaras) can be accommodated in it to make them accessible.

## ***Shacharis Services***

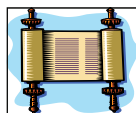
We are delighted that **Mr Yitzchak Landau** from Stamford Hill is davening with the Minyan again. He will leyn on Mondays and Thursdays, and give a short Halachah after the Service. David Miller has produced a new rota to ensure that the Minyan is never short. Even if you are not on the rota, please come along to daven at 7.00 am.

## *Tu b'Shevat Seder - Sunday 12 February*

The 15th of Shevat is known as the Rosh Hashanah for Trees, regarding the different tithes which are brought each year counting towards the seventh, *shmitah* year. Our Sages have designated the 15th of Shevat as the boundary between one year and another, since most of the rains of the previous year have already fallen. Any new growth of fruit after this day is a result of the blessings of the new year. Clayhall is hosting a **FREE** Tu B' Shevat Seder on Sunday evening **12 February** from 6.30 pm until 8.30 pm for all the family at Sinclair House. You should now have received a flyer. Just think of it - free wine (it's traditional to drink 4 cups at the Seder, like Pesach), lots of delicious fruits, light snacks, stories and good company. A perfect way to celebrate!



*Calendar forms have just been sent out for 5767. Please advertise birthdays, Simchas, Yahrzeits, etc.*



***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 **tomorrow** 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.

### ***Leyning***

The following people are leyning at Clayhall over the next three weeks:

11th February: **Lester Harris**  
18th February: **Rabbi Danny Shmulovitz**  
25th February: **Jonny Levy**

### ***UJIA/Redbridge Community Talk***

The UJIA and the Redbridge Community Shlichut are delighted to invite you to an evening with **Tzvi Yehezkeli** on **Thursday 23rd February 2006** at Sinclair House from 8.00 pm until 9.45 pm. Mr Yehezkeli is currently a Senior Reporter on Israeli television, Channel 10, responsible for covering all Middle East, Terror, Political and Islamic Cultural affairs. He made a name for himself when covering the Al-Qaeda terror organisation whilst reporting from Northern Iraq during the war. Tzvi is able to make an objective and knowledgeable presentation without the restraints of office. He has vast experience of the latest security and political developments. Admission is £3 for one person and £5 for a couple.

## ***The Plagues - Total Belief in Hashem (Rabbi Eli Munk)***

Hashem told Moshe that while Pharaoh may have contributed to his own stubbornness during the first plagues, his heart would now be hardened by Hashem, not as a punishment for Pharaoh, but to show the B'nei Yisroel G-d's glory. Pharaoh stood in bold defiance of G-d for the third time and did not honour his word to free Israel. His behaviour from the beginning confirms Hashem's understanding of Pharaoh that he would not repent with all his heart. *Rashi* observes that at that point Hashem preferred that Pharaoh became stubborn so that He could multiply His wonders to show Israel His power. This is an example of how G-d brings punishment upon other nations so that Israel will take note and fear. The wording of the first two verses clearly supports *Rashi's* opinion. Surely G-d could have sent a punishment which would have instantaneously destroyed the Egyptians, thereby avoiding a protracted period of suffering? The purpose of multiplying the plagues was to convince the B'nei Yisroel of the absolute supremacy of the G-d of their ancestors. The plagues made it very clear to them that G-d, Who was worshiped by the Patriarchs and proclaimed by Moshe, was the Master over nature and over nations. Would the Israelites have accepted the Torah on Har Sinai if they had not experienced the extraordinary miracles of Egypt? It is possible that they would have not, as is evident from the first words of the Aseres Ha'dibros, where Hashem presents Himself to the people as the One Who brought them out of Egypt. This confirms that the Exodus was the foundation of their belief in Him.

### ***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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