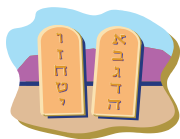


# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 18 February 2006/ 20 Shevat 5766

## Service Times

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	4.35 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	6.08 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	5.17 pm

We read the Aseres Ha'Dibros (the Ten Commandments) in this week's Sedrah of Yisro. The first three verses establish the fundamental principle of the Jewish faith: Hashem's existence, His unity, and His spirituality. The very first word of the Revelation proclaims the Supreme Being as a personal G-d. The G-d of Israel is not an abstract force. He is not called 'nature' or 'spirit' or 'universal soul.' Not only is He the ultimate Source of all life and existence, but an active Force in human history as well. He is the Source of human conscience and human morality.

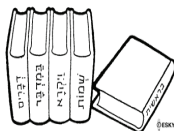
## Reading of the Torah

Leyning: Yisro  
Hertz p 288, Soncino p 445  
Haftorah:  
Hertz p 302, Soncino p 464

**Rabbi Danny Shmulovitz**

**Gabi Simons**

You may have noticed that an advertisement for a Clayhall Rabbi appeared in yesterday's *Jewish Chronicle*. The advert has also been placed in the *Jewish Tribune*. We hope that first interviews will take place just before Pesach although the timescale is quite tight. We will keep you posted of developments.



**This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Sadie and Arnold Bamberger on the occasion of their 35th wedding anniversary**

## 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



The word Tzitzis only occurs in one other place in the Tanach where we find, "*The form of a hand came forth, and I was grasped by a lock of hair (Tzitzis) on my head*" (Ezekiel 8:3). Referring to this verse, the Talmud tells us that Tzitzis are a group of freely hanging strings, resembling a lock of hair. Therefore, Tzitzis must contain several loose strings.

## May is a Busy Month!

We will be holding a special Youth Shabbaton on **Shabbos 6 May 2006** to coincide with the Shabbos nearest to Yom Ha'atzma'ut. It will be a Clayhall-led event involving the local Orthodox Shuls. More details will be sent out nearer the time. Sinclair House will be holding its **Yom Ha'atzma'ut Gala Show** on Tuesday 2 May and, once all the information is published, we will send it to members. Again, Clayhall and Newbury Park Synagogue will jointly host a series of the Israel Film Festival on **Tuesday 9 May** at Sinclair House. This is the Festival's third year and this time, we will show one feature length film rather than three short films. So plenty to look forward to in May!

## Tu B'Shevat Seder

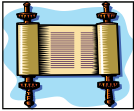
Our very first Tu B'Shevat Seder was a resounding success last Sunday. Those attending enjoyed a really positive, educational experience. Everyone was pleasantly surprised with the content and even more delighted with the sumptuous food and drink on offer! The traditional four cups of wine were drunk along with so many kinds of different and unusual fruit. Well done to everyone involved.

## Shacharis Services

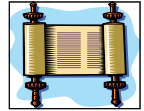
We are delighted that **Mr Yitzchak Landau** from Stamford Hill is davening with the Minyan again. He will leyn on Mondays and Thursdays, and give a short Halachah after the Service. David Miller has produced a new rota to ensure that the Minyan is never short. Even if you are not on the rota, please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

## Purim Fun at Clayhall

Purim is just round the corner! Ta'anis Esther (the Fast of Esther) begins on Monday 13 March at 4.41 am and finishes at 6.42 pm. Shacharis will be at 6.45 am and Ma'ariv will commence at 6.30 pm. The time for Minchah is yet to be set. The Megillah reading by **Yitzchak Landau** will start at 7.00 pm followed by our **Fancy Dress parade** for all ages with special prizes and chocolates for everyone. It's rumoured that the Honorary Officers have a sensational fancy dress this year that will leave people speechless! The evening will conclude with light food and a L'Chayim in the dining hall. Shacharis on Tuesday 14 May will start at 6.45 am and finish about 8.15 pm. **Rev Shlomo Kreiman** will read the Megillah. Light refreshments will follow the Service.



*The Lag B'Omer BBQ takes place again on Sunday 21 May at the home of Deborah and Lester Harris*



**The Clayhall AGM will be on Tuesday 16 May at 8.00 pm. Keep it free!**

### **NEROS Purim Seudah**

The NEROS Purim Seudah takes place at **Ilford Federation Shul** on Tuesday 14 March with Minchah at 5.00 pm followed by the Seudah at 5.15 pm. The chicken supper is £12.50 per person and £5 for under 12's. **Rabbi Alex Chapper** is guest speaker while **Rabbi Rodal** is singing. For further details and booking, phone Leslie on 8220 4559. It should be a great evening.

### **Leyning**

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

25th February: **Jonny Levy**  
4th March: **Jonny Levy (TBC)**  
11th March: **Rev Shlomo Kreiman**

### **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.

## **'And Yisro Heard' (extracts from Rabbi Elie Munk)**

The Sedrah which contains the Aseres Ha'Dibros (the Ten Commandments) bears the name of Yisro, a former idolatrous Midianite priest. This clearly demonstrates that the Torah does not belong solely to those of Jewish descent. In fact, it is the universal law, indirectly addressed to all people. Yisro is the example par excellence of a pagan leader who, upon recognising the futility of the heathen cults, embraced the law of Israel. From the time of its giving, the Torah relates to the entire universe. The fact that the episode of Yisro follows the war with Amalek gives us a revealing example of the various ways in which the nations react to Israel's existence. The events of the Exodus terrified the inhabitants of Philistea, Edom, Moab and Canaan. Yet it was precisely these events that led the Amalekites to seek to exterminate Israel, even though they were related to Israel through Esau. In contrast, Yisro, a total stranger to the Jewish people, was so deeply impressed by the evidence of G-d's concern for Israel that he converted to Judaism. The B'nei Yisroel were taught a valuable lesson regarding their relationship with the nations of the world. The fierce hatred of some is counterbalanced by admiration from others, and it is not always the kinsman who show the greatest understanding. Some of our Sages contend that Yisro's arrival occurred after the Aseres Ha'Dibros. Nevertheless, the story of his conversion precedes this event, an indication that Yisro was drawn to Judaism by previous historical events - the crossing of the Red Sea and war with Amalek.

### **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.

### **Quiz time folks!**

Here's a strange one to unravel! What is one thousand, one thousand, five hundred, one thousand, five hundred, three hundred? Believe it or not, this is a **Jewish History** question. Your answer should be sent to the Shul office by **Tuesday 21 February**. The winner will receive a bottle of the finest Palwin No.10 and he/she will be a very clever person!

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