



קליהל קהילה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 4 March 2006/ 4 Adar 5766

Service Times

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	5.00 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	6.33 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	5.42 pm

We are delighted to welcome **Karen, Bradley, Ella, Gavi and Chana Rubenstein** back from their four months in Jerusalem. The time seems to have flown by. Bradley and Karen have done a considerable amount of Jewish learning and we look forward to them sharing their experiences and knowledge with us. We also welcome **Mr Jonathan Wacks** from Hendon for Shabbos and we look forward to his leyning. Tomorrow morning we shall be holding our monthly Sunday smoked salmon and beigel **breakfast** after Shacharis. Clayhall's breakfasts are renowned for their generosity of spirit (literally!) so please come along at 8.15 am for davening.

Reading of the Torah

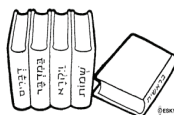
Leyning: Terumah
Hertz p 326, Soncino p 500

Jonathan Wacks

Haftorah:
Hertz p 336 , Soncino p 515

Martin Linder

The Clayhall Whisky Distillery is running low! We ask that members perform their duty to replenish stocks as quickly as possible. Macallan, Balvenie and Glenmorangie are especially welcome!



This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Florence & Jonathan Stoll in celebration of Sarah's Bat Mitzvah

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



It is a most ancient custom to include 5 knots in Tzitzis. Some say that they are meant to express the five books of the Torah. Others say they are reminiscent of the five senses, indicating that they must all be dedicated to G-d. Still another source suggests that they represent the **first five** words of the Shema. But why is 'Echad' excluded?

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!

Pre-Pesach Lectures

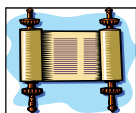
The Rabbinical Council of East London, Sinclair House and the Redbridge Jewish Community present '**Get ready 4 Pesach**' evening sessions on Tuesday 21st March and Monday 27th March. Among the range of speakers are Rabbi Jason Demant, Scholar in Residence at Yakar, Rabbi Daniel Rowe from Aish Ha'Torah and Mrs Bebe Jacobs, family educator. More details will be sent out shortly.

Shacharis Services

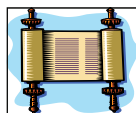
We are missing a few of our regulars over the next few weeks so, gentlemen, please can you all make an extra effort. It's been said many times but we must take a collective responsibility for ensuring the Minyanim are healthy. This equally applies to Ma'ariv on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Just a little time can go a long way.

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. **Rabbi Immanuel Burton** will read the Megillah. Light refreshments will follow the Service.



Victor Shafier is taking orders for tubs and hanging baskets to raise funds for the Shul. Please speak to him direct.



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

Leyning

Here is the rota for the next three weeks:

11th March: **Jonny Levy**
18 March: **Gabi Simons & Eli Simons**
25 March: **Rabbi Nissan Wilson**

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.

The Seventh of Adar

The 7th of Adar was the day on which **Moshe Rabenu** was born, and the day on which he died after a life of 120 years. For Hashem completes the years of the righteous to the day and month. As it is said: *'The number of your days I shall complete'* (Shemos 23). The pious abide by the custom of fasting on this day and of saying the special *'Tikun for the 7th of Adar'* that is found in some Siddurim. For the death of the righteous is an atonement, and fasting, repentance and prayer likewise atone for Israel. When both types of atonement occur together, total forgiveness is achieved for the people of Israel. We should take to heart two concerns and make them part of our constant awareness: Waiting for the ultimate salvation, and the fear of Divine judgement.

'They shall make a Sanctuary for Me' (Shemos 25:8)

Rashi is careful to avoid any hint of anthropomorphism in this mitzvah by explaining that it was to be a Sanctuary in honour of Hashem's Name, rather than a dwelling place for Him. But others like *Ramban* (Nachmanides) hold that G-d commanded the B'nei Yisroel to build a Sanctuary over which the *Shechinah*, the reflection of His Majesty, would hover in the pillar of cloud. This Divine Presence amid the people of Israel signifies their supreme consecration as a holy nation. G-d, Who revealed Himself to them spectacularly on Har Sinai, still remains close to them, but now His Majesty is enveloped in a veil which conceals It from the sight of common mortals. The Book of *Shemos*, adds *Ramban*, is devoted to Israel's first exile (Egypt) and subsequent redemption. But this redemption could only reach completion through the return to the heritage of their ancestors, the Patriarchs. However, the B'nei Yisroel did attain the high spiritual level of the Patriarchs at *Matan Torah* and at the time the *Mishkan* was built. So, the exile actually ended, in the spiritual sense, well before they entered the Promised Land. That is why the book of *Shemos* concludes with the building of the Tabernacle. *Rambam* (Maimonides) contends that the Sanctuary was meant to keep the Jewish people from idolatry and to orient them towards G-d. His Sanctuary and His rituals are part of a general plan intended to limit the cult of sacrifices, a vestige of pagan religion. This was to be done by allowing such practices only in the Tabernacle, and later, in the Temple in Jerusalem. **(based on Rabbi Elie Munk)**

Kashrus Alerts!

For all the latest information from the London Beis Din, log on to **www.kosher.org.uk** and click on 'latest updates.' It's important to be up to date as some products do change their Kashrus status. If you would like to purchase *The Really Jewish Food Guide*, you can do so via the website or from most Jewish bookshops.

Special Visitors

Can you help to accommodate 12 Jewish children aged 12 to 14 years arriving on 14 March for a week from a Jewish school in **Quito, Ecuador**, the Colegio Experimental Alberto Einstein, established in 1973. Please phone Michelle in the office if you can help. This may appeal to King Solomon pupils wanting to brush up on their Spanish!

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