



# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 8 April 2006/ 10 Nisan 5766

## Service Times (Shabbos Hagadol)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	6.45 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	8.34 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	7.30 pm

We are honoured and privileged that **Dr Simon Hochhauser**, United Synagogue President, will be coming to Clayhall Shul this evening for Minchah. He will then address us during our Seudah Shilishis. We apologise for the short notice but we were only informed of Dr Hochhauser's visit on Thursday! The President is a very good speaker and we would urge you to make every effort to attend. There may be opportunities to ask questions, time permitting. Minchah will be at the slightly earlier time of **6.45 pm** with the Seudah starting at about **7.10 pm**. Ma'ariv will be at 8.34 am. Let's hope we've bought enough extra food!

## Reading of the Torah

Leyning: Tzav

Hertz p 429, Soncino p 631

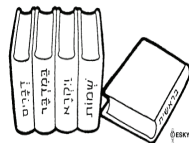
**Scott Goldstein**

Haftorah:

Hertz p 1005, Soncino p 1197

**Lester Harris**

Many Halachic questions arise at this time of the year. Should you have any concerns, the Honorary Officers can put you in touch with competent and reliable Rabbonim, only too pleased to help. Phone the Shul office in the first instance.



**This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Ernie Lion in loving memory of his dear sister Ruth Rogers**

## Children's & Youth Service

Reception - Year 6

10.30 am – 11.30 am

Year 7 - Year 11

10.30 am - 11.30 am

## Weekday Services

Shacharis: 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: 2 April, 30 April and 28 May.

## A Pesach Thought



It was customary for the elders of the community to visit the local prison on the 14th Nisan to see if there were any Jewish captives. They would use every possible endeavour to obtain their release - at least for the duration of Pesach. Even if the prisoner was a proven criminal, they would try to free them, or at least give matzo to them.

## 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!

## Family Shabbaton

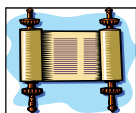
We want to run a 'Family Shabbaton' on **Shabbos 24 June 2006** for all children from school Year One to Year Six. Invitations would be extended to members of their family including older siblings. We have an excellent Guest Speaker in mind but he has not been approached yet. Further details will be sent out after Pesach but try to keep the date free. The event will be run through *Tribe* making it cheaper all round!

## Nostalgic Evening

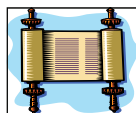
On **Tuesday 13 June 2006**, we are 'Going down the Jewish East End' with Aumie Shapiro. It promises to be a nostalgic evening that also includes a bagel supper, and finishing with an East End Quiz. For just £9 you can reminiscence and test your memory. The evening starts at 7.30 pm and tickets can be bought through the Shul office.

## The Sign of Freedom

The abundance of wine drunk at the Seder signifies the theme of **freedom**, which is dominant throughout this night. This concept has Halachic ramifications. The Talmud states that the beverage used for the Four Cups should have the 'taste' of wine. Rashbam explains 'taste' as referring to wine's power to intoxicate. Thus, wine is preferable over grape juice for this mitzvah. The Sages further state that in Talmudic times, when wine was commonly drunk with abundant dilution because of its strength, one who drank undiluted wine for the Four Cups did not demonstrate freedom in the performance of this mitzvah. Rav Moshe Feinstein was of the opinion that one who uses grape juice for the Four Cups has not demonstrated the true essence of freedom.



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



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

### Sale of Chametz Form

Selling one's Chametz is extremely important and forms for this purpose should have been received by members a few days ago. Please complete and return by tomorrow morning.

### Pesach Times

Minchah commences next Wednesday, Erev Pesach, at **7.10 pm**, immediately followed by Ma'ariv. Shacharis will be at **9.00 am** as usual both days. On Thursday evening, Minchah starts at **7.45 pm**. The Seder on both nights should not start before **8.45 pm**. **Dov Fachler** from Israel will be leynung over the first few days while **Lester Harris** is leynung on the 7th and 8th days. As usual, Minchah on Friday is at 7.30 pm.

### Youth Service Update

The Honorary Officers are very aware of the need to provide stimulating, educational and enjoyable services for our children and young people. The Youth Service, in particular, has always been a challenge. We are not the only Shul to experience difficulties here. Despite the best efforts of several people, the formula is still not right. We have spoken with *Tribe* (Young United Synagogue) with a view to bringing in a suitably qualified person once a fortnight to run the Youth Service. The role would also extend to advice and training for the other weeks when *Tribe* are not here. Numbers have dwindled in recent months and it our responsibility to create the right Orthodox Jewish environment for our young people to develop. Buying in professional help is a positive move forward.

## **Erev Pesach - Search and Nullification**

*Bedikas Chametz*, the search for *chametz*, should commence at the beginning of the night of 14th Nisan. The search is followed by *bitul*, verbal nullification of any *chametz* which one may possess but did not find. The next morning, the *chametz* which has been found during the search and all remaining *chametz* which has not been sold is burned. It is customary to perform *bitul* again after the *chametz* has been destroyed. This second nullification includes any *chametz* that one might still possess, but which he inadvertently did not destroy. *Bitul*, by definition, is a declaration of conscious intent by the owner that he considers his *chametz* to be 'null,' i.e. valueless in his eyes. This declaration frees one from the transgression of owning *chametz* on Pesach, for through *bitul*, any *chametz* that might be present in the individual's domain is now rendered ownerless. A question therefore arises: Why is it necessary to search for and dispose of one's *chametz*? Should not nullification alone suffice? *Rashi* (Pesachim 2a) explains that the need for the search is of Rabbinic origin. The Sages did not rely solely on the device of nullification out of concern that an individual might not utter the *bitul* formula with sincere intent of heart, thus rendering it invalid. *Tosafos* maintains that the obligation to search is based on an apprehension that the continued presence of *chametz* in one's house may lead to inadvertent consumption. The Talmud also explains that the Sages were apprehensive that some *chametz* would be overlooked during the search and then found on Pesach.

### **Quiz Time!**

Well in the end two people got the correct answer to the quote in last week's newsletter. But we can only give a prize to the first correct answer and, again, it goes to **Sam Chaplain** who now has two bottles of Palwin No.10! The answer was John Adams, the second President of the United States of America. A new quiz will follow in a few weeks.

### **Lag B'Omer BBQ**

Our popular Lag B'Omer BBQ takes place on **Sunday 21 May 2006** as usual at the home of Deborah and Lester Harris. The application forms will be sent out shortly. Places are limited to the first 55 people who apply. Let's hope that the weather is kind as we still seem to be in the middle of winter!

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