



# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 29 April 2006/ 1 Iyar 5766

## Service Times (Shabbos Rosh Chodesh)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	7.45 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	9.14 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	7.30 pm

Today is both a happy and sad occasion. We wish Mazel Tov to **Maureen & Henry Goldstein** on the occasion of the birth of their grand-daughter, Malkah, a second daughter for Carolyn and Martin Linder. The baby was named at Clayhall on the 7th day of Pesach. But we also bid farewell to Maureen & Henry who are moving to Edgware next week to be near their family. The Kehilla extends to them wishes of brachah v'hatzlachah as they begin a new chapter in their lives. Maureen & Henry cordially invite the community to Kiddush after the Service in celebration of their Simchah. Au revoir and keep in touch!

## Reading of the Torah

Sedrah synopsis:

Leyning: Tazriah-Metzora

Hertz p 460, Soncino p 674

Maffir: Bamidbar 28:9-15

Haftorah:

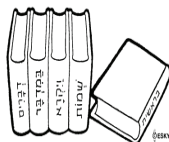
Hertz p 944, Soncino p 1188

**Leslie Pollock**

**Immanuel Burton**

**Scott Goldstein**

We welcome Immanuel Burton from Hendon back to Clayhall this Shabbos. Immanuel beautifully read the Megillah here on the morning of Purim and he will be leynung this morning.



**This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by  
Maureen & Henry Goldstein**

## 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: 30 April, 28 May, 25 June & 23 July.

## An Omer Thought



When Israel was in Egypt, they were sunk and soiled in 49 gates of impurity and they had to escape from them. Hashem wished to extricate Israel from them and to subjugate those 49 gates. But He did so step-by-step, illuminating a gate of holiness opposite its parallel gate of contamination, one each of the days between Pesach & Shavuot.

## Israel Film Festival

In partnership with Newbury Park Shul, we are showing two excellent films on **Tuesday 9 May** at Sinclair House at 8.00 pm. The two films explore the issues and challenges surrounding a Minyan. In one case it deals with survival, in the other with the difficulty of accepting a disabled child. The first film 'Wasserman - The Rain Man' lasts for 58 minutes and was produced in 2005. The second film, 'A Pure Prayer' is shorter at 26 minutes and was made in 2000. Tickets are £4 and they can be purchased from the Shul office. Please do your best to support the event - it promises to be a really entertaining and stimulating evening. Past festivals have generated interesting debate!

## 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!

## Rosh Chodesh

Today is Rosh Chodesh Iyar and we take out two Sifrei Torah, reading a special Maffir from the Sedrah of Pinchas from the second one. During Shacharis, *half-Hallel* is sung, and you must insert *Ya'aleh Veyavo* into the Amidah. We also recite *Ator Y'tzrato* in the Musaf Amidah. Page numbers will be announced during the Service.

## ***Eat, Drink & Learn the Night away!***

Clayhall's *Tikun Leil Shavuot* is always one of the highlights of the year. Fine malt whiskies, lashings of gorgeous cheesecake, other edible delicacies and some great home-grown words of Torah provide the perfect blend for a terrific night-out! Again this year, we are delighted that Freda & Leslie Pollock will be hosting the Tikun on **Thursday 1 June 2006** from 11.30 pm until the wee small hours. The more that come, the greater the ruach (spirit) and atmosphere. If you would like to present a D'var Torah, whether it be two minutes or twenty minutes, please speak to either Bradley or David. If you've never been to a Tikun before, you don't know what you've been missing. It's definitely worth the extra effort! There will probably be a Shacharis minyan at about 4.00 am.



Today is **Day 16** of the Omer. It is an important mitzvah to orally count the Omer at nightfall up to the eve of Shavuot.

***Sunday breakfast  
after davening -  
smoked salmon and  
much more!***

### ***Annual General Meeting 2006***

The AGM takes place on Tuesday 16 May and the meeting notices will be sent to members this week. It is your opportunity to hear about the Shul's future plans and for you to voice your concerns and opinions in a fair and constructive manner.

### ***Rabbi Recruitment***

Once again some very speculative stories have circulated over the last fortnight. Until the HO's and Board of Management have anything concrete to announce, it would be wise to discount any such rumours that you hear. What is true is that a further series of interviews took place before Pesach but it would be very wrong to comment further at this stage. Members will be the first to know of any 'real' news.

### ***Professor Haralick to visit Clayhall***

On **Shabbos 13 May**, Professor Robert Haralick a leading international expert on the Torah Codes will be speaking at Clayhall Shul. This has been organised by **Rabbi Matisyahu Glazerson**, father of Rabbi Zev Glass. Professor Haralick will speak in the morning and, again, at a special Seudah between Minchah and Ma'ariv. Times will be given next week. He is a distinguished professor in Computer Science and earned his Ph.D from the University of Kansas. He is now a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. Currently living in New York, Professor Haralick is deeply involved in the fascinating subject of Torah codes as indeed is Rabbi Glazerson. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn more about this ever-growing topic of study..

## **'Hashem spoke to Moshe' (Vayikra 13:1)**

These words used to introduce the chapter of tzaraas afflictions were also used to introduce the previous chapter which concerned birth and circumcision. But in the previous chapter, these words were followed by the instruction to pass the details on to the people - *'Speak to the Children of Israel.'* That extra phrase, which our Sages tell us is intended to exclude non-Jewish women from the laws relating to birth does not appear here, even though the laws of tzaraas afflictions are also limited to Jewish people. The tzaraas afflictions are seen by the Talmud to be a possible consequence of seven sins: slander, murder, perjury, debauchery, pride, theft and jealousy. The reason that the extra phrase excluding non-Jews is not used here is that tzaraas afflictions represent essentially symbolic warnings to those committing wrongdoings. The mere existence of these warnings as theoretical possibilities serves the purpose for which they were intended. It was not anticipated that they would actually be carried out in any significant number. In fact, the Talmud confirms that cases of tzaraas on clothing and houses never did occur (Sanhedrin 71a). So Moshe was able to calm the Jewish people when they heard with apprehension and fear the enumeration of these terrible afflictions. He was able to suggest that such sufferings were not really meant for the Jewish people, but for wicked nations, even though the laws regarding ritual impurity do not apply to these peoples. *'Many are the pains that plague the wicked; but he that trusts in G-d is enveloped by His mercy.'* (Psalms)

### **Nostalgic East End Night**

Have you booked your seat for the Nostalgic East End Evening taking place on **Tuesday 13 June 2006**? Featuring Aumie Shapiro's film *'Going Down the Jewish East End'*, followed by beigels and tasty fillings, and finishing with a mini East End Quiz - all for just £9 per person. A limited number of tickets are available from the Shul office.

### **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. Places are limited to the first **55** people who apply and there are still places available. Return your application forms to the Shul office as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

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