



קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 10 June 2006/ 14 Sivan 5766

Service Times (Naomi Harris's Bat Mitzvah)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	8.50 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	10.22 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	7.30 pm

Welcome to **Naomi Harris's Bat Mitzvah!** The Kehilla extends a warm Mazel Tov to Naomi on the wonderful occasion of her Bat Mitzvah today and, of course, the community also wishes a hearty Mazel Tov to her parents, **Deborah and Lester**, and to her brother, **Joshua**. After *Adon Olam*, would you stand in your places as Naomi is sung onto the Bimah accompanied by Deborah and then by her grand-father, **Gordon Miller** with Joshua. Naomi will then deliver her special *D'var Torah* and presentation to the Kehilla. We are delighted that **Jeffrey Leader**, Education Director of the Agency for Jewish Education, will then respond to Naomi. We warmly welcome back **Rev Stewart Myers** who is leyning today and he will also recite the *Birchas Cohanim* (*Priestly Blessing*) prayer after Jeffrey's address. Deborah, Lester and Joshua have great pleasure in inviting the Kehilla to a Kiddush in celebration of Naomi's Bat Mitzvah. L'Chayim!

Reading of the Torah

Sedrah Synopsis:

Leyning: Naso

Hertz p 586, Soncino p 814

Haftorah:

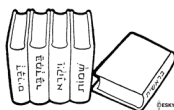
Hertz p 602, Soncino p 835

Our ever popular Seudah is being sponsored today by the Harris family in honour of their Simchah.

Naomi Harris

Reverend Stewart Myers

Howard Miller



This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Deborah, Lester and Joshua Harris in celebration of Naomi'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.

Minchah/Ma'ariv: 7.30 pm, Tuesday & Wednesday evenings.

Sunday breakfasts: 25 June, 23 July & 27 August.

Board of Management 2006/07

Honorary Officers:

Chairman: Lester Harris

Vice Chairman: Gordon Miller

Financial Rep: Mervyn Lyndon

Wardens: David Miller and Brad Rubenstein

Male Board members: Robin Abrahams, Michael Bash, David Grant, Leslie Pollock, Richard Rubin and Victor Shafier.

Female Board members: Melanie Alicoon, Rosalind Jessener, Estele Miller and Jackie Shafier.

Board of Deputies: Martin Solomons

Board of Management Task Groups

At the first meeting of the new Board of Management, five task groups were set up to initiate, plan and implement a whole range of events and ideas as follows with names of the respective group chairmen:

Care & Welfare: Gordon Miller

Children & Young People: Bradley Mervish

Education: Leslie Pollock

Marketing & Communication: Jackie Shafier

Membership: Richard Rubin

There will naturally be some overlap but groups will work within terms of reference drawn up by the HO's.

Trip to Parliament

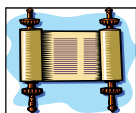
In celebration of the 350th anniversary of the resettlement of the Jewish Community in Britain, **Lee Scott**, MP for Ilford North, has kindly agreed to host a group from Clayhall Shul to visit the Exhibition at the Houses of Parliament. This will take place on **Thursday 22nd June 2006** at 11am. Please contact Martin Solomons on 8551 3904 or Michelle in the office if you would like to attend. It should be very interesting.

Rabbi Update

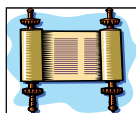
The Honorary Officers are pleased with the progress being made. Again, a lot of time and effort is being exerted, and we are quite determined that this time round, there will be no last minute problems. This is why you will appreciate the confidential and sensitive nature of our negotiations. Members will be kept informed.

Entering Jewish Adulthood (part 1)

At birth, the 'evil inclination' enters a person, i.e., he or she loses that incredible clarity that they possessed before entering this world. The soul's desires are overshadowed by the physicality of the body and its yearning for spiritual fulfilment is muted by ego and materialism. Childhood is a time when the physical world and all its overwhelming desires rule over the human being, and the soul and its aspirations are largely dormant. It is for this reason that a child is not held legally responsible for his/her actions. Towards the end of childhood - during a girl's 12th or a boy's 13th year - the soul begins to awaken. When the child reaches adulthood, the soul has reached its full level of activity, and therefore the person now has complete free will.



We are very grateful to Mrs Ida Lee for donating the beautiful 'Modim' board. It will be dedicated on 24th June.



**Ladies Guild Italian Evening on Sunday
10th September.
Details to follow.**

The Schottenstein Edition Gemaras

We are delighted that our complete 73-volume set of Gemaras are now displayed in a beautiful hand-made bookcase situated within the Shul library. It is our hope and prayer that they will be well used in the years ahead as a means to increase Torah study.

Shul Library

Please use our Shul library that is located in the Ackerman Resource Centre on the ground floor. Over **160** books to read or borrow covering a range of Jewish topics are available. We will shortly be sending out the list of books to encourage greater use. If anyone would like to donate books either in celebration of a Simchah or to commemorate a Yahrzeit, please speak to Michelle.

Entering Jewish Adulthood (part 2)

In the West, reaching legal adulthood usually means that one now has certain rights that he or she did not have before. The 'new' adult now has the right to drive, to vote, to buy cigarettes and alcohol, and so on. It is a celebration of rights and the loosening of restrictions. The view is in stark contrast to the significance of reaching bar/bat mitzvah. We celebrate the fact that the child has matured sufficiently to become obligated in Mitzvos, to enter a community and join the historical chain that began with Avraham and Sarah. These are opportunities from G-d to become better people. He or she can now actually earn greater reward because the mitzvah is done through a free-will decision.

The Offerings of the Leaders (based on Rabbi Elie Munk)

The Torah does not usually devote an entire chapter to straight repetition. Yet it describes the offerings brought by the 12 leaders in detail, although all are absolutely identical. The Torah records each in detail as a sign that each was individually appreciated by G-d. Other sages teach that, although the offerings were identical in content and sequence, each leader's offerings were an expression of a unique way of serving Hashem. Underlying the offerings of the tribe of Judah was the theme of the kingship that Jacob had foreseen for that tribe. In contrast to the kingship of Judah, the tribe of Issachar represented a special quality of spiritual leadership for the nation that focused on the destiny of the Torah and this was in the mind of its leader. The special concern of the tribe of Zebulun was commerce, for which it had been blessed by Jacob. Thus the leader of Zebulun had in mind the dedication of communal activities in support of the Torah that Issachar studied. Such unique themes were underlying the successive offerings of each tribe. The entire chapter of the leaders' offerings is of great importance because it provides us with a fundamental principle regarding prayers now that they have replaced the sacrificial services in the Temple. Just as the twelve leaders were, because of their sanctity and fervour, able to put their individual stamp on their offerings and all were equally accepted, so too with prayer. *R' Yitzchak Luria* says that all prayers are acceptable to Hashem if said with sincerity and devotion. In effect there are twelve gateways to Heaven, just as there are twelve tribes, each created by Hashem.

Nostalgic East End

The Nostalgic East End event takes place this **Tuesday 13 June 2006 - and it's a sell-out!** Featuring Aumie Shapiro's film '*Going Down the Jewish East End*', followed by beignets and tasty fillings, and finishing with a mini East End Quiz - all for just £9 per person. Typical Clayhall value for money!

Notes of Cantilation

The cantilation notes in the Torah were taught to Moshe by G-d and they serve to explain the words of the Torah. As it is said: '*And to explain according to reason*' (Nechemiah 8) which the Sages interpreted to refer to the cantilation notes. *Ezra and the Men of the Great Assembly* committed the notes to writing.

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