



# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

*Shabbos 1 July 2006/ 5 Tammuz 5766*

## *Service Times (Greg Woolf's 40th birthday)*

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	8.50 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	10.26 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	7.30 pm

We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to **Greg Woolf** and his family on the wonderful occasion of his 40th birthday. Rachel and Greg have great pleasure in inviting the community to a Kiddush after the Service in celebration of their Simchah. The Kehilla extends a warm Baruch Haba to **Gershon Freeman** from Edgware who is leyning at Clayhall for the first time today. You might have also noticed that the Well floor renovation has been completed!

## *Reading of the Torah*

Sedrah Synopsis:

*Greg Woolf*

Leyning: Korach

*Gershon Freeman*

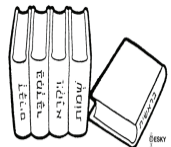
Hertz p 639 , Soncino p 879

Haftorah:

*Hermie Rothman*

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A reminder that the Springboard Foundation's film 'Going Down the Jewish East End', which was not shown on 13th June because of the flash floods, will now be shown on **Thursday 27th July 2006 at 8.00 pm**. Those who attended on the 13th June will be receiving their tickets sometime next week at the special concessionary price. Anyone else who would like to see the film can purchase tickets from the Shul office at £5 (to include light refreshments).



*This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Rachel & Greg Woolf in celebration of Greg's 40th birthday*

## ***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: 23 July & 27 August

## ***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 in 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. You can also sponsor individual editions for £25 with an appropriate insert.

## ***Kashrus Update***

Please check out the latest Kashrus updates on:

***[www.kosher.org.uk](http://www.kosher.org.uk)***

The June 2006 version is packed with new product information. You can print it out and stick it into your existing Kashrus guide. It's very important to be right up-to-date in order to maintain high standards of Kashrus. Keeping Kosher in 2006 is as easy as ever. The London Beis Din has made enormous strides in recent years for our benefit.

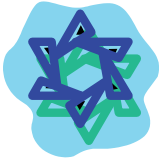
## ***Youth Service Update***

As was previously mentioned in the 'Clayhall Kehilla', the HO's and the Board of Management were going to submit an application to *Tribe* (Young United Synagogue) for a part-time Youth Coordinator. This paper has now been completed and submitted to them. Our aim is to employ a young professional who will run a Shabbos morning programme every fortnight for young people in school years 7 to 11. If this is successful and, subject to funding, this might be extended to a weekly basis. The HO's see this post as crucial to the future rejuvenation of the Youth Service. We simply do not have the time and expertise to deliver the highest quality for our youngsters.

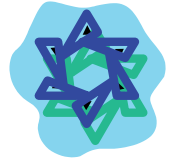
## ***Rabbi Update***

The Honorary Officers are **very 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. Watch this space!

*Our Gavriel Zvi is almost 3  
So Mitzvahs he'll be keeping  
With his locks cut short, on his Upshere day  
Rewards he will be reaping*



*We're celebrating July 16th  
In the afternoon at 2  
It's our little boy's Upsherin  
And we're inviting You...*



*Coventry Road Shul, Ilford  
Karen and Bradley Rubenstein*

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

### *Inter-Shul Athletics*

The United Synagogue is running (no pun intended!) an inter-shul athletics competition on Sunday 16th July in Watford for young people aged 5 to 12 years. Please speak to Bradley Mervish if you would like to take part.

### *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.

### *Tisha Ba'Av Programme*

This year, the Fast of Av begins at 8.47 pm on Wednesday 2 August and finishes at 9.35 pm on Thursday 3 August. At **5.00 pm** on the Thursday at Sinclair House, Clayhall is again partnering the **Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation** by showing a new audio-visual presentation, 'Do You Know the Way Home?' Featuring **Rabbi Avrohom Chaim Feuer** and **Rabbi Paysach Krohn**, these two great speakers pose some difficult questions for the Jewish People. In the Foundation's own words, 'We've been on the road to Geulah for 2000 years, and yet we've not arrived. Perhaps in all this time, we've lost sight of our destination.' More details will follow in the next few weeks. Minchah and Ma'ariv will follow the film at **7.00 pm**.

## ***Korach's Rebellion (based on Rabbi Elie Munk)***

Being a close relative to Moshe and Aaron, Korach felt that he had the right to prerogatives like theirs. In reality, he was undermining the very mission of Moshe. In Korach's eyes, there was no mission; Moshe had seized power. That is why the rebellion goes beyond a simple political incident. When Korach tried to place in doubt the Divine origin of Moshe's mission, he jeopardised the sacred ideal for which Moshe was the spokesman. That is the only reason why Hashem broke the rebellion in such a dramatic fashion.

The three leaders, Korach, Dasan and Aviram, came from the tribes of Levi & Reuven. For different reasons those two tribes had often made claims upon the leadership of the nation. The tribe of Reuven did so by virtue of its right of firstborn. Levi did so because of its role as the tribe of Kohanim. In the end, Hashem's choice of leader left a certain bitterness in the hearts of the people who led the insurrection. Thus Korach was jealous of his cousin Aaron who had received the position of *Kohen Gadol*, and of his other cousin, Elizafan, son of Uziel who had been chosen to lead the family of Kehas (3:30). As *Rashi* points out, he reacted by assembling 250 worthy men, qualified to be heads of the Sanhedrin.

*Ibn Ezra* explains that Elizur and the other rebellious members of the tribe of Reuven were displeased that the prerogatives of the firstborn had been taken from their tribe and given over to the Levites. That was actually the second time that their title of distinction had been given to another; the first time was when Yosef was chosen as the favoured one. The Reuventies suspected that Moshe's servant Yehoshua (from the tribe of Ephraim) had plotted against them and had used his influence to bring advantage to his own tribe. The Talmud tells us of an underlying factor that motivated Korach - the enormous fortune that he possessed. He had discovered one of the three treasure stores that Yosef had accumulated for Pharaoh during *the seven years of plenty*. He had become so rich that it was said he had to have the keys carried by 300 mules (*Sanhedrin 110a*). Having control over such wealth gave him a sense of self-confidence and arrogance, which led him to want political powers as well. However, this was not to be; as King Solomon wrote, he that trusts in his riches shall fall (*Mishlei 11:28*). Korach was out to flatter the masses and to conceal the real motives of his actions - jealousy and envy.

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