



# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 15 July 2006/ 19 Tammuz 5766

## Service Times

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	8.40 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	10.13 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	7.30 pm

We extend Mazel Tov wishes to **Sarah Stoll** on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah Kiddush today. Sarah's actual Bat Mitzvah was celebrated in February. We also wish Mazel Tov to **Marilyn & Joel Abramson** on the wonderful occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary. Florence and Jonathan together with Marilyn & Joel have pleasure in inviting the community to a joint celebratory Kiddush after the Service.

You would have received this week an Extraordinary General Meeting notice for **Monday 24th July at 7.45 pm**. This is really exciting news as it is hoped that the community will ratify the appointment of **Rabbi Nissan Wilson** as our Kehilla's spiritual head. The Honorary Officers and the Board of Management are convinced that Rabbi and Rebbetzin Wilson will make an outstanding team. It is important that members make every effort to attend the meeting that will be held in the dining hall. Minchah/Ma'ariv precedes the EGM at 7.15 pm.

## Reading of the Torah

Sedrah Synopsis:

Leyning: Pinchas

Hertz p 686 , Soncino p 932

Haftorah:

Hertz p 710, Soncino p 968

**Sarah Stoll**

**Rabbi Yisroel Newman**

**Anton Eriera**

Our lively, tasty Seudah and inspiring Torah discussion take place this evening at 8.40 pm. Don't miss it.



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

## **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.

## **The Three Weeks**

The 22-day period of mourning which commences with the 17th of Tammuz and ends with Tisha B'Av is referred to as 'Bein Ha'Metzarim.' This can be interpreted as '*within the days of distress*' for it is during these times that spiritual forces of destruction are most potent. It is known colloquially as 'The Three Weeks.' The mourning of this period intensifies with the advent of the month of Av, intensifies still further during the week in which Tisha B'Av falls and reaches its peak on the day of Tisha B'Av itself. Among some of the prohibitions are weddings, playing music and cutting one's hair. From Rosh Chodesh Av and on, we stop eating meat and drinking wine.

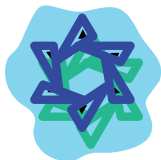
## **East End Evening**

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. Others can buy tickets from the Shul office for £5 (to include light refreshments).

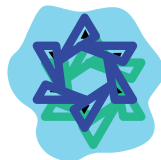
## **Rabbi Nissan Wilson**

It may not be clear from the biography that Rabbi Wilson was born and bred in Manchester - we like Provincial Rabbis! Subject to the EGM, it is hoped that Rabbi Wilson would take up the appointment a few weeks before Rosh Hashanah but, naturally, it's too early to give an exact starting date.

*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*

**Last call for articles  
for the Shalom  
magazine. Get  
scribbling fast!**

### **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.

### **Chasanim and Eshes Chayil**

We are delighted to announce that **Bradley Rubenstein** and **Mike Callaghan** will be our Chasan Torah and Chasan Bereishis while **Ruth Lyndon** is our deserved Eshes Chayil. Mazel Tov to all three and their families.

### **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**.

## **Jerusalem and the Holy Temple - their significance**

The Sages teach, 'Jerusalem is holier than the rest of the Land of Israel.' For almost 1000 years, from the time that it was dedicated by King David until it was destroyed by the Romans, Jerusalem was the focal point of the Jewish people. The Kingdom of David, Divinely ordained to govern the Jewish nation, ruled from Jerusalem. Aside from the Temple service, many *Halachas* such as the consumption of the second tithe could be performed only in Jerusalem. The *Great Sanhedrin*, the Jewish nation's supreme judicial court, convened regularly in the Temple courtyard. If Jerusalem was the focal point of the Land of Israel, the Temple was the focal point of Jerusalem. There the daily service was performed by the *Kohanim*. There and only there could sacrifices be offered to G-d. There did the *Levi'im* sing the song of the day in conjunction with the daily offerings. There was the Temple outer chamber (the *Heichal*) in which sat the Menorah, altar of Incense Burning and Table of Gold, on which the miraculous Show-Bread was placed each week. There was the *Holy of Holies* in which sat the Ark containing the Tablets which Moshe brought down from Heaven, on which were inscribed the Ten Commandments. It was in the Holy of Holies that G-d's presence was most manifest, so much so that no man was permitted to enter there, save for the *Kohen Gadol* on Yom Kippur. The significance of the Temple Mount began with Creation itself. In the Holy of Holies was the 'Foundation Stone.' Creation of the world began from this point and this rock was the first of the earth to be created (*Yoma 54b*). Adam was formed from the dust of what would be the site of the Courtyard Altar to symbolise 'that it would be on atonement for him that he might be able to endure' (*Rashi on Bereishis 2:7*). After partaking of the Tree of Knowledge, Adam built an altar on the Temple Mount and offered a sacrifice to G-d. This altar was used by successive generations until the Flood and was subsequently rebuilt by Noach. It was there that Avraham prepared to offer his beloved son Isaac as a sacrifice. It was upon the Temple mount that Ya'acov had slept and had his prophetic dream in which he perceived that 'this is the abode of G-d and this is the gate to the heavens (*Bereishis 28:17*). Ya'acov had seen that the site of the future Temple was the conduit through which prayers from all corners of the earth ascend Heavenward. Indeed to this day, wherever a Jew prays, he faces toward the site of the Holy of Holies.

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