



קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 22 July 2006/ 26 Tammuz 5766

Service Times (Shabbos Mevarachim)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	8.30 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	10.03 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	7.30 pm

Perhaps the most important Shul meeting for some years takes place in just two days! Clayhall's Extraordinary General Meeting on **Monday 24th July begins promptly at 7.45 pm**. 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. After Rabbi and Rebbetzin Wilson have left the Shul, a secret ballot will be held. A simple majority is needed for Rabbi Wilson to become only our second full-time Rabbi.

Reading of the Torah

Sedrah Synopsis:

Joel Abramson

Leyning: Mattos-Massei

Moshe Nathan

Hertz p 702 , Soncino p 955

Haftorah:

Lester Harris

Hertz p 725, Soncino p 984

We should intensify our prayers and add extra Tehillim in praying for peace in Israel at this difficult time. Psalms 20, 83, 121, 130 and 142 should be recited whenever possible.



*This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by
Freda & Leslie Pollock in celebration of the birth of their grandson*

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

United Synagogue Seminar

Just three days ago, 13 members of Clayhall's Executive and Board of Management attended a US training seminar at the Marriott Hotel, Waltham Abbey with sixty other participants. It was an opportunity to network with other Shuls, to take part in workshops, and to hear an excellent presentation from Rabbi Shaul Robinson on the role of a Rabbi and a Synagogue.

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

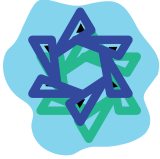
A reminder that the Springboard Foundation's film '*Going Down the Jewish East End*', which was not shown on 13th June because of the flash floods, will now be shown on **Thursday 27th July 2006 at 8.00 pm**. Those who attended on the 13th June will be receiving their tickets sometime next week at the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

Inter-Shul Athletics

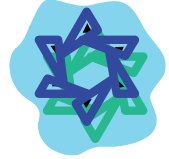
Clayhall was one of eight US Shuls participating in last Sunday's event in Watford. **Marc & Ryan Alicoon, Joshua & Naomi Harris and Jonathan Mervish** ran and jumped their hearts out. Well done to **Ryan** for winning a medal in the long jump! Although a bit of a schlap, it was a fun and enjoyable afternoon.

**YES TO PEACE
NO TO TERROR**

**Stand with the People of Israel
Solidarity Rally**



**SUNDAY 23rd JULY
5pm-6pm JFS, The Mall,
Kenton HA3 9TE**



**A Communal event for all ages
organised by the Board of Deputies**

**Tomorrow is our
monthly smoked
salmon and beigel
breakfast - Yum!**

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**.

"These are the journeys of the Children of Israel"

Rashi declares that the details of the journeys through the Wilderness are all listed in order to demonstrate the kindness of Hashem. Though He condemned the Israelites to wander in the Wilderness, He did not oblige them to continually move about from one place to another without rest. In the entire 40 years of their journey, there were only 42 stages. Of these, 14 took place during the first year in the Wilderness and eight during the final year. So, in the intervening 38 years, the people only moved 20 times. Furthermore, *Rashi* (to Devarim 1:46) teaches that the Israelites tarried at *Kadesh* for 19 years.

Rashi adds a second explanation, based on a Midrashic parable in which a king takes his sick son to a distant place to be cured. On the return trip, the king reminds him of each stage, saying: "*Here we slept, here we caught cold, here your head ached and so on.*" Similarly, G-d asked Moshe to list all the places where they made Him angry and where He performed miracles for them. From the time they left Egypt until their entry into the Promised Land, the Jewish people had many adventures, some happy, some sad. The succinct listing of places serves to remind them, after they enter the Land, of what they went through at each stage - the goodness of Hashem and the travails they had to suffer - all to motivate them to do good and not sin.

Rambam takes a different approach. He points out that the importance of the journeys is underscored in the text itself, which states that Moshe recorded them *by the word of Hashem (v.2)*. The intent was to ensure that Jews would remember the miraculous events in the Wilderness for all time. Although these miracles, including the daily portion of Manna and the Clouds of Glory were clearly evident, Hashem knew there would come a time when the historical memory would fade and doubters would arise. People might then think that their travels in the Wilderness were near inhabited areas, that there were wells and springs, or that the manna was a natural phenomenon of the region. It is to remove such ideas and to confirm the truth of all the miracles that the Torah here records the complete itinerary of barren and desolate places through which the Jewish people travelled. Hashem was directing the Israelites path in the Wilderness. Their wandering was not random but guided by the will of Hashem, taking 40 years for a trip that could have been achieved in just 11 days.

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