



# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

*Shabbos 5 August 2006/ 11 Menachem Av 5766*

## *Service Times (Joshua Samuel's Bar Mitzvah)*

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	8.05 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	9.37 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	7.30 pm

We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to **Joshua Samuels** on the wonderful occasion of his Bar Mitzvah today. Jane & Stephen have great pleasure in inviting the community to Kiddush after the Service in celebration of their Simchah. We also warmly welcome back Rabbi Yisroel Newman who is leyning today and Rabbi Moshe Muller, Joshua's teacher.

It is very likely that **Rabbi Nissan Wilson** and his family will move into the area in about a fortnight. The Honorary Officers cannot at this stage confirm his actual start date but it is very much anticipated that Shabbos 26th August will be Rabbi Wilson's first Shabbos at Clayhall. There is plenty going on behind the scenes to ensure that this process moves forward very quickly.

## *Reading of the Torah*

Sedrah Synopsis:

*Joshua Samuels*

Leyning: Va'eschanan

*Rabbi Yisroel Newman*

Hertz p 755 , Soncino p 1008

Haftorah:

*Joshua Samuels*

Hertz p 776, Soncino p 1028

*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 Jane & Stephen Samuels in celebration of Joshua's Bar Mitzvah*

## ***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: 27 August

## ***Special Dedication Service***

On **Shabbos 16th September 2006**, we are holding a Dedication Service in loving memory of **Norman Reisman z'l**. Clayhall is presenting two beautiful Paroches for the Children's Service as Norman always took a keen interest in the religious development of young people. **Reverend Gary Newman** and **Harold Marco** together with **Rabbi Wilson** will all participate in the ceremony followed by a Kiddush.

## ***Census Report***

You would have received in your Shul mailing recently a census report with certain personal details that are held on the Shul database. We need to update these records urgently. It would be very helpful if the Shul had members' email addresses for example as this would make communication more effective. Please carefully check through your details and amend as appropriate before returning any changes to Michelle in the Shul office.

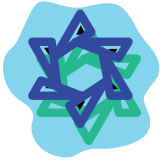
## ***Young People's Activity Day***

Have you ever tried your hand at archery...canoeing...wall climbing? Well, here's your chance! If you are aged between 6 and 16 years, join us for an Activity Day on **Sunday 10th September 2006** at Gilwell Park Scout Camp. All activities will be run by fully qualified instructors. Application and medical forms are being sent out soon. These should be completed and returned to the Shul office no later than Wednesday 23 August. We are delighted that *Tribe* (Young United Synagogue) is subsidising the event. Members of *Tribe* only pay **£7.50** for the day - it's easy and free to join *Tribe* so don't worry. Place are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

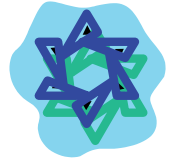
## ***Clayhall's 100 Club***

Ticket sales for the 100 Club are going well but more places are available. Forms were sent out recently and tickets are just £10 each. There are two draws each year - Rosh Hashanah and Pesach - with a top prize of £150 and two runners-up prizes of £50 each. It's a great way to raise extra funds for the Shul.

*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 August 13th  
In the afternoon at 2  
It's our little boys Upsherin  
And we're inviting you...*



*Karen and Bradley Rubenstein*

*Remember to send  
back your Yomim  
Noraim seating  
forms to the office!*

### *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.

### *Shul Supports Israel*

We are supporting two Israel charities from 50% of the money raised from the Blue Tins. £300 is being sent to the **Koby Mandell Foundation** in Jerusalem that gives emotional, physical and spiritual healing to families torn by terror. Another £200 is being donated to **Victims of Terror** who run a range of support services for the many thousands directly affected by terrorism in Israel. Keep filling those tins please.

### *Shabbos Nachamu*

The first Shabbos after Tisha B'Av is a Shabbos of rejoicing over the hope for consolation. It is called *Shabbos Nachamu* after the Prophetic portion read in the Haftorah: '*Nachamu, Nachamu Ami*' - 'Console, console My people.' It is the first of the 'Seven Haftorahs of Consolation.' These are read from the Prophet Isaiah on the seven Shabbasos that follow Tisha B'Av. The first consolation is that which G-d bids the righteous to convey to Jerusalem. The second is that which Avraham extends to Jerusalem. The third is that of Yitzchak. The fourth is Yaacov's. The fifth is that of Moshe. The sixth refers to Jerusalem's unwillingness to accept the consolation of the righteous and the seventh is the consolation extended by G-d himself to Zion & Jerusalem.

***"You shall not kill, and you shall not commit adultery,  
and you shall not steal"***

There is a subtle but significant difference between the *Aseres Ha'Dibros* (10 Commandments) in Shemos and the version today in Devarim. In Shemos, the above verse is '*you shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal.*' There is no conjunction 'and.' In Devarim, the above three commandments are linked by 'and.' Rav Yechiel Meir of Ostrovza sheds light on this difference. The Midrash says that the devotion of the Israelites to G-d at Sinai was so complete that they were freed of the *yetzer hara* (evil inclination). That cannot mean that they were totally devoid of temptation because otherwise they would be similar to angels. When the angels protested the giving of the Torah to mortals, Moshe argued that the Torah is not applicable to angels because it prohibits various behaviours to which only mortals are subject. If the Israelites were totally free of the *yetzer hara*, the Torah would not be applicable to them either. What the Midrash means is that at Sinai the Israelites were free of the progressive sin of nature. The Talmud says that the *yetzer hara* operates by enticing a person to commit a minor sin. Inasmuch as it is the nature of sin to be progressive, the *yetzer hara* then leads him to commit sins of increasing severity. It was this aspect of the *yetzer hara* from which the Jewish people at Sinai were freed. A sin remained an isolated event and did not bring another sin in its wake. The Midrash says that when the Israelites committed the worship of the Golden Calf, the *yetzer hara* returned in full force. Now any transgression would lead to another sin. Thus, Rav Yechiel Meir says, in the Shemos version at Sinai, the three commandments are not joined by an 'and' to indicate that each sin was an isolated event, not attached to any other. In the Devarim version, which Moshe related after the incident of the Golden Calf had restored the potency of the *yetzer hara* to make sin progressive so that each sin led to additional sin, the three commandments are connected by 'and.' This indicates that a sin does not remain an isolated phenomenon, but brings further sins in its wake. This is a crucial concept. Even if an antibiotic destroys billions of bacteria, a single surviving germ can multiply and cause serious illness. That is how we must think of sin. Even a single sin can start a chain that can lead a person to a level of depravity that he never thought possible.

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