



קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 12 August 2006/ 18 Menachem Av 5766

Service Times

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	7.50 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	9.22 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	7.30 pm

This is sadly the last 'official' Shabbos that our Gabbai, **Bradley Rubenstein**, will be spending in Clayhall. Next week, Karen & Bradley together with Ella, Gavriel and Chanah are moving to a little-known corner of Greater London called Edgware. We shall miss them greatly. Bradley's impact and influence over the last few years has been tremendous. The Honorary Officers know how much Brad will miss Clayhall because our Kehilla typifies the sort of person that Brad is - warm, caring and friendly. Clayhall Shul wishes Karen, Brad and the children *brachah v'hatzlachah* in all their future endeavours and we look forward to hearing all about 'life in Edgware.' Today's Kiddush is being given in honour of the Rubenstein family.

Reading of the Torah

Sedrah Synopsis:

Ben Posnasky

Leyning: Eikev

Moshe Nathan

Hertz p 780 , Soncino p 1032

Haftorah:

Robert Segall

Hertz p 794, Soncino p 1051

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 Sonia & Norman Myers in celebration of their grand-daughter Elkie's Bat Mitzvah last Shabbos

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.

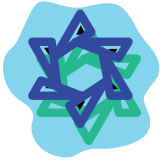
Young People's Activity Day

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 have just been sent out. 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 subsidizing 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.

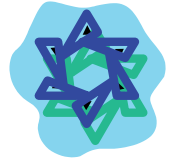
Clayhall's 100 Club

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!***

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.

Rabbi Nissan Wilson

Rabbi Wilson is very much looking forward to moving to Clayhall. The Shul is just finalising the housing arrangements with the United Synagogue and the Wilson's. We still cannot provide a definite starting date though.

Clayhall Youth Coordinator

The Shul has received interest in the position of Youth Coordinator. It is hoped that an appointment will be made before Rosh Hashanah subject to suitability. Among some of the post's key objectives are:

- To develop an enjoyable programme for young people in school years 7 to 11 every fortnight on a Shabbos morning.
- To encourage a greater level of commitment across the age range.
- To identify and train suitable young leaders who can take the Service during the Youth Coordinators absence.
- To run at least one Youth Shabbaton.
- To assist the Shul in organising activities and events outside of a Shabbos.

"You shall not bring an abomination into your home"

The Torah instructs the Jewish people to destroy the gold and silver appurtenances of idol worship that they find when they enter the land of Israel. Idols and their accessories are *cherem* (banned) and anyone possessing them will similarly be banned. *Sforno* comments that possession of objects used in pagan rites will bring ruination to all one's belongings. The Talmud says that if one goes into a rage, it is equivalent of idol worship (*Shabbos 105b*). The above restriction, therefore, applies to rage as well. Rage is an abomination. Do not bring it into your home.

When Rav Zeira's students asked him to what he ascribed his longevity, he said, *"I never expressed anger in my home"* (*Megillah 28*). It may at times be necessary to reprimand and even sharply rebuke someone for doing wrong, and this may give the appearance of anger. But this should be an outward expression rather than a true rage response. *Sforno's* comment applies to rage as well as to idolatry. Rage is never constructive and is always ruinous. The Talmud says that rage deprives a wise person of wisdom and a prophet of prophesy. *"All the forces of hell dominate someone in rage"* (*Nedarim 22a*). What could be more ruinous? Rage is so pernicious that on three occasions it distorted Moshe's judgement, and according to *Rambam*, was the transgression which resulted in Moshe not being permitted to enter Israel.

"The words of the wise are heard because they are said with calm" (*Koheles 9:17*). One may think that the gold and silver items of idol worship are valuable and can enrich one. *Sforno* says they will only bring ruin. One might think that shouting achieves obedience. Quite the contrary. Even if it produces momentary compliance, it may turn the listener against the enraged person. There is nothing more precious than life. Rav Zeira teaches us that we may preserve and extend our lives by avoiding rage.

(Based on the teachings of Rabbi Abraham J Twerski M.D.)

This D'var Torah was deliberately selected from this week's Sedrah of Eikev as it brilliantly epitomises the calm and wise character of Bradley Rubenstein. It is presented in tribute to Brad and his family on the eve of their move to Edgware. His temperament has always been a positive and moderating influence on all who come into contact with him.

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