



קליהל קהילה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 2 September 2006/ 9 Ellul 5766

Service Times

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| Shacharis | 9.00 am |
| Minchah followed by Seudah | 7.05 pm |
| Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends | 8.34 pm |
| Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday | 7.17 pm |

We wish Mazel Tov to **Marlene and Michael Finegold** on the lovely occasion of **Joanna's** forthcoming marriage to Mark Saunders. Marlene and Michael have great pleasure in inviting the community to a Kiddush after the Service. When Moshe climbed the mountain on Rosh Chodesh Ellul to receive the Second Tablets, the Shofar was sounded in the camp to make known to all the people that Moshe had ascended on high so that they might not err and come to idolatry. Israel had thus adopted the custom of sounding the Shofar on Rosh Chodesh Ellul to recall the ascent of Moshe; Israel's repentance after the sin of the Golden Calf and the forgiveness granted them; and the giving of the Second Tablets. The recollection of these events is intended to stir us towards *Teshuvah*. It is the nature of the Shofar sound to arouse trepidation in the heart.

Reading of the Torah

Sedrah Synopsis:

Leyning: Ki Tetze

Hertz p 840 , Soncino p 1098

Haftorah:

Hertz p 857, Soncino p 1115

Penie Finegold

Rabbi Nissan Wilson

Adam Finegold

Please note that Minchah and Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday evening commences at 7.17 pm - the first Friday for many months before 7.30 pm. Don't be late!



This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Marlene & Michael Finegold on the forthcoming wedding of their daughter, Joanna

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: 22 October, 19 November

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.

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 tomorrow, **3rd September**. 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.

NEROS 350th Dinner

NEROS is holding a special *350th Anniversary of our Return Celebration Dinner* at Wanstead & Woodford Shul, Churchfields, E18, on **Sunday 29th October**. The Guest Speaker is Dr Simon Hochhauser, President of the United Synagogue. **Rabbi Wilson** is also speaking. Tickets are £15 each for a chicken meal and the event starts at 8.00 pm. For further details and bookings, please call 8252 1105. Alternatively, the Shul office has a few tickets.

NEROS Selichos

The annual NEROS Selichos Service also takes place at Wanstead & Woodford Shul on **Saturday night 16th September**. Reception is at 10.45 pm followed by an address by **Rabbi Alan Lewis** at 11.40 pm. The Service is being led by **Rev Gary Newman** of Newbury Park Shul. Please make every effort to attend.

The Pre-High Holy Days Programme

The Rabbinical Council of East London, the Community Development Group of the United Synagogue and Sinclair House presents the 5767 Ellul Programme beginning on **Tuesday 5th September 2006**. All sessions take place at Sinclair House from 8.00 pm for just a £3 donation per evening, or a pre-paid donation of £20 for the entire programme. The booklets should be ready for sending out within the next 7 days. Among some of the speakers this year are **Dayan Shmuel Simons** of the London Beis Din and **Dayan Abraham David** of the Sephardi Beis Din. Our very own **Rabbi Wilson** is speaking on **Thursday 7th September** on ' *Jewish Pride and Jewish Self-Esteem*. ' Please put this date in your diary! Other events include a Ladies only evening on Wednesday 27th September with **Lady Amelia Jakobovits** and **Gila Sacks**, UJIA Director of Strategic Development. There is also a singles and young married couples evening at 7.30 pm on Sunday 10th September with Rabbi Reuven Stepsky, Director of Education at the Jewish Learning Exchange.

Children/Young Peoples' Succos lunch and crawl - watch this space!

Pre-Rosh Hashanah Shul Mailing

Next week you will receive your bumper pre-Rosh Hashanah mailing replete with tickets, magazine, calendar - and much more! Take care to read through all the material as some of it relates to the election of a new Warden.

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.

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.

"When you will go out to war" (Devarim 21:10)

Because of his unique personal qualities and his military triumphs, King David was regarded as the model Jewish warrior. He was careful not to engage in any battle unless it was justified, for only then could victory be assured. He eloquently expressed this thought in prayer to Hashem when he said, *"I have practiced justice and righteousness; abandon me not to my oppressors"* (Psalms 119:121). David's army was not an ordinary troop of soldiers. It was made up of righteous men (*Rashi to Bamidbar 31:3*). Despite the high moral standards required to become accepted in David's army, its size was reported as being overwhelming (*1 Chronicles 21:5*). The Talmud states that the family lineage of David's soldiers was so pure that anyone could safely marry into their families without further investigation.

King David was extremely careful in his approach to war. The Midrash recounts that he offered peace to the various nations before waging war with them. David's conscientiousness in this regard was typical of all his political activities. He appointed a military genius, Joab, the son of Seruya as commander of the army. The Talmud states that, had David not made Joab a general, he would not have been victorious; furthermore, David would not have been able to devote his energies so completely to the study of Torah had Joab not been general.

Despite his outstanding qualities, David was denied the privilege of building the Temple, for Hashem refused to have His House built by a man who had shed blood in battle. In his messianic vision the prophet Isaiah was to reveal the Jewish ideal of world peace, an ideal which David had been unable to fulfill: *and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning forks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor shall they learn war any more (Isaiah 2:4)*.

The Talmud recounts that before Jews go into battle, Hashem assembles His Heavenly tribunal to decide Israel's fate. The essential factor in the decision is Israel's innocence of having shed blood unjustly. This is suggested by the placement of the last verse of the previous Sedra (*you shall remove the innocent blood from your midst*) immediately preceding the first verse of this one (*and Hashem your G-d will deliver them into your hand*). If Israel is guilty of having shed innocent blood it will not deserve to defeat its enemies.

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