



קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 16 September 2006/ 23 Ellul 5766

Service Times

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	6.25 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	8.00 pm
Shabbos/Rosh Hashanah next week	6.45 pm

We are holding a special **Dedication Service** straight after *Adon Olam* to consecrate two Paroches in loving memory of Norman Reisman z'l. The Ark curtains will be used on Shabbos and the Yomim Noraim in the Children's Service. Norman was particularly involved with encouraging children and young people including Bar Mitzvah tuition. Norman worked tirelessly for five years as Financial Representative - way beyond the call of duty. Clayhall extends a warm welcome to **Reverend Gary Newman** and **Harold Marco** from Newbury Park Shul. Both gentlemen will take part in the Service and Reverend Newman will be addressing the community. This is followed by Kiddush given by the Shul in Norman's memory.

Reading of the Torah

Sedrah Synopsis:

Alan Lion

Leyning: Nitzavim/Vayelech

Rabbi Nissan Wilson

Hertz p 878 , Soncino p 1138

Haftorah:

Harold Marco

Hertz p 883, Soncino p 1145

Between Minchah and Ma'ariv, we will enjoy a lovely Seudah Shilishis (third meal) and inspiring words of Torah from Rabbi Wilson. It's always a very special occasion so come along.



This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Tony Gadian in celebration of his birthday, his wife's birthday and other anniversaries!

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: 1 October, 22 October & 19 November

Succos Lunch and Crawl

On 2nd day Succos, **Sunday 8 October 2006**, all children and young people aged **6-16 years** are invited to lunch in the Shul succah. This is followed by a crawl to three local Succahs, finishing at Rabbi & Rebbetzin Wilson's home. Forms have been sent out and these need to be completed quickly and returned to the Shul office. It promises to be a great afternoon with lots of food and drink. Hurry up and apply!

Simchas Beis HaSho'evah

"Whoever did not see the rejoicing of the *Beis HaSho'evah* never saw rejoicing in his lifetime." The festivities associated with the drawing of the water for the libation on Succos were the highpoint of the festival. Clayhall's very own celebrations will take place for everyone on **Wednesday evening 11th October 2006** from 7.30 pm in the Shul succah. There will be live music, a scrumptious dessert buffet and a few L'Chayims! Our '**party in the Succah**' promises to be a really entertaining and fun evening. We'll be singing, dancing, eating and drinking the night away - what better way to spend an autumn Wednesday evening? More details will follow in due course.

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 **tonight**. 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 this important Service

The Pre-High Holy Days Programme - Week 3

The Rabbinical Council of East London, the Community Development Group of the United Synagogue and Sinclair House presents week 3 of the 5767 Ellul Programme. 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. This coming week sees two speakers and an intriguing panel debate. On Monday 18th September, **Rabbi Rashi Simon**, Director of Keshet, returns to talk about '*Standing before the Throne: British, Jewish, Oldish, Newish - Who am I.*' He is followed by **Professor Geoffrey Alderman**, *Jewish Chronicle* and *Guardian* columnist and historian, speaking on the subject, '*Trick or Treat? The Jews readmitted to England 1656-2006.*' On Wednesday evening, **Daniel Carmel-Brown**, Centre Manager of Sinclair House, **Leonie Lewis**, United Synagogue Director of Community Development, and **Michael Weiger**, UJIA Director of Programme and Planning come together to discuss the Redbridge Jewish community today with audience participation.

Arba Minim can be ordered from the Shul office. Please reserve your set.

Selichos Times

As Rosh Hashanah fast approaches, we will begin reciting *Selichos* (prayers of forgiveness) before Shacharis from Monday 18 September starting at **6.30 am**. On Erev Rosh Hashanah (Friday 22 September), *Selichos* will begin at **5.45 am**. During the *Aseres Yamei Teshuvah* - the days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur - *Selichos* commence at **6.25 am**, and on Erev Yom Kippur, we will begin at **7.45 am** (Sunday).

Ma'ariv Services

Clayhall is now davening *Ma'ariv* on every evening of the week, except Sundays. The Service begins at **7.30 pm** from Monday to Thursday, lasting just 15 minutes. Please make every effort to attend. It doesn't last long!

Youth Coordinator appointment

We are delighted to welcome **Daniel Phillips** to Clayhall. Daniel will become, subject to contract, our first part-time youth coordinator. We wish him *brachah v'hatzlachah* in all his work here. Among the 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 are Standing Today" (Devarim 29:9)

For one last time, on the last day of his life, Moshe renews the covenant between Hashem and Israel. Here on the plains of Moab he emphasises that this covenant applies to every Jew, from the foremost to the most common, to all future generations. Many commentators have been concerned about how it could be that future generations would be committed to Hashem's service without their consent. Abarbanel explains that, in truth, the entire nation of Israel was already bound to serve Hashem from the time they were freed from Egyptian bondage. That freedom was acquired at the price of service to Hashem. Just as the ancient Israelites were servants of Hashem so were their offspring, to all future generations. Rashi (to v.12) notes that at Sinai too a covenant was made between Hashem and Israel. The addition of the present covenant and the commitment of future generations was necessary because Hashem had sworn to the Patriarchs never to exchange their descendants for another people. It was therefore indispensable for the Jewish people to keep their covenant forever, so that they would never be found undeserving of Hashem.

Furthermore, there are different types of covenants in the Torah. The one which was made here upon the plains of Moab was accepted willingly by the Jewish people, while the one at Sinai was obligatory. In a deeper perspective, these two covenants correspond to the two aspects of the relationship of the Jew to G-d. When confronted with the offer to serve Hashem, a Jew may feel that he is free to choose his own spiritual destiny, but his inner soul will ultimately find that its attachment to Hashem is a natural, unquestioned obligation. But a new element is found in this present covenant which was not previously mentioned. This is the '*Arevus*', *collective responsibility*, each Jew carries for his fellow. Every Jew is obligated to help his fellow observe the Torah and prevent his disobedience. In the final analysis, the existence of the Jewish people throughout history is based upon their adherence to their covenant with Hashem. It is the eternal essence of this covenant which ensures the survival of the Jewish people. Yet it is precisely the demands of this covenant which cause their exile and persecutions, leading ultimately to the era of Mashiach.

(Based on the teachings of Rabbi Elie Munk)

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