



# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

*Shabbos 30 September 2006/ 8 Tishri 5767*

## **Service Times**

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	5.55 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	7.27 pm
Shabbos/Succos next week	6.13 pm

We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to **Rabbi and Rebbetzin Wilson** on the birth of Sara Brocha, a lovely sister for Ya'acov, Yitzchak and Shoshanah. Rabbi and Rebbetzin Wilson have great pleasure in inviting the Kehilla to a Kiddush after the Service in celebration of their Simchah. Today is *Shabbos Shuvah - the Shabbos of Return* - because the Haftorah begins with the words 'Shuvah Yisroel' (Hosea 14). It is customary for the Rabbi to speak at length about Teshuvah to make known to people the penalty for wrong, so that they might turn their hearts to Hashem. In general, one should not pass the time idly by this Shabbos but rather to concentrate entirely on Torah, prayer, and reflections of Teshuvah. Sincere and proper preparation is the key to maximising the day of Yom Kippur.

## **Reading of the Torah**

Sedrah Synopsis:

**Joshua Harris**

Leyning: Ha'azinu

**Rabbi Nissan Wilson**

Hertz p 896, Soncino p1159

Haftorah:

**Rabbi Nissan Wilson**

Hertz p 891, Soncino p 1155

*Rabbi Wilson serves up a most beautiful D'var Torah at our Seudah Shilishis (third meal). It is uplifting, inspiring, thought-provoking and interactive. Come along!*



*This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Rabbi & Rebbetzin Wilson in celebration of the birth of their daughter, Sara Brocha*

## ***Children's & Youth Service (Shabbos)***

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, Monday to Thursday.

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.

## ***Yom Kippur***

During the break on Yom Kippur between Mussaf and Minchah, Rabbi Wilson will be running a ***Question and Answer*** session in the Hall. Come prepared with your questions which can cover a range of topics but do bear in mind that we need to begin Minchah at the advertised time. It's much better than sleeping!

## *The Kaparos Ritual*

*Kaparos* is designed to imbue people with the feeling that their lives are at stake as Yom Kippur approaches, and that they must repent and seek atonement. The ceremony symbolises that our sins cry out for atonement, and that our good deeds and repentance can save us from the punishment we deserve. A chicken is moved in a circular motion around the penitent's head. The chicken is later slaughtered (symbolising the concept that a sinner deserves to give up his soul for not having used it to do G-d's will) and either the chicken or its cash value is given to the poor, for charity is an indispensable part of Teshuvah - and the combination of the two can achieve atonement. In giving the *kaparos* chicken to the poor, one must be extremely careful not to embarrass the recipient or to cause him to feel that the donor is ridding himself of his sins and placing them on the poor man's head. If a chicken is not used, it is acceptable to waive money in a circular motion, and this is then distributed as Tzedakah for the poor.

***Minchah on Erev  
Yom Kippur  
(tomorrow) will be at  
1.30 pm.***

### ***Youth Service***

**Daniel Phillips**, our new Youth Coordinator, has been encouraged by his first two weeks with Clayhall. Daniel wants to build a good, strong Shabbos core group. This will hopefully lead to more young people becoming involved as time goes by. Outside of Shul, Daniel will be arranging fun, social trips and the first such outing is planned for November. Daniel will back in Clayhall for the beginning of Succos to run the Youth Service.

### ***Erev Yom Kippur Breakfast***

It's a mitzvah to eat heartily on Erev Yom Kippur. After Shacharis (7.50 am) **tomorrow**, you are invited to our amazingly sumptuous mouth-watering breakfast replete with everything you would expect and more!

### ***Rambam's Hilchos Teshuvah***

**1:1** - Should a person transgress any mitzvah of the Torah - whether positive or negative, whether intentionally or inadvertently - when he repents and returns from his sin, he must confess before G-d, Blessed is He, as it is written: *If a man or a woman shall commit (any of the sins of man), let them confess their sins that they have committed* (Bamidbar 5:6-7). This refers to verbal confession; and that confession is a positive mitzvah.

**1:3** - Today, when the Beis Hamikdash is not standing and we do not have the atonement of the sacrificial altar, there is nothing but Teshuvah. For Teshuvah atones for all sins. Even if one has been wicked all his life but does Teshuvah at the end, we do not mention any of his wickedness to him.

## *Ne'ilah - The Moment of Atonement*

The moment of atonement is at the end of the day, 'Im Chashecha' - *at nightfall* - the time of the *Ne'ilah* service. *Tur* tells us that after Minchah the congregation 'multiply requests for forgiveness and mercy until the time arrives to recite the *Ne'ilah* prayer.' In the *Talmud Yerushalmi*, there are two opinions as to the significance here of the word *ne'ilah*, which means 'locking.' It may refer to the locking of the '*Sha'arei Haychal*', *gates of the Sanctuary*, in Temple times. As *Levush* puts it, 'Like a servant who, before taking leave of the king, requests a reward and a royal gift, and then, as he leaves, locks the gate behind him.' Or it may refer to the locking of the '*Sha'arei Shamaya*', *gates of heaven*, at the end of the prayer. The gates of the Beis HaMikdah were locked before sunset, soon after the second *Tamid* sacrifice - which would be well before nightfall, the time of the locking of the gates of heaven. In actual practice, most congregations begin *Ne'ilah* shortly before sunset.

The *Ne'ilah* prayer reflects in a number of ways the fact that the atonement of the day is being 'sealed' at the time of this prayer. For the word, '*Kasveinu*', *inscribe us*, in *Avinu Malkeinu*, we substitute, '*Chasmeinu*', *seal us*.

At the end of the *Ne'ilah* Service, *Shema Yisroel* is recited once, *Baruch Shem*...three times and *Hashem Hou Ha'Elokim*, *Hashem is G-d*, seven times. The purpose of these recitals is to accompany the Shechinah, the Divine Presence, as it departs and rises heavenward. And finally...the affliction of fasting gives the Jew a semblance of the angels, for he goes through the day full of humility, with head bowed, standing or kneeling, chanting prayers and praise. All this is causing him to forsake the physical powers and natural functions, to engage only in spirituality, as if he had no animal nature in him. Fasting divorces a person from his physical state and elevates him, in some measure, to the level of the angels.

*The Honorary Officers are pleased to announce that **Leslie Pollock** was nominated and duly elected unopposed as Warden for Clayhall United Synagogue. The Executive is now back to its full complement of five people.*

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