



קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 7 October 2006/ 15 Tishri 5767

Service Times

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	5.35 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	7.12 pm
Shabbos/Yom Tov next week	5.57 pm

We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to **Ben Jay** on the occasion of his 18th birthday. Jackie, Bernie and Richard have great pleasure in inviting the community to Kiddush in the Succah after the Service in celebration of their Simchah.

Tomorrow (2nd day Succos), the Kehilla officially welcomes **Rabbi & Rebbetzin Wilson** to Clayhall with a special Kiddush in their honour. We are also delighted to welcome Rabbi Wilson's parents from Manchester.

We extend Mazel Tov wishes to our Chasan Torah, **Bradley Rubenstein**, Chasan Bereishis, **Michael Callaghan** and our Eshes Chayil, **Ruth Lyndon**.

Reading of the Torah

Leyning: Ha'azinu

Hertz p 518, Soncino p 748

Vayikra (Emor) 22:26-23:41

Haftarah:

Rabbi Nissan Wilson

Adam Finegold

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 and savour the special atmosphere in the Shul Succah. The Seudah is followed by Ma'ariv at 7.12 pm.



This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Jackie & Bernie Jay in celebration of Ben's 18th birthday.

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: 22 October, 19 November & 24 December

Casino Royale Evening

You are invited to a *Casino Royale* evening on **Sunday 12 November 2006** at Sinclair House organised by the fund raising task group. Tickets are £17.50 per person to include a champagne reception, buffet and 10 gaming chips. The evening will have a 1920's theme and guests are asked to dress to impress! All monies raised will be used for the benefit of the Shul. More details will follow shortly.

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? What's more, it's a free night out!

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.

Future Events

Various task groups are busy planning programmes for the next few months and beyond. This includes a **Chanukah event** on Sunday 17 December, the revival of the ladies **Rosh Chodesh group**, a major **Shabbaton** in February, adult education courses, and much more. Watch this space for more details.

Tishrei rather than Nissan

Although it was Nissan, the month of spring, when G-d removed us from Egypt and housed us in succah-booths, He commanded us to observe Succos in Tishrei, during autumn. Why? Hashem wanted the mitzvah to be done in such a way that it would be readily apparent to all that the booths were being put up for the sake of the mitzvah and not for personal convenience. Given the weather conditions in Eretz Yisroel, this is possible only in the autumn. In Israel, the warm and dry season which begins in Nissan is a time when it is common for people to leave their homes and live in cool huts outdoors. On the other hand, when Tishrei comes, the summer is over and the rains are imminent. Then, naturally, people leave their huts and move back indoors. Therefore, when the Jew leaves his home in favour of his succah in Tishrei, it is readily apparent that he does so only to serve G-d. Chassidic writings teach that Pesach and Succos represent the beginning of the summer and winter months, thereby sanctifying all beginnings to Hashem.

*Chol Hamoed
Shacharis at 6.45am.
Hoshanah Rabbah
Shacharis: 6.25 am*

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 be back in Clayhall for the beginning of Succos to run the Youth Service.

Competition Time

Who said: "I love the mitzvah of succah, for a man can enter it with his whole body, even with the mud clinging to the soles of his boots!" The first person to provide the correct answer to Lester over the first two days Yom Tov receives a bottle of table wine.

Special Speaker Event

Clayhall Synagogue and Sinclair House present **Rabbi Gideon Sylvester** from Israel on **Monday 7th November 2006** at 8.00 pm. Rabbi Sylvester is currently the Adviser to the Minister for Israeli Society & World Jewish Community in Jerusalem. He was formerly the highly successful Rabbi of the Radlett Shul. The Aliyah Department of the Jewish Agency in London are bringing him over for a series of speaking engagements to coincide with the reading of the Sedrah of 'Lech Lecha.' He will be focusing on the meaning behind this Sedrah and its close connection to the Land of Israel. Organised jointly between Clayhall and the Community Shlichah, Revital Shloman, you can book your place by phoning on 8418 2114. Donation £3, includes refreshments.

Na'anu'im / The Waving of the Species

As soon as one picks up the Four Species, he has fulfilled the obligation - this is the mitzvah on the Scriptural level. But in the words of Rambam, *'The proper way of performing this mitzvah is to pick up the Lulav...and move it out and back, upwards and downwards, and to shake the Lulav three times in every direction.'* (*Hilchas Lulav 7:10*). These 'shakings' or 'wavings' are a mitzvah handed down by tradition. *Beis Shammai* and *Beis Hillel* debated how the shakings were to be coordinated with the verses of *Hallel*, the cycle of psalms of praise recited on the festival. The meaning of these *na'anu'im* (shakings) is given in the Talmud as follows: *'One who waves them back and forth to Him Who is the Master of the four directions; up and down to Him Who is the Master of heaven and earth. Thus, the Four Species allude to G-d's creation of all existence, and testify that there is naught besides Him.'* The Talmud also states: *'One waves them back and forth to restrain harmful winds; up and down to restrain harmful dews.'* Since Succos is the time of judgement for water and rain for the entire year, the nature of the Four Species symbolises our prayers for water; the esrog tree requires more water than others; palm trees grow best in valleys that have abundant water; myrtles and willows grow near water. In waving the *Arba Minim* in all six directions, we therefore symbolically say to Hashem: Just as these Four Species cannot exist without water, so can the world not exist without water. And when You give us water, let no harmful winds or dew negate Your blessing. Concerning the order of the *na'anu'im*, there are two popular customs; Eastwards, southwards, westwards, northwards, upwards, downwards; or southwards, northwards, eastwards, upwards, downwards, westwards.

The Kabbalistic masters observe that the three *hadasim* (myrtle branches) allude to the three Patriarchs; the two *aravos* (willow branches) to Moshe and Aaron; the *lulav* to Yosef, and the *esrog* to David, King of Israel. We accordingly bind three *hadasim* so we recall the chain of ancestry, and the holiness of Avraham, Yitzchak and Ya'acov, who were unified unwaveringly in their devotion to Hashem. They always focused upward and so too we emulate them by *grasping the deeds of our forefathers in our hands*.

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