



קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 21 October 2006/ 29 Tishri 5767

Service Times (Shabbos Mevarachim)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	5.05 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	6.42 pm
Shabbos/Yom Tov next week	5.28 pm

Once again, we wish a hearty Mazel Tov to our celebrants - **Bradley Rubenstein, Michael Callaghan** and **Ruth Lyndon**. In addition, the Kehilla wishes Mazel Tov to **Marc Alicoon, Sara Freedman, Daniel Freedman, Yared Posnasky** and **Rachel Freedman** on the occasion of their honours this year.

We all enjoyed a lovely Simchas Torah. Indeed, the whole month of Tishri has been spiritually uplifting and **Rabbi Wilson** deserves credit for his inspiring sermons and Divrei Torah. Succos including the Services, Kiddushim, the Youth lunch and Succos crawl, and the Simchas Beis Ha'Shoevah were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The future is bright at Clayhall!

Reading of the Torah

Sedrah synopsis:

Johnny Lyndon

Leyning: Bereishis

Rabbi Nissan Wilson

Hertz p 2, Soncino p 1

Haftorah:

Mike Callaghan

Hertz p 948, Soncino p 1189

How can you miss our fantastic Seudah Shilishis held every Shabbos afternoon? Come along and enjoy food, drink, laughter, song and beautiful words of Torah at no cost - except for just a little of your time.



This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Natalie & Richard Rubin on the birth of their grandson

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: 29 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 £15.00 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.

Amazing Bereishis!

In the first *pasuk* (verse) of Bereishis, there are seven words corresponding to the seven days of the week, the seven years of a shemittah cycle, the seven shemittah cycles of a yovel (jubilee) cycle, the seven heavens, the seven lands, the seven seas, and the seven servants. Because of this, the Sages ordained that the refrain in the Kaddish - Y'Hey Sh'mey Rabbah... - contain seven words, and be recited seven times each day. Moreover, in this first verse of the Torah, there are 28 letters as there are in the above refrain. Similarly 7 words and 28 letters are also contained in the verse introducing the 10 Commandments in the sedrah of Yisro. (***Baal Haturim***)

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 more. It is also hoped to plan a trip to the Holocaust Education Centre in Nottingham in April. Rabbi Wilson intends to run sessions on navigating through the Siddur and understanding Tefillah (prayer).

Sunday Breakfast

Our next scrummy Sunday breakfast takes place next week, **29th October** after Shacharis. Perhaps you would like to sponsor the breakfast one month for a birthday, anniversary or to commemorate a Yahrzeit? The cost is £40 and you should speak to either Lester or Michelle. Many thanks in anticipation.

Learn to read Hebrew in 6 Weeks!

Whether you have never read Hebrew before or your reading just needs a bit of polishing, join **Rabbi Wilson** for a 6-week adventure in the wilds of Sinclair House. Starting on **Wednesday 8th November** at **8.00 pm** in the Board room, you can truly do something amazing. ***Never again will you need to struggle with your Hebrew reading.*** With just a little effort at home and during the course, it is quite possible to do this in just 6 weeks. **It is essential to pre-book** by calling the Shul office and leaving your name(s) or you can speak directly to Rabbi Wilson. If the demand is such, a second course will be run during the early part of 2007. The Shul has kept the cost of the course down to just £15 per person. This includes £5 for the course book and yummy refreshments! So there's just one other thing left to say -

You Really CAN Do It!

Stone Setting for the late Sam Spillman z'l is tomorrow, 10am, at Waltham Abbey.

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.

Rosh Chodesh Mar Cheshvan

Rosh Chodesh Mar Cheshvan is Sunday and Monday 22nd & 23rd October. Shacharis tomorrow will be at the usual time of **8.15 am** but Shacharis on Monday will be at the slightly earlier time of **6.45 am**. Gut Chodesh!

Special Speaker Event

Clayhall Synagogue and Sinclair House present **Rabbi Gideon Sylvester** from Israel on **Monday 6th 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.

"By the seventh day G-d completed His work which He had done" (Bereishis 2:2)

The six days of creation are over. The Master disappears behind His work. The omnipotence of the eternal law of nature thus brings with it a serious danger, the danger that G-d will disappear from people's minds. To combat this peril, man needs to keep afresh the memory of the creation of the world, of which Adam was the sole witness – and at that he saw but a part of creation. Shabbos is therefore 'a remembrance of creation.'

As the *Kuzari* (2:4) states, '*The observance of Shabbos is itself an acknowledgement of G-d, an homage paid to the creator of all. Indeed, he who rests on the Sabbath because the work of Creation was finished on this day accepts that the world had a beginning, and to recognise this beginning is to proclaim belief in G-d, its Creator. However, he who ignores the Sabbath falls prey to doubts of G-d's eternity; he loses his faith in the existence of the Creator of the world.*' Furthermore, right from the beginning of life in the universe, Shabbos makes its appearance as the day of liberation which triumphs over fate and proclaims the complete freedom of the Creator.

Therefore, it is just this 'stoppage of work' which gives the Sabbath all its meaning. On the seventh day, G-d ordered the seething creative forces to stop. These were in full swing and would have continued to produce had not Hashem stopped them. He lifted up the creation of the world from the constraints of material forces to the manifestation of Divine freedom which finds expression in 'rest.' '*What was the world still lacking?*' asks *Rashi*. '*Rest – Shabbos came and brought with it rest. Then the work of creation was completed.*' And so the Torah records that G-d completed His work on the seventh day and not on the sixth day.

The fruit of the seventh day, rest, gives the work of the six preceding days all its value and dignity. Thus Shabbos conquers the servitude to which work invariably leads. By giving mankind the gift of Shabbos, G-d raised us to the level of freedom, dignity, and equality for all. The Sabbath ennobles work and crowns rest with glory. It establishes the realm of human dignity.

(Adapted from the teachings of Rabbi Elie Munk)

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