

קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 11 November 2006/ 20 Mar Cheshvan 5767

Service Times (Marc Alicoon's Bar Mitzvah)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	3.40 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	5.07 pm
Shabbos next week	3.54 pm

We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to **Marc Alicoon** on the wonderful occasion of his Bar Mitzvah. Marc will be leyning the first part of the Sedrah in addition to singing Maftir and Haftorah. **Melanie, Andrew and Ryan** have great pleasure in inviting the Kehilla to a Kiddush after the Service in celebration of their Simchah. Marc has already leyned the opening parasha of his Sedra, *Vayera*, last Shabbos Minchah on his actual Hebrew birthday and, again, two days ago on Thursday morning at the Shacharis minyan. He is also a regular now at the Sunday morning minyan. The Kehilla looks forward to Marc's continual involvement and spiritual growth for many years to come.

Reading of the Torah

Sedra Synopsis:

Leyning: *Vayera*

Hertz p 63, Soncino p 86

Haftorah:

Hertz p 76, Soncino p 113

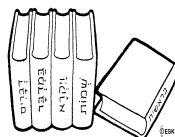
Marc Alicoon

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Rabbi Nissan Wilson

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We hold a fantastic Seudah Shilishis every Shabbos afternoon between Minchah and Ma'ariv. Enjoy food, drink, laughter, song and inspiring words of Torah from Rabbi Wilson. There's even a wee dram or two!



*This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by
Melanie & Andrew Alicoon in celebration of Marc's Bar Mitzvah*

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, Monday to Thursday.

Sunday breakfasts: 19 November, 24 December & 21 January.

Dates for your Diary

Top Golf Tournament for Year 7-11 on Sunday November 19th in Chigwell.

6-week Hebrew Reading crash course starting Wednesday 8th November.

Chanukah Extravaganza for everyone on Sunday 17th December.

Melavah Malka on Motsei Shabbos 24th February 2007.

'The Great Purim Breakfast' on Sunday 4th March after the Megillah reading.

Put these dates in your diary!

NEROS Shul Quiz

The annual NEROS inter-Shul quiz takes place on **Sunday 10th December 2006** at Newbury Park Shul, starting at 2.30 pm. Teams consist of three members and if you would like to take part, please call Robin Abrahams on 8220 6779. It's quite a few years since Clayhall got near the winner's prize!

100 Club Draw:

The winners of the 100 Club Rosh Hashanah draw are:

1st prize: Louis Roat

2nd prize: Robin Abrahams & Barbara Mervish

Clayhall Kehilla Newsheet

This newsheet has been running in its present format for almost three years with very few changes to its layout and design. Generally speaking, it is well received by the community. However, that doesn't mean that it can't be improved or re-styled. So if you have any constructive suggestions we would like to hear them. Bear in mind that the weekly production time is limited so any alterations need to take this into account. There is also no point in changing something just for changes sake. So this exercise may in the end count for nothing. But your views are important. Please write to or email the Shul office and we'll let you know in time what the results are.

Fund Raising

Do you have any fund raising experience and knowledge? If so, Victor Shafier would like to hear from you. He is currently setting up a new Fund Raising Task Group as a sub-committee of the Board of Management. Please either speak to him directly or you can contact Victor through the office.

Melavah Malka and more!

This past week has seen the start of Rabbi Wilson's 6-week Hebrew Reading Crash course - the beginning of many new adult education initiatives. On Motsei Shabbos (Saturday evening), **24th February 2007**, we shall be holding a Melava Malka at 8.15 pm. The Guest Speaker has not been confirmed to date but we are delighted that the excellent **Jonny Turgel** will be providing the musical entertainment. Jonny is the newly-appointed Chazan at Edgware Synagogue and a soloist with the Shabbaton Choir. He is well worth listening to. Please mark this date in your diaries and further details will follow soon. Tu B'Shevat (New Year for Trees) falls on **Shabbos 3 February 2007** and Rabbi Wilson will be conducting a special 'fruity' Seudah between Minchah and Ma'ariv. Purim then falls on **Sunday 4 March**. After Shacharis, a full 'festive' Purim breakfast will be served. To coincide with Yom H'Shoah (Holocaust Day) the Shul is trying to organise a trip to the Beth Shalom Holocaust Centre in Nottingham for **Sunday 15th April 2007**. Keep these dates free!

*Ladies Rosh
Chodesh Group
coming soon.
Watch this space!*

Task Group News

The various Board of Management task groups have been working well. Our Membership group has visited new members in their homes taking an introductory goodie bag! The Marketing and Communication group has drafted a Shul pack for new and prospective members. The website will be updated over the next few months. The Care group has kept in touch with people who have unfortunately been bereaved or fallen ill. Phone calls and visits are made to ensure that Clayhall really does care.

Clayhall Grand Raffle

Our grand raffle first prize is worth a whopping **£1200**. Please sell as many tickets as possible as the draw takes place on Sunday 17th December (Chanukah). Expenses have been covered so all tickets sold benefit the Shul.

SOS - URGENT - SOS

World Jewish Relief needs you to help move a mountain. Do you have two hours to spare by joining the **WJR Winter Packathon?** Jewish Communities in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union are absolutely desperate to receive clothing for their families for the bitter winter. WJR has a mountain of 'good as new' clothing that needs sorting and packing. Just a few hours from a few people will make all the difference to the thousands in need. Come along on **Sunday 10 December** between 10am-12pm AND 12pm-2pm at the WJR Warehouse, c/o Asiatic Carpet Warehouse, 430 High Road, Neasden, NW10 2DA. Tel: 020 8451 9295. Help the WJR make a difference. To confirm your place, email packathon@wjr.org.uk. Thank You!

“And it happened after these things that G-d tested Avraham” (Vayera 22:1)

There are many views on the motive and the meaning of the binding of Yitzchak which represented a severe test for Avraham. *Rambam* is the first who strongly emphasises that the idea of a test is not that G-d wants to test and try man in order to discover what He had not known previously. It should be realised that every time the Torah speaks of a test, this test has no other object or goal than to have men learn what they must do or believe. The binding of Isaac comprises two great fundamental ideas in Judaism. The first is to teach us how far we must go in our love and fear of G-d. Avraham was ordered to do something which could not be compared with any sacrifice, whether of money or even of life; it was the most extraordinary thing that could have happened in the world, one of those things which one would think human nature not capable of accepting. Imagine a childless man, driven by an extreme desire to have children, possessing great fortune and highly esteemed, longing that his race become a nation; if he has a son, after despairing so long of ever having one, what love, what passion he will have for this son! Nevertheless, fearing G-d and wishing to obey His command, Avraham puts this cherished son in the background. He renounces all he has hoped for from his son and consents to sacrifice him after a few days' journey. If our father Avraham hurried to sacrifice Yitzchak, it was not out of fear that G-d would kill him, but solely because it is the duty of mortals to love and fear G-d without the slightest hope for reward. A second idea is that the prophets must take whatever is revealed to them by G-d as reality. We are told that everything that the prophet sees in his prophetic vision is real and true and certain for him, that he doubts none of it and that he considers it as real as anything perceived by his senses or intellect. The proof is that Avraham hurried to sacrifice the son he loved even though the command to do so came to him in a dream or vision. But had the prophetic dream been obscure for the prophets, had there remained any doubt or uncertainty regarding what they had perceived in a prophetic vision, they would not have been so eager to carry out what was repugnant to human nature and if Avraham had doubts, he would not have consented.

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