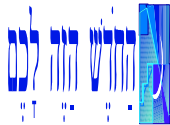




# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

*Shabbos 18 November 2006/ 27 Mar Cheshvan 5767*

## *Service Times (Shabbos Mevarachim)*

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	3.30 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	4.58 pm
Shabbos next week	3.46 pm

We wish a very hearty Mazel Tov to **Isidore Davidson** on the wonderful occasion of his 93rd birthday. Mr Davidson has great pleasure in inviting the Kehilla to a Kiddush after the Service in celebration of his Simchah.

Today is Shabbos Mevarachim and we will bless the new month of Kislev. Rosh Chodesh is next Tuesday and Wednesday, 21st/22nd November. Shacharis will be at the slightly earlier time of 6.45 am on these days.

The *2007 Really Jewish Food Guide* is now available. Packed with thousands of permitted foods and a comprehensive guide to Kashrus, it's a must for every good Jewish home!

## *Reading of the Torah*

Sedra Synopsis:

**Michael Mandel**

Leyning: Chaye Sarah

**Rabbi Nissan Wilson**

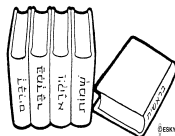
Hertz p 80, Sencino p 118

Haftorah:

**Richard Rubin**

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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 Frances & Michael Mandel to mark the 11th month anniversary of his mother, Minna's passing***

## ***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: 26 November, 24 December & 21 January.

## ***Clayhall's Chanukah Party***

The date is **Sunday 17th December**.

The time is 5.30 pm. The fun begins with a Treasure Hunt for all to find the missing jar of oil. The lovely menu is hot salt beef sandwiches, latkes, salads and doughnuts. You might also win a fabulous 7-day holiday to Eilat if you hold the winning ticket for the Grand Raffle being drawn during the evening. Application forms are on their way. We look forward to seeing you there!

## ***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

## ***72nd AJEX Parade***

The 72nd AJEX Remembrance Ceremony and Parade takes place tomorrow, **Sunday 19th November 2006** at the Cenotaph, Whitehall, SW1 at 2.30 pm. AJEX invites those who served in all the Auxiliary Services in World War II to join with the marchers and fall in on Horse Guards Parade at 2.00 pm. The officiating clergy are the Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks, The Rev Malcolm Weisman, AJEX Chaplain and Rabbi Harry Jacobi. Major General Paul Newton CBE MPhil is the Reviewing Officer.

This is followed by the Reunion and Rally at the New Connaught Rooms, 61/65 Great Queen Street, London WC2 at 3.30 pm.

## ***Induction Service***

Rabbi Wilson's Induction Service will be conducted by the **Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks** here on **Sunday 29th April 2007** at 3.00 pm. The Service will be followed by a grand tea. Invitations for all members will be sent out nearer the time but please try to keep this date free. It promises to be a great afternoon.

## *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](mailto:packathon@wjr.org.uk). Thank You!

## ***Sarah's Life***

*'The life of Sarah was one hundred years and twenty years and seven years (23:1).* Our Sages say that during Sarah's lifetime her candles burned from one erev Shabbos to the next erev Shabbos; the dough she kneaded was blessed; and a cloud hovered over her tent. With her death, all of these things ceased so everyone realised that they had happened in her merit. She merited death and burial in Eretz Yisroel. The Torah specifies one hundred years and twenty years and seven years in order to show that she lived out all the years that she was destined to live. Chizkuni writes that Sarah had no need of cosmetics. She was as lovely at twenty years as a young girl of seven. Rav Bechaye and Chizkuni write that the word *vayih'yū* (here translated 'was') is numerically equivalent to thirty-seven. Sarah actually lived a real life for only thirty-seven years, from the time of Yitzchak's birth until the sacrifice, when he was thirty-seven years old. The years before his birth were not considered true life, for a person who is childless is compared to the dead (Baal Haturim). The Torah ought to have written about Sarah's death immediately after the portion discussing Yitzchak's near-sacrifice, for when she heard how her son had been bound on the altar she was so overcome by fright that her soul fled from her body. Why does the Torah precede the account of her death with the news that Rivkah had been born? To teach us that before one righteous person dies another is born into the world. The Torah goes on to say that *'Avraham came to eulogise Sarah and weep for her' (23:2).* Avraham came from Be'er Sheva. Rav Bechaye asks why Sarah's name is mentioned here again, when we have just been told in this same verse, *Sarah died.* The explanation is that when eulogising it is proper to mention the name of the deceased several times. Rav Bechaye asks further, why it does not say that Yitzchak, too, mourned for his mother. The answer is that Yitzchak was not told of her death in order that he should not grieve that his mother had died because she had heard that he had been bound to the altar. Moreover, Yitzchak did not return after the sacrifice. Instead, he stayed on Mt. Moriah for 3 years, until he was 40 years old, when he returned and married Rivkah. So the Torah says, *'Avraham returned to his young men (22:19).* He returned but Yitzchak remained behind.

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