

# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

*Shabbos 23 December 2006/ 2 Teves 5767*

## **Service Times (Chanukah Day 8)**

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	3.30 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	4.49 pm
Shabbos next week	3.44 pm

We wish Mazel Tov to **Gordon Miller** on the wonderful occasion of his 65th birthday, and on receiving a plush bus pass! Gordon has great pleasure in inviting the Kehilla to a Kiddush after the Service in celebration of his Simchah.

We will be davening Shacharis at **8.15 am** on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday mornings - 24th, 25th & 26th December. As a few of our regulars will be away, please make every effort to attend the Minyanim, especially as nobody is rushing off to work later. We would also ask that, if you are part of the weekly morning rota, and you know the previous day/evening that you cannot be present the following morning, please let the Wardens know.

## **Reading of the Torah**

Sedrah synopsis:

Leyning: Miketz

Hertz p 155, Soncino p 252

Haftorah:

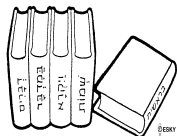
Hertz p 990, Soncino p 1187

**Gordon Miller**

**Rabbi Nissan Wilson**

**Alexander Segall**

*Rabbi & Rebbetzin Wilson, the Honorary Officers and the Board of Management wish all members and their families a lechtiger and freilechen Chanukah. Ignore the diet - one last day to hit those doughnuts hard!*



***This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Gordon Miller in celebration of his 65th birthday***

## ***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: 21 January & 18 February.

## ***Ladies Guild***

The Ladies Guild AGM will be taking place on **Tuesday 27th February 2007** at Sinclair House. Further details and voting papers will be sent to all ladies nearer the time. This presents a good opportunity for ladies to discuss how they would like the role of the Ladies Guild to develop. The Ladies Guild Shabbos will be celebrated on **10th February** where the contribution of all of our ladies will be honoured.

## ***Ilford Jewish Primary School***

Ilford Jewish Primary School's SAT's results have improved considerably again. But, most importantly, the value added element is the second highest in the London Borough of Redbridge. The measure compares the Year 6 pupils' performances in the national curriculum tests with the middle performance of other pupils nationally who had similar attainment four years earlier. **IJPS is rated in the top 5% of ALL primary schools in the country as well as being the top Jewish primary school for this significant element.** You can check the DfES website for more information. These results are fantastic news and we should be proud of our local Jewish primary school.

## ***Future Events***

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 1st July 2007**.

## ***Rosh Chodesh Group***

The Rosh Chodesh group got off to a great start last Tuesday evening with an enthralling and highly entertaining talk by the excellent Shanni Solomons, followed by tea and doughnuts! Watch this space for details of the next get-together. Please support the group for just a couple of hours a month.

## ***Melavah Malka Line-up confirmed!***

On Motsei Shabbos (Saturday evening), **24th February 2007**, we shall be holding a Melava Malka at 8.15 pm. We are honoured and privileged that our Guest Speaker is **His Honour Judge Martyn Zeidman QC** who will speaking on the subject, 'Crime in a Sentence.' Following an illustrious legal career at the Bar, Judge Zeidman now sits as one of Her Majesty's Judges at Snaresbrook Crown Court. He is an outstanding and much sought-after speaker. We are also 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. The evening is very much a light, social occasion with the emphasis on good food (a great 3-course fish supper), a wonderful speaker, and some marvellous music. Application forms will be sent to all members in early January with further details. You can provisionally put your name down now by contacting the Shul office.

***The recent Grand Raffle raised nearly £1800 for the Shul. Well done to all concerned.***

### ***Clayhall Cares***

If you know of anyone in the community who is in hospital, or about to go into hospital, or someone who is lonely and/or housebound, please call the Shul office or **Rabbi Wilson** directly on 07968 432672. Don't assume that we already know! There are unfortunately many times when word has not filtered through to the right channels. Rabbi Wilson and his team are here to help in any way possible so please just ask.

### ***Ladies Guild Supper Quiz***

The annual Ladies Guild Supper Quiz (ladies only) takes place on **Tuesday 6th February 2007** at Sinclair House. Doors open from 7.00 pm and the excitement begins at 7.30 pm. Tickets £10 each. More details to follow.

### ***Grand Gala Concert***

Clayhall Shul proudly presents an all-star Gala Concert on Sunday 4th February 2007 at Sinclair House starting at 8.00 pm. Featuring the Israeli/English Mezzo-Soprano, **Ruti Halvani** accompanied by soloist, pianist and composer **Peter Dale**, the evening promises to be a real cracker. Ruti Halvani has graced radio, television and many stages in Israel, Europe and America. Her performance with Peter Dale will combine the operatic Israeli Diva with the English jazz virtuoso. Also appearing is comedian, **Chris Carlson**, making a return visit to Clayhall. He will take a wry look at life as it used to be, taking his audience on an hilarious stroll down memory lane. Tickets are £15 per person available from the Shul office (inc. light refreshments). Don't wait to book!

***"They drank and become intoxicated with him" (43:34)***

*Rashi* says that since the day that the brothers sold Yosef, neither he nor they drank wine until this day. The Rabbi of Aleksander (*Yismach Yisrael*) says, we can understand why Yosef drank that day: because he was reunited with all his brothers. But why did the brothers drink? If they had deprived themselves of wine in atonement for selling their brother, why was this day different? At this point they did not know the identity of Yosef. The *Yismach Yisrael* says that after they had sold Yosef, they realised how destructive it was to be envious, and they were determined to extirpate this trait from their character. However, they had no way of knowing whether they had succeeded in this. When Yosef gave Binyamin five times as much as he gave them and they did not feel even a twinge of envy, they rejoiced. They had overcome the root of their sin. They celebrated their spiritual achievement. Rav Chaim Vital says that it is more difficult to correct a bad character trait than to complete the entire Talmud. Just as when one completes the Talmud it is customary to celebrate with a *seudas mitzvah* (feast), so one may celebrate the eradication of a bad character trait. And just as when completing the Talmud one should not become vain but realise that it was by the help of G-d that one was able to achieve this and look forward to increasing one's learning, so also with the elimination of a bad character trait. One may rejoice at the achievement, but realise how much more one must do to further one's character. The accomplishment of any spiritual advance is a reason for celebration but also a reminder of how much more one must do. This may help answer the question raised by the Talmud (*Megillah 16b*), why did Yosef give more lavish gifts to Binyamin than to the other brothers? Why repeat the discriminatory favouritism that caused the entire saga? It was because Yosef recognised that the brothers had succeeded in ridding themselves of envy, so special treatment of Binyamin would not worry them.

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