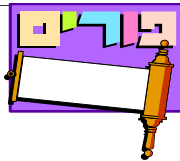




# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

*Shabbos 3 March 2007/13 Adar 5767*

## *Service Times (Parashas Zachor)*

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	5.00 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	6.31 pm
Shabbos next week	5.40 pm

It's another double Clayhall Simchah this Shabbos! We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to **Lara and Mark Freedman** on the occasion of the naming of their baby daughter, a grand-daughter to Eve and Steve Freedman, and a great-granddaughter to Lou Freedman. We also wish Mazel Tov to **David Krist** on his 18th birthday. Both families have great pleasure in inviting the Kehilla to a Kiddush after the Service in celebration of their Simchahs. This evening is Purim (yippee!!) and the Megillah reading by the excellent **Immanuel Burton** will start at 7.00 pm. Tomorrow morning, Shacharis begins at the later time of 9.00 am followed by a Champagne (ok, so sparkling wine will have to do!) Breakfast sponsored by Esther and Modcha Spiel. *Those wishing to take Purim that seriously should seek alternative venues.*

## *Reading of the Torah*

Sedrah synopsis:

*David Krist*

Leyning: Tetzaveh

*Rabbi Nissan Wilson*

Hertz p 339, Soncino p 519

Haftorah:

*Leslie Linder*

Hertz p 995, Soncino p 1192

*Summing up the Purim holiday in ten words or less: They tried to kill us, we won, let's eat.*



*This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Gloria & Lenoard Krist and Helen & Johnny Lyndon to celebrate David's 18th 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: 4th March (Purim) & 25th March.

## ***Parashas Zachor***

"Amalek battled Israel in (a place called) Refidim" (Shemos 17:8). The Midrash explains that the name 'Refidim' is a contraction of Hebrew words meaning '*they loosened their grip on Torah.*' As long as the Jews were diligent in Torah study, Amalek had no dominion over them. But as soon as Jewish study became lax, they were in danger. To counteract Amalek, the message is to strengthen Torah.

## ***Presidential Cholent***

On the Shabbos of 17th March, we are honoured with the presence of the United Synagogue President, **Simon Hochhauser**. It will also herald our first-ever Hot Cholent Kiddush! We believe that this will be very popular and it's suitable for vegetarians! During the Kiddush, the President will speak about the 'Future of Anglo-Jewry' and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. It should be a very interesting and intriguing discussion. Chairs will be provided for those that find it too uncomfortable to stand. There is no need to book and nothing to pay. Just be in Shul and come along to the Kiddush. If you don't like Cholent, there will be alternatives!

## ***Sinclair House***

We know that there has been much speculation in recent months about the possible relocation of Sinclair House. Whatever might happen will take several years and it is quite possible that nothing will change at all. The Honorary Officers will act in the best interests of the Shul, and members will be kept informed of developments. We enjoy a very warm and close relationship with Jewish Care, something valued by both parties.

## ***US Website***

The United Synagogue has launched its brand-new and excellent website. Log on to **[www.theus.org.uk](http://www.theus.org.uk)** and you will be amazed at the both the quantity and quality of the content. The Kashrus Guide for example is now available online and food product checks can be run, providing instant answers to kashrus queries!

## *Pre-Pesach Programme*

We have three mouth-watering and Matzo crunching pre-Pesach sessions beginning at Sinclair House on **Tuesday 13th March** when Rabbi and Rebbetzin Wilson will run a *Pesach Cleaning Made Easy(ish)* workshop. The following Tuesday, the Rabbinical Council of North East London presents 'SPEEDLearning - 9 Rabbis. 18 minutes. Your Choice' followed by a keynote speech from the **Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks**. The SPEEDLearning Rabbis are, Rabbi Odam Brandman, Rabbi Baruch Davis, Rabbi Beni Fleischer, Rabbi Geoffrey Hyman, Rev Stewart Myers, Rev Johnny Lorraine, Rev Gary Newman, Rabbi Aryeh Sufrin and Rabbi Nissan Wilson. Bookings forms for the 20th March event will be sent directly to members and there is a £3 entrance charge. The third session takes place on Tuesday 27th March with Rabbi Wilson 'Creating an Interactive Seder.' All three evenings begin at 8.00 pm followed by refreshments. Please make every effort to attend as the series promises to be fun, inspiring and educational.

*Shabbaton with  
Rabbi Dovid Roberts on  
Shabbos 16th June.  
Another great event!*

### *Quiz Mania!*

The recent Ladies Guild supper quiz was very successful and it raised over £600. On Tuesday 17th April, it's the men's turn with another popular and highly competitive sports quiz. The action begins after Minchah and Ma'ariv at 8.00pm with a beigel and beer supper. Tickets are £8 and the details have been sent out in the recent Shul mailing. Please do your best to support the event with funds going to the Shul.

### *The Rabbi and the Golem!*

Six old fools bring you a crazy, wacky and embarrassing musical feast tomorrow after breakfast in true Purim style. Struggling to act, sing, dance or even speak, **Nissan** Toyota, **Gordon** Ramsay, **Lester** Piggott, **Mark** Twain, **Greg** Dyke and Prince **Andrew**, will provide zany stupidity straight out of the bottom draw. Don't miss it because there are NO repeats. Performing live, this is the show that even the BBC wanted to ban. A musical cacophony of disastrous lows. You have been warned!

### *Hebrew Reading Course*

Rabbi Wilson would like to run another 6-week Hebrew reading crash course after Pesach. The first course was very successful and it really is possible to read Hebrew competently after just 6 weeks! Rabbi Wilson already has a few names on the 'interested list' but would you please speak to him directly if you would like to participate in such a course. It really is a worthwhile and rewarding experience. Do something amazing and give yourself the chance to read the Holy tongue.

## ***A Little Purim Fun - Changing the Light Bulb***

*How many Kabbalists does it take to change a light bulb?*

**Eleven - one to hold the light bulb and ten to rotate the Universe.**

*How many Mossad agents does it take to change a light bulb?*

**Light bulb? There WAS no light bulb.**

*How many psychiatrists does it take to change a light bulb?*

**One - but the light bulb really HAS to change.**

*How many Jewish mothers does it take to change a light bulb?*

**Only one - But don't worry dear, I can sit in the dark. I don't want to be a burden to you, Harold.**

*How many spiritual leaders does it take to change a light bulb?*

**None. Change must come from within.**

*How many synagogue members does it take to change a light bulb?*

**One to change the bulb - but three committees to approve the change.**

*How many Jews on Purim does it take to change a light bulb?*

**Five - One to hold the bulb and four to drink until the room spins.**

## ***Pesach Canal Cruise***

Last week, we said that the United Synagogue is running a Pesach Canal Cruise in and around Birmingham! Did you know that *Brum* has more miles of canal than even Venice? You didn't? Well, it's true. Application forms will be sent out shortly in next week's mailing for this extraordinary event. The cost is £275 per person and the cruise is for the first 4 days of Pesach only. Places are limited to the first 30 applications. However, the Community Development Department has informed Shuls that more narrow boats will be supplied should there be sufficient demand. So for floating and possible soggy-Matzo Sedarim, this adventure is for you. More information is available by emailing [pesachcanal@theus.org](mailto:pesachcanal@theus.org) or by phoning the Shul office. All the food is under the London Beis Din.

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