



# קליהל קהילה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

*Shabbos 31 March 2007/12 Nissan 5767*

## *Service Times (Shabbos Hagadol)*

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	6.50 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	8.20 pm
Chol Hamoed Shabbos next week	7.28 pm

Pesach is almost here; the chametz busters have been working overtime and we're all feeling pretty tired! The excellent pre-Pesach series gave those that attended many useful cleaning techniques to make life that little bit easier. Last Tuesday evening, **Rabbi Wilson** explored ways to design an 'interactive' Seder that engages even the most challenging guests! Today is **Shabbas Hagadol** (the 'Great' Shabbos). It was in Egypt that the Israelites celebrated the very first Shabbos Hagadol, on the 10th of Nissan - five days before their freedom. On that day, they were given their first mitzvah, a mitzvah that only applied to that Shabbos, but not to future generations. *'On the 10th day of the month...each man shall take a lamb for a household, a lamb for each house.'* (Shemos Ch12).

## *Torah Reading*

Sedrah synopsis:

Leyning: Tzav

Hertz p 429 , Soncino p 631

Haftorah:

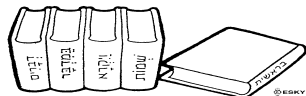
Hertz p 1005, Soncino p 1197

***No chametz may be eaten after 10.54 am  
on Monday 2nd April.***

***Jeffrey Simmons***

***Rabbi Nissan Wilson***

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***This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by  
Jackie and Bernie Jay in celebration of Richard's 16th 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, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Sunday breakfasts: 22nd April, 20th May & 17th June.

## ***A Pesach Thought***

The basic difference between the wise son and the wicked son is that the wise son is willing to perform the mitzvos though he does not yet understand them. Of course, he seeks to know the reasons behind their performance. For the moment, however, the fact that his father taught him that such is Jewish tradition is sufficient. Not so the wicked son who says, 'to you,' but not 'to me.' *I will not do what I do not understand.*

## ***Family Shabbaton***

The Shabbos of **16th June** (Rosh Chodesh Tammuz) promises to be a real cracker! Rabbi Wilson plans to run a big family Shabbaton aimed at the whole community. There will be something for everyone. The much sought-after speaker and scholar, **Rabbi Dovid Roberts**, from Edgware is already confirmed as a guest speaker. The event will be run in conjunction with **Project Seed**, an organisation that has just celebrated its 25th birthday. Project Seed has recently run some very successful events at **Iford Jewish Primary School** and in other Jewish schools around London. Further details will be sent to members after Pesach but please try to keep the date free.

## ***Induction Service***

Invitations have been sent out to all members for Rabbi Wilson's Induction Service that takes place on Sunday 29th April 2007. We are delighted that the **Chief Rabbi, Sir Jonathan Sacks**, will formally induct Rabbi Wilson and that Chazzan Gedalya Alexander will lead us in Minchah. Owing to limited space, seats will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Please ensure that you return the reply cards quickly. This is a **members-only** event.

## ***Sale of Chometz***

Rabbi Wilson will be in the Shul office tomorrow 1st April from 10.00 am until 11.30 am for anyone wishing to sell their chametz. Alternatively, you can complete the form in the Shul office and you will have received it the pre-Pesach mailing. However, it is better to sell your chametz in person with Rabbi Wilson.

## ***Bitter Herbs - The Requirement Today***

In contrast to matzah, eating *maror* on Seder night is mentioned only in connection with the eating of the meat of the Pesach offering. Today, with no Temple, there is no Pesach sacrifice and eating *maror* is a Rabbinic ordinance. This has important Halachic significance. As with matzah, the minimum amount of *maror* that must be eaten is a *kezayis*, a volume equal to the size of an olive. Some hold a *kezayis* to equal the volume of one-half an average egg, while others hold it to be equal to one-third an average egg. For Scriptural mitzvos such as matzah, we follow the stringent opinion, while for Rabbinic mitzvos one may, in case of necessity, rely on the lenient opinion. The Mishnah lists five types of vegetables that can be used for *maror*. It is commonly accepted that the first type listed, **chazeres**, is romaine lettuce. The Sages identify the third type, **tamcha**, as horseradish. Some hold that the second type, **ulshin**, is endives. There is no firm tradition regarding the remaining two species. The most preferred type is *chazeres*. Initially this is sweet, but the longer it remains in the ground, the more bitter it becomes. This recalls the nature of the Egyptian servitude which was bearable at first, but became progressively worse as time went on. However, each leaf of the romaine lettuce needs to be carefully checked for insects.

***Sefiras Ha'Omer  
(Counting of the Omer)  
begins on the 2nd  
night of Pesach***

### ***Quiz Mania!***

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. It is very important that you phone the Shul office to indicate your attendance. A lot more support is needed for the event to become viable.

### ***Sign of Freedom***

The abundance of wine drunk at the Seder signifies the theme of **freedom**, which is dominant throughout this night. The Gemara states that the beverage used for the Four Cups should have the 'taste' of wine. *Rashbam* explains 'taste' as referring to the wine's power to intoxicate. Accordingly, wine is preferable over grape juice for this mitzvah. *R' Moshe Feinstein* was of the opinion that one who uses grape juice for the Four Cups has not demonstrated the true freedom.

### ***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.

## **TIMES OF SERVICES - PESACH 5767**

### **Monday 2nd April**

Minchah followed by Ma'ariv 7.21 pm

### **Tuesday 3rd April (1st Day)**

Shacharis 9.00 am

Minchah 7.00 pm

Ma'ariv 7.45 pm

*Candles should not be lit/2nd Seder should not start before 8.25 pm.*

### **Wednesday 4th April (2nd Day)**

Shacharis 9.00 am

Minchah 7.20 pm

Ma'ariv & Yom Tov ends 8.25 pm

### **Friday 6th April (Shabbos Chol Hamoed)**

Minchah & Kabbalos Shabbos 7.28 pm

### **Shabbos 7th April**

Shacharis 9.00 am

Minchah followed by Seudah 7.00 pm

Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends 8.32 pm

### **Sunday 8th April**

Minchah followed by Ma'ariv 7.30 pm

### **Monday 9th April (7th Day)**

Shacharis 9.00 am

Minchah followed by Ma'ariv 7.00 pm

*Candles should not be lit before 8.36 pm*

### **Tuesday 10th April (8th Day & Yizkor)**

Shacharis 9.00 am

Minchah 7.00 pm

Ma'ariv & Yom Tov ends 8.38 pm

Shacharis during Chol Hamoed (Thursday 5th/Friday 6th April) will start at **6.50 am**, and on Sunday 8th April at **8.15 am**.

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