



# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

*Shabbos 21 April 2007/ 3 Iyar 5767*

## *Service Times*

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	7.25 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	8.58 pm
Shabbos next week	7.30 pm

Rabbi Wilson is taking a well-earned break and the family are enjoying a Shabbos in exotic Edgware! We warmly welcome **Darryl Luder** from Chigwell who will be leyning the difficult double Sedrah of Tazria-Metzorah this morning.

This Monday evening, 23rd April, celebrate **Yom Ha'atzmaut** at Sinclair House with the Osim Shalom Gala Show. Doors open at 7.00 pm and the programme begins at 7.30 pm. It includes a memorial service for Israel's fallen soldiers and citizens, music and dancing, Israeli-style refreshments and Israeli souvenirs. Tickets in advance only are £10 for adults and £8 concessions. On Tuesday 24th April, there is a communal Israel celebration at King Solomon High School starting at 7.30 pm.

## *Torah Reading*

Sedrah synopsis:

Leyning: Tazriah-Metzorah

Hertz p 460 , Soncino p 674

Haftorah:

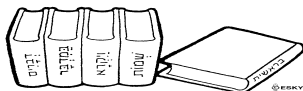
Hertz p 477, Soncino p 702

It's the monthly scrumptious breakfast time after Shacharis tomorrow. You can't afford to miss such delicacies!

*Ian Grant*

*Darryl Luder*

*Gabi Simons*



*This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Sheila & Martin Solomons on the birth of a grandson*

## ***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: 1.45 pm, Monday to Thursday.

Ma'ariv: 7.30 pm, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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

## ***Shul AGM***

The Shul AGM takes place on **Tuesday 15th May 2007** at 8.00 pm at Sinclair House. Voting (if needed) will run from 6.00 pm until 8.00 pm. The meeting is an important time for members to question and comment on the way the Shul has been running, and for the Honorary Officers to talk about future developments. It is anticipated that one of the United Synagogue Trustees will be present at the meeting.

## ***Induction Service***

We are now full for Rabbi Wilson's Induction Service. Among the distinguished guests will be the Chief Rabbi, Sir Jonathan Sacks, the Mayor of Redbridge, Cllr Ashok Kumar, Lee Scott MP, Simon Hochhauser, Dayan Simon, other Rabbonim and local Honorary Officers. Please would you be in your seats by 2.50 pm as we want to begin the Service promptly at 3.00 pm. The buffet tea follows straight after the Service. Parking will be allowed in the car park, space permitting.

## ***Community Shabbaton***

The Shabbos of **16th June** (Rosh Chodesh Tammuz) promises to be a real cracker! Rabbi Wilson plans to run a big Community Shabbaton. 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 **Ilford Jewish Primary School** and in other Jewish schools around London. Further details will be sent to members shortly but please try to keep the date free.

## ***Rosh Chodesh Group***

'Roll Out The Chametz' is the title of the next Ladies Rosh Chodesh group. Join Rebbetzin Wilson for an interactive session on Challa baking on **Wednesday 2nd May at 8.30 pm**. The venue is none other than 'Edna's Kitchen' - contact office for venue. Refreshments will be served after baking!

## *Learn to read Hebrew in 6 Weeks*

Following on from the success of the first crash course 5 months ago, Rabbi Wilson is running a second course beginning on **Wednesday 9th May for 6 weeks** (except for 23rd May as it's Shavuot) at 8.00 pm in the Board Room at Sinclair House. Whether you have never read Hebrew before or your reading just needs a bit of polishing, this course is for you. **Never again will you need to struggle with your Hebrew reading.** With just a little effort at home and during the course, it is quite possible to do this in just 6 weeks. You must pre-book by calling the Shul office on 8551 6533. The Shul has kept the cost of the course down to just £15 per person. This amount includes £5 for the course book and refreshments. There are already about 6 participants but there is room for more. So there's just one other thing left to say -

## *You Really CAN Do It!*

*Please note that  
lunchtime Minchah  
begins at 1.45 pm  
during the summer*

### *New Talmud Shiur*

Rabbi Wilson is running a double-session of Jewish education for men **every Tuesday evening** beginning on 1 May. The programme starts at 8.00 pm with one-to-one learning followed at 8.45 pm with a Gemara Shiur until 9.30 pm. For more information, please contact Jamie Field on 07870 313467. Rabbi Wilson is very keen to develop regular learning opportunities for men and women to cater for all tastes.

### *The Forty-Eight Qualities*

The Mishnah lists 48 qualities through which the gift of Torah is acquired. Among them are attentive listening, reverence, modesty, faith in Torah leaders, purity, slowness to anger, loving justice, feeling another Jew's plight and a good heart. We learn that one's knowledge of Torah is in exact proportion to his efforts in acquiring the 48 qualities. The first 48 days of the Omer correspond to the 48 qualities through which Torah is acquired. The 49th day, erev Shavuot, is a sacred day when each Jew, having striven to develop the 48 qualities within himself, can prepare for the awesome moment in time when the Torah was given at Sinai.

### *Refuah Shelemah List*

There are unfortunately many names on the current Refuah Shelemah list that is read out in Shul every Shabbos and Yom Tov. We do not know whether all these names still need to be included in the prayer. If you asked for a name to be inserted and you now know that, thank G-d, the person is well again, let the Wardens or Rabbi know. Likewise, if there is a name that you want included each week, please let the Shul office know.

## ***The Omer Count (adapted from Artscroll Mesorah)***

In the words of Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzato: "The matter of Sefiras Ha'Omer (i.e. the Counting of the Omer, the 49 days from Pesach to Shavous) is as follows: Fifty gates of understanding were created in the world, and Moshe's degree of comprehension included 49 gates but he could not comprehend the fiftieth gate, which is the ultimate level of understanding. Those 49 levels are the 49 days of the Counting of the Omer, and the Torah was given on the fiftieth day. Just as there are 49 gates of understanding and holiness, so there are 49 gates of spiritual contamination, for *G-d has made one corresponding to the other (Koheles 7:14)* [i.e. G-d makes influences for good and evil to balance one another, so that man will have the challenge of exercising his free will] - the Good Inclination and the Evil Inclination, the one with purity and the other with its contamination, in conflicting aspects. When Israel was in Egypt, they were sunk and soiled in 49 gates of contamination and they had to escape from them. G-d wished to extricate Israel from them and to subjugate those 49 gates of contamination. But He did so step by step, by illuminating a gate of holiness opposite its corresponding gate of contamination, one on each of the days after the first day of Pesach until Shavous. This perfection is aroused anew every year by means of counting the 49 days of the Omer between Pesach, the day of liberation, until Shavous, the day the Torah is given, which is the illumination of the fiftieth gate of understanding and holiness upon Israel."

The Torah binds Pesach to Shavous through the Omer count. Indeed, Shavous is not even given a calendar date in the Torah; it is only described as the fiftieth day, the day after the 49 days of counting, which implies clearly that the giving of the Torah was conditioned on Israel's readiness for it, as acquired during the seven weeks of preparation. Ramban and others have described the days between Pesach and Shavous in terms of the Intermediate Days of festivals. Just as Pesach and Succos have Intermediate Days that connect the first and last days of those festivals, so the days of Sefiras Ha'omer link Pesach and Shavous, and demonstrate their unity of purpose. There had to be a progression from Pesach to Shavous and the Omer days inculcated into Israel then an always an awareness that we must use these seven weeks as a time of striving and growth.

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