



# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

*Shabbos 7 July 2007/ 21 Tammuz 5767*

## *Service Times*

Shacharis	9.00 am
Shabbos Shiur	8.00 pm
Minchah followed by Seudah	8.40 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	10.22 pm
Shabbos next week	7.30 pm

We may be approaching the summer wind down but the Shul is very busy planning for the next year. Each of our six Task Groups is buzzing with ideas and some dates will be announced shortly of forthcoming activities and events. With the Yamim Noraim just 2½ months away, members will soon receive ticket forms and other information relating to the High Holy Days.

Work is progressing to start a Clayhall B'nei Akiva group - see inside. Also in this week's Clayhall Kehilla are details about the Stop the Boycott Campaign and how to get involved. We are now in the period known as the Three Weeks leading up to Tisha B' Av (Fast of Av) on Tuesday 24th July - details inside.

## *Torah Reading*

Sedrah synopsis:

*Alexander Segall*

Leyning: Pinchas

*Rabbi Nissan Wilson*

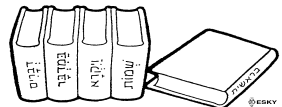
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Haftorah:

*Daniel Finegold*

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*This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by  
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## ***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.

Minchah & Ma'ariv: 7.30 pm, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Sunday breakfasts: 22nd July, 19th August & 9 September.

## ***B'nei Akiva update***

There has been some, albeit a little slow progress, in bringing B'nei Akiva to Clayhall. We hope to have some good news over the next week. We know that BA is working successfully in Ilford and Chigwell. There is a real need to provide a Shabbos afternoon and evening experience outside of Shul. B'nei Akiva also run excellent camps throughout the year. We will keep you informed of any news.

## ***The Three Weeks***

The 22-day period of mourning which commences with the 17th of Tammuz and ends with Tisha B'Av is referred to as 'Bein Ha'Metzarim.' This can be interpreted as 'within the days of distress' for it is during these times that spiritual forces of destruction are most potent. It is known colloquially as 'The Three Weeks.' The mourning of the period intensifies with the advent of the month of Av, intensifies still further during the week in which Tisha B'Av falls, and reaches its peak on the day of Tisha B'Av itself. Among some of the prohibitions are weddings, playing music and cutting one's hair. From Rosh Chodesh Av, we stop eating meat and drinking wine (not Shabbos)

## ***Shabbos Shiur***

The Shabbos afternoon Shiur will look at the Pirkei Avos (the Ethics of the Fathers) with the commentary of the great 16th century kabbalist and philosopher - **The Maharal of Prague.**

Each week, we will pick one teaching and plumb its depths with a unique approach that is both fascinating and meaningful. The Shiur starts at 8.00 pm and finishes at 8.45 pm in time for Minchah.

## ***Kosher Alert***

The London Beis Din has just issued a further update. Due to manufacturing changes, the following products that were previously approved are now NOT Kosher:

- Sun Pat Crunchy Peanut Butter
- Sun Pat Smooth Peanut Butter
- McCoys Mexican Chilli Crisps
- Bols Lindauer Apfel

## *Stop the Boycott!*

Under the banner of the Fair Play Campaign Group, this campaign is being driven by the Britain Israel Communications and Research Centre and the Jewish Activities Committee. Its message to the University College Union (UCU) membership is to overturn the decision of the minority of the membership of the UCU to back the boycott; to support academic freedom; to make the point that such boycotts do nothing to bring peace to the Middle East. For full details as to how you can sign the petition and get involved, log onto [www.stoptheboycott.org](http://www.stoptheboycott.org). You can also lobby your local MP to sign Early Day Motion 1603 that has been tabled by Helen Kennedy MP. Again, further details are on the website. Among some of the measures adopted by the UCU are:

- Encouraging members to 'consider the moral implications of links with Israeli academic institutions;
- They have also voted that 'criticism of Israel cannot be construed as anti-Semitic.'

*Activity & event dates  
to be released soon by  
our new Social &  
Functions Task Group*

### *Tisha B'Av*

Tisha B'Av is the saddest day of the Jewish year when both Temples were destroyed. The 25-hour fast begins on Monday 23rd July at 9.02 pm and ends on Tuesday 24th July at 9.54 pm. We will be davening Minchah here on Monday 23rd at 7.30 pm. People can then go home to eat, and return for 9.00 pm. Rabbi Wilson will give a short Shiur before davening Ma'ariv at 9.20 pm followed by reading the Book of Eichah. Shacharis on 24th July will be at the usual time of 7.00 am. Further details about Tisha B'Av will be given next week.

### *Selichos Service*

The NEROS Selichos Service takes place on Saturday night **8th September** at Clayhall United Synagogue. The Shul is very honoured to be hosting the event for the second time. The guest Chazan is **Edwin Ross** who hails from a Northern city called Manchester, while the guest speaker is none other than a fellow Mancunian, **Rabbi Nissan Wilson**. As the host Shul, we hope that members will support the Service. A delicious reception commences at 10.45 pm followed by the Service at 11.30 pm.

### *Chasanim & Eshes Chayil*

We are delighted that **David Miller**, **Bradley Mervish** and **Brenda Fletcher** have accepted the honour of Chasan Torah, Chasan Bereshis and Eshes Chayil respectively for 5768. Mazel Tov!

### *Stella is Missing!*

For those that hoped for their Stella last week at Kiddush, the Shul is eating humble pie (nice with Stella). It was certainly on the premises, chilled and ready to go but then it all went...well...a bit wrong. This week eh?

## ***Jerusalem and the Holy Temple***

The Sages teach, '*Jerusalem is holier than the rest of the Land of Israel.*' For almost 1000 years, from the time that it was dedicated by King David until it was destroyed by the Romans, Jerusalem was the focal point of the Jewish people. The Kingdom of David, Divinely ordained to govern the Jewish nation, ruled from Jerusalem. Aside from the Temple service, many *Halachas* such as the consumption of the second tithe could be performed only in Jerusalem. The *Great Sanhedrin*, the Jewish nation's supreme judicial court, convened regularly in the Temple courtyard. If Jerusalem was the focal point of the Land of Israel, the Temple was the focal point of Jerusalem. There the daily service was performed by the *Kohanim*. There and only there could sacrifices be offered to G-d. There did the *Levi'im* sing the song of the day in conjunction with the daily offerings. There was the Temple outer chamber (the *Heichal*) in which sat the Menorah, altar of Incense Burning and Table of Gold, on which the miraculous Show-Bread was placed each week. There was the Holy of Holies in which sat the Ark containing the Tablets which Moshe brought down from Heaven, on which were inscribed the Ten Commandments. It was in the Holy of Holies that G-d's presence was most manifest, so much so that no man was permitted to enter there, save for the *Kohen Gadol* on Yom Kippur. The significance of the Temple Mount began with Creation itself. In the Holy of Holies was the '*Foundation Stone.*' Creation of the world began from this point and this rock was the first of the earth to be created (*Yoma 54b*). Adam was formed from the dust of what would be the site of the Courtyard Altar to symbolise '*that it would be an atonement for him that he might be able to endure*' (*Rashi on Bereishis 2:7*). After partaking of the Tree of Knowledge, Adam built an altar on the Temple Mount and offered a sacrifice to G-d. This altar was used by successive generations until the Flood and was subsequently rebuilt by Noach. It was there that Avraham prepared to offer his beloved son Yitzchak as a sacrifice. It was upon the Temple Mount that Yaacov had slept and had his prophetic dream in which he foresaw that '*this is the abode of G-d and this is the gate to the heavens*' (*Bereishis 28:17*). Yaacov had seen that the site of the future Temple was the conduit through which prayers from all corners of the earth ascend Heavenward - the eye of the universe.

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