



# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

*Shabbos 14 July 2007/ 28 Tammuz 5767*

## *Service Times (Shabbos Mevarachim)*

Shacharis	9.00 am
Shabbos Shiur	7.50 pm
Minchah followed by Seudah	8.35 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	10.15 pm
Shabbos next week	7.30 pm

We wish Mazel Tov to **Sam Agassi** on the occasion of his 68th birthday. Sam has great pleasure in inviting the Kehilla to a Kiddush after the Service in celebration of his Simchah. Rosh Chodesh Menachem Av is Monday 16th July and it marks the beginning of the '9 Days' leading upto Tisha B'Av. Shacharis will be at 6.45 am.

With the Yamim Noraim just 2½ months away, members will soon receive ticket forms and other information relating to the High Holy Days. In this week's action-packed *Clayhall Kehilla* are again details about the Stop the Boycott Campaign and how to get involved.

## *Torah Reading*

Sedrah synopsis:

Leyning: Matos-Masei

Hertz p 702, Soncino p 955

Haftorah:

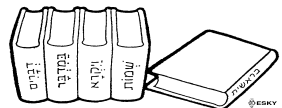
Hertz p 725, Soncino p 984

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*Victor Shafier*

*Rabbi Nissan Wilson*

*Sam Agassi*



*Sponsored by Marlene & Michael Finegold to wish Leigh, Mazel Tov, on gaining a 1st class honours in Computer Science & Maths*

## ***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.'

*Ladies Guild meeting  
on 30th July at 8.00 pm  
at 7 Trafford Avenue.  
All ladies welcome.*

### *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. Details can be found to the right for more service times!

### *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.

### *Magazine Articles*

The closing date for all articles for the Rosh Hashanah edition of 'Shalom' magazine is **Sunday 22nd July 2007**. This is the final deadline and anything received after this time will not be published. Please send in your articles to the Shul office or to Jackie Shafier, Editor.

### *Tisha B'Av Film*

We will be showing an inspirational film called "**Eyes To See The Redemption**" (Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation) at 8.00 pm at Sinclair House on Tuesday 24th July. We will daven Minchah at 7.15 pm followed by the film at 8.00 pm with Ma'ariv at 9.30 pm.

## ***"These are the journeys of the Children of Israel"***

*Rashi* declares that the details of the journeys through the Wilderness are all listed in order to demonstrate the kindness of Hashem. Though He condemned the Israelites to wander in the Wilderness, He did not oblige them to continually move about from one place to another without rest. In the entire 40 years of their journey, there were only 42 stages. Of these, 14 took place during the first year in the Wilderness and eight during the final year. So, in the intervening 38 years, the people only moved 20 times. Furthermore, *Rashi* (to Devarim 1:46) teaches that the Israelites tarried at Kadesh for 19 years. *Rashi* adds a second explanation, based on a Midrashic parable in which a king takes his sick son to a distant land to be cured. On the return trip, the king reminds him of each stage, saying: "Here we slept, here we caught cold, here your head ached and so on." Similarly, G-d asked Moshe to list all the places where they made Him angry and where He performed miracles for them. From the time they left Egypt until their entry into the Promised Land, the Jewish people had many adventures, some happy, some sad. The succinct listing of places serves to remind them, after they enter the Land, of what they went through at each stage - the goodness of Hashem and the travails they had to suffer - all to motivate them to do good and not sin. *Rambam* takes a different approach. He points out that the importance of the journeys is underscored in the text itself, which states that Moshe recorded them *by the word of Hashem (v.2)*. The intent was to ensure that Jews would remember the miraculous events in the Wilderness for all time. Although these miracles, including the daily portion of Manna and the Clouds of Glory were clearly evident, Hashem knew there would come a time when the historical memory would fade and doubters would arise. People might then think that their travels in the Wilderness were near inhabited areas, that there were wells and springs, or that the manna was a natural phenomenon of the region. It is to remove such ideas and to confirm the truth of all the miracles that the Torah here records the complete itinerary of barren and desolate places through which the Jewish people travelled. Hashem was directing the Israelites path in the Wilderness. Their wandering was not random but guided by the will of Hashem, taking 40 years for a trip that could have been achieved in just 11 days.

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