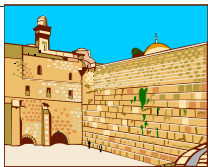




# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

*Shabbos 4 August 2007 / 20 Menachem Av 5767*

## *Service Times*

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	8.10 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	9.39 pm
Shabbos next week	7.30 pm

We wish Mazel Tov to **Andrea and Leslie Eriera** on the occasion of their Silver Wedding anniversary and to **Anton Eriera** on the auspicious and momentous moment of his 21st birthday. We wish the family many years of health and happiness. The Eriera family have great pleasure in inviting the Kehilla to a Kiddush after the Service in celebration of their double Simchah.

We warmly welcome **Rev Shlomo Kreiman** back to Clayhall. He will be leynung and speaking this morning. Inside this bumper-packed edition of your *Clayhall Kehilla*, you will find details of the Essex Ellul Programme and a flavour of some of the exciting family and education events being planned for the future.

## *Torah Reading*

Sedrah synopsis:

Leyning: Ekev

Hertz p 780, Soncino p 1032

Haftorah:

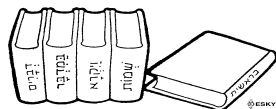
Hertz p 794, Soncino p 1051

This evening's Seudah is being sponsored by Alan Rubenstein & Michael Bash in celebration of the birth of their grandson, Yehudah Baruch, in Jerusalem.+

*Anton Eriera*

*Rev Shlomo Kreiman*

*Alan Rubenstein*



*This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Andrea & Leslie Eriera in celebration of their 25th anniversary and Anton's 21st 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: 1.45 pm, Monday to Thursday.

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

Sunday breakfasts: 19th August & 9 September.

## ***B'nei Akiva news***

There have been discussions with B'nei Akiva over the last week and they are very keen to create a Clayhall group. Some suggestions were made and options are being explored. Now that the summer camps are about to start, those conversations will resume in a few weeks time. While it is difficult to predict when a group will start, the Honorary Officers will keep everyone informed of any developments.

## ***Hebrew Reading Help?***

Rabbi Wilson is exploring the possibility of running another 6-week Hebrew reading crash course in November and December. Please let the Shul office know if you are interested. You really can learn to read Hebrew in just 6 weeks if you put in the effort! Rabbi Wilson is also hoping to run a series of explanatory services with a special Kiddush during November and December as well as a three-part lecture series in early 2008. It looks like being a very busy few months.

## ***Future Education events***

There are many exciting events and activities in the making for 2007/08. Aside from the Essex Ellul Programme, our annual **Succos Party** - Simchas Beis Ha'Shoeva takes place on **Sunday 30 September 2007** at 8.00 pm in the Shul Succah with live music and sumptuous desserts! Clayhall's brilliant Melava Malka is scheduled for Saturday evening **17th November** will a great speaker and musical entertainment. We celebrate Chanukah with a family day on **Sunday 9th December**. This includes a full children and youth programme and an evening meal. Our first Friday night dinner for some time will take place on **Friday 16th February 2008**. Book these dates now!

## ***Clayhall's 100 Club***

Ticket sales for the 100 Club are going very well but more places are available. Forms were sent out recently and tickets are just £10 each. There are two draws each year - Rosh Hashanah and Pesach - with a top prize of **£150** and two runners-up prizes of **£50** each. It's a great way to raise extra money for the Shul.

## *Pre-High Holy Day Programme*

The Rabbinical Council of NE London together with Jewish Care present the 2007 Pre-High Holydays Programme. This year the format is slightly different with individual Shuls hosting their own programme. The number of sessions have been more than halved with seven speakers talking over four evenings. The event kicks off on Monday 3 September at Ilford Federation where **Rabbi Mordechai Ginsbury** of Hendon Synagogue will be "Making the most of the 'Aweful' Days." The following night, **Rabbi Yitzchak Shochet** of Mill Hill will be speaking at the Chabad Lubavitch Centre on "The Three T's: Working Your Way Back Into G-d's Heart" while on the same evening, **Dayan Shmuel Simons** will be addressing "The Art of Repentance" at Boundary Road Shul. Clayhall hosts **Rabbi Harvey Belovski** on Wednesday 5 September while **Rabbi Yehudah Silver** will speak at Ilford United. On Thursday 6th September, **Dayan Shmuel Simons** talks again at Chigwell Shul while **Rabbi Yaacov Hammer** will speak at Wanstead & Woodford Shul. More details soon.

*Speed Learning:  
9 Rabbis, 18 minutes.  
Your Choice...  
Coming here soon*

### *Shul Library*

Please use our Shul library that is located in the Ackerman Resource Centre on the ground floor. Over **160 books** to read or borrow covering a range of Jewish topics are available. There are some excellent books to educate and inspire. If anyone would like to donate books either in celebration of a Simchah or to commemorate a Yahrzeit, please speak to Michelle.

### *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.

### *Yomim Noraim*

Please don't forget to send back your ticket applications and Memorial Forms as soon as possible to the Shul office. We are running a special appeal this year and details are printed on the form.

### *Book Cupboard*

The book cupboard has been given a major overhaul. Please help to keep it clean and tidy by putting items back in the place that you found them! It also would be appreciated if members do not use it as a general store for leaving their clutter. Thank you for your help.

## ***Ellul - Days of Grace (based on the Sfas Emes)***

The month of Ellul is commonly thought of as a time of Divine goodwill but this raises questions. Since Hashem is eternal and unchanging, how can He be said to show one quality - such as goodwill - at some times and different qualities at others? Indeed, how can His kindness be limited to a particular time frame, since we know that He is *Malei Rachamim*, constantly filled with mercy? We must therefore say that the prevalence of Divine goodwill in Ellul does not result from any change in Hashem's nature, Heaven forbid, but rather reflects an increased capacity on Israel's part to absorb His kindness. Normally Hashem's kindness, being infinite, is beyond our ability to assimilate. In Ellul, however this kindness is channelled through the *Thirteen Attributes (lit. measures) of Mercy*, which scale it down to proportions we can appreciate. This concept of *measures* suggests finite limits which are set by Hashem to His otherwise limitless Attributes so that mortals can benefit. Every Ellul, the Jewish people acquire the capacity to benefit from the *Thirteen Attributes of Mercy*. Similarly, the Jewish people can make the most of the Divine light of Torah (*a commandment is a lamp and the Torah is light - Proverbs 6:23*) that prevails at such times.

On our part, however, we must do everything in our power to make ourselves into suitable vessels to receive Hashem's mercies, even in a more limited and finite form. We can do this by circumscribing limits for ourselves, as Solomon wrote in Song of Songs (8:10) - *I am a wall* - for unless we control our wants and desires, we are certain to dissipate Hashem's bounty. When we place boundaries and limits on our passions we can focus on fulfilling the Divine will. Consequently, Hashem will limit His boundless Attributes so that every Ellul, Israel may benefit from them.

The special quality of these days, to kindle our aspirations to return to Hashem, has its roots in the first Ellul Israel experienced as a nation, when the people were steeped in intense repentance over the Sin of the Golden Calf. The Sages tell us that that sin was not completely expiated at the time; instead Hashem amortized the punishment we deserved and continually extracts it in small portions whenever we need to be punished for other offences. We may assume that the profound desire to return to Hashem we felt that first Ellul also continues to reverberate in our national soul during this month.

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