



קליהל קהילה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 18 August 2007/ 4 Ellul 5767

Service Times (Hermie Rothman's 2nd Bar Mitzvah)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Shabbos Shiur	6.45 pm
Minchah followed by Seudah	7.35 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	9.09 pm
Shabbos next week	7.30 pm

The Clayhall Kehilla wish a hearty Mazel Tov to **Hermie Rothman** on the magnificent and wonderful occasion of his second Bar Mitzvah today. Hermie has contributed an enormous amount of time and effort to Clayhall Synagogue over the last 30 years and, indeed, to the wider Essex Jewish community.

We are delighted and privileged to celebrate their Simchah with him and his dear family. Clayhall Shul wish Hermie and Shirley many more years of health and happiness together.

Hermie and Shirley have great pleasure in inviting the Kehilla to a Kiddush after the Service in celebration of their Simchah.

The Shabbos afternoon Shiur resumes today after a break.

Torah Reading

Sedrah synopsis:

Leyning: Shoftim

Hertz p 820, Soncino p 1078

Haftorah:

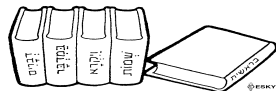
Hertz p 835, Soncino p 1094

We welcome Rabbi Wilson and family back from their holiday in Israel.

Hermie Rothman

Rabbi Nissan Wilson

Hermie Rothman



This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Shirley & Hermie Rothman in celebration of Hermie's 2nd Bar Mitzvah

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.

Children & Young People

Many ideas were discussed at the recent task group meeting including the re-introduction of the monthly birthday kiddushim and a Shabbos club to run on a Shabbos afternoon as preparation before the start of B'nei Akiva. More details will be available soon but it is expected to begin the club on **Shabbos 13th October**. A tour of Wembley Stadium is planned for Thursday 21st February 2007.

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** with 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 15th February 2008**. Book these dates now!

Youth Proposal

The Rabbi, Honorary Officers and Board of Management have been discussing an exciting and major proposal directed at our future work with children and young people. Much progress has already been made and we are certain not to repeat the mistakes of the past. The Kehilla will be kept informed of the developments.

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.

*Sunday morning
smoked salmon
breakfast after
Shacharis tomorrow*

Functions News

There will be a Family Fun Quiz on Sunday 28th October. Tickets are £12.50 each to include a fish supper. On Sunday 17th December, the Ladies Guild are holding their annual dinner open to everyone. The guest speaker is **Malcolm Singer**, Director at the Yehudi Menuhin School of Music. Tickets are £17.50 per person. A brochure is also being produced for this event. Put these dates in your diary.

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.

Speed Learning

The new and improved Speed Learning is being held here on Monday 10 September at 8.00 pm as part of the Essex Ellul Programme. **Dayan Y Abraham** of the London Beis Din is the keynote speaker followed by 9 local Rabbonim giving 18 minutes of wisdom. Don't miss it!

The Shofar of Ellul (based on the Sfas Emes)

The tradition of sounding the *shofar* throughout Ellul is derived from a Midrash which says that the *shofar* was blown each day of Moshe's final sojourn on Sinai, which began on Rosh Chodesh Ellul, in order to remind the people that he was still alive, though temporarily absent. It will be recalled that during his first stay on the mountain, the people were induced to fashion the Golden Calf as a replacement for him when they were tricked into thinking he would never return to them. If this was indeed the reason, however, we may ask why the *shofar* was not blown during his second sojourn on Har Sinai as well, which lasted from the 18th of Tammuz (after the shattering of the First Tablets) until the 29th of Av, while he was pleading with Hashem to forgive the people and not destroy them. One simple answer is that in their chastened state following the Sin of the Golden Calf, the people were unlikely to sin again so quickly. Later, however, after they were absolved from their sin on Rosh Chodesh Ellul, Moshe had greater grounds for concern that in their newfound confidence the people might succumb once again to their passions and turn to idols during his absence. On a more profound level, we can say that the Jewish people realised the futility of sounding the *shofar* at any other than the most opportune time. During Ellul, Israel could sense that they were in the midst of a period of unique grace, a time when the gates of heaven were open to their prayers. Only at such a time could the *shofar* be effective in preventing any further straying. In fact, the association between the Ellul grace period and the *shofar* is symbiotic. By sounding the *shofar*, the Jewish people arouse Hashem's Attributes of Mercy perpetrating a period of grace. Israel, sensing that Ellul had been designated a period of Divine Kindness, determined that it is an opportune time to sound the *shofar*.

The Rabbis assure us that at essence the Jewish soul remains pure, and that even the most difficult Jew can be reached. True, he lacks the words to express his inner stirrings, but sometimes there is the wordless groan of an aching heart that longs to return to its spiritual origins. This is the sound of the shofar. Its piercing sound symbolises the inarticulate cry of the indelibly stained soul that longs to be cleansed but does not know how. It is a cry that only G-d's ear can comprehend and translate. "Wake up you sleepers from your sleep."

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