

קליהל קהילה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 20 October 2007/ 8 Mar Cheshvan 5768

Service Times

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| Shacharis | 9.00 am |
| Minchah followed by Seudah | 5.15 pm |
| Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends | 6.44 pm |
| Shabbos next week | 5.30 pm |

The Kehilla extend a hearty Mazel Tov to **Joshua Kleiman**, eldest son of **Rabbi and Rebbetzen Kleiman**, on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah this Shabbos in Leeds. A presentation will be made to Joshua on behalf of Clayhall Synagogue at the Bar Mitzvah. We have an exciting and varied programme of educational and social events over the next few months. Details can be found in this week's *Clayhall Kehilla* and further information will be sent to members in a Shul mailing very shortly. Much time and effort has been spent in discussing and organising the programme and it is hoped that the community will give it the support it deserves.

Torah Reading

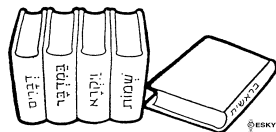
Leyning: Lech Lecha
Hertz p 45, Soncino p 60

Haftorah:
Hertz p 60, Soncino p 82

Immanuel Burton

Victor Shafier

If you know of anyone who is unwell, in hospital or awaiting hospital treatment, please would you inform either Rabbi Wilson or the Shul office so that appropriate calls or visits can be made by the Care team.



This week's Clayhall Kehilla is kindly sponsored by the Clayhall Community in celebration of Joshua Kleiman's Bar Mitzvah

Children's & Youth Service

Combined:

10.30 am - 11.30 am

Weekday Services

Shacharis: Monday to Friday, 7.00 am. Sunday @ 8.15 am.

Shacharis Rosh Chodesh: 6.45 am (Sunday RC, 8.00 am).

Minchah: 1.45 pm, Monday to Thursday.

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

Sunday breakfasts: 14th October & 11th November.

Special Event

We are delighted and privileged to welcome **Gila Manolson** to Clayhall on Shabbos 17 November. Gila is a popular international lecturer and acclaimed author of 'The Magic Touch.' She lives with her husband in Jerusalem with her seven children. She will be speaking at a delightful community Seudah at 3.30 pm on the above date. A fuller biography and details will be sent out in the mailing.

Israel@60

The **Israel Expo and Israel Property Exhibition** takes place at Wembley on Sunday 11 November 2007. The day begins at 10.30 am and ends at 6 pm. Stalls include Gifts, Property, Travel to Israel, Art Exhibition, Jewellery, Aliyah Opportunities, Tax/Investment Advisors, Food & Wine Tasting and a Falafel Stand. There will be live entertainment and children's activities. For more information, please call the Zionist Federation on 020 8343 9756 or email the ZF on office@zionist.org.uk

CCY Countdown...1 week to go

CCY (Clayhall Children and Youth) launches on **Shabbos 27 October 2007** with 'no xcse 2 b bord on a Shbs aftrn any mr' Join the gang for indoor cricket, table tennis, football, basketball, nosh and a chat at the new CCY. If you are aged between 6 and 16 years, then this is for you! Bring your friends regardless whether their parents are members of Clayhall Shul or not. Other great events planned include a tour of Wembley Stadium on Thursday 21 February 2008 (half-term), the unique and fun London Duck Tours on Sunday 29 June 2008 and an incredible Activity Day at Gilwell Park Scout Camp on Sunday 7 September 2008.

NEROS Quiz

The Inter-Synagogue NEROS quiz takes place later this year on **Sunday 11th November** at Newbury Park Shul. We need three willing and able team members to tackle four gruelling rounds of Jewish Calendar, Israel, Jewish History and General Knowledge. If you are interested, please phone Robin Abrahams on **8220 6779** for a selection test!

Contemporary Issues Series

Rabbi Wilson is launching a 4-part round of talks and debate about a variety of controversial but interesting topics. These will be held in different homes and the venues and times will be announced nearer the time. It should certainly produce some lively conversation!

Tuesday 6th November

Keeping it in the Family - The Ethics of Cloning

Tuesday 20th November

Mrs Chairman - Women on Synagogue Boards

Tuesday 4th December

Copyright: Intellectual Property in Jewish Law

Tuesday 18th December

Why Jews don't celebrate Xmas

The Shul office will be closed on Sunday 21st October as a new floor is being laid

Crash Course Hebrew Reading dates

Rabbi Wilson is running another highly-rated six-week Hebrew reading crash course on Wednesday evenings on the dates below. You really can learn to read Hebrew in just 6 weeks. The course costs just £15.

7th November

14th November

21st November

28th November

5th December (1st night Chanukah)

12th December (8th night Chanukah)

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 16th 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.

Clayhall Circus comes to Town!

Following the success of last year's Chanukah Treasure Hunt and Supper, another treat is in store for this year. On **Sunday 9 December**, join us for a family afternoon of Circus Skills, and a supper party followed by doughnuts and a chocolate fountain! Just £5 per adult and £3 for those under 12 years, this is a **MUST** event for all the family. More details will be with you in next week's Shul mailing but put the date in your diary straight away.

Jewish Horoscopes by Rabbi Shaul Rosenblatt

The Sages tell us that G-d took Avraham and lifted him into the heavens, above the stars themselves. This is probably not meant to be taken literally. They explain, however, the message. G-d was telling Avraham that he was now above the stars. The stars would have no influence on his future or the future of his children. It often comes as a surprise for people to find out that Judaism does in fact believe in star signs and horoscopes. In Jewish thinking, a person's whole future is mapped out in the stars, and for one who knows how, reading the stars is like reading a book of the future. Now this does not mean that one should take too seriously what is said in the tabloid horoscopes. I am absolutely confident that someone with a real knowledge of how to read the stars would not bother writing for a newspaper. It is, however, forbidden in Torah law for a Jew to read the stars or listen to someone who can do so. A Jew, as G-d told Avraham, should be "above the stars." The only person whose future is mapped out in the stars is the one who does not take responsibility to make meaningful decisions in their life. If a person rides through life on auto-pilot, responding to circumstance based on how they feel, then their future is mapped out already. Their course through life has been charted. It is a life of cause and effect, which, for one who understands how, is entirely predictable. It's like a ball in a frictionless pinball machine. If you know the starting acceleration and mass of the ball, as well as the location and force exerted on the ball by every bumper, you will be able to predict exactly where the ball will go. It's complex, but entirely predictable. If, however, a human being is at the flippers, his free will now makes it impossible to determine how the ball will move. It is now completely within the hands of that person to decide. So too in life: If a person takes the driver's seat and makes meaningful decisions, he can change the destiny mapped out for him. If he looks into himself to decide what he really wants from life, and charts a course to achieve it, then his future is in his own hands. Our horoscopes are only as true as we allow them to be. Unfortunately, it is much easier to go through life on automatic pilot. Life can go where the stars say it will, or where we want it to go. The choice is entirely ours to make.

Rabbi Rosenblatt gained Smicha at Aish HaTorah in Jerusalem where he met his first wife Elana a"h who tragically passed away in 2001. They had four children together and Rabbi Rosenblatt has a further two with his second wife Chana, who he married in 2003. He founded Aish UK in 1993 and Tikun UK in 2006.

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