



קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 17 November 2007/ 7 Kislev 5768

Service Times (Maurice Conway's 2nd Bar Mitzvah)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	3.30 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	5.00 pm
Shabbos next week	3.47 pm

We wish Mazel Tov to **Maurice Conway** on the wonderful occasion of his 2nd Bar Mitzvah. Lilian & Maurice have great pleasure in inviting the Kehilla to a Kiddush after the service in celebration of his Simchah.

We are delighted to welcome **Gila Manolson** to Clayhall Shul this Shabbos. Gila is a popular international lecturer and acclaimed author of 'The Magic Touch.' She will be speaking at our Seudah this afternoon. Minchah will start promptly at 3.30 pm and the Seudah should begin just before 4 pm. Everyone is warmly invited especially ladies for what promises to be a very entertaining and inspiring time.

There are details inside about our Chanukah circus skills and supper party. Please book your places as soon as possible.

Torah Reading

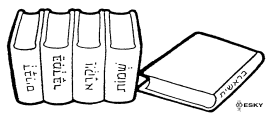
Leyning: Vayetze
Hertz p 106 , Soncino p 164

Rabbi Nissan Wilson

Haftorah:
Hertz p 118, Soncino p 188

Ivor Perl

All varieties of M & M's listed in The Really Jewish Food Guide 2008 are now **Not Kosher**: M & M's Choco, M & M's Crispy & M & M's Peanut.



This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Lilian & Maurice Conway in celebration of Maurice's 2nd Bar Mitzvah

Children's & Youth Service: 10.30 am - 11.30 am (alternate weeks)

Weekday Services

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

Shacharis Rosh Chodesh: 6.45 am Monday to Friday.

Shacharis Rosh Chodesh: 8.00 am Sundays.

Minchah: 1.45 pm, Monday to Thursday.

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

Sunday breakfasts: 16 December, 13 January & 10 February.

Anne Frank Exhibition @ IJPS

The internationally-acclaimed Anne Frank exhibition has been hosted by Ilford Jewish Primary School, Carlton Drive, Barkingside over the last week. Non-Jewish schools have been visiting the exhibition as part of the National Curriculum. It is well worth seeing and the exhibition is open to the local community for a final viewing tomorrow, **Sunday 18th November** from 10.30 am until 3.30 pm.

CCY News

CCY (Clayhall Children and Youth) is meeting for the 2nd time on **Shabbos 1st December** from 3.30 pm until 5.00 pm. So don't be bored on Shabbos afternoon. Come and meet your friends at Clayhall Shul for parachute games, team games, sport, a chat, nosh and more! Let's hope we can build on the **17** who attended the first CCY. Details about the Chanukah competition and half-term tour of Wembley Stadium will be sent out next week. Future events include a birthday Kiddush on **5th January** for all primary school children celebrating birthdays in January, a Pizza & DVD evening for Years 5 to 12, and a Tu Bishvat activity afternoon for nursery to Year 4.

AJEX Parade

Tomorrow at the Cenotaph, the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women is holding its 73rd Annual Remembrance Ceremony and Parade. The fall in is on Horse Guards Parade at 2.30 pm. The officiating clergy are the Chief Rabbi and Rev Malcolm Weisman while the Reviewing Officer is Air Marshal Ian MacFadyen CB. After the Parade, the Reunion and Rally takes place at the New Connaught Rooms, 61/65 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5DA at 3.30 pm. AJEX welcomes the community to join it at the Cenotaph and line the route.

Volunteers Required

Do you have some spare time? **Ilford Jewish Primary School** is looking for volunteers to help in the Jewish Studies department with Hebrew reading and other general tasks. Please phone Gina Myers or Deborah Harris at the school on 8551 4294.

Contemporary Issues Series

Rabbi Wilson's second talk of his 4-part round of debate takes place this **Tuesday 20th November**. It should certainly produce some lively conversation! Each talk takes place at a different venue and we are grateful to those families for hosting each evening.

*Tuesday 20th November - venue from office
Hilary & Robert Segall*

"Mrs Chairman - Women on Synagogue Boards"

*Tuesday 4th December - venue from office
Anne & Michael Yeshin*

"Copyright: Intellectual Property in Jewish Law"

*Tuesday 18th December - venue from office
Melanie & Andrew Alicoon*

"Why Jews don't celebrate Xmas"

*We will be holding a
CST Shabbos with a
special Kiddush on
15th December*

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.

14th November

21st November

28th November

5th December (1st night Chanukah)

12th December (8th night Chanukah)

19th December

Functions News

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. He is a particularly talented and erudite speaker. Tickets are £17.50 per person and they will be on sale shortly. A brochure is also being produced for this. There will be a bingo evening in March with details to follow.

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 shwarma/hot dog/falafel supper party followed by a medley of doughnuts. Just £6 per adult and £4 for those under 12 years, this is a **MUST** event for all the family. Full details have been sent to you in the recent Shul mailing so don't forget to return your forms.

"And he dreamt" (Vayitzei 28:12)

Many interpretations are given to this dream. Yaacov prayed in the place of the future Beis Ha'Mikdash (Temple) where his forefathers had also prayed and where "prayer rises to Heaven," the ladder Yaacov saw in his dream represents the ascent of prayer towards the celestial spheres. The angels rose up from the earth carrying the supplications of men to the celestial throne and then came back to them again laden with heavenly blessings. Rambam quotes a passage from the Midrash Tanchuma indicating that the ladder had four rungs. These correspond to the four stages which thought must pass through in order to reach Hashem. ***A ladder was set earthward*** - here the ladder designates the place and relationships of the different beings in the universe. *A ladder set earthward* designates the terrestrial world, the world of perception and experience from which emanates all worldly knowledge. *Its top reached heavenward* teaches us that knowledge progresses from the world of the senses towards the world of saintly beings and higher spheres. *And angels of G-d were ascending and descending on it* alludes to the super-sensible world of the angels, where knowledge penetrates still deeper; and finally, the fourth and last stage of spiritual evolution represents the goal of knowledge and, at the same time, of prayer. Rav Eliezer explains that Yaacov's dream was a prophetic one and in it G-d revealed the reign and rise and fall of the four kingdoms which would enslave his descendants (the kingdoms of Babylon, Media, Greece and Edom-Rome). The angels are the 'guardians' of these kingdoms in the celestial spheres. But G-d appeared at the top of the ladder and promised to give Yaccov, the embodiment of the Jewish people, His protection: *I will guard you wherever you go, and I will return you to this soil.* Avraham had also had a similar vision in the 'Covenant Between the Parts' and had heard the Divine words promising final redemption after the exile.

If you know of anyone in the community who is in hospital, or about to go into hospital, or someone who is lonely and/or housebound, please call the Shul office or Rabbi Wilson directly on 07968 432672. We are here to help but it is important that our Care team is told of anyone in need. Please don't assume that we should know! We can arrange hospital visits, shopping and befriending. If you would like to assist the Care team, please get in touch for a chat.

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