



# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

*Shabbos 1 March 2008/ 24 Adar I 5768*

## *Service Times (Shabbos Mevarachim)*

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	4.55 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	6.28 pm
Shabbos next week	5.36 pm

We wish a very hearty Mazel Tov to **Brian Henderson** on the wonderful occasion of his 12th birthday. You are reading this correctly without worrying what might have been put in the fish balls. Evette & Brian have great pleasure in inviting the Kehilla to a Kiddush after the Service (watch those fish balls!) in celebration of the pre-Bar Mitzvah simchah.

Clayhall is going Purim-mad with two great pre-Purim events organised by **CCY** (Children Clayhall & Youth). Full details are inside your Clayhall Kehilla. Members are also invited to an amazing fish n' chips party after the Megillah reading on 20 March. There's something for everyone this Purim at Clayhall!

## *Torah Reading*

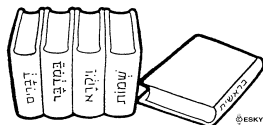
Leyning: Vayakhel  
Hertz p 373, Soncino p 573

Haftorah:  
Hertz p 382, Soncino p 585

*Rabbi Nissan Wilson*

*Ben Gonshaw*

The Shul needs your insertions for the Clayhall Calendar. You can announce birthdays, weddings, anniversaries or commemorate a Yahrzeit. Forms were sent out recently and more can be obtained from the Shul office.



©EBKY

*This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by  
Evette & Brian Henderson in celebration of Brian's 12th birthday!*

**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: 9 March & 6 April.

### ***Purim@Clayhall***

The whole Kehilla is invited to a Fish & Chips Supper Party after the Megillah reading on **Thursday 20 March**. The good news is that those over 16 years only pay £3 each and the really good news is that those under 16 years are **FREE!** There will also be a fancy dress parade with prizes and music. Please return the forms by 13 March. We want to make this a really special evening and we hope you will all support it.

### ***Purim Messy Afternoon***

Following on from the success of the Tu Bishvat Messy Afternoon, CCY is offering a much-anticipated sequel: the Purim Messy Afternoon! The fun takes place at Clayhall Shul from 3.00 pm until 5.00 pm on **Sunday 16 March 2008**. The cost is just £2 per child aged 3-8 years. Mums, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles and siblings can all come free. Among the great activities on offer are mask making, greggar making, face painting, biscuit decorating, clown painting, songs, and stories. You will need to wear old clothes. Please complete the forms sent out this week to members and also to IJPS pupils no later than Friday 7 March. Don't delay: limited places!

### ***L'Chaim @ Chigwell***

L'Chaim is a brand new and exciting educational and cultural initiative organised by Chigwell & Hainault Shul. You can download programme details off the Shul Website at: [www.chigshul.net](http://www.chigshul.net)  
L'Chaim runs on Monday evenings from 8.00 to 10.15 and the spring term began on 25th February & ends 17 March. Among the choice of sessions, Jonny Levy is also running a youth programme. Topics are varied and they include Practical Ethics for the Workplace and your Personal Life created by the Jewish Association for Business Ethics, Four (Overlooked) Biblical Characters, a Film Festival, Israel's Battle of Ideas and Anglo-Jewish History. The booking line is 8500

### ***Israeli Dancing Course***

Ladies - do you want to learn how to simchah dance? Then come to a 4-week Israeli dance course starting on **Wednesday 27th February** at 8.00pm, Ilford Jewish Primary School. The cost is £10 per person if paid in advance or otherwise it is £3 per evening. To book a place, please call the school on 020 85514294.

## *New Contemporary Issues Series*

Rabbi Wilson's second series of controversial but interesting talks begins this Tuesday 19th February at 8.30 pm. Don't be late!

Tuesday March 4th

*Address from the office (chez Bash)*

***Heart, Liver & Kidneys – Organ Donors and Presumed Consent***

Tuesday March 18th

*Address from the office (chez Krist)*

***Is This Armageddon? – World Wars and the End of Days***

### ***Siddur Navigation***

The structure of the Siddur, and the order of the Shabbos Morning Service.

A 3-part course on knowing your Siddur as your best friend.

Wednesday evenings 8.30pm at Clayhall Shul, RJCC:

March 5th, March 12th, March 19th

**Rumours that the sequel to the Purim-hit *Rabbi & the Golem* are being secretly rehearsed is causing a frenzy of nervous excitement...**

### ***Mums & Daughters Baking Bonanza***

CCY invites Mums & Daughters (aged 9-14 years) to a baking spectacular on **Sunday 16 March** from 10.00 am until 11.30 am at the home of Rebbetzen Wilson, 15 Redbridge Lane East. Learn how to make hamantaschen and other Purim delicacies and take home what you make! The cost is just £2 per participant. Please return the forms to the Shul office no later than Friday 7 March. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis as the kitchen at 15 RLE is only so big!

### ***Minyan Request***

Although the Shacharis services normally, thank G-d, get a Minyan, it is only through much hard work by a small number of dedicated people. We have 'lost' a couple of regular attenders for some time. This will affect numbers **and twice over the last 10 days, we have fallen short of a Minyan.** Those who sadly need to say Kaddish will be forever grateful.

### ***Pesach Supplement 2008***

The London Beis Din Kashrus Division Pesach Supplement 2008 will be available three weeks before Pesach. You can either download it from [www.theus.org/passover](http://www.theus.org/passover) or you can call the United Synagogue on 020 8343 6247 and a copy will be posted to you free of charge. The supplement includes a practical guide to the laws that apply this year when Erev Pesach falls on Shabbos.

## ***“On six days, work may be done” (Shemos 35:2)***

Rashi notes that the prohibition against doing work on Shabbos is placed before the command concerning the Mishkan's construction. This teaches that building the Mishkan was not permitted on Shabbos. This prompts Abarbanel to observe that since the building of the Mishkan was primarily a demonstration of the bond between Hashem and Israel, we might have thought that this command takes precedence over all other activities and mitzvos, including not working on Shabbos. We could easily have been persuaded that action is greater than rest, especially when a project of extreme holiness is performed. For these reasons, the Shabbos laws are repeated several times in connection with the construction of the Mishkan to emphasise to us that Shabbos takes precedence over the Mishkan. One reason for the supremacy of Shabbos over the building of the Mishkan is that the Mishkan and its successor, the Temple in Jerusalem, would one day disappear. Nevertheless, as long as the people continued to observe Shabbos, the loss of these structures would not mean a break in the covenant with G-d. Another reason for the pre-eminence given to Shabbos over the Mishkan is based on a comparison of the concepts of time and space. By consecrating to G-d the seventh day of each week, Shabbos bears the stamp of holiness on the dimension of time. In analogous fashion, the Mishkan sanctified the dimension of space. The sanctification of time takes precedence over the sanctification of place because the former was instituted by G-d when the seventh day of Creation was consecrated, after He created time. On the other hand, the Mishkan, which represents sanctification of space, was fashioned by man and consecrated by Hashem. The holiness of time is inherent in Creation, while the sanctification of space is not. In fact, it is within the dimension of time that man can attain perfection. It is the hours and the minutes that enable him to realise himself. The spatial dimension, however, does not offer these indispensable values. Such values are not found by conquering or overpowering space, nor by increasing one's possessions in quantity or quality. Our holy function as G-d's servants does not depend on certain fixed points on the earth but in the way we serve Him, a service delineated by specific times, days, hours and minutes. The dimension of space contains fluctuating elements which allow changes to take place, whereas time remains eternally fixed. The fact the Mishkan's construction was prohibited on Shabbos confirms that the sanctification of time takes precedence over the sanctification of space. ***(By Rabbi Elie Munk)***

***Clayhall United Synagogue***

*Sinclair House, Woodford Bridge Road,  
Redbridge, Essex, IG4 5LN*

*Tel: 020 8551 6533 e-mail: clayhallsynagogue@hotmail.com  
www.clayhallsynagogue.org.uk*