



# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

*Shabbos 15 March 2008/ 8 Adar II 5768*

## *Service Times (Parashas Zachor)*

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	5.20 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	6.52 pm
Shabbos next week (Shushan Purim)	6.01 pm

Today is **Parashas Zachor** (always on the Shabbos before Purim) and we read the Maftir from a 2nd Sefer Torah. It is a positive mitzvah to erase the memory of Amalek and a further positive mitzvah to always remember their evil deeds. By tradition, our Rabbis derive that Amalek's treachery must be remembered orally, and not be forgotten from the heart, for it is forbidden to forget their hatred and enmity. The wicked Haman was a direct descendant of Amalek. That is the reason for reading this portion on the Shabbos before Purim so that the 'wiping-out' of Amalek might be adjacent to the 'wiping-out of Haman.'

## *Torah Reading*

Leyning: Vayikra

Hertz p 410, Soncino p 605

2nd Sefer: Parashas Zachor (Devarim 25: 17-19)

Hertz: p 856, Soncino p 1114

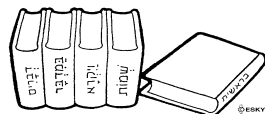
Haftorah:

Hertz p 995, Soncino p 1192

*Rabbi Zalman Rodal*

*Uri Leibovitch*

We shall be davening Ma'ariv at 7.00 pm on Thursday evening. The Megillah reading (by the excellent Moshe Nathan) will start at 7.15 pm followed by our fish n'chips supper party



*This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Ruth & Robin Abrahams in celebration of Sarah's 21st birthday*

**Children's & Youth Service:** 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 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: 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 tomorrow (Sunday) at the very latest.** You must pre-book for catering reasons.

### ***United Synagogue Farce***

The United Synagogue has invited the Chairmen of all its Shuls together with their wives to a 3-day seminar in July at the luxurious Gleneagles Hotel in Scotland. The event for 150 people is costing the US tens of thousands of pounds for what is commonly called 'blue-sky thinking.' Individual Shuls are being asked to contribute £1000 EACH towards the cost. Your Chairman has made it quite clear to the US that, as much as playing the world-famous Gleneagles golf course is tempting, this is a ludicrous and ill-advised way to spend Synagogue funds. The Jewish media is likely to run with this story next week and it was only right to make a pre-emptive strike now.

### ***A Call to Minyan***

'The simple answer given in the Torah and engraved in Jewish sensibility, is that to be a Jew is to be asked to give, to contribute, to make a difference, to help in the monumental task that has engaged Jews since the dawn of our history, to make the world a home for the Divine Presence, a place of justice, compassion, human dignity and the sanctity of life...do not count Jews. Ask them to give, and then count the contributions. That is how you measure the strength of the Jewish people.' (CRSJS)

### ***Last Call!***

Tuesday March 18th  
*Venue from the office*

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

Rabbi Wilson's final talk of this lecture series begins at 8.30 pm followed by questions and answers and refreshments.

## *60 Days For 60 Years*

The **60 Days For 60 Years: Israel** book provides synagogues, educational institutions and individuals with a unique opportunity to express solidarity with Israel. It is designed so that, beginning on 9 March 2008, one essay is read each day, culminating on Yom Hazikaron/Yom Ha'atzmaut, 60 days later, the day before Israel's 60th birthday. This project seeks to engage people from all over the world with Israel the Land and Israel the People. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the amazing feats that have seen Israel grow and prosper. Each essay has been written to inspire the participants both about Israel and Judaism. In addition communities around the world will be organising events linked to the project, both celebrating and commemorating this special year. This project is truly international with hundreds of thousands of Jews across the globe taking part. **You should have received the book and a learning card by now.** The essays depict 60 moments in Israel's history and the esteemed authors include Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi Dr Warren Goldstein, Dr Abraham Twerski, Tzipporah Heller and many more.

**The Fast of Esther begins on Thursday 20 March at 4.24 am and finishes at 6.54 pm.**

**Shacharis will be slightly earlier at 6.45 am.**

### *Yom Ha'atzmaut*

The Israel 60 Gala Show takes place on **Thursday 8 May** at the Wembley Arena. The community Shlichah, Revital Shloman is organising a coach if at least 50 people book locally. The cost would be £35 per person all inclusive. Call her on 8418 2114 or email: rshloman@jcare.org Show highlights include Jackie Mason and the IDF Entertainment Troupe plus much more.

### *Purim Spiel Fun*

Over the years, we've had some Purim spiel fun through the Clayhall Kehilla newsletter. Who can remember the visiting Chief Rabbi of Grenada, the shock horror revelation that single malt whiskies were no longer Kosher, the disappearance of the ladies gallery under tons of rubble for emergency drainage work, the floating Sedarim through the Midlands canals, and the unforgettable inflatable Shul replete with Ark and Bimah!!! Although some clever folk never of course fell for such hilarity, there were always many who deliciously did!

### *CCY Purim Activities*

This takes place tomorrow afternoon for those aged 3-8 years. We are delighted that over **50** people will be attending (30 children and some 20 parents & grand-parents). There will be plenty of different activities, all messy and fun-filled! CCY is also holding a Mothers and Daughters baking bonanza in Rebbetzen Wilson's kitchen tomorrow: what a busy day!

## ***Do As I Do by Adam Leiberman (www.aish.com)***

In this week's Sedra, G-d tells Moshe the procedures the Jewish people must follow if they commit sin. If the Jewish nation as a whole commits a sin, the atonement for their actions falls primarily on their leaders. Why is it that the leaders have to make amends for a sin that they never committed? The reason is that oftentimes people in a position of authority believe that one set of ethics applies to them, while there's another set of rules for those that they're leading. But G-d tells us that if leaders feel this way, they miss the mark of what it means to be a leader. In the real world, those in any "organization" will always follow the example of those who are in charge. Children pick up all the habits - good and bad - of their parents, employees pick up the behaviour of their bosses, and the Jewish people followed the example of those who led them. And when the Jewish people erred, G-d knew that their behaviour was a direct result of the actions being done by those who were leading them. If the people sinned, it was in large part due to the environment that was created by the elders that allowed the sin to foster. In our own lives, we all play some sort of leadership role. And the behaviour of those we lead will always be a direct result of our own behaviour. If a child answers the telephone and is told by his parent who is standing right next to him to tell the caller he isn't home, the child then internalizes this behaviour. So when the parent tells this child the following week that he or she should never tell a lie, the child now faces a serious internal conflict. On one hand, he wants to listen to his parent. But, on the other hand he also wants to emulate the actions of his parent whom he respects. Does he listen to what he says, or do as he does? G-d tells us that people will usually follow actions they see over the words they hear - and this is why the elders had to bring an atonement when the Jewish people committed a sin. G-d tells us that the reason the people sinned was that the breeding ground for the negative behaviour already existed. People will follow what you do over what you say. If you want to instill a certain type of behaviour in others, then create the environment for it to happen. Not by words, but by embracing and living the desired behaviour yourself.

***A bunch of hopelessly ordinary and helpless thespians will be treading the boards and 'Razing the Roof' this Thursday evening with Clayhall's brilliantly written but desperately acted Purim musical. Expect nothing and you won't be disappointed. Straight after fish n'chips—BE THERE!***

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