



קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

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Service Times (Shushan Purim)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	5.30 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	7.04 pm
Shabbos next week	6.12 pm

It's been a memorable Purim at Clayhall Shul. After the Megillah reading on Thursday night (beautifully read by Moshe Nathan), **115** people enjoyed a lovely fish n'chips supper 'in a cone' expertly catered by Brian Henderson and Rakusens with a supporting role from Golan and Alpine. Of course, it was all put together under the ever-efficient eye of Estele Miller and the Catering Crew. This was interspersed with a Fancy Dress competition, compered by the irrepressible Rabbi Redbeard and won by Saul Levene, Joshua 'Welsh Wizard' Harris and Ian 'Yehuda' Grant. Mazel Tov to all those who took part.

Torah Reading

Leyning: Tzav

Hertz p 429, Soncino p 631

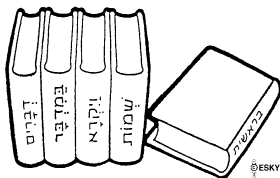
Haftorah:

Hertz p 439, Soncino p 647

Rabbi Nissan Wilson

Lester Harris

The CCY Purim Messy Afternoon and the Mothers and Daughters Baking Bonanza were both a great success last Sunday. Over 30 children aged 3-8 years enjoyed the Messy Afternoon and there is even a picture in the 'Jewish News' look out for next week's 'JC.'



*This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by
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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 Spiel

Just in case you did not realise the faces behind the masks: Rabbi Redbeard was played by none other than the maestro Rabbi Nissan Meyer Chaim Vilson ben Reb Shimon Shlita. We tolerated minor roles by Gershon ben Chaim, Menachem Mendel ben Eliezar, Yitzchak ben Avraham Shlomo, while the miser Dovy Goldberg was horizontally played by a mystery Mancunian, Benyamin ben Gonshaw.

Razing the Roof

Straight after the Fancy Dress Parade last Thursday evening, five very sad and unemployable men took to the stage for a spectacularly, incredible underwhelming experience. The audience were treated to a thespian tale of woe and disaster. Even the piano fell flat as Rabbi Redbeard and the crew desperately tried to salvage something from the wreck! As the musical masterpiece took hold, the audience unbelievably warmed up (pity and sympathy more than any critical appreciation). The Fiddler on the Roof repertoire took on a whole new meaning as Tevye and Grandma Gittel stole the hearts and minds of the sad and speechless audience.

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)

Purim & Shabbos

Vashti was killed on Shabbos because G-d always metes out punishment measure for measure. Every Shabbos day, Vashti would strip her Jewish maidens of their clothing and force them to work. Therefore on Shabbos, G-d caused the king to demand she appeared in public stripped of her clothing. The gematria (numerical value) of Vashti is 716 which is the same as that of 'B,Zeh Shabbos,' *she insulted the Shabbos.*

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.

We will be davening Shacharis at 8.15 am on both Sunday and Monday mornings over the Bank Holiday weekend

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!

Pre-Pesach Programme

The Rabbinical Council of NE London presents **Dayan Menachem Gelley** of the London Beis Din on Tuesday 8 April. He will be speaking on '*Leaven on Earth: A New approach to Chametz and Pesach*' at 7.45 pm at RJCC. On the same evening, our SpeedLearning Rabbis and Rebbetzins will provide a fantastic choice of topics to choose from.

At this point your Clayhall Kehilla author is feeling particularly wobbly (hiccup...hiccup...hiccup...) after a lavish Purim Seudah replete with fine Kosher wines from across the world. He is incoherent, devoid of thought. (What's new?)

Distinction between the curses of Haman (boo!) and the blessings of Mordechai (hooray!) is blurred. There is nothing more to say other than:

How many Jewish mothers does it take to change a light bulb? Only one—But don't worry I can sit in the dark. I don't want to be a burden to you, Harold.

How many synagogue members does it take to change a light bulb?

One to change the bulb—but three committees to approve the change.

How many Kabbalists does it take to change a light bulb?

Eleven: one to hold the light bulb and ten to rotate the universe.

That's it folks!

Have a wonderful Shabbos

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. COME ON—YOU WERE WARNED!!!!

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