



# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 11 October 2008/ 12 Tishri 5769

## Service Times (Alan Lion's Aufruf)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	5.35 pm
Shabbos ends	7.03 pm
Shabbos next week	5.49 pm

We wish a very hearty Mazel Tov to **Alan Lion** and **Suzanne Nehard** on their marriage that takes place tomorrow here at Clayhall Shul. The Kehilla wishes Alan and Suzanne many years of health and happiness together. On the occasion of his Aufruf, Alan has great pleasure in inviting the community to a Kiddush after the service in celebration of his Simchah.

"I love the mitzvah of Succah" declared the *Baal Shem Tov* "for a man can enter it with his whole body even with the mud sticking to the sole of his boots." As we come through the magnificent awe and reverence of the Yomim Noraim period, Jewish people immerse themselves in the abundant joy and happiness of Succos. Inside you will find information about our annual **Succos party** on **Sunday 19 October**. *Chag Sameach!*

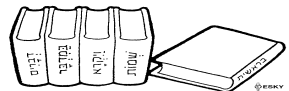
## Torah Reading

Leyning: Ha'azinu  
Hertz p 896, Soncino p 1159  
Haftarah:  
Hertz p 904, Soncino p 1170

**Rabbi Nissan Wilson**

**Daniel Finegold**

Service times for Succos can be found on your tickets. Minchah on Monday evening begins at 5.57 pm.



*This week's Clayhall Kehilla is kindly sponsored by Eleanor Lyndon on the occasion of her 25th 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.

Ma'ariv: 7.30 pm, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Sunday breakfasts: Chol Hamoed Succos, 19 October

### ***Succah Decoration***

The Shul succah is being decorated on **Sunday 12 October** at 11.00am. Any donations of fruit and/or help would be greatly appreciated. We also wish Mazel Tov to our celebrants, **Rabbi Wilson, Robin Abrahams** and **Rosalind Jessener**, Chasan Torah, Chasan Bereishis and Eshes Chayil respectively.

### ***Simchas Beis HaSho'evah***

"Whoever did not see the rejoicing of the Beis HaSho'evah never saw rejoicing in his lifetime." The festivities associated with the drawing of the water for the libation on Succos were the highpoint of the festival. Clayhall's very own celebrations take place on **Sunday 19 October** from 8.00 pm in the Shul succah. There will be live music provided by the wonderful **Rabbi Shlomo Cramer** and a scrumptious dessert buffet packed with all your extra-high calorie favourites. Notwithstanding, there might even be a few L'Chaims! Our 'party in the succah' promises to be another entertaining evening and enjoyable evening. We'll be singing, dancing, eating and drinking the night away—what better way to spend an autumn evening! There is no charge.

### ***"Dwell" as You Live***

*"You shall dwell in the succah for seven days" (Vayikra 23:42).*

*"You shall dwell"* implies: in the same manner that you usually live in your home. Accordingly, the Rabbis ruled that all the seven days of Succos one should make his succah his permanent abode, and his house his temporary abode. If one has beautiful vessels and china, he should bring them into the succah; he should eat and drink and pass his leisure in the succah; he should also engage in deep Torah study in the succah (Succah 29a).

### ***New Ladies Committee***

The role of the traditional Ladies Guild has changed considerably in recent times so much so that a Ladies Guild in itself is not necessarily the right way forward. We are therefore holding an open meeting on **Tuesday 28 October at 8pm** at RJCC for all ladies to discuss ways by which they can be involved in Shul life and make an important contribution.

## *Tishrei rather than Nissan*

Although it was Nissan, the month of spring, when G-d removed us from Egypt and housed us in succah-booths, He commanded us to observe Succos in Tishrei during autumn. Why? Hashem wanted the mitzvah to be done in such a way that it would be readily apparent to all that the booths were being put up for the sake of the mitzvah and not for personal convenience. Given the weather conditions in Eretz Yisrael, this is only possible in the autumn. In Israel, the warm and dry season which begins in Nissan is a time when it's common for people to leave their homes and live in cool huts outdoors. On the other hand, when Tishrei comes, the summer is over and the rains are imminent. Then, naturally, people leave their huts and move back indoors. Therefore, when the Jewish people leave their homes in favour of the succah in Tishrei, it is readily apparent that they do so only in the merit of the mitzvah and solely to serve Hashem. Chassidic writings teach that Pesach and Succos represent the beginning of the summer and winter months, thereby sanctifying all beginnings to Hashem.

**If you are able to donate whisky or other Kosher alcoholic drink, it would be greatly appreciated and warmly received!**

### *Succos Davening*

Shacharis during Chol Hamoed Succos will be at **6.40 am**. All other times are printed on your tickets.

On **Sunday 19 October**, Chol Hamoed Succos, a sumptuous breakfast will follow Shacharis (davening begins at 8.00 am). This is being kindly given by the **Mervish family** in honour of Jonathan's Bar Mitzvah which takes place b'h on Shabbos Bereishis, 25 October.

### *Ushpizin*

The Zohar teaches that for dwelling faithfully in their Succahs, the people of Israel merit the privilege of welcoming the *Shechinah* (*the Divine Presence*) and the seven "**faithful shepherds**" who descend from their Heavenly abode in Gan Eden and enter these succahs as exalted guests. There they observe how their descendants fulfil the mitzvah of succah dwelling. These seven "**faithful shepherds**" are Avraham, Yitzchak, Yaacov, Yosef, Moshe, Aaron and Dovid.

### *Kol Nidre Appeal*

After Rabbi Wilson's Kol Nidre Appeal on Yom Kippur, it is also worth noting that **30%** of all the proceeds we, as a Kehilla, raise is given back to the Shul for education projects. If any of your address details are wrong on your card, please let Michelle know as soon as possible. If you did not receive your card for whatever reason, the UJIA will, as always, write to members over the next few weeks, or you can pick your card from the Shul office.

## *Law of Attraction by Adam Lieberman*

This week's Sedra is actually a song that Moshe told to the Jewish people. In one of its verses, Moshe foretold the future and warned the Jews that they would: "*become fat ... and ... desert G-d...*" (Devarim, 32:15)

Why does becoming fat - or having material success - lead to deserting G-d? The answer lies in a powerful human nature reality. This universal truism states that ego and success go hand in hand. When a person has success of any kind it can cause his ego to become instantly inflated.

Let's walk through a typical cycle. If a person is down on his luck and believes in G-d, he'll ask Him to make things better. When G-d turns things around, this person is certainly connected and appreciative to the One who did it.

Once someone has success in a particular area of his lives, the Law of Attraction then comes into play. This Law, put simply, is that you will attract more of what you already have. So, when someone is successful it almost inevitably "attracts" and leads to more success. Success does beget success. This Law is at work in countless different areas of your life. And when the Law of Attraction kicks in, something fascinating happens: A person's ego springs into action. When the initial success that G-d gave to a person attracts more success, this person has a natural tendency to believe that it was he - not G-d - who got him the increased amount of success. His thinking - either consciously or sub-consciously - is that while G-d got him out of the starting gate, it was he who took the ball and made the most of the initial success.

While this might be true, there's one key and crucial element missing in the thought process. Yes, you did work hard and you did make the most of the opportunities you had BUT it was G-d that **allowed** the success to come to you. This last part is counter-intuitive and it's the exact thing that G-d is warning us against. Most people can see G-d's hand in their lives when they "catch a break" and something quickly changes and goes their way. But when they begin to ride their new found success to higher levels, they completely believe that it was their effort making the results happen. While a person must put forth effort, it's only because of G-d's desire as to whether or not he'll be successful. When you live with the truism that G-d controls everything, it becomes incredibly liberating. This is because if you put forth the effort and don't get the "success" you desired it was only because G-d knows that at this point it's the perfect and precise outcome that's tailor-made for you.

Just as you don't beat yourself up over the color of your eyes, the time the sun sets, or the temperature of the Atlantic Ocean, so too, you don't beat yourself up if you don't succeed in a particular endeavour. Put in the necessary effort and then see what G-d thinks is best. G-d wants you to be successful and He very much wants you to use your talent and brains to become even more successful. He just also wants you never to look back and realize that you "*became fat ... and ... deserted G-d.*" Start off this brand new year knowing Who's really filling in all the numbers on your check - and know that He wants to make it huge.

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