



קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 24 January 2009/28 Teves 5769

Service Times (Shabbos Mevarachim)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	3.55 pm
Shabbos ends	5.26 pm
Shabbos next week	4.31pm

We wish Mazel Tov to **Anne Yeshin** on the occasion of her 50th birthday and many more years of good health and happiness. Anne has great pleasure in inviting the community to Kiddush after the service in celebration of her Simchah.

We print on the back of the newsheet a letter from the **The Rt Hon Hazel Blears**, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government that was sent to the Board of Deputies on 16th January 2009. This letter was only released this week.

Tomorrow is our monthly **Sunday smoked salmon and beigel breakfast** which takes place after davening. Shacharis begins as usual at 8.15 am. Monday 26 January is Rosh Chodesh Shevat and Shacharis will begin earlier at 6.45 am.

Torah Reading

Leyning: Va'era

Hertz p 232, Soncino p 351

Haftorah:

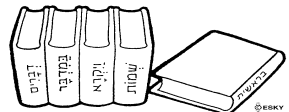
Hertz p 244, Soncino p 372

When you come to Shul for weekday Shacharis, could you ensure that the outside gate is shut tight behind you.

Please buzz for entry into the building.

Rabbi Nissan Wilson

Robert Segall



This week's Clayhall Kehilla is kindly sponsored by Anne Yeshin in celebration of her special birthday.

Children's Service: 10.30 am - 11.15 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.

Ma'ariv: 7.30 pm, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Sunday breakfasts: 25 February, 29 March & 26 April.

Lee Scott MP

Lee Scott our local Member of Parliament would like to hear of people's fears and concerns regarding the situation in Israel.

He will then pass them on to the Foreign Secretary and this may help achieve some balance in Parliament.

It has been a difficult time lately in Westminster for pro-Israel MP's.

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Kashrus Guide 2009

The Really Jewish Food Guide 2009 has just been published by the London Beis Din. Over 7600 products are listed in the new guide with a greatly expanded medicines section, & many new food categories, making the guide easier to use and more comprehensive than ever before. You can buy the Kashrus Guide at £9.95 from most Jewish bookshops. Otherwise, you can purchase by mail order through **Torah Treasures** in Hendon. Their telephone number is 020 8202 3134, fax, 020 8202 3161. Email: sales@torahtreasures.co.uk Bruchim Habayim Ubeseavon!

Special Tea for Michelle

The community is cordially invited to a tea on **Sunday 8 February** at RJCC from 3.00 pm until 4.30 pm. This is being given in honour of **Michelle Mervish** who served as Shul Administrator with distinction for over nine years. Letters have just been sent out to members and your RSVP is appreciated by the date stated for catering purposes.

Rosh Chodesh Group

The next Rosh Chodesh group takes place on **Tuesday 3rd February 2009** at 19 Lakeside Avenue, Redbridge. All ladies are warmly welcomed and the evening begins at 8.30 pm. Rebbetsen Wilson will talk about *"Tu'Bishvat and Fruit in Jewish Thought."* Refreshments will also be served.

Yahrtzeits & Call-ups New Policy

Following a full consultation, the **Honorary Officers** and **Rabbi Wilson** have formulated a policy on call-ups for Yahrtzeits. Unfortunately, the number of Yahrtzeit related call-ups has made it difficult to spread the aliyos to a wider range of members. The Wardens are conscious of the need to honour all regular worshipers and occasional guests with a 'speaking part'.

Rabbi Wilson has confirmed that the Halachic right to a call-up applies only to one who has Yahrtzeit for one of the close relatives for whom one would sit shiva (parent, child, spouse or sibling). There is no basis according to Halacha to call up a person who has Yahrtzeit for a grandparent or uncle, or for a spouse's parent or relative. Furthermore the right to a call-up is only on the actual day of the Yahrtzeit.

As such, a call-up will be guaranteed to anyone who has Yahrtzeit on the actual Shabbos day, while efforts will also be made within reason to give an honour to people who have a Yahrtzeit at any point in the following week for any one of the close relatives mentioned above.

Members should be aware that there are often available slots for aliyos at the Shabbos Minchah service and also on Monday and Thursday mornings when the Torah is read. Please feel free to speak to the Wardens regarding call-ups, and we will try to accommodate requests where possible.

Please support our Wardens on this approach to call-ups, and be aware that our aim is to make sure that everybody has an opportunity to be called up to the Torah.

Israel's Lineage

Because the time of Israel's release had arrived, the Torah now traces their lineage in order to show that they were unlike the Egyptians who had no clear lineage. It traces the lineage of Moshe and Aharon who were the sons of noble parents. It begins with the tribe of Reuven and continues until it comes to Levi, Moshe's tribe. Levi was 137 years old at his death in order to teach us that so long as one of Yaacov's sons was alive, the people were not enslaved. Levi lived longer than any of the others, and the enslavement began with his death.

Children's Service

Our fortnightly Children's service takes place next Shabbos 31 January. Taken by **Naomi Harris** for children aged 3-10 years, the morning is a fun mix of davening, games, stories, songs and plenty of nosh., See you at 10.30!

A "Class" Act

The newly formed Clayhall Ladies Association (CLASS) launches its first event on Tuesday 24th February 2009. The group is holding a **Ladies Supper Quiz** at RJCC with funds raised for the benefit of the Shul. Doors open at 7.00 pm and the fun starts at 7.30 pm. There is a donation of £10 per person which includes refreshments. For tickets, please either call the Shul office or Anne Yeshin on 07904 123677, or Jacquelyn Conner on 01708 746735. Please do your best to support this inaugural event by booking your ticket(s) as soon as possible.

The Rt Hon Hazel Blears MP

Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

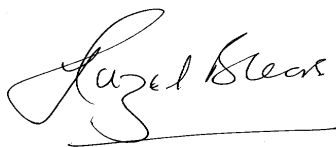
Dear Friend,

I am writing to you as the Communities Secretary about community cohesion in the UK during the current situation in Gaza. We know and understand that this issue affects many in our communities.

I am deeply concerned about the dramatic rise in anti-Semitic attacks in the UK since the start of the conflict in Gaza. And I wanted to draw your attention to what I said earlier this week following my meeting with the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Community Security Trust and the Jewish Leadership Council:

“The Government strongly condemns the increase in anti-Semitic incidents and understands the fears and concerns of the Jewish community in Britain. British Jews, like all communities must be able to live their lives free from fear of verbal or physical attack. The Government will continue to offer whatever support we can. There have already been a series of meetings with Jewish community representatives and these will continue. We stand ready to offer our advice to all those committed to tackling the scourge of anti-Semitism and hate crime in all its forms”.

Now more than ever before we need to redouble our efforts to manage and resolve tensions in our communities. The British Government is at the forefront of tackling all forms of hate crime and we are keen to reassure communities that we take all forms of hate crime seriously.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Hazel Blears', with a horizontal line underneath.

HAZEL BLEARS

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