



# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

*Shabbos 18 July 2009/ 26 Tammuz 5769*

## *Service Times (Shabbos Mevarachim)*

Shacharis	9.00 am
Pre-Shabbos Minchah Shiur	7.45 pm
Minchah followed by Seudah	8.35 pm
Shabbos ends	10.08 pm
Shabbos next week	7.30pm

The new **Clayhall Youth Service** begins today after leyning. It is open to young people in school years 7 to 11 and there are more details about the Service inside the *Clayhall Kehilla*.

Today is also **Shabbos Mevarachim** when we bless the new month of Menachem Av. **Rosh Chodesh Av** is Wednesday 22 July and Shacharis will be at 6.45 am that morning. This begins the period called the "*Nine Days*" where no meat is eaten and no wine is drunk except on Shabbos. During Tisha B' av, Clayhall is, once again, showing the excellent **Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation DVD** which is always well worth seeing. Complete Tisha B' Av services times are overleaf.

## *Torah Reading*

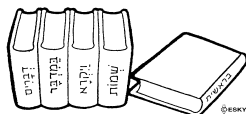
Leyning: Mattos-Masei  
Hertz p 702 Soncino p 955

*Rabbi Nissan Wilson*

Haftorah:  
Hertz p 725, Soncino p 984

*Lester Harris*

*The Rosh Hashanah information will be sent out after Tisha B'Av with Service details, including children & young people*



*If you would like to sponsor the Clayhall Kehilla, the cost is just £15.  
Please speak to Deana in the Shul office on 020 8551 6533*

**Children's Service:** 10.30am - 11.15am (25 July)  
**Youth Service:** 10.30am - 11.15am (Today & 1 August)

### ***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: 2nd August & 13 September

### ***Tisha B'Av Service Times***

We will daven Minchah followed by a Shiur on Wednesday 29 July at 8.45 pm followed by Ma'ariv and Eichah at 9.45 pm. Shacharis on Thursday 30 July will start at 8am followed by Kinnos up to Chatzos (Halachic midday) at 1.05 pm. This will include a talk by Reb Berel Obuchowski. Minchah will begin at 7 pm and the DVD presentation will start at about 7.40 pm; *Slander, Gossip and Verbal Abuse: How to Prevent Your Words from Causing Destruction in Your Life*. Ma'ariv will finish well in time to get home and eat for 9.43 pm.

### ***Chatanim & Eshet Chayil***

The Shul is delighted to honour the following celebrants over Simchas Torah 5770:

#### **Chatan Torah:**

David Serkes

#### **Chatan Bereshis:**

David Fletcher

#### **Eshet Chayil:**

Irene Rosenberg

We wish Mazel Tov to them and their families. The Children and Youth Chatanim/N'Shei Chayil will be announced over the next few weeks.

### ***Genesis Events***

Following the success of the Chicago Bridge and Kalooki evening in May, the Genesis committee are organising a Supper Quiz on **Sunday 18 October** at RJCC and a Bingo evening on **Sunday 6 December** also at RJCC.

These are important fund raising events for the Shul as well as being fun social evenings. More details will follow nearer the time. In March, Genesis is planning a "*Clayhall's Got Talent*" evening. It is hoped that this will be a major source of new funds to be used for the benefit of Clayhall Shul.

### ***5-a-side Football***

Over 30 people took part in the 2nd Clayhall 5-a-side football tournament last Sunday. It was won by a team dominated by the surname Goldman who just pipped team Goldberg to the title closely followed by the Wardens Warriors. A fabulous football feast festooned by fancy footwork and faltering fatigue made for a competitive and tiring test. The much-deserved BBQ later was well enjoyed as the post-match analysis got into full swing. Regretfully, there were no highlights worthy of recording but photos galore were taken.

## ***New Clayhall Youth Service***

For too long the Shul has been unable to provide a youth programme on a Shabbos morning. But no longer because from **this Shabbos**, a new, fun and exciting **Youth Service** begins. It will run every fortnight on a different week to the Children's Service. As the summer holidays are fast approaching, the second youth service will take place on 1 August and there will then be a break until after Succos.

The Service will be open for young people from **school years 7 to 11** and the first two services (as above) will also extend to the current Year 6. After leyning, young people can enjoy about 50 minutes of davening based on an understanding of the prayers, a short discussion around a topical theme with an Orthodox Jewish perspective, and a lesson from the weekly Sedra. Naturally, there will be adequate supplies of food and drink to keep everyone happy!

It doesn't really matter how many attend initially; the real challenge is to lay foundations and build the numbers up over time. Every opportunity will be given for the young people to participate and lead wherever appropriate. It is hoped that the youth service will act as an incentive not just for our young people but also their parents and grand-parents to come along to Shul and sample the warmth and friendliness of the Clayhall community.

### ***Indulgence Evening***

The Clayhall Ladies Association (CLASS) is holding An Indulgence Evening on **Thursday 3 September** from 7.30 pm until 10.30 pm at RJCC. So how about a new hat, a relaxation session, beautiful nails or a facial? Or are you are a qualified beautician or do you have suitable items for sale? Would you like to participate I this event by taking a stall? For more details, please contact Cynthia Simmons on 8550 8018 or you can email her at [cindyess@talktalk.net](mailto:cindyess@talktalk.net)

### ***Rosh Chodesh group***

The next meeting of the ladies Rosh Chodesh group takes place on **Tuesday 21 July** at the home of Rebbetsen Wilson, 19 Lakeside Avenue. The guest speaker is Rebbetsen Eva Chapper who will talk on "Listening to your Messages." The evening starts at 8.30 pm and refreshments will be served.

### ***Communal Family Event***

*"The Challenge of the Jewish Family in the 21st Century"* is the eye-catching title of a pre-High Holy Day programme taking place on **Sunday 6 September** from 10.00 am until 3.00 pm at King Solomon High School. The cost is £5 while under 16's are free. A full and thought-provoking few hours includes life coaching, and exploring family and relationships through Jewish sources. Lunch is available. For more information, please speak to **Fiona Elias** on 020 8498 1300 or email her at: [felias@kshonline.com](mailto:felias@kshonline.com)

## *The Wandering Jew by Rabbi Yehuda Appel*

Any botanist will tell you that the "Wandering Jew" is a unique species of plant which - when given minimal sustenance - will nevertheless spread and grow. Similarly, if you cut out its roots and plant it in other soil, it will regenerate itself and start anew. This plant's nomenclature is, of course, a comment on the Jewish People's ability to adapt to varied environments and conditions. "Wandering" is what Jewish history has been all about. The Patriarchs and Matriarchs were nomads. The Jewish nation itself was forged in Egypt and while wandering through the Sinai desert - the only nation ever to establish its identity while wandering outside its homeland. And for the past 2000 years we have been wandering the world. This week's parsha, Masei, details the Jewish wanderings through the Sinai desert. No less than 42 locations are listed as encampments throughout the 40 years in the wilderness. The wanderings have, however, been the subject of some misunderstanding: They are often portrayed as a "shlep" from one place to another. In fact, the commentators raise several fascinating issues regarding these wanderings. First of all, why does the Torah bother to mention the names of all 42 encampments? Furthermore, why does the Torah alternately describe the travels as "going forth to journey" and "journeying to go forth?"

The commentators explain that the number 42 alludes to the mystical 42-letter name of God. This indicates that the Jewish People acquired a greater spiritual awareness as they traveled through the desert. The Chasam Sofer offers some examples: At Kivrot Hataiva (literally "burial of desire"), they learned to confront their desires. At Chatzerot (literally "courtyards"), they understood the concept that "this world is a courtyard to the next world." Thus, the entire desert experience was a journey of growth, incorporating new elements of insight into the collective Jewish consciousness.

Rabbi Shimshon Rafael Hirsch suggests that the Torah's differing description of the wanderings - "journeying to go forth" versus "going forth to journey" - reflects different attitudes among the Jews of that time. To some, the purpose of "going forth" was "to journey" - to a goal of new growth. For others, the purpose of the "journey" was to simply "go forth" - to relieve the challenge of their present condition.

The Sfias Emes, explains that each of these 42 places offered a unique challenge to the Jewish People. In each place, the Jews were to accomplish a specific tikkun, a "spiritual repair." Just as the Israelites' leaving Egypt had eternal significance, so too the Jewish People met challenges at their 42 encampments! The Sfias Emes explains that we all have various stations - good and bad - as we travel through the "journey of life." Each has its unique purpose and challenge. And each can help us achieve the repairs we must accomplish on our souls. As we embark on the various journeys that create the tapestry of our lives, it is important to remain focused on the exciting goals we are moving towards. In that way, with G-d's help, we will find the strength and courage to stand up to the myriad of challenges life may present (**courtesy of [www.aish.com](http://www.aish.com)**)

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