



קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 21 November 2009/ 4 Kislev 5770

Service Times (Ryan Wiseman's Bar Mitzvah)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah Shlishis	3.30 pm
Shabbos ends	4.55 pm
Shabbos next week	3.43 pm

We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to **Ryan Wiseman** on the wonderful occasion of his Bar Mitzvah today. Marcelle, Howard, Daniel and Jordan have great pleasure in inviting the Kehilla to a Kiddush after the Service in celebration of their Simchah.

Tomorrow morning after Shacharis, we will have our monthly smoked salmon and beigel breakfast followed by Dads n' Lads football. Everyone is warmly welcomed.

The Clayhall community wish **Freda & Leslie Pollock** bracha v' hatzlacha in their new home in Bushey. Freda & Leslie are moving this coming week and a special Kiddush in their honour will be held on **Shabbos 23 January 2010**.

Torah Reading

Sedra Synopsis:

Leyning: Toldos

Hertz p 93 Soncino p 140

Haftorah:

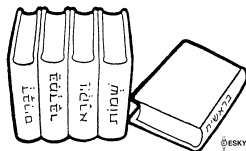
Hertz p 102, Soncino p 159

Ryan Wiseman

Rabbi Nissan Wilson

Ryan Wiseman

This afternoon's Seudah is being given in honour of the late mother of Eli Batishvilli.



This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been sponsored by Marcelle, Howard, Daniel & Jordan Wiseman in celebration of Ryan's Bar Mitzvah

Children's Service: 10.30am - 11.15am (next, 28 November)

Youth Service: 10.30am - 11.15am (next, 28 November)

Weekday Services

Shacharis: Monday & Thursday, 6.50 am. Sunday @ 8.15 am.

Shacharis: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 7.00 am.

Shacharis Rosh Chodesh: 6.40 am Monday-Friday, Sundays 8.00 am.

Ma'ariv: 7.30 pm, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Sunday breakfasts: 22 November & 13 December (Chanukah).

KidZone

Launched last Shabbos for all children from Reception to Year 6, ***KidZone*** is an exciting 90 minutes of fun, parachute games, drama, basketball, table tennis, Jewish experience and loads of nosh! It will run from 3.30 pm until 5.00 pm for once a month initially. Led by **Naomi Harris** and **Ian Grant**, your children will have a fantastic time. For more information, contact Deana in the Shul office or join the Clayhall Shul Facebook Group. The following two ***KidZone*** dates are Shabbos afternoons of **12 December** and **9 January 2010**. Further details will be sent out about future events nearer the time.

CST Cadet Training Course

A new CST Training course for all ages will be starting shortly. Participants will benefit from this eye opening and very worthwhile course. It instills a great deal of confidence and trains cadets to be streetwise. In particular, parents of pupils at the Jewish schools should be encouraged, as should all of our congregants. It is a marvellous opportunity to get involved in protecting the Jewish community. Please give your name and details to the CST office or our own security personnel.

CST Training

On **Sunday 22nd November**, the CST is running a "Security Workshop" in the Redbridge area for both Card and Non-Card holders. It will be for two hours in the morning covering aspects of security of buildings, what to look out for and how to look out for it. This will be especially relevant for those standing outside our own building. The workshop is "non physical". Could you give names please to either Leslie, Robin or Geoff, or direct to the CST office. The venue will then be advised.

Lunch and Learn

The next L&L takes place on **Thursday 26 November** at 12.45 pm in the Board room at RJCC. Rabbi Wilson's intriguing subject is "*a Numbers Game - an Insight into Gematria*". The cost is just £4 which includes lunch. It's a great way to spend some time. Eighteen people attended the previous L&L so come and join the growing band of lunchtime

*The Clayhall Community wish
Freda & Leslie Pollock
every happiness and good health in their new
home in Bushey.*

*The Kehilla extend grateful thanks for their
many years of sterling service, help and
advice.*

*A Kiddush in Freda & Leslie's honour will be
held on Shabbos 23 January 2010.*

Shacharis Appeal

We now only have five men (one is not a member) in the core daily davening group. When one or more of those men is away or not well, it puts a considerable strain on our ability to maintain a minyan. Moreover, even with the full complement of the group of five, there is still a real struggle every day to sustain a minyan. This is very sad and it does not reflect well on the community. Nor can we continue to rely on people who are retired and quite mature in years to turn out regularly and this is especially so in the winter months. Please help your Shul and come forward . Once a week would make a huge difference. We can pick you up and take you to the station after davening - anything to make life as easy as possible. The responsibility is ours.

Bnei Akiva...is back!

Bnei Akiva is back in the Essex area. To celebrate, join with your friends for inflatable table football, martial arts, popcorn and a falafel dinner. The actions kicks off on **Sunday 29 November 2009** at Newbury Park Shul, Wessex Close from 6.15 pm until 8.30 pm. All those from school years 4 to 9 are cordially invited. The entrance fee is just £3. For more information, please speak to Naomi Harris.

Shacharis Time Change

With immediate effect, the start time of Shacharis on Mondays and Thursdays is changing from 7.00 am to **6.50 am**. The service will begin at 7.00 am as usual on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. The change is to accommodate those going straight to work after davening on leyning days.

Beyond Mediocrity by Rabbi Shaul Rosenblatt

In this week's Torah portion, we see that while Esav is a man of violent nature, Yaacov is very much his opposite. The Sages tell us that even in the womb, when Rivkah passed a Temple of idols, Esav would be pushing to get out, and when she passed a place of Torah study, Yaacov did the same. This is not necessary literal, but the point is clear - from their very conception, Esav was pulled toward evil and Jacob towards good.

But how can that be? Surely free will is the cornerstone of Jewish philosophy! How can these two boys be held responsible for their actions if they were programmed in this way from day one?

The answer is clear. Each of us faces different challenges. Some are born with an angry disposition. Some are born with a sensual nature. Some are born with a nature that yearns for money. Some are born lazy. For each human being the test is different.

That's why we cannot compare, nor can we judge. Who are we to know the challenges with which another is faced?

Esav was born with a violent nature. His challenge in life was to subdue it, to harness his passion, and channel it into bringing positive change to the world. He would use his anger in the spiritual battle against evil. Use his passion to bring others to truth. He was not forced to walk down a path of murder and debauchery. It was a path he very much chose for himself.

That's fine for Esav, but what of Yaacov? Where was his test?

Yaacov's test was much more subtle in nature. The challenge of the math genius is whether he will push himself to his fullest potential, or be satisfied with being just one step ahead of the crowd. I can't help but feel when I see a rabbi who was brought up in a Torah society, whether he would be the same person if his background had been less sheltered.

Greatness lies not in where you get, but in how far you come. The destination doesn't matter as much as the journey.

To become a righteous person - after having that nature from birth and being brought up in Isaac's holy home - was no great challenge for Jacob.

The question was whether he was going to become more than that.

Would he going to strive for greatness instead of just goodness?

Yaacov could have settled for mediocrity in the same way as his brother settled for immorality.

And had he done so, his mistake would have been equal to Esav's. Set your sights high in life. That's why you're here.

Rabbi Shaul Rosenblatt

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