



קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 5 December 2009/ 18 Kislev 5770

Service Times (Jamie Goldman's Bar Mitzvah)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah Shlishis	3.30 pm
Shabbos ends	4.46 pm
Shabbos next week	3.36 pm

We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to **Jamie Goldman** on the wonderful occasion of his Bar Mitzvah today. Michelle, Paul, Sam and Adam have great pleasure in inviting the community to Kiddush after the service in celebration of their Simchah.

Chanukah begins next Friday afternoon at 3.36 pm. Minchah will be slightly earlier at 3.15 pm in order to light Chanukah candles before the commencement of Shabbos.

Inside your action-packed Clayhall Kehilla this week, you will find information about **Young Clayhall** events and ideas including Dads n' Lads football dates and a joint Chanukah event with Redbridge JCC, plus early news on our annual Melavah Malkah.

Torah Reading

Sedra Synopsis:

Leyning: Vayishlach

Hertz p 122 Soncino p 195

Haftorah:

Hertz p 137, Soncino p 224

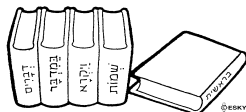
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Avos U'Banim (Fathers and Sons Torah Learning) takes place this evening at 6.15 pm at Ilford Federation Shul. An hour of nosh, raffle, prizes, and fun.



This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been sponsored by Michelle, Paul, Sam and Adam Goldman in celebration of Jamie's Bar Mitzvah

Children's Service: 10.30am - 11.15am (next, 12 December)

Youth Service: 10.30am - 11.15am (next, 19 December)

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: 13 December (Chanukah) & 17 January

KidZone

Launched last month 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.

Dads & Lads Football

Young Clayhall presents the next two fixture dates for the popular Dads' n'Lads Football. Come and join us on Sunday mornings, **13 December** and **17 January** when the action kicks off with Shacharis at 8.15 am. A delicious smoked salmon and beigel breakfast follows with all the trimmings. The calories can then be burnt off with a friendly, semi-competitive football match. This is played outside, weather permitting. For further information, email stuey45@hotmail.co.uk

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.

Rosh Chodesh Group

The next ladies Rosh Chodesh meeting takes place on **Thursday 22 December 2009** at 8.30 pm at the home of Rebbetsen Wilson, 19 Lakeside Avenue. The guest speaker is **Rebbetsen Eva Chapper** who will be talking on "*The Ripple effect.*" All ladies are warmly welcomed and refreshments will, of course, be served.

Young Clayhall

In the recent Shul mailing, some very colourful posters were included to promote a range of different youth activities at Clayhall Synagogue. Among some of the suggested events and ideas for 2010 are:

- ⇒ *Bowling*
- ⇒ *Quasar*
- ⇒ *Ducktours*
- ⇒ *Sponsored bike ride*
- ⇒ *Paintballing*
- ⇒ *Skeet weekend*

If any of these ideas interest you, we want to hear it! Please contact Stuart Goldman on stuey45@hotmail.co.uk or the Shul office on 020 8551 6533, clayhallsynagogue@hotmail.com. We want you to join in and have fun.

Project Chesed

This Chanukah, Project Chesed is collecting toys and baby goods primarily for the **Tikva Children's homes in Odessa, Ukraine**. Tikva cares for local homeless, abused and abandoned Jewish children who otherwise would lack love, care and a home to call their own. A toy from you may well be their first experience of a gift.

Please have a search through your house for any good quality toys that no one now plays with. Alternatively, please buy an extra pack of nappies or some wipes when you are next out shopping to donate. **Clayhall Synagogue** is your local collection point. Just drop off items to the Shul office and Project Chesed will do the rest. Speak to Deana for more details. Project Chesed is a United Synagogue/LSJS initiative.

Chanukah Fun

Clayhall Synagogue together with Redbridge JCC have pleasure in inviting our children and youth to celebrate Chanukah on two fun filled nights. Better still this event is entirely FREE sponsored by CLASS (Clayhall Ladies Association). They take place on **Wednesday 16th** for 8-11 year olds from 5.00 to 7.30pm and on **Thursday 17th** for 4-7 years from 4pm to 5.45 pm, & then Year 7 plus from 7pm to 9pm.

Melava Malka

Clayhall's Melava Malka takes place on Saturday evening, **23 January 2010**. We are honoured that **Dayan Abraham** will be our guest speaker while the excellent **Gedalya Alexander** will provide the musical entertainment. Put the date in your diary. More details to follow over the next few weeks.

Taking Up Arms by Chana Graj (courtesy of www.aish.com)

"What you and I today would have written off as an act of insanity, was in fact one of the greatest deeds in Jewish history. I look around the world in which we live, and I desperately long to encounter greatness. Where are our real heroes? The word "genius" is so easily thrown around, a "superstar," a "sensation." Do these words hold any real meaning? Who are the truly courageous people of unique ability who should be shaping our future?

And then there is Chanukah. I am truly awe-inspired by what the small band of Maccabees accomplished. They shaped our future. When the powerful Syrian-Greeks sought to eradicate Jewish life in Israel, the Maccabees fought back. They didn't take into account any physical obstacles or logical reasoning. They didn't call a board meeting, or even ask for second opinions. They knew what had to be done, and they did it. In an act of pure faith, they picked up their arms and went to battle against the largest, strongest army at that time. It defied logic, but they didn't stop to question.

What you and I today would have written off as an act of insanity, or what analysts would have pronounced as a suicide mission, was in fact one of the greatest deeds in Jewish history. God responded and assured their win -- but only because the Maccabees took the first step.

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When the Maccabees reached Jerusalem, they found the Holy Temple desecrated and defiled. In the face of this utter debasement of their values and beliefs, the Maccabees once again rose beyond the laws of logic, and refused to light the golden Menorah with ritually impure oil -- despite the fact that Torah law would have permitted them to do so. The Maccabees were absolutely determined to kindle the Menorah as perfectly as possible. So once again, God intervened in the natural order and made single jar of oil to last for eight days.

When I look at the miracle of Chanukah, I think not just of the military victory or the jug of oil which lasted eight nights. Rather, I think of the Maccabees' courage, self-sacrifice and profound faith in God, by which they were able to accomplish the impossible. History is not always made through acts of pragmatism or logic. History is made through heroic people who stand up and are willing to forfeit everything for what they believe.

The story of Chanukah is a call to abandon the shackles and restraints of our logic, to forget what "makes sense," and to finally fight our wars. A nuclear Iran? Poverty and domestic strife? Assimilation? The potential to attain the achievement equal to the Maccabees is within every individual. We must fight against the impossibilities, because only then can we make a difference; only then can we actually change history. Our personal history, and that of the entire world."

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