

קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 19 December 2009/ 2 Teves 5770

Service Times (Jessica Green's Bat Mitzvah)

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

Welcome to **Jessica Green's** Bat Mitzvah! The Kehilla extends a warm Mazel Tov to Jessica on the wonderful occasion of her Bat Mitzvah. The community further wishes a hearty Mazel Tov to Jessica's parents, Deana and Joe, and brother, Daniel. After *Adon Olam*, would you stand in your places as Jessica is sung onto the Bimah with the stirring words of Eshes Chayil.

Jessica will then deliver her D'var Torah and Rabbi Wilson will respond with the address to the Bat Mitzvah.

After the announcements, Deana, Joe and Daniel have great pleasure in inviting the community to a Kiddush in celebration of their Simchah.

Torah Reading

Leyning: Mikeitz

Hertz p 155 Soncino p 252

Maftir: Bamidbar 7:48-53 H 599, S 831

Haftorah:

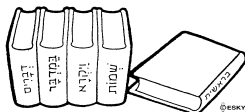
Hertz p 990, Soncino p 1187

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*Club 100 raises additional funds for the Shul.
Numbers are just £10 per year and there are two
draws - Chanukah and Shavuos.*

The closing date is Thursday 14 January 2010.



***This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by
Deana, Joe and Daniel Green in celebration of Jessica's Bat Mitzvah***

Children's Service: 10.30am - 11.15am ()
Youth Service: 10.30am - 11.15am (TBA)

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: 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 next ***KidZone*** date is Shabbos afternoon **9 January 2010**. Further details will be sent out about future events nearer the time. Watch out for emails and flyers!

Melava Malka

Our annual Melava Malka will take place on Motsei Shabbos (Saturday evening) 23rd January 2010. The first-class line-up includes **Dayan Yonasan Abraham** of the London Beis Din and the beautiful melodious voice of **Chazzan Gedalya Alexander**. They will both complement a delicious salmon buffet supper. Application forms have been sent out and you are advised to reply quickly to avoid disappointment. It should be a very entertaining and enjoyable evening.

Volunteers Wanted!

Clayhall is searching for new volunteers to assist in a number of different activities. Where appropriate training will be provided by professionals at the United Synagogue.

- * Shopping for members who are not well
- * Taking people to hospital, dentist, and optician appointments
- * Befriending
- * Helping with Shul mailings.

If you can spare one or two hours a week, Colin Emden would love to hear from you. Please contact the Shul office.

Rosh Chodesh Group

The next ladies Rosh Chodesh meeting takes place on **Tuesday 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.

The JFS Case

The UK Supreme Court, on 16 December 2009, by the narrowest of margins, held that the admissions criteria of JFS, which gave preference in the event of oversubscription to children who are Jewish according to Orthodox Jewish law (either by descent or conversion), were in the definition of the 1976 Race Relations Act, directly racially discriminatory. The full press release and other associated documents can be viewed on the United Synagogue website, www.theus.org.uk

KLBD Kashrus Alerts

The London Beis Din issued its latest Kashrus Alert on 14 December. You can catch up with all these updates by logging on to www.kosher.org.uk where you have the option to receive alerts direct to your home email.

From Rags to Riches by Rabbi Shaul Rosenblatt

Yosef was sold as a slave. His employer's wife tried to seduce him, but he withstood her advances. His reward for doing so? He was thrown into the deepest darkest prison in existence -- the Devil's Island of his time. Finally, a chink of light appeared -- Pharaoh's butler had promised to bring Yosef's case before Pharaoh.

But two more years had passed and nothing had changed. If there was ever a time for a man to despair, this surely was it. All of his life he had dedicated himself to being a good and decent man -- and what had he received for his efforts? Hatred, slavery, vengeance and ingratitude.

The Sages tell us that "G-d's redemption can arrive in the blinking of an eye." And so with Yosef, G-d decided the time had come and the wheels turned fast. Pharaoh dreamed; no one could interpret; Pharaoh's butler remembered a Hebrew slave; Yosef was summoned; the dreams were interpreted; Yosef was the obvious man to take charge.

Yosef was given power second only to Pharaoh. Dressed in kingly robes, he paraded through Egypt and wherever he went massive crowds turned out to greet him. The Rabbis say his beauty was so great that women would climb on the roofs of houses for a better view.

Yosef went from the lowliest and most despised of all men, to the most powerful and influential person in the entire world... in a matter of hours. Moments before he was summoned, he could not imagine ever leaving prison. A few hours later, he was in control of all of Egypt.

Despair is not a Jewish concept -- because things can always be different. Situations often look hopeless, we see no way out -- but circumstances can change -- and often that change is instantaneous. Jews, more than anyone, should know this.

During two thousand year of exile and suffering, we have been through many times when we could have easily despaired. But we have always hoped and dreamed of better times ahead; always known that as bad as things might be, redemption may be right around the corner. And often it has been.

It would have been easy to give up against the Greeks, easy to despair. But the Maccabees chose to hope instead. And because of the choices of a small band of people, the Jewish people survives today.

We may live at a time of great challenge to Jewish continuity. But redemption is just around the corner -- if we care enough to choose for it to be.

CHANUKAH SAMEACH!

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