



# קליהל קהלה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

*Shabbos 9 January 2010/ 23 Teves 5770*

## *Service Times (Shabbos Mevarachim)*

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah Shlishis	3.35 pm
Shabbos ends	5.05 pm
Shabbos next week	4.05 pm

We welcome back **Darryl Luder** to Clayhall this Shabbos for leyning as Rabbi and Rebbetsen Wilson are in Israel. Clayhall's annual **Melava Malkah** is a flagship event and the Shul is delighted that Dayan Yonasan Abraham and Chazan Gedalya Alexander will be our esteemed guests on Motsei Shabbos (Saturday evening) 23 January 2010. Please support this entertaining and inspiring event. More information is overleaf. Want to learn to read Hebrew in just 5 weeks? Then turn over for news about Rabbi Wilson's next 5-week reading crash course. *Clayhall's Got Talent* on **14 March** is your chance to untap hidden talent. Details are on the notice board. More to come!

## *Torah Reading*

Leyning: Shemos

Hertz p 206 Soncino p 319

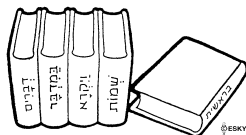
Haftorah:

Hertz p 225, Soncino p 345

*Darryl Luder*

*Eli Simons*

*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  
Ivor Lethbridge and family in loving memory of his late wife, Iris*

**Children's Service:** 10.30am - 11.15am (Today)

**Youth Service:** 10.30am - 11.15am

### ***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, 14 February & 21 March

### ***Hebrew Reading In 5 Weeks!***

Learn to Read Hebrew in 5 Weeks  
Whether you've never read Hebrew  
before or your reading just needs a  
bit of polishing

join Rabbi Wilson for a 5 week  
adventure.

Starts: Wednesday 3rd February  
at 8.00pm

in the Board Room at Sinclair House  
Pre booking is essential.

Call the Shul office on 0208 551 6533

The total cost for the course is £15  
and includes the course book as  
well as refreshments.

**You really CAN do it!**

### ***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.

### ***Ladies Quiz***

Clayhall Ladies Association (CLASS) are holding a Supper Quiz on **Tuesday 23 February 2010** at Sinclair House. This is a ladies-only event. It is hoped that the quiz will raise extra funds for the Shul. Please do your best to support by trying to organise a table. Details will follow. Meanwhile, contact Cynthia Simmons for more information.

## ***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](mailto:stuey45@hotmail.co.uk) or the Shul office on 020 8551 6533, [clayhallsynagogue@hotmail.com](mailto:clayhallsynagogue@hotmail.com). We want you to join in and have fun.*

### ***Dads n'Lads Football***

All fathers and sons (known as Dads n'Lads) are warmly invited to the monthly smoked salmon & beigel breakfast followed by 45 minutes of good exercise and friendly football competition! The next 3 dates are 17 January, 14 February and 21 March. Davening starts at 8.15 am.

### ***Purim Taster...***

After 3 years of blockbusting Purim Spiels that sent the critics wild, Purim 5770 is destined to scale new heights of dramatic and musical prowess. Starring anyone brave enough to take the heat with the kitchen, the one, and thankfully, only performance takes place on Saturday evening **27 February 2010** after the Megillah reading. You have been warned!

### ***From the Shtetl to La Scala***

Enjoy an evening of popular Jewish music and operatic arias in aid of **Chai Cancer Care** on Sunday 21 February at 7.30 pm at Hendon Synagogue, Raleigh Close, NW4. Featuring Tsudik Greenwald, Israel's rising star, making his UK debut; Menachem Bristowski, world renowned pianist; and accompanied by child prodigy, Orad Katz aged 11. This is a ticket only event and they must be bought in advance. Please see Lester Harris for application forms and more information.

### ***Rosh Chodesh Shevat***

Today we bless the new month of Shevat while Rosh Chodesh Shevat is actually next Shabbos. Tu B'Shevat (New Year for Trees) is on Shabbos 30 January and there will be a special fruity Kiddush to celebrate!

## ***Gratitude Has No Expiration Date by Adam Leiberman***

The famine that besieged Egypt and the rest of the world had come to an end. Yosef, along with the entire generation, had all passed away. And:

*"A new king arose over Egypt, who did not know of Yosef."* (Shemos 1:8)

Is it really possible that anyone - let alone a king - would be unaware of all that Yosef had done for the country? How could anyone in Egypt ever forget the vital role he played in its survival? Yosef was the sole architect of making Egypt the richest country on Earth, and should have been immortalized for eternity. It defies logic that anyone could forget the one person who single-handedly saved Egypt and the entire world from famine. Yosef wasn't forgotten in the sense that no one "remembered" him. Rather, the significance of his life-saving contributions had simply faded from everyone's memory.

Yosef's insights and acumen clearly saved everyone's lives. But as soon as the necessity of his contributions were no longer needed, then the appreciation for him ceased as well. When the pain of Egypt's experience ended, so did their memory of Yosef.

During the massive famine that spread throughout the entire world, Yosef was at the centre of it all. Every country was dependent upon Egypt for their survival. But when the famine ended, Yosef's help was no longer valuable or even needed. And, over time, the mental leap that someone makes from when a person's contributions are no longer needed and the memory of when they were so desperately needed becomes smaller and smaller. And after an entire generation passed away, the people in Egypt simply did not know of Yosef.

Difficult to imagine? It actually occurs in our own lives all the time. There are people who have helped you enormously in the past in one way or another. And when they gave you their assistance - whatever it might have been - you certainly expressed your gratitude. But as time went on, it's just not natural to continue to shower the person with appreciation and gratitude.

But this doesn't mean that you can't let them know "out of the blue" once again just how much you appreciate what they did for you. Saying "thank you" to the person long after they've given you their help, is such a beautiful and selfless way to live. It is very easy to forget people who were there for us, because once their assistance is no longer needed, our appreciation for what they did can easily fade away. And as more and more time passes, we can actually completely forget those people who were there for us when we needed them the most. It's not that hard to show appreciation toward someone right after he's helped you.

But the true measure of a person is not demonstrated by the gratitude you show a person after he's helped you. Rather, the measure of a person is demonstrated by the heartfelt gratitude he can still show long after the fact. True gratitude is not defined by a person who doesn't forget; it's defined by the one who always remembers. Make that call today.

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