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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbat 22 January 2005/12 Shevat 5765

Service Times (Shabbat Shirah)

Shacharit	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	3.50 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbat ends	5.23 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat next Friday	4.27 pm

Next Tuesday is both Tu B'Shevat and Holocaust Memorial Day. It is also the beginning of the massive **60 Days For 60 Years Project** being run by *Tribe*. More details are inside. Clayhall remembers the Holocaust this morning with two short talks from **Hermie Rothman** and **Ernie Lion**. Hermie will speak about his personal experiences at the time while Ernie will be telling us about *Kristallnacht*. These will take place just before Musaf and then immediately after *Adon Olam*.

Reading of the Torah

Sedrah synopsis:

Sarah Stoll

Leyning: B' Shalach

Lester Harris

Hertz p 265, Soncino p 407

Haftarah:

Lester Harris

Hertz p 281, Soncino p 434

Rabbi Godlewsky will be asking 'Is Man a Tree?' next Monday evening, 24 January, at the home of Karen & Bradley Rubenstein. Ma'ariv will be at 7.50 pm followed by the talk at 8.00 pm. The evening will finish with refreshments and plenty of fruit in celebration of Tu B'Shevat. All welcome.



*This week's 'Clayhall Kehilla' has been kindly sponsored by
Denis Abrahams in celebration of his birthday*

Children's & Youth Services

Reception to School Year 6

10.15 am – 11.15 am

School Years 7 plus

10.15 am – 11.30 am

Weekday Services

Shacharit: Monday to Friday, 7.00 am. Sunday @ 8.15 am.

Minchah: 1.15 pm, Monday to Thursday.

Ma'ariv: 7.30 pm every Tuesday evening.

Sunday breakfasts: 12 February, 13 March, 10 April, 8 May.

Hospital & Home Visits



Should you know anyone who is unfortunately unwell, please let the Shul office know. We will arrange an appropriate visit, phone call and/or shopping.

60 Days for 60 Years

This incredible project begins on **25 January 2005** and Clayhall is playing a full part. The special books will be with us shortly for each family. Our synagogue has been twinned with the towns of **Zhitomer, Rodcyce, Narodichi** and our learning will be in the Zichus (memory) of our brethren murdered from those places. It is worth seeing the special website that has been created on

www.tribeuk.com as this includes a moving video with the Chief Rabbi and a full explanation of why this project is so important and unique. It also links into Yad Vashem's site.

Tu BiShevat

The 15th of Shevat is the **Rosh Hashanah of trees** with reference to the different tithes which are brought each year. Our Rabbis have designated the 15th of Shevat as the boundary between one year and another, since most of the rains of the previous year have already fallen. Any new growth of fruit after this day is a result of the blessings of the new year. On Tu B'Shevat the soil is already saturated with the rains of the previous winter so that trees planted after the 15th are assured of taking firm root and producing fruit. The day has a festive sense with no *Tachanun* said. It is usual to eat fruit from Israel and to eat a new fruit in order to recite *Shehecheyanu*. The day also recalls for us the praise of the land of Israel.

Daily Weekday starts from 24 January...

We are thrilled that our Shacharit Service will run every day from next Monday 24 January 2005. This is an **historic and great moment** for Clayhall Synagogue especially at a time when we are recruiting a new Rabbi. No-one can say that we are not a full-time Shul any more! We are of course very grateful to **Jewish Care** for facilitating our wishes after several months of negotiation. However, any Minyan requires 10 males over the age of 13 years. **Your Shul truly does need you** – once a week, once a fortnight – so long as you can give just a little regular commitment. We hope and pray that the Minyan will go from strength to strength. Should you need a Tefillin refresher course, this can be arranged in total confidence. For ease of convenience, Shacharit will begin at **7.00 am** each morning.

Ladies Guild Trip to France, 13 March. Full details coming out soon.

Yahrzeit Board

We are pleased that the first 20 plaques have been fixed to our new Yahrzeit Board. There are still plaques available for buying at a cost of £60 each. It is a dignified and fitting way to remember a loved one and additional forms can be picked up from the Shul office. An appropriate Dedication Service will be arranged after Pesach.

United Synagogue Shabbat

The 2005 US Shabbat takes place on **4th & 5th March**. The theme is *Shamor V'Zachor* (Guard & Remember). Clayhall will run a series of events over the weekend, possibly including a Friday night 'Youth' dinner and a Shabbat lunch for the whole community.

Ladies Rosh Chodesh Group

The second talk/discussion takes place on **Wednesday 9 February** at the home of Anne Yeshin. All ladies are warmly welcomed. There is a small donation of £1.50 to cover costs. Speakers have been lined up for the next six months for a blend of discussion, practical ideas and answers to many questions! The next three speakers are:
9 February: Miss Melanie Shutz
9 March: Mrs Samantha Hambling ('Purim')
13 April: Rebbetzen Nechamah Rus Kahan ('Cooking, Cleaning and Keeping Calm!' This is a pre-Pesach session).

A Torah Thought: The Waters Split

All of the waters of the world split. There were ten wonders performed by the sea. First, the sea split; second, the waters were like a cave sheltering all of Israel with water overhead and on both sides; third, the land beneath them was dry and hard so that they would not dirty their feet in mud; fourth, when the Egyptians advanced the earth became muddy and they sank in it; fifth, the water was solidified; sixth, the water did not solidify like a single rock, but rather hardened in many places like pebbles; seventh, the water split twelve ways so that each tribe had its own path; eighth, the water was as clear as glass so that each tribe could see the other tribes walking nearby; ninth, the water of the sea became sugar-sweet so that the Jewish People could drink it. When they wished to drink, the water liquefied for them and when they had finished, it immediately hardened again, so their feet would not get wet. Finally, Chizkuni says that the tenth miracle was that only one third of the water on the bottom became hard. If the entire sea, until the bottom, had dried up, there would have been a great pit and it would have been difficult for them to climb down and climb back up. The Midrash says that Israel had a merit for each side. On the right they had the merit of the Torah. The left side had the merit of their tefillin. In front of them was the merit of Brit Milah and beneath them the merit of tzitzit.

On-line Newsletter

Don't forget that the *Clayhall Kehilla* newsletter is available on-line **every Thursday** before Shabbat – so if you want to keep ahead, or need to write down important telephone numbers and addresses, log on to the Shul website at the address below. The last **24** copies are can also be seen on the website – if you like!

Tsunami Disaster Relief

World Jewish Aid has launched an appeal for the victims of the Tsunami. It has the endorsement of the United Synagogue and the Chief Rabbi. Go to:
www.worldjewishaid.org/donate
Alternatively, send your cheque to World Jewish Aid, The Forum, 74/80 Camden Street, London NW1 0EG. Telephone number: 020 7691 1774.

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