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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbat 12 February 2005/3 Adar 1 5765

Service Times

Shacharit	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	4.35 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbat ends	5.58 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat next Friday	5.06 pm

We wish Mazal Tov to Leonard Krist on the wonderful occasion of his 70th birthday. Gloria and Leonard have great pleasure in inviting the community to Kiddush after the Service in celebration of Leonard's Simchah.

Clayhall extends a warm welcome to **Mr David Rome** who is leyning today. David is from Ilford Federation Synagogue.

Reading of the Torah

Sedrah synopsis:

Aidan Shaw

Leyning: Terumah

David Rome

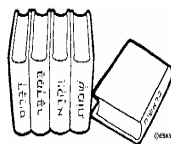
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Haftorah:

Sam Chaplain

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It is Day 19 of the '60 Days for 60 Years Project' and the essay on page 55 of the *Tribe* book is called '**The First Chanukah Light in Bergen-Belsen**' by Yaffa Eliach. The story is based on a conversation of the Grand Rabbi of Bluzhov, Russia, Rabbi Israel Spira with Aaron Frankel and Baruch Singer, 22 June 1975. Yaffa Eliach was born in Lithuania and she is a Holocaust survivor. She was the founder and Director of the Centre for Holocaust Studies in America.



This week's 'Clayhall Kehilla' has been kindly sponsored by Allison, Gary, David & Danielle Krist on the occasion of their father and grandfather's 70th 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: 13 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 began on **25 January 2005** and Clayhall is playing a full part. The special books were sent out last week to families. 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.

Holocaust Event

Clayhall Synagogue is planning an appropriate event to mark the project **'60 Days for 60 Years – Remembering the Past to Build the Future.'**

Please keep the evening of **Tuesday 1 March 2005** free. Full details will be sent out next week. The evening will be a mixture of speakers, readings, psalms, the lighting of six Yahrzeits and a short film. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

US Shabbat weekend

This takes place on 4/5 March and the theme is Shamor V'Zachor ('Guard & Remember'). Details are being sent out on Monday and we intend to run a Friday evening whisky tasting, a lunch for young people and a special Seudah with a good guest speaker. Please support.

Essex Regional Committee changes...

The ERC is the management committee that oversees the work of **Daniel Morris**, our Youth and Community Director. It comprises two representatives from the 4-partner Shuls: Clayhall, Ilford, Newbury Park and Wanstead & Woodford. Recently, **Lester Harris** stood down as Chairman of the group after piloting the project through its initial set-up over the last year. We are delighted that our own **Bradley Mervish** was unanimously elected as the new Chairman. Daniel has now been in post for 6 months during which time he has visited all four Shuls on many occasions, met with key people across the local community, established an office at King Solomon High School and most recently became a father for the first time when his wife Misha gave birth to a baby girl, Ariela Sarah. Many members will also recall that a few weeks ago Daniel's father passed away and, as he enters the last stage of the Sheloshim, we wish him a long life. All four Shuls look forward to the continued success of the project this year.

Smoked salmon & beigel breakfast tomorrow after Shacharit

Israeli Dancing

All ladies are invited to learn **Israeli and Simchah dancing** at Ilford Jewish Primary School. It is a 4-week course starting at 8.00 pm, Wednesday 2 March and then on the 9th, 16th & 23rd March. The lessons are just **£10** for the whole course. Phone the school office on **020 8551 4294** to book your place and ensure that you can dance the right steps at the next Simchah!

Daily Davening Rota

Please put your name down on the daily Shacharit rota, even if just for one day a week. Tremendous efforts are being made by a few people to encourage support. Make their job much easier!

Ladies Rosh Chodesh Group

A large number of ladies heard an excellent talk from **Melanie Shutz** last Wednesday. The next talk and discussion takes place on **Wednesday 9 March** at the home of Anne Yeshin, address details from the office. 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 two speakers are:

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 Building Materials

'*This is the offering*' (Shemot 25:3). Rashi writes that there were 3 types of offerings: first, the half-shekel donated by each person, from which they constructed the bases for the Mishkan's panels; second, a half-shekel donated by each person for the purpose of purchasing the animals for sacrifice; and finally, each person's voluntary donation of 13 kinds of goods, as much as they wished – gold, silver, copper, blue and purple wool, linen and red threads, goats' hair, red-dyed sheepskin, furs of a *tachash*, cedar wood, olive oil and spices. The *Gemara* says that G-d sent the animal called *tachash* to Moshe in the desert, to make a covering for the Mishkan from it. The animal's pelt was multicoloured and seemed to give off light. It had one horn on its forehead, and has since disappeared, not to be seen again. The *Midrash* asks: Where did Moshe find cedar wood in a desert? The answer is that Yaacov prophetically saw that his descendants would build a Tabernacle in the desert. He therefore planted cedars in Egypt and gave instructions that they should take the wood when they left the country. Rav Bechaye and *Toldos Yitzchak* quote a Midrash which says that gold is mentioned as the first gift to show that Hashem had forgiven them the sin of the Golden Calf. For the same reason it says later, in connection with the sacrifices, '*an ox, sheep or goat*' with the ox mentioned first. This also shows that the sin of Golden Calf, which is a young ox, was forgiven.

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 **27** copies are can also be seen on the website – if you like!

Rabbi Recruitment

The closing date for applications for the post of Clayhall Rabbi has now passed. Our selection committee has assessed the candidates and first interviews take place shortly. We will keep you informed of future developments but, naturally, the process is totally private and confidential. It is difficult to assess how long it will take.

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