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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 26 March 2005/15 Adar Sheni 5765

Service Times (Shushan Purim)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	5.45 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	7.11 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	7.19 pm

We wish a hearty Mazal Tov to Daniel Lion on the occasion of his Aufruf today, and on Daniel's forthcoming marriage to Beth Mendel. Alan Lion has great pleasure in inviting the community to a Kiddush after the Service in celebration of the Simchah. This Shabbos is also Shushan Purim (more details inside) and we wish everyone a Purim Sameach. It was wonderful to see the Shul bursting with children and their parents on Thursday evening. Well done to all the fancy dress participants!

Reading of the Torah

Sedrah synopsis:

Alan Lion

Leyning: Tzav

Scott Goldstein

Hertz p 429, Soncino p 631

Haftorah:

David Woolf

Hertz p 439, Soncino p 647

The final essay of the '60 Days for 60 Years' project coincided with Purim (14 Adar). It is hoped that people will be continually inspired to read and re-read some of the incredibly moving and poignant pieces. The Shul still has about 50 spare copies of the books if you would like more. Please contact the Shul office next week.



This week's 'Clayhall Kehilla' has been kindly sponsored by Alan Lion in celebration of his son Daniel's Aufruf, and marriage to Beth Mendel

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: 10 April, 8 May, 5 June & 9 July.

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.

Sponsorship

You can sponsor the weekly newsletter for just £15 in celebration of a birthday or anniversary, or to commemorate a Yahrzeit. Please speak to Michelle in the office for available dates. Don't forget that you can also sponsor a Kiddush or a Seudah for similar reasons. We are also running low on whisky so any help is appreciated!

Getting ready for Pesach 5765

The day before Pesach is probably the busiest day in the Jewish year. On this day, the last of the Chometz is used up and the remainder burnt. But what happens when, as this year, erev Pesach falls on Shabbos? The many answers to this question can be found in your latest Shul mailing. We have produced a summary of Rabbi Ginsbury's excellent guide called, **'Why is This Year Different?'** You can download the complete booklet by visiting www.unitedsynagogue.org.uk as it is well worth reading. If you have any questions, you need to ask a competent Halachic authority.

Sale of Chometz

It is incumbent upon each of us to sell our Chometz before Pesach. The forms have just been sent out and **Rev Gary Newman** of Newbury Park Shul has kindly agreed to sell on our behalf. Arrangements can also be made nearer the time to sell your Chometz in person with Rev Newman.

Rosh Chodesh Group

The Ladies Rosh Chodesh group looks forward to its fourth speaker on Wednesday 13 April. **Rebbetzen Nachama Kahan** will be *'Cooking, Cleaning and Keeping Calm'* in preparation for Pesach. Contact the office for the venue. The vice-president of the Board of Deputies, **Flo Kaufman**, is addressing the group on Tuesday 10 May, Contact the office for the venue while on Wednesday 8 June, **Shlomit Naor**, Shlichah of Sinclair House is speaking, Contact the office for the venue. Her intriguing topic is *'Bridget Jones and Tel Aviv Women.'* All meetings begin at 8.00 pm and there is a £1.50 donation. Refreshments are provided. The evenings are a blend of social, educational and cultural experiences. Other speakers have been booked but if you have any suggestions for suitable speakers, please contact Anne Yeshin or Louise Posnasky.

***Don't forget to
move your clocks
forward by
one hour tonight!***

Go Karting!

A scintillating Karting event takes place on **Sunday 10 April 2005**. It is being run by Daniel Morris, Youth & Community Director, for the 4-partner Shuls. The afternoon runs from 2.00 pm until 6.00 pm for school years 7, 8, 9 & 10. The cost is £20 for Tribe members and £45 for non-Tribe members. You can book on-line at www.tribe.me.uk or phone Daniel direct on 020 8559 9341.

NEROS Quiz

The annual NEROS inter-Shul quiz takes place after Pesach (date to be confirmed). We still need team members and the four subjects this year are Israel, the Book of Ruth, History and General Knowledge. Contact Robin on 020 8220 6779 if you would like to take part.

Ladies Gallery Severe Problems

Following last week's announcement about the serious drainage problems underneath the ladies gallery, Jewish Care has informed us that the work will be carried out during the Omer period (between Pesach and Shavuot) so as not to affect Bar/Bat Mitzvos. Most of the area will be screened off and a small section for about a dozen ladies will be maintained. While many members really believed that this was a Purim spiel, the HO's apologise in advance for the problems that the work might cause. Services may have Chazzanus and singing kept to a minimum as the unstable structure is liable to shake and move if sound levels exceed 78 decibels.

Are you a resident of a Walled city?

The Megillah (Esther 9:20-22) says that the Jews prevailed over their enemies on the 13th of Adar, and on the 14th they feasted to celebrate the victory. But in Shushan the capital, the battle lasted another day and the holiday was not celebrated until the 15th. When the Sages instituted Purim, they took into account that Shushan was a walled city and made the stipulation that, while most cities celebrate Purim on the 14th Adar, cities that were walled at the time of Joshua should celebrate a special Shushan Purim on the 15th Adar. The Megillah is also read on the 15th in a number of other cities in Israel - such as Jaffa, Akko and Hebron - only as a custom based on a doubt over whether these places were surrounded by walls at the time of Joshua. In Jerusalem, suburbs and towns from which the Old City walls can be seen also observe Shushan Purim. Town and suburbs less than one kilometre from the walls also keep Shushan Purim, even though they may not be able to see the city. If a resident of Tel Aviv (unwalled) will be in Jerusalem (walled) on the 14th of Adar, and his intention is to return to Tel Aviv before daybreak on the 15th, he reads the Megillah on the 14th - even if he was inadvertently delayed in Jerusalem. If he intended to stay in Jerusalem until the day of the 15th, he reads on the 15th only. Similarly, a resident of Jerusalem who will be in Tel Aviv and whose intention was to return to Jerusalem before daybreak of the 14th, reads on the 15th - even if he is detained in Tel Aviv. If his intention was to be in Tel Aviv on the 14th, he reads on the 14th.

Whisky woe!

You know when things have got really bad when the Clayhall whisky lake starts to evaporate! Stocks are historically low and the Shul never has to buy. Let the Purim spirit permeate your generosity and may we be celebrating an over-flowing of fine malt.

Where's Our Rabbi?

It is possible that we may be very close to making a decision. This might seem somewhat vague but, as you will appreciate, there are all sorts of factors affecting the outcome. Whatever rumours and unfortunate whispers you may have heard over the last few weeks, please discount them all, until you hear officially through your Honorary Officers.

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