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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 2 April 2005/22 Adar Sheni 5765

Service Times (Aidan Shaw's Bar Mitzvah & Parshos Parah)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	6.50 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	8.23 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	7.30 pm

We wish a hearty Mazal Tov to **Aidan Shaw** on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah today. Lynsey & Darren Shaw have pleasure in inviting the community to a Kiddush in celebration of their Simchah. We also extend a warm welcome **Rabbi Simon Harris** on his first visit to Clayhall. Rabbi Harris will be leyning and addressing our Bar Mitzvah, Aidan. This Shabbos is Parshos Parah, the third of the four special Shabbatos before Pesach. We take out two Sifrei Torah and the page numbers are below.

Reading of the Torah

Sedrah synopsis:

Aidan Shaw

Leyning: Shemini

Rabbi Simon Harris

Hertz p 443, Soncino p 651

Maftir: Num 39:1-22 H p 652, S p 898

Haftorah:

Martin Linder

Hertz p 999, Soncino p 1194

This evening at our Seudah we shall be exploring some Pesach themes. Shabbos Minchah is always a really enjoyable and relaxed time with a great blend of social banter and intelligent words of Torah aided by yet more food and drink. Be pleasantly surprised!



This week's 'Clayhall Kehilla' has been kindly sponsored by Lynsey & Darren Shaw in celebration of Aidan's Bar Mitzvah

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 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 venue details and it will be a very good practical demonstration prior to such a busy period. The vice-president of the Board of Deputies, **Flo Kaufman**, is addressing the group on Tuesday 10 May, Contact the office for venue details. Her title is '*The current state of the Jewish world*' focusing mainly on Israel and anti-semitism while on Wednesday 8 June, **Shlomit Naor**, Shlichah of Sinclair House is speaking, Contact the office for venue details. 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.

The Clayhall AGM is on Tuesday 24 May at 8.00 pm here in Sinclair House

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. Book up quickly!

NEROS Quiz

The annual NEROS inter-Shul quiz takes place on **Sunday 26 June** @ Chingford Shul. 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.

Israel Film Festival 2005

Together with Newbury Park, we are hosting an evening of the 2005 Festival on **Thursday 26 May 2005** at Sinclair House as part of the Yom Ha'atzma'ut celebrations. We will show three short Israeli films followed by a talk on Israeli culture. The topics include an intimate look at the love, trials and triumphs of life in Jerusalem; the preparation, last minute difficulties and joy of a wedding organiser, and a decision that will change a person and his environment for life. Tickets at **£3** each must be purchased in advance through the Shul office. Last year's evening was extremely interesting, thought-provoking and moving. The films have been carefully selected to give maximum enjoyment and satisfaction.

The Chametz Prohibitions – Exceptional Stringencies

The Torah is more stringent regarding chametz than with any other forbidden food. It prohibits not only consumption, but also possession of chametz (and even mixtures containing chametz). *Bedikas Chametz* – the Search for the chametz on the night before Pesach and *Biur Chametz* – the Burning of the chametz – the next morning, are predicated on this requirement. Many Torah prohibitions against eating of forbidden foods carry a penalty of *malkos*, lashes. The punishment for wilful consumption of chametz is *kareis*, spiritual excision. The Sages decreed that the standard laws of nullification do not apply to chametz; even the tiniest particle can render an entire mixture forbidden. The Arizal taught that one who is successful in avoiding even inadvertent consumption of the minutest bit of chametz during Pesach has earned for himself a special protection against sin for the entire year. Small wonder that Jewish people are so meticulous in their pre-Pesach housecleaning and in their zealotry regarding chametz during the festival itself. Through the centuries, many communities have accepted upon themselves added *chumros* (stringencies) which, while not required by Halachah, are further safeguards against accidental transgression of all the chametz exclusions. An example is the custom of Chassidim who avoid eating *gebrechts* - matzah that has come into contact with liquid. While customs do vary, all should be respected for they were originated by the great Sages of yesteryear who understood well the deep significance and cosmic nature of every mitzvah.

Lag B'Omer BBQ

Our popular Lag B'Omer BBQ will again take place at the home of Deborah and Lester Harris, on **Sunday 29 May 2005**. Places are limited to the first 55 applications so don't delay in returning your applications forms once these have been sent out straight after Pesach. Start praying for sunshine!!

Where's Our Rabbi?

We are getting closer 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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