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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 4 June 2005/26 Iyar 5765

Service Times (Shabbos Mevorachim)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	8.45 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	10.15 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	7.30 pm

We welcome back **Mr Jonny Levy** who will be leyning for us this morning. Today we bless the new month of Sivan as Shavuot is just over a week away. Rosh Chodesh is next **Wednesday 8 June** and Shacharis will be at 6.50 am that morning. Today we recite the *Birchas Ha'Chodesh* prayer before *Ashrei*. Tomorrow we shall be having our monthly smoked salmon and beigel breakfast after Shacharis. Come along and enjoy!

Reading of the Torah

Sedra synopsis:

Victor Shafier

Leyning: Bamidbar

Jonny Levy

Hertz p 568 Soncino p 793

Haftorah:

Leslie Pollock

Hertz p 582, Soncino p 810

The next six weeks are the longest Shabbosas of the year. It can be more difficult to sustain a healthy Shabbos Minchah minyan during this time. Yet, the Seudah atmosphere and stimulating discussions are both very good reasons to give it a go.

This evening we will explore some Shavuot themes as we make preparations for *Zaman Matan Torahseinu* - the Season of the Giving of the Torah. Women are most welcome to join the Seudah that starts about 9.10 pm.



*This week's 'Clayhall Kehilla' has been kindly sponsored by
Jacqualyn Conner & David Grant in celebration of their birthdays*

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: 5 June, 9 July, 7 August & 4 September.

Plag Ha'Minchah



Plag Ha'Minchah is the earliest time for lighting candles for Shabbos and for davening Ma'ariv. During June and July, Friday candle lighting will be **slightly later** than 7.30 pm - our normal summer Minchah time. Next week the **correct** time for lighting Shabbos candles is **7.33 pm**.

Rabbi Update

As reported at the AGM, the HO's are naturally disappointed that, to date, we have been unable to make an appointment. Four candidates were interviewed and, although we were close to making a decision, the Shidduch was just not meant to be. However, we met the US Chief Executive and the Director of the Office of the Chief Rabbi last Wednesday to review the process. It was a useful meeting. What is quite clear is that the HO's will act in the best interests of the **whole** community. Better that we make the right appointment than rush in and make a disastrous mistake.

Shalom Magazine

Calling all budding writers and journalists to submit articles, and other items of interest to the Editorial team no later than **31 July 2005**. It's always a struggle coaxing people to write so please make a big effort. Similarly, advertisements are most welcome as this naturally increases Shul income! It would also be nice to see many more Rosh Hashanah greetings which, at £5 per insertion are extremely good value.

Shavuos Times

Minchah followed by Ma'ariv will be at **8.00 pm** on **Sunday 12 June**. Since we should count seven complete works from Pesach to Shavuos, you must not light candles or recite Kiddush until **10.34 pm**. Monday and Tuesday mornings will be **9.00 am** & Minchah will be at **8.30 pm** on Monday evening.

Eat, Drink & Learn the Night Away!

Clayhall's *Tikun Leil Shavuot* is always one of the highlights of the year. Fine malt whiskies, lashings of gorgeous cheesecake, other edible delicacies and some great home-grown words of Torah provide the perfect blend for a terrific night-out! This year again, we are delighted that Freda & Leslie Pollock will be hosting the Tikun on **Sunday 12 June 2005**, venue from the office, from 11.45 pm until the wee small hours. The more that come, the greater the sense of *ruach* (spirit) and atmosphere. If you would like to contribute a D'var Torah, whether it be two minutes or twenty minutes, please speak to either Lester or Bradley. If you have never been to our Tikun before, you don't know what you have been missing. It's definitely worth the extra effort.



Today is **Day 41** of the Omer. It is an important mitzvah to orally count the Omer each day up to Shavous.

*Rosh Chodesh
Sivan is Wednesday
8 June. Shacharis
will be at 6.50 am*

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.

Annual Plant Sale

Victor Shafier's annual plant sale is tomorrow, **Sunday 5 June**, from 10.00 am, contact office for venue.

Among the plants for sale will be hanging baskets, beans and tomatoes, sunflowers, sedum, allysium and many other flowers.

All at cheaper than Nursery prices. If you have some spare plants that Victor can sell, please phone him on 8924 0261. Money raised from this event will benefit the Shul.

Clayhall Elections 2005/06

We extend a Mazal Tov to the following who have been elected to serve for 2005/06:

Chairman: **Lester Harris**

Vice-Chairman: **Gordon Miller**

Warden: **Bradley Rubenstein**

Financial Representative: **Norman Reisman**

Board of Management (male members): Mike Callaghan, David Grant, Johnny Lyndon, Mervyn Lyndon and Victor Shafier.

Board of Management (female members): Jacquelyn Conner, Estele Miller, Hilary Segall, Karen Wise and Anne Yeshin.

It was very healthy to have three separate elections and we thank all those who stood for office this year. The new Board will hold its first meeting on **Wednesday 15 June 2005**.

The Giving of the Torah

The Temple was destroyed on the 9th of Av yet G-d showed *Ezekiel* that it would be destroyed on the 10th, for He was loath to reveal the exact date. However, when G-d wished to cause His Presence to rest upon Israel, He told exactly where, and in which year, and on what day of the month as it says: '*In the desert of Sinai, in the Tent of Assembly, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after their exodus from Egypt.*' (Bamidbar 1:1). The Midrash says that the Torah was given to Israel through three things: through fire, for there were streaks of lightning during the Giving of the Torah; through water, for there was a pouring rain; and through the desert. Why was the Torah given through these three factors? To teach that just as fire and water were free and available to all in the desert, so the Torah is free. All may study it. Just as the desert is accessible to all and everyone may enter so should a man who wishes to study Torah free himself of pride, and be humble. Just as it was forbidden to touch the mountain when the Shechinah rested upon it, so G-d placed a barrier of Levites around the Tabernacle to make certain that no other man of Israel touched it. Similarly, 22,000 angels accompanied G-d to Sinai and so 22,000 Levites surrounded the Tabernacle. Before this G-d had revealed Himself in the thornbush in Midian, later in Egypt and again in Sinai. Now G-d said: 'It is not proper that I show myself without modesty,' and therefore He commanded that the people build a Tabernacle.

Get involved!

The Board of Management will shortly be discussing the new sub-committees that will be formed for the year ahead. We really want to involve non-Board members in their running. Please come forward to offer your help by speaking to the Honorary Officers. The work can be very satisfying and rewarding. Don't be shy coming forward!

Shacharis Minyan

Although we manage to sustain a Minyan virtually every morning of the week, there are occasions when we fall one or two short. However, we are reliant on at least three or four non-Clayhall people **each day** in order to make the requisite number of 10 men. For a Kehilla of our size, we should **easily** guarantee a Minyan for every Service. ***We should all be doing better.***

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