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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

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Service Times (Andrew Alexander's Bar Mitzvah)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	8.55 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	10.27 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	7.30 pm

We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to Lisa and Simon Alexander on the occasion of Andrew's Bar Mitzvah today. In addition to the Sedra synopsis, Andrew will be delivering a D'var Torah just before the sermon by Rev Stewart Myers. Lisa and Simon have great pleasure in inviting the community to a Kiddush straight after the Service in celebration of their Simchah.

Reading of the Torah

Sedra synopsis:

Andrew Alexander

Leyning: Behalotacha

Rev Stewart Myers

Hertz p 605 Soncino p 838

Haftorah:

Andrew Alexander

Hertz p 620, Soncino p 857

We want to thank **Rev Stewart Myers** for his help and support over the last six months. He has leyned and addressed the community each month as well as reading the Megillah twice. We look forward to his continued involvement. We also pay tribute to **Rabbi Zev Glass** who has addressed Bar Mitzvah boys, davened and given many Divrei Torah, some at a moments notice.

Tonight's Seudah will be interspersed by some in-house words of Torah from our extremely capable team.

Come and enjoy from 8.55 pm - it will get earlier soon!



*This week's 'Clayhall Kehilla' has been kindly sponsored by
Lisa & Simon Alexander in celebration of Andrew'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: 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 **7.38 pm**.

Rabbi Update

Since the AGM, we have received a formal application from one Rabbi for the Clayhall vacancy and this will be considered in due course. The Honorary Officers are unlikely to re-advertise the position **for the time being** following a meeting with the United Synagogue two weeks ago. We are reviewing the process and looking at any factors that may have prevented certain candidates from applying first time round. We can ensure you that the Honorary Officers are working flat out to bring the right person to Clayhall. We just cannot put a timescale on the process so please be patient and bear with us.

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.

Refueh Shelemah

It's a fact of life that sadly people are sometimes unwell. We make a 'group' Refueh Shelemah prayer each Shabbos. Please inform Michelle of any names that you would like added to the list. This might prevent people having to gather around the Bimah leading to less disruption and better decorum.

Thanks for a Terrific Tikun

Once again, Clayhall's Tikun Leil Shavuos was a resounding success. Thanks are due to Freda & Leslie Pollock for hosting 20 men last Sunday night (and Monday morning!). There was an impressive range of Divrei Torah with contributions from Leslie Pollock, Gabi Simons, David Miller, Ben Posnasky, Lester Harris and Rabbi Zev Glass. It generated some excellent discussion points, interspersed with very generous lashings of fine malt whisky! Our spirits were elevated in every sense of the word! It is a tribute to our community that, despite the absence of a Rabbi, we are still able to host such a wonderful event from 11.45 pm until 3.15 am. Some decided to daven straight after helped by the late arrival of the Aish HaTorah boys! It was a lovely night for all the right reasons.



*2nd Bar/Bat Mitzvah Seminar for all Simchas in 2007/08 on **Tuesday 12 July** @ 8.00 pm at Sinclair House*

*Next Sunday beigel
breakfast is on
9 July 2005.
Don't miss it!*

Shul Library

The Shul library is not being used nearly as much as it should be. There are some lovely books to borrow that cover a wide Jewish subject choice. It is situated within the Ackerman Resource Centre at Sinclair House on the ground floor. You may borrow books during Shul office opening hours but you must let Michelle know first. Don't miss a great opportunity. Explore and discover!

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.

So what do YOU want?

Have you ever wondered what you really want from the Shul? Are there some particular programmes, speakers, events or activities that you would like? Is there anything the Shul currently does that you think could be improved? Do you feel that certain groups are neglected? Are we responsive to needs? Does something really irk you? Or are you so happy with Clayhall Synagogue that you've nothing but praise and admiration? Many questions...but what about **YOUR** answers? It's a few years since we sent out a questionnaire as part of our Strategic Review in 2001/02. Let the Honorary Officers know in confidence constructively and politely. We will endeavour to respond to all comments.

The People Complain...

'Weeping in their families' (Bamidbar 11:10). *Rashi* explains that they assembled in family groups and wept openly to show their evil hearts for they spoke ill against G-d. The Sages say in the *Gemara* that they wept 'because of their families' because it had been forbidden to them to have relations with another man's wife and with certain relatives, such as a sister. Why did they weep for this now, rather than on Sinai when it became prohibited? The answer is that they did not want to disturb the celebration at Sinai, and so they waited and wept now. Another explanation is that they wept now, when the manna fell, because as the *Gemara* says, the manna revealed who had committed adultery. Also, if a woman's husband had died, and she remarried before three months had passed after his death, and gave birth seven months later, no one could know if the child was born in the seventh month, a child of the second husband, or if it was born in the ninth month, a child of the first husband. But the answer was revealed through the manna, for the manna fell before each tent, with one measure for each person belonging in the tent. If there were nine people in the family of the second husband, not including the new child, and yet ten measures of manna fell, all knew that the child was his, but if only nine measures fell, and an extra measure fell in front of the tent of the first husband, all knew that the child was of the first husband. Because of this, women were afraid to commit adultery, and so they cried.

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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