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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

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Service Times (Shabbos Mevorachim)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	8.55 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	10.26 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	7.30 pm

The Shul is delighted to be celebrating a 'double' Aufruf today. We wish **Paul Greenberg** and **Nadia Michaelson** together with **Garry Weyland** and **Suzanne Abrahams** a hearty Mazel Tov on their forthcoming marriages. Hetty & Victor Greenberg have pleasure in inviting the community to Kiddush after the Service.

Reading of the Torah

Sedra synopsis:

Alan Abrahams

Leyning: Korach

Garry Wayland

Hertz p 639 Soncino p 879

Haftorah:

Garry Wayland

Hertz p 649, Soncino p 893

Today is Shabbos Mevorachim when we shall bless the new month of Tammuz. **Rosh Chodesh Tammuz** is this Thursday and Friday, 6th & 7th July. We shall be davening Shacharis at 6.50 am on both mornings. Five tragic events occurred on the 17th of Tammuz: The first Tablets were broken, the Tamid offering was discontinued in the days of the 1st Temple; the walls of Jerusalem were breached in the days of the 2nd Temple; the wicked Apostomos burned the Torah, and placed an idolatrous image in the Temple. The Fast of Tammuz begins the Three Week period of mourning until Tisha Ba' Av.



This week's 'Clayhall Kehilla' has been kindly sponsored by Ruth & Mervyn Lyndon in celebration of Deborah's 19th 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: 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 **earliest** time for lighting Shabbos candles is **7.35 pm**.

Kol Nidre Appeal

Although Yom Kippur is still over four months away, the UJIA are worried that the monies raised over the last few years has decreased across most Shuls. This too is true at Clayhall where we received £1500 back this year against over £1800 the previous year. It may be a direct cause of more 'peaceful' times in Israel so that we all assume the need is not so great. In reality, the needs could not be more acute both in Israel and in the UK. Do remember that we receive back **30%** of the monies raised by our members and this amount will be invested into educational activities for our young people. Let's make a big difference.

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.

The New Committee Structure

The Honorary Officers and Board of Management have put into place a new sub-committee structure that should deliver **quality events** for all Shul members. Some of these groups are new while others continue to develop their good work. They are Marketing & Communication, Care, Children & Young People, Education, Functions & Social, Membership, and Community Development. Each committee has a specific role to play. For example, Education will plan key programmes such as a Shabbaton, a Melavah Malkah, the US Shabbos weekend, guest speakers and pre-Yom Tov lectures. The Functions and Social group will be focused on fund-raising activities while the Care committee's role will concentrate on pastoral and welfare services for members.



*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!

Shul Mailing

You would have received an update on various Shul matters this week. We shall be keeping members well informed of important news such as the search for a Rabbi, provision for our young people and how the new Board intends to plan for the year ahead.

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 Earth Splits Open

Immediately, the earth split and swallowed Korach and his assembly with their homes and belongings, and the earth covered them up. *Rashi* writes that the heavenly court does not punish until someone is 20 years old, but in the dispute of Korach, G-d punished even small children who also sank into the earth. *Rav Bechaye* writes in the name of *Ramban*: Why does the Torah first say, '*the earth split*' and then '*the earth opened its mouth*' (16.31-32)? The answer is that this shows the splitting open of the earth for Korach was not like any other splitting open of the earth. There are times when the earth splits open because of a great storm wind. When this happens, a great pit appears, which remains open. But the pit of Korach was miraculous, for there was a great pit which swallowed many people and tents, and then it closed, as a mouth closes, and one could not recognise where the pit had been! *Rav Bechaye* writes that the children of Korach were not killed. They too fell into the pit but G-d placed a tall mountain within the pit and Korach's children climbed on it, and did not fall into *Gehinnom*. This is what the verse in *Parshas Pinchas* means: '*And the sons of Korach did not die*' (26:11). Korach was burned in the fire together with the 250 men who burned the incense. They were incinerated, Korach among them. Thus did G-d kill him with two deaths: first, he was burned up, and then he fell into the pit of *Gehinnom*. The Sedrah teaches us that those who fight against Torah have no portion in the World to Come.

The Blue Tins

Since the introduction of the blue tins a few years ago, several thousands pounds has been collected through your generosity. The proceeds are split evenly between the Shul and other worthy charities. If you don't have a blue box in your home, or you would like to help distribute or empty the boxes, please call Michelle in the Shul office.

Shabbos Leyning

The following people will be leyning at Clayhall over the next four weeks. We are especially pleased that Rabbi Rappaport will be visiting the Shul to leyn and give a Sermon.

<i>9th</i>	<i>David Rome</i>
<i>16th</i>	<i>Rabbi Chaim Rappaport</i>
<i>23rd</i>	<i>Scott Goldstein</i>
<i>30th</i>	<i>Dov Fachler</i>

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