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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 27 August 2005/22 Menachem Av 5765

Service Times

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	7.20 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	8.48 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	7.30 pm

We wish a very hearty Mazal Tov to **Mr Moshe Rosenberg** on the wonderful occasion of his 91st birthday. May he be blessed with many more years of good health and happiness. Stacy and Geoffrey Rosenberg have great pleasure in inviting the Kehilla to a Kiddush after the Service in celebration of their Simchah.

Reading of the Torah

Sedrah synopsis:	***Ben Posnasky***
Leyning: Ekev	***Aryeh Leib Godlewsky***
Hertz p 780, Soncino p 1032	
Haftorah:	***Alan Rubenstein***
Hertz p 794, Soncino p 1051	

The HafTorahs of the seven Shabbasos between Tisha B'Av and Rosh Hashanah are called *'the seven of consolation.'* They contain prophecies that offered the people comfort and hope after the awful Destruction of the First Temple. This HafTorah is from the chapter in Isaiah that includes the much-quoted phrase 'light to the nations,' the privileged position for which G-d chose Israel. But the Jews were to fall from their spiritual pinnacle and would be exiled among the nations where they would wonder if all was lost. The HafTorah ends with the assurance that the wasteland will turn to Eden and dirge to joyous song.

This week's 'Clayhall Kehilla' has been kindly sponsored by Hilary & Robert Segall in celebration of Alexander's 18th 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: 4 September, 9 October & 6 November.

A pre-Rosh Hashanah thought

At essence the Jewish soul remains pure. Every Jew can be reached. True, they lack the words to express their inner stirrings, but sometimes there is the wordless groan of an aching heart that longs to return to its spiritual origins. That is the sound of the *Shofar.*

Kol Nidre Appeal

Although Yom Kippur is still over two 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 everyone's benefit. Let's make a big difference.

Simchas Torah 5766

The Clayhall Kehilla will be honouring the following richly-deserving members in just a couple of months: Chasan Torah: **Mr Ernie Lion** Chasan Bereishis: **Mr David Grant.** Eshes Chayil: **Mrs Bertha Chaplain.**
We wish a hearty Mazal Tov to our three honourees and their families and look forward to celebrating in their Simchah. The children and youth chasanim and n'shei chayil will be announced in September.

Rosh Chodesh Group

The Clayhall Ladies Rosh Chodesh group resumes its monthly educational and social activities on **Monday 5 September** venue from the office, with the return of **Melanie Shutz.** We are delighted that **Mrs Henny Sufrin** will address the ladies on **Wednesday 2 November.** More details to follow in our next mailing.

Clayhall United Synagogue Youth Director

We were all disappointed that the Essex Regional project failed to live up to its early promises. This was a collaborative programme between Clayhall, Ilford, Newbury Park and Wanstead & Woodford Shuls. The greatest achievement was to bring such close cooperation among the four Shuls by acknowledging that working together to solve our common problems might be better than paddling individual boats. It could have worked but some mistakes were inevitably made and the rest is history. The Clayhall HO's and Board of Management are now determined to recruit our own Youth Director on a part-time basis to work exclusively with our children and young people. This is an exciting development and one that could realise such massive potential.

The London Beth Din's 2005 ***Really Jewish Food Guide*** *is just £9.95. Every Kosher home needs one!*

Clayhall Shabbaton takes place on 12 November 2005. Put it in your diary!

The Full Gemara

It is very important for a Shul to have a full set of Gemaras. We will be purchasing the complete **Artscroll 73-volume set** of Talmud Bavli (Hebrew/English) very shortly. **The Schottenstein Artscroll Talmud** is a brilliant and innovative work. It translates the text into English and many explanatory footnotes are provided. This is the first serious effort to make Gemara so more accessible to far greater numbers.

Sponsor a Gemara - just £25

Why not donate just £25 per volume and personalise our beautiful new Gemaras. You could commemorate a Yarhzeit of a loved one, perhaps a special birthday or wedding anniversary, or simply for any other event. Contact the Shul office on 020 8551 6533.

The Essex Ellul Programme

You should have all received the full publicity by now. **Rabbi Alex Chapper** is bringing an impressive array of speakers to Sinclair House. **It is important that we all support the event as much as possible.** Among some of this year's innovations are a Mezuza Fun Day on Sunday 18 September for all the family from 3-5 pm, a Young People's Event (18-30's) at 7.30 pm on Sunday 2 October with the brilliant **Rabbi Danny Kirsch** and a Women Only Programme on Tuesday 27 September starting at 8.00 pm with two fantastic educators. This is in addition to the other 15 talented speakers gracing our stage beginning with **Dayan YY Lichtenstein** on Monday 5 September. Donation is £3 per evening or just £20 for a season ticket.

For All Generations - Eternal Shabbos

'And the Children of Israel shall keep the Shabbos, to make the Shabbos an eternal covenant for their generations' (Shemos 31:16). There is a misconception among some that Shabbos was intended as a day of rest from the physical work of the previous six days. This cannot possibly be true, for Shabbos was given to the Jews in the Wilderness, where their needs were provided through miracles and they engaged in no physical labour at all! To them, Shabbos could only be a day of spiritual striving - and the same holds true ***for their generations*** (K'sav Sofer). Do not think that the sanctity of the day could be perceived only by the Tzaddikim of earlier generations. Rather, in ***all*** generations - even in our lowly era - a Jew can merit to perceive the day's loftiness if he will but properly prepare himself for it (Divrei Emunah). The way in which one experiences the Shabbos is usually reflected in the Shabbos observance of his offspring. If one truly delights in the Shabbos, utilising it as a day of spiritual growth, then his children will do the same. However, if one views Shabbos as nothing more than a restful day of work abstention, devoid of any positive meaning, then his children may not even live up to his minimal observance. Thus does the Torah state: *And the Children of Israel shall keep the Shabbos* - in such a way that the Shabbos *will remain an eternal covenant for their generations.* This is a day that replenishes the human spirit and bears testimony to the Creator of all that was. **When the Shabbos came; contentment came.**

Where's our Rabbi?

Please be assured that the Honorary Officers are working round the clock to recruit the right Rabbi for our Kehilla. It is an exhausting process but, as you will appreciate, we can't comment any further at this stage. Whatever happens, there will be a **Rabbi-in-residence** for the Yomim Noraim period. Thank you for your continued patience.

Future Activities and Events

Among some of the forthcoming Shul activities is a pre-Yom Tov **Ladies Hat Sale** venue from the office on Wednesday 7 September. The Ladies Guild are also planning a dinner later in the year. Our Education Committee will be running a **Shabbaton** in November and a **Melava Malka** in February 2006. There will be many other events for all ages and tastes so watch this space!

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