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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 24 September 2005/ 20 Ellul 5765

Service Times (Ben Wallen's Bar Mitzvah)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	6.10 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	7.41 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	6.26 pm

We wish Mazal Tov to **Renee & Steven Wallen** and their family on the wonderful occasion of Ben's Bar Mitzvah today. We also extend a warm welcome to all family and friends visiting Clayhall Synagogue. Renee and Steven invite the community to Kiddush after the Service in celebration of their Simchah.

Reading of the Torah

Sedrah synopsis:

Ben Wallen

Leyning: Ki Savo

Rev Stewart Myers

Hertz p 859, Soncino p 1117

Haftorah:

Ben Wallen

Hertz p 874, Soncino p 1134

We are delighted to announce that **Rabbi Simon Harris** will be our **Rabbi-in-Residence** for the month of Tishrei. Rabbi Harris has already officiated several times at Clayhall and is known to many members. ***The Honorary Officers wish to make it very clear that this is a temporary one-month contract and the situation regarding the search for a full-time Rabbi continues.*** Rabbi Harris will leyn, give Sermons and Divrei Torah as well as helping out with some davening. He is a gifted orator and we look forward to being spiritually uplifted during this important time. His contract concludes after Shabbos Bereishis.



This week's 'Clayhall Kehilla' has been kindly sponsored by Renee & Steven Wallen in celebration of Ben's Bar Mitzvah

Children's & Youth Davening Service

Ages 4-14 years

10.30 am – 11.30 am

followed by Kiddush and ice-cream

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 October & 6 November.

A Selichos thought



The custom of saying Selichos dates back to the era of the Geonim. Sephardim begin Selichos as early as Rosh Chodesh Ellul. The Ashkenazi tradition is to say Selichos for at least four days before Rosh Hashanah, but always to begin the recitation on the night following Shabbos.

Neros Selichos Service

The Service takes place tonight **24 September 2005** at Waltham Forest Shul, Boundary Road. As always, a reception precedes the Service at 10.45 pm followed by an address by the Guest Speaker, Rev Gary Newman (Minister of Newbury Park Shul) at 11.30 pm. The Service is led by Chazan Henry Black and Chazan David Shine together with the London Cantorial Singers. This is an important Halachic occasion and every effort should be made to attend. The Service should be finished by about 1.15 am. This is the perfect way to really get into the Yomim Noraim mood. It may be a late night but it's a spiritual oasis.

Sinclair House

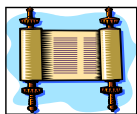
You might have noticed that the *Well* has received a fresh lick of paint. This was our idea as we felt it looked a little stale and dirty. The Shul has paid for the work - an important gesture to Jewish Care that is greatly appreciated. Please also be aware that the **fire alarm doors** have been fitted with a special alarm for security reasons. They must not be opened by anyone - otherwise the noise will drown us out!

Children's Celebrants

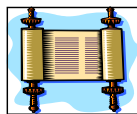
The Kehilla is delighted that **Aron Goldberg** will be our Junior Chasan Torah with **Ryan Alicoon** as Chasan Bereishis. Our Junior Eshes Chayil is **Naomi Harris**. We extend Mazal Tov to all three children and their families. Together with our 'Senior' team, we look forward to celebrating in style next month.

New-look Children and Youth 'Davening' Service

From today, we are starting a combined Children/Youth 'Davening' Service rather than running two Services. All those aged 4-14 years have just received letters from Bradley Mervish, Chairman of the Childrens' & Youth Committee. The Service commences at 10.30 am until 11.30 am followed by Kiddush. On the last Shabbos of each month, Kiddush will include ice-cream and a certificate will be given to anyone who has celebrated a birthday in that month. This Service is an interim measure until we appoint a Rabbi and a Youth Director. Falling numbers in both the Children and Youth Services necessitated this change. Parents need to note that there are **NO** alternative arrangements. **Please ensure your children are not running around.**



*The **Clayhall Shabbaton** will take place on Shabbos 12 November - full details to follow shortly. Diarise the date!*



Ladies Guild dinner with Lee Scott MP on 4 December. More details soon.

Sponsor a Gemara - just £25

Why not donate just £25 per volume and personalise our beautiful new Gemaras. You could commemorate a Yahrzeit 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.

Selichos

We recite the Selichos prayers each morning from Monday. The Service will start at **6.30 am** prompt from next Monday 26th September. Please make every effort to attend especially if you are on the rota as a Minyan is important for Selichos. It should make no difference to the finish time. We have purchased Selichos books so that everyone will be able to follow the Service. So set your alarm!!!

The Essex Ellul Programme

The third Essex Ellul programme continues on **Monday 26 September** with the humorous and popular **Rabbi Rashi Simon**, Director of Keshet, The Learning Connection followed by a contrasting and brilliant **Rabbi Alan Lewis** from Wanstead & Woodford Shul. A Women's only programme is on Tuesday 27th with **Mrs Lyndsey Guthartz** and **Mrs Shani Solomons**. The penultimate session on Thursday 29 features **Rabbi James Kennard**, Headteacher of King Solomon High School and a familiar face, **Rabbi Zev Glass**, Director of Aish Essex. Each programme begins at 8.00 pm and finishes about 10.00 pm. Don't forget that you will need to book to hear the **Chief Rabbi** on Monday 10 October - phone Michelle.

Unesannah Tokef - Stirring the Soul

One of the most stirring compositions in all the liturgy of the Yomim Noraim is the prayer *Unesannah Tokef*. It was written by *Rav Amnon of Mainz*, Germany, about 1000 years ago and it has become one of the highlights of the *Chazzan's* repetition of the *Musaf Amidah* on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. R' Amnon composed this prayer as the result of a spiritual ordeal from which his soul emerged unscathed, although it cost him his life in This World. The bishop of Mainz insisted that his friend and advisor R' Amnon convert to Christianity. In order to buy time, R' Amnon asked for three days of grace to meditate upon the question. Upon returning home he was distraught at having given the impression that he even considered betraying G-d. He spent these 3 days in solitude, fasting and praying to be forgiven for his sin. At the end of the allotted time, the bishop demanded an answer. R' Amnon replied that his tongue should be cut out. Furious, the bishop ordered his hands and feet cut off as well and R' Amnon was transported home. When Rosh Hashanah arrived a few days later, R' Amnon asked to be carried to the Ark. Before the Kehilla recited *Kedushah*, R' Amnon asked to be allowed to hallow G-d's name. He recited *Unesannah Tokef* and then died. Three days later, R' Amnon appeared in a dream to *R' Klonimus*, taught him the text of *Unesannah Tokef*, and asked him to send it to all parts of Jewry to be entered into their liturgy. R' Amnon's wish was carried out and the prayer became an integral and emotional highlight.

Charitable Donations

We are distributing **£750** from the Blue Tins between three deserving charities. The **Mayor of Redbridge's** two charities will receive £500 - split between the Helen Rollason Cancer Care Appeal and APPLE (Association of Prostate Patients, London and Essex). The other £250 is being sent to *One Family* that supports victims of terror in Israel.

Tuesday Ma'ariv Service

Will we, won't we make a Minyan is the common question almost every Tuesday evening. This is even more frustrating if someone has Yahrzeit and needs to say Kaddish. Although we have a rota, work pressures and traffic sometimes mean that the Minyan is short. **Of course, this wouldn't be the case if there was more support from YOU!** Please come at 7.30 pm for just 15 minutes.

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