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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 1 October 2005/ 27 Ellul 5765

Service Times

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	5.55 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	7.25 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	6.10 pm

Please note that Shacharis tomorrow morning (Sunday) will begin at **7.45 am** with Selichos. Rosh Hashanah commences this Monday evening at **6.19 pm**. We will daven Minchah at this time followed by Ma'ariv in the Well. The Honorary Officers, Board of Management and Shul Administrator wish all members and their families a **Kasiva V'Chasimah Tovah**. May we all be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life.

Reading of the Torah

Sedrah synopsis:

Alexander Segall

Leyning: Nitzavim

Jonny Levy

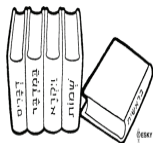
Hertz p 878, Soncino p 1138

Haftorah:

Hermie Rothman

Hertz p 883, Soncino p 1145

Over the last two weeks at the Seudah Shilishis, we have been privileged to learn with **Mr Mordechai Bendon**, formerly of Clayhall now residing in Maale Adumim. His inspiring Divrei Torah have given us tremendous insights into Teshuvah - how we should reconnect and move closer to G-d. In appreciation of Mordechai's time (provided free), the Shul is making a small donation to the **Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem** - nominated by the Bendon family.



This week's 'Clayhall Kehilla' has been kindly sponsored by Irene Rosenberg in commemoration of Al's Yahrzeit

Children's & Youth Davening Service

Ages 4-14 years

10.30 am – 11.30 am

Please refer to your tickets for Yomim Noraim service times

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 essence of Selichos is the recital of the '**13 attributes of mercy.**' Likewise is Vidui (confession) said during Selichos since it is always an essential part of the prayers for forgiveness. One who leads the Kehilla in Selichos should lead the entire Shacharis, as one who begins a mitzvah is told: 'complete it!'

Selichos

A big thank you to all those who have made the extra special effort to get up early and come to Shul for Selichos - at 6.30 am for the last week. It is very important to have a Minyan to enable all the Selichos to be recited and we have managed to do this. But the challenge is about to become even greater! Selichos this Monday, Erev Rosh Hashanah start at **5.30 am** such is their length. Although this is extremely early, we are confident that enough men will deem it worthwhile to be in Shul. Throughout the Aseres Yamei Teshuvah (Ten Days of Repentance) between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Selichos begin at **6.15 am.**

Sinclair House

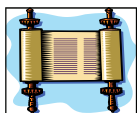
You might have noticed that the **Well** has received a fresh lick of paint. This was our idea as we felt it looked a little stale and dirty. The Shul has paid for the work - an important gesture to Jewish Care that is greatly appreciated. Please also be aware that the **fire alarm doors** have been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

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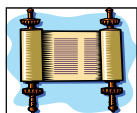
The Shul needs sponsorship for the '*Clayhall Kehilla*' newsheet. For just £15, you can celebrate a birthday, anniversary or special occasion. Alternatively, you may choose to commemorate a Yahrzeit of a loved one. Please let Michelle know immediately as there are vacancies for the whole of November.

New-look Children and Youth 'Davening' Service

We have now started a combined Children/Youth 'Davening' Service rather than running two Services. All those aged 4-14 years have 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 building.**



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.

Arba Minim

You can order Arba Minim through the Shul office again. The cost is not likely to be more than £25 per set but we do need to know numbers as soon as possible. It is a mitzvah to purchase your own set rather than to rely on using the Shul's Lulav. We are also approaching that time of the year when **whisky** will be drunk in abundance! Generous donations will be gratefully received of course!

The Essex Ellul Programme

The **Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks** will be giving the keynote address on Monday 10 October at Sinclair House. His title is quite simply, **'Improvement begins with I.'** You must book in advance through the Shul office as demand is likely to be heavy. The programme begins at 8.00 pm and finishes about 9.30 pm followed by Ma'ariv. Coming just two days before Yom Kippur, this is just the right time to appreciate the oratorical skills of our Chief Rabbi. The general support for this year's Ellul programme has been disappointing across all the Shuls. Let us therefore make a big effort to attend on 10 October. **If Essex is to attract top quality speakers and educators in the future, we need to show much more commitment.**

The Eternity of Israel

Though all the curses listed in the passage of rebuke in Parashas Ki Savo came true with destruction of the First and Second Temples and the two exiles, Israel lives on. This is what is said in the opening verse of Nitzavim, *'You are all standing here today.'* This means: You Israel should have no fear of the rebuke and curses which were uttered in the preceding Sedrah. Although they will come upon Israel when they sin, still Israel will survive, and will stand before G-d eternally. Moshe assembled all of Israel to have them swear that they would heed the Torah and its Mitzvos. They had not kept the first promise which they made on Har Sinai, for they had constructed the Golden Calf. Moshe therefore had them swear a second time in the land of Moav, and told them: *'You are all standing here today, before the L-rd, your G-d'* just as you did at Sinai. Fear Him and swear truly to fulfill the Torah. The verse *'You are all standing'* shows that Israel will exist forever, as another verse says: *Eternally, G-d, Your word stands* (Tehillim 119:89) Our verse then continues - *'before the L-rd, your G-d'* to show that Israel will not only exist upon this world but will continue on and come before G-d in the World to Come. The verse specifies - *'all of you'*: all of Israel shall enter the World to Come. The Sages say that *'You are standing here today'* means that just as the day begins with the darkness of night, and then turns to light, so shall it first be dark for you, but ultimately it will be light as the verse says - *'G-d will be for you an eternal light'* (Yeshayahu 60:19).

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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