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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 12 November 2005/ 10 Mar Cheshvan 5766

Service Times (Clayhall Shabbaton)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	3.35 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	5.06 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	3.52 pm

We are delighted to welcome everyone to our **Shabbaton**. In particular, Clayhall extends a warm *Baruch Habah* to **Chazan M Josephbashvilli** from Stamford Hill who will be leyning and davening. After the Kiddush has finished, the Dining Hall will be cleared ready for lunch. After lunch, there will be an 'Any Questions' session directed at **Rabbi Simon Harris** and **Rabbi Zev Glass**. You are cordially invited to stay on for Minchah at 3.35 pm followed by a nice Seudah Shilishis and an enlightening talk from Rabbi Harris. Havdalah after Maariv will be at 5.25 pm.

Reading of the Torah

Sedrah Synopsis

Leyning: Lech L'Chah

Hertz p 45, Soncino p 60

Haftorah:

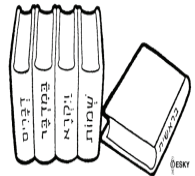
Hertz p 60, Soncino p 82

Tomorrow (Sunday) is our monthly smoked salmon and beigel breakfast after Shacharis. It would be lovely to see some new faces - the breakfast is worth it! We even have our own toaster! Davening starts at 8.15 am.

Leslie Pollock

Chazan M Josephbashvilli

Victor Shafier



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Children's & Youth Davening Service

Reception - Year 6

10.30 am – 11.30 am

Year 7 - Year 11

10.30 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: 13 November, 4 December & 1 January

Another Jerusalem thought



Rabbi Nachman said *'Wherever I go, I go to Jerusalem.'* And so it is for every Jew. The eternal message of our Holy City accompanies the Jew every day of his life. He longs for Jerusalem the 'city of peace' to find its complete fulfilment. He mourns for the Temple temporarily removed from its people.

ZF Israel Expo 2005

Tomorrow at Alexandra Palace, the Zionist Federation in association with many other top communal groups are running the **2005 Israel EXPO**. It opens at 10.30 am and closes at 6.30 pm. Please do your best to support this great event. **You will be spoilt for choice:** Israeli Wine and Food Tasting; Israeli Jewellery; Israeli Film Room; Find out about studying and volunteering in Israel; Special Travel to Israel Offers; Buy Property in Israel Exhibition; Live Entertainment all day; More than 20 Children's Activities. There is free car parking and a shuttle bus service. The nearest Underground station is Wood Green. See you all there!

Ladies Guild Dinner

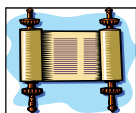
Come and enjoy a lovely dinner with **Lee Scott**, MP for Ilford North on **Sunday 4 December 2005**. The event is open to both men and women and the cost is £12.50 per person. Lee Scott was elected as a Conservative MP in May 2005. He is a former UJIA fund raiser and Israel is a subject very close to his heart. The Ladies Guild are hoping for good support. Funds raised will naturally benefit Shul activities.

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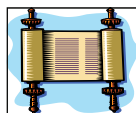
The Shul needs sponsorship for the *'Clayhall Kehilla'* newsheet. For just £15, you can celebrate a birthday, anniversary or special occasion. Alternatively, you may choose to commemorate a Yahrzeit of a loved one. Please let Michelle know immediately as **there are still vacancies** in November & December.

Eliezer Equals 318

'He led his men, born of his house three hundred and eighteen' (14:14) Avram armed 318 of his strong men so that they could pursue the kings and save Lot. Our Sages say that he took with him only Eliezer whose name is numerically equivalent to 318. Rav Bechaye asks why the verse should say 318 men, if only Eliezer went. He answers that Avram did in fact take all these men, but when they were ready for battle, he announced that any of them who had sinned should return to their homes, as was done, too, in later years when Israel went to war. All of them left, and only Eliezer remained. The words for *he led his men* can be interpreted in two ways: first, he armed his men and, second, he emptied them, from the word 'rek', 'empty' - i.e. he let them go home.



Jewish Care has confirmed that work will start next week on the roof of the Well to repair the many leaks.



*We have a record
150 blue tins
distributed among
our members.*

Rosh Chodesh Group

The next ladies Rosh Chodesh meeting takes place at the home of Louise & Ben Posnasky on Wednesday 30 November 2005. The excellent **Flora Frank** from the Board of Deputies is the guest speaker. Both Rabbi & Rebbetzin Harris have been lined up as guest speakers for future dates. Details will be published as soon as possible.

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.

Shacharis Minyan update

Rabbi Harris has spoken to many members over the last few days in order to encourage a better attendance at the Shacharis Minyan. We are pleased that a few new faces have davened with the regulars during the past week and the Shul is very grateful to these individuals. However, there is still work to be done if we are going to sustain a strong and vibrant morning minyan. Our numbers have unfortunately reduced recently and two of our regulars are currently on holiday. We all share a collective responsibility to each other. It can be very embarrassing when we have to rely on non-Clayhall members to make up the numbers as it reflects poorly on the Kehilla. Please do your best to support Shacharis.

A Weekly Torah thought by Rabbi Simon Harris

Abram (later Abraham) is a man permanently on trial. In all, the Medrash tells us, there were **10** tests. The opening verse (Gen 12:1) of this week's Sedrah details the third. Abram, 75 years-old, is called upon by G-d to up-sticks and travel to an unknown destination. This will not be the last time that Hashem will require our Patriarch to make a journey without prior knowledge of the exact terminus. In the 22nd chapter of Bereshis, the Al-mighty charges Abraham to offer up his son, Isaac, "upon one of the mountains which I shall tell you". G-d withholds the vital information on both occasions to let us know just how deep was our forefather's faith and trust in his Creator. Would you consider relocating without being told where!? But perhaps what is more incredible still is the speed with which trial number **4** follows trial number **3**. Once he has arrived the text notes "there was famine in the land". Within ten short verses our founding father has been commanded "Get Thee Out", made the journey, only to discover there is no food in Eretz Yisrael. So he leaves the Promised Land, which seems to be bereft of promise and descends both geographically and spiritually into the cauldron of Egypt. It would have been quite natural and understandable if Abram had turned on G-d. We can imagine his frustration. But our Patriarch's belief in G-d was unshakeable. Abram remained convinced that Canaan would yet transpire to be his home - not just his, but ours too, the eternal homeland of the Jewish people - Eretz Yisrael.

Forthcoming Events

Three quizzes are planned for 2006. The popular Men's Sports Quiz takes place at Sinclair House on **Tuesday 10 January** while a Ladies only quiz is being organised by the Ladies Guild on **Tuesday 7 February**. An over-60's Quiz is scheduled for **Thursday 8 June** again at Sinclair House. Where applicable, put these dates in your diary.

Book Cupboard

The Honorary Officers are very disappointed with the general state of the book cupboard. All that is asked is for books and other articles to be returned neatly rather than just being dumped for convenience. It is unfair on the very few who have to tidy up the mess **EVERY** week. Ladies, this is a male trait. You are all exonerated. Perhaps a word in the gentlemen's ears?.....

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