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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 14 January 2006/ 14 Teves 5766

Service Times

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	3.40 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	5.11 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	4.13 pm

You would have received a letter this week about some early stage discussions that are underway regarding the future of Sinclair House. Jewish Care is considering a range of options to refurbish or redevelop Sinclair House, the Redbridge Jewish Youth and Community Centre, either on its current site or at a different venue. Any such discussions will inevitably impact on the future of Clayhall United Synagogue. Your Honorary Officers are in close contact with Jewish Care's senior management and members will be kept informed of any developments.

Reading of the Torah

Sedrah Synopsis:

Jeffrey Simmons

Leyning: Vayechi

Lester Harris

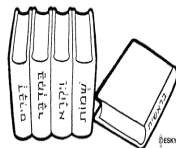
Hertz p 180, Soncino p 296

Haftorah:

Hertz p 191, Soncino p 315

Sam Chaplain

The Kehilla would like to thank **Ernie Lion, David Grant** and **Bertha Chaplain** for the beautiful Sefer Torah cover presented to the Shul on their having served as Chasan Torah, Chasan Bereshis and Eshes Chayil during Tishrei.



This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Cynthia and Jeffrey Simmons in celebration of their granddaughter Harley's Bat Mitzvah

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 & Wednesday evenings.

Sunday breakfasts: 29 January, 5 March & 2 April

Tefillin thoughts



When speaking of the hand Tefillin, the Torah calls it an 'Os' - a sign - in the singular. When speaking of the head Tefillin, the Torah calls them 'totefos' - which is a plural word. As the hand Tefillin is singular, all 4 paragraphs are written in a single parchment and put in one box. But the head Tefillin are written on four separate parchments.

Be Inspired: Help Israeli families

'There are 8,760 hours in 2006. Make 24 of them the most remarkable for you.'

These are the opening words of the **Bikathon** leaflet promoting the 24-bike ride around the beautiful Lake Kinneret in Israel. The Bikathon is a real test of physical stamina. Are you up for the challenge? The dates are 29 March until 2 April 2006 and you must raise of minimum of £1250. This is a *One-To-One* project supported by **Lady Amelie Jakobovits** amongst others.

The proceeds will support courageous Israeli children and young people from all backgrounds traumatised in terrorist attacks. Many come from severely disadvantaged communities. Speak to the Shul office for further details.

Ma'ariv Services

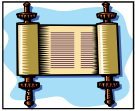
Two years ago, Clayhall only davened Shacharis on a Sunday. Now, thank G-d, we daven every morning. By contrast, our only weekday Ma'ariv service take place on Tuesdays. We have now started our **Wednesday Ma'ariv** service. It begins at 7.30 pm and lasts just fifteen minutes. Once again, your support is needed if we are going to maintain this exciting growth. Please do your best to attend.

Ladies Guild meeting

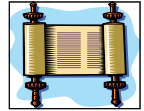
The next meeting of the Ladies Guild takes place this **Monday 16 January** at the home of Karen Wise at 8.00 pm. All ladies are most welcome to attend. It would be nice to see some new faces. Please come buzzing with ideas for fund raising and other ways that the Ladies Guild can help the Shul.

Magnificent Melavah Malkah

We are delighted and privileged that the United Synagogue President, **Dr Simon Hochhauser**, will be the Guest Speaker at our yearly Melavah Malkah that takes place on Motsei Shabbos (Saturday evening), **28 January 2006**. Dr Hochhauser is an outstanding speaker and well worth listening to. The highly talented **Jonny Turgel** will provide the musical entertainment. Jonny is a soloist with the Shabbaton Choir and sings regularly with Rev Lionel Rosenfeld. He has also accompanied the Shabbaton Choir on its special Solidarity trips to Israel. We will serve a delicious 3-course fish supper befitting the occasion. Application forms will be sent out shortly and we would ask that you return them as soon as possible. Please put the date in your diaries now - keep it free!



The lighting in the Well will be repaired and renewed this Tuesday 17 January. So no more davening by candlelight!



Don't forget to send back your direct debit forms to the Shul office asap.

Shul Magazine

Although Pesach is still four months away, the **Pesach** edition of the Shul magazine needs to be filled with your articles, news items and any other literary masterpieces that you could conjure up. The final submission date is **5 February 2006** and we would be grateful if this deadline could be honoured. If you, or anyone you know, would like to advertise in the magazine, please let us know.

Sifrei Torah Silver

Three of our Sifrei Torah are unfortunately without breastplates. We would be grateful if individuals would like to donate these items to mark a special event or just to help the Shul in beautifying our Sifrei Torah. Please speak to the Honorary Officers if you are interested.

Don't Pass the Buck

Before Yaacov passed away, he asked his son, Yosef, to promise him that he would be buried in Israel and not in Egypt. Joseph said: *"I personally will do as you have said"* (Genesis 47:30). We've all had the experience after being told that something will get done, that for whatever reason, it never happens. The person might have had all of the best intentions to do it himself, but quite often he asks others to assist him, or he delegates it to someone else entirely. But when someone assures us that he will **personally** do something, taking full responsibility for the task, it almost always gets done right. This is because a piece of the person is now on the line. Many people don't take personal responsibility because it's so much easier just to pass the buck. By verbalizing to others that you're taking on a task yourself, then you will now gain enormous self-esteem. (thanks to www.aish.com)

Weekly Torah thought by Rabbi Simon Harris

Jews have been calculating the End ever since we appeared as a people on the world stage, because almost simultaneous with our appearance emerged the phenomenon of Jew-hatred. And so as early as Yaakov, "desired to reveal the End." The understanding was, and is, that with the End of Days will come a cessation of our persecutions. However, just as our Patriarch was about to articulate the formula, G-d withheld the gift of prophecy from him. Throughout the millennia, we have been busying ourselves with trying to work out the End. Rabbi Akiva thought Bar Kochba was the Messiah, and that the end must be near at hand. How else were we supposed to make sense of the brutal treatment meted out to us by our Roman oppressors? And the crushing poverty and misery of Jews in Central and Eastern Europe threw up yet another false claimant to the messianic throne, in the person of Shabbetai Zvi. The Holocaust, followed closely by the establishment of the modern State of Israel, and the '67 war which culminated in the capture of east Jerusalem, led many religious Zionists to believe we had entered the period of "the birthpangs of the final redemption." This is reflected in the phraseology adopted in the Prayer for the State, as read in Israel. And today, with Kassam rockets being fired daily into the Ashkelon-Ashdod area from Gaza, once again we want to believe that these troubles are but a prelude to a better time. Now, as ever, we pray for the son of David to come and redeem us.

You Can Do Better!

It's still a struggle to sustain a healthy Shacharis Minyan. The numbers fluctuate day by day but we lack consistency. We know that there are many gentlemen out there that could make a real difference. So prick your consciences and let the action do the talking. It's grossly unfair on the small group of rock-solid stalwarts who lead by example.

Ladies Supper Quiz

The Ladies Guild Supper Quiz is an all-female affair taking place on Tuesday 7 February 2006. It begins at 7.30 pm prompt (doors open at 7.00 pm). Please support this event. It should be a really entertaining and fun evening. The cost is £9.50 and monies raised benefit the Shul. For tickets contact either Karen Wise on 8501 1122 or Jacquelyn Conner on 01708 746735.

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