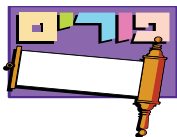




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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 11 March 2006/ 11 Adar 5766

Service Times (Parashas Zachor)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	5.15 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	6.45 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	5.54 pm

We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to Sidney Cohen on the occasion of his 75th birthday, and we wish him many more years of good health and happiness. Sidney and his family invite the Kehilla to a Kiddush after the Service in celebration of his Simchah.

The Shabbos that precedes Purim is called **Parashas Zachor**.

We read from the second Sefer - 'Remember what Amalek did to you.' Amalek was the grandson of Esav while Haman was a direct descendant of Amalek. Everyone including women and children are obliged to hear this Maffir.

Reading of the Torah

Sedrah Synopsis:

Corinne Abrahams

Leyning: Tetzaveh

Jonny Levy

Hertz p 339, Soncino p 519

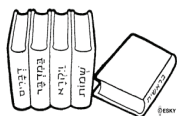
Maffir: Ki Tetze (Devarim Ch 25:17-19)

Haftorah:

Russell Cohen

Hertz p 995, Soncino p 1192

Unless one is following from a kosher Megillah, he may not read along with the reader, but should listen quietly and follow in a printed book. Of course, it is forbidden to speak during the reading. The Megillah is so important that even Torah study is deferred to hear it.



This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Leila & Denis Abrahams in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary

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: 2 April, 30 April and 28 May.

Tzitzis thoughts



The blue thread used in the Tzitzis was a special colour known as *Techeles*.

According to the Rambam, it was the colour of a clear noon sky similar to a pale indigo. Rashi, on the other hand, writes that it was the colour of the evening sky, closer to a greenish blue or aquamarine. Later authorities asserted that it was a dark grey-blue.

May is a Busy Month!

We will be holding a special Youth Shabbaton on **Shabbos 6 May 2006** to coincide with the Shabbos nearest to Yom Ha'atzma'ut. It will be a Clayhall-led event involving the local Orthodox Shuls. More details will be sent out nearer the time. Sinclair House will be holding its **Yom Ha'atzma'ut Gala Show** on Tuesday 2 May and, once all the information is published, we will send it to members. Again, Clayhall and Newbury Park Synagogue will jointly host a series of the Israel Film Festival on **Tuesday 9 May** at Sinclair House. This is the Festival's third year and this time, we will show one feature length film rather than three short films. So plenty to look forward to in May!

Pre-Pesach Lectures

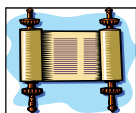
The Rabbinical Council of East London, Sinclair House and the Redbridge Jewish Community present '**Get ready 4 Pesach**' evening sessions on Tuesday 21st March and Monday 27th March. Among the range of speakers are Rabbi Jason Demant, Scholar in Residence at Yakar, Rabbi Daniel Rowe from Aish Ha'Torah and Mrs Bebe Jacobs, family educator. Phone the Shul office for tickets as soon as possible.

Shacharis Services

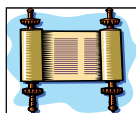
We are still missing a few of our regulars so, gentlemen, please can you all make an extra effort. It's been said many times but we must take a collective responsibility for ensuring the Minyanim are healthy. This equally applies to Ma'ariv on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Just a little time can go a long way. Give yourself a spiritual lift!

Purim Fun at Clayhall

Purim is just days away! Ta'anis Esther (the Fast of Esther) begins on Monday at 4.41 am and finishes at 6.42 pm. Shacharis will be at 6.45 am and Ma'ariv will commence at 6.30 pm. The Megillah reading by **Yitzchak Landau** will start at 7.00 pm prompt followed by our **Fancy Dress parade** for all ages with special prizes and goodies for everyone. It's rumoured that the Honorary Officers have a sensational fancy dress this year. The evening will conclude with light food and a L'Chayim in the dining hall. Shacharis on Tuesday 14 May will start at 6.45 am and finish about 8.15 pm. **Rabbi Immanuel Burton** will read the Megillah. Light refreshments and a L'Chayim will follow the Service. We look forward to seeing everyone in high, festive spirits on Monday evening.



Victor Shafier is taking orders for tubs and hanging baskets to raise funds for the Shul. Please speak to him direct.



**The Clayhall AGM
will be on Tuesday
16 May at 8.00 pm.
Keep it free!**

Leyning

Here is the rota for the next three weeks:

11th March: **Jonny Levy**
18 March: **Gabi Simons & Eli Simons**
25 March: **Rabbi Nissan Wilson**

Parashas Zachor

"Amalek battled Israel in (a place called) Refidim" (Shemos 17:8). The Midrash explains that the name "Refidim" is a contraction of Hebrew words meaning "they loosened their grip on Torah." As long as the Jews were diligent in Torah study, Amalek had no dominion over them. But as soon as Jewish study became lax, they were in danger. **To counteract Amalek, the message is to strengthen Torah.**

Ta'anis Esther (Fast of Esther)

What is the source of this fast? In the Megillah (4:16), Esther agrees to see the king uninvited, and asks the Jewish People to fast for three days beforehand. Why did she call for a fast? Because a fast helps to lower the volume on our physical pursuits in order to focus more acutely on our spiritual selves. This facilitates the process of "teshuva" -- literally "return." We return to our essential state of purity. Esther called for a fast, knowing that through soul-searching the Jews would forge a spiritual connection necessary to make her mission successful. This is not a fast of sadness. Rather, the purpose of the fast is elevation and inspiration. It is customary to extend the fast until after the Megillah is read - except in walled cities where the Megillah is read on the 15th of Adar.

A little Purim Fun - Changing the Light Bulb

How many Kabbalists does it take to change a light bulb?

Eleven - one to hold the light bulb and ten to rotate the Universe.

How many Mossad agents does it take to change a light bulb?
Light bulb? There was no light bulb.

How many psychiatrists does it take to change a light bulb?
One - but the light bulb has to really want to change.

How many Jewish mothers does it take to change a light bulb?

Only one - But don't worry dear I can sit in the dark. I don't want to be a burden to you, Harold.

How many spiritual leaders does it take to change a light bulb?

None. Change must come from within.

How many synagogue members does it take to change a light bulb?

One to change the bulb - but three committees to approve the change.

How many Jews on Purim does it take to change a light bulb?

Five - One to hold the bulb and four to drink until the room spins.

Whisky Kashrus Crisis

In talks with the drinks industry, the London Beis Din has called into doubt the Kashrus status of **all** blended whiskies. It has become apparent that an animal derivative is used in the blending process. The news was sent to Shuls only yesterday and was too late for the Jewish Press. Such is the seriousness of the situation that the Clayhall HO's have sought Rabbinic advice - **all blended whiskies have been immediately withdrawn from the Shul**. The crisis is compounded by news that even single malt whiskies could be affected by a method known as Mestheration where the barley is grounded with tiny fragments of animal meal, usually fish but quite possibly from pig. **The Beis Din therefore advises not to drink any whisky until further notice.**

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