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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 1 April 2006/ 3 Nisan 5766

Service Times

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	6.50 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	8.22 pm
Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday	7.29 pm

We welcome **Rabbi Zev Glass** to Clayhall this Shabbos. Rabbi Glass will be leyning this morning. Tomorrow after Shacharis is our monthly smoked salmon and beigel breakfast. It's a pretty sumptuous banquet so don't miss it! Clayhall's trusted toaster will bring a hot crunchy touch to the fabulous fare on offer! With Pesach just 11 days away, all sorts of Halachic questions can arise. Should anyone have issues of concern, the Shul can put you in touch with a reliable, competent Rabbinic authority. Please either speak to the Wardens or the Shul office and we would be delighted to help you.

Reading of the Torah

Sedrah Synopsis:

Leyning: Vayikra

Hertz p 410, Soncino p 605

Hafforah:

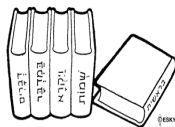
Hertz p 424, Soncino p 625

Neil Sapler

Rabbi Zev Glass

Alexander Segall

We always have a really enjoyable and stimulating Seudah Shilishis between Minchah and Ma'ariv. So come along and share in the food, drink, good company and lively discussion. There's even time for a sleep now before walking back to Shul!



This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Cynthia & Jeffrey Simmons in celebration of their 48th wedding anniversary

Children's & Youth Service

Reception - Year 6

10.30 am – 11.30 am

Year 7 - Year 11

10.30 am - 11.30 am

Weekday Services

Shacharis: 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.

A Pesach Thought



The word *Seder* means *order*. The term refers to the rituals and texts arranged by the Sages in a definitive *order* to which one must adhere. Moreover, every detail in this order is significant; each custom and ritual is laden with deep and esoteric meaning. We merit to be exalted and sanctified by keeping the *order* of the *Seder* service.

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!

Family Shabbaton

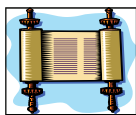
We want to run a 'Family Shabbaton' on **Shabbos 24 June 2006** for all children from school Year One to Year Six. Invitations would be extended to members of their family including older siblings. We have an excellent Guest Speaker in mind but he has not been approached yet. Further details will be sent out after Pesach but try to keep the date free. The event will be run through *Tribe* making it cheaper all round!

Nostalgic Evening

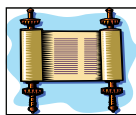
On **Tuesday 13 June 2006**, we are '*Going down the Jewish East End*' with Aumie Shapiro. It promises to be a nostalgic evening that also includes a bagel supper, and finishing with an East End Quiz. For just £9 you can reminiscence and test your memory. The evening starts at 7.30 pm and tickets can be bought through the Shul office.

The Complete Mitzvah - Chametz busting!

All Mitzvos can be divided into three categories; those verbalised by the mouth; those fulfilled in one's heart; and those performed through deed, as it says, *...it is in your mouth and in your heart to do it* (Devarim 30:14). Therefore, the Torah required that chametz be nullified in one's heart (through the formula of *bitul*) corresponding to the mitzvos of the heart; that it be removed from one's house or burned, corresponding to the mitzvos performed through deed; and that the *Kol Chamira* passage be recited corresponding to the verbal mitzvos. Thus, the prohibition of *chametz* encompasses **all** mitzvos. Just as the Torah requires that we nullify the chametz in our hearts, so too, are we obligated to nullify the *yetzer hara* (evil inclination) in our hearts as well.



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



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

Sale of Chametz Form

Selling one's Chametz is extremely important and forms for this purpose should have been received by members a few days ago. Please complete and return as soon as possible.

Who said this?

"I will insist the Hebrews have [contributed] more to civilize men than any other nation. If I was an atheist and believed in blind eternal fate, I should still believe that fate had ordained the Jews to be the most essential instrument for civilizing the nations ... They are the most glorious nation that ever inhabited this Earth. The Romans and their empire were but a bubble in comparison to the Jews..."
Another chance to win a prize. Submit your answer to Lester by Sunday morning!

Youth Service Update

The Honorary Officers are very aware of the need to provide stimulating, educational and enjoyable services for our children and young people. The Youth Service, in particular, has always been a challenge. We are not the only Shul to experience difficulties here. Despite the best efforts of several people, the formula is still not right. We have spoken with *Tribe* (Young United Synagogue) with a view to bringing in a suitably qualified person once a fortnight to run the Youth Service. The role would also extend to advice and training for the other weeks when *Tribe* are not here. Numbers have dwindled in recent months and it our responsibility to create the right Orthodox Jewish environment for our young people to develop. Buying in professional help is a positive move forward.

He Called to Moshe (Vayikra 1:1)

On only three occasions does the Torah speak of a call to Moshe and each involves a summons to perform a momentous act. The first call came at the burning bush where Moshe was told about his historic mission for the first time. The second call took place at *Har Sinai* just before the Divine Law was revealed to him. The third call occurs here, as Moshe is about to be introduced to the commands dealing with the sacrificial service. The smaller letter 'aleph' ending the word 'Vayikra' has aroused much comment among the Sages. Moshe was too humble to take advantage of Hashem's affection and esteem. He had wanted to write 'Vayikar', the word used when Hashem spoke to the prophet Balaam. This word implies a chance meeting rather than a planned summons to someone of importance. When Moshe was told to write 'Vayikra' he obeyed but reduced the letter 'aleph' to its minimal possible form. For the *Zohar*, the small 'aleph' indicates a certain restriction in this summons of Hashem. In the first two calls, the restriction was not present. Those calls came directly from G-d, whereas here we find the expression, 'He called', Hashem's name being absent. Thus, we may conclude that the Divine calls at the burning bush and *Har Sinai* emanated from the full glory of Divine Majesty, whereas this call, coming after the sin of the golden calf, was indirect. This call came from the Tent of Meeting, from between the cherubim where the *Shechinah* dwelt, drawn into itself. For this reason, the name of Hashem is omitted and the letter 'aleph' is reduced in size. **(based on Rabbi Elie Munk)**

Quiz Time!

It's a rollover! Nobody was able to give the correct answer for last week's quote so we'll give it another week. Hopefully, you'll have more success. The person is not alive nor was he born in the UK. Among some of the wrong guesses so far have been Mark Twain, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela and Winston Churchill. Good luck!

Lag B'Omer BBQ

Our popular Lag B'Omer BBQ takes place on **Sunday 21 May 2006** as usual at the home of Deborah and Lester Harris. The application forms will be sent out shortly. Places are limited to the first 55 people who apply. Let's hope that the weather is kind as we still seem to be in the middle of winter!

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