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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 29 July 2006/ 4 Menachem Av 5766

Service Times (Shabbos Chazon)

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| Shacharis | 9.00 am |
| Minchah followed by Seudah | 8.15 pm |
| Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends | 9.51 pm |
| Kabbalos Shabbos next Friday | 7.30 pm |

The Honorary Officers and the Board of Management are delighted that the community ratified the appointment of **Rabbi Nissan Wilson** at last Monday's EGM by an overwhelming majority. This is fantastic news for Clayhall Synagogue. Rabbi & Rebbetzin Wilson together with their children Ya'acov, Yitzchak and Shoshanah are very much looking forward to moving here from Edgware. It is intended that Rabbi Wilson's first Shabbos will be towards the end of August.

The Honorary Officers would like to thank those members who attended the EGM. The turnout was excellent with **120** present. Let us hope that this enthusiasm and support for Rabbi Wilson will continue throughout the many years he will spend here.

Reading of the Torah

Sedrah Synopsis:

Leyning: Devarim

Hertz p 736 , Soncino p 989

Haftorah:

Hertz p 750, Soncino p 1004

Ryan Alicoon

Rabbi Yisroel Newman

David Miller

We should intensify our prayers and add extra Tehillim in praying for peace in Israel at this difficult time. Psalms 20, 83, 121, 130 and 142 should be recited whenever possible.



This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Ruth & Mervyn Lyndon in celebration of their 13th 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: 27 August

Israel Update

The situation in Israel is not only very dangerous but often mis-reported by the world's media. **Noah Lechem**, a researcher for BICOM (British Israeli Communications & Research Centre) is speaking this **Monday 31st July 2006** at 8.00 pm at Sinclair House. He will give an update on the current situation in Israel and the Northern Front. Donation is £3 and everyone is welcome.

Shabbos Chazon

The Shabbos immediately preceding Tisha B'Av is Shabbos Chazon, as the first words of the Haftorah begin *Chazon Yeshayahu - the Vision of Isaiah*. The prophet does not lament because the Temple was destroyed; rather, he laments over the underlying causes of that destruction. And this annual lesson serves to focus the national mourning of Tisha B'Av not to the past but to the present. We must use our mourning as a way to elevate our own spirituality.

The Three Weeks

The 22-day period of mourning which commences with the 17th of Tammuz and ends with Tisha B'Av is referred to as '*Bein Ha'Metzarim*.' This can be interpreted as '*within the days of distress*' for it is during these times that spiritual forces of destruction are most potent. It is known colloquially as 'The Three Weeks.' The mourning of this period intensifies with the advent of the month of Av, intensifies still further during the week in which Tisha B'Av falls and reaches its peak on the day of Tisha B'Av itself. Among some of the prohibitions are weddings, playing music and cutting one's hair. From Rosh Chodesh Av and on, we stop eating meat and drinking wine.

Halachos of Tisha B'Av

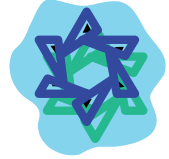
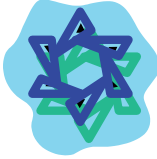
Everyone must fast on Tisha B'Av including pregnant women. One who is ill may eat even if his illness is not a dangerous one but he/she must not eat delicacies. Washing for pleasure is forbidden both in warm and cold water. Leather shoes may not be worn. We do not greet each other during the morning.

Tisha Ba'Av Programme

The Fast of Av begins at 8.47 pm this Wednesday 2 August and finishes at 9.35 pm on Thursday 3 August. Shacharis on Thursday morning is at the usual time of 7.00 am followed by Kinos (poems of lament) until 9.00 am. We will then move to 2 Fowey Avenue for further recitation of Kinos

until about mid-day. At **4.30 pm** at Sinclair House, Clayhall is again partnering the **Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation** by showing a new audio-visual presentation, 'Do You Know the Way Home?' Featuring **Rabbi Avrohom Chaim Feuer** and **Rabbi Paysach Krohn**,

these two great speakers pose some difficult questions for the Jewish People. In the Foundation's own words, 'We've been on the road to Geulah for 2000 years, and yet we've not arrived.' All are welcome. Minchah and Ma'ariv will follow the film at **7.00 pm** in the Lounge.



Tefillin on Tisha B'Av are worn at Minchah and not during Shacharis.

Chasanim and Eshes Chayil

We are delighted to announce that **Bradley Rubenstein** and **Mike Callaghan** will be our Chasan Torah and Chasan Bereishis while **Ruth Lyndon** is our deserved Eshes Chayil. Mazel Tov to all three and their families.

Shul Supports Israel

We are supporting two Israel charities from 50% of the money raised from the Blue Tins. £300 is being sent to the **Koby Mandell Foundation** in Jerusalem that gives emotional, physical and spiritual healing to families torn by terror. Another £200 is being donated to **Victims of Terror** who run a range of support services for the many thousands directly affected by terrorism in Israel. Keep filling those tins please.

Special Prayer Service for Israel

Chigwell & Hainault Shul are holding a Special Prayer Service for Israel this **Tuesday 1 August** from 7.30 pm until 8.15 pm. Men, women and children are all welcome. On their publicity poster, the Shul points out that:

- More than 1400 Katyusha rockets have been fired on Northern Israel between 13th-27th July.
- Some 20 people killed; nearly 1000 hospitalised.
- Around 1m men, women and children confined to air-raid shelters for much of the time

Chigwell Shul will be supporting charities seeking to alleviate the impact of the crisis.

The Horrors of the Destruction (based on Artscroll Tisha B'Av)

After the Second Temple was destroyed the war was over. Jerusalem was almost totally destroyed. Hundreds of thousands of corpses, victims of the sword and of hunger, filled the desolate city which Scripture calls the '*Crown of Beauty*' and the '*Joy of the Earth*.' But even worse was the fate of the tens of thousands of its surviving sons and daughters. They moved like gaunt shadows in the squalor of the alleys and the gloom of the underground tunnels until they collapsed or were captured by the Romans. At Titus' orders, all surviving fighters and those suspected of belonging to the Zealots were killed. The old and the sick were next to be murdered. Young boys and girls were gathered on the Temple Mount and subjected to another selection. Those suspected of having in some way participated in the revolt against Rome were put to the sword. Those remaining were divided according to their physical appearance and strength. Those over seventeen were sent as slave labourers to the copper mines of Egypt; younger ones were sold as slaves; the largest group was sent to the Greek cities on the coast to provide entertainment as the victims of gladiators and beasts in the blood-thirsty sports of the circus; and the last contingent, some 700 of the tallest, handsomest of Jerusalem's youths, was taken to Rome to be marched in Titus' victory parade.

During the days of the selection of the survivors, some **11,000** more perished of hunger. According to the Roman-Jewish historian, Josephus, **1.1m Jews perished** during the entire period of the siege and destruction, and **97,000** were taken captive. Thousands of captives from all over the land were taken by boat to Rome and other cities of the empire to be sold on the slave markets. Knowing that what awaited them as slaves was a life of forced immorality and other sins, many chose to die instead.

The Talmud relates the story of one such group: *400 boys and girls were taken captive for a life of shame. When they realised what was in store for them, they asked: "If we drown in the sea, do we have a share in the Resurrection of the Dead?" The oldest among them answered: "It is written, 'Hashem said: I will bring back from Bashan, I will bring back from the depths of the sea' (Psalms 68:23) - this speaks of those who drown in the sea to save themselves from sin." As soon as the girls heard this they leaped into the sea. The boys reasoned that they should surely do so as well (Gittin 57b).*

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