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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

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Service Times

Shacharis	8.30 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	6.15 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	7.44 pm
Shabbos Shuvah next week	6.45 pm

Rabbi and Rebbetzin Wilson, the Honorary Officers and the Board of Management wish the Clayhall Kehilla a very sweet, healthy and prosperous New Year. The fact that G-d, in his infinite loving kindness and mercy, gives us the chance to fundamentally change is a source of joy and happiness. Jewish people are instinctively optimistic because we know that the future will herald the Final Redemption. We are so lucky that G-d allows us every year to become better Jewish people but how often do we ignore the call? Rosh Hashanah is a time for getting our lives in order, correcting our mistakes, and making a plan for the future. Many people simply will not, or cannot acknowledge, the need to change, and this is very sad. None of us are particularly comfortable with change; it frightens us as we take the plunge into un-chartered waters. That is why any change should be gradual not sudden, achievable not unrealistic, but above all, permanent. As the Talmud says, 'In a way in which a person wants to go, that is the way in which he will be led.'

Reading of the Torah

Leyning:

Rabbi Nissan Wilson

Haftarah:

Leslie Linder

We will be davening Minchah at 6.15 pm followed by a lovely Seudah Shilishis (3rd Shabbos meal) and more inspiring words of Torah from Rabbi Wilson. Do join us.



We wish to thank Bushey United Synagogue for allowing us to reproduce their Yomim Noraim page reference guide.

Children's & Youth Service (Shabbos)

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: 1 October, 22 October & 19 November

Succos Lunch and Crawl

On 2nd day Succos, **Sunday 8 October 2006**, all children and young people aged **6-16 years** are invited to lunch in the Shul succah. This is followed by a crawl to three local Succahs, finishing at Rabbi & Rebbetzin Wilson's home. Forms have been sent out and these need to be completed quickly and returned to the Shul office. It promises to be a great afternoon with lots of food and drink. Hurry up and apply!

Simchas Beis HaSho'evah

"Whoever did not see the rejoicing of the *Beis HaSho'evah* never saw rejoicing in his lifetime." The festivities associated with the drawing of the water for the libation on Succos were the highpoint of the festival. Clayhall's very own celebrations will take place for everyone on **Wednesday evening 11th October 2006** from 7.30 pm in the Shul succah. There will be live music, a scrumptious dessert buffet and a few L'Chayims! Our '**party in the Succah**' promises to be a really entertaining and fun evening. We'll be singing, dancing, eating and drinking the night away - what better way to spend an autumn Wednesday evening? More details will follow in due course.

NEROS 350th Dinner

NEROS is holding a special *350th Anniversary of our Return Celebration Dinner* at Wanstead & Woodford Shul, Churchfields, E18, on **Sunday 29th October**. The Guest Speaker is Dr Simon Hochhauser, President of the United Synagogue. **Rabbi Wilson** is also speaking. Tickets are £15 each for a chicken meal and the event starts at 8.00 pm. For further details and bookings, please call 8252 1105. Alternatively, the Shul office has a few tickets.

Yom Kippur

During the break on Yom Kippur between Mussaf and Minchah, Rabbi Wilson will be running a ***Question and Answer*** session in the Hall. Come prepared with your questions which can cover a range of topics but do bear in mind that we need to begin Minchah at the advertised time. It's much better than sleeping!

Tashlich - Cast away your Sins

There are many reasons given for performing the beautiful Tashlich ceremony by the banks of a river containing live fish. In the olden days, it was customary to crown a new king by the river as a symbol that his kingship should continue like the river. On Rosh Hashanah we proclaim G-d to be the King and Ruler of the world. The verse says: '*And they drew water and poured it before G-d*' (1 Samuel 7:6) and the Sages translate this as: '*and they poured out their hearts in repentance like water before G-d.*' *Rashi* comments that this was a sign of submission as if to say, '*We are like this poured out water before You.*' It is preferable to do Tashlich by a river that contains live fish since fish have no eyelids - their eyes are always open. This symbolises G-d's constant protective watch over us. Fish also reflect our hopes to be fruitful and multiply. We shall be performing Tashlich tomorrow (Sunday) at **4.45 pm** over the River Roding - entrance on Roding Lane South by the Scout Hut. Rabbi Wilson will then provide more explanations and insights.

***Please do not light
candles for 2nd night
Rosh Hashanah
earlier than 7.44 pm***

Selichos Times

Selichos (prayers for forgiveness) continue during the Aseres Yamei Teshuvah - the days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur - Selichos commence at **6.25 am** from this Monday until Friday. On Sunday 1st October, Erev Yom Kippur, we will start at 7.45 am with breakfast following Shacharis. Selichos should be said with a Minyan rather than individually, so we would appreciate an extra special effort.

Erev Yom Kippur Breakfast

It's a mitzvah to eat heartily on Erev Yom Kippur. After Shacharis (7.45 am) on **Sunday 1 October**, you are invited to our amazingly sumptuous mouth-watering breakfast replete with everything you would expect and more!

Youth Coordinator appointment

We are delighted to welcome **Daniel Phillips** to Clayhall. Daniel will become, subject to contract, our first part-time youth coordinator. We wish him brachah v' hatzlachah in all his work here. Among the key objectives are:

- To develop an enjoyable programme for young people in school years 7 to 11 every fortnight on a Shabbos morning.
- To encourage a greater level of commitment across the age range.
- To identify and train suitable young leaders who can take the Service during the Youth Coordinators absence.
- To run at least one Youth Shabbaton.
- To assist the Shul in organising activities and events outside of a Shabbos.

Shofar - Ten Symbolisms

Rav Saadiah Gaon enumerates ten symbolic meanings alluded to by the mitzvah of Shofar. Here we present most of them: Rosh Hashanah marks the anniversary of the world's creation. As such it is also the day on which G-d's sovereignty over Creation began. Since it is customary to sound the trumpets at a new king's coronation, we likewise proclaim His sovereignty over us on this day with the sounding of the shofar.

Rosh Hashanah begins the Ten Days of Return. Just as a king will proclaim a period during which amends can be made before a decree is to be enforced, so does the shofar proclaim, *'Whosoever wishes to repent - let him repent now. If not, let him not complain later.'*

At Sinai the Jewish people said, *'We will do and we will listen'* when they accepted the Torah. At that time, *'the sound of the shofar continually increased and was very great.'* On Rosh Hashanah, the shofar reminds us to renew our commitment to *'do'* and to *'listen.'* The Shofar reminds us to pray for the rebuilding of the destroyed Holy Temple, of which the prophet (Jeremiah 4:19-20) lamented: *'I shall not be silent, for the sound of the shofar have you heard. O my soul... Destruction upon destruction has been proclaimed.'*

The sound of the shofar inspires fear and trembling in the hearts of all who hear it - as the prophet (Amos 3:6) asks: *'Can a shofar be blown in a city, and the people not tremble?'* The shofar also reminds us of the great and awesome Judgement Day of the future - which Zephaniah (1:14-16) describes: *'Near is the great day of Hashem... a day of anger is that day; a day of trouble and oppressiveness; a day of utter desolation; a day of darkness and blackness; a day of clouds and thick fog; a day of shofar and shouting...'*

The shofar recaps the long anticipated day of the ingathering of the exiles and arouses an inner yearning in our hearts for that time. *'And it will be on that day, He will blow on a great shofar, and they will come - those who were lost in the land of Assyria, and those cast out in the land of Egypt - and they will bow to Hashem on the holy mountain in Jerusalem'* (Isaiah 27:13). The shofar also symbolises the resurrection of the dead and awakens our belief and yearning for that day. For then, *'All inhabitants of the world and dwellers of the earth, when he raises a banner upon the mountains, you shall see, and when he blows the shofar, you shall hear'* (Isaiah 18:3).

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