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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 28 October 2006/ 6 Ellul 5767

Service Times

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	4.55 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	6.29 pm
Shabbos next week	4.15 pm

We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to **Angela and Gerry Levene** on the wonderful occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary. Angela and Gerry have great pleasure in inviting the Kehilla to a Kiddush after the Service in celebration of their Simchah.

We welcome **Immanuel Burton** back to Clayhall. Rabbi Wilson is away this Shabbos and Immanuel will be leying this morning.

The Board of Deputies/United Synagogue campaign launched against the Government's 25% faith schools quota has been amazingly successful. Yesterday (Thursday), the Secretary of State announced that the proposed legislation was to be scrapped. This is excellent news for the Jewish schools.

Reading of the Torah

Leyning: Noach

Hertz p 26, Soncino p 34

Haftorah:

Hertz p 41, Soncino p 56

Immanuel Burton

Sam Chaplain

How can you miss our fantastic Seudah Shilishis held every Shabbos afternoon? Come along and enjoy food, drink, laughter, song and beautiful words of Torah at no cost - except for just a little of your time. There's even the chance of wee small dram or two!



This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Angela and Gerry Levene in celebration of their Ruby Wedding

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, Monday to Thursday.

Sunday breakfasts: 29 October, 19 November & 24 December

Dates for your Diary

Top Golf Tournament for Year 7-11 on Sunday November 19th in Chigwell.

6-week Hebrew Reading crash course starting Wednesday 8th November.

Chanukah Extravaganza for everyone on Sunday 17th December.

Melavah Malka on Motsei Shabbos 24th February 2007.

'The Great Purim Breakfast' on Sunday 4th March after the Megillah reading.
Put these dates in your diary!

Faith Schools Background

There has been a flurry of activity over the last 10 days following the alarming possibility that the Government intends to open faith schools to a 25% quota from outside of each faith. The Board of Deputies & the US met with the Secretary of State for Education this week with other faith leaders while there was a second meeting between the Board and the SoS. The latest news is that the Opposition intend to table an alternative amendment with no reference to quotas but focusing instead on the teaching of cohesion. The Chief Rabbi (in Australia) has also spoken to a number of key political players and faith leaders this week.

The rest now is history - see front page!

Future Events

Various task groups are busy planning programmes for the next few months and beyond. This includes a **Chanukah event** on Sunday 17 December, the revival of the ladies **Rosh Chodesh group**, a **Melavah Malka** in February, adult education courses and more. It is also hoped to plan a trip to the Holocaust Education Centre in Nottingham in April. Rabbi Wilson intends to run sessions on navigating through the Siddur and understanding Tefillah (prayer).

Sunday Breakfast

Our next scrummy Sunday breakfast takes place tomorrow, **29th October** after Shacharis. Perhaps you would like to sponsor the breakfast one month for a birthday, anniversary or to commemorate a Yahrzeit? The cost is £40 and you should speak to either Lester or Michelle. Many thanks in advance.

Learn to read Hebrew in 6 Weeks!

Whether you have never read Hebrew before or your reading just needs a bit of polishing, join **Rabbi Wilson** for a 6-week adventure in the wilds of Sinclair House. Starting on **Wednesday 8th November at 8.00 pm** in the Board room, you can truly do something amazing. **Never again will you need to struggle with your Hebrew reading.** With just a little effort at home and during the course, it is quite possible to do this in just 6 weeks. **It is essential to pre-book** by calling the Shul office and leaving your name(s) or you can speak directly to Rabbi Wilson. If the demand is such, a second course will be run during the early part of 2007. The Shul has kept the cost of the course down to just £15 per person. This includes £5 for the course book and yummy refreshments! So there's just one other thing left to say -

You Really CAN Do It!

Please put your clocks back one hour tonight & enjoy the extra rest!

Youth Service

Daniel Phillips, our new Youth Coordinator, has been encouraged by his first few weeks with Clayhall. Daniel wants to build a good, strong Shabbos core group. This will hopefully lead to more young people becoming involved as time goes by. Outside of Shul, Daniel will be arranging fun, social trips and the first such outing is planned for November. Daniel will be running the Youth Service every fortnight. He's here next week.

Clayhall Grand Raffle

Our grand raffle first prize is worth a whopping **£1200**. Please sell as many tickets as possible as the draw takes place on Sunday 17th December (Chanukah). Expenses have been covered so all tickets sold benefit the Shul.

Special Speaker Event

Clayhall Synagogue and Sinclair House present **Rabbi Gideon Sylvester** from Israel on **Monday 6th November 2006** at 8.00 pm. Rabbi Sylvester is currently the Adviser to the Minister for Israeli Society & World Jewish Community in Jerusalem. He was formerly the highly successful Rabbi of the Radlett Shul. The Aliyah Department of the Jewish Agency in London are bringing him over for a series of speaking engagements to coincide with the reading of the Sedrah of 'Lech Lecha.' He will be focusing on the meaning behind this Sedrah and its close connection to the Land of Israel. Organised jointly between Clayhall and the Community Shlichah, Revital Shloman, you can book your place by phoning on 8418 2114. Donation £3, includes refreshments.

Noach the Tzaddik? (Based on the teachings of Rabbi Elie Munk)

Why did Noach, so praised by the Torah, not become an Avraham? Why was he not able to be the great prophet for monotheism at the time when humanity was reborn? Our Sages say that Noach was unable to fight vigorously enough against the immorality of his age. He was unable to convince his fellowmen as Avraham could. He did not intercede on their behalf before G-d, as Avraham did for the people of Sodom. He accepted rescue from death for just himself and his family, in contrast to Moshe, who immediately cried out, when G-d threatened Israel with destruction and offered to make him alone into a great nation. Noach was the man who closed himself up inside his 'Ark' remaining righteous for himself and his family, leaving others to their fate. To be sure, reply those of our Sages who judge Noach favourably, all throughout the 120 years of building the Ark, Noach did not relent from reproving, warning and explaining what was at stake to his contemporaries (*Rashi* to 6:14) in order to bring about their repentance. He was unafraid of their sarcasm, their ridicule, their threats and insults. Nevertheless, he kept a certain distance from them, feeling that it would be better not to risk coming under their influence over his own loyalty to G-d. He went so far as to abstain from having a family until 500 years of age, whereas all his ancestors and contemporaries had families much earlier. He was afraid to raise a family in so corrupt a society. He feared that he would not be able to give them a wholesome upbringing. Not until 20 years after the destruction was proclaimed, only after 500 years of 'walking with G-d,' alone and solitary, did Noach have the courage to become a father, after Hashem had given him to understand that the perpetuation of the human race would devolve upon him. Whatever criticism Noach was subjected to, the Torah honours him with the word 'Tzaddik' and approves of his conduct. It was Noach who, in the face of the worst catastrophe which man has known, was found worthy to save the human race. Noach had been criticised for not imploring G-d to save his generation as Avraham did for Sodom, but Noach finds justification in that in his time 10 righteous people could not be found. Noach and his family only numbered eight. Just like Avraham, Noach knew that in such a case at least 10 righteous people had to be found.

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