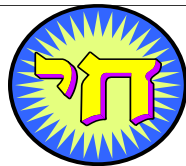




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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 12 May 2007/ 24 Iyar 5767

Service Times (Shabbos Mevarachim)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Shabbos Shiur (see inside)	7.30 pm
Minchah followed by Seudah	8.10 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	9.38 pm
Shabbos next week	7.30 pm

We wish a warm brachah v'hatzlachah to **Marc & Ettie Field** together with Aron Shemaya who are leaving Clayhall this week to move to Manchester. Marc has been a 'regular' attendee of all services and many people have benefited from his fine teaching skills and Ettie's hospitality. They will be missed. Today is **Shabbos Mevarachim** when we bless the new month of Sivan, so Shavuot is getting very near! Rosh Chodesh Sivan is next Friday and Shabbos, 18th & 19th May.

Inside today's Clayhall Kehilla you will find details of the Shul AGM, a new Shabbos Shiur led by Rabbi Wilson, and news of the next Rosh Chodesh Group talk and social evening.

Torah Reading

Sedrah synopsis:

Leyning: Behar-Be'chukosai
Hertz p 531 , Soncino p 764

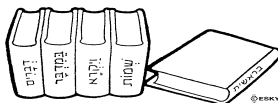
Haftorah:
Hertz p 551, Soncino p 789

Johnny Lyndon

Rabbi Danny Shmulovitz

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Tonight's Seudah is being given in loving memory of Menachem Mendel ben Shlomo.



This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Rabbi Danny Shmulovitz on the occasion of his birthday

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: 1.45 pm, Monday to Thursday.

Ma'ariv: 7.30 pm, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Sunday breakfasts: 20th May, 17th June & 22nd July.

Shul AGM

The Shul AGM takes place on **Tuesday 15th May 2007** at 8.00 pm at Sinclair House. Voting will run from 6.00 pm until 8.00 pm. The meeting is an important time for members to question and comment on the way the Shul has been running, and for the Honorary Officers to talk about future developments. It is anticipated that one of the United Synagogue Trustees will be present at the meeting.

Shabbos Shiur

Starting this evening and continuing throughout the summer months, **Rabbi Wilson** will be conducting a pre-Minchah Shabbos Shiur that will commence 45 minutes before Minchah. For the next two weeks, the text will be Megillas Ruth in the run-up to Shavous. This has already been started at the Seudah so hopefully the book will be finished by the Chag. After that, different topics and themes will be explored. The level will suit everyone and it will take place in the Board room.

Community Shabbaton

Application forms for our major Community Shabbaton on **16th June** have just been sent out in the Shul mailing. It promises to be a real cracker! The much sought-after speaker and scholar, **Rabbi Dovid Roberts**, from Edgware is our guest speaker. The event will be run in conjunction with **Project Seed** and **Tribe**. There will be a children's and youth programme run by professional leaders. We are indebted to **Project Seed** for providing the colourful flyers and these will also be distributed to all IJPS pupils. Aside from the speakers, enjoy a hot cholent and kugel kiddush, a gorgeous meat lunch and an ice cream finale!

Rosh Chodesh Group

Talented educator, Shoshana Tugendhaft, will speak on the subject of, 'The Evil Eye and How To Avoid It'. Shoshana, formerly Rebbetzin at Ohr Yisrael Synagogue in Elstree, is a busy mother of four, who gives regular lectures to women in London. We look forward to another great Rosh Chodesh event. Join us on **Monday 28th May, 8.30pm** venue from the office.

Shavous Service Times

Tuesday 22nd May

Minchah followed by Ma'ariv 8.30 pm

Wednesday 23rd May

Tikun Leil Shavous 12.00 am: midnight!

Shacharis 1st Minyan 4.10 am

Shacharis 2nd Minyan 9.00 am

Minchah followed by Ma'ariv 7.00 pm

Thursday 24th May

Shacharis 9.00 am

Minchah 8.40 pm

Ma'ariv & Yom Tov ends 9.59 pm

There is no Halachic obligation to attend both Shacharis services on Day 1 - unless you want to!

*Please note that
lunchtime Minchah
begins at 1.45 pm
during the summer*

Gemara Shiur

Rabbi Wilson's learning programme continues to draw in the crowds as another 15 men enjoyed an interactive Gemara Shiur last Tuesday. This week's Shiur is postponed because of the AGM but it will resume after Shavous on 29th May. Once the tractate of Makos is finished, a Siyum (celebratory meal) will be held in honour of this major achievement. Whisky, crisps and biscuits are provided each week!

Eat, Drink & Learn the Night away!

Clayhall's Tikun Leil Shavuos is always one of the highlights of the year. Fine malt whiskies, lashings of gorgeous cheesecake, other delicacies and some great home-grown Divrei Torah provide the perfect recipe for a terrific night out! This year, we travel to Rabbi & Rebbetzin Wilson's home from 12.00 am on **Tuesday 22nd May** until the wee small hours. The more that come, the greater the ruach and atmosphere. If you've never been before, you don't know what you've been missing. It's definitely worth the extra effort! If you would like to present a D'var Torah be it 5 or 15 minutes, please speak to either the Rabbi or Leslie Pollock.

Clayhall Calendar

Please don't forget to complete the form with your insertions for the Shul calendar that is sent out before Rosh Hashanah. Birthdays, anniversaries, Bar/Bas Mitzvahs and Yahrzeits can all be added. This year, the New Year greetings will also be part of the calendar. Just in case forms have been lost, you will receive a new one in the next Shul mailing.

If you consider My decrees loathsome (26:15)

This is a very harsh expression. It is hardly likely that anyone, even a non-observant person, would consider any Torah law loathsome. *Rashi* explains that this means, "If you will spurn anyone who observes the decrees of the Torah." This is not an infrequent occurrence. Some people think that the way they observe the Torah is the proper way, and that anyone who exceeds their standard of observance is a "fanatic." Some people who may be a bit lax in observance of Shabbos may consider those who are more strict as being fanatic. The latter may think of those who require a mechitzah at a wedding as being fanatic. If the latter are not particular about using only *cholov Yisrael* (supervised milk), they may think that those who are stringent about *cholov Yisrael* are fanatic. If the latter do not observe *chodosh* (prohibition of grain grown after Pesach), they may consider *chodosh* observers as fanatic. I must admit that I am not without fault. I assumed that my parents' home was the highest standard of Kashrus, and when someone asked my mother for fish because he did not want to eat meat, I thought he was fanatic. It seems that the definition of fanatic is someone who believes what you do, but just a bit more so. We may be convinced that our level of observance is adequate, but we should nevertheless respect those that wish to be more stringent. It is unfortunate that we are not always tolerant of those whom we label as fanatic. On more than one occasion, I have seen parents disapprove of their son's choice of a wife because she comes from a family where the women cover their hair. Being critical of someone who is "more *frum*" may simply be an ego thing. Someone who is more stringent than we are may cause us to feel that we may be somewhat delinquent. Perhaps this is what *Rashi* is referring to. The Torah is critical of someone who disesteems others for being too *frum*.

Rabbi Abraham J Twerski M.D. is a descendant of the founders of the Chassidic movement, whose philosophy he embraces and applies in his psychiatric practice. An ordained Rabbi, Dr Twerski is Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Dr Twerski's scores of works have established his position as a Torah scholar who possesses psychological insights that enhance application of Torah principles to everyday life.

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