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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 19 May 2007/ 2 Sivan 5767

Service Times

Shacharis	9.00 am
Shabbos Shiur (see inside)	7.30 pm
Minchah followed by Seudah	8.20 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	9.51 pm
Shabbos next week	7.30 pm

This Shabbos morning, we will be having a 'Learning Shabbos', with a talk following the service replacing the sermon. The topic is **'Us and Them - Understanding The Chosen Nation Concept'**. In light of the recent publicity drive within the Jewish community for increased awareness of the atrocities being committed in Darfur, we will discuss the Jewish attitude to the plight of Jews and non-Jews across the globe.

Tomorrow morning after Shacharis, we shall be having our monthly **Rosh Chodesh smoked salmon and beigel breakfast**. Predictably scrumptious and hardly bland, this veritable feast will save the need for making lunch a few hours later!

Torah Reading

Sedrah synopsis:

Leyning: Bamidbar

Hertz p 568 , Soncino p 793

Haftorah:

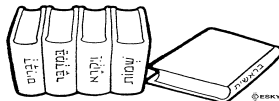
Hertz p 582, Soncino p 810

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Rabbi Wilson's next Gemara Shiur takes place on Tuesday 29th May at 8.00 pm.



This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Deborah, Lester and Joshua in celebration of Naomi's 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.

Ask the Rabbi

NEROS is running an 'Ask the Rabbi' panel debate tomorrow evening, 20th May, at Ilford Federation Shul. Chaired by Rabbi Chapper, the panel is made up of Rabbi Baruch Davis (Chigwell), Rabbi Beni Fleisher (Wanstead & Woodford), Rabbi Geoffrey Hyman (Ilford) and our very own Rabbi Nissan Wilson. Minchah commences at 7.30 pm followed by the question and answer session and then refreshments.

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!

Shabbos Shiur

Continuing this evening and throughout the summer months, **Rabbi Wilson** will be conducting a pre-Minchah Shabbos Shiur that will commence 45 minutes before Minchah. This afternoon, the text will be Megillas Ruth in the run-up to Shavous. It is hoped to complete the book by the Chag. After that, different topics and themes will be explored including Pirkei Avos (Ethics of the Fathers).

Rosh Chodesh Group

Gifted 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** address 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!

*Trip to Beth Shalom
Holocaust Centre in
Nottingham on
Sunday 1st July*

Election Results

The following were duly elected to the 2007/8 Board of Management:

Lester Harris: Chairman.

Martin Greenberg: Vice-Chairman.

Mervyn Lyndon: FR

Michael Bash: Warden

Leslie Pollock: Warden

Male Board members:

Robin Abrahams, Ivor Lethbridge, Leslie Linder, Gordon Miller, Victor Shafier & Greg Woolf.

Female Board members:

Melanie Alicoon, Pamela Grant, Jackie Jay, Estele Miller, Jackie Shafier and Karen Wise.

Eat, Drink & Learn the Night away!

'Cheese and Wine and Single Malt - non-Kosher ingredients in Kosher foods' is Rabbi Wilson's keynote talk at our splendid Tikun Leil Shavuos, 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, address from the office from 12.00 am on **Tuesday 22nd May** until the wee small hours. The more that come, the greater the ruach and atmosphere. There is the option of davening Shacharis at 4.10 am, or you may choose to go home for a few hours sleep and daven in Shul at 9.00 am.

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. The closing date is **Tuesday 29th May**. Spare forms can be obtained from the Shul office.

Tikun Leil Shavuos: Night-Long Torah Study

A well-established custom calls for studying Torah throughout the night on the first night of Shavuos. This custom has its source in the *Zohar*: "Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai would toil in the study of Torah on the night when the bride (Israel) is united with her groom (G-d and His Torah)...Rabbi Shimon and his group would rejoice in the joy of Torah and each of them would propound new insights in it...Rabbi Shimon said to them: 'My sons: Praiseworthy is your lot, for tomorrow the bride will come to the marriage canopy only with you, because those who correct that which perfects the bride on this night (Tikun) and rejoice with her will all be noted and recorded in the Book of Remembrance, and Hashem blesses them with seventy blessings and adornments from the Upper World.'" (introduction to *Zohar*). *Magen Avraham* cites the following Midrash as a reason for this custom: During the month of Sivan, the day is considerably longer than the night and the dawn comes quite early. On the day Israel was to receive the Torah, the people overslept. The sun had already risen, G-d's presence was manifest on Har Sinai, yet the people were still sleeping! Moshe went through the camp to arouse them and cried, "Arise from your sleep. The groom (G-d) has already arrived. He seeks the bride (Israel) that He may lead her to the chuppah. He is waiting to present her with the Torah." As atonement for the Jews having overslept, says *Magen Avraham*, the pious of earlier times would study Torah throughout the night of Shavuos. In later times, the custom was universally adopted by Jews of all levels. However, the *Pri Tzaddik* contends that nowhere does the Midrash say that the atonement was necessary for the Jews having overslept. He argues that their sleep was intentional, as a form of preparation for the Revelation that was to come. Prophecy was usually experienced in the form of a dream, as it is written, "If there shall be prophets among you, in a vision shall I, Hashem, make Myself known to him; in a dream shall I speak to him" (*Bamidbar 12:6*). Scripture records that both Yaacov and Solomon experienced prophetic dreams. The Jews intended that their sleep should represent a total subjugation of their senses to G-d; and that it would be a means through which they could attach themselves to Him and ready themselves for the Revelation, when they would hear the voice of Hashem while fully alert.

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