

קליהל קהילה



The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 2 June 2007/ 16 Sivan 5767

Service Times

Shacharis	9.00 am
Shabbos Shiur	7.55 pm
Minchah followed by Seudah	8.40 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	10.13 pm
Shabbos next week	7.30 pm

We wish Mazel Tov to **Jackie and Bernie Jay** on the wonderful occasion of their silver wedding anniversary. We wish them many more years of health and happiness together. Jackie and Bernie have great pleasure in inviting the Kehilla to Kiddush after the Service in celebration of their simchah.

Inside you will find details of the **Community Shabbaton** that we are running with Project Seed and Tribe on Shabbos 16th June. Please send back your application form for this lovely event in the next few days. Rabbi Wilson has worked hard to put a great programme together and we are fortunate that Rabbi Dovid Roberts of Edgware is the guest speaker.

Torah Reading

Sedrah synopsis:

Leyning: Beha' alosecha

Hertz p 605 , Soncino p 838

Haftorah:

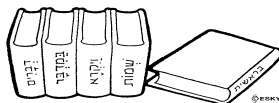
Hertz p 620, Soncino p 857

Richard Jay

Rabbi Nissan Wilson

Sam Chaplain

If you would like to sponsor this newsheet or a Kiddush, please speak to Michelle



This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Jackie and Bernie Jay in celebration of their Silver Wedding

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: 17th June & 22nd July.

B'nei Akiva Group

The Honorary Officers and Rabbi Wilson will be exploring the possibility of starting a Clayhall Shul B'nei Akiva Group from September 2007. We know that BA is working successfully in Ilford and Chigwell. There is a dire need to provide a Shabbos afternoon/evening experience outside of the usual Shul setting. B'nei Akiva also run excellent camps throughout the year. We will keep you informed of any news.

Shabbos Shiur

The Shabbos afternoon Shiur will look at the Pirkei Avos (the Ethics of the Fathers) with the commentary of the great 16th century kabbalist and philosopher - **The Maharal of Prague**.

Each week, we will pick one teaching and plumb its depths with a unique approach that is both fascinating and meaningful. The Shiur starts at 7.55 pm and finishes at 8.40 pm in time for Minchah.

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!

Seudah Learning

At this week's Seudah, we will begin a new project. Rabbi Wilson will guide us through the **Sefer Hachinuch**, a classic work that explores the content and meaning of the 613 mitzvos. The Shiur will, of course, be interactive and it will be accompanied by the usual banter which has made the Clayhall Seudah into a social highlight. Not forgetting the delicious food and rousing singing!

Trip to Beth Shalom Holocaust Memorial Centre

The Shul is organising a coach trip to the Beth Shalom Centre in Nottingham on Sunday 1st July 2007. The visit will include a guided tour of the Centre, a tour of the memorial garden and a talk by a Holocaust survivor followed by a discussion. The cost of the visit is £22.50 per adult and £11.25 for a student which includes return coach travel, entry to the Centre, a packed lunch plus morning and afternoon refreshments. The coach will be leaving Sinclair House at 9.30 am (plenty of time to daven Shacharis first in Shul) and returning at approximately 7.00 pm. Places are limited and they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to join the trip, please complete and return the slip sent out in the recent mailing together with your remittance by Sunday 10th June 2007. Some of the costs for this trip have been met by the Clayhall Kehilla Foundation. You can find out more about the Beth Shalom Holocaust Memorial Centre by logging on to:

www.holocaustcentre.net

Whisky stocks are alarmingly low so we kindly ask you to do your duty!

Shabbos Spice

Beginning on Shabbos 9th June is a 5-part series for Shabbos afternoon presented by five local Rabbonim, Rabbis Alex Chapper, Geoffrey Hyman, Aryeh Sufrin, Nissan Wilson and Moshe Muller. Each talk begins at 6.00 pm followed by refreshments. **Rabbi Chapper** is giving the first talk next Shabbos on 'Headless Chickens and Hilchos Shabbos.' venue from the office. **Rabbi Wilson** will be speaking on 'Medicine and Medication on Shabbos' on 30th June, venue from the office.

The Impact of Shabbos

No matter what is going on in the outside world, no matter how hard a person works during the week, on Shabbos everyone feels like royalty - we dress in our best clothes, candles are lit and festive meals are eaten. No one engages in work, business is not discussed, and an atmosphere of relaxation and serenity is created. Once the usual weekday distractions are removed, we are able to devote ourselves to more spiritual pursuits. One can pray without rushing to work, spend extra time studying Torah and focus on personal growth and relationships. Shabbos creates a sanctuary in time in which we are forced to suspend our normal chores and re-evaluate the spiritual meaning of life.

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 **Sunday 17th June**. Spare forms can be obtained from the Shul office.

"When the Ark would travel" (Bamidbar 10:35)

This passage is bracketed by special markers, an inverted *nun* at the beginning and another at the end. In the Midrash, Rebbi explains that this demarcates the segment as a separate book of the Torah. That makes the portions of Bamidbar preceding and following this segment into separate books as well. Therefore, with three books in Bamidbar, the Torah may be said to consist of a total of 7 books. Indeed, as R' Shmuel ben Nachmani explains, the seven books of the Torah correspond to the seven pillars of wisdom referred to by King Solomon: *Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn out seven pillars* (Mishlei 9:1). In another view cited by Rashi, the Talmud says that this passage is specially demarcated to show it is out of place. In fact, R' Shimon ben Gamliel maintains that it will ultimately be taken from this location and put where it belongs. It is situated here for now only in order to put a separation between two successive episodes in which the Jewish people failed in their devotion to G-d. According to Rav Ashi, the proper place for this passage is in the section dealing with the banners of the Twelve Tribes (chapter 2). It is interesting to note that from that section to this point in the Torah there are fifty paragraphs. The numerical value of the letter *nun*, which is inverted to form the opening and closing brackets to this passage, is fifty.

Another view of the significance of the letter *nun* is offered by the *Gemara (Shabbos 115b)*. It is noted that *nun* is the one letter which is not used to begin a verse in Psalm 145 - *Ashrei*. This Psalm contains 21 verses each beginning with another letter of the alphabet. The letter *nun* is left out because it calls to mind the word *nifilah* - downfall. However, it is symbolically restored in the next verse - *Hashem supports all the fallen ones* (refer to text). Thus, although the *nun* appears here twice in inverted form to announce the start of Israel's downfall, it is at the same time a hope for Divine support and uplift. The *Zohar* explains the positioning of this passage after the passage of the three-day journey (v.33) from another point of view. It was the Holy Ark representing the Shechinah (Divine Presence) that initiated the three-day movement in a symbolic desire to move away from an ungrateful nation. However, the letter *nun* here represents Hashem's quality of forgiveness; the Shechinah is ready to support those who fall. ***(Based on the teachings of Rabbi Elie Munk)***

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