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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 9 June 2007/ 23 Sivan 5767

Service Times (Ian Grant's Bar Mitzvah)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Shabbos Shiur	8.00 pm
Minchah followed by Seudah	8.50 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	10.21 pm
Shabbos next week	7.30 pm

We wish a very warm Mazel tov to **Ian Grant** on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah today. Ian will be leyning the first and last part of the Sedrah in addition to singing the Haftorah. Ian has already leyned twice this week; on Monday at King Solomon High School and on Thursday at the Clayhall minyan. Pamela, David and Craig have great pleasure in inviting the Kehilla to a Kiddush after the service in celebration of their Simchah. Today is also **Shabbos Mevarachim** when we bless the new Hebrew month of Tammuz. Rosh Chodesh Tammuz is next Shabbos and Sunday, 16th & 17th June. The Fast of Tammuz takes place on the 17th of the month (Tuesday 3rd July).

Torah Reading

Sedrah synopsis:

Leyning: Shelach Lecha

Hertz p 623 , Soncino p 860

Haftorah:

Hertz p 635, Soncino p 875

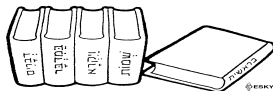
Shabbaton closing date tomorrow: 10th June

Ian Grant

Ian Grant &

Rabbi Nissan Wilson

Ian Grant



This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Pamela & David Grant in celebration of Ian's Bar Mitzvah

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 8.00 pm and finishes at 8.50 pm in time for Minchah.

Community Shabbaton

The final closing date for applications is tomorrow Sunday 10th June. There are still places available. The response could have been a lot better so please make a real effort to attend. The event 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. 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 are privileged to have **Rabbi Matisyahu Glazerson** (father of Rabbi Zev Glass) as our guest speaker. A renowned author and scholar, Rabbi Glazerson makes a welcome return to the Kehilla. The Shiur 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

For the latest Kashrus updates from the London Beis Din, go to www.kosher.org.uk

Shabbos Spice

Beginning this 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 this afternoon 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.

Entering Jewish Adulthood

At birth the 'evil inclination' enters a person, i.e. he or she loses that incredible clarity that they had before entering this world. The soul's desires are overshadowed by the physical body, and its yearning for spiritual fulfilment is muted by ego and materialism. Childhood is a time when the physical world and all its overwhelming desires rule over the human being, and the soul is largely dormant. It is for this reason that a child is not held legally responsible for his/her actions. Towards the end of childhood - during a girl's 12th or a boy's 13th year - the soul begins to awaken. When the child reaches adulthood, the soul has reached its full level of activity, and the person now has complete free will. In the West, reaching legal adulthood usually means that one now has certain rights that he or she did not have before. The 'new' adult now has the right to drive, to vote, to buy cigarettes and alcohol etc. It is a celebration of rights and the loosening of restrictions. The view is in stark contrast to the significance of reaching bar/bas mitzvah. We celebrate the fact that the child has matured sufficiently to become obligated in Mitzvos, to enter a community and join the historical chain that began with Avraham and Sarah. These are opportunities from G-d to become better people. He or she can now actually earn greater reward because the mitzvah is done by a free-will decision.

"Send forth men, if you please, and let them spy out the Land of Canaan" (Bamidbar 13:2)

Rashi says that the words "if you please" means that G-d said to Moshe, "You may send spies if it pleases you. I am not instructing you to do so." The episode of the spies is one of the most enigmatic occurrences in the Torah. The twelve men chosen were tribal leaders and *Rashi* states that they were righteous people. What happened to them that caused them to lose faith in G-d and discourage the Israelites from entering the Promised Land? Furthermore, *Abarbanel* says that Moshe's complicity in sending the spies was the real reason he was not permitted to enter Canaan. In what way was Moshe at fault? Thirty-eight years later, in relating the tragic event before his death, Moshe said, "All of you came to me and said, 'Let us send some men ahead of us and let them spy out the Land' " (Devarim 1:22). *Rashi* comments that the phrase 'all of you' indicates that they came as a mob, the young pushing the elders out of the way to get to Moshe. This was crass disrespect. Moshe said, "The idea appealed to me" (ibid 1:23). His error was that he mistook their pushing and shoving as enthusiasm for entering the Land, and this caused him to overlook their lack of respect for the elders. This misinterpretation was Moshe's complicity. Respect is primary in Judaism. "Respect is a prerequisite for Torah" (Vayikra Rabbah 9:3) and its vital role is repeatedly stressed in the Talmud and in ethical works. Lack of respect is a mortal sin. "A person's agent is as oneself" (Berachos 34b). In Halachah, an agent is a representative of the principal. In *mussar*, an agent can be affected by the character of the principal. The spies were indeed decent people in their own right, but having become agents of people who were disrespectful, their characters were corrupted and their perspective distorted. The fatal report of the spies resulted not only in the death of the generation of the Exodus, but also had a traumatic effect on our entire history. The Talmud says that the night following the spies discouraging report that resulted in the Jewish people weeping was Tisha B'Av, the 9th day of the month of Av, on which both Temples were destroyed. The weeping of that night was perpetuated throughout our history, and to this very day, we suffer the consequences of disrespect. We can rectify the mistake of our ancestors by being fastidious in respect, not only of our elders, but of every person, young or old. (*R'Twerski*)

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