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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 16 June 2007/ 30 Sivan 5767

Service Times (Shabbos Rosh Chodesh)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Shabbos Shiur	8.00 pm
Minchah followed by Seudah	8.45 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	10.26 pm
Shabbos next week	7.30 pm

Welcome to Clayhall's Community Shabbaton! The Kehilla is delighted to welcome **Rabbi Dovid Roberts** from Edgware as our excellent guest speaker. We look forward to hearing some inspiring words of wisdom during the day. Rabbi Roberts will address the community during the Service as well as before and after lunch. He will also give a D'var Torah at our Seudah later this evening. In addition, Rabbi Roberts is davening Kabbalos Shabbos and Musaf.

Today is **Shabbos Rosh Chodesh** and we will recite 'half' Hallel during Shacharis, leyn from two Sifrei Torah and say a slightly different Musaf Amidah. Page numbers will be given!

Torah Reading

Sedrah synopsis:

Leyning: Korach

Hertz p 639, Soncino p 879

Maftir: Bamidbar Ch28: 9-15

Haftorah:

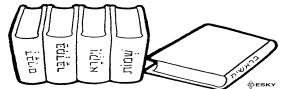
Hertz p 944, Soncino p 1188

See inside for date of Pimms n' Stella Kiddush!

Greg Woolf

Immanuel Burton

Rabbi Nissan Wilson



This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Estele & Gordon Miller in celebration of their 43rd anniversary

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.

Rosh Chodesh Group

Qualified Dietician **Lana Pinshaw** will speak on the subject of **'Food For Thought'** at the next Rosh Chodesh Group, which will take place on **Tuesday June 26th**, venue from the office. Lana Pinshaw is a South African born, qualified dietician. Having spent a number of years working in private hospital care, Lana set up her own private practice, following the birth of her first child four years ago. For the past five years she has also been consulting for Chai Cancer Care. Lana currently lives in Edgware with her husband and two children. This is the last Rosh Chodesh group of the season. It will resume again after Simchas Torah.

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 8.45 pm in time for Minchah.

Pimms Kiddush

Our first Pimms and Stella Kiddush of the summer season will take place on **Shabbos 30th June**. Cool, refreshing and exceedingly spiritual, don't miss the Shul's most sophisticated Shabbos of the year! **Chazan Gedalya Alexander** will be adding his delightful vocal tones to this Shabbos on his first visit since Rabbi Wilson's Induction. There's no need to book; just turn up and savour the taste!

Rabbi Dovid Roberts

"Whirlwind might be an apt description of Rabbi Dovid Roberts, overflowing with energy and drive" says the Project Seed website biography!

Rabbi Roberts is spiritual head of the vibrant Netzach Yisrael Shul in Edgware and a senior lecturer on the Project Seed team. Having spent 13 years in Gibraltar, including a number of years as Principal of both the Gibraltar Boys and Girls Schools, he returned to the UK in 2001. Although it was hard to leave the Spanish sun, the opportunity that London offered to meet such a diverse range of people coupled with his passion for educating, lured Rabbi Roberts to join the Seed team. Aside from his communal and teaching responsibilities, he also lectures regularly for the Jewish Association of Business Ethics. His dynamic style and breadth of knowledge have made him into one of the most sought after speakers in London and beyond. Clayhall is fortunate to host him.

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

Shabbos Spice

The second in the series of five Shabbos afternoon talks presented by five local Rabbonim takes place today at 12 Gaysham Avenue, Gants Hill at 6.00 pm. **Rabbi Geoffrey Hyman** of Ilford Synagogue will speak on 'Shabbos & Technology' followed by refreshments. Next week, Rabbi Ayreh Sufirin will be 'Adding the J into the OY of Shabbos' at 15 Highwood Gardens, Clayhall. **Rabbi Wilson** will be speak on 'Medicine and Medication on Shabbos' on 30th June venue from the office. An excellent programme deserving your support.

Board of Management 2007/08

The new Board of Management held its first meeting this week. The following task groups were agreed with their respective 'Chairs' -
Care: Gordon Miller

Children & Young People: Bradley Mervish

Education: Leslie Pollock & Rabbi Wilson

Functions: Victor Shafier & Karen Wise

Membership and Marketing: Pamela Grant

Publicity & PR: Robin Abrahams

There is a meeting on 4th July with the above people to discuss guidelines and strategy.

Sunday Breakfast

Our sumptuous, mouth watering monthly Rosh Chodesh Sunday beigel & smoked salmon breakfast takes place tomorrow 17th June after davening. Shacharis will start slightly earlier at **8.00 am** as the Service is a little longer on Rosh Chodesh.

New Year Greetings

There is still time to put your New Year greetings insertions into the Shul calendar. These only cost £4 each - very good value for money. If you have lost the form, please phone the Shul office and give the details to Michelle. Don't be left out - you've only got a few more weeks.

Envy: Root of all Evil? (based on Rabbi Avraham Twerski)

When we read the account of Korach's rebellion, we are astounded by the incident. Not only was Moshe the one who led the Jews from Egypt, but all the Israelites were eyewitnesses to the many miracles that were shaped through him. They saw him wave his staff over the Reed Sea causing the waters to divide. There could be no doubt that he was chosen by G-d to be the leader. How could anyone question the authenticity of Moshe's leadership? It simply defies all logic. *Rashi* quotes the Midrash which raises this question: How could Korach, a wise and learned person, act so foolishly? The Midrash answers that Moshe had appointed another Levite to be leader of the tribe of Levi, and Korach was envious of this. Yet, this does not fully answer the question. Can envy so deprive a person of logical thinking that one would deny the evidence of one's own eyes?

R' Chaim Shmulevitz helps us understand this. He cites the Talmudic statement, "Envy, lust and pursuit of acclaim remove a person from this world" (Pirkei Avos 4:28). The expression "remove a person from this world" is rather strange. *R' Shmulevitz* explains that the usual deviation from proper behaviour is a very gradual one. The Talmud says that the tactic of the *yetzer hara* is to seduce a person to commit a very minor infraction, then lead him on to progressively more serious transgressions. That is the nature and order of the world. The *yetzer hara* will not entice a person into doing something patently absurd. However, if a person is overtaken by envy, one escapes the natural order of the world. One is no longer bound by logic. The passion of envy can be so great that it can overwhelm all rational thought, and leave one vulnerable to the *yetzer hara's* seduction to behave in the most irrational manner. Envy indeed *removes a person from the natural order of the world*. That is what happened with Korach. Moshe understood this, and delayed the trial until the next day. The Korach episode conveys a most important teaching. We are all vulnerable to envy, and envy is not a difficult emotion to identify. If you feel yourself being envious, do nothing for a while. Envy can suspend all logical thinking and make one do things that one will regret. If you feel envious, ventilate your feelings to a friend or write them down. Read one of the ethical works about envy. This will help you realise that envy is a futile and destructive feeling. Avoid making serious mistakes.

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