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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 23 June 2007/ 7 Tammuz 5767

Service Times

Shacharis	9.00 am
Shabbos Shiur	8.00 pm
Minchah followed by Seudah	8.45 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	10.28 pm
Shabbos next week	7.30 pm

Last week's **Shabbaton** was a roaring success. Those present all expressed tremendous enthusiasm and excitement about the day's content and food! **Rabbi Dovid Roberts** was outstanding and he did not disappoint. He spoke on five different occasions with eloquence, passion and sincerity. The food as always was excellent with a cholent Kiddush, a roast chicken lunch and an ice-cream tea. Grateful thanks are due to those involved in the day's preparation and organisation.

You will find details inside the Clayhall Kehilla of next week's 'Harry Potter' special talk and our Pimm's, Stella and Ice Cream Kiddush. It should be another highly enjoyable Clayhall event.

Torah Reading

Sedrah synopsis:

Leyning: Chukas

Hertz p 652, Soncino p 898

Haftorah:

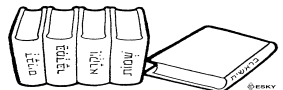
Hertz p 664, Soncino p 911

Johnny Lyndon

Rabbi Nissan Wilson

David Miller

Today is the longest Shabbos of the year followed by *Kiddush Levanah* after Ma'ariv!



This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Natalie & Richard Rubin on the occasion of their 40th 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.

Minchah & Ma'ariv: 7.30 pm, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Sunday breakfasts: 22nd July, 19th August & 9 September.

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** at 15 Redbridge Lane East. 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.

Fast of Tammuz

This takes place on Tuesday 3rd July. The Fast begins at 1.05 am and finishes at 10.19 pm. It marks the beginning of the Three Weeks period of mourning that culminates with Tisha B'Av. The walls of Jerusalem were breached on the 17th Tammuz which led three weeks later to the destruction of both Temples. Service times will be slightly different and these will be published next week.

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PIMM'S, STELLA & ICE CREAM KIDDUSH

Shabbos 30 June 2007

RABBI WILSON WILL SPEAK ABOUT
'GETTING INSIDE OUR CHILDREN'S HEADSPACE'

Harry Potter

AND THE PUZZLED PARENT

11.50 AM: PIMM'S, STELLA AND ICE CREAM KIDDUSH!

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

Shabbos Spice

The third in the series of five Shabbos afternoon talks presented by five local Rabbonim takes place today at 15 Highwood Gardens, Clayhall at 6.00 pm.

Rabbi Ayreh Sufrin will be 'Adding the J into the OY of Shabbos'

Rabbi Nissan Wilson will be speak on 'Medicine and Medication next Shabbos at 15 Redbridge Lane East. Refreshments will be served after each talk. An excellent project deserving your support.

Board of Management 2007/08

The new Board of Management held its first meeting recently. 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.

Chasanim & Eshes Chayil

We are delighted that
David Miller,
Bradley Mervish and
Brenda Fletcher have
accepted the honour
of Chasan Torah,
Chasan Bereshis and
Eshes Chayil
respectively for 5768.
Mazel Tov!

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.

"And speak to the Rock before their eyes" (20:8)

One leading Sage interprets this to mean: *Apply My Great Name to the rock*, which implies a symbolic, spiritual link to be established between the name of Hashem and the rock. It was this link which gave the rock the potential to produce a miraculous outpouring of water. Indeed, of the same rock, Hashem had said 40 years before, "Behold, I shall stand before you by the rock" (Shemos 17:6). Moshe and Aaron understood that the staff would also play a part in making the water spring forth. Indeed, that was how the water had been produced the first time [*you shall strike the rock and water will come forth from it and the people will drink (Shemos 17:6)*]. But here only a few drops began to emerge from the rock and some of the mixed multitude scoffed; *is that to wet the lips of sucklings?* It was then that *Moshe raised his arm and struck the rock with his staff twice (v. 11)*. After Moshe struck the rock, the water flowed in torrents. Rashi (to v.12) explains that Moshe sinned in failing to make use of an opportunity to sanctify Hashem's name. If he had spoken to the rock and it had brought forth water, people would have said, *"if this rock which does not speak or hear, and does not require sustenance, fulfils the command of Hashem, then surely we should do so."* Moshe brought the water out from the middle of the stone, not from beneath it, and with this he proved that this was a miracle. The water filled up rivers along their length and breadth, for it was not possible for all Israel and their animals to drink from one lone stone. G-d told Moshe to give all of Israel to drink with his own hands, so that they should see the great miracle, but the people were very thirsty, and made haste to drink themselves.

The question of faith is studied by the Midrash which observes that the same rock played a role at the beginning and end of the journey through the wilderness, each time bringing forth water. But the use of the staff was meant to change - its role becoming much less important. For the true sanctification of Hashem by man lies not in showy miracles of the type with which the staff was associated but in quiet obedience to His words. That is what Judaism calls *Emunah - faith*. That is what marks the passage from infancy to maturity.

If anyone would like to contribute a D'var Torah for the Clayhall Kehilla, please email lester.harris@btinternet.com for more details.

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