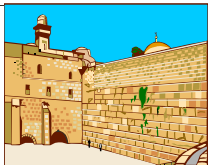




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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 21 July 2007/ 6 Menachem Av 5767

Service Times (Shabbos Chazon)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Shabbos Shiur	7.45 pm
Minchah followed by Seudah	8.30 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	10.05 pm
Shabbos next week	7.30 pm

Today is **Shabbos Chazon** and there are more details about this inside. There is a minhag (custom) to curtail Chazanos in the davening on this Shabbos as it immediately precedes Tisha B'Av. However, this is not a universal minhag. Also inside is information about the inspirational film from the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation we are showing on Tisha B'Av.

We will be holding our monthly smoked salmon and beigel breakfast tomorrow after Shacharis. Everyone is welcome and davening starts at 8.15 am as usual.

We extend a warm welcome to **Rev Jonny Lorraine** and his wife Sandra, who are staying in the area over Shabbos.

Torah Reading

Sedrah synopsis:

Leyning: Devarim

Hertz p 736, Soncino p 989

Haftorah:

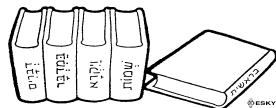
Hertz p 750, Soncino p 1004

If you would like to sponsor the newsheet for just £15, please speak to Michelle.

Martin Greenberg

Yitzchak Mordfield

Rabbi Nissan Wilson



This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Angela & Gerry Levene in celebration of the birth of their first granddaughter, Esther Shira

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 update

There has been some, albeit a little slow progress, in bringing B'nei Akiva to Clayhall. We hope to have some good news over the next week. We know that BA is working successfully in Ilford and Chigwell. There is a real need to provide a Shabbos afternoon and evening experience outside of Shul. B'nei Akiva also run excellent camps throughout the year. We will keep you informed of any news.

The Three Weeks

The 22-day period of mourning which commences with the 17th of Tammuz and ends with Tisha B'Av is referred to as 'Bein Ha'Metzarim.' This can be interpreted as 'within the days of distress' for it is during these times that spiritual forces of destruction are most potent. It is known colloquially as 'The Three Weeks.' The mourning of the period intensifies with the advent of the month of Av, intensifies still further during the week in which Tisha B'Av falls, and reaches its peak on the day of Tisha B'Av itself. Among some of the prohibitions are weddings, playing music and cutting one's hair. From Rosh Chodesh Av, we stop eating meat and drinking wine (not Shabbos)

Shabbos Chazon

The Shabbos immediately preceding Tisha B'Av is Shabbos Chazon, as the first words of the Haftorah begin *Chazon Yeshayahu—the Vision of Isaiah*. The prophet does not lament because the Temple was destroyed: rather, he laments over the underlying causes of that destruction. And this annual lesson serves to focus the national mourning of Tisha B'Av not to the past but to the present. We must use our mourning as a way to elevate our own spirituality.

Halachos of Tisha B'Av

Everyone must fast including pregnant women. One who is ill may eat even if his illness is not a dangerous one but he/she must not eat delicacies. Washing for pleasure is forbidden both in warm and cold water. Leather shoes may not be worn. We do not greet each other during the morning but we wait until after mid-day.

Wonderful Tisha B'Av Programme

The Fast of Av begins at 9.02 pm this Monday 23 July and it finishes at 9.54 pm on Tuesday 24 July. Shacharis on Tuesday morning is at the usual time of 7.00 am followed by Kinos (poems of lament) until about 8.30 am. We will then move to 78 Torquay Gardens (home of Sandra & David Miller) for further recitation of Kinos until just after mid-day. The **first** showing of *'Eyes To See The Redemption - Breaking the Cycle of Baseless Hatred'* will be at 3.00 pm at Sinclair House. Internationally renowned speakers, Rabbi Abraham J Twerski M.D. & Rabbi Jonathan Rietti will be presenting this wonderful and inspiring film with a special message from HaRav Shmuel Kamenetsky. *This Tisha B'av join 50,000 Jews in 600 locations around the globe learning to see our fellow man with brand new eyes. Eyes that can see every precious Jew as he really is. Eyes that can see the Redemption.* The **second** showing of the film will be at 8.00 pm between Minchah which starts 7.15 pm, and Ma'ariv which begins at 9.30 pm. May our long exile be nearing its end.

*Ladies Guild meeting
on 30th July at 8.00 pm
at 7 Stafford Avenue.
All ladies welcome.*

Tisha B'Av

Tisha B'Av is the saddest day of the Jewish year when both Temples were destroyed. The 25-hour fast begins on Monday 23rd July at 9.02 pm. We will be davening Minchah here on Monday 23rd at 7.30 pm. People can then go home to eat, and return for 9.00 pm. Rabbi Wilson will give a short Shiur before davening Ma'ariv at 9.20 pm followed by reading the Book of Eichah, written by the prophet, Jeremiah. Please remember that we do not wear tefilin at Shacharis but rather, they are worn at Minchah instead.

Selichos Service

The NEROS Selichos Service takes place on Saturday night **8th September** at Clayhall United Synagogue. The Shul is very honoured to be hosting the event for the second time. The guest Chazan is **Edwin Ross** who hails from a Northern city called Manchester, while the guest speaker is none other than a fellow Mancunian, **Rabbi Nissan Wilson**. As the host Shul, we hope that members will support the Service. A delicious reception commences at 10.45 pm followed by the Service at 11.30 pm.

Magazine Articles

The closing date for all articles for the Rosh Hashanah edition of 'Shalom' magazine is **Sunday 22nd July 2007**. This is the final deadline and anything received after this time will not be published. Please send in your articles to the Shul office or to Jackie Shafier, Editor.

Book Cupboard

Last Sunday, the book cupboard was given a major overhaul. Please help to keep it clean and tidy by putting items back in the place that you found them! It also would be appreciated if members do not use it as a general store for leaving their clutter. Thank you for your help.

Destruction on the Tenth of Av

After Tisha B' Av, the burning of the Temple continued for another day. Its affects continue to be felt throughout Jewish history. The fires that consumed the first Jerusalem Temple began on the ninth of Av, and continued until the middle of the following day. R' Yochanan stated, '*Had I been alive in that generation, I would have fixed the day of mourning for the 10th of Av because the greater part of the Temple was burnt on that day.*' As Tisha B' Av has been a day of misfortune throughout Jewish history, so too has been the 10th of Av.

- On 22 July 1306, the 10th of Av, the Jews of France were arrested and ordered to leave the country. About 100,000 were forced to wander in search of new homes, and many perished along the way. The expulsion had serious consequences beyond the immense human suffering. It ended the great era of Jewish scholarship of the Tosafists of France, whose commentaries illuminate Talmudic texts.
- While Jews in some countries were being expelled, other countries simply denied Jews entry. On 11 August 1905, the 10th of Av, the UK Aliens Act was passed. This entitled an immigration officer to deny entry to an 'undesirable immigrant.' With the passage of the Alien Act, immigration restriction had become law and it impacted on US policy. In 1924, Congress passed a similar Act severely restricting the flow of immigrants from Eastern Europe, with grave implications during the pre-Holocaust years.
- On the 10th of Av in 1929, Arab hatred of Zionism once again boiled over into full-scale riots. On 16 August 1929, Jewish worshippers near the Kosel were attacked. Over the next 10 days, 133 Jews were killed and 339 wounded. Arab mobs were led by the fanatical Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin Al-Husseini.
- In 2005, on the 10th of Av, the Israel Government began the Gaza Disengagement, where 9000 Jewish residents were evicted from their homes. Despite mass rallies against the plan, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon implemented the plan with the hope of reducing security concerns. Upon completion, all 21 Jewish communities in Gaza were destroyed. Only the Shuls were left standing; these were then torched by Arab mobs.

The Temple destruction, which continued into the 10th of Av, was a harbinger of more tragedies to befall our people on that fateful day.

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