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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 9 February 2008/ 3 Adar I 5768

Service Times

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	4.20 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	5.53 pm
Shabbos next week	5.00 pm

We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to **Pamela and David Grant** on the wonderful occasion of their 20th wedding anniversary. The community wish them many more years of good health and happiness. Pamela and David with Craig and Ian have great pleasure in inviting the Kehilla to a Kiddush after the service in celebration of their Simchah.

Another thriving Shabbos afternoon **CCY (Clayhall Children & Youth)** took place last week. Sixteen young people enjoyed a fun-packed time and there were some new faces! There are plans for a pre-Purim event after the overwhelming success of the Tu Bishvat event. More details will be announced soon.

Torah Reading

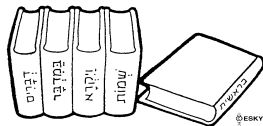
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Rabbi Nissan Wilson

Ian Grant

The success of the Tu Bishvat Messy Afternoon has been captured by the media with colour photographs and a write-up in both the *Ilford Recorder* and *Jewish Chronicle*.
Well done to those involved!



This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Myrtle & Jacquelyn in celebration of Pamela & David's 20th anniversary

Children's & Youth Service: 10.30 am - 11.30 am (alternate weeks)

Weekday Services

Shacharis: Monday to Friday, 7.00 am. Sunday @ 8.15 am.

Shacharis Rosh Chodesh: 6.45 am Monday to Friday.

Shacharis Rosh Chodesh: 8.00 am Sundays.

Minchah: 1.45 pm, Monday to Thursday.

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

Sunday breakfasts: 17 February, 9 March & 6 April.

Israel 60 Fund Raiser

The local organising committee for the Israel 60 Celebrations are holding a Supper Quiz on **Sunday 9th March** at Ilford Synagogue, Beehive Lane to raise funds to enable Israeli Groups to visit London in May. The cost is £12.50 per person and Shuls are being asked to make up tables of ten people. You can receive further details about this from Michelle in the Shul office. Please telephone her on 020 8551 6533.

60 Days For 60 Years

60 Days for 60 Years: Israel sees the publication of the latest book in the "60 Days" series. Beginning on the 9th March 2008, each day for 60 days, thousands of participants will read one essay in commemoration of the lives that have been lost in Israel due to the war or terror. Ending on Yom Hazikaron, the day before Israel's 60th Yom Ha'atzmut, this project seeks to engage people from all over the world with Israel the Land and Israel the People. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the amazing feats that have seen Israel grow and prosper. Each essay has been written to inspire the participants both about Israel and Judaism. More details to follow soon.

L'Chaim @ Chigwell

L'Chaim is a brand new and exciting educational and cultural initiative organised by Chigwell & Hainault Shul. You can download programme details off the Shul Website at: www.chigshul.net
L'Chaim runs on Monday evenings from 8.00 to 10.15 and the spring term begins on 25th February until 17 March. Among the choice of sessions, Jonny Levy is also running a youth programme. Topics are varied and they include Practical Ethics for the Workplace and your Personal Life created by the Jewish Association for Business Ethics, Four (Overlooked) Biblical Characters, a Film Festival, Israel's Battle of Ideas and Anglo-Jewish History. The booking line is 8500 2451.

Rosh Chodesh Group

The Ladies Rosh Chodesh group resumes on **Tuesday 12th February 2008**. Rebbetzin Edna Wilson will be speaking about, "It's a bugs life - checking fruit and vegetables." The evening starts at 8.30 pm at the home of Rabbi & Rebbetzin Wilson, 15 Redbridge Lane East. All ladies are warmly welcomed and refreshments will be served.

New Contemporary Issues Series

Rabbi Wilson will be launching a second series of controversial but very interesting talks on Tuesday 19th February in different members' homes at 8.30 pm. Venues will be announced nearer the time.

Tuesday February 19th

Ghosts, Ghouls and Demons – The Occult in Jewish Thought

Tuesday March 4th

Heart, Liver & Kidneys – Organ Donors and Presumed Consent

Tuesday March 18th

Is This Armageddon? – World Wars and the End of Days

Siddur Navigation

The structure of the Siddur, and the order of the Shabbos Morning Service.

A 3-part course on knowing your Siddur as your best friend.

Wednesday evenings 8.30pm at Clayhall Shul, RJCC:

March 5th

March 12th

March 19th

Minyan Request

Although the Shacharis services normally, thank G-d, get a Minyan, it is only through much hard work by a small number of dedicated people.

Over the next week, the Minyan will be 'losing' 3 regulars for a period of 2 weeks, 2 months and 5 months. This will badly affect numbers and the dark, winter mornings do not help either. We implore you to redouble your efforts by support. Those who sadly need to say Kaddish will be forever grateful.

Purim

This year the Fast of Esther falls on **Thursday 20 March**. The Megillah reading will take place after the fast finishes at about 7.15 pm. All service times will be confirmed soon. The 2nd Megillah reading will be on Friday 21 March (public holiday) and, again, further details and arrangements will be announced shortly.

Tribe Community Membership

Tribe Community Membership (TCM) is the fantastic new membership scheme for singles aged 21-30 from Tribe. For just £5 a month TCM makes you part of your local community by giving you full membership of your local United Synagogue. (At last you can eat as much of the Kiddush as you like without feeling guilty!) Plus, you'll get a TCM card that will give you great deals on a whole host of services. Speak to Michelle in the office.

The Charity Solution by Rabbi Shaul Rosenblatt

A poor man once came to my house, and my first wife (*a"h*) answered the door. She was very suspicious of the story he told, but at the same time, didn't want to send away someone in need. So she gave him a small amount. He took the money, but said he was starving as he hadn't eaten in days and needed more money to buy some food. My wife, ever the resourceful one, said that if he waited just a minute she would make him some sandwiches. He said that he didn't want sandwiches, he wanted money! She said that surely if he was starving, sandwiches would be better. At that point, he left in search of greener pastures. He was starving, but clearly not starving enough to want to eat! When the Jewish people, in this week's Sedra, are asked to donate funds for the Tabernacle, they are not asked for money. Rather, they are asked for materials - gold, silver, bronze, cloth, wood, etc. I think this and the story with my wife illustrate the same principle: When giving charity, it is very easy to write a check and say goodbye. The Torah tells us that this is not what charity should be about. Charity is not about giving money; it is about solving problems: It is about taking responsibility.

G-d tells the Jewish people: Don't write your charity cheques out to Moshe and expect him to go shopping with the money. The Tabernacle is your responsibility as much as it is his. Figure out what is needed and bring it. Similarly, when a man who is starving comes to your door, don't give him money and make him go off to buy food - give him a meal. When a man needs £10,000 for an operation, don't give him £1000 and send him off to find the rest. Call nine of your friends and solve the problem. Charity is not just about "lightening the burden" that another is carrying; it is about taking the burden away.

Another mistake people make is to think: *If I'm not wealthy, I can't give charity*. Money is a small part of what we have to give to charity. Time, energy, support, love and friendship usually mean a great deal more. In addition to giving 10% of our income to help others, we should also give 10% of our time. When involved in my very uncomfortable activity of fundraising, I often tell people that the problems of the Jewish community are yours, just as much as they are mine. Don't write me a cheque and say goodbye. I won't let you get off the hook that easy! Get involved and work to solve the problems of the Jewish community alongside me. Charity is about taking personal responsibility for a problem. Whether giving a starving man food, or providing materials for the Tabernacle. It's not just about money. It's about solutions.

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