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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 16 February 2008/ 10 Adar I 5768

Service Times

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	4.35 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	6.05 pm
Shabbos next week	5.13 pm

We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to **Sylvia and Morris Lancod** on the wonderful occasion of their Diamond wedding anniversary. Sylvia and Morris have great pleasure in inviting the Kehilla to a Kiddush after the Service in celebration of their Simchah.

On **Sunday 24 February**, Clayhall Shul is hosting David Olesker, Founder and Director of the Jerusalem Center for Communication and Advocacy Training. His topic is "Advocating for Israel - How to win when you can't afford to lose." This is a rare opportunity to hear a fine and erudite speaker putting the case for Israel. The address begins at 7.30 pm in the Board room followed by refreshments. Mr Olesker is being brought to the UK by the Jewish Learning Exchange (JLE) and we have been given this unique chance to hear him.

Torah Reading

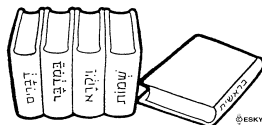
Leyning: Tetzaveh
Hertz p 339, Soncino p 519

Haftarah:
Hertz p 350, Soncino p 536

Rabbi Nissan Wilson

Leigh Finegold

The Shul needs your insertions for the Clayhall Calendar. You can announce birthdays, weddings, anniversaries or commemorate a Yahrzeit. Forms were sent out recently and more can be obtained from the Shul office.



This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Sylvia & Morris Lancod in celebration of their 60th wedding 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.

Breakfast Club

Tomorrow after Shacharis, we shall be holding our monthly smoked salmon and beigel breakfast. Davening starts at 8.15 am and it would be nice to see some new faces for breakfast. The Shul is keen to encourage sponsorship of the monthly breakfast so we are only looking for about 11 or 12 people a year. The cost is £35. Please speak to either the Wardens or call Michelle in the office to book your specific month.

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.

Israeli Dancing Course

Ladies - do you want to learn how to simchah dance? Then come to a 4-week Israeli dance course starting on **Wednesday 27th February** at 8.00pm, Ilford Jewish Primary School. The cost is £10 per person if paid in advance or otherwise it is £3 per evening. To book a place, please call the school on 020 85514294.

New Contemporary Issues Series

Rabbi Wilson's second series of controversial but interesting talks begins this Tuesday 19th February at 8.30 pm. Don't be late!

Tuesday February 19th

Venue from the office

Ghosts, Ghouls and Demons – The Occult in Jewish Thought

Tuesday March 4th

Venue from the office

Heart, Liver & Kidneys – Organ Donors and Presumed Consent

Tuesday March 18th

Venue from the office

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.

Pesach Supplement 2008

The London Beis Din Kashrus Division Pesach Supplement 2008 will be available three weeks before Pesach. You can either download it from www.theus.org/passover or you can call the United Synagogue on 020 8343 6247 and a copy will be posted to you free of charge. The supplement includes a practical guide to the laws that apply this year when Erev Pesach falls on Shabbos.

If You've got it - Use it by Adam Lieberman

In this week's Sedra, G-d gives the specifications on how the High Priest's clothing is to be made. Since this entire process requires very precise work, G-d wanted the clothing to be made by: "...*the wise-hearted people whom I have invested with... wisdom.*" (Shemos 28:3)

G-d wanted those individuals whom He "*invested with ... wisdom*" to be the ones in charge of making the High Priest's clothing. What does it mean that G-d **invested** wisdom? It means exactly what is meant by any other investment - a return on the investment isn't merely hoped for, but expected. G-d makes an investment in each and every one of us when He gives each of us a unique and special talent. Would you put all your money into a bank whose policy was never to pay any interest on the accounts? Of course not. Universally, every person born to caring parents has heard that he is "unique in your own way." As children, we embrace this truism and tap into our special talents in one way or another. Whether we have a passion and excitement for mathematics, music, art, writing, or cooking - as youngsters we're clearly aware of the things that come easy to us and that bring us joy. In fact, we often wonder why everyone else has such a hard time with what comes so naturally to us. This is called G-d-given talent that was a pure gift from your Creator. But then one of the saddest things happen as a person gets older - he stops using or fails to channel this talent. Instead, he squashes it and convinces himself that the invested talent isn't really that big of a deal. What an unbelievably huge mistake to make. You have the responsibility - not just the option - to use whatever unique talent G-d has given you, and give G-d a return on His investment. Just like you would pull your money out of an investment that never paid you a return, you run the very real risk of G-d "pulling" this talent He gave to you if you don't use it. This could happen in a thousand ways, but the gradual or immediate loss of this ability you had from birth will eventually happen. So use what you've been given. We're all designed for greatness. And the one-way ticket to accomplish greatness is to use the talent you were given at birth to make the world a better place. G-d expects a return on His investment. And when you use what you've been given, you're immediately beginning to pay interest on the investment. And then watch how much more you get entrusted with.

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