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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 5 April 2008/ 29 Adar II 5768

Service Times (Parashas Ha'Chodesh)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	7.00 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	8.29 pm
Shabbos next week	7.30 pm

Today is **Shabbos Mevarachim** when we bless the new month of Nisan. Rosh Chodesh begins tonight and lasts one day. After Shacharis tomorrow (Sunday), we shall be having our monthly smoked salmon and beigel breakfast replete with all the usual trimmings. Shacharis begins 15 minutes earlier at 8.00 am.

A full Pesach service time list has just been sent to members in your bumper pre-Pesach mailing. Some of the Pesach service times are printed inside. We apologise for the oversight last week which was well spotted by one eagle-eyed member! The Fast of the First Born takes place on Thursday 17th April and not Friday 18th April as stated.

Torah Reading

Leyning: Tazria

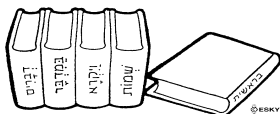
Hertz p 460, Soncino p 674

Maftir: Shemos 12: 1-20 (p 253, p 386)

Haftorah:

Hertz p 1001, Soncino p 1195 **Victor Shafier**

Parashas Ha'Chodesh completes the cycle of the four special Shabbasos before Pesach. It always falls on the Shabbos before the 1st of Nisan or on Rosh Chodesh Nisan itself.



This week's Clayhall Kehilla has been kindly sponsored by Anne & Mike Yeshin in celebration of their Silver Wedding

Children's & Youth Service: 10.30 am - 11.30 am

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: 6 April & 4th May.

Why Is This Year Different?

The problems that arise when Erev Pesach falls on Shabbos are not new.

For an in-depth practical guide, go to:
<http://www.kosher.org.uk/documents/WhyIsThisYearDifferent.doc>

This is a booklet written by Rabbi Philip Ginsbury. He will take you on a step-by-step path in preparing for Pesach. Rabbi Wilson also intends to speak about this interesting topic over the next couple of weeks.

Sale or No-Sale?

The sale of chametz carried out today is a legally binding sale using a contract. The sale is usually carried out by a Rabbi on behalf of a community. Various methods of transaction are used. The buyer purchases outright all the products listed on the sale forms. After pesach, the Rabbi and the non-Jew meet up again at which point the Rabbi demands payment in full or the return of the chametz. When the non-Jew chooses the latter, the sale is reversed and the chametz falls back into the property of the Rabbi.

Differences continued...!

The Fast of the Firstborn usually takes place the day before Pesach. Since we do not fast on Shabbos, it is brought forward to Thursday. The celebration Siyum meal made at the end of studying a Talmudic tractate, which exempts a firstborn from fasting, takes place after Shacharis on Thursday 17 April. **The search for chametz** usually takes place the night before Pesach but this year that would be Friday night, and the use of the candle is forbidden on Shabbos. The search therefore takes place Thursday night after nightfall. **The burning of the chametz** is done on Friday 18 April in the morning before 11.50. The *Kol Chamira* declaration which annuls any left over chametz is omitted as a quantity of bread must be left for Shabbos. The Shabbos morning service is held early (7.00am) so as to finish eating chametz by 10.39am.

Parashas HaChodesh

This extra reading reminded the Jewish people that Pesach was approaching so that they could make preparations for the pilgrimage. To go up on foot to Jerusalem on Pesach was more important than on the other Chagim, for the mitzvah of bringing the special Pesach-sacrifice was included in this pilgrimage.

Selected Pesach Service Times

Thursday 17th April—Fast of the Firstborn

Shacharis: 6.40 am

Friday 18th April

Minchah: 7.30 pm followed by Kabbalos Shabbos

Shabbos 19th April—Shabbos HaGadol (Erev Pesach)

Shacharis: **7.00 am** (Finish eating Chametz by 10.39 am)

Minchah: 7.30 pm

Ma'ariv: 8.45 pm (Seder not to start before 8.55 pm)

Sunday 20th April—1st day Pesach

Shacharis: 9.00 am

Minchah: 7.40 pm

Ma'ariv: 8.05 pm (2nd Seder not to start before 8.56 pm)

Monday 21st April—2nd day Pesach

Shacharis: 9.00 am

Minchah: 7.45 pm followed by a Shiur & Ma'ariv at 8.58 pm.

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experience of a lifetime!
Something for posterity.

Yom Ha'atzmaut

The Israel 60 Gala Show takes place on **Thursday 8 May** at the Wembley Arena. The community Shlichah, Revital Shloman is organising a coach if at least 50 people book locally. The cost would be £35 per person all inclusive. Call her on 8418 2114 or email: rshloman@jcare.org Show highlights include Jackie Mason and the IDF Entertainment Troupe plus much more.

CCY Events & Dates

CCY (Clayhall Children & Youth), has many events lined up over the next few months. Full details will be sent out nearer the time but just to whet the appetite, CCY can reveal:
Shabbos 3rd May: Activity afternoon
Monday 26th May: Lag B'Omer Family Picnic
Sunday 1 June: Mums & Daughters Baking
Sunday 1 June: Shavous Messy afternoon
Monday 9 June: Shavous Ice Cream Party
Shabbos 12 July: 1st CCY Shabbos lunch
Shabbos 6 September: Activity afternoon
Sunday 7 September: Activity Day

Pre-Pesach Programme

The Rabbinical Council of NE London presents **Dayan Menachem Gelley** of the London Beis Din on Tuesday 8 April. He will be speaking on '*Leaven on Earth: A New approach to Chametz and Pesach*' at 7.45 pm at RJCC. On the same evening, our SpeedLearning Rabbis and Rebbetzins will provide a fantastic choice of topics to choose from.

The Billionaire Philanthropist by Adam Leiberman

G-d instructs the Jewish people on the specific sacrifices a woman needs to bring in order to purify herself after childbirth. After a certain number of days: *"Upon the completion ... of her purity ... she shall bring a sheep.... But if she cannot afford a sheep, then she shall take two turtledoves or two young doves ... and she shall become purified."* (Vayikra 12:6-8).

A LIFE LESSON

An identical spiritual purification takes place whether a woman brings a sheep or can only afford to bring two doves. The Torah is teaching a powerful lesson. A person needs to give - or offer - commensurate with his abilities. When he does, the identical process takes place.

Since G-d is the only One who could ever provide spiritual atonement for someone's sins, He also set up a system whereby He determines what can "cleanse" a person of their contamination. When a woman offers an animal based upon her own financial abilities, then a cleansing process occurs. If she offers less than she is able to give, it doesn't occur. The exact same thing can be said when a person does an act of kindness. For example, if someone is very wealthy and donates millions of dollars to charity, this is certainly a wonderful act. Let's compare this person to someone who isn't as wealthy and can only afford to donate a hundred dollars. Just as the identical spiritual cleansing takes place regardless of whether someone brings a sheep or a dove, so too does each person who gives based upon his own abilities receive the identical spiritual **reward**. Each person is striving to give according to his means. We live in a society where "more" seems so much better. But when it comes to acts of kindness, it's never about the amount; it's all about our ability.

Your circumstances will sometimes prevent you from giving in the way you really would like and then you'll get "hung up" on this fact. If you do this, you missed the point. We must give not based upon our desire - but rather based upon our ability. And when you honestly give based upon your ability, then your "spiritual reward" is equal to all those who also gave based upon their ability. So instead of being disappointed the next time you can't give in the way you would like, take much comfort in knowing that G-d only wants you to give based upon your ability. And when you recognize and live this truism, you'll always give with a billion dollar attitude.

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