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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

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Service Times (Clayhall Shabbaton)

Shacharis	9.00 am
Pre-Shabbos Minchah Shiur	8.00 pm
Minchah followed by Seudah	8.45 pm
Ma'ariv & Shabbos ends	10.17 pm
Shabbos next week	7.30 pm

We extend a very warm welcome to **Rabbi Danny Kirsch** who is our esteemed guest speaker for our annual Shabbaton. Rabbi Kirsch is the founder and director of the '**Jewish Learning Exchange**' in Golders Green. You can read more about our speaker and the JLE inside your *Clayhall Kehilla*.

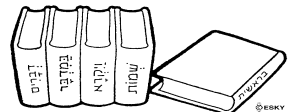
Before Musaf, we will break for Kiddush and a sparkling hot and delicious cholent. After the Service, Rabbi Kirsch will deliver his keynote talk in Shul followed by questions and answers. Lunch will follow and then we will split into two sessions. Ice cream delights will bring our Shabbaton to a close about 3.45 pm. Rabbi Wilson's excellent and probing **pre-Shabbos Minchah Shiur** continues this evening at 8.00 pm.

Torah Reading

Leyning: Balak
Hertz p 669, Soncino p 915
Haftarah:
Hertz p 682, Soncino p 929

Rabbi Nissan Wilson

Gabriel Simons



"The Gan" an IJPS pre-school nursery for children aged 2-3 years, opens this September. Further details are available from the school on 8551 4294.

*This week's Clayhall Kehilla is kindly sponsored by
Lester Harris on the occasion of his birthday*

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: 3rd August & 7th September.

Tisha B'Av

The Fast of Av, the saddest day in the Jewish calendar begins on Saturday evening 9 August at 8.34 pm and ends on Sunday 10 August at 9.21 pm. We will daven Shabbos Minchah at **7.10 pm** followed by the Seudah Shilishis but without the usual banter and singing. On Sunday afternoon, Rabbi Wilson will be organising a fitting and appropriate event in keeping with the sombre mood of the day.

Fast of Tammuz

The Fast of Tammuz begins at 1.05am on **Sunday 20 July** and ends at 10.00pm the same day. The Fast starts the period of 'The Three Weeks' of mourning culminating with Tisha B'Av on 10 August. The 17th of Tammuz (*Sheva Asar B'Tammuz*) commemorates the breaching of the walls of Jerusalem by Titus at the time of the Second Temple. At the time of the destruction of the First Temple, the walls were breached on the 9th of Tammuz. In order not to burden the community excessively the Rabbis did not designate both days as fast days because of their proximity. They rather chose the 17th of Tammuz to honour both events since the Second Temple's destruction is to us a greater calamity than that of the first destruction.

We will daven Shacharis at the normal time of **8.15 am**. This will include Selichos and leyning and last about 30 minutes longer than usual. Minchah will begin at **8.30 pm** immediately followed by Ma'ariv.

Pimms & Ice Cream Kiddush

We shall be holding our summer Pimms and Ice Cream Kiddush on **Shabbos 26th July**. In addition to the delectable treats, there will be Stella for the more discerning! Alongside Wimbledon and Royal Ascot, this event parallels in style and sophistication. Don't miss it.

A Cute Shabbos Message

"The week does not carry Shabbos ... Shabbos carries the week." You get out of Shabbos what you put into Shabbos, from the clothes you wear to the food you eat. Preparing is part of Shabbos. Even if one has help to do the cooking and cleaning, one must still personally prepare something in honour of the day.

Rabbi Danny Kirsch

Rabbi Danny Kirsch was raised in rural Hampstead Garden Suburb, where he caught the community involvement bug as a youth leader and a communal activist. Early career moves led him to the fashion industry. However, it was the Jewish community which eventually won the day. Five years in Israel at Ohr Somayach Yeshiva prepared him to return as a Rabbi to England with his wonderful wife, Jackie, and run the exciting outreach organisation that the Jewish Learning Exchange (JLE) is today. As Director, Rabbi Danny Kirsch takes responsibility for ensuring there are funds available to finance the hundreds of programmes the JLE runs each year.

The aim of the JLE is to show the relevance and deeper meaning of Judaism to 21st century Jews and to enable them to make informed life decisions by providing the highest quality educational and social opportunities in a relevant and welcoming environment.

You can visit the JLE's website for all the latest news and events diary. It is also packed with excellent articles and audio facilities. Log onto www.jle.org.uk or you can call the JLE on 020 8458 4588.

Book your Rosh Hashanah greetings in the Shul magazine. Spare forms are available from the Shul office. Don't delay.

Israel60 Shiur

Rabbi Alex Chapper is this afternoon's speaker from the local summer shiurim of Redbridge Rabbonim. It takes place at 367 Cranbrook Road, Ilford at 6.00 pm. His interesting and controversial title is: "***Land for Peace.***" Each of the five shiurim take Israel@60 as their central theme. Next week sees the turn of **Rabbi Moshe Muller** of Chabad Lubavitch.

Next Week in Jewish History

The Yahrzeit of Alfred Dreyfus (1859 - 1935), a French army officer who was falsely arrested and charged with treason is on **11th Tammuz (Monday)**. Dreyfus was the victim of a frame-up; falsified documents were exposed in a famous open letter entitled *J'accuse!*. The Dreyfus Affair bitterly divided French society for many years. Dreyfus was stripped of his rank and sentenced to life imprisonment on Devil's Island. (Five years later, he was released and later pardoned.) Theodor Herzl, a Jewish journalist reporting on the trial, was so affected by the anti-Semitism and injustice, that he committed his life to vigorously pursuing the cause of Zionism.

Five Calamities of 17 Tammuz

Apart from the breaching of the Jerusalem walls already mentioned, the first set of Tablets were broken when Moshe descended from Sinai and saw the Jewish people worshiping the golden calf. The daily sacrificial offering ceased in the first Temple since *Cohanim* no longer found sheep available for the offerings. At the destruction of the second Temple, Apostomous the wicked burned the Torah and placed an idol in the sanctuary.

***The Jewish Learning Exchange by Mrs Judy Silkoff
(adapted from an article posted on 25th October 2006)***

The Jewish Learning Exchange first started in 1986, when Rabbi Kirsch and his wife Jackie returned to the UK from Israel to set up a branch of the Ohr Somayach Jewish learning Institution. They partnered the opening of a small centre in the West End of London to service those living in the area, but eventually it became clear that what was really needed was a facility situated in the heart of London's Jewish community. These days, the JLE Centre holds over 80 classes attended by around 1000 people every week, and has seen its team grow from just two dedicated couples to 18 full and 30 part-time equally enthusiastic staff members. Browsing through the JLE's diary, one immediately gets a sense of just how much is on offer at the centre, and how many people the wide variety of classes, workshops and learning opportunities appeal to. In recent years the JLE has also started to venture further afield. The campus programme organises debates and seminars at schools and universities around the country. The Eastern European tours see about 200 children and young adults a year visiting Poland. Every year the JLE sends tens of young people to Israel to further their Jewish studies.

One thing that the JLE truly prides itself on is its professionalism and its ability to source the best Jewish speakers and educators. Rabbis Professor Dovid Gottlieb, Dr Ivan Lerner, Berel Wein, Dovid Kaplan and Dovid Orlofsky are just a few examples of the international lecturers and authors who have frequented the podium at the JLE. "The warm atmosphere, comfy sofas and all the Rabbis' willingness to answer my questions make the JLE an environment in which I feel really comfortable," says one satisfied customer. "The JLE is a huge part of our lives; we are passionate about its continual growth and development. It has changed us for the better," comments another. And finally, "The JLE has given me focus, direction and peace of mind." Despite its tangible success, the JLE constantly looks to the future, aiming to find ways to touch the lives of more and more Jews. The organisation has just opened a new branch in South and West Hampstead and is running increasing numbers of programmes in the city. "We want to be where the people are," says Rabbi Kirsch, "both physically and psychologically." And from the reactions of the thousands of men and women who come into contact with the JLE each year, it's eminently clear that the people want to be where the JLE is too.

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