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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 2 May 2009/ 8 Iyar 5769

Service Times

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah	7.50 pm
Shabbos ends	9.19 pm
Shabbos next week	7.30pm

We welcome **Yossi Hambling** to Clayhall who will be leyning for us this morning as Rabbi Wilson is away for Shabbos.

In addition to tomorrow (Sunday), Shacharis on Monday will also be at **8.15 am** as it is bank holiday.

Last Sunday's 5-a-side **Dads n'Lads football** held after the monthly breakfast was very successful. Players were able to display their skills outside on the astroturf in warm sunshine. The dazzling array of silky foot movements were of course led by the irrepressible Rabbi Redberg who consistently failed to carve his way through anything. The boys put the adults to shame with Arron "Cesc" Goldberg running rings round everyone. The hapless anonymous dads huffed and puffed through 50 painful minutes and are left with just four weeks to recover & regroup!

Torah Reading

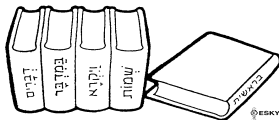
Leyning: Acharei-Kedoshim
Hertz p 480, Soncino p 705

Haftorah:
Hertz p 509, Soncino p 735

Yossi Hambling

Felton Wald

Please join the Clayhall Shul Facebook group so that you can receive regular updates and invitations to Shul events. It's absolutely free!



You can sponsor the Clayhall Kehilla for just £15 in celebration of a simchah or to commemorate a Yahrzeit, or for no reason at all!

Children's Service: 10.30 am - 11.15 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: 25th May, 28th June & 2nd August

Genesis...Something New

The Shul's new fund raising committee kicks off with its inaugural function on **Sunday 17 May**. This is a Chicago Bridge and Kalooki evening. Tickets at just £6 each are available from Philip Shamplina, Vivienne Agassi or the shul office. Light refreshments will be served. Don't delay in booking.

Weather permitting, a Garden Party is planned for 21 June and further information will be provided soon. On **Sunday 18 October**, Genesis presents a Grand Quiz Supper Evening with the Number One quiz inquisitor, Michael Finger. Put this date in your diary!

Tikun Leil Shavuos

One of our annual highlights is the Tikun Leil Shavuos. Single malts, lashings of cheesecake, and some great home-grown, inspiring words of Torah provide the perfect blend. We are delighted that Freda & Leslie Pollock are again hosting the event. It starts on **Thursday 28 May** at 11.45 pm until about 3.30 am. We will then daven Shacharis around 4.00 am. For those not too nocturnal, the Shavuos morning service will be repeated at 9.00 am in Shul!

Shul Calendar 5770

Your insertions are needed for the new Shul calendar. Birthdays, anniversaries, yahrtzeits can be included. This year, Bar and Bas mitzvah dates can be highlighted. Forms were recently sent out but there are spare ones in the office. These should either be returned to **Ruth Lyndon** directly or given to Deana in the office. If you have had a simchah since 1 March or will be celebrating one before 15 July, let **Cynthia Simmons** have a photograph for the Rosh Hashanah edition of *Shalom*. Contact her on 8550 8018.

New Shiur Series

Rabbi Wilson's afternoon Shabbos Shiur series will be based on *Be'er Hagulah* of the Maharal of Prague. This far reaching classic work of the Maharal teaches us to analyse the Aggadic passages of the Talmud and unlock the deeper wisdom hidden within. The Shiurim begin next **Shabbos 9 May**. They will always start 50 minutes before Minchah. Next weeks inaugural Shiur therefore begins at 7.10 pm.

Clayhall Community Shabbaton

Our flagship event of the year takes place on Shabbos 23th May 2009. We are very honoured and privileged to welcome **Rabbi Yehudah Lieberman** as our scholar-in-residence. Rabbi Lieberman is the head of the prestigious Edgware Kollel and is an experienced educator and lecturer. His engaging style and sharp wit have made him one of the most popular speakers in NW London. He is a highly respected scholar and thinker and has made a vast contribution to both formal and informal education.

The exciting programme starts with Shacharis at 9.00 am. A hot cholent and buffet Kiddush follows the service at 11.30 am. At 12.15 pm, Rabbi Lieberman will talk about "*Standing the test of time: Building lasting relationships in a disposable society.*" After the community Shabbos lunch, there is a choice of programme with either Rabbi Wilson speaking on "Mercy Killing? Euthanasia and the Value of Life" or Rabbi Lieberman offering "Tradition, Religion and the Generation Gap." Ice-creams at about 3.45 pm will bring the day to a close.

There will be a full children's programme and an action-packed day for teenagers. We would like as many families as possible to attend and application forms are either available online or through the recent mailing. They must be returned to the Shul office **no later** than Thursday 14th May. Cost is £13 per adult, £8 for under 16's and £5 for under 12's.

Kashrus Alert

Walkers Salt & Vinegar Crisps, listed on page 48 of *The Really Jewish Food Guide 2009* as approved and Parev, have just changed formulation and are now **Dairy**. The new, Dairy crisps can be identified by checking the ingredients declaration on the pack, which now includes lactose and milk powder. For product related enquiries email info@kosher.org.uk.
Bon appétit!

Rosh Chodesh Group

A hands-on Challa baking demonstration will be the practical subject of the next Rosh Chodesh meeting. Led by Rebbetsen Wilson, this takes place on **Tuesday 5th May** at 8.30 pm at 19 Lakeside Avenue.

Clayhall AGM 2009

The Clayhall Shul AGM takes place here on **Tuesday 19 May at 8 pm**. Voting begins from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. All nominations have now closed and the candidate lists will be sent to members in due course. The AGM is a real opportunity to voice your comments and opinions on Shul matters. The Honorary Officers want to encourage a healthy debate and it is hoped that members will respond appropriately. The AGM will, as always, be preceded by a short DVD from the Community Security Trust.

The Omer Count (based on Artscroll Mesorah Series)

As the Sages teach, the Egypt ordeal had cast the Jews down to the 49th degree of spiritual contamination. Just a bit more and they would have fallen to the 50th and lowest level, the depth from which it would have been impossible to extricate themselves. Beginning with the 2nd day of Pesach - the day after they left Egyptian domination - they counted each passing day in anticipation of the rendezvous at Sinai. Day by day they rose from their stained level to the corresponding degree of holiness. Once again they were ready for the prophecy at Sinai. This time it was not an unearned gift, but a deserved prize.

In the words of **Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzatto**:

"The matter of Sefiras HaOmer (ie., the counting of the Omer, the 49 days from Pesach to Shavuot) is as follows: 50 gates of understanding were created in the world, and Moshe's degree of comprehension included 49 gates, but he could not comprehend the 50th gate, which is the ultimate (level) of understanding.

Those (49 levels are the) 49 days of the counting of the Omer, and the Torah was given on the 50th day. Just as there are 49 gates of understanding and holiness, so there are 49 gates of spiritual contamination for G-d *has made one corresponding to the other* (*Koheles 7:14*) This means that Hashem makes influences for good and evil to balance one another, so that man will have the challenge of exercising his free will - the Good Inclination and the Evil Inclination, the one with its purity and the other with its contamination, in conflicting aspects. When Israel was in Egypt, they were sunk and soiled in 49 gates of contamination, and they had to escape from them. G-d wished to extricate Israel from them and to subjugate those 49 gates of contamination. But He did so step by step, by illuminating a gate of holiness opposite its corresponding gate of contamination, one on each of the days from after the first day of Pesach until Shavuot. This perfection is aroused anew every year by means of counting the 49 days of the Omer between Pesach, the day of liberation, until Shavuot, the day the Torah is given, which is the illumination of the 50th gate of understanding and holiness upon Israel."

Tubs containing an assortment of summer flowering plants have been ordered for **Shavuot**. After Shavuot they are available for members to purchase at a discounted rate of £15 each.

To reserve your tub, please let Deana know in the Shul office

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