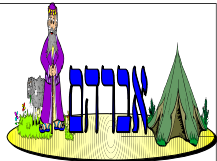




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The weekly newsheet of Clayhall United Synagogue

Shabbos 31 October 2009/ 13 Mar Cheshvan 5770

Service Times

Shacharis	9.00 am
Minchah followed by Seudah Shlishis	3.55 pm
Shabbos ends	5.24 pm
Shabbos next week	4.10 pm

We apologise for the absence of the Clayhall Kehilla last week. This was owing to technical problems preventing its production. Therefore, we wish a belated Mazel Tov to **Mildred and Mick Carlton** on the wonderful occasion of their Diamond Wedding anniversary celebrated last Shabbos.

Today, we wish Mazel Tov to **Craig Grant** on the occasion of his 21st birthday. Pamela & David have pleasure in inviting the Kehilla to a Kiddush after the service to celebrate the Simchah. Inside your action-packed Clayhall Kehilla, there is information about the forthcoming BUYcott campaign, CST training, the ladies Rosh Chodesh group, KidZone, and much more.

Torah Reading

Leyning: Lech L'Chah
Hertz p 45 Soncino p 60

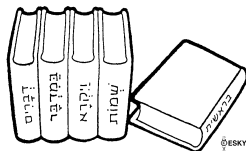
Haftorah:
Hertz p 60, Soncino p 82

Rabbi Nissan Wilson

Ivor Ross

All ladies are cordially invited to a CLASS (Clayhall Ladies Association) 'ideas' evening on Tuesday 17 November at 8.00 pm.

The venue is 22 Widcombe Gardens, home of Cynthia Simmons.



This week's Clayhall Kehilla is kindly sponsored by Raya & Gabriel Simons in celebration of the birth of their grand-daughter Shira Sheina

Children's Service: 10.30am - 11.15am (today)
Youth Service: 10.30am - 11.15am (next 7 November)

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

Sunday breakfasts: 22 November & 13 December (Chanukah)

KidZone

Launching on Shabbos afternoon, **14 November**, for all children from Reception to Year 6, **KidZone** is an exciting 90 minutes of fun, parachute games, drama, basketball, table tennis, Jewish experience and loads of nosh! It will run from 3.30 pm until 5.00 pm for once a month initially. Led by **Naomi Harris** and **Ian Grant**, your children will have a fantastic time. For more information, contact Deana in the Shul office or join the Clayhall Shul Facebook Group. The following two **KidZone** dates are Shabbos afternoons of **12 December** and **9 January 2010**. More details will be sent out via email in the next couple of weeks.

CST Training

On **Sunday 22nd November**, the CST is running a "Security Workshop" in the Redbridge area. It will be for two hours in the morning covering aspects of security of buildings, what to look out for and how to look out for it. This will be especially relevant for those standing outside our own building. The workshop is "non physical". Could you give names please to either Leslie, Robin or Geoff, or direct to the CST office. The venue will then be advised.

Responsible Parenting

This is an exciting joint project between **Ilford Jewish Primary School** and **SEED**. *Everyday Parenting for Everyday Parents* starts on Tuesday 10 November and runs for five weeks. The interesting sessions include:

- * I was a Great Parent until I had Kids
- * Blame vs Responsibility
- * Sibling Rivalry
- * Talk to Me Please
- * The Discipline Balance

Sessions run from **7.45 pm to 9.15 pm** at IJPS, Carlton Drive, Barkingside. To book your place or for more details, please email Deborah Harris on harris@ijpsonline.co.uk

Lunch and Learn

Eighteen people enjoyed the second Lunch and Learn recently last week. The next L&L takes place on **Thursday 26 November** at 12.45 pm in the Board room at RJCC. Rabbi Wilson's subject title will follow in due course. The cost is just £4 which includes lunch. It's a great way to spend some time.

BUYcott Campaign November 7th-14th

You may be aware that during the week of 7-14 November 2009, the Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) will be targeting the supermarkets **Waitrose** and **Morrisons** and demanding that they boycott Israeli goods, especially those from the Israeli settlements. The Board of Deputies and the Fair Play Campaign Group is leading a counter campaign encouraging the entire Jewish community to come out in force to buy Israeli goods in these supermarkets.

A recent email sent out by the Board of Deputies has a flyer attached with suggested actions individuals can take, including buying Israeli goods during that week at Morrisons and Waitrose, and writing and emailing the supermarkets with arguments on why boycotts are counterproductive. When doing so, please bear in mind that all UK supermarkets have consistently stocked Israeli goods and should be commended for doing so.

For more information, click onto www.fairplaycg.org.uk/BUYcott. The Fair Play Campaign Group was formed by the Board in 2006 and works to counter boycotts and other anti-Zionist campaigns.

Avos u'Banim

Over 20,000 "Fathers & Sons" have been learning together through the Avos U'Banim programme in America and the UK. Every Motzei Shabbos, dozens of boys sit down with their fathers for an hour of dedicated learning, love and attention. Boys who participate in the weekly session receive Avos U'Banim raffle tickets to win great prizes raffled weekly. Avos U'Banim continues to give children and young people the message that Torah and mitzvos can be rewarding in many ways.

The local Avos U'Banim takes place at **Ilford Federation Shul**, Coventry Road from **6.30 pm until 7.30 pm** every Saturday evening through the winter months. The first session begins **this evening** and all fathers and sons are warmly welcomed.

Israeli Dancing

Come on ladies - get your dance shoes on and prepare for another autumn of Israeli and Simcha dancing! This takes place at **Ilford Jewish Primary School** from 8.00 pm until 9.00 pm on Wednesday evenings, 21st October, 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th of November. The cost is just £4 per session. There is no need to pre-book; just turn up on the night.

Rosh Chodesh Group

The next Rosh Chodesh group will be on **Tuesday 17 November 2009** at 19 Lakeside Avenue at 8.30 pm. The guest speaker is **Rabbi Avromi Kahan** who will speak on "*A Day in the Life of a KLBD Shomer.*" The evening will also include a crash course on shomering so that you can be an effective Shomer in your own home. All ladies are warmly welcomed.

Jewish Horoscopes by Rabbi Shaul Rosenblatt

The Sages tell us that G-d took Avraham and lifted him into the heavens, above the stars themselves. This is probably not meant to be taken literally. They explain, however, the message. G-d was telling Avraham that he was now above the stars. The stars would have no influence on his future or the future of his children.

It often comes as a surprise for people to find out that Judaism does in fact believe in star signs and horoscopes. In Jewish thinking, a person's whole future is mapped out in the stars, and for one who knows how, reading the stars is like reading a book of the future. Now this does not mean that one should take too seriously what is said in the tabloid horoscopes. I am absolutely confident that someone with a real knowledge of how to read the stars would not bother writing for a newspaper.

It is, however, forbidden in Torah law for a Jew to read the stars or listen to someone who can do so. A Jew, as G-d told Avraham, should be "above the stars."

The only person whose future is mapped out in the stars is the one who does not take responsibility to make meaningful decisions in their life. If a person rides through life on auto-pilot, responding to circumstance based on how they feel, then their future is mapped out already. Their course through life has been charted. It is a life of cause and effect, which, for one who understands how, is entirely predictable.

It's like a ball in a frictionless pinball machine. If you know the starting acceleration and mass of the ball, as well as the location and force exerted on the ball by every bumper, you will be able to predict exactly where the ball will go. It's complex, but entirely predictable.

If, however, a human being is at the flippers, his free will now makes it impossible to determine how the ball will move. It is now completely within the hands of that person to decide.

So too in life: If a person takes the driver's seat and makes meaningful decisions, he can change the destiny mapped out for him. If he looks into himself to decide what he really wants from life, and charts a course to achieve it, then his future is in his own hands.

Our horoscopes are only as true as we allow them to be. Unfortunately, it is much easier to go through life on automatic pilot. Life can go where the stars say it will, or where we want it to go. The choice is entirely ours to make.

Rabbi Shaul Rosenblatt studied at Aish HaTorah, Jerusalem for 6 years. He is the co-founder of Aish HaTorah UK and he also founded Honestreporting.com. He is now the co-director of Tikun, teaching young people personal development.

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