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From the Editor's Desk

Happy Purim to all!

In the spirit of “VeNahafoch Hu”, readers will find some (hopefully) humorous additions to the bulletin, as well as some changes to our regular columns. I would like to thank all of you who contributed articles for this edition, both serious and not-so-serious. All of our readers are encouraged to submit material, either in person or by e-mail to bulletin@clantonpark.com.

Also, as always, I would like to apologize in advance to anyone for any mistakes in names, announcements, or accounts. To ensure your announcement makes it accurately to the bulletin, please send it to webmaster@clantonpark.com for inclusion in the Shul’s weekly e-mail posts, or speak to me in person.

As in the last bulletins, special thanks to my son Ezer for his assistance. Special thanks to my son Nafti, who has joined the editorial staff as well.

You can enjoy the full-colour version of the bulletin on the shul website at www.clantonpark.com.

Since the publication of our last bulletin, we were saddened to hear of the loss of Mr. Isadore Rubenstein. While I did not spend my childhood in this community, my experiences as a young adult in Clanton Park were sprinkled with iconic images of our beloved Izzy. His “Kee-DOOSH Le-vo-NOH!” and “Rubby-Dubby-Dubby” (while singing Mizmor LeDavid at Seuda Shlishis) were legendary, as was his meticulous Hebrew pronunciation. **יהי זכרו ברוך**.

Zeev Diena



Motza’ei Shabbos, March 19th immediately following Megillah we will have a delicious meal and fun entertainment for both children and adults!

Cost: \$15 for adults
\$10 for children ages 7 - 10
Children 7 and under FREE
\$60 Maximum per family (members)
To RSVP Call Manuel Kanner 416-636 6268
Email: kandev@hotmail.com



Message from the Rav's Son

Submitted by: Yitzy Weber

The Vilna Gaon says a beautiful Dvar Torah on the Megillah. There is a certain Midrash (*ed. Note: Esther Rabbah 2:1*) that says that the king Nebuchadnezzar had one thousand and eighty treasures which he hid by the Euphrates River. Rashi on the first pasuk of the Megillah explains that before Achashverosh ruled the Persian Empire, it was ruled by a man named Koresh (Cyrus). Who was this man? Koresh was the king who wanted to rebuild the Beis HaMikdash after it was destroyed. Since he sought to do this good deed, Hashem revealed to him where these treasures were hidden, in order that he should rebuild it with this wealth. However, before he even started the building, he was halted for certain reasons. When King Koresh passed away, our good friend Achashverosh became the king, and among the items that he inherited was this mass of treasure.






Towards the beginning of the Megillah, Rashi explains that Achashverosh did not descend from the Royal Family, rather he built himself up and eventually became the Emperor. This encouraged certain members of the royal family to not give him the proper honour he felt he deserved. Therefore, he decided to throw an expensive party which lasted for one hundred and eighty days that will show everybody how wealthy and important he really was. In the fourth pasuk of the Megillah, it says "Behar'oso es osher kavod malchuso ve'es yekar tiferes gedulaso." In English these words mean "To display his wealth, honour, kingdom, preciousness, beauty, and greatness." If you look at the pasuk carefully, these are six different types of significant things. It can be derived from this that every day, Achashverosh displayed six different treasures at the party for all of the one hundred and eighty days. If you multiply one hundred and eighty by six it comes out to one thousand and eighty. These treasures that he showed to the public were really the one thousand and eighty treasures which he inherited from the previous king, Koresh. The message that we can learn from this is that every single word in the torah is teaching us something in particular and absolutely nothing is extra.

A FREILECHEN PURIM!!!



Shiurim Updates

All of our shiurim are back in full swing, and any time is a great time to join! Please note the following *new* (or renewed) shiurim:

-  Gemara – Maseches Avodah Zarah – Tuesdays 6:45 pm
-  Gemara be'Iyun -- Maseches Berachos -- Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 pm
-  **Women's** Parshas Hashavua-in-depth – Mondays 8:30 pm
-  **Women's** Parshas Hashavua-in-depth – Tuesday 10:00 am
-  As well, the Wednesday night "Respona of the Great Poskim" shiur continues at 8:30 pm with the all-new topic: "The Conversion Maelstrom"



Message from the President

Note: Given the recent changes in the presidency, there was some confusion regarding who would write the president's page message. In the absence of a suitable message, we present the following story involving a shul president.

A Rabbi, a chazzan, and a shul president were driving to a seminar when they were kidnapped. The hijackers asked the three of them to hand over all of their money and jewellery. When they replied that they hadn't any, the hijackers told them that immediately, after their last wishes were fulfilled, they would be killed.

"My last wish," began the Rabbi, "is to give a fascinating, complicated, long drasha that I have always wanted to but never been allowed to give."

"We will grant your wish," the hijackers replied.

"My last wish," said the chazzan, "is to sing a beautiful, Yemenite-style song, one of my own compositions lasting two hours. I have never been allowed to sing it."

"We'll let you sing it," replied the hijackers.

"What is your last wish?" the hijackers asked the shul president.

"Please, please shoot me now."

Purim Davening Schedule

Ta'anis Esther - Thursday, March 17		Purim - Sunday, March 20	
Fast Begins	6:15 AM	Megillah -(Motza'ei Shabbos)	8:40 PM
Shacharis	6:30/6:55/8:00 AM	Late Megillah -(Motza'ei Shabbos)	9:25 PM
Earliest Tallis/Tefillin	6:30 AM	Shacharis	6:45/7:45/8:30 AM
Chatzos	1:27 PM	Late Megillah	9:15 AM
Mincha	7:05 PM	Mincha	3:00 PM
Ma'ariv	7:59 PM	Maariv	8:20 PM
Fast Ends	8:07 PM		

**Please Note the special late Megillah readings both night and day, as well as late Purim morning minyan .*

Mazel Tov!

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- ♦ Mazel Tov to Uri & Tamar Edell on the birth of their daughter, Nessya, in Teaneck, New Jersey. Mazel Tov to grandparents Joseph & Esty Edell, and to great-grandmother Mrs. Miriam Frankel.
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Chana & Mark Ross on the birth of their daughter, Maya Avigail. Mazel Tov to grandparents Judy & Eli Magder and Rose & Larry Ross, and to great-grandmother Sue Magder.
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Brian & Rebecca Lambert on the birth of their daughter, Temima. Mazel Tov to grandparents Mrs. Myrna Lambert (wife of the late Joseph Lambert, z"l), and Albert & Sandra Dorfman of Rockville, MD., and to uncles and aunts Michael & Noa Lambert and family of Jerusalem, and Alex & Beth Schaefer and family of Bethesda, MD. Mazel Tov also to the Aish community of Rockville, MD.
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Yehoshua & Miriam Kanner on the birth of their daughter, Tovah Leeba. Mazel Tov to grandparents Hersch & Penny Kanner, and Hershel & Joy Gardin of Detroit. Special Mazel Tov to great-grandparents Mrs. Mozelle Kanner, Willy & Sarah Wolfe, and Mrs. Ruth Gardin of Detroit.
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Itamar & Naomi Zolberg on the birth and bris of their son, Neriah.
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Leibe & Leah Warner on the birth and bris of their grandson, Eliyahu Menachem, born to Ari & Shoshana Belzberg. Mazel Tov to the other grandparents Brian & Shirley Belzberg, and to great-grandparents Mark & Julie Sapir and Sam Warner.
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Nick & Shevy Weinberg on the birth and bris of their son, Eliezer Yosef. Mazel Tov to grandparents Norm & Arlene Weisbart and Hershy & Elaine Weinberg, and to great-grandmother Mrs. Ruth Gilbert.
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Rabbi Meir & Jordanna Lipschitz on the birth and bris of their son, Zev Ben-zion. Mazel Tov to grandparents Ben & Hedy Lipschitz of New York, Paul & Suzanne Bregman of Ottawa, and Joel & Rhoda Paul of New Jersey, and great-grandparents Mrs. Margie Berger of New York, Mrs. Anne Brozovsky of Ottawa, and Mrs. Rose Bregman of Ottawa.
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Sid & Orna Wellman on the birth and bris of their grandson, Zev Yehuda, born to Moshe & Gila Nussen in Monsey, New York. Mazel Tov to the other grandparents, Levi Yitzchak & Libby Nussen, and to great-grandparents Menashe & Rivka Laiman and Mrs. Dorka Wellman. Mazel Tov as well to great uncle and aunt Dr. Brian & Shelley Lipson.

- ♦ Mazel Tov to David & Lola Herzig on the birth of great-grandsons Matan Kornberg, born to Abby & Josh Kornberg of New York, and Rafael Gold, born to Leigh & Seth Gold of Los Angeles. Mazel Tov to grandparents Dr. Sheldon & Cherry Herzig.
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Dr. Moshe & Renee Shields on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Nosson. Mazel Tov to Nosson's grandparents Dr. Yehudi & Ruth Shields and Mrs. Yona Schreiber, and to his entire family.
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Arthur & Bev Herzig on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughters Eliana and Adina Benia, (daughters of Mr. Bob Benia). Mazel Tov to grandparents Harry & Sara Gorman and David & Lola Herzig.
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Mrs. Miriam Frankel on the engagement of her grandson, Yair, son of Judy & Mark Frankel, to Miriam Katzenstein, daughter of Chaya & David Katzenstein of Highland Park, NJ. Mazel Tov as well to Yair's aunt and uncle, Esty & Joseph Edell.
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Arthur & Bev Herzig on the engagement of their son, Shmuel, (son of the late Dr. Tali Herzig, z"l) to Rebecca Turk, daughter of Jonah & Elizabeth Turk. Mazel Tov to grandparents David & Lola Herzig, Mrs. Sara Frankel, Harry & Sara Gorman, Irving & Rose Bravman, and Harry & Pnina Turk. Special Mazel Tov to great-grandmother Fajga Rusinek.
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Ephy & Sherry Nussbaum on the engagement of their son, Raphi, to Deena Fisherowitz of Denver, Col. Mazel Tov to Deena's parents Shlomo & Jana Fisherowitz, and to grandmothers Gilda Nussbaum, and Eva Hoffman of Montreal.
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Bobby & Sharon Silberstein on the engagement of their son, Tzvi, to Aliza Anisfeld of Monsey, New York. Mazel Tov to Aliza's parents Ashley & Bashi Anisfeld, and to grandparents Lili Silberstein, Dr. Aaron & Esther Nussbaum, Mrs. Esther Anisfeld, and Mrs. Jean Farber of New York.
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Ahuva Sochaczewski and Yaakov Schneider on their recent marriage. Mazel Tov to parents Shia & Rochel Sochaczewski and Rabbi & Mrs. Mendel Schneider of Chicago, Il. Mazel Tov to grandparents Mrs. Henya Sochaczewski, Dr. & Mrs. Yosef Lewittes of Riverdale, NY, Rebbetzin Schneider of Brooklyn, NY, and Mr. & Mrs. Herman Lazar of Chicago, Il.
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Ilana (Lany) Phillip and Tzvika Shubitz on their recent marriage in Yerushalayim. Mazel Tov to parents Francine & Milan Phillip and Mrs. Orna Shubitz, and to grandparents Mrs Ruth Kirshenblatt and Professor Moshe Shubitz.
- ♦ **Special Mazel Tov to Morris Perl** on reaching his 90th birthday. We wish Morris and Margaret continued *arichas yamim ve'shanim tovim*.
- ♦ **Special Mazel Tov to David Herzig** on reaching his 90th birthday on February 24th. Mr. Herzig and his wife, Lola, have been members of our shul since 1956. Mr. Herzig has served as the shul's Gabbai, High Holiday ticket master, chazzan, and ba'al koreh of Torah, Megillas Esther, and Kinos for over five decades. We wish David and Lola continued *arichas yamim ve'shanim tovim*.

Condolences to the families of:

- ♦ Mr. Herman Klein a"h, husband of Mrs. Rivka Klein and father of Tibor, Jerry, Martin, and Larry Klein.
- ♦ Adin Wellman a"h, son of Sid and Orna Wellman.
- ♦ Mrs. Lily Frank Grossman a"h, mother of Mrs. Judy Lazar.
- ♦ Mr. Isadore Rubenstein a"h, husband of Mrs. Esther Rubenstein and father of Debby Klugman, Shmuel Rubenstein, and Eli Rubenstein.
- ♦ Mrs. Yetta Greenberg a"h, mother of Irving , Jerry and Saul Greenberg.
- ♦ Mrs. Ita Bialik a"h, mother of Laura Vinegar.

May the families merit to celebrate simchas in the future!

Shul and Community Events

Shul Chanukah Party

The Shul's annual Chanukah Party and Talent Show took place December 4th, Motza'ei Shabbos Chanukah, in the Meyer Pik social hall. Older participants were treated to a yummy Melave Malka meal, as well as bingo and prizes, led by our bingo-caller extraordinaire, Yaakov Travis. Younger children enjoyed a reptile petting zoo downstairs. Inexplicably, nobody but the bulletin editor's family seemed to remember that the event was billed as a talent show. With Maccabean courage, the handsomely bow-tied Diena quartet performed their hair-raising stage act of juggling an egg, an onion, and a potato (without making latkes), while simultaneously singing "Yevanim".

Special thanks to Yaakov Travis, as well as organizers Manuel & Shani Kanner and Eli & Ahuva Edell.



Sunday Morning Torah

On Sunday December 5th, Clanton Park Congregation, along with the Yeshiva University Zichron Dov kollel, presented “The Light of Chanukah”, a breakfast / learning program on Chanukah topics. Our own Rabbi Weber discussed the two-pronged character of Chanukah, contrasting the Miracle of the Chanukah Battle with the Miracle of the Pach HaShemen, while guest speaker Rav Yaakov Neuberger of RIETS expounded upon the nature of the Kingdom of the Chashmonaim.

The formula of “Sunday Morning plus Food plus Torah” proved so successful, that a second morning program was held on February 13th. This time, participants were treated to a lively halachic discourse on the topic of “אדם מועד לעולם – Am I Always Responsible for My Actions?” delivered by the always-popular Rabbi Azarya Berzon of the YU Kollel. Rabbi Berzon cited a number of interesting legal cases of human-caused damages, sometimes with interesting unintended outcomes.

Yasher Koach both to the numerous sponsors and to the speakers at both programs, for the food and the “food for thought” respectively.



Project Inspire sponsored a special program for women on January 9th, featuring guest speaker Mrs. Tzippy Reifer. Mrs. Reifer is a Chassidic woman and homemaker from Borough Park who was moved to become involved in Kiruv Rechokim, and she spoke about the positive, life-changing effects of this decision on herself and her family. The well-attended event was hosted by our members Allan & Susie Seidenfeld, and co-organized by Suzanne Birenbaum. We are sure that the participants returned home thoroughly uplifted by the “Inspire”-ing speaker.

Oneg Shabbos with Rabbi Lavi Greenspan

On Leil Shabbos, February 25th, an Oneg Shabbos was held at the home of Chayim & Tovit Rubin, where a spellbound audience was privileged to hear Rabbi Lavi Greenspan tell us his story. Rabbi Greenspan became legally blind unexpectedly in his mid twenties, yet managed to complete both his Semicha studies at Yeshiva University, and his law degree at Fordham University. He described how he was able to come to terms with his disability, with the help of Torah, his Rebbe, his community, and HaKadosh Baruch Hu. Special thanks to the Rubins for hosting, and to Yachad Canada for bringing Rabbi Greenspan in.



Wine-Tasting ... and Centrepiece-Making

The Sisterhood’s Third Annual pre-Purim Wine-Tasting Event took place at the home of Yoni & Esther Rochel Shields on March 12th. The Sisterhood also held a mother and daughter workshop, led by Annie Tencer, on March 13th to prepare centrepieces for the upcoming post-Megillah Purim Party. Pictures and full reports will follow in the Pesach bulletin.

Clanton Park Couple on U.S. Television



Clanton Park members Nancy & Howard Kleinberg were recently featured on “Live with Regis and Kelly”, where the popular morning talk show hosts interviewed them as part of a series on “The World’s Greatest Love Stories”. Audiences around the continent got to hear about how 16-year-old Nancy pulled Howard out of a field of bodies at Bergen-Belsen when she saw him showing signs of life, and nursed him back to full health. The couple was re-united two years later in Toronto, and the rest is history. The Kleinbergs’ story was re-reported in many media outlets following the television appearance.

We wish the Kleinbergs and their extended family continued nachas and arichas yamim veshanim.

Mr. Eizikovich Honoured

Our very own beloved “Shammas Emeritus”, Reb Yitzchok Eizikovich, was recently given special recognition at a city-wide Chevra Kadisha event. The dinner featured an address by Rabbi Elchonon Zohn, founder of the National Association of Chevra Kadisha, and was arranged by an anonymous donor for the purpose of joining together and giving chizuk to all of those who engage in this Chessed shel Emes. Mr. Eizikovich was honoured along with Mr. Moti Helfand in the presence of the Toronto Va’ad HaRabbonim and Rabbi Zohn. We wish Mr. Eizikovich continued arichas yomim veshamin, to engage in this holy endeavour.

Shabbos Mevorchim

The high school boys’ Shabbos Mevorchim with the Rav program continued through Chodshei Teves, Shevat, and Adar I. Yasher Kochachem to hosts: Arthur & Suzanne Birenbaum, Jeremy & Susie Weitz, and Zeev & Haviva Diena.



Shul Announcements!

The Shul’s 2:00 pm Mincha Minyan has resumed. The Minyan is scheduled Mondays to Thursdays only.

There will be a special reading of Parshas Zachor immediately following Mussaf and announcements on Shabbos March 19th, for those who cannot attend Kerias HaTorah. There is also an opportunity to listen to Parshas Zachor with the Hashkamah Minyan at around 9:15 am.



Unfortunately, due to illness or mobility limitations, some members may be unable to attend the shul on Purim to participate in the mitzvah of hearing the reading of the Megillah. To accommodate those members, the shul has once again arranged with several volunteers to visit the homes of those members and read the Megillah for them. Please contact Rabbi Weber, Irwin Diamond, or Sruli Ochs if you will be unable to attend Megillah reading at the shul, or if you are aware of anyone who will be unable to be at shul due to health or mobility reasons. Let's all have the opportunity of participating in the mitzvah of hearing the reading of the Megillah!

**I JUST CLEANED THE FLOOR !
DO YOU WALK INTO THE *SHUL*
WITH YOUR GALOSHES ON ?**



**“GALOSHES ARE MEANT TO BE TAKEN
OFF BEFORE ENTERING THE
SANCTUARY - *MAKOM KODESH*”**

Kvitlach for the Kotel

This is not an appeal for money.

B'e'H, Paul & Roberta Tobias will soon go to Eretz Yisrael where they plan to visit the Kotel. They will be there till after Pesach.

Paul has put an envelope on the downstairs announcement board.

If you wish to have Paul put a kvitl into the Kotel wall, please write your tefilah on a **small** piece of paper, fold the paper so it will be easy to push into the wall, and place it in the envelope.

The small opening in the envelope is so no one can see the kvitlach inside. Paul will not read the kvitlach but will simply insert them into openings in the Kotel.

The kvitlach must be in the envelope by Wednesday, March 30. The envelope will be removed after that date.

Paul & Roberta Tobias wish everyone a Frailichen Purim and a Kosher and Frailichen Pesach. May the hamentashen and matzoballs satisfy our appetites, and may all our tfilas be answered for good.

Haman died healthy, so Zeresh got a full refund of all the premiums he had paid for his **Critical Illness insurance**.



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More Purim Torah

Top Ten Purim Pet Peeves

from www.bangitout.com.

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10. Metallic graggers without 1950s art on them.
9. Ultra-themed Shalach Manos that contain no actual food.
8. Crying Babies not wearing adorable yoda costumes.
7. Charedi parents who don't let their 5-year-olds smoke cigarettes in the street.
6. Un-recycleable Shalach Manos.
5. The guy who pockets the Machatzis HaShekel thinking it's change.
4. Fair weather Shnorers.
3. That guy who keeps the gragger going despite the fact that the room is already silent.
2. Rabbis who actually recommend sleeping as the best way to fulfill "Ad DeLo Yada"
1. Guy with the blowhorn. We heard you the first 5 times

The Happiest Man in America

By: Haim Fletcher

Reprinted from Globe and Mail Magazine

"The New York Times asked Gallup to come up with a statistical composite for the happiest person in America, based on the characteristics that most closely correlated with happiness in 2010," the paper's website reports. "... Gallup's answer: He's a tall, Asian-American, observant Jew who is at least 65 and married, has children, lives in Hawaii, runs his own business and has a household income of more than \$120,000 a year. A few phone calls later and ... Meet Alvin Wong. He is a 5-foot-10, 69-year-old, Chinese-American, Kosher-observing Jew, who's married with children and lives in Honolulu. He runs his own health-care management business and earns more than \$120,000 a year. Reached by phone at his home on Friday (and referred to The Times by a local synagogue), Mr. Wong said that he was indeed a very happy person. He said that perhaps he manages to be the happiest man in America because 'my life philosophy is, if you can't laugh at yourself, life is going to be pretty terrible for you.' "

Shul News Briefs

By: He Who Must Not Be Named

The Shaliach Tzibur who inadvertently didn't wait for the Rabbi in his repetition of the Shemoneh Esreh has had his sentence reduced to 10 years of hard labour.

The Kiddush club is now expanding to Monday and Thursday mornings.

The \$2000 shadchanim reward program has been cancelled due to some couple pretending to get married in order to collect the money.

Free copies of the book "Why I Left the Shul after 50 years" will be given out by the sisterhood. For those who love lashon hara this is a "must read".

The shul is re-binding all library sefarim. Members are strongly urged to anonymously return all sefarim belonging to the Shul that are in their houses. This way the books can be restored before the members take them home again.

Classifieds

<p>Sofer Available</p> <p>For the best photocopying of mezuzos in the world, please call us. Full refund if you can see the difference from the original.</p> <hr/> <p>More Than Glatt Kosher Caterers</p> <p>5000 years experience Noach was our first customer. All our cuisine meals will taste like the Mon! Free antacids with \$50 purchase or more.</p>	<p>Help Wanted</p> <p>Nazirite community looking for dependable person who will be responsible for making kiddush every Shabbos. Must be 19 years or older.</p> <hr/> <p>Help Wanted</p> <p>Small Jewish city consisting of 118 citizens is looking for 2 professional eidim zomemim. Criminal record recommended.</p>	<p>Kohen Available</p> <p>Will do Pidyon Habens at half price. Call 555-2345. Ask for Aharon.</p> <hr/> <p>Help Wanted</p> <p>Seeking candidate to be president of shul. (Kiddush Club experience essential).</p> <p>Please contact Robinson Crusoe.</p>	<p>Having trouble sleeping?</p> <p>Tired of using pills? I guarantee immediate results with no side effects! Just come to my sermons! 60 years experience!</p> <hr/> <p>Seeking Employment</p> <p>Experienced legally blind mashgiach looking for work. "I never look the other way!"</p>
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From the Clanton Park Archives...

(Editor's Note: Rebbetzin Witty recently discovered some notes written by the late Rabbi Yitzchak Witty, z"l, containing grammen that he delivered (or perhaps intended to deliver), at a Shul Purim party many years ago. She was kind enough to forward these to me for publication. No offense to anyone living or deceased is intended, and the verses are quite tame. I have omitted the "z"l" and "ybl"ch" after the names to preserve the feel of the grammen.)

Welcome everybody, our Purim joy is great
'Cause we all were saved from a wretched fate

Haman sought to kill us, Mordechai saved the day
That's why we rejoice instead of moaning "oy vey"

We at Clanton Park decided to have a celebration
To take special note of our happiness and elation

When Myer Feldman called, I said I'd join the show
Some grammen to sing, and watch the schnapps flow

For through these grammen bold, we have a special chance
At everyone's foibles, to have a sober glance

So first we'll start with Sol, our dear president
Who's an "eideler yunger mahn", a real fine gent

He sits on the bima, he tries to stem the talk
But "unzer balabatim", they resist and they balk

So up come the reserves, Dr. Norman Shaul
He says his few words, and we have a ball

Half the shul laughs, the other is annoyed
But soon we go to Kiddush, and our spirits are buoyed

At the Kiddush there's a dance, Mr. Rekant in lead
Dovid Warshecha jumps right in, for simcha is his creed

Yehudi Shields is our Ba'al Koray
Who ever heard of a medic, at minyan every day?

He reads so very fast, with hardly any trop wrong
When he sings Lecha Dodi, you want to join the song

By his side is David Herzig, and Sam Nussbaum too
They'd love to provide an Aliyah for every Jew

They are the Gabboim who with wisdom and understanding
Try to balance honours, but forever in trouble are landing

This year a new Rabbi at Clanton Park arrived
From Wilkes-Barre's flood he came after the "shidduch" jived

Rabbi Kerzner and his family moved into our shul
Discovered Izzy Rubenstein, our own special jewel

He also found our Yekkes and Magyars proud as well
About each and every one, there's a tale to tell

Of the former an example is Mr. Elie Munk
If his Eruv you'll fault, boy are you sunk

For the Hungarians around, Mottie Weisberger is a spokesmahn
When he says "yoi, yeshtenen", alleh kvellen landsmahn

Our Chazzan Weiss is special when he davens Shabbos morning
In a niggun don't compete with him, O take my special warning

Then there are the Weinstocks, both with bible names
Moshe and Aharon have their special fames

Moshe is a chazzan, a "sheiner yunger mahn" is his son
At making Kiddush downstairs, they need compare to none

Sandy Hofstedter is a pillar of many a worthy cause
He headed Ner Israel, he deserves applause

We haven't mentioned those who from England came
The Nemtsovs, Levines, and others Royal Lineage claim

Marvin Lister is a man on whom we can rely
Without him and Louis Corzon, we'd have no schnapps supply

Aaron Frankel keeps a "cheshbon" of our wretched bank account
If any money must be found, Jack Kranz makes up the amount

I know there are some who must feel left out
Because I had no "gramm" for you, don't walk around and pout

For at another Purim day, I'll make up the loss
Or else you'll choose another for this talk, and me away you'll toss

Louis Shumacher and Sam Grafstein are part of our choir
With Tibor Berk and several others, they sing and never tire

Percy Kopstick, Yitzchak Kipper and others like them
Make this shul a special place and give us a "gutten shem"

To all the young men in our midst who are kallah-hunting
There are so many pretty girls here, who are a chosson wanting

So choose your bride and invite us all to go dancing
Then you can join our newly marrieds, with a free membership romancing



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synagogue

RABBI YEHOASHUA WEBER
rabbi

RABBI YLIZCHOK KERZNER
rabbi emeritus

A Purim Letter to All Our Dear Neighbours

Already intoxicated by the spirit of the upcoming Purim holiday, and like the lonely King Ahasuerus in the story who cannot sleep because his debts were not paid, I, as treasurer, have been up many a night reviewing the shul's books and records. I want to make sure that our records are accurate, and all tax receipts have been issued appropriately. I would like to reach out to anyone whose records may have errors, anyone to whom we owe something...but also to those of you who are not yet in our books and may owe something to us.

While I am no regent, davening here three times a day allows me the privilege of meeting most of you. Some I see every morning, but not in the evenings, and some the reverse. Some of you I see only Erev Shabbos, and perhaps Motza'ei Shabbos. Some of you I only see at the Shabbos Kiddush and other feasts. Yet even as I see you all in our sacred palace, I do not have you recorded in our books.

It is here that the analogy ends, for unlike a public square or royal palace we are more of a private club. It is through personal dues that our building gets heated in the winter and cooled in the summer. Dues pay for the coffee room, the weekly Kiddushim and Shalosh Seudos, the Rabbi, and the kosher Mikvah. These are resources which many of you use. A High Holiday ticket or a donation of Siddurim do not help us cover these daily costs. My question is, what would it take for those not in our books to share in the burden which currently falls on our dwindling membership base?

After all, you must like coming here... you must like coming to our Kiddushim...yet you don't feel obligated to share with us. We have established an associate membership category as many of you are members of another shul and it would be unfair to ask for full membership at both locations. These modified membership fees are very flexible. You can do your part for the price of a daily coffee. We will not deny anyone associate status based on finances, provided that you are a full member in another local shul.

We encourage all our members to support local shuls. We should all help each other and it should be up to each of us to ensure the financial viability of all the local neighbourhood institutions.

In the spirit of Purim, I would like to see all of you become part of the greater Clanton Park Shul family, join us for our upcoming feast, and participate financially in accordance with your ability.

Treasurer

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