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Message From the Rav ...

We are, by and large, well acquainted with the Gemara in Yevamos 62: and its description of the plague that devastated Rabbi Akiva's 24,000 students. This plague occurred during the Sefira period that culminates in today's Yom Tov of Shavuos. The Gemara tells us not just what occurred, but also and, perhaps, more so, why it occurred: *Shelo nuhagu kavod zeh ba'zeh*; Rabbi Akiva's students did not extend honour to one another.

You read this Gemara and you wonder: is that all? Was a simple lack of interpersonal *kavod* cause enough for a tragedy of such immensity? Is that reason enough for sending an entire generation of our future leaders, their Torah and their leadership potential to their early graves, all in one fell swoop? What about the communal loss?

There are many answers to this question. And among those answers is one, offered by Rabbi Yitzchak Arieli in his classic *Aniyim la'Meshpat*, which, for me, at least, has deep resonance. Rabbi Arieli, noting that the lost Torah and leadership were the attributes of people who were *lo nuhagu kavod zeh ba'zeh*, of people who did not extend honour to one another, supposes that HaKadosh Baruch Hu meant for those gifts to be lost. It is likely, he notes, that the gifts of people who do not extend honour to others are coloured by the weakness of their character. Allowing such individuals to live, to share their Torah and to assume positions of communal leadership, also allows those individuals to place a larger than life imprimatur on the body of our Torah and of our community. And avoiding such an imprimatur, not punishment nor retribution, was, quite likely, the prime reason for their early deaths. Suddenly you realize why the deaths occurred precisely during that pre-*Kabbolas ha'Torah* period of time. Hakadosh Baruch Hu would not allow the transmission of a tainted Torah, even if the taint was only from the trivialities of small interpersonal issues.

Like Rabbi Akiva's students, we, the small aggregate of Toronto frumkeit, somewhere in the range of Rabbi Akiva's 24,000 students, do, whether we realize it or not, place a large imprimatur on the living bodies of our Torah and of our community. There are so few of us, that, like Rabbi Akiva's students, each and every one of us is, for the thousands of people whose only exposure to a yarmulke is to the one that they see on one our heads, a leader in defining Torah values. If indeed, what they see is uplifting and decent, then we can be one more link in the endless chain of those who merit to transmit the *devar Hashem*. But if there is something unbecoming or rude or harsh in what they see, if the Torah that they sees is one of *lo nuhagu kavod zeh ba'zeh*, then like Rabbi Akiva's students, we will be held accountable in ways that people who lived in different times were not. It is a daunting task. This Shavuos, as we prepare for *Kabbolas ha'Torah* let us ensure that we rise to the occasion.



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SOCIAL NEWS

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BIRTHS

Alter and Gitta Leibowitz on the birth and bris of a grandson, Yisroel Shmuel Shlomo. Mazel Tov to the parents, Eli and Miriam Leibowitz, the other grandparents, Mendel and Judy Rubinoff, and the great-grandparents, **Mrs. Suri Grosz**, Mrs. Lindenfeld, and Mr. and Mrs. Yossi Leibowitz of New York. May Yisroel Shmuel Shlomo grow *l'Torah l'Chupah ul'Maasim Tovim* and be a source of *nachas* to his family and all of *klal Yisrael*.

Sam and Gilda Nussbaum on the birth and bris of a great grandson to Ari and Reena Deutch. Mazel Tov to the grandparents Dr. David and Zipora Nussbaum and Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Deutch. May the boy grow *l'Torah l'Chupah ul'Maasim Tovim* and be a source of *nachas* to his family and all of *klal Yisrael*.

Helen and Gary Muzin on the birth of a granddaughter, Basia Rochel (Stella Rachel), to Nicolas and Andrea Muzin. Mazel Tov to the other grandparents Anita and Jerry Zucker of Charleston, South Carolina and the great grandmothers Tzipporah Zucker and Rose Goldberg (Florida). May Basia Rochel grow *l'Torah l'Chupah ul'Maasim Tovim* and be source of *nachas* to her family and all of *klal Yisrael*.

Sammy and Soryl Nussbaum on the birth of a granddaughter, Baila Yehudis, to Eytan and Leah Israel. Mazel Tov to the other grandparents Scott and Shelly Israel, the great-grandparents Mrs. Necha Nussbaum, Mrs. Rita Screiber, Mr. Phillip Israel and Dr. Jerry and Frances Zussman. May Baila Yehudis grow *l'Torah l'Chupah ul'Maasim Tovim* and be source of *nachas* to her family and all of *klal Yisrael*.

ENGAGEMENTS

Sarah and Moshe Jesion on the engagement of their daughter, Shaina Shulamith (Abigail) to Benjamin Zvi Radcliffe. Mazel Tov to Benjamin's parents, Sarah Chana and Avraham Radcliffe. May the wedding take place *b'sha'ah tovah u'mutzlachs* and may they be *zocheh* to build a *bayis ne'eman b'yisrael*.

WEDDINGS

Morris and Doreen Sosnovitch, on marriage of their daughter, Elisheva, to Moshe Behar of Jerusalem. Mazel Tov to the chasan's parents, Dr. Dan and Esther Behar of Hashmanoim. Mazel Tov to the grandmother, Mrs. Zenia Zaifman of London, Ontario.

ACHIEVEMENTS



Tzadi Klein on finishing 1st in the Chidon ha'Tanach contest.

CONDOLENCES

The family of Mr. Sam Miller.

Mrs. Lola Faivish on the passing of her husband Mr. Sam Faivish. Condolences as well to the son **Jerry Faivish**.

Mrs. Violeta Mittleman on the passing of her husband Mr. Desideriu Mittleman. Condolences as well to the children, Larry and Edith as well as to the sister, Mrs. Rose Kiperman.

May the families only know of simchas !

You can also commemorate a yahrtzeit or celebrate a simcha by:

- making donations to the Doreen (Dolly) Edell Memorial Library **or**
- making donations for the purchase of siddurim/chumashim for the shul

For more information please contact **Gershon Kaplan**.

SHUL NEWS

SPONSORSHIPS / DONATIONS

To either commemorate a yahrtzeit or celebrate a simcha you can :

1. Sponsor / Co-sponsor a **Shabbos Kiddush** for \$250 which includes herring, mezonas and kugel. Shabbos Mevorchim Kiddush also includes cholent.

Please contact **Mendy Goldman**.

2. Sponsor a **Shalosh Seudos** for \$100 which includes tuna and egg salad (for a standard), a dvar torah (l'zecher nishmas or lekvod) and bensching honour.

Please contact **Irwin Diamond** or **Richard Posner**.

3. Sponsor a **Weekday Morning Tikun**
 - Basic: \$75 (plus minimum \$15 gratuity for the Shammas) which includes assorted pastries (cheese, chocolate and cinnamon danishes and doughnuts)
 - Deluxe: \$140 (plus minimum \$20 gratuity for the Shammas) which includes the same as the Basic plus herring (schmaltz and pickled) and orange juice.

You may bring a bottle of whiskey or purchase it from the Shammas for \$20. To arrange for a Tikun please contact the Shammas (**Eli Yafe**).

Please note: Tax deductible receipts will be issued for sponsorship costs **paid to the shul**.

NEW MEMBER

The Shul extends a warm welcome to **Bill and Shelly Klein** on becoming members of the shul. As well, Mazel Tov to Bill and Shelly on the tremendous scholastic achievement of their son Tzadi (mentioned previously in the bulletin).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday evening April 29, 2007 in the Bais HaMidrash to review the shul's annual financial statements as well as to elect officers for the 2007/2008 Executive.

Despite the fact that there were several community events taking place on the same evening, it was very encouraging to see that there was a very good turnout for the meeting.

The meeting, chaired by our President, Moshe Shields, was very informative and participative with much lively and healthy discussion taking place and questions asked on various issues.

The audited financial statements were distributed and reviewed by Gershon Kaplan followed by the election of the Executive Officers for 2007/2008.

Moshe Shields gave an update on the status of the renovations to the shul. The approved renovation plans to the shul (i.e. eaves troughs, heating, ventilation system and thermally-efficient and glare resistant windows) are being finalized with the funding arrangements anticipated to be completed very shortly. As part of the new heating/air conditioning design, there will be separate controls for both the main sanctuary and the social hall.

Questions asked during the meeting included:

- the safety of the playground equipment next to the shul (will be addressed by the Executive)
- policy and responsibility re: postings/announcements on the upstairs and downstairs bulletin boards (will be checked)
- the status of a permanent mechtza on the main floor for women (an appropriate and acceptable solution has yet to be identified; it is considered a high priority item for the newly elected Executive to address)
- maintenance of the garbage disposal area outside (caterer has been requested to increase the fenced-in area to accommodate all the garbage)
- cleanliness of the shul (a new cleaning service has been hired within the past few months and as part of its responsibility they will be cleaning the shul every Shabbos following the morning davening)
- mailings to accommodate members having no internet access (before Rosh Hashana and Pesach, all members will be mailed/hand delivered envelopes containing pertinent shul information)

2007/2008 EXECUTIVE

Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach to the recently installed Executive !

Immediate Past President	Gary Kopstick
President	Moshe Shields
1st Vice-President	Bobby Sliberstein
2nd Vice-President	Ken Goldstein
Secretary	Ken Stollon
Treasurer	Aaron Frankel
House Maintenance	David Taub
Bikur Cholim	Tibor Klein Sid Wellman
Chevra Kadisha	Hersch Kanner
Communications	Norman Weisbart
Financial	Sandy Hofstedter
Parnass	Gershon Kaplan
Gabboim	Irwin Diamond Suli Ochs
Hall Rental	Arthur Herzig
Membership	Alon Kronenberg
High Holiday Tickets	Mendy Goldman
Israel Bonds	Morris Sosnovitch
Library	Manuel Kanner
Social	Arthur Birenbaum
Youth	Joshua Levi
Bulletin	Nathan Kirsh

Members are encouraged to approach any member of the Executive with any ideas, questions or interest in volunteering to participate on shul committees.



GRADUATES SHABBOS KIDDUSH



The annual Shabbos kiddush honouring the graduates for this year will take place on Shabbos, Rosh Chodesh Tammuz, Parsha Korach, June 16th, following the Shacharis/Mussaf davening.

To be a co-sponsor of the kiddush please contact **Mendy Goldman**.

Please provide **Moshe Shields** with announcement details.

SHLOSHIM - MR. SAM MILLER ל"ר

On April 25th, the Shul sponsored a "Shloshim" to commemorate the passing of Mr. Sam Miller ל"ר.

Between Mincha and Maariv Rabbi Weber made a siyum after which he spoke of the many hours of devotion, dedication and service Mr. Miller provided to our shul. As we all know, Mr. Miller volunteered countless hours of his time binding and repairing seforim from the shul's library as well as siddurim, chumashim and machzorim. His dedication extended beyond the shul itself as he frequently repaired personal seforim for members of the shul as well.

Most of us have had the zechus, either during shiurim, individual/chavrusah learning or davening, to benefit from Mr. Miller's efforts.

Following Maariv, Eli Yafe prepared a nice kiddush which was sponsored by the shul.

May we always remember and appreciate Mr. Miller's devotion and service to our shul !

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Get ready for the Colossal Clanton Park Garage and Bake Sale!!



This is the Sisterhood's major fundraiser for the shul and we need **everyone's** help-- young and young at heart!! Check your house and garage for stuff to donate: toys, gently-used clothing, furniture, books, electronics, gifts you've never used, kitchenware, etc.

We need VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS!!!!

There is opportunity for everyone to be involved:

- 1) organizing committee!!
- 2) advertising/publicity!!
- 3) set-up/take down!!
- 4) labelling/inventory!!
- 5) sellers!!
- 6) money changers/money handlers!!
- 7) shul security!!
- 8) baked goods (non-perishable) for bake sale!!

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS--volunteer and earn your community service credits!!

Tentative Date: **June 17th, 2007**

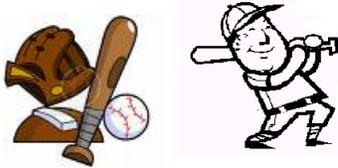
A full mailing will be sent out shortly with more details. Please call Nadine Bressler at (416) 630-1808.

2nd Annual Salad Shalosh Seudos

HOLD THE DATE: The Sisterhood will be having their 2nd annual Salad Shalosh Seudos on **June 23rd**. Start checking out those fabulous new salad recipes and join us for a wonderful Shabbos afternoon.

YOUTH NEWS

Baseball is Back in Town !



The 2007 Clanton Park Baseball League season is set to begin with the first pitch scheduled to take place on Sunday May 20th and will run until Sunday June 24th with each team playing every Sunday between the hours of 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. The league is comprised of boys (members and non-members) of all skill levels from S.K. through Grade 6.

Every registered player will receive a baseball hat, t-shirt and trophy as well as having the opportunity of enjoying a fun time. At the end of the season (date to be determined) there will be a super fun barbeque banquet for all players and coaches.

For further information please email Moshe Kopstick at clantonparkbaseball@hotmail.com or call (647) 231-4625.

SHIURIM NEWS

Women's Shabbos Shiur

On Shabbos May 12th a series of weekly Shabbos shiurim for women commenced with a shiur given by Rabbi Shlomo Jakobovits. It was entitled "All Yomim Tovim Are Equal but Some More Equal Than Others".

The weekly Shabbos shiur will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary of the shul and will run through the months of May and June, ending on Shabbos June 30th. In addition to Rabbi Jakobovits, the speakers will include Rabbi Moshe Ginz, Dr. Reena Basser and Mrs. Shifra Klein. The shiur speaker and topic will be provided on the weekly Shabbos schedule.

All women are encouraged to attend !

TCN Schedule

Rabbi Reisman's last shiur this season will be May 19th (this Motzo'ei Shabbos).

Rabbi Frand's shiurim go to the end of June 28th. *No shiur* May 24th after Shavuos.

SHAVUOS PROGRAMS/EVENTS



SHAVUOS SCHEDULE

EREV SHAVUOS (Tuesday, May 22nd)

Mincha	8:25 pm
Candle Lighting	8:25 pm
Tikun Leil Shavous Program	12:00 am

FIRST DAY SHAVUOS (Wednesday, May 23rd)

Early Shacharis (following Tikun Leil Shavuos Program)	5:00 am
Shacharis	9:00 am
Mincha	8:30 pm
Candle Lighting	9:33 pm

SECOND DAY SHAVUOS (Thursday, May 24th) – Megillas Rus / Yizkor

Hashkama Minyan Shacharis	8:00 am
Shacharis (main sanctuary)	9:00 am
Mincha	8:30 pm
Motzo'ei Yom Tov	9:34 pm

TIKUN LEIL SHAVUOS PROGRAM



קהל מחזיקי הדת Clanton Park Synagogue

SHAVUOS NIGHT OF LEARNING

Source Material Provided

Shemittah 5768: Reviewing the Controversies of the Heter Mechira & of Early Zionism

Rabbi Yehoshua Weber 12:00 - 1:15

Are You Permitted to Shave on Chol ha'Moed ?

Mr. Michael Levi 1:20 - 2:20

Coffee & Cake Break: 2:20 - 2:40

Perspectives on Ma'amad Har Sinai

Dr. Ze'ev Dienna 2:40 - 3:40

Eduyos 5th Perek: Perspectives on Rabbinic Leadership

Rabbi Dr. Leo Davids 3:45 - 4:45

Mesivta & High School Shiurim

Inyanei Tefillah: Birchos ha'Shachar

Dr. Aron Weitz 1:20 - 2:20

Megillas Rus

Mr. Bobbie Silberstein 2:40 - 3:40

Perspectives on Ma'amad Har Sinai

Dr. Ze'ev Dienna 3:45 - 4:45

Youth Shiur for Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8

Megillas Rus

Mr. Manuel Kanner 12:00 - 1:00

**Shacharis 5:00 am
Kiddush following Mussaf**

SHAVUOS ICE CREAM PARTY



Following the Shacharis/Mussaf davening on the 1st day of Shavuos, Wednesday May 23rd, there will be an ice cream party for the children sponsored by the shul.

A little bit of "ice cream humour" !

Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream is now available in Israel in the following flavours:

Wailing Walnut
Moishemellow
Mazel Toffee
Chazalnut
Oy Ge-malt
Mi Ka-mocha
Berry Pr'i Hagafen
Choc-Eilat Chip
Simchas T'Oreo

It should be noted that all of these flavours come in either a cup or a Cohen.

SHAVUOS PUZZLES

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BLINTZES BOAZ CHEESECAKE
 COMMANDMENTS DAIRY DAVID
 FESTIVAL FRUITS GREENERY
 HARVEST LEARNING LUCHOS
 MOSES NAOMI OMER RUTH
 SHAVUOS SINAI TORAH

Hidden Message:

Letter Tiles

Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message.

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Solutions can be found on the next page.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

1. 10th Annual Zareinu Moveathon



Sunday June 10th, 2007
 2 km Walk / 10 km Miracle Run / 20 km
 Family Ride
 Festival 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
 Downsview Park

Sunday, June 24th, 2007
 50 km Ride / 100 km Ride
 Milton Sport Centre

For more details please pick up a
 brochure in the shul lobby or visit:
www.moveathon.com

2. UJA Walk With Israel



Sunday May 27th, 2007
 Coronation Park

For more details please visit:
www.walkwithisrael.com

Hidden Message Word Search
Solution

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(Over, Down, Direction)

BLINTZES (9, 15, NW)
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 CHEESECAKE (1, 14, NE)
 COMMANDMENTS (14, 4, S)
 DAIRY (7, 5, N)
 DAVID (8, 8, NW)
 FESTIVAL (1, 3, SE)
 FRUITS (4, 13, E)
 GREENERY (1, 8, NE)
 HARVEST (8, 3, SW)
 LEARNING (11, 11, N)
 LUCHOS (7, 14, W)
 MOSES (2, 1, S)
 NAOMI (13, 10, SW)
 OMER (10, 15, NE)
 RUTH (9, 3, E)
 SHAVUOS (9, 13, NW)
 SINAI (15, 5, N)
 TORAH (8, 6, SE)
 CHAG SAMEACH

Hidden Message:

C H A G S A M E A C H

Letter Tiles Solution

THE FESTIVAL OF SHAVUOS IS
 ALSO KNOWN AS ZEMAN MATAN
 TORAHSEINU.

Divrei Torah ...

Rabbi Dr. Leo Davids

Thoughts on Eating Blintzes & Cheesecake



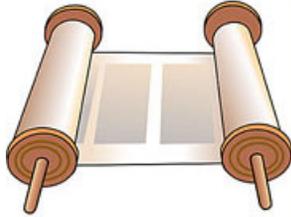
Most of us know well the “Shavuot menu”, with its dairy items such as blintzes\ and cheesecake. Some also know one or more reasons why this is such a widespread custom. Torah is compared (e.g. in 1:נה ישעי' and שיר השירים 4:11) to milk; or, this makes sure that we'll eat “double” meals, dairy first and then (it is is Yom Tov!) meat.

Perhaps the strongest explanation (see O. Ch. 494, M.B. note 12) is that “Kabbalat hatorah” suddenly brought in all the כשרות restrictions that were unknown before. Now all our pots and pans became “traif”, as we had many אסורים in those cooking vessels from (previously legitimate but) now prohibited meals. What was available to eat was only the cold, instant food, i.e. dairy items that do not involve cooking! So, dairy foods became the normal option for Shavuot.

The lesson here? I think that this sudden “switch” in our ancestors' kitchens shows us how they immediately followed their rules despite the expense, the financial damage of doing that. Here they showed us the fulfillment of the Torah's demand that we should love “Hashem.... With all our resources/possessions = בכל מאדך”. Once they learned about kashrut, Am Yisrael unhesitatingly observed it with no regard for the costs of abandoning previous kitchen ‘gera” and foods. Thus, eating dairy on Shavuot should be an inspiration to us in this area of “בכל מאדך”!

Nachum Plonka

Why We Learn Torah



Shavuot is a Yom Tov when we commemorate having received the Torah by Har Sinai. It is also a time to renew our dedication to Torah learning. So if we stop to think about what role Torah study plays in our lives, we might ask why it is that we study Torah; what is the true purpose of this specific commandment?

The simplest answer is that it teaches us how to conduct our daily lives. However, the *Gemara* (*Nedarim* 62a, *Pesachim* 50b and others) emphasizes that our aim should be to study it *l'shmoh*, for its own sake. That is, explain the *Rosh* in *Nedarim*, we should learn it for the pure sake of knowing and understanding it.¹

This might lead to some confusion: Had the main purpose of learning Torah been to teach us correct behaviour, we would know to focus on those parts that are more applicable to our daily lives. Also, it would probably make sense to prefer covering more material to spending a significant amount of time on understanding individual ideas, since we would want to accumulate as much practical knowledge as possible. But if our primary goal in studying it is not to apply it, then how can we gauge where to allocate our Torah learning efforts? Is it more important to learn the esoteric details of sacrificial offerings or the highly practical laws of Shabbos? Should we dwell on one idea for an hour or race through topics as quickly as possible?

I think one intuitively knows that the correct approach involves some mixture of these ideas rather than one extreme approach. A basis for this can be found in R' Moshe Chaim Luzzatto's *Derech Hashem* (*Chelek* 4

Perek 2). R' Luzzatto compares the benefits of thinking deeply into the Torah with those of learning a variety of topics. The former is connected to self-advancement. When one reaches a greater understanding of some Torah concept, that person as an individual grows spiritually in ways that are not accessible by any other commandment. The deeper an understanding one reaches, the greater this growth. Also, gaining depth in a number of concepts leads to growth in a variety of spiritual areas.

But spending time on deep thinking compromises on the number of topics one is able to cover, which has its own benefits. Ever since Adam's sin, the world as a whole has been tainted by the strong adverse effects of mankind's sins, affecting it both spiritually and physically. It is our job as the Jewish people to rectify this and ultimately bring the world back to the way it was before the first sin. (*Ibid.* 2:4) This is generally accomplished by following *Hashem's* commandments. However, without the specific commandment of Torah study, we could not fully accomplish this task because each aspect of Torah has been imbued with the ability to better some corresponding part of our world. Therefore, if one neglects some areas of Torah, that person will not be doing his job fully, since every individual is expected to make an effort in better all aspects of the world. So, although depth in Torah study has distinct advantages for the individual, *Hashem* also wants to see a breadth of knowledge, to benefit the world as a whole.

It seems that the best approach to our studies is a combination. We should spend some time on deep thought and some on covering topics. Also, we should not be too limited in which topics we learn, since each corresponds to its own aspect of bettering the world. Aside from varying the topics that we learn, R' Luzzatto cites the *Gemara* (*Kedushin* 30) that says that a person's learning time should be divided up among the Written Torah, Oral Torah and *Talmud*. (In this context, the *Shulchan Aruch* (*Yoreh Deah* 246:4) says *Talmud* refers not only to *Gemara* but to anything that is further derived from the Written and Oral Torah). All of this is not to say that there is no reason to learn the more practical portions

of Torah. In fact, *Poskim* say that a person must not ignore these parts, so as not to remain ignorant of wrongs being committed. My point is only that one should not limit oneself to these studies.

All of this provides more of a sense of direction for our Torah learning, but it does not provide an exact prescription. As in many things in life, the details vary from person to person, and R' Luzzatto says that each of us must ultimately judge for ourselves according to our personalities and situations. Although this will require further contemplation by each individual, hopefully we can use the ideas put forth above to help us make some real decisions about our Torah study. And what better time to evaluate our approach than Shavuos, when fresh ideas can encourage a renewed passion for the study of Torah? May we all merit a restful and meaningful Yom Tov.

Footnote:

¹ More explanation can be found in R' Chaim Volozhin's *Nefesh HaChaim* (Shaar 4, Perek 2).

Note from the Editor

This is the last issue of the Clanton Park Herald for the year 5767.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the previous Bulletin Editor, **Ken Stollon**, for all the time and effort he has put forward during the past 2½ years in publishing the bulletin. **Yasher Koach Ken !**

In order to ensure that the content of the bulletin meets your needs and expectations, your feedback, ideas and participation in providing content for future issues would be of great value and very much appreciated. I will endeavour to keep the membership updated in a timely manner of shul happenings and future plans and events. It is my objective to have contributions from a greater cross-section of the shul including the youth.

Issues of the bulletin for 5768 are *tentatively* planned for publication just prior to:

- Rosh Hashana/Yom Kippur/Succos (a combined issue)
- Chanukah
- Purim
- Pesach
- Shavuos

During the time periods between publications you are strongly encouraged to frequently visit the shul website at www.clantonpark.com for current and pertinent information. As well, if you are not currently on the weekly shul email list, you can add yourself to the list by clicking "Mailing List" on the shul website.

**WISHING EVERYONE
A CHAG SAMEACH
AND
ENJOYABLE AND SAFE
SUMMER !**

