



CRANBROOK NEWS

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Shabbat, July 13th, 2024 / 7th Tammuz, 5784
Chukat / Pirkei-Avot Chapter 5

Service Times

Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat	7pm
Shacharit followed by Kiddush	9.30am
No Mincha or Ma'ariv service	
Shabbat Ends	10.16pm
Next Friday: Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat at 7pm - Light Candles 7.40pm (8.53pm)	

This week's Kiddush is kindly sponsored by Myrtle Holman to celebrate grandson, Oliver Holman's marriage to Lauren King.



Oliver Holman on his Auf Ruf and forthcoming marriage to Lauren King.

Julie and Laurence Holman and family on their son Oliver's Auf Ruf and forthcoming marriage to Lauren.

Rochelle and Gordon King and family on their daughter Lauren's forthcoming marriage to Oliver.

Myrtle Holman on grandson, Oliver's Auf Ruf and forthcoming marriage to Lauren.

Rosemary Goodman on her granddaughter, Lauren's forthcoming marriage to Oliver.

Sheila Bloom, Peter Braham, Norma Burns, Barbara Grant, Gerald Fox, Paula Molava, Irene Placks, Hyman Shinett, Paul Tobe, Victor Wallen, and Irene Zetter on their respective birthdays.

Torah Reading

Leyning: Chukat

Rabbi Steven Dansky

Sefer Bamidbar: 19:1-22:1

Artscroll p 838, Hertz p 652, Cohen/Soncino p 898

Haftorah: Judges 11:1-33

Martin Bloomberg

Artscroll p 1187, Hertz p 664, Cohen/Soncino p 911

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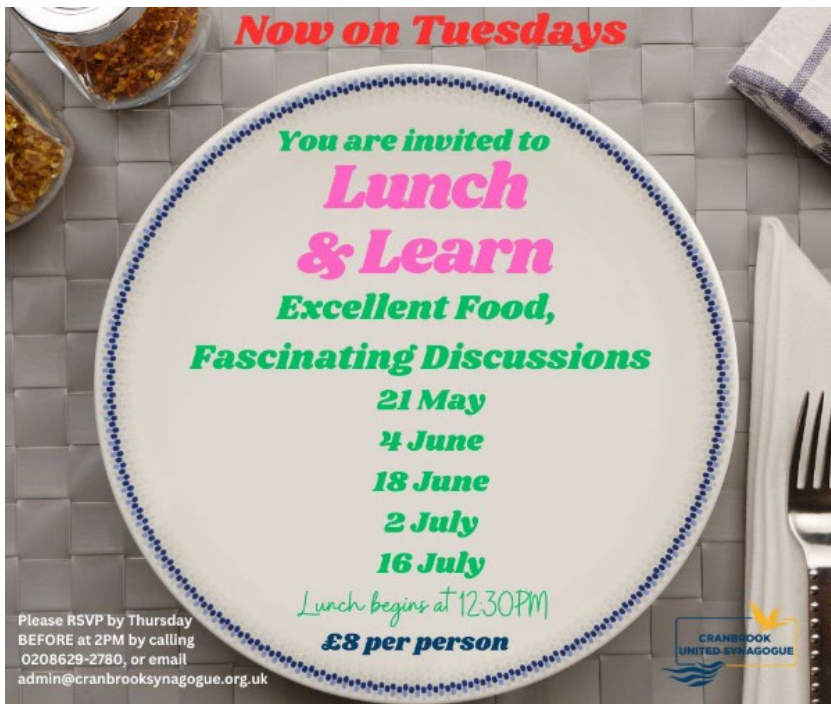
Children's Service: 10.30am
Regular Weekday Services: Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday at **Ilford Federation Synagogue;** Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at **Cranbrook United Synagogue.**
Shacharit: Sunday & Public Holidays at **8.30am.**
Shacharit: Monday & Thursday at **7.20am.** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at **7.30am.**
Rosh Chodesh Shacharit: Sunday at **8.30am;** Monday to Friday at **7.10am.**
Mincha / Ma'ariv: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 7.30pm.

Dates for the Diary			Save the Date:-
July			<p>Sunday 8th September 2024</p> <p>Join us for an Afternoon Tea Extravaganza with Bafta Award Winners Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran, Writers of the classics Birds of a Feather, Goodnight Sweetheart, Shine on Harvey Moon and more.</p> <p>Time 2.30 to 5.00pm</p> <p>Cost £17.50.</p>
Tuesday 16 th	@ 12.30pm	<i>Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Dansky</i>	
Wednesday 17 th	@ 11am	<i>Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur</i>	
Tuesday 23 rd		<i>Fast of Tammuz</i> <i>Starts - 2.31am / Ends 9.55pm</i> <i>Start of 3 Weeks</i>	
Wednesday 24 th	@ 11am	<i>Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur</i>	
Wednesday 31 st	@ 11am	<i>Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur</i>	
August			
Shabbat 3 rd		<i>Mevarachim HaChodesh</i>	
Monday 5 th		<i>Rosh Chodesh Av</i>	
Wednesday 7 th	@ 11am	<i>Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur</i>	
Shabbat 10 th		<i>Shabbat Chazon</i>	
Monday 12 th		<i>Erev Tisha B'Av</i> <i>Fast Begins @ 20.29</i>	
Tuesday 13 th		<i>Tisha B'Av</i> <i>Fast Ends @ 21.14</i>	
Shabbat 17 th		<i>Shabbat Nachamu</i>	

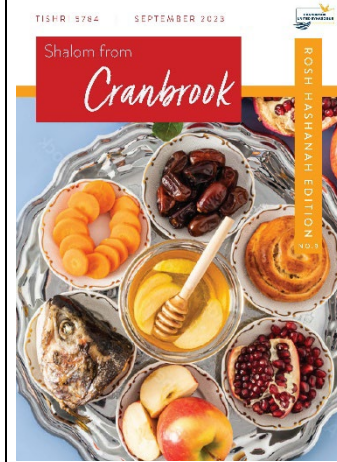
We wish the following members, who have Yahrzeit in the coming week, a long life: -

Beatrice Baxter, Vivienne Berlin, Samuel Blitz, Blanche Charach, Sandra Dollow, Harry Fenton, Mark Finkeltaub, Doreen Golding, Alan Graham, Simon Green, Annabel Helman, Helena Helman, Richard Helman, David Herst, Victoria Joffe, Sylvia Kopkin, Brenda Lopata, Mildred Luton, Norma Maisner, Charles Mitchell, Philip Mitchell, Rose Mitchell, Judith Monty, Susan Morrison, Henry Moss, Pearl Palmer, Ivor Perl, Shirley Rosenthal, Anthony Roth, Rita Ruben, Sidney Schlesinger, Anita Sears, Leah Shamplin, Carole Sholem, David Sholem, Carol Silverman, Stanley Simmons, Marie Sopher, Paul Tobe, Vivien Vant and Louis Vitow.

Lunch & Learn



Rosh Hashanah 5785 - Shalom Magazine



We are now working on the Rosh Hashanah 5785 Edition No 10 of the Shul Magazine.

If you have any interesting

or amusing articles with a Jewish content that you would like us to include, please email them as soon as possible to Philippa Stanton at stanton.philippa@gmail.com.

All articles, pictures and stories must be received by **24th July 2024**. I have already started collecting new articles, so please email me as soon as you can!

I look forward to hearing from you.

Please call or e-mail the Office to book for **Tuesday, 16th July** by **2pm** on **Thursday, 11th July**.

Call 020 8629 2780 or e-mail admin@cranbrooksynagogue.org.uk

Condolences to: The family of Joseph Kaye.

Forthcoming stone-settings

14 th July 2024	Joy Peterson	Waltham Abbey	11.30am
Mother of Adrian Samuels			
14 th July 2024	Kitty Dessau	Waltham Abbey	1pm
Mother of Steven Dessau			
21 st July 2024	Warren Maslin	Waltham Abbey	10.30am
Husband of Jacqueline Maslin			
25 th July 2024	Freda Goldstein	Bushey	10.30am
Mother of Joanne Cowan			
28 th July 2024	Leslie Palmer	Waltham Abbey	10.00am
Husband of Shirley Palmer, Father of Jason Palmer			
28 th July 2024	Michael & Linda Cohen	Waltham Abbey	12.30am
Parents of Fiona Brooks			
28 th July 2024	Simone Kramer	Waltham Abbey	11.00am
Mother of Susan Delin, Sister of Rita Haberman			

News and Views

The Torah portion begins with the concept of the Parah Adumah - the red heifer that was taken to purify those people who have become impure. How this works is unclear - we don't understand the reason that this works, or the meaning behind why a cow's ashes can make a person pure, nor why the person who sprinkles the ashes becomes impure in the process. The Torah calls such laws as CHOK - something that defies knowledge.

Why does G-d create Laws which we don't understand? I can do something which makes sense - I keep Shabbat, because G-d created the world in 6 days and rested on the 7th. I make blessings, because G-d created the food that we eat, and it belongs to Him, and not me. I do them because it makes sense.

However, what about rules which I completely do NOT understand? Why does Hashem give us Mitzvot that we do not understand at all?

Imagine a Science teacher teaching Physics. He is teaching a group of 7-year-olds about the laws of gravity. He shows them that an apple falls from a tree and explains to them that all things must fall to the ground. There is a force called gravity, which pulls things towards the earth. Now there are many things that the teacher did not teach the students. He didn't teach the students the speed of gravity. He didn't teach the students about other forces which could affect where the apple lands - for example a large gust of wind which could blow the apple in a different direction.

A good teacher explains certain things and omits giving the reasons for some of those things, teaching people exactly what they need to know, no more, no less, according to their level of understanding. Teaching them the reason for everything would be counterproductive as they simply wouldn't understand the complexity and not listen to the teacher as a result. The children may have certain questions, and they may ask those questions, but those that don't, take the teacher on his word. His strength as a teacher comes from what he reveals, and what he withholds.

Rav Yeruchem from Mir explains that G-d is the ultimate teacher. There are certain Mitzvot which we understand, and there are certain Mitzvot which we may not understand, like the Parah Adumah - the red heifer. They all have very good reasons, however, he can't reveal those reasons to us, because we simply will not understand them. Therefore, like a good teacher, he reveals what he needs to, and hides away information that would not be necessary. We, as his students, need to accept that we are being taught by an expert teacher, and that we do what Hashem wants from us, because ultimately it is for our benefit. If HE doesn't explain things, it doesn't mean that they don't have a reason, but that we are not ready to hear them.

This concept is almost instinctive to us as parents. As parents, we know that we want the best for our children. We tell our children not to do things which are bad for them, and sometimes we explain to them why they should listen, and other times, it is sufficient to tell your child that they need to do things because "I am your mother". There needs to be no other reason.

The same is true of Torah, because we know that Hashem is our parent, and that He is the ultimate arbiter of reality - He is out of time and knows that these laws will hold true for all of time, and for our benefit for all time.

I wish you all a peaceful Shabbos

Rabbi Steven, Siobhan, Maya and Talia Dansky.

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