

# CRANBROOK NEWS

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Shabbat, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 / 14<sup>th</sup> Tammuz, 5784  
Chukat / Pirkei-Avot Chapter 5

## Service Times

Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>7pm</b>
Shacharit followed by Kiddush	9.30am
<b>No Mincha or Ma'ariv service</b>	
Shabbat Ends	10.06pm
Next Friday: Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat at <b>7pm - Light Candles 7.40pm (8.44pm)</b>	

**Today's Kiddush is kindly sponsored by Amanda and Simon Schlazer on the occasion of Max's Barmitzvah.**

Mazel tov to Max Schlazer on his Barmitzvah today

Mazel tov to Amanda, Simon and Samuel Schlazer on Max's Barmitzvah today.

Mazel tov to Martin Lander and Rosemary and Ian Schlazer on Max's Barmitzvah today

Mazel tov to Jonny Mervish on his engagement to Sophie Fisher

Mazel tov to Michelle and Bradley Mervish on Jonny's engagement to Sophie

Mazel tov to Barbara Mervish and Bernice Phillips on Jonny's engagement to Sophie.

Eleanor Burack, Henry Esterson, David Franklyn, Sandra Mitchell, Edna Schutz, and Lynne Taylor on their respective birthdays.



## Torah Reading

Leyning: Balak

Sefer Bamidbar: 22:2-25:9

Artscroll p 856, Cohen/Soncino p 915, Hertz p 669

Haftorah: Micah 5:6-6:8

Artscroll p 1189, Cohen/Soncino p 929, Hertz p 682

*Rabbi Steven Dansky*

*Max Schlazer*

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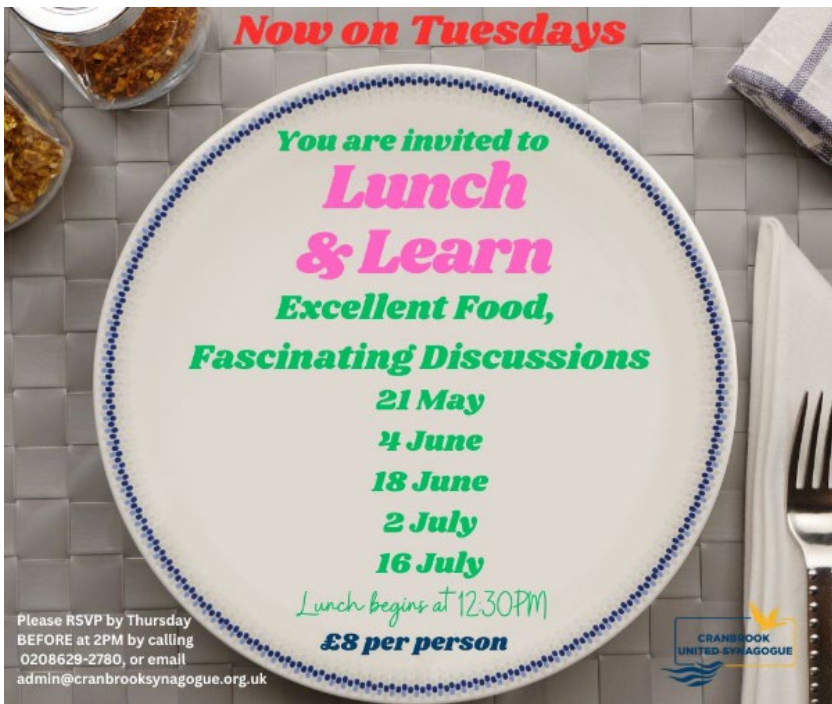
**Children's Service:** 10.30am  
**Regular Weekday Services:** Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday at **Ilford Federation Synagogue;** Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at **Cranbrook United Synagogue.**  
**Shacharit:** Sunday & Public Holidays at **8.30am.**  
**Shacharit:** Monday & Thursday at **7.20am.** 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.

<b>Dates for the Diary</b>		<b>Save the Date:-</b>
<b>July</b>		<p><b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b></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 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<p><i>Fast of Tammuz</i>  <i>Starts - 2.31am / Ends 9.55pm</i>  <i>Start of 3 Weeks</i></p>	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	@ 11am <i>Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur</i>	
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	@ 11am <i>Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur</i>	
<b>August</b>		
Shabbat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Mevarachim HaChodesh</i>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Rosh Chodesh Av</i>	
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	@ 11am <i>Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur</i>	
Shabbat 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Shabbat Chazon</i>	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<p><i>Erev Tisha B'Av</i>  <i>Fast Begins @ 20.29</i></p>	
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<p><i>Tisha B'Av</i>  <i>Fast Ends @ 21.14</i></p>	
Shabbat 17 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Shabbat Nachamu</i>	

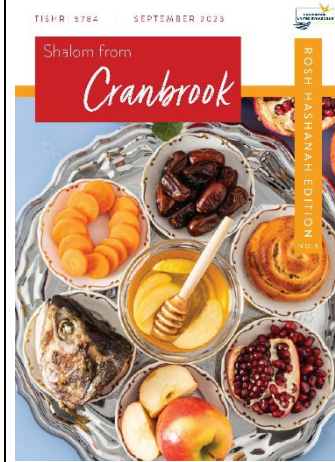
**We wish the following members, who have Yahrzeit in the coming week, a long life: -**

Vera Aarons, Marian Arbiter, Stanley Brattman, Adam Brill, Philip Burke, David Carron, Annette Colman, Joan Dobin, Alan Donn, Helen Duncan, Barbara Goldman, Edna Graham, Hilary Green, Estelle Gudde, Joyce Halperin, Myra Hilton, Irene Hyams, Sylvia Jay, Deanna Karp, Frances Keen, Michael Kenner, Ida Lawrence, Maureen Lazarus, Sheila Leaderman, Stanley Levy, Anthony Lewis, Michelle Lewis, Leonard Lewis, Mervyn Lyndon, Howard Mendoza, Colin Myers, Sandra Nerden, Betty Pam, Sandra Robins, Gerda Rosenberg, Diane Roth, Jacqueline Scott, Mark Serkes, Shirley Slipman, Estelle Smiler, Rita Stedman and June Whitesman.

## 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](mailto:stanton.philippa@gmail.com).

All articles, pictures and stories must be received by **24<sup>th</sup> 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.

Condolences to: The families of Arnold Molen, Barbara Cohen & Stanley Prooth.

### Forthcoming stone-settings

21 <sup>st</sup> July 2024	Warren Maslin	Waltham Abbey	10.30am
Husband of Jacqueline Maslin			
25 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Freda Goldstein	Bushey	10.30am
Mother of Joanne Cowan			
28 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Leslie Palmer	Waltham Abbey	10.00am
Husband of Shirley Palmer, Father of Jason Palmer			
28 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Michael & Linda Cohen	Waltham Abbey	12.30am
Parents of Fiona Brooks			
28 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Simone Kramer	Waltham Abbey	11.00am
Mother of Susan Delin, Sister of Rita Haberman			

## *News and Views*

This week's parasha deals with the story of Bilaam. He is hired by Balak, King of Moav to curse the Jewish people who are a threat to him and his people. After much effort he finally arrives at a place where he can see the whole Jewish people and is about to curse them.

As he introduces what he thinks are going to be curses against the Jewish people, he says: NEUM HAGEVER SHESUM HA'AYIN – the words of the man who has prophecy in his one “eye”. The Talmud in Sanhedrin tells us that Bilaam was actually a man who only had one eye – he was blind in one eye.

Why is it important for us to know that Bilaam had only one eye that works? What practical ramifications does him saying this have to his ability to curse the Jewish people?

The Mishna in Ethics of our Fathers says that the students of Bilaam have an AYIN RA – a “bad eye”, while the students of Abraham have a good eye. Bilaam had only one perspective, and that perspective was an eye that looked only critically at the world. He could look at anything and find the negative aspect in it. He was so negative that it enabled him to curse as effectively as he did.

Our sages explain that you can only curse a thing if you can accentuate the negative which already exists in it. Bilaam's purpose was to find that chink in the amour of the Jewish people, find out where they were weak, and direct G-d's attention to that weakness in that spot, and G-d would then focus His judgment against that weak spot.

This was what made Bilaam so talented at cursing - he was capable of seeing only the negative in what he saw.

All of humanity has the need to judge others. We all discriminate between what is good and what is bad, what is needed and what is wasteful. Bilaam only chose to see the negative in people, but we have the capacity to see with both of our eyes. We have the capacity to see holistically. In Ethics of our Fathers, we instructed to judge “all of a person” favorably - to see what makes others shine. Yes, there is darkness in people, but our job is to find the light as well, to see with both of our eyes to the core of any given matter.

Shabbat Shalom from

Rabbi Steven, Siobhan, Maya and Talia Dansky.

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