



CRANBROOK NEWS

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**Shabbat, May 25th, 2024 / Iyar 17th, 5784 / Omer Day 32
Behar / Pirkei-Avot Chapter 4**

Service Times

Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat

7pm

Shacharit followed by Kiddush

9.30am

No Mincha or Ma'ariv service

Shabbat Ends

10.01pm

Next Friday: Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat at **7pm - Light Candles 7.40pm (8.53pm)**

This week's Kiddush is kindly sponsored by Barry Silver to celebrate his father, Stanley Silver's 2nd Barmitzvah.



Elaine & Ian Duque on their Emerald (55th) Wedding Anniversary.

Nicola & Maurice Rogers on their Sapphire (45th) Wedding Anniversary.

Claire & Jonathan Santaub on their Pearl (30th) Wedding Anniversary.

Yasmin Alexander, Aubrey Corran, Pearl Crawford, Sophie Gaynor, Maureen Greer, Maureen Gruskin, Ronald Kay, Ida Lawrence, Peter Leach, and Malcolm Nathan on their respective birthdays.

2024/25 Cranbrook Synagogue Calendar

Once again, we are producing the Cranbrook Synagogue Calendar in order to raise funds for the Synagogue. You can use it to celebrate birthdays, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, Anniversaries, and the Yahrzeits of loved ones.



You can also use it to send New Year greetings to the Community as well. The form to add birthdays, wedding anniversaries and yahrzeit insertions in the 2024/25 Cranbrook Synagogue calendar were recently sent out in your Pesach mailing.

Return the completed form to the synagogue office. These need to be returned by **Friday, May 31st, 2024.**

Torah Reading

Leyning: Behar

Rabbi Steven Dansky

Sefer Vayikra: 25:1-26:2.

Artscroll p 696, Hertz p 531, Cohen/Soncino p 764

Haftorah: Jeremiah 32:6-32:27

Joe Rose

Artscroll p 1177, Hertz p 539, Cohen/Soncino p 774

This week's Cranbrook News is kindly sponsored by Jonathan Santaub in loving memory of his father Dr Alan Michael Santaub, Avraham Mordechai ben Yachiel Zalman Ha Levi z"l.

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

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| May | | |
| Sunday 26 th | | <i>Lag B'Omer</i> |
| Monday 27 th | | <i>Bank Holiday</i> |
| Wednesday 29 th | @ 11am | <i>Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur</i> |
| June | | |
| Shabbat 1 st | | <i>Mevarachim HaChodesh</i> |
| Tuesday 4 th | @ 12.30pm | <i>Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Dansky</i> |
| Wednesday 5 th | | <i>Yom Yerushalyim</i> |
| | @ 11am | <i>Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur</i> |
| Friday 7 th | | <i>Rosh Chodesh Sivan</i> |
| Wednesday 12 th | | <i>1st Day Shavuot</i> |
| | | <i>10 Commandments</i> |
| Thursday 13 th | | <i>2nd Day Shavuot</i> |
| | | <i>Book of Ruth</i> |
| | | <i>Yizkor</i> |
| Tuesday 18 th | @ 12.30pm | <i>Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Dansky</i> |
| | | <i>Music Extravaganza</i> |
| Wednesday 19 th | @ 11am | <i>Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur</i> |



CHAG SAMEACH
SHAVUOT

We shall be decorating our Shul with fresh flowers for Shavuot and we need your help. Please sponsor a hanging basket or tub of flowers which are then yours to keep.
 Donate £20 today by:

BACS Transfer
 Payee: Cranbrook United Synagogue
 Sort code: 60-01-38
 Account Number: 53003098
 Reference: Flowers

Credit / Debit Card
 Phone: 020 8629 2780

BEFORE TUESDAY 04 JUNE

Collection
 Pick up your flowers on Friday 14th or Monday 17th June between 10am and 12pm from the Synagogue Office.



If anyone wants to see a copy of the draft minutes from last year's AGM, please contact the Synagogue Office.

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

Ruth Abrahams, Jack Alter, Natalie Alter, Donna Baron, Cynthia Benson, Carol Berliner, Henry Berman, Yvonne Block, Adrienne Burnley, Barbara Cohen, Mavis Danziger, Simon Devan, Raymond Duskwick, Sharon Falk, Freda Fineberg, Laurence Freedman, Saul Freedman, Stacey Glazer, Muriel Godfrey, Maureen Gruskin, Malcolm Halter, Pamela Harris, Maurice Hart, Bernie Hyatt, Shirley Kingsley, Lionel Kranat, Martin Lander, Sheila Leaderman, Leslie Linder, Ruth Lipman, Estelle Luton, Sandra Mack, Betsy Mandell, Perry Melnick, Shirley Palmer, Stuart Pessok, Irving Rozansky, Enid Rozelaar, Jonathan Santaub, Anita Sears, Deborah Shear, Shirley Shine, Hilary Stanton, Stuart Trayman, Michael Vincent, Annette Waxman, David Winton and Jonathan Winton.

Lunch & Learn



Please call or e-mail the Office to book for **Tuesday, 4th June** by **2pm** on **Thursday, 30th May**.

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

D-Day 80th Anniversary Beacon Lighting

D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY
BEACON LIGHTING FOR
THE JEWISH COMMUNITY



6TH JUNE 2024

8.30PM NORTH LONDON LOCATION

SAVE THE DATE TO JOIN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER TO MARK THIS SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARY.

PLEASE REGISTER TO ATTEND AT WWW.AJEX.ORG.UK/D-DAY

The bravery and sacrifice of all those people 80 years ago in securing the peace and freedom we enjoy today is immense, and Jewish men and women were a key part of this victory. Across the UK and beyond, villages, towns, cities and organisations of all sizes will be marking the 80th anniversary of D-Day by lighting a beacon on 6th June 2024, in celebration of the 'light of peace' that emerged out of the darkness of war.



<https://www.ajex.org.uk/d-day>

Condolences to: The families of Arlene Swead, Ivor Ingram, David Grant, Hazel Gurvitz, Rhoda Freedman, Zane Grant, and Sally Winstock.

Forthcoming stone-settings

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| 27 th May 2024 | Renee Jackson | Waltham Abbey | 3.30pm |
| Mother of Gary Jackson | | | |
| 2 nd June 2024 | Aubrey Siteman | Waltham Abbey | Noon |
| Father of Helen Duncan | | | |
| 16 th June 2024 | Marlene Mendel | Waltham Abbey | 11.30am |
| Mother of Sasha Woolf | | | |
| 7 th July 2024 | Barbara Gordon | Waltham Abbey | Noon |
| Mother of Elaine Smart | | | |
| 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 | | | |

News and Views

The period of the Omer which lasts from Pesach to Shavuot is characterised by a sombre mood. We are not allowed to get married during this period, and we are not allowed to get our hair cut. This follows the laws of mourning which state that after a loved parent has passed away, it is forbidden to cut one's hair or to shave for at least 30 days (sometimes more until it becomes physically uncomfortable, and the person looks too dishevelled as a result). The reason for this mourning is because it is during the Omer period that the students of Rabbi Akiva passed away.

The Talmud tells us that they all died from one illness and suggests on a spiritual level that their death was the result of their lack of respect for one another.

This air of mourning ends on the 33rd day of the Omer (which corresponds this year to the 19th of May). Some say that this day corresponds to the passing of one of Rabbi Akiva's greatest students, Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai. Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai is accredited with the writings of the Zohar, the mystical secrets of the Torah. We celebrate the life of this sage and allow marriages as well as haircuts and shaving.

Other sages suggest that this was not the day that Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai died. Rather, the 33rd day of the Omer corresponds to a day of joy which relates to Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, but in a different way. The Talmud tells us that after the 24 thousand students of Rabbi Akiva died, the whole world was desolate because no Torah was being studied.

Rabbi Akiva, instead of despairing that his life's work of teaching these students had come to an end, started to find new students, and one of the students that he found was Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai. According to this, the 33rd day of the Omer is not solely a celebration of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai and the brilliant ideas that he brought into the world. Rather it is about the resilience of his teacher, Rabbi Akiva.



To lose everything is tragic. Rabbi Akiva could have easily given up his role as teacher. He had failed with 24,000 students, students who he had developed. He might have thought that he no longer had the strength or the determination to nurture a new class of students. Rabbi Akiva dusted himself off of the feelings of failure and depression and started again, this time with only 5 students. It was these students, Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai amongst them, who reinvigorated Jewish life, and reanimated the Mishna with their discussions, for centuries to come.

This is a true celebration showing the power of the human spirit never to give up or give in, no matter how hard you have been pushed down to the ground.

I wish you all a warm and peaceful Shabbos

Rabbi Steven, Siobhan, Maya and Talia Dansky.

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