



Shabbat, July 9, 2022 / Tammuz 10, 5782 Chukat / Pirkei-Avot Chapter 5

Service Times

Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat	7.15 pm
Shacharit followed by Kiddush	9.30 am
Shabbat ends	10.20 pm

Next Friday: Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat takes place at **7.15pm**. Light Candles at 7.40pm

Shacharit services:

Sunday 10th July at 8.15am, Monday 11th July at 7.05am and Thursday 14th July at 7.05am.

Mincha followed by Ma'ariv on Monday - Thursday at 7.30pm.

If you can help, make up the weekday minyanim in Shul please let the Wardens or Shul Office 020 7629 2780 know.

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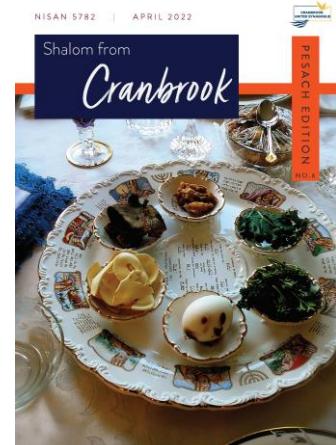
Many thanks to everyone who submitted articles for the Pesach 5782 Edition of the Shalom Magazine. We have had some excellent feedback from our readers.

I am now working on the Rosh Hashanah 5783 Edition 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 me at stanton.philippa@gmail.com.

All articles, pictures and stories must be received by the **20th July 2022**. I have already started collecting new articles, so please e-mail me as soon as you can!

I look forward to hearing from you.

Philippa Stanton – Editor



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

Jason Shela MBE

Artscroll p 1187, Hertz p 664, Cohen/Soncino p 991

If you would like to mark a birthday or Simcha, or want to commemorate a Yahrzeit, this can be done by sponsoring Cranbrook News. In the forthcoming weeks, there are many dates that are available.

The cost of sponsoring Cranbrook News is £15. Please call the shul office for more information.

Children's Service: 10.30am

Regular Weekday Services in the Main Synagogue

Shacharit: Sunday & Public Holidays at 8.15am.

Shacharit: Monday and Thursday at 7.05am.

Rosh Chodesh Shacharit: Monday to Friday at 7am; Sunday at 8.15am.

Mincha followed by Ma'ariv: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 7.30pm.

Dates for the Diary

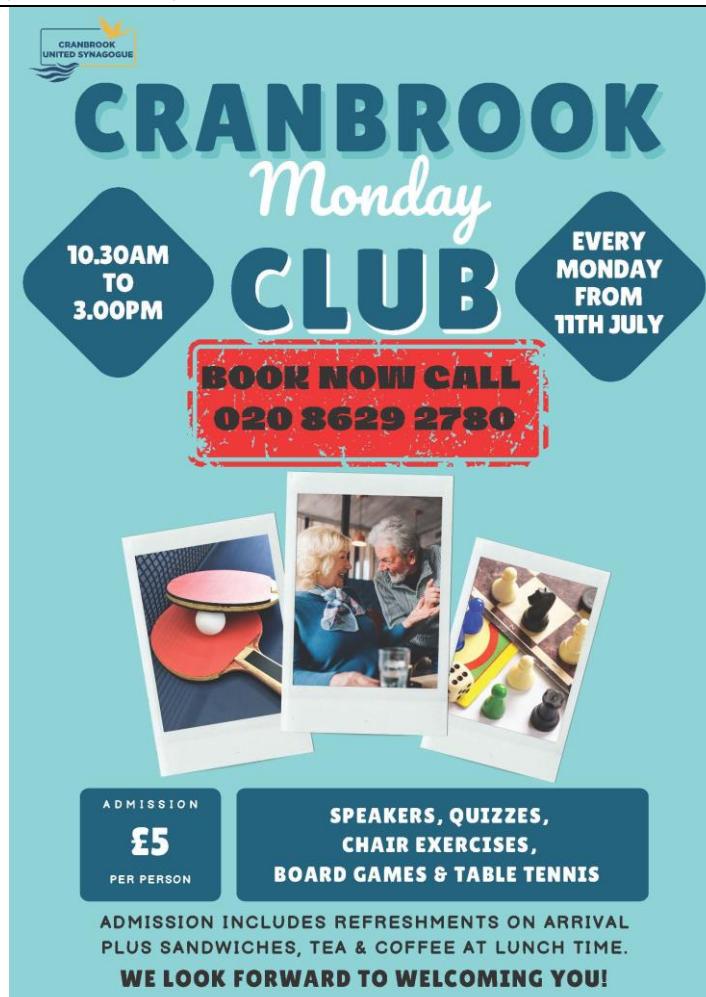
July

Monday 11 th	Cranbrook Monday Club
Tuesday 12 th	Lunch N' Learn with Rabbi Dansky
Wednesday 13 th	Coffee & Chat with Rev Newman
Sunday 17 th	Rabbi Shiur @ 10am
Monday 18 th	Fast of Tammuz (2.07am-10.05pm)
Wednesday 20 th	Cranbrook Monday Club
Shabbat 23 rd	Men's Virtual Happy Hour @ 4pm
Monday 25 th	Rabbi Shiur @ 10am
Tuesday 26 th	Mevarachim HaChodesh
Wednesday 27 th	Cranbrook Monday Club
Friday 29 th	Coffee & Chat with Rev Newman
	Lunch N' Learn with Rabbi Dansky
	Rabbi Shiur @ 10am
	Rosh Chodesh Av

August

Monday 1 st	Cranbrook Monday Club
	Men's Virtual Happy Hour @ 4pm
Wednesday 3 rd	Rabbi Shiur @ 10am

Ladies Tea & Chat will be taking a break until Thursday, 1st September at 3.30pm.



The flyer for the Cranbrook Monday Club features a light blue background. At the top left is the Cranbrook United Synagogue logo. The main title 'CRANBROOK Monday CLUB' is in large, bold, blue letters. Below the title are two diamond-shaped boxes: one on the left containing '10.30AM TO 3.00PM' and one on the right containing 'EVERY MONDAY FROM 11TH JULY'. A red rectangular box in the center contains the text 'BOOK NOW CALL 020 8629 2780'. Below this are three Polaroid-style photos showing people playing ping pong, a couple talking, and a chess board. At the bottom left, a dark blue box says 'ADMISSION £5 PER PERSON'. To its right, another dark blue box lists 'SPEAKERS, QUIZZES, CHAIR EXERCISES, BOARD GAMES & TABLE TENNIS'. At the very bottom, a small white box states 'ADMISSION INCLUDES REFRESHMENTS ON ARRIVAL PLUS SANDWICHES, TEA & COFFEE AT LUNCH TIME.' and 'WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU!'.

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

Marian Arbiter, Beatrice Baxter, Vivienne Berlin, Adam Brill, Alan Burns, Blanche Charach, Jessie Cherkoff, Annette Colman, Audrey Davis, Sandra Dollow, Alan Donn, Mark Finkletaub, Angela Fox, Doreen Golding, Alan Graham, Hilary Green, Joyce Halperin, David Herst, Myra Hilton, Victoria Joffe, Frances Keen, Maureen Lazarus, Anthony Lewis, Michelle Lipman, Norma Maisner, Phoebe Morris, Susan Morrison, Henry Moss, Colin Myers, Pearl Palmer, Betty Pam, Joy Peterson, Shirley Rosenthal, Anthony Roth, Rita Ruben, Anita Sears, Carole Sholem, David Sholem, Stanley Simmons, Estelle Smiler, Rita Stedman, Louis Vitow and June Whitesman.



David & June Decker on their wedding anniversary.

David Bresh, Bruria Eisen, Mary Grant, Vivien Hoffman and Gillian Newman on their respective birthdays.

Plant a tree for the Jubilee!

To mark the Queen's Jubilee, the United Synagogue and the Office of the Chief Rabbi are collaborating with the Woodland Trust to plant groves of trees as our gift to Her Majesty.

We are inviting all our members and the wider community to buy trees as part of The Queen's Green Canopy project. Every tree bought by our community will be planted together in allocated groves within a new, Woodland Trust wood in Norfolk, creating a unique Jewish environmental legacy.

Our aim is to have 37,000 trees planted, one for every member of the US!

The woodland can be visited by all and will be a fantastic future educational resource for our youth and wider community.

The Trees, bought online, will be selected, planted, and maintained by the Woodland Trust to maximise the ecological benefits. Members from the same United Synagogue community who collectively buy 750+ trees will have their trees planted together in a specially allocated grove, named after their shul.

Trees can be bought in any number, as gifts, in someone else's name or as a memorial. Confirmation and a downloadable certificate will be provided for every purchase.

Trees can be bought now via www.theus.org.uk/trees

CRANBROOK UNITED SYNAGOGUE

QUIZ night

With Quiz Master, Michael Finger

Sunday, August 14

in the Mark Lewis Hall

starting at: 7:30pm

A fun night for everyone!

Tickets: £10 pp including light refreshments

WITH A RAFFLE!!!

To book your tickets:
Visit <https://www.theus.org.uk/CranbrookQuiz2022>
Call 020 8629 2780
Email admin@cranbrooksynagogue.org.uk

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We will be producing a Yizkor Book as in previous years – please call the Shul Office 020 8629 2780 if you want names included in this year's book. Closing date for entries is **Thursday, 21st July**.

Forthcoming stone-settings

11 th July 2022	Herman Rothman	Waltham Abbey	11am
Husband of Shirley Rothman			
17 th July 2022	Elizabeth Elvins	Waltham Abbey	11am
Mother of Joanne Rose			
21 st August 2022	Ivor Wagner	Waltham Abbey	11am
Father of Beverley Wagner			
21 st August 2022	Evelyn Raine	East Ham	2.00pm
Sister of Renee Bravo			
28 th August 2022	Stanley Faw	Waltham Abbey	3.30pm
Husband of Rosalind Faw			

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.

Shabbat Shalom from

Rabbi Steven, Siobhan, Maya and Talia Dansky.

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