

Shabbat, 27th August 2022 / 30th Menachim Av 5782 Re'eh / Rosh Chodesh Ellul / Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 5

#### Service Times

Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat

Shacharit followed by Kiddush

Shabbat ends

Next Friday: Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat takes place at 7.15pm. Light Candles at 7.31pm





Rabbi Steven Dansky

7.15 pm

9.30 am

8.48 pm

Our thanks go to Suzanne and Michael Finger for making the Quiz such a great success.

## Weekday Services this week.

Sunday 28th August at 8.15am, Monday 29th August at 8.15am and Thursday 1st September at 7.05am. Mincha followed by Ma'ariv on Monday - Thursday at 7.30pm.

## Torah Reading

Leyning: Re'eh

Sefer Devarim: 11:26-16:17

Artscroll p 998, Hertz p 799, Cohen/Soncino p 1055

Maftir: Bamidbar 28:9-15

Artscroll 890, Hertz 695, Cohen/Soncino 944

Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1 - 66:24 Harold Marco

Artscroll p 1208, Hertz p 944, Cohen/Soncino p 1188

This week's Cranbrook News is kindly sponsored by the Abrahams and Chessis families to celebrate Aaron's 6th Birthday and Ruth and Robin's 40th anniversary.

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 6.50am; Sunday at 8.15am.

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

### **Dates for the Diary**

#### August

Shabbat 27<sup>th</sup>

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

Monday 29<sup>th</sup>

Rosh Chodesh Ellul

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Music Extravaganza @ 8pm

September

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Ladies Tea and Chat
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Cranbrook Monday Club

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Coffee and Chat with Rev Newman

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Cranbrook Monday Club

Men's Virtual Happy Hour

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Music Extravaganza @ 8pm

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

Coffee and Chat with Rev Newman will be taking a break until Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm.

Men's Virtual Happy Hour will be taking a break until Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm.



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

Jack Alter, Peter Braham, Betty Bush, Stuart Coslover, Rachel Crabbe, Ruth Crabbe, Sophie Diamond, Joan Dobin, Carole Finkletaub, Shirley Gold, Ruth Goldberg, Lionel Goldberg, Herzel Halawi, Helena Hockley, Martin Kay, Jonathan Kent, Leslie Kingsley, Barbara Langer, Amelia Levy, Leonard Lewis, Jan Meyer, Colin Myers, John Myers, Michael Myers, Sandra Nerden, Maureen Nieberg, Janice Rebak, Victor Reuben, Jacqueline Riesel, Frances Robin, Laurence Rosenberg, Rosalind Rozansky, Ruth Salahi, Anne Schlesinger, Michael Seigar, Jacqueline Seldis, Helena Shaw, Harvey Sheere, Muriel Silver, Jean Tondy and Yvonne West.



Robin & Ruth Abrahams, David & Sandra Franks, Gary & Susan Grant and Trevor & Angela Morris on their respective wedding anniversaries.

Zack Abraham, Shaine Abrahams, Nigel Fidlan, Clive Filek, Elaine Hillier, Mark Levy, Ruth Montlake, Sandra Robins, Irene Rosenberg, Barry Shamplin, Philip Shaw, Karen Stern, Maurice Temple, Charlie Vernon and Audree Wershof on their respective birthdays.

Rebecca Green on her engagement to Ben Harris.

Joanne and Marc Green on the engagement of their daughter Rebecca to Ben.

#### Leyning and Haftorah

Gentlemen would you please let Harold know your Barmitzvah Sedra and if you just leined or recited Maftir and Haftorah.

Please don't be shy we would love to have more of our members take part in the service on a Shabbat morning.





## Forthcoming stone-settings

28th August 2022	Stanley Faw	Waltham Abbey	3.30pm
Husband of Rosalind Faw			
11th September 2022	Joan Masters	Waltham Abbey	10.30am
Mother of Stephen Masters			
11th September 2022	Peter Mendel	Waltham Abbey	11.30am
Husband of Marlene Mende	l		
11th September 2022	Corinne Fishman	Waltham Abbey	Noon
Mother of Louise Malina			
11th September 2022	Colin Emden	Waltham Abbey	12.30pm
Husband of Carol Emden, fa	ather of Michelle & Richard Emder		
11th September 2022	Leila Conn/Leslie Shaw	Waltham Abbey	1.30pm
Mother of Danny Conn			
11th September 2022	Audrey Allen	Waltham Abbey	3.30pm
Mother of Wendy Ockrim			

# The Torah says what? Giving charity makes you rich

In this week's Torah portion, the Torah tells us: "You shall surely give tithes of all the bounty of your field's harvest, every year" (Deuteronomy 14, 22). The sages point out that the words "You shall surely give tithes" or ASER T'ASER is essentially repeated, and from this the Talmud in Shabbat (119A) teaches us that we will become wealthy if we give our tithes.

There are two issues with this piece of Talmud. The first is that there are many people who give charity, who are not objectively rich. How can the Talmud promise something which doesn't happen in reality? The second issue of this piece of Talmud is that the Torah itself is quite ambivalent about wealth. In Ethics



of the Fathers, Hillel said: "the more possessions you have, the greater will be your worries". In Ecclesiastes, King Solomon wasn't fond of wealth, and said that his huge wealth was meaningless to him. Yet here, it would seem that wealth is positive, because it is the result of giving tithes. What should our response to wealth therefore be?

Rabbi Shimon Shwab of blessed memory quoting Maimonides in his work The 8 chapters defines wealth as: 'a sense of sufficiency with what one has', and then proves this from Ethics of our Fathers where it states: "Who is wealthy? Someone who is happy about what he has". Such an individual does not feel hurt about things he doesn't have for himself. With this definition of wealth, we can understand the mechanism of tithes as a way of increasing a sense of sufficiency. Rabbi Shwab explains that when one gives Ma'aser (tithes), it will lead him or her to be happy with their lot. The purpose of Ma'aser is to place a boundary on a person's desires, and to give away from the bounty that you have been given to others. A person's ability to give makes them realise how truly wealthy they are.

This will enable us to answer the question that we posed. An individual who gives charity may not become a millionaire but giving will lead the individual to achieve a sense of wealth which stems from the ability to give in the first place.



We can see from this that wealth is a double-edged sword. It has the potential to make a person realise how truly blessed and enriched he or she is from the Almighty. That sense of blessedness allows one to feel free to give - after all, if one has so much, why should others not benefit from the bounty that has been received? If on the other hand, wealth is seen as a means to achieve honour, then it will lead to a constant fear that what he or she has is simply not enough, and in all likelihood will never be enough.

I wish you all a good Shabbos

Rabbi Steven, Siobhan, Maya and Talia Dansky.

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