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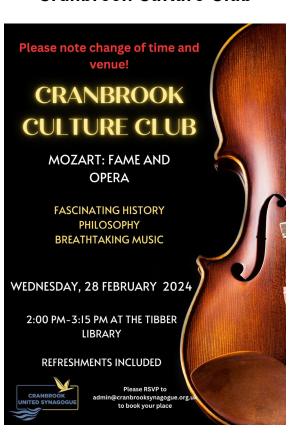
Children's Service:10.30amRegular Weekday Services:Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday at Ilford Federation Synagogue;Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at Cranbrook United Synagogue.Shacharit:Sunday & Public Holidays at 8.30am.Shacharit:Monday & Thursday at 7.20am. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7.30am.Rosh Chodesh Shacharit:Sunday at 8.30am; Monday to Friday at 7.10am.Mincha:Monday to Thursday at 1.30pm at Chabad Gants HillMa'ariv:Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 7.30pm.Dates for the DiaryLunch & Learn

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|----------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|---|--|
| February                   |          |                                  |   |  |
| Shabbat 24 <sup>th</sup>   |          | Shushan Purim Katan              | You are invited to  |  |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> | @10am    | Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur        | Lunch   |  |
|                            | @2pm     | Cranbrook Culture Club           | & Learn   |  |
| March                      |          |                                  | Excellent Food,   |  |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>     | @12.30pm | Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Dansky  | Fascinating Discussions   |  |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>  | @10am    | Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur        | 22 January<br>5 February  |  |
|                            | @ 7.30pm | Women's Health Event             | 19 February   |  |
| Shabbat 9 <sup>th</sup>    |          | Shabbat for Israel               | 4th March<br>18 March   |  |
|                            |          | Mevarachim Hachodesh             | Lunch begins at 12:30PM   |  |
|                            |          | Parashat Shekalim                | Please RSVP by Thursday<br>BEFORE at 2PM by calling<br>0208529-2780, or email<br>administrations of the second secon |  |
| Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>    |          | Rosh Chodesh Adar II             |   |  |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>    |          | Rosh Chodesh Adar II             | Please call or <u>e-mail</u> the Office to  |  |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> | @10am    | Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur        | book for <b>Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March</b> by   |  |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>   | @ 8pm    | Music Extravaganza Night         | 2pm on Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> February.   |  |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> | @10am    | Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur        |   |  |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>  |          | Fast of Esther (4.22am – 6.58pm) | Call 020 8629 2780 or e-mail  |  |
| Shabbat 23 <sup>rd</sup>   |          | Shabbat Zachor                   | admin@cranbrooksynagogue.org.uk   |  |
|                            |          | Megillah Reading @ 7.30pm        |   |  |
| Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>    |          | Purim                            |   |  |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>    |          | Shushan Purim                    |   |  |
|                            |          |                                  |   |  |

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

Brian Angel, Shirley Benton, Stephen Berkoff, Mark Bossick, Harvey Bourne, Renee Bravo, Menashy Cohen, Natalie Conroy, Jeffrey Faber, Austin Friddin, Barbara Grossman, Pamela Halawi, Anita Haring, Heather Hawkes, Pearl Hiller, Rosalind Johnstone, Sharon Joseph, Sharon Kantor, Cyril Keizner, Sylvia Kopkin, Sally Leigh, Edward Leon, Linda Levene, Carla Levene, Leonard Lewis, Darren Masters, Kim Mcnally, Michelle Mervish, Jonathan Meyer, Simon Meyer, Kay Nathan, Irene Placks, David Rappaport, Gerald Reisman, Sarah Roat, Ruth Rose, Ruth Russell, Virginia Salamon, Janine Saunders, Clive Schaller, Linda Schaller, Sandra Senjack, Beverley Sennett, Rosalie Shaffron, Keith Shenker, Yvonne Shoshan, Shirley Slipman, Vivienne Springer, Cyril Stitcher, Maureen Tassie, Robert Torz, Adrienne Trayman, Louis Vitow, Henry Waldman and Sandra Young.





**Cranbrook Culture Club** 

Please call or email the Office to book your place by **2pm** on **Monday, 26th February**.

The shul website is now password protected please e-mail webmaster@cranbrooksynagogue.org.uk or WhatsApp 07956 617669 to get the password.

Condolences to: The families of Annette Luder and Beatrice Caro.

## Forthcoming stone-settings

| 29 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 | Betty Bernard | Waltham Abbey | Noon    |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------|--|--|
| Mother of Jacquie Feldman      |               |               |         |  |  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2024    | Ivor Miller   | Waltham Abbey | 11.00am |  |  |
| Husband of Anita Miller        |               |               |         |  |  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2024    | Martin Mercer | Waltham Abbey | 11.30am |  |  |
| Father of Michael Mercer       |               |               |         |  |  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2024    | Gabriel Shine | Waltham Abbey | Noon    |  |  |
| Husband of Shirley Shine       | 2             |               |         |  |  |

## **News and Views**

One of the clothes that the High Priest used to wear was a robe which had on its hem pomegranates, which held within them clappers that rang like bells. Whenever he walked, the bells would ring. The Torah adds that wearing these bells was absolutely necessary for his service in the Temple. If he didn't wear them, he would surely die.

What difference did it make to the High Priest whether he wore these clothes or not? Why was it so important not only for his service, but for his life as to whether he wore these bells shaped like pomegranates or not?

There is a beautiful verse in the Song of Songs which says as follows: "Your brow behind your veil [gleams] like a pomegranate split open" Ostensibly, Solomon is referring to the beautiful skin of his beloved.

However, the Talmud tells us that his beloved refers to the Jewish people, and it is not their brow but the REIKIM - the empty ones. Effectively the verse is talking about those Jews who appear like they are empty of merit, and even they are compared to a pomegranate which has so many juicy pips. Every single Jew, no matter who they are, has within them many merits, has worth.

The job of the High Priest was to represent all the Jewish people, to be their messenger and intermediary to G-d. He was the representative of all the high and the mighty - the princes of Israel, their leaders and Sanhedrin, as well as the lowly and spiritually downtrodden.



It is easy for the High Priest to represent the upright and the religious, but how does one represent those who do not have merits, who are, so to speak, 'less than' the wise and the meritorious?

The High Priest was warned against that by the pomegranates that jingled as he walked - reminding him that there is not one Jew, even

the lowest of the low who is without merits. Each person is bursting with potential and greatness. If he forgot that idea even for one moment, then his life was forfeit.

l wish you all a good Shabbos.

Rabbi Steven, Siobhan, Maya and Talia Dansky.

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