

# Shabbat, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022 / 27<sup>th</sup> Tishrei 5783 Bereishit / Mevarachim Hachodesh

### **Service Times**

Shabbat ends

Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat

5.40 pm

Shacharit followed by Kiddush

9.30 am

No Mincha or Ma'ariv service

6.40 pm

Next Friday: Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat takes place at 5.26pm. Candle lighting at 5.26pm.

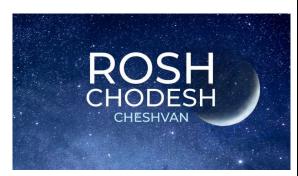
We are open for **Shacharit** services.

On Sunday 23rd at 8.15am, Monday 24th at 7.05am and Thursday 27th at 7.05am.

We are open for Ma'ariv on Monday - Thursday at 7.30pm.

Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan is next Tuesday (Yom Shlishi) and Wednesday (Yom Revi'i), October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, and we bless the new month today.

The *Molad* (the time of the first sighting of the moon in Jerusalem) is on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 09:44 and 7 *chalakim*.



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### Torah Reading

Leyning: Bereishit

Sefer Bereishit: 1:1-6:8

Rabbi Steven Dansky

Artscroll p 2, Cohen/Soncino p 1, Hertz p 2

Haftorah: Isaiah: 42:5-21

Philip Powell

Artscroll p 1130, Cohen/Soncino p 27, Hertz p 21

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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.

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

## **Dates for the Diary**

#### October

Shabbat 22<sup>nd</sup> Meyarachim HaChodesh Monday 24th Cranbrook Monday Club Men's Virtual Happy Hour Tuesday 25th

Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan

Lunch and Learn Music Extravaganza

Wednesday 26th Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan

Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> British Summer Begins at 2am

Monday 31st Cranbrook Monday Club

#### November

Tuesday 1st Coffee and Chat with Rev Newman

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur

Thursday 3rd Ladies Tea & Chat

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Cranbrook Monday Club

Men's Virtual Happy Hour

Tuesday 8th Lunch and Learn

Wednesday 9th Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur



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

Michael Aaron, Lisa Alexander, Simon Alexander, Bernice Barber, Anne Barber-Herlitz, Alan Becker, Sidney Berman, Betty Bernard, Barbara Besbrode, Harvey Bick, Helen Brent, Estelle Brill, Ivor Clements, Harry Cohen, Natalie Conroy, Anita Conway, Alan Cooper, Pearl Crawford, Shelley Deutsch, Adele Fidlan, Gerald Fox, Sharon Garfield, Murray Gaynor, Julian Gold, Barbara Gordon, Emuna Green, Maureen Greer, Rita Grossman, Rita Haberman, Marian Harris, Alan Harrison, Ann Herman, David Hoffman, Aubrey Hoffman, Morris Huberman, Barbara Joseph, Freda Katz, Aline Kaye, Lillian Kirsch, Barbara Klinger, Simone Kramer, Jeffrey Leader, Leslie Leigh, Sidney Lever, Betty Levine, Jean Lowi, Annette Luder, Mervyn Lyndon, Shirley Marks, Stephen Mendel, Esther Michaels, Anthony Mitchell, Henry Moss, Gaynor Persell, Pamela Reisman, Elaine Schaverien, Malcolm Schneider, Roger Segal, Estelle Silver, Karen Sterne, Maureen Summers, Peter Tennant and Doreen Wajchendler.



Stanley & Daveena Rogoff, Stephen & Hazel Selby, Gary & Miriam Hyman and Leonard & Maureen Lewis on their respective wedding anniversaries.

Claire Ammar, Joan Dobin, Betty Jacobs, Lily Lee, David Michaels and Eleanor Weinfass on their respective birthdays.

# **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

| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2022   | Arnold Jackson     | Waltham Abbey | 11.00am |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------|
| Husband of Renee Jackson        |                    |               |         |
| 23rd October 2022               | Levy/Mavis Sampson | Waltham Abbey | 11.30am |
| Parents of Jane & Sally Sampson |                    |               |         |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2022   | Eva Kushin         | Waltham Abbey | 1.00pm  |
| Mother of Simon Kushin          |                    |               |         |
| 30th October 2022               | Raymond Leslie     | Bushey New    | 10.30am |
| Father of Alan Leslie           |                    |               |         |
| 6th November 2022               | Harry Karker       | Waltham Abbey | 10.30am |
| Father of Michelle Royston      |                    |               |         |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2022   | Wendy Mallach      | Waltham Abbey | 11.00am |
| Mother of Joy, Denise &         | Michael Mallach    | _             |         |

### **News and Views**

This week we begin the reading of the Torah from the beginning with the creation of the world. The reading of

Bereishit is always fascinating, dealing as it does with the creation of the world, as well as the creation of mankind.

Man is described as being created from the physical and the spiritual. The physical relates to the ground from which he is formed, while the spiritual refers to the breath of life which is literally breathed into his nostrils from the Almighty. This goes flat against the view of science who believe that man is just a physical being which has a complicated biology of interconnected blood, bones, matter and DNA.

Why did G-d need to create us from one of his breaths? What purpose did it

serve? I believe that here we are told the greatness and the capacity of man. If man had been created purely from the dust of the earth, he would never have been able to achieve more than his physical limitations. He would be limited by the very essence that made him.

To ensure that man has the capacity to move beyond his limitations, G-d places within man His own spirit, and that spirit allows him to transcend his own limitations. It allows man to change his behaviours, to constantly improve, to move beyond what he or she thinks themselves capable of.

It is no wonder that one of the greatest markers of greatness set out by the sages is the person who is able to repent, because he or she has shown their humanity by moving away from something which previously defined them. The greatness of spirit that exists in every single human being is this ability not to be bound down by their upbringing, or their social acquaintances, or their socio-economic status. We do not have to be bound by our physical boundaries.

Our basic makeup allows us to constantly change to constantly develop. We have the capacity to change our views on the world, our views on ourselves, our views on others. We are not bound by our physical boundaries. It is this breath that makes us capable of moving beyond grief, out of depression, that makes the impossible possible.

Torah views these exceptions as expressions of our basic humanity. This means that every single one of us has the potential to choose their reaction to any given situation. It enables us to learn new things, and not be bound by preconceptions. Our behaviour and choices of yesterday do not have to dictate the people we are today or tomorrow.

I wish you all a good Shabbos

Rabbi Steven, Siobhan, Maya and Talia Dansky.

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