



Shabbat, April 15th, 2023 / 24th Nisan 5783

Shemini / Mevarachim Hachodesh / 9th day of Omer / Pirkei Avot Chapter 1

Service Times (Ellis Levene Barmitzvah)

Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat

7.15pm

Shacharit followed by Kiddush

9.30am

No Mincha or Ma'ariv service

Shabbat Ends

8.47pm

Next Friday: Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat takes place at **7.15pm**. Candle lighting at **7.40pm (7.53pm)**.

We wish Mazel Tov to the Levene family on the occasion of Ellis's Barmitzvah today, the family invite everyone to join them for kiddush in the Mark Lewis Hall after the service.

We are open for **Shacharit** services, On **Sunday** at 8.15am, **Monday** at 7.05am, & **Thursday** at 7.05am.

We are open for **Mincha followed by Ma'ariv** on **Monday - Thursday** at 7.30pm.

An advertisement for Yom Hashoah 80c. The background is dark blue with colorful geometric patterns. Text includes 'THE UK JEWISH COMMUNITY NATIONAL HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION' in white, 'YouTube LIVE' with a red play button icon, 'YOM HASHOAH 80c' in large yellow and orange letters, '17TH APRIL 2023 LIVE STREAM • 7.15PM', and 'COMMEMORATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING'. There is an image of a lit yellow candle with a white star on its label.

Torah Reading

Leyning: Shemini

Sefer: Vayikra: 9:1-11:47

Artscroll p 588, Cohen/Soncino p 651, Hertz p 443

Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16-38

Artscroll p 1216, Cohen/Soncino p 1194, Hertz p 999

Rabbi Steven Dansky / Ellis Levene

Naftali Levene

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on the occasion of her grandson, Ellis' Barmitzvah***

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

April		
Shabbat 15 th		<i>Mevarachim Hachodesh</i>
Monday 17 th	@ 4pm	<i>Men's Virtual Happy Hour</i>
	@ 7.15pm	<i>Yom HaShoah</i>
Tuesday 18 th	@ 3.30pm	<i>Coffee & Chat with Rev Newman</i>
Wednesday 19 th	@ 10am	<i>Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur</i>
Friday 21 st		<i>Rosh Chodesh Iyar</i>
Shabbat 22 nd		<i>Rosh Chodesh Iyar</i>
Tuesday 25 th		<i>Yom Ha'zikaron</i>
	@ 12.30pm	<i>Lunch N' Learn with Rabbi Dansky</i>
Wednesday 26 th		<i>Yom Ha'Atzmaut</i>
	@ 10am	<i>Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur</i>

Today we bless the forthcoming month of **Iyar**.

Rosh Chodesh Iyar is on **Friday, April 21st** and **Saturday, April 22nd** (B'Yom Shishi Uv'Yom Shabbos Kodesh).

The *Molad*, earliest sighting of the new moon in Jerusalem, is on Thursday, April 20, 2023, 2:08 pm and 13 *chalakim*.

Annual General Meeting

It's that time of the year again with the AGM taking place on **Wednesday, May 10th** at **8pm** in the Mark Lewis Hall.

Papers have just been sent out in the shul mailing and nominations must be received by **3pm** on **Tuesday, April 18th**.

Voting in person will commence at **6pm** and will close at **8pm**.

As always, Mincha followed by Ma'ariv will precede the AGM at 7.30pm.

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

Robin Abrahams, Howard Berlin, Warren Berliner, Judy Bernstein, Jeffrey Block, Suzanne Bloom, Carole Bourne, Sheila Brand, Allan Brett, Barry Brett, Philip Burke, Elaine Chaplin, Anthony Cirsch, Phillip Cohen, Sarah Cohen, Rita Dryer, Elaine Duque, Rosalind Faw, Marilyn Finegold, Michael Finger, Kathleen Franks, David Franks, Freda Goldstein, Russell Green, Saul Green, Joanne Green, Susan Hahn, Martin Jacobs, Philip Kalinsky, Frances Keen, Sheila Keizner, Antony Laiker, Lily Lee, Stanley Levy, Gary Lewis, Karen Lichkin, Michelle Lichkin, Rachel Lichkin, Stanley Lopata, Solomon Macatonia, Norma Manning, Shirley Marks, Kim McNally, Charles Mitchell, Melanie Nathan, Sandra Nerden, Maureen Nieberg, Lisa Rosen, Sidney Schlesinger, Milly Scott, Alan Scott, Raymond Solomons, Peter Tennant, Adele Trainis and Michael Weiner.

Mazel Tov

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Stuart & Marilyn Nieman on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mildred Davies, Cindy Delin, Rosalind Drage, Herzel Halawi, Maurice Herman, Rose Lewis, Leonard Silver and Cyril Stoller on their respective birthdays.

Elena and Gary Levene on their son Ellis' Barmitzvah and to Saul and Anton on their brother's Barmitzvah.

Angela Levene and Viv Goodman on their grandsons, Ellis' Barmitzvah.

Clarification regarding the Shabbat times during the summer months

Ordinarily Shabbat begins 18 minutes before sunset. However, as we enter the long days of summer in our community, we will be bringing Shabbat in at the earlier time of **7.40 pm**.

This will allow our members to have their Friday night meal at a more convenient hour. For the benefit of our members who are unable to light candles with the rest of the community at **7.40 pm**, we have put the latest time for candle lighting in brackets.

Kabbalat Shabbat will take place at 7.15pm throughout the summer.



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admin@cranbrooksynagogue.org.uk

Forthcoming stone-settings

23 rd April 2023	Marvin Karp	Waltham Abbey	11.30am
Husband of Deanna Karp			
23 rd April 2023	Edward Harris	Waltham Abbey	Noon
Husband of Pamela Harris			
24 th April 2023	Anita Silver	Waltham Abbey	Noon
30 th April 2023	Rosalyn Herman	Waltham Abbey	11.30am
Mother of Peter Herman			
30 th April 2023	Norman Whyte	Waltham Abbey	Noon
Father of Judith Gold			

Cranbrook United Synagogue wishes a huge Mazeltov to

Ellis Levene

On the Occasion of his Barmitzvah

A little bit about Ellis

Ellis goes to Valentines High School and is currently in year 8. He enjoys his schooling, and his best subject is Religious Education in which he has excelled.

Ellis is a young man of many talents and hobbies. He plays the double bass, and is part of the youth orchestra, the only one in his orchestra! He is also an avid dog lover, and spends lots of time with Kyra, the family dog.

Chess is one of Ellis's many interests. He also enjoys gaming and can show you all how to excel in any of them!

Ellis will be reading from the Torah this week, and his best friend Charlie Solomons will be cheering from the sides as he recites his Maftir.

We wish Ellis, his parents Gary and Elena, brothers Saul and Anton, his proud grandmothers Angela and Vivienne a huge Mazeltov on this most momentous day!



This week sees the opening of the tabernacle for use for the first time... What is fascinating about the whole affair is the tension behind the scenes that built up to this moment. In between the command of the Mishkan and its actual building, we know that the Jewish people sinned by building the golden calf. This sin was great in and of itself, but more than that it effectively severed the connection between G-d and the Jewish people. The whole purpose of the Tabernacle was to create and establish a relationship between G-d and the Jewish people, to continue the revelation that took place at Sinai and make it a continuing one that would travel as they travelled through the desert. But would that relationship last after their transgression against G-d?

This tension increases when one considers *who* would conduct the services within the tabernacle. It was Aharon, Moses's brother who would serve the primary role in the sanctuary. At the same time, he was the one who was on a certain level primarily responsible for the building of the golden calf in the first place. It was he who threw the gold into the smelting pot, and from that gold the golden calf was formed. You can imagine Aharon's ambivalence and misgivings about taking this role when he knew he was the author of the disintegration of the Jewish people's relationship with G-d.

It is for this reason that the primary sacrifice that Aharon brings is a calf as a sin-offering. This calf is a representation of the calf which Aharon inadvertently created. Aharon could only serve in the sanctuary if this sacrifice was accepted by G-d.

It must have been incredibly stressful for Aharon, when, according to the Medrash, Aharon brought the final sacrifices, and there was still no answering fire from G-d. Aharon insists that it is his fault that G-d hasn't answered all their preparation. It is only when Moses walks together with Aharon and asks for mercy from the Almighty that spiritual fire from heaven comes down and accepts their sacrifice.

I wish you all a good Shabbos. Rabbi Steven, Siobhan, Maya and Talia Dansky

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