



Shabbat, 25th March 2023 / 3rd Nisan 5783
Vayikra

Service Times

Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat	6.06pm
Shacharit followed by Kiddush	9.30am
Mincha will follow Kiddush	

No Ma'ariv service

Shabbat Ends	7.09pm
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Next Friday: Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat takes place at **7.15pm**. Candle lighting at 7.17pm.

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

We are open for **Ma'ariv** on **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday** at 7.30pm, **Wednesday** at 7pm.

Mincha takes place daily on Monday to Thursday at Chabad Gants Hill at 1.30pm.

Don't forget to move your clocks **FORWARD** tonight as British Summer Time commences at 1am.



Sale of Chametz

There is a specific mitzvah to sell one's chametz before Pesach, and it's very easy to do! The Sale of Chametz form will be sent out in the pre-Pesach mailing next week or you can access it online immediately. All you need to do is complete the form and send it back to the Shul office by **Friday 31st March 2023**. Although not strictly necessary, it is preferable that the form be handed over directly to **Rabbi Dansky**, as you are appointing him to sell your Chametz on your behalf. This process takes no more than about 10 seconds! **Rabbi Dansky** is happy to receive forms at any mutually convenient time. If you are going to be away for Pesach, the process is the same, but you must let the **Rabbi Dansky** know, so that an adjustment can be made accordingly.

Torah Reading

Leyning: Vayikra

Sefer Vayikra: 1:1-5:26

Artscroll p 544, Cohen/Soncino p 605, Hertz p 410

Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21 - 44:23

Artscroll p 1165, Cohen/Soncino p 625, Hertz p 424

Rabbi Steven Dansky

Simon Schlazer

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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 7am; Sunday at 8.15am.

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

Dates for the Diary

March		
Sunday 26 th	@ 1am	<i>British Summer Time begins</i>
Tuesday 28 th	@12.30pm	<i>Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Dansky</i>
Wednesday 29 th	@ 10am	<i>Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur</i>
	@ 8pm	<i>"Freedom"</i>
April		
Shabbat 1 st		<i>Shabbat HaGadol</i>
Wednesday 5 th		<i>Ta'anit Bechorot</i> <i>1st Seder Evening</i>
Thursday 6 th		<i>Pesach 1st Day</i>
Friday 7 th		<i>Bank Holiday</i> <i>Pesach 2nd Day</i>
Shabbat 8 th		<i>Shabbat Chol Hamoed</i>
Monday 10 th		<i>Bank Holiday</i>
Wednesday 12 th		<i>7th Day Pesach</i>
Thursday 13 th		<i>8th Day Pesach</i> <i>Yizkor @ 11.15am approx.</i>
Shabbat 15 th		<i>Mevarachim Hachodesh</i>
Monday 17 th	@ 4pm	<i>Men's Virtual Happy Hour</i>
Tuesday 18 th	@ 3.30pm	<i>Coffee & Chat with Rev Newman</i>
Wednesday 19 th	@ 10am	<i>Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur</i>



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

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Mazel Tov

מזל טוב

Jeffrey & Cynthia Simmons (Blue Sapphire, 65th) and Michael & Diane Kenner (Golden, 60th) on their respective wedding anniversaries.

Marian Conway, Sandra Franks, Susan Grant, Lionel Gold, Renee Graham, Maurice Hart, Gary Krist, Ellis Levene, Alan Rogoff and Doreen Wajchendler on their respective birthdays.

Angela and Stanley Simmons on the birth of a granddaughter.

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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Please call or e-mail the Office to book for **Tuesday, 25th April** by lunchtime on **Thursday 20th April**.

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Forthcoming stone-settings

28th March 2023	Elaine Shear	Bushey Old	Noon
Wife of Leonard Shear, mother of Deborah Shear			
2nd April 2023	Hetty Liborwich	Waltham Abbey	11.00am
Mother of Howard, Barry & Ian Liborwich			
2nd April 2023	Brenda Moss	Waltham Abbey	Noon
Aunt of Sarah Son-Sawyer			
23rd April 2023	Marvin Karp	Waltham Abbey	11.30am
Husband of Deanna Karp			
23rd April 2023	Edward Harris	Waltham Abbey	Noon
Husband of Pamela Harris			

News and Views

I remember the first time that I read *The Magic Faraway Tree* to my daughter. She stood there completely spellbound - completely transfixed by the exploits of the fairies and of the other magical creatures in this great book.

The truth of this is that while I was enjoying her enjoyment of the story, my reaction to the story was quite different. Sure, it was interesting, sure it was enchanting, but could I listen to it forever and a day? Was I thrilled and excited and scared all at the same time? I can't say that I was?

This got me thinking - what was the difference between myself and my daughter? The difference between the two of us was that I had read this, and stories like this many thousands of times before.

Forget about *The Enchanted Faraway Tree*; *Harry Potter* and *The Lord of the Rings* were far more exciting. I had experienced far more frightening and thrilling stories, and therefore the taste of Enid Blyton was parev at best. Besides, I had my mother read *The Enchanted Faraway Tree* to me when I was a child as well.



Why am I telling you all of this? We are about to arrive at Seder night, and we are about to tell a story again, the story of the exodus of the Jewish people from Egypt, just as I was reading stories to my daughter, after having heard it myself. As a child, I can remember my excitement at finding the Afikomen and boasting to my friends how late I stayed up the night before. The story of the exodus from Egypt was seen through the eyes of a child and remained that for me - a child's story. I was no longer so excited by it because I had heard it already, and heard it on a very simplistic level.

The Haggadah tells us: "In every generation we have an obligation to see ourselves as if we left Egypt". Why are we being told to see ourselves? Why isn't it good enough to read about it and understand it? What is the Haggadah trying to tell us? What are we supposed to be doing?

We are being told here to use **our imagination** - to think about what it must have been like - to pretend that we were there. I remember playing pretend games when I was younger - we didn't have TV games then - whether I was Superman (I was always Superman!) Pretending, creating imaginary worlds is the primary occupation of a child. We are being asked here to experience the Seder from a child-like perspective, with the intellect of an adult. We need to see the Seder again this year with new eyes of youth - with the exuberance and excitement of a child, but also thinking about it intelligently, questioning and thinking about it in a serious manner.

It is for this reason that even if there are no children at the table, we still have the obligation to ask the four questions - even if they have been married for 70 years, a couple have to ask each other the Mah Nishtana - **How** and **why** is this night different from other nights?

If you have ever met a 4 year old child they are ALWAYS asking questions. We may be older, but we need to go into a time capsule tonight and learn about our exodus from Egypt in a completely new light using both experience and youth at the same time.

Question, answer, find that afikomen - find our youth, find our excitement and have a transformative seder that will change our lives forever.

Wishing you all a Chag Kasher V'Sameach

Rabbi Steven, Siobhan, Maya and Talia Dansky

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