



CRANBROOK NEWS

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Shabbat, 9th March 2024 / 29th Adar Rishon 5784
Vayakhel / Parashat Shekalim / Mevarachim Hachodesh

Service Times

Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat

5.38pm

Shacharit followed by Kiddush

9.30am

Mincha follows Kiddush

after 12.40pm

No Ma'ariv service

Shabbat Ends

6.41pm

Sunday – Mincha/Ma'ariv at Ilford Federation, 2A Clarence Ave, Ilford, IG2 6JH @ 5.40pm

Next Friday: Mincha followed followed by Kabbalat Shabbat at **5.50pm**

Jacqueline & Rowland John on their Emerald (55th) Wedding Anniversary.

Lynne & Martin Worth on their Gold (50th) Wedding Anniversary.

Jack Alter, David Baars, Derek Ettinger, Patricia Gedalia, John Gordon, Deanna Green, Michael Kravitz, Norman Kwintner, Pearl Hiller, Julia Lawson, Michael Levene, Lionel Levine, Melanie Nathan, Lawrence Regan, Natan Rose, Noah Santaub, Alan Shone and Rita Stevens on their respective birthdays.

Rikki and Marc Bronstein on the birth of their baby boy and brother for Lily.

Joyce and David Halperin on the birth of their baby grandson.

Alex and Kate Fagelson on the birth of their baby daughter, Sasha Ruby.

Philip Fagelson on the birth of a baby granddaughter, Sasha Ruby.

Ian Fenton on the birth of his great niece Sasha Ruby.

Sandra and Ronald Young on their grandson's Barmitzvah this weekend.

Allen Langer on the marriage of his son Bradley to Jael this weekend.



Torah Reading

Leyning: Vayakhel

Sefer Shemot: 35:1-38:20

Artscroll p 516, Hertz p 373, Cohen/Soncino p 573

Maftir: (Shemot 30:11-16) A: p 484, H: p 352, C: p 540

Haftorah: II Kings 12:1 - 12:17

Artscroll p 1213, Hertz p 993, Cohen/Soncino p 1191

Rabbi Steven Dansky

Reverend Gary Newman

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Children's Service: 10.30am
Regular 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 Hill**
Ma'ariv: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at **7.30pm.**

Dates for the Diary

March		
Shabbat 9 th		<i>Mevarachim Hachodesh Parashat Shekalim</i>
Sunday 10 th		<i>Rosh Chodesh Adar II</i>
Monday 11 th		<i>Rosh Chodesh Adar II</i>
Wednesday 13 th	@10am	<i>Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur</i>
Monday 18 th	@12.30pm	<i>Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Dansky</i>
Tuesday 19 th	@ 8pm	<i>Music Extravaganza Night</i>
Wednesday 20 th	@10am	<i>Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur</i>
	@ 2pm	<i>Cranbrook Culture Club</i>
Thursday 21 st		<i>Fast of Esther (4.22am – 6.58pm)</i>
Shabbat 23 ^d		<i>Shabbat Zachor Megillah Reading @ 7.45pm</i>
Sunday 24 th		<i>Purim</i>
Monday 25 th		<i>Shushan Purim</i>
Wednesday 27 th	@ 10am	<i>Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur Megillah Reading @ 7.45pm</i>
Friday 29 th		<i>Bank Holiday</i>
Shabbat 30 th		<i>Shabbat Parah</i>
	@ 2am	<i>British Summer Time begins</i>

Lunch & Learn



Please call or e-mail the Office to book for **Monday, 18th March** by **2pm** on **Thursday, 14th March.**

Call 020 8629 2780 or e-mail admin@cranbrooksynagogue.org.uk

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

Valerie Barzilai, Lilian Black, Sheila Brand, Estelle Brill, Alexandra Clements, Melvin Danser, Elaine Duque, Shirley Gold, Gaynor Grew, Sandra Harris, Peter Kay, Carol Lacombe, Leonard Lewis, Barbara Mervish, Bradley Mervish, Marilyn Nieman, Ilana Scott, Barbara Seider-Benson, Harvey Weinfass and Yvonne West.

Purim Party – 23rd March

Booking is now open, call the shul office 020 8629 2780.

There will be a reading of the Megillah at 11am on Sunday.



Today we bless the forthcoming month of Adar Sheni. Rosh Chodesh is this coming **Sunday 10th March** and **Monday 11th March** (B'Yom Rishon Uv'Yom Sheni).

Shacharit will be at **8.30am** on Sunday and **7.10am** on Monday.

The Molad - earliest sighting of the new moon in Jerusalem - is on Sunday 10th March at 10.13am and 6 chalakim.



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 Alan Bronzite and Esther Michaels.

Forthcoming stone-settings

17th March 2024	Ivor Miller	Waltham Abbey	11.00am
Husband of Anita Miller			
17th March 2024	Martin Mercer	Waltham Abbey	11.30am
Father of Michael Mercer			
17th March 2024	Gabriel Shine	Waltham Abbey	Noon
Husband of Shirley Shine			

News and Views

This week's Shabbat starts off a series of special Torah readings and Haftorahs lasting until before Pesach called "*the 4 parshiot*". This week we start off with Parashat Shekalim, in which we read about the half-shekel which was donated towards the building of the Mishkan. It is followed by Parashat Zachor dealing with the horrendous attack of Amalek on the Jewish people as they left Egypt. The third is called Parashat Parah, which involves the laws of the red heifer...Finally, the last Parasha is called Parashat Hachodesh, which deals with the commandment of the new moon, as well as the requirement of the pascal lamb for first night Pesach.

Three out of these four special Shabbat readings have good reasons for their being read during this time. We read about Amalek close to Purim time, because Haman was a descendent of Amalek, and, just like Amalek, wanted to destroy the Jews. We therefore read the portion of Zachor.

The same is true of Parashat Parah. Parashat Parah was read before the festival of Pesach to remind everyone that if they wanted to take part in eating the pascal lamb, that they had to ensure that they were first ritually pure. Since the most stringent of impurities relates to touching or being in contact with a dead person, the reading of the red heifer was mandated. This was because the dust of the red heifer was able to make those who were ritually impure, pure.

The last Parasha, Parashat Hachodesh was read directly before Pesach, and that too makes complete sense, as it deals with the laws of the pascal lamb which was to be consumed on the first night of Pesach.

This leaves us with the conundrum of why we read the laws of the half shekel this week. What is its meaning and what is its connection to its time of the year?



Our sages explain (Orach Chaim 685) that it was during this time of year that the Jewish people gave half a shekel of silver once a year towards paying for total annual cost of the daily sacrifice. The daily sacrifice was not donated by any single person. It is impossible to know which Jew bought what part of the sacrifice with his half shekel. It could therefore be said that each Jew had an infinitesimal portion of each sacrifice brought every day.

This was a truly beautiful thing to do, because it showed that every Jew, no matter how involved, no matter how religious or wealthy was a part of the daily services in the temple. Even if you were thousands of miles away, you were still connected through your donation and support.

Perhaps this teaches us that when we donate money towards the community, we all have a connection, and we all have a place with the daily ongoing services of the community. Even if we are unable to attend Shul on a regular basis, we can have a daily connection to the community through our support and donations.

I wish you all a good Shabbos.

Rabbi Steven, Siobhan, Maya and Talia Dansky.

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