



Shabbat, 5th March 2022 / 2nd Adar 2, 5782

Pekudei

Service Times

Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat	5.30 pm
Shacharit	9.30 am
Kiddush after the service	
Shabbat Ends	6.34 pm

No Mincha or Ma'ariv Service

Sunday – Mincha/Ma'ariv at Ilford Federation, 2A Clarence Ave, Ilford, IG2 6JH @ 5.30pm

Monday – Thursday: Mincha at Chabad Gants Hill @ 1.30pm

Next Friday: Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat takes place at 5.40pm.

Booking is no longer required for all services.

We are open for **Shacharit** services, **On Sunday at 8.15am, Monday at 7.05am, Tuesday at 7.15am, Wednesday at 7.15am, Thursday at 7.05am and Friday at 7.15am.**

Ma'ariv on Monday - Thursday at 7.30pm.

Weekday Minyanim

The daily morning and evening minyans could do with your help.

Once a week or a fortnight would make a big difference. Please contact the shul office: 020-8629 2780 if you can assist with the minyanim.

If you would like to mark a birthday or Simcha, or want to commemorate a Yahrzeit, this can be done by sponsoring Cranbrook News. In the forthcoming weeks, there are many dates that are available. The cost of sponsoring Cranbrook News is £15. Please call the shul office for more information.

Torah Reading

Leyning: Pekudei

Sefer Shemot: 38:21 - 40:38

Artscroll p 530, Hertz p 385, Cohen p 591

Haftoro: I Kings 7:51 - 8:21

Artscroll p 1164, Hertz p 392, Cohen p 601

Rabbi Steven Dansky

Martin Bloomberg

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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.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7.15am.

Rosh Chodesh Shacharit: Monday to Friday at 7am; Sunday at 8am.

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

Dates for the Diary

March

Monday 7 th	<i>Brook Guys' & Gals' Club Men's Virtual Happy Hour</i>
Tuesday 8 th	<i>Coffee & Chat with Rev Newman</i>
Wednesday 9 th	<i>Rabbi Shiur @ 10am Three Faiths Forum @ Cranbrook</i>
Shabbat 12 th	<i>Parashat Zachor</i>
Monday 14 th	<i>Men's Virtual Happy Hour</i>
Tuesday 15 th	<i>Coffee & Chat with Rev Newman Music Special @ 8pm</i>
Wednesday 16 th	<i>Fast of Esther - 4.33am – 6.47pm Ma'ariv followed by Megillah 18.30</i>
Thursday 17 th	<i>Purim Shacharit at 7am Megillah reading from 7.30am 2nd Megillah reading at 11.30am Ladies Tea & Chat at 3.30pm</i>
Friday 18 th	<i>Shushan Purim</i>
Monday 21 st	<i>Men's Virtual Happy Hour</i>
Tuesday 22 nd	<i>Coffee & Chat with Rev Newman</i>
Wednesday 23 rd	<i>Rabbi Shiur @ 10am</i>
Shabbat 26 th	<i>Mevarachim HaChodesh Parashat Parah</i>

Living with Covid-19 Plan

It's not gone away!!

***MASKS OPTIONAL IN SHUL**

Please consider still wearing face coverings especially in crowded places.

All the rows behind the warden's box are our 'safe area' for Masked people only.

***WASH HANDS REGULARY TO LIMIT SPREAD OF COVID**

***Cloakrooms Open, but only 1 person in at a time.**

***Leave space between each person.**

The shul must still be kept well ventilated.

Members are not to attend if they receive a positive PCR test.

Stay home if you're feeling unwell.

***Booking for services is no longer required.**

***Track and Trace NHS app has been closed.**

Please vacate forecourt as soon as possible after service.

We wish Long Life to everyone who is observing a Yahrzeit this week:

Valerie Barzilai, Sandra Baum, Barry Blitz, Samuel Blitz, Millicent Boxer, Alexandra Clements, Frederick Cohen, Melvin Danser, Joan Dobin, Shirley Herst, Peter Kay, Solomon Macatonia, Barbara Mervish, Bradley Mervish, Max Placks, Ilana Scott, Hyman Shinett, Robert Spill, Warren Vickers and Harvey Weinfass.



Ann & Peter Herman on their wedding anniversary

Ernest Green, Betty Herman, Norman Kwintner, Gabriel Shine, Philip Shamplina, Alan Shone, Anita Sluys, Rita Stedman, Peter Tennant, Robert Torz and Eloise Tye on their respective birthdays.

Sacha Johnstone and Liat Shamash on the occasion of their engagement.

Howard and Rosalind Johnstone on the occasion of Sacha's engagement to Liat.

Save the Date



Purim – Out of Africa – Wednesday, 16th March from 6.30pm



Forthcoming stone-settings

20th March 2022	Roma Ingram	Waltham Abbey	Noon
Mother of Jonathan Ingram, Sister of Betty Levine			
27th March 2022	Sandra Scott	Waltham Abbey	1.00pm
Wife of Alan Scott			
3rd April 2022	Susan Bass	Waltham Abbey	11am
Mother of Gillian Feldman			
3rd April 2022	Gladys Berg	Waltham Abbey	1.00pm
Mother of Gill Fatcher			
3rd April 2022	Monty Shoben	Waltham Abbey	3.30pm
Father of Tracey Rose			

News and Views

This week's news primarily surrounds the invasion of the Ukraine by Russia. The quick and assured victory that Russia hoped for has slipped through their hands. Ukraine is fighting for her very survival, and its people are rallying to her cause. Already, we are hearing about 660,000 refugees who are trying to escape the area to Poland or other parts of Europe.



The international community has condemned the actions of Russia and has imposed heavy economic sanctions upon them; and while that promises to strangle Russia's economy, the jury is out as to whether this will suffice to stop Russia's intent to swallow Ukraine into its borders. There are many who believe that this is not enough and that the international community might need to send in a military force in order to stop Putin in his tracks.

It is hard to watch, and far more traumatic and terrible to be involved in such world events. The people of Ukraine are currently suffering and defending themselves as best they can. We must not be left apathetic to the plight of those who are suffering. Perhaps we are seeing these events precisely so as to ascertain whether our own resolve to help those in true need can be tested.

We are told in the book of Esther that Esther is asked by Mordechai to represent her people, and supplicate on their behalf to King Achashveirosh. Haman and the King had hatched a plan to destroy the Jewish people all in one day, and Esther is the only person in the capital who has enough power to stop it. When Mordechai, Esther's uncle asks her to advocate on behalf of her people he says "who knows, perhaps it is precisely at this time that you were chosen for royalty". I think the meaning is clear. Esther was chosen by G-d to be the queen just for this moment - to have been witness to Haman's plan and to advocate for her people, and perhaps the same can be said of us. We as a Jewish community, whether in London or anywhere in the world, have been chosen at this time in order to make a difference. The Almighty has chosen us to be the ones to help those who have been affected by this war, and we must answer the call.



The Jewish community in the UK is already preparing itself to help those affected in the Ukraine. You should have received letters from our community asking you to provide aid to those who have already been affected by the war. I urge you to answer the call, and to donate to those suffering there. I urge you to come forward and pray for our brothers and sisters in the Ukraine - unite in prayer for them this Shabbat. Think about them as you light your

candles, spare a prayer for them when you say Kiddush.

I wish you all a warm and peaceful Shabbos

Rabbi Steven, Siobhan, Maya, and Talia.

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