



**Shabbat, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022 / 18<sup>th</sup> Cheshvan 5783**  
**Vayera**

**Service Times**

Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>4.02 pm</b>
Shacharit followed by Kiddush	9.30 am
No Mincha or Ma'ariv service	
Shabbat ends	5.06 pm
Next Friday: Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat takes place at <b>3.52pm</b> . Candle lighting at 3.52pm.	

We are open for **Shacharit** services. On **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>** at **8.15am**, **Monday 14<sup>th</sup>** at **7.05am** and **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>** at **7.05am**.

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

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

Following the sad news of the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II we are inviting you to purchase a tree in the United Synagogue's first communal grove in loving memory of HM The Queen.

Your action will leave a positive environmental legacy for generations to come. Trees planted as part of this initiative will be part of The Queen's Green Canopy.



For more information about the campaign please [click here](#) and for any questions email [trees@theus.org.uk](mailto:trees@theus.org.uk).

**Torah Reading**

Leyning: Vayera

Sefer Bereishit: 18:1-22:24

Artscroll p 78, Cohen/Soncino p 86, Hertz p 63

Haftorah: Kings II 4:1-37

Artscroll p 1134, Cohen/Soncino p 113, Hertz p 76

**Rabbi Steven Dansky**

**Alex Kent**

**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.**

**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

#### November

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Men's Virtual Happy Hour</i>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Rabbi Danksy Weekly Shiur</i>
Shabbat 19 <sup>th</sup>	<i>AJEX Shabbat</i> <i>Mevarachim Hachodesh</i>
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<i>AJEX Parade</i>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Cranbrook Monday Club</i>
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Lunch and Learn</i> <i>Coffee and Chat with Rev Newman</i> <i>Music Extravaganza</i>
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Rabbi Danksy Weekly Shiur</i>
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Rosh Chodesh Kislev</i>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Rosh Chodesh Kislev</i>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Cranbrook Monday Club</i> <i>Men's Virtual Happy Hour</i>

#### December

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Ladies Tea and Chat</i>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Cranbrook Monday Club</i>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Lunch and Learn</i>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Rabbi Danksy Weekly Shiur</i>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Cranbrook Monday Club</i> <i>Men's Virtual Happy Hour</i>

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

Millie Allen, Stephen Arbiter, Geoffrey Basco, Norman Bick, Rose Blitz, David Bresh, Isabel Burney, Blanche Charach, Barbara Cohen, Sidney Cohen, Nigel Conway, Mildred Davies, Howard Diamond, Frank Eisen, Derek Ettinger, Michael Freed, Barbara Gallant, Elena Goldstein, Sylvia Green, Celia Hine, Helena Hockley, David Hoffman, Sylvia Jay, Rochelle Jay, Jeanette Kaye, Joseph Kaye, Rosalind Kaye, Deanna Klein, Martin Lander, Betty Levine, Daryl Levison, Elizabeth Levison, Hayley Levison, Lindsey Levison, Janet Lewis, Helena Marco, Maureen Marcus, Marlene Mendel, Ivor Miller, Warren Mullish, David Mullish, Rose Nathan, Stuart Nieman, David Pinner, Stephanie Plawner, Stanley Rogoff, Evelyn Rose, Betty Rothfarb, Irving Rozansky, Sheryl Saltman, Anne Schlesinger, Bert Smiler, Sheila Solomons, Cyril Stitcher, Helen Syrett, Helen Tranis, Adrienne Trayman and Frances Wallace.

# Mazel Tov

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Andrew and Barbara Freedman and Basil & Helen Silver on their respective wedding anniversaries.

Celia Hine and Leila Rome on their respective birthdays.

Yaffa and Malcolm Nathan on their granddaughter, Evie's Bat Mitzvah.

## Leyning and Haftarah

Gentlemen would you please let Harold know your Barmitzvah Sedra and if you just leined or recited Maftir and Haftarah.

Please don't be shy we would love to have more of our members take part in the service on a Shabbat morning.



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**AJEX ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY AND PARADE**  
**SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2022**  
 Gather at Horse Guards Parade 1pm. March off at 1.45pm.

The AJEX Annual Remembrance Ceremony & Parade will take place at The Cenotaph on Sunday 20th November 2022.

Our theme for Remembrance this year is 'Connection' and we invite people of all ages, right across the community to participate and help in connecting the generations. This is a moving opportunity to honour and remember the thousands of Jewish Servicemen and Women who fought and served for our freedom.

We will, at this especially poignant time, honour and remember the late HM Queen Elizabeth II and all she did as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

Book your ticket to participate now at [www.ajex.org.uk/paradebooking](http://www.ajex.org.uk/paradebooking)

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## Forthcoming stone-settings

<b>13th November 2022</b>	<b>Keith (Akiva) Luton</b>	Waltham Abbey	11.00am
Husband of Estelle Luton			
<b>20th November 2022</b>	<b>Noreen Salador</b>	Waltham Abbey	10.30am
Wife of Dennis Salador			
<b>4th December 2022</b>	<b>Frank Morris</b>	Waltham Abbey	Noon
Brother of Lynne Seltzer			
<b>11th December 2022</b>	<b>Betty Spencer</b>	Waltham Abbey	Noon
Mother of Phil Spencer			
<b>11th January 2023</b>	<b>Ruth Williams</b>	Waltham Abbey	Noon
Mother of Barry Cooper			
<b>15th January 2023</b>	<b>Leila Delew</b>	Waltham Abbey	Noon
Mother of David Delew			

## News and Views

In this week's torah portion we are told how Lot and his wife and family are saved by angels from the destruction of Sodom. The people of Sodom are described as being "Very evil and bad to G-d" and because of their lack of hospitality and care for those who came to visit them they are destroyed.

While they are escaping from Sodom, the angels tell Lot and his family not to look behind them to see the destruction of the city. Lot's wife can't resist, turns and looks. The Torah then tells us that she became a pillar of salt (Genesis 19:26). This verse has been made very famous by tour guides in Israel who, when showing their guests, a very large pillar of salt in the Dead Sea region proudly state that this pillar is Lot's wife, completely immobile in salt for all the ages.



Whether that one pillar of salt is or is not Lot's wife is arguable, but the Torah's description of what happened to her is not. However, we need to ask ourselves - why did G-d punish her in such a way? Why did he transform her into a pillar of salt of all things?

Rashi explains as follows:

*By salt had she sinned and by salt was she punished. Lot said to her once: "Give a little salt to these strangers" and she answered him, "Do you mean to introduce this bad custom, also, into our city?"*

According to Rashi's explanation, she didn't want to offer the strangers salt and therefore she was punished by becoming a pillar of salt. Further, she sinned by repudiating kindness to strangers, calling it a "bad custom". She also called Sodom "our city" that she identified not only with the city, but with its values as well, making her essentially one of them. It would therefore seem that she wasn't saved from the destruction of Sodom in her merit, but rather in the merit of her husband. However, when she looked back longingly on a culture and people who hated to give to one another she no longer had his merit, and she became one of them. Just as they were destroyed, so too she was destroyed.



The nature of salt is that it draws out blood. It is used in the process of Melicha (salting) to ensure that any meat that is eaten contains no blood which is forbidden for us to eat. Perhaps we could extend this idea to Lot. She was turned into a pillar of salt, symbolising her desire to take away from the things that she lived together with, rather than giving to it. She drew the things she needed into herself, without giving anything to anyone else. It is therefore fitting that she became a pillar of salt - a symbol of something that takes but never gives.

I wish you all a good Shabbos

Rabbi Steven, Siobhan, Maya and Talia Dansky.

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