

Shabbat, 12th November 2022 / 18th Cheshvan 5783 Vayera

Service Times

Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat

4.02 pm

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 3.52pm. Candle lighting at 3.52pm.

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



Torah Reading

Leyning: Vayera

Sefer Bereishit: 18:1-22:24

Rabbi Steven Dansky

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

Alex Kent

Haftorah: Kings II 4:1-37

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

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 14th Men's Virtual Happy Hour Wednesday 16th Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur

Shabbat 19th AJEX Shabbat

Mevarachim Hachodesh

Sunday 20th AJEX Parade

Monday 21st Cranbrook Monday Club

Tuesday 22nd Lunch and Learn

Coffee and Chat with Rev Newman

Music Extravaganza

Wednesday 23rd Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur

Thursday 24th Rosh Chodesh Kislev Friday 25th Rosh Chodesh Kislev Monday 28th Cranbrook Monday Club

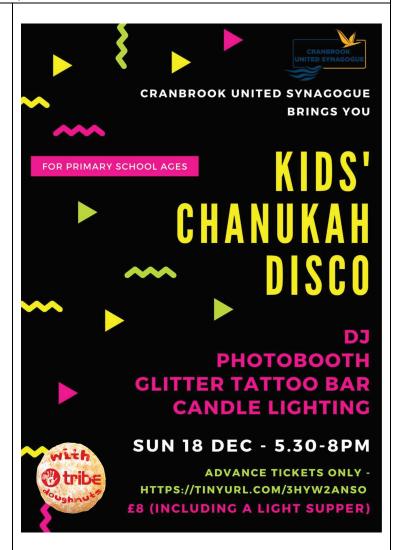
Men's Virtual Happy Hour

December

Thursday 1st Ladies Tea and Chat Monday 5th Cranbrook Monday Club

Tuesday 6th Lunch and Learn

Wednesday 7th Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur Monday 12th Cranbrook Monday Club Men's Virtual Happy Hour



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.



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

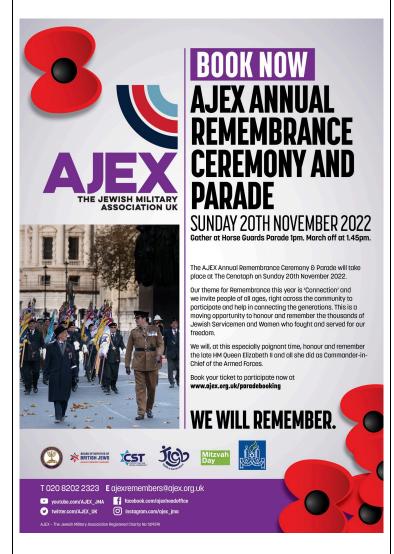
Celia Hine and Leila Rome on their respective birthdays.

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

Leyning and Haftorah

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

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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Forthcoming stone-settings

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