



Shabbat, 3rd September 2022 / 7th Ellul 5782
Shofetim / Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 6

Service Times

Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat	7.15 pm
Shacharit followed by Kiddush	9.30 am
Shabbat ends	8.31 pm

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

Weekday Services next week.

Sunday 4th September at 8.15am, Monday 5th September at 7.05am and Thursday 8th September at 7.05am.
Mincha followed by Ma'ariv on Monday - Thursday at 7.15pm. from Monday 12th September, Ma'ariv only.

Torah Reading

Leyning: Shofetim	
Sefer Devarim: 16:18-21:9	Rabbi Steven Dansky
Artscroll p 1024, Hertz p 820, Soncino/Cohen p 1078	
Haftorah: Isaiah 51:12-52:12	Simon Schlazer
Artscroll 1199, Hertz 835, Soncino/Cohen 1094	

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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 6.50am; Sunday at 8.15am.

Mincha followed by Ma'ariv: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 7.15pm.

Dates for the Diary

September

Monday 5 th	<i>Cranbrook Monday Club</i>
Tuesday 6 th	<i>Coffee and Chat with Rev Newman</i>
Wednesday 7 th	<i>Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur @ 10am</i>
Monday 12 th	<i>Cranbrook Monday Club</i>
	<i>Men's Virtual Happy Hour</i>
Tuesday 13 th	<i>Music Extravaganza @ 8pm</i>
Wednesday 14 th	<i>Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur @ 10am</i>
Motzei Shabbat 17 th	<i>Communal Selichot Service</i>
Monday 19 th	<i>Cranbrook Monday Club</i>
Tuesday 20 th	<i>Coffee and Chat with Rev Newman</i>
Wednesday 21 st	<i>Rabbi Dansky Weekly Shiur @ 10am</i>
Sunday 25 th	<i>Erev Rosh Hashanah</i>
Monday 26 th	<i>1st Day Rosh Hashanah</i>
Tuesday 27 th	<i>2nd Day Rosh Hashanah</i>
Wednesday 28 th	<i>Fast of Gedaliah (5.17am to 7.26pm)</i>

October

Shabbat 1 st	<i>Shabbat Shuvah</i>
Monday 3 rd	<i>Men's Virtual Happy Hour</i>



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WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU!

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

Arnold Abrahams, Martin Altman, Lynda Benisty, Alan Benson, Betty Bernard, Michele Biller, Kenneth Black, Susan Brattman, Maureen Bresh, Naomi Broder, Harvey Coulton, Joy Debenham-Burton, Kitty Dessau, Anthony Deutsch, Sylvia Fletcher, Muriel Franklyn, Brenda Freeder, Louis Freedman, Julian Gold, Sheila Graham, Hilary Green, Shirley Herst, Angela Kalmanson, Gloria Kovler, Hilary Krisman, Allison Krist, Lily Landau, David Leonard, Pauline Lester, Linda Levene, Alma Levene, Amelia Levy, Anthony Levy, Laura Lewis, Mervyn Lyndon, Barry Mandel, Stuart Mandel, Martin Mercer, Colin Myers, John Myers, Michael Myers, Lesley Pentol, David Rappaport, Paul Rosen, Neil Sapler, Doris Sheril, Gabriel Shine, Hannah Stern, Stuart Stirling, Harvey Tibber, Ruth Wolfe, Raisa Yufit and Yakov Yufit.



Peter & Helena Davis and Michael & Melinda Jason on their respective wedding anniversaries.

Jordana Baron, Matthew Dennehey, Simone Lancer, Loraine Macatonia, Jean Sanett, Shirley Slipman, Shelley Silver, Cyril Sticher, Martin Taylor and Melvyn Zussman on their respective birthdays.

Zara and Daniel Rose on Yaniv's Bar 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.

Plant a tree for the Jubilee!

To mark the Queen's Jubilee, the United Synagogue is collaborating with the Woodland Trust to plant groves of trees as our gift to Her Majesty. We are inviting all of our members and the wider community to buy trees as part of The Queen's Green Canopy project. Every tree bought by our members will be planted together in allocated groves within a new, Woodland Trust wood, in Norfolk, creating a unique Jewish environmental legacy. The wood can be visited by all and will be a fantastic future educational resource for our youth and wider community.

The trees, bought online, will be selected, planted and maintained by the Woodland Trust to maximise the ecological benefits. Members from the same United Synagogue community who collectively buy 750+ trees will have their trees planted together in a specially allocated grove, named after their shul. Trees can be bought in any number, as gifts, in someone else's name or as a memorial. Confirmation and a downloadable certificate will be provided for every purchase.

We aim to plant some 37,000 trees over three years – one for every adult member of the United Synagogue.

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Forthcoming stone-settings

11th September 2022	Joan Masters	Waltham Abbey	10.30am
Mother of Stephen Masters			
11th September 2022	Peter Mendel	Waltham Abbey	11.30am
Husband of Marlene Mendel			
11th September 2022	Corinne Fishman	Waltham Abbey	Noon
Mother of Louise Malina			
11th September 2022	Colin Emden	Waltham Abbey	12.30pm
Husband of Carol Emden, father of Michelle & Richard Emden			
11th September 2022	Leila Conn/Leslie Shaw	Waltham Abbey	1.30pm
Mother of Danny Conn			
11th September 2022	Audrey Allen	Waltham Abbey	3.30pm
Mother of Wendy Ockrim			

News and Views

This week's parasha deals with the appointment of Judges for the Jewish people. In this week's parasha we are told TZEDEK TZEDEK TIRDOF - He will need to judge in a righteous manner.

We are afterwards told about the Asheira - a beautiful tree which needs to be destroyed because people used the tree to serve idols. They seem to be two completely different commandments which don't connect in any way.

Furthermore, we know that the judges need to judge righteously. What is the Torah adding that we wouldn't know in any event?



The Seforno explains that the two verses are expressing the same idea. In both the tree and the judge's decision-making process there is an internal and external element. The tree's external shape is beautiful, but its core is rotten, because it is being used for idolatry. The judges also have an internal and an external element to them as well. The external element of the judge is the way that he looks, the way that he is perceived in society, the way that others talk about him. His internality relates to his ability to be righteous in his judgement, in his ability to find justice in a fair and equitable manner.

The Asheira tree shows us that we need to base our judgement not on the externality of the tree but on its internal reality. The tree looks beautiful, but at its core, it is rotten. We would be tempted to keep the tree for its beauty, but we are being told here that beauty is not an external concept - G-d looks at the heart. So too, our appointment of judges in our community is not based on their externality, but rather on their internal stature.

Even the greatest of men can judge on the basis of appearance. When Samuel goes to the house of Jesse to choose a king for Israel, he immediately dismisses David, because he doesn't have the correct look - he isn't as tall or powerful or possesses the immediate charisma of Saul, the previous king. G-d corrects him, and says to him - don't look at his appearance, look into his heart - it's the inside that counts, not the outside that counts. Samuel then goes on to choose the king, but not any king - David and the line of the Messiah.



This teaches us the importance of looking into the heart of the matter - it is not the external trappings that makes a person valuable or religious or useful. It's not their clothes or the ways they portray themselves to others. It is the heart that makes a difference - G-d looks at our heart.

I wish you all a good Shabbos

Rabbi Steven, Siobhan, Maya and Talia Dansky.

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