



# CRANBROOK NEWS

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**Shabbat, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 / Tammuz 12<sup>th</sup>, 5783**

**Chukat-Balak / Pirkei-Avot Chapter 5**

## Service Times

Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat

**7.15pm**

Shacharit followed by Kiddush

9.30am

**No Mincha or Ma'ariv service**

Shabbat Ends

10.26pm

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

Candle lighting at **7.40pm (9.04pm)**.

**Fast of Tammuz is next Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July, Fast Begins at 1.06am and ends at 10.17pm, Shacharit will be at 7am.**



## Rosh Hashanah 5784 - Shalom Magazine No. 9

Many thanks to everyone who submitted articles for the Pesach Edition of the Shalom Magazine.

Once again, we have had some excellent feedback from our readers.

I am now working on the Rosh Hashanah 5784 Edition of the Shul Magazine. If you have any interesting or amusing articles with a Jewish content that you would like us to include, please email them as soon as possible to Philippa Stanton at [stanton.philippa@gmail.com](mailto:stanton.philippa@gmail.com). All articles, pictures and stories

must be received by **17<sup>th</sup> July 2023**.

I have already started collecting new articles, so please email me as soon as you can!

I look forward to hearing from you.

Philippa Stanton - Editor

## Torah Reading

Leyning: Chukat-Balak

*Mr Shalom Weiner*

Sefer Bamidbar: 19:1-25:9

Artscroll p 838, Hertz p 652, Cohen/Soncino p 898

Haftorah: Micah 5:6-6:8

*Stuart Coslover*

Artscroll p 1189, Hertz p 682, Cohen/Soncino p 929

*This week's Cranbrook News has kindly been sponsored by  
Monica and Phillip Cohen on the occasion of their  
granddaughter's wedding in Israel.*

**Children's Service:** 10.30am

**Regular Weekday Services:** Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday at **Iford 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 followed by Ma'ariv:** Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at **7.30pm**.

### Dates for the Diary

#### July

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	@ 12.30pm	<i>Lunch N' Learn with Rabbi Dansky</i>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Rabbi Shiur @ 10am</i> <i>Evening with Michal Oshman</i>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Fast of Tammuz 1.06am – 10.17pm</i> <i>Shacharit @ 7am</i>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	@ 3.30pm	<i>Coffee &amp; Chat with Rev Newman</i>
Shabbat 15 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Mevarachim HaChodesh</i>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Rabbi Shiur @ 10am</i> <i>Rosh Chodesh Av</i>
Shabbat 20 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Shabbat Chazon</i>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Rabbi Shiur @ 10am</i> <i>Erev Tisha B'Av</i> <i>Fast Begins at 8.58pm</i>
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Tisha B'Av</i> <i>Fast Ends at 9.49pm</i>
Shabbat 28 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Shabbat Nachamu</i>

Ladies Tea & Chat will be taking a break until Thursday, 3rd August at 3.30pm.

### Clarification regarding the Shabbat times during the summer months

Ordinarily Shabbat begins 18 minutes before sunset. However, as we enter the long days of summer in our community, we will be bringing Shabbat in at the earlier time of **7.40 pm**.

This will allow our members to have their Friday night meal at a more convenient hour. For the benefit of our members who are unable to light candles with the rest of the community at **7.40 pm**, we have put the latest time for candle lighting in brackets.

*Kabbalat Shabbat will take place at **7.15pm** throughout the summer.*

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

Marian Arbiter, Beatrice Baxter, Gerald Braman, Adam Brill, Blanche Charach, Annette Colman, Alan Donn, Angela Fox, Doreen Golding, Barbara Goldman, Hilary Green, Joyce Halperin, David Herst, Myra Hilton, Irene Hyams, Sylvia Jay, Deanna Karp, Frances Keen, Maureen Lazarus, Stanley Levy, Anthony Lewis, Michelle Lipman, Susan Morrison, Colin Myers, Sandra Nerden, Pearl Palmer, Betty Pam, Sandra Robins, Diane Roth, Anita Sears, Mark Serkes, Carole Sholem, David Sholem, Stanley Simmons, Estelle Smiler, Rita Stedman, Louis Vitow and June Whitesman.

# Mazel Tov מזל טוב

Kitty Adelman, Howard Diamond, Sylvia Fletcher, Nina Goldberg, Philip Kalinsky, Sidney Kaye, Sandra Kisby, Leslie Martin, Victoria Portnoy, Edna Sonkin, Louis Vitow and Frances Wallace on their respective birthdays.

Shirley Vancliff on the engagement of her grandson in Israel.

Details of our services and plans for Tisha B'Av 27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> July will be announced in next week's newsheet.

Online Music Appreciation Extravaganza will be now taking a break until Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm.

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in collaboration with all the other shuls invite you to a  
**LADIES EVENING**

guest speaker  
**MICHAL OSHMAN**  
Global Head of Company Culture at TixTok  
& Author of 'What Would You Do If You Weren't Afraid'

**WHAT WOULD YOU DO  
IF YOU WEREN'T AFRAID?**

**Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023**  
Venue: Loughton Synagogue

**Doors Open: 7:15PM for 7.30PM start**  
**Donation: £20 Decadent Dessert Buffet & Raffle**

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## Forthcoming stone-settings

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023</b>	<b>Kenneth Turner</b>	Waltham Abbey	11am
Father of Deborah Shulton			
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023</b>	<b>Joyce White</b>	Waltham Abbey	11.30am
Mother of Tina Harman			
<b>13<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b>	<b>Mary Grant</b>	Waltham Abbey	11am
Grandmother of Nicola Wood			
<b>30<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b>	<b>Rachelle Rose</b>	Waltham Abbey	10.30am
Mother of Anthony Hohenstein			
<b>20<sup>th</sup> August 2023</b>	<b>Paul Grant</b>	Waltham Abbey	12.30pm
Grandmother of Nicola Wood			
<b>20<sup>th</sup> August 2023</b>	<b>Lawrence Michaels</b>	Waltham Abbey	1pm
Father of Stephanie Lakin			

## News and Views

This week's parasha deals with the story of Bilaam. He is hired by Balak, King of Moav to curse the Jewish people who are a threat to him and his people. After much effort he finally arrives at a place where he can see the whole Jewish people and is about to curse them.



As he introduces what he thinks are going to be curses against the Jewish people, he says: NEUM HAGEVER SHESUM HA'AYIN – the words of the man who has prophecy in his one “eye”. The Talmud in Sanhedrin tells us that Bilaam was actually a man who only had one eye – he was blind in one eye.

Why is it important for us to know that Bilaam had only one eye that works? What practical ramifications does him saying this have to his ability to curse the Jewish people?

The Mishna in Ethics of our Fathers says that the students of Bilaam have an AYIN RA – a “bad eye”, while the students of Abraham have a good eye. Bilaam had only one perspective, and that perspective was an eye that looked only critically at the world. He could look at anything and find the negative aspect in it. He was so negative that it enabled him to curse as effectively as he did.

Our sages explain that you can only curse a thing if you can accentuate the negative which already exists in it. Bilaam's purpose was to find that chink in the amour of the Jewish people, find out where they were weak, and direct G-d's attention to that weakness in that spot, and G-d would then focus His judgment against that weak spot. This was what made Bilaam so talented at cursing - he was capable of seeing only the negative in what he saw.



All of humanity has the need to judge others. We all discriminate between what is good and what is bad, what is needed and what is wasteful. Bilaam only chose to see the negative in people, but we have the capacity to see with both of our eyes. We have the capacity to see holistically. In Ethics of our Fathers, we are instructed to judge “all of a person” favourably - to see what

makes others shine. Yes, there is darkness in people, but our job is to find the light as well, to see with both of our eyes to the core of any given matter.

I wish you all a Good Shabbos.

Rabbi Steven, Siobhan, Maya and Talia Dansky

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