



# CRANBROOK NEWS

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Shabbat, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024 / 10<sup>th</sup> Shevat 5784  
Bo

## Service Times

Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat **4.12pm**

Shacharit followed by Kiddush 9.30am

Mincha follows Kiddush after 12.33pm

## No Ma'ariv service

Shabbat Ends 5.20pm

Next Friday: Mincha followed followed by Kabbalat Shabbat at **4.24pm**

**This week's Kiddush is kindly sponsored by Julie Holman, Deborah Bourne and Trevor Braman in memory of their parents, Patricia and Gerald Braman.**



Katherine & Aubrey Hoffman on their Wedding Anniversary.

Judith & Michael Monty on their Emerald (55th) Wedding Anniversary.

Laurence Freedman, Rita Isaacs, Tania Kaye, Joseph Kaye, Yonni Levy, Yisroel Miller and Yvonne Shoshan on their respective birthdays.

Joyce Meltzer on the marriage of her granddaughter, Sarah to David in Manchester.

Do you know of any member who would appreciate a call or a visit from Reverend Gary Newman or his Welfare Volunteer Team? If so, please contact Rev Newman as follows:

Call 07882 054321 or Email [revnewman@cranbrooksynagogue.org.uk](mailto:revnewman@cranbrooksynagogue.org.uk)

## Torah Reading

Leyning: Bo

Sefer Shemot: 10:1-13:16

*Rabbi Steven Dansky*

Artscroll p 340, Hertz p 248, Soncino/Cohen p 377

Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-28

*Stuart Coslover*

Artscroll p 1151, Hertz p 263, Soncino/Cohen p 404

*This week's Cranbrook News is kindly sponsored by Michael Griver in loving memory of Harry Griver, Hershel Ben Eliezer zt"l.*

**Children's Service:** 10.30am  
**Regular Weekday Services:** Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday at **Ilford 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:** Monday to Thursday at 1.30pm at **Chabad Gants Hill**  
**Mincha: Sunday at 4.10pm; Ma'ariv:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at **7.30pm.**

### Dates for the Diary

January		
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	@12.30pm	<i>Lunch &amp; Learn with Rabbi Danksy</i>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	@ 8pm	<i>Music Extravaganza Night</i>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	@ 10am	<i>Rabbi Danksy Weekly Shiur</i>
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Tu B'Shevat</i>
Shabbat 27 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Shabbat Shirah</i>
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	@ 10am	<i>Rabbi Danksy Weekly Shiur</i>
	@ 3.30pm	<i>Cranbrook Culture Club</i>
February		
Shabbat 3 <sup>rd</sup>		<i>Mevarachim Hachodesh 10 Commandments</i>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	@12.30pm	<i>Lunch &amp; Learn with Rabbi Danksy</i>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	@10am	<i>Rabbi Danksy Weekly Shiur</i>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Rosh Chodesh Adar 1</i>
Shabbat 10 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Rosh Chodesh Adar 1</i>
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	@10am	<i>Rabbi Danksy Weekly Shiur</i>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	@12.30pm	<i>Lunch &amp; Learn with Rabbi Danksy</i>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	@ 8pm	<i>Music Extravaganza Night</i>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	@10am	<i>Rabbi Danksy Weekly Shiur</i>

### Lunch & Learn



Please call or e-mail the Office to book for **Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February** by **2pm on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February.**

Call 020 8629 2780 or e-mail [admin@cranbrooksynagogue.org.uk](mailto:admin@cranbrooksynagogue.org.uk)

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

Stephen Arbiter, Cynthia Benson, Claire Borchardt, Hilary Clapper, Phillip Cohen, Lynne Cohen, Monica Cohen, Jacquelyn Conner, Betty Cooper, Sandra Curran, Mavis Danziger, Frances Darwin, Peter Davis, Joan Dobin, Alan Donn, Barbara Evans, Susan Faber, Alexander Fagelson, Philip Fagelson, Rosalind Faw, Debra Feldman, Ian Fenton, Sonny Finberg, Marilyn Finegold, Howard Foreman, Gerald Fox, Michael Freed, Susan Gadian, Julian Gandz, Beryl Ginsberg, Priscilla Gold, Gerald Gold, Pamela Grant, Jeanette Grant, Sheila Green, Saul Green, Adele Griver, Michael Griver, Rita Grossman, Sara Harris, Shirley Kingsley, Bernard Klinger, Gloria Kovler, Julian Lewis, Louise Malina, Jennifer Marks, Anita Miller, Linda Myers, June Noah, Sharon Portnoy, Stephanie Powell, Debra Rein, Melissa Richardson, Betty Rothfarb, Josephine Russell, Anne Schlesinger, Jeffrey Scott, Barbara Seider-Benson, Helen Selner, Ruth Sherman, Edna Shutz, Helen Silver, Carol Silverman, Stanley Simmons, Martin Solomons, Rita Stedman, Howard Sterne, Barbara Stone, Irene Sumray, Harvey Tibber, Jean Tondy, Eileen Vilka, Millicent Vincent, Yvonne West, Ronald Young and Susan Zussman

**MUSIC APPRECIATION  
EXTRAVAGANZA**

**TUESDAY 23RD JANUARY**

**SONG TITLES CONTAINING  
JOBS & PROFESSIONS**

**EG: DR ROBERT - THE BEATLES**  
**EG: BALLERINA - NAT KING COLE**

**8.00PM - 9.30PM**

**Hosted by: STEPHEN COLMAN & TONY KAYE**

*Different Theme each time*  
**Email Stephen with your suggestions**

**src2008A@gmail.com**

Queries to Robin Abrahams - 07956617669  
Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/musicextravaganza>  
ID: 823.7234.9872 Passcode: 157750

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**Cranbrook Culture Club**

We are pleased to announce the return of the Culture Club with Rabbi Dansky.

Please call or email the Office to book your place.

Phone: 020 8629 2780

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**CRANBROOK  
CULTURE CLUB**

**MOZART: THE BOY, THE  
MUSICIAN, THE GENIUS**

FASCINATING HISTORY  
PHILOSOPHY  
BREATHTAKING MUSIC

**WEDNESDAY, 31 JANUARY  
2024  
3:30PM - 4:45PM**

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CRANBROOK UNITED SYNAGOGUE**

Please RSVP to  
[admin@cranbrooksynagogue.org.uk](mailto:admin@cranbrooksynagogue.org.uk)  
to book your place

The shul website is now password protected please e-mail [webmaster@cranbrooksynagogue.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@cranbrooksynagogue.org.uk) or WhatsApp 07956 617669 to get the password.

Condolences to: The family of Jessie Kenton.

**Forthcoming stone-settings**

<b>28<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>Vera Miller</b>	Waltham Abbey	Noon
Mother of Wendy Skolnick			
<b>17<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>Ivor Miller</b>	Waltham Abbey	11.00am
Husband of Anita Miller			
<b>17<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>Martin Mercer</b>	Waltham Abbey	11.30am
Father of Michael Mercer			
<b>17<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>Gabriel Shine</b>	Waltham Abbey	Noon
Husband of Shirley Shine			

## News and Views

This week sees the Jewish people finally getting permission to leave Egypt. After the final plague of the death of the firstborn Egyptian sons, Pharaoh relents telling them all to go, and to bless him on their leaving. It is interesting to note that the Jewish people needed his permission to go, and that without his official say so, they couldn't make a move.

The reason that this is so surprising is the context of Egypt at the time. The Egyptian economy was literally falling to pieces at times. Their livestock had died in a plague. All of their crops had either been destroyed by the hail or was eaten afterwards by the grasshoppers which ate everything in sight. It was in Pharaoh's interests to let the Jewish people go. Even his advisors were telling him that Egypt was lost. With all of this going on, surely the Jews could have left of their own accord, without the say-so of Pharaoh! He had bigger concerns - all of Egypt was crumbling in front of his eyes.

The commentators say something astounding which can help us understand this. Pharaoh was an astoundingly charismatic leader, as he was able to unite all of Egypt, Jew and non-Jew alike into one nation. Our sages tell us that the Jewish people in Egypt were so connected to the Egyptians that they were like an embryo inside its mother's stomach. This was partly because of the level of Jewish assimilation into Egyptian society it is true. However, there was something more - the ability of Pharaoh to be king of both the oppressors and the oppressed in such a way that *they actually wanted to be in thrall to him*. This, say the mystics, came from an enhanced sense of G-d's image which existed in Pharaoh himself.

Such was his magnetism, such was his power as a human being that even if the whole of Egypt was crumbling to dust, his say-so was the one thing that the Jewish people still needed. They needed to be excused from service.



This is the power of any leader in the world - the capacity to unite people together, purely because of the charisma and leadership qualities of one individual. This has huge ramifications on many levels: first of all it tells us that the power to unify people is a G-dly power, and anyone can have it, no matter how wicked or evil they are. The second ramification is to think what unifies us as a Jewish people. That one thing is the concept of HASHEM

ECHAD taken from the Shm'a expressing the concept of G-d's unity. Our unity to one another is not based on one man or woman, but rather upon the unity which we are all a part of under G-d. One nation under one G-d. It is this idea which makes us insoluble from all the nations. We forget that for a moment, and we are likely to be under the will of another despot, another Pharaoh, G-d forbid.

Let us not forget our heritage. It is more than where we come from. It is our glue. It is what connects us, it is what defines us as separate and special.

I wish you all a good Shabbos.

Rabbi Steven, Siobhan, Maya and Talia Dansky.

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