



**7th August 2021 / 29th Menachem Av 5781
Re'eh / Pirkei Avot Chapter 6 / Mevarachim HaChodesh**

Service Times

Kabbalat Shabbat	7.15pm
Light Candles before 7.40 pm (8.26pm)	
Shacharit	10.00 am

No Mincha or Ma'ariv service: Shabbat Ends at 9:33 pm

Next Shabbat – Kabbalat Shabbat 7.15pm, Candle Lighting before 7.40pm (Latest time to light candles 8.13pm).

MASKS MUST STILL TO BE WORN WHILST IN THE SYNAGOGUE

SANITISE YOUR HANDS BEFORE ENTERING THE SYNAGOGUE

THE CLOAKROOMS ARE CLOSED

KEEP BELONGINGS WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES

PLEASE LEAVE 1 SEAT BETWEEN EACH PERSON AND STAY SEATED DURING THE SERVICE – 2 METRE DISTANCING IS NO LONGER REQUIRED

Track and Trace booking is still required

- Men enter through the front doors & proceed straight to your seat
- No hand shaking or contact greeting
- Use books provided
- Sanitise hands frequently
- Exit calmly through the side & back doors

- Ladies to enter through side doors and proceed to seat upstairs
- 2M distancing is no longer a requirement
- Use books provided
- Exit down main staircase keeping to the left
- For Security, please clear forecourt as soon as possible.

We wish mazal tov to the following members:

Stuart & Susan Lasky on their wedding anniversary.

Judith Bara, Beatrice Baxter, Betty Bernard, Allan Brett, Maurice Conway, Leslie Davis, Marion Frankel, Ian Lenchner, Harry Lefcovitch, Sadie Martin, Alan Singer and Ella Wigul on their respective birthdays.

Torah Reading

Leyning: Re'eh

Rabbi Steven Dansky

Sefer Devarim: 11:26-16:17

Artscroll p 998, Cohen/Soncino p 1055, Hertz p 799

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:11 - 55:5

Phillip Powell

Artscroll p 1199, Cohen/Soncino p 1076, Hertz p 818

This week's kiddush is kindly sponsored by Lydia and Martin Freedman

Children's Service: 10.30am

Weekday Services in the Main Synagogue

Shacharit: Sunday & Public Holidays – 8.15am

Shacharit: Monday and Thursday at 7.05am

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7.15am

Rosh Chodesh Shacharit: Monday to Friday at 7.05am; Sunday at 8.15am

Mincha & Ma'ariv: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 7.30pm.

Dates for the Diary

August

Shabbat 7 th	<i>Mevarachim HaChodesh</i>
Sunday 8 th	<i>Rosh Chodesh Ellul</i>
Monday 9 th	<i>Rosh Chodesh Ellul</i>
Monday 9 th	<i>Men's Virtual Happy Hour</i>
Tuesday 10 th	<i>Coffee & Chat with Rev Gary</i>
Thursday 12 th	<i>Ladies Tea & Chat</i>
Monday 16 th	<i>Men's Virtual Happy Hour</i>
Tuesday 17 th	<i>Coffee & Chat with Rev Gary</i>
	<i>Virtual Music Extravaganza</i>
Thursday 19 th	<i>Ladies Tea & Chat</i>
Monday 23 rd	<i>Men's Virtual Happy Hour</i>
Tuesday 24 th	<i>Coffee & Chat with Rev Gary</i>
Thursday 26 th	<i>Ladies Tea & Chat</i>
Monday 30 th	<i>Bank Holiday</i>
Tuesday 31 st	<i>Coffee & Chat with Rev Gary</i>
	<i>Virtual Music Extravaganza</i>

Rosh Chodesh Ellul

Today we bless the forthcoming month of **Ellul**. **Rosh Chodesh** is on Yom Rishon & Yom Sheni, **Sunday, August 8th & Monday, August 9th**. Shacharit on Monday morning will be at 7.05am.

The *Molad*, earliest sighting of the new moon in Jerusalem, is on Sunday, 8th at 10:43am and 10 *chalakim*.

Shabbat Booking

Booking is now open for [Kabbalat Shabbat](#) on **Friday, 13th August** at 7.15pm and for [Shabbat](#) on **14th August** at 10am.

Bookings will close at 10am on Wednesday, 11th August.

We are open for **Shacharit** services, On Monday and Thursday at **7.05am**. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at **7.15am**. Sunday and Bank Holidays at **8.15am**, **booking is now open**.

We are open for [Mincha and Ma'ariv](#) services on **Monday to Thursday** at **7.30pm**.

To book your place please [e-mail](#) or call Robin on 07956 617669.

Bookings will close at 10am on Friday, 13th August.

Booking for the Yomim Noraim (High Holy Days) 5782 is now open and will close at 6pm on Monday, 23rd August at 6pm.

We wish Long Life to everyone who is observing a Yahrzeit this week:

Jack Alter, Shirley Bernstein, Peter Braham, Gerald Braham, Betty Bush, Stuart Coslover, Rachel Crabbe, Ruth Crabbe, Joan Dobin, Shirley Gold, Ruth Goldberg, Lionel Goldberg, Herzel Halawi, Helena Hockley, Martin Kay, Carol Kent, Jonathan Kent, Leslie Kingsley, Barbara Langer, Jan Meyer, Henry Moss, Colin Myers, John Myers, Michael Myers, Sandra Nerden, Maureen Nieberg, Anthony Press, Janice Rebak, Victor Reuben, Laurence Rosenberg, Rosalind Rozansky, Ruth Salahi, Anne Schlesinger, Michael Seigar, Jacqueline Seldis, Helena Shaw, Harvey Sheere, Alan Sidloff, Muriel Silver, Jeffrey Simmons, Jean Tondy and Lynne Worth.

COFFEE & CHAT

WITH

REV GARY NEWMAN

EVERY TUESDAY

3.30-4.30PM

<https://tinyurl.com/yvtlvhlx>

Zoom details: <https://us02.web.zoom.us/j/87995864875>

Meeting ID: 879 9586 4875

Passcode: 686923



MEN'S VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR

MONDAYS 4-5PM

JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL DRINK, CHAT & RANT!

Zoom Details:
<https://us02.web.zoom.us/j/82236346944>
Meeting ID: 822 3634 6944
Password: 660879

Children's Service

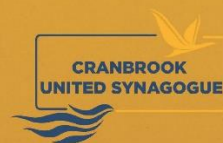
*with brand new leader,
Ashleigh Stern*



SHABBAT 7TH AUGUST
10.30 - 12

BOOKING ESSENTIAL -
ADMIN@CRANBROOKSYNAGOGUE.ORG.UK

YOUNGER CHILDREN SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED
BY AN ADULT.
PARENTS OF OLDER CHILDREN CAN STAY OR
JOIN THE MAIN SHUL SERVICE.



The Torah says what???

Giving charity makes you rich



In this week's Torah portion, the Torah tells us: "You shall surely give tithes of all the bounty of your field's harvest, every year" (Deuteronomy 14, 22). The sages point out that the words "You shall surely give tithes" or ASER T'ASER is essentially repeated, and from this the Talmud in Shabbat (119A) teaches us that we will become wealthy if we give our tithes.

There are two issues with this piece of Talmud. The first is that there are many people who give charity, who are not objectively rich. How can the Talmud promise something which doesn't happen in reality? The second issue of this piece of Talmud is that the Torah itself is quite ambivalent about wealth. In Ethics of the Fathers, Hillel said: "the more possessions you have, the greater will be your worries". In Ecclesiastes, King Solomon wasn't fond of wealth, and said that his huge wealth was meaningless to him. Yet here, it would seem that wealth is positive, because it is the result of giving tithes. What should our response to wealth therefore be?

Rabbi Shimon Shwab of blessed memory quoting Maimonides in his work *The 8 chapters* defines wealth as: 'a sense of sufficiency with what one has', and then proves this from Ethics of our Fathers where it states: "Who is wealthy? Someone who is happy about what he has". Such an individual does not feel hurt about things he doesn't have for himself. With this definition of wealth, we can understand the mechanism of tithes as a way of increasing a sense of sufficiency. Rabbi Shwab explains that when one gives Ma'aser (tithes), it will lead him or her to be happy with their lot. The purpose of Ma'aser is to place a boundary on a person's desires, and to give away from the bounty that you have been given to others. A person's ability to give makes them realise how truly wealthy they are.

This will enable us to answer the question that we posed. An individual who gives charity may not become a millionaire, but giving will lead the individual to achieve a sense of wealth which stems from the ability to give in the first place.

We can see from this that wealth is a double-edged sword. It has the potential to make a person realise how truly blessed and enriched he or she is from the Almighty. That sense of blessedness allows one to feel free to give - after all, if one has so much, why should others not benefit from the bounty that has been received? If on the other hand, wealth is seen as a means to achieve honour, then it will lead to a constant fear that what he or she has is simply not enough, and in all likelihood will never be enough.

I wish you all a good Shabbos

Rabbi Steven, Siobhan, Maya and Talia Dansky.

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