



Shabbat, 28th December 2019 / 30th Kislev, 5780

Miketz / Shabbat Chanukah / Rosh Chodesh

Service Times

Candle Lighting followed by Friday night service	3.20 pm
Shacharit	9.15 am
Mincha follows kiddush	after 12.22 pm
Shabbat Ends	4.52 pm
Ma'ariv	5.15 pm
Next Friday: Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat takes place at 3.45pm (candle lighting before 3.49pm)	

We recite full Hallel today before taking out three Sifrei Torah for leyning.



We read the weekly Sedra of Miketz from the first Sefer, the Rosh Chodesh reading from the second Sefer and the special Maftir for the sixth day of Chanukah from the third Sefer.

Tomorrow morning, after Shacharit at 8.15am, we will be having our regular, monthly smoked salmon, scrambled egg and bagel breakfast and other culinary

delights, which has been kindly sponsored by Alan Lester in memory of his father Nat Lester z"l.



We wish mazal tov to the following members: Arnold & Sylvia Green on their Wedding Anniversary; Frances Darwin, Esther Frankel, Gerald Gold, Alma Goodman, Joseph Gordon, Marie Gordon, Barbara Grossman, David Hoffman, Abigail Keizner, Cyril Kirsch, Lesley Landsman, Joseph Mazin, Zara Rose, Rita Ruben, Leon Russell and Monty Shoben.

Torah Reading

Sedra Synopsis

Michael Darwin

Leyning: Miketz

Sefer 1: Bereishit: 41:1-44:17 -

Artscroll p 222, Soncino/Cohen p 252, Hertz p 155

Rabbi Steven Dansky

Sefer 2: Rosh Chodesh: Bamidbar 28:9-15 – Artscroll p 890, Soncino/Cohen p 944 p, Hertz p 695

Sefer 3: Maftir: Bamidbar 7:42-47 - Artscroll 768, Soncino/Cohen 830, Hertz 599

Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14-4:7 -

Artscroll p 1210, Soncino/Cohen p 857, Hertz p 987

Robert Segall

This week's Cranbrook News has been sponsored by the Abrahams and Chessis families to celebrate Noah's 1st birthday.

Children's Service: 10.50am

Weekday Services in the Freda Schaller Beit Hamidrash

Shacharit: Sunday & Public Holidays – 8.15am; Monday & Thursday – 6.50am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday – 7am.

Rosh Chodesh Shacharit: Monday to Friday – 6.40am; Sunday – 8am

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

Sunday Breakfasts: tomorrow, 26th January 2020 and 16th February 2020 (sponsorship available).

Dates for the Diary

December

Shabbat 28th *Rosh Chodesh Tevet*

7th Night Chanukah

Sunday 29th *Rosh Chodesh Tevet*

Bagel Breakfast

8th Night Chanukah

January

Wednesday 1st *Bank Holiday*

Monday 6th @10.30am *Brook Boys' and Girls' Club*

Tuesday 7th *Fast of Tevet (6.16am – 4.56pm)*

Wed 8th @ 10am *Advanced Ladies Shiur*

Thursday 9th @ 6.30pm *Men's Talmud Shiur*

Sunday 12th *Hebrew Reading Course*

Monday 13th @10.30am *Brook Boys' and Girls' Club*

Wed 15th @ 10am *Advanced Ladies Shiur*

Thursday 16th @ 6.30pm *Men's Talmud Shiur*

Sunday 19th *Hebrew Reading Course*

Monday 20th @10.30am *Brook Boys' and Girls' Club*

Wed 22nd @ 10am *Advanced Ladies Shiur*

Thursday 23rd @ 6.30pm *Men's Talmud Shiur*

Sunday 26th *Bagel Breakfast*

Sunday 26th *Hebrew Reading Course*

Monday 27th *Rosh Chodesh Shevat*

Service Times

Monday 30th - Shacharit will be at 6.50am.

Tuesday 31st - Shacharit will be at 7am.

Ma'ariv on Monday and Tuesday @ 7.30pm

On **Wednesday, 1st January** - Shacharit will be at 8.15am and Mincha followed by Ma'ariv at 3.30pm.

Normal service times resume on 2nd January

On behalf of Rabbi Dansky, Reverend Newman, The Executive Board, the Advisory Group and the Cranbrook Community, we welcome the Eastern Jewry Synagogue, who will be holding their Minyan on Shabbat mornings in the Beit Hamidrash in Schaller House.

Eastern Jewry have for many years, held their Minyan at Newbury Park Station where Newbury Park Synagogue originated.

We wish the Chairman Simon Cohen, his Committee and Community Hatzlacha and Bracha and we look forward to this partnership lasting for many years.

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

Martin Altman, Carol Berliner, Bernard Berman, Keith Biller, Mavis Bonham, Norma Burns, Betty Bush, Terence Chyte, Ruth Clifford, Stephen Colman, Melvin Danser, June Decker, Leila Delew, Hilary Epstein, Jeffrey Faber, Leila Fields, Esther Frankel, Antony Gadian, Susan Gadian, Susan Goldman, Laurence Goldsmith, Norman Goldstein, Gail Gordon, Joseph Gordon, Zara Gould, Gerald Grant, Joanne Green, Sidney Harris, Alan Harrison, Martin Jacobs, Sandra Kisby, Simone Kramer, Alison Lennard, Raymond Leslie, Norma Levinson, Michael Mandel, Barry Mandel, Stuart Mandel, Anne Marsh, Sandra Martin, Marlene Mendel, Laura Mendoza, Lawrence Michaels, Frank Morris, Ethel Moss, Stephanie Mullish, Warren Mullish, Ivor Perl, Neville Peters, Ida Pieters, Jeanette Pinkus, Elaine Price, Colin Rappoport, Celia Rudd, Andrew Rutman, Eleanor Senchal, Joyce Senker, Simon Shaw, Doris Sheril, Kathleen Simmons, Leila Sinclair, Warren Smith, Sylvia Stoller, Iris Wahlhaus, Barbara Wallen, Diane Windsor and Jacob Winton.

Brook Boys' and Girls' Club

Starting on a weekly basis the "Brook Boys' and Girls' Club" will begin on **Monday, 6th January** and every Monday thereafter. Come and join our social club for both men and women and enjoy activities such as cards, dominoes, table tennis, etc.

It will start at 10.30am and run until 3pm.

The cost will be £4 per person, which includes tea, coffee and biscuits at 10.30am and soup at lunch time.

We want to create a place, where not only members and their guests, as well as other Jewish people in the area, can come along to socialise, chat and join in the with the different activities, on a regular basis, in the daytime.

We aim to be not just a shul but a social centre as well.

Shalom Magazine

The next edition of the Shalom magazine will be the Pesach 5780 Edition.

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: stanton.philippa@gmail.com.

All articles, pictures and stories must be received by **1st February 2020** - however, we have already 'opened the doors' to new articles, so please email us as soon as you can!

We look forward to hearing from you.



Forthcoming stone-settings

30th December	David Brett	Waltham Abbey	12 noon
Son of Allan & Lorraine Brett			
12th January 2020	Harold Franks	Waltham Abbey	11am
Husband of Kathleen, father of Linda Lousky			
19th January 2020	Ann Goodman	East Ham	12 noon
Aunt of Caroline Linder			
9th February 2020	Jean Gelfand	Rainham	11.15am
Mother of Valerie Goldsmith			

News and Views

This week is Shabbos Chanukah, a very special Shabbos indeed. We state the following about the Chanukah lights which we light for 8 days: "The candles that we are lighting are holy, and we don't have any permission to use them for our own benefit." The only thing we are supposed to do is just to look at them and recognise the miracles that took place a while back when the Macabees defeated the Greek army and lit lights which was supposed to only last 1 night but lasted 8 instead.



Why are we not allowed to have any benefit of those candles? Surely, the whole purpose of having light is to use it - not using it would seem to be wasteful. The word Chanukah means "dedication", referring to the dedication of the altar after it had been defiled by the Greeks. It has another root - Chinuch - meaning to educate. Is this how we educate our children - telling them to waste resources?

I read a great anecdote about a Rebbetzin, who had about 8 kids and they went to a garage sale. She, and all her children clambered out of the car, and you can imagine the response - "Are these all yours?" She replied - no - they aren't mine - they are God's, I am just their steward until they get old enough to take care of themselves. We don't own things. We have a relationship to it. In Hebrew if we want to signify ownership we say 'YESH LI' - literally meaning I have a relationship to an object which puts it into my possession. Ultimately, I don't own anything, and certainly the lady doesn't own anything. She has children, and she has a responsibility to bring out the light that they have, to develop their talents. Everything ultimately belongs to Hashem, and there are some things which we simply can't use.

Jacob says the same thing to Esau- he says HAYELADIM ASHER CHANAN ELOKIM ES AVADECH - these children have been graced to me by God. I have a relationship with them, but they are not mine.

This is the lesson of Chanukah - knowing that there are certain things that we cannot touch - that we cannot own, that we cannot control. We let the candles burn - we don't touch them, because we know that there is within it a spiritual core. Not touching shows that we are not in control, because ultimately G-d is the one who is playing the shots.



The Maccabees won their victory by recognising it wasn't their doing that won them the war - yes, they had to put their effort in, but their success was dependent on God.

This is exactly the same concept that we deal with in the parasha of Miketz. Pharaoh has dreams, but their reality is only through Joseph's interpretations, and Joseph doesn't dare say that he controls the interpretation - it is completely up to God says Joseph - BILADAI ELOKIM YAANEH ET SHALOM PHAROAH.

The brothers, once they have come to Egypt and are told that Shimon has been captured come to the same conclusion - they are guilty for their brother - recognising that all their actions are meaningful only if God wants it.

This is the education of the candles - let them burn. Let's have a lack of control, realising that ultimate control stands in the hands of G-d.

Shabbat Shalom - Rabbi Steven, Siobhan, Maya and Talia.

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