



Shabbat, 14th August 2021 / 6th Ellul 5781

Shoftim / Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 1

Service Times

Kabbalat Shabbat 7.15pm
Light Candles before 7.40 pm (8.13pm)
Shacharit 10.00 am

No Mincha or Ma'ariv service: Shabbat Ends at 9.18 pm

Next Shabbat – Kabbalat Shabbat 7.15pm, Candle Lighting before 7.40pm (Latest time to light candles 7.59pm)

Booking is now open for [Kabbalat Shabbat](#) on **Friday, 20th August** at 7.15pm and for [Shabbat](#) on **21st August** at 10am.

Bookings will close at 10am on Wednesday, 18th 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, 20th August.

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

To book tickets <https://myus.theus.org.uk/events>. select Cranbrook United Synagogue and tick Prayer Services.

We wish mazal tov to the following members:

Gary & Allison Krist on their wedding anniversary; Philip Curtis, Sydney Hyams, Bernie Hyatt, Sidney Schlesinger, Roseanne Shafier and Irene Sumray on their respective birthdays.

Debra & Paul Feldman on the marriage of their daughter Lauren to Joshua Domb, and to Mavis Danziger and Annette & Manny Feldman on the marriage of their granddaughter Lauren.

Torah Reading

Leyning: Shoftim

Sefer Devarim: 16:18-21:9

Artscroll p 1024, Cohen p 1078, Hertz p 820

Haftorah: Isaiah 51:12-52:12

Artscroll 1199, Cohen 1094, Hertz 835

Rabbi Steven Dansky

John Kent

If you would like to mark a birthday or Simcha, or want to commemorate a Yahrzeit, this can be done by sponsoring Cranbrook News. In the forthcoming weeks, there are many dates that are available.

The cost of sponsoring Cranbrook News is £15.

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

Monday 16th	<i>Men's Virtual Happy Hour</i>
Tuesday 17th	<i>Coffee & Chat with Rev Gary</i> <i>Virtual Music Extravaganza</i>
Thursday 19th	<i>Ladies Tea & Chat</i>
Monday 23rd	<i>Men's Virtual Happy Hour</i>
Tuesday 24th	<i>Coffee & Chat with Rev Gary</i>
Thursday 26th	<i>Ladies Tea & Chat</i>
Sunday 29th	<i>8pm: Ma'ariv followed by Selichot</i>
Monday 30th	<i>Men's Virtual Happy Hour</i>
Tuesday 31st	<i>Coffee & Chat with Rev Gary</i>

September

Thursday 2nd	<i>Ladies Tea & Chat</i>
Sunday 4th	<i>8pm: Ma'ariv followed by Selichot</i>
Monday 6th	<i>Erev Rosh Hashanah</i>
Tuesday 7th	<i>1st Day Rosh Hashanah / Tashlich</i>
Wednesday 8th	<i>2nd Day Rosh Hashanah</i>
Thursday 9th	<i>Fast of Gedaliah (4.41am to 8.11pm)</i>
Shabbat 11th	<i>Shabbat Shuvah</i>
Sunday 12th	<i>8pm: Ma'ariv followed by Selichot</i>

Arba Minim



Please remember to order your Arba Minim for Succot.

The cost is **£28** for a quality set.

All orders must be placed with Harold on 020 8629 2784 or by e-mail to

warden@cranbrooksynagogue.org.uk

no later than **Monday, 13th September**; all orders must be paid for prior to delivery.

Selichot @ Cranbrook

On **Sunday 29th August, Sunday 5th and 12th September** we will daven Ma'ariv followed by Selichot at 8pm.

Monday 30th, Tuesday 31st, Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd Selichot will follow Mincha & Ma'ariv at **7.15pm**.

Please do your very best to attend and to be on time.

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

Martin Altman, Alan Benson, Betty Bernard, Michele Biller, Kenneth Black, Susan Brattman, Maureen Bresh, Naomi Broder, Harvey Coulton, Leslie Davis, Joy Debenham-Burton, Kitty Dessau, Anthony Deutsch, Sophie Diamond, Carole Finkeltaub, Sylvia Fletcher, Brenda Freeder, Louis Freedman, Julian Gold, Sheila Graham, Hilary Green, Shirley Herst, Helena Hockley, Gloria Kovler, Hilary Krisman, Lily Landau, Elaine Lawson, David Leonard, Linda Levene, Alma Levene, Amelia Levy, Anthony Levy, Leonard Lewis, Laura Lewis, Martin Mercer, Colin Myers, John Myers, Michael Myers, Anthony Press, David Rappaport, Jacqueline Riesel, Frances Robin, Paul Rosen, Neil Sapler, Alice Senk, Doris Sheril, Betty Spencer, Hannah Stern, Stuart Stirling, Harvey Tibber, Yvonne West, Ruth Wolfe, Raisa Yufit and Yaakov Yufit.



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

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- **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.**

Track and Trace booking is still required

We are delighted to be honouring **Harold Marco** and **Robbie Spill** as Chatan Torah and Chatan Bereishis respectively.



We wish them and their families mazal tov and we look forward to celebrating with them over Succot and Simchat Torah.

Leyning and Haftarah

If you would like to lein part of your Barmitzvah or read the Haftarah on a Shabbat or would need some help in going over.

Please contact Harold who will pass on your name to Rabbi Dansky.

Please don't be shy we would love to have more of our members take part in the service on a Shabbat morning.

The Torah says What? You need to be perfect

In this week's Torah portion we are told "you shall be perfect/complete in front of G-d" (Deuteronomy 18:13). The word used here for perfection is "Tamim" which literally means perfect of form. This word is also used in relation to the sacrifices which are described as being perfect of form. This would imply that G-d desires absolute perfection of us all. We all know that perfection is not something that human beings can achieve. Nor is it something that any of the greatest personalities were able to achieve. Moses, the greatest of all prophets lost his temper with the Jewish people. Miriam his sister spoke behind Moses' back, and Aharon was complicit in the building of the golden calf. Mistakes are inevitable. We go so far as to say in the Talmud that "there is no-one righteous on this earth that has never sinned". How then can the Torah expect perfection of us?



The Ohr Hachayim explains this verse by examining the wider context in which this verse is placed. In the verses prior to this one, the Torah talks about the prohibitions about going to magicians or astrologers in order to know the future. The reason for that is we, the Jewish people, are not under the control of the astrological constellations. This occurred early in our history to Abraham, who according to his "Mazal" was not supposed to have children. However, because of Abraham's constant connection with G-d, he was placed above the control of the constellations and in fact did have Isaac (Talmud, Shabbat 156B). Thus, going to hear our future from astrologers or other revealers of the future would be to deny our close connection to the Almighty that has the power to break any so called decrees provided by the stars. The verse therefore doesn't mean be perfect, but rather have perfect faith in G-d rather than in anything else offering you a potential future.

Another explanation of this verse could come from the book of Genesis, in which no less a personality than Noah is described as a "perfect" righteous man. Again, the Ohr Hachaim provides a beautiful explanation as to what this perfection could refer. He explains that Noah was perfect in his generation because he remained humble while the rest of his generation were completely arrogant. His humility towards the rest of his generation in the face of their arrogance and egocentricity was more than they deserved, yet he retained his natural humility.



In our context, we could provide the following understanding of our verse: follow your in-born connection with G-d without having to resort to the ways that people around you behave by looking to the stars for answers about their future. Being perfect means keeping to our faith rather than falling to peer pressure of what others around us do. It means being loyal to who we are as G-d's children. Be loyal to G-d, and you

won't go wrong.

I wish you all a good Shabbos

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