



**Shabbat, July 13, 2019 / Tammuz 10, 5779  
Chukat / Pirkei-Avot Chapter 5**

**Service Times**

Friday night service	7.30pm
Shacharit	9.15am
Mincha followed by Seudah	9.00pm
Shabbat ends followed by Ma'ariv	10.16pm

Next Friday Night Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat takes place at 7:30 pm. (candle lighting 7.40pm)

Spirits with Spirits presents ... **"A Sordid Affair" – Halachic discussion and ramifications** – next **Wednesday, July 17** at the home of Tracy and Barrie Abrahams, 8pm.

Tomorrow's *Plug in and Recharge: Sunday Morning Inspirational Talks and Breakfast* subject is: **Are Leaders allowed to make mistakes?**

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, Shabbat afternoon Suedah is £25, or a Sunday breakfast is £45. Please call the shul office for more information.

There will be a full Tisha B'Av programme on **Sunday, August 11**. More details to follow over the coming weeks.

**We wish mazal tov to the following members:** Alan & Barbara Burns and Joseph & Michelle Bolle on their Wedding Anniversaries; Donna Baron, Sheila Bloom, Peter Braham, Michael Cohen, Barbara Grant, David Langdorf, Irene Placks, Paul Tobe and Irene Zetter on their respective birthdays.

We will be producing a Yizkor Book as in previous years – please look out for the forms in the post in the coming weeks. These can be completed and returned to the office if you want names included in this year's book.

Sedra Synopsis

**Claire Barzilai**

**Torah Reading**

Leyning: Chukat

**Rabbi Steven Dansky**

Sefer Bamidbar: 19:1-22:1

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

Haftorah: Judges 11:1-33

**Simon Stern**

Artscroll p 1187, Cohen/Soncino p 991, Hertz p 664

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celebrate Martin's recent 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

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

Sunday Breakfasts: August 4, September 1 and October 20. - **Sponsorship is available.**

**Dates for the Diary**

**July**

Shabbat 13	<i>Shabbat Afternoon Shiurim @ Rabbi Dansky</i>
Sunday 14	<i>Plug in and Recharge</i>
Wednesday 17	<i>Spirit with Spirits</i>
Shabbat 20	<i>Pimm's, Stella and Ice Cream Kiddush</i> <i>Shabbat Afternoon Shiurim @ Rabbi D Singer</i>
Sunday 21	<i>Fast of Tammuz</i> <i>2.23am to 9.59pm</i>
Shabbat 27	<i>Shabbat Afternoon Shiurim @ Rabbi Sufrin</i>

**August**

Friday 2	<i>Rosh Chodesh Av</i>
Sunday 4	<i>Monthly Bagel Breakfast</i>
Shabbat 10	<i>Shabbat Chazon</i> <i>Tisha B'Av</i> <i>Fast of Av begins at 8.33pm</i>
Sunday 11	<i>Fast of Av ends at 9.18pm</i>
Friday 16	<i>Tu B'Av</i>
Shabbat 17	<i>Shabbat Nachamu</i>
Monday 26	<i>Bank Holiday</i>
Shabbat 31	<i>Rosh Chodesh Ellul</i>

**Synagogue Magazine**

The next edition of the shul magazine will be the Rosh Hashanah 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 early as possible to:  
[stanton.philippa@gmail.com](mailto:stanton.philippa@gmail.com).

All articles must be in by next **Friday, July, 19 2019.**

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Rabbi Dansky and the Cranbrook Synagogue Bereavement Support Group would like to invite you to participate in their new initiative to support the bereaved members of our community.

If you would like to take part, please contact Harold on 020 8629 2781.

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

Marian Arbiter, Beatrice Baxter, Vivienne Berlin, Alan Burns, Blanche Charach, Jessie Cherkoff, Annette Colman, Maurice Conway, Gloria Crego, Audrey Davis, Sandra Dollow, Alan Donn, Mark Finkeltaub, Angela Fox, Montague Garson, Doreen Golding, Hilary Green, Shirley Greenbaum, Joyce Halperin, David Herst, Myra Hilton, Francis Keen, Maureen Keizner, Ivor Lethbridge, Norma Maisner, Sandra Melnick, Phoebe Morris, Susan Morrison, Henry Moss, Colin Myers, Betty Pam, Joy Peterson, Helen Rabin, Shirley Rosenthal, Anthony Roth, Rita Ruben, Anita Sears, Ralph Selmon, Elaine Shear, Carole Sholem, David Sholem, Stanley Simmons, Estelle Smiler, Rosalie Sobel, Daniel Solomons, Linda Solvey, Rita Stedman, Louis Vitow, Monty Vitow and June Whitesman.



## PSI Kiddush

Wondering what a "PSI Kiddush" is?

You could just come along on **July 20, 2019** and find out! If you like surprises, do not read on...

The perennial **Pimm's, Stella and Ice Cream Kiddush** is *the* social highlight of the calendar.

Chill, with a cool **Stella** or a refreshing **Pimm's** followed by a delicious **ice cream**.



## Forthcoming stone-settings

<b>July 14, 2019</b>	<b>Elizabeth Levene</b>	Waltham Abbey	13.00
Mourner - Stephen Kaye			
<b>July 14, 2019</b>	<b>Hillard Lewis</b>	Waltham Abbey	15.30
Father of Laura Lewis			
<b>July 21, 2019</b>	<b>William Myers</b>	Bushey	11.30
Mourner - Stephen Kaye			
<b>July 21, 2019</b>	<b>Leslie Fox</b>	Waltham Abbey	14.30
Father of Elisa			
<b>July 28, 2019</b>	<b>Freda Pollock</b>	Bushey	11.30
Wife of Leslie Pollock			
<b>July 28, 2019</b>	<b>Jane Altman</b>	Waltham Abbey	13.00
Mother of Jennifer Kenly			

## News and Views

The Torah portion begins with the concept of the Parah Adumah - the red heifer that was taken to purify those people who have become impure. How this works is unclear - we don't understand the reason that this works, or the meaning behind why a cow's ashes can make a person pure, nor why the person who sprinkles the ashes becomes impure in the process.

The Torah calls such laws "CHOK" - something that defies knowledge.

Why does G-d create Laws which we don't understand? I can do something which makes sense - I keep Shabbat, because G-d created the world in six days and rested on the seventh. I make blessings, because G-d created the food that we eat, and it belongs to him, and not Me. I do them because it makes sense.



However, what about rules which I do NOT completely understand? Why does Hashem give us Mitzvot that we do not understand at all.

Imagine a Science teacher teaching Physics. He is teaching a group of seven-year olds about the laws of gravity. He shows them that an apple falls from a tree and explains to them that all things must fall to the ground. There is a force called gravity, which pulls things towards the earth. Now there are many things that the teacher did not teach the students. He didn't teach the students the speed of gravity. He didn't teach the students about other forces which could affect where the apple lands - for example a large gust of wind which could blow the apple in a different direction.

A good teacher explains certain things, and omits giving the reasons for some of those things; teaching people exactly what they need to know, no more, no less, according to their level of understanding. Teaching them the reason for everything would be counterproductive as they simply wouldn't understand the complexity and not listen to the teacher as a result. The children may have certain questions, and they may ask those questions, but those that don't, take the teacher at his word. His strength as a teacher comes from what he reveals, and what he withholds.

Rav Yeruchem from Mir explains that G-d is the ultimate teacher. There are certain Mitzvot which we understand, and there are certain Mitzvot which we may not understand, like the Parah Adumah - the red heifer. They all have very good reasons; however, he can't reveal those reasons to us, because we simply will not understand them. Therefore, like a good teacher, he reveals what he needs to, and hides away information that would not be necessary. We, as his students, need to accept that we are being taught by an expert teacher, and that we do what Hashem wants from us, because ultimately it is for our benefit. If HE doesn't explain things, it doesn't mean that they don't have a reason, but that we are not ready to hear them.



This concept is almost instinctive to us as parents. As parents, we know that we want the best for our children. We tell our children not to do things which are bad for them, and sometimes we explain to them why they should listen; other times, it is sufficient to tell your children that they need to do things because "I am your mother". There needs to be no other reason.

The same is true of Torah, because we know that Hashem is our parent, and that he is the ultimate arbiter of reality - He is out of time, and knows that these laws will hold true for all of time, and for our benefit for all time.

Shabbat Shalom from  
Rabbi Steven, Siobhan, Maya and Talia Dansky.

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