



**Shabbat, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021 / 23<sup>rd</sup> Kislev 5782  
Vayeishev / Mevarachim Hachodesh**

**Service Times**

Friday night service	3.40 pm
Candle lighting for Friday night	3.44 pm
Shacharit	9.30 am
Mincha follows kiddush	after 12.10 pm
<b>No Ma'ariv Service</b>	
Shabbat Ends	4.50 pm

Next Week: Mincha at **3.20pm**, followed by lighting of the Chanukah candles.

Booking is now open for [Kabbalat Shabbat](#) on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December *Mincha followed by Chanukah Candle lighting* is at **3.20pm**, and for [Shabbat Miketz](#) on 4<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.

**Bookings will close at 6pm on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December.**

We are open for Shacharit services, On **Sunday** at 8.15am, **Monday & Thursday** at 7.05am, **Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday** at 7.15am. **Ma'ariv** on **Monday - Thursday** at 7.30pm.

To book your place please **e-mail** or call Robin on 07956 617669.



**Rosh Chodesh Tevet** is next **Shabbat, 4<sup>th</sup> December** (Yom Shabbat Chodesh) & **Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> December** (Yom Rishon); today we bless the new month. The *Molad* (the time of the first sighting of the moon in Jerusalem) is on **Shabbat, 4<sup>th</sup> December** at 13:39 and 14 *chalakim*.

Shacharit will be at 8am on Sunday morning.

**Torah Reading**

Leyning: Vayeishev

Sefer Bereishit: 37:1-40:23

Artscroll p 198, Soncino/Cohen p 229, Hertz p 141

Haftarah: Amos 2:6-3:8

Artscroll p 1142, Soncino/Cohen p 248, Hertz p 152

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**This week's Cranbrook News is kindly sponsored by Ruth Abrahams in loving memory of her sister Lesley Kushani, Brucha Leah bas Yaakov ber Halevi zt"l.**

**Children's Service:** 10.30am

**Regular 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 7am; Sunday at 8am

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

### Dates for the Diary

#### November

Shabbat 27<sup>th</sup>

*Mevarachim HaChodesh*

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

*Chanukah Glow in the Dark Disco*

*1<sup>st</sup> Chanukah Light*

Monday 29<sup>th</sup>

*Men's Virtual Happy Hour*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Chanukah Light*

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>

*Coffee & Chat with Rev Newman*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Chanukah Light*

*Music Extravaganza @ 8pm*

#### December

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>

*Rabbi Shiur @ 10am*

*4<sup>th</sup> Chanukah Light*

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Chanukah Painting Evening @ 8.15pm*

*5<sup>th</sup> Chanukah Light*

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

*6<sup>th</sup> Chanukah Light*

Shabbat 4<sup>th</sup>

*Rosh Chodesh Tevet*

*7<sup>th</sup> Chanukah Light*

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

*8<sup>th</sup> Chanukah Light*

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

*Men's Virtual Happy Hour*

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

*Coffee & Chat with Rev Newman*

*Music Extravaganza @ 8pm*

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

*Rabbi Shiur @ 10am*

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

*Ladies Tea & Chat @ 3.30pm*

### PUBLIC HEALTH BREIFING 9/11/21 COVID CASES UP TO 2,000 PER WEEK IN REDBRIDGE

**\*MASKS MUST BE WORN WHILST IN SHUL\***  
**WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY**  
**PLEASE LEAVE 1 SEAT BETWEEN EACH PERSON**

- Keep building well ventilated even in winter
- Avoid hand shaking or contact greeting
- Cloakrooms remain closed, keep belongings with you
- Ladies Exit and Enter using main stairs keep left

**The office must be notified if you have tested positive after a service.**

For Security, please vacate forecourt as soon as possible.

Stay Safe

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

Ruth Abrahams, Maurice Bitton, Mavis Bonham, Stanley Brattman, Bertram Clapper, Ruth Clifford, Sophie Diamond, Rita Dryer, Helen Flax, Patricia Gedalla, Julian Gold, Stephen Goldberg, Freda Goldstein, Renee Graham, Paul Grant, Peter Herman, Rosalyn Herman, Betty Herman, Morris Huberman, Michael Kenner, Susan Levine, Janet Lewis, Maureen Linder, Ruth Lipman, Sandra Mack, Alan Marcus, Cyril Marks, Sheila Mason, Evelyn Masters, Joyce Meltzer, Estelle Mendoza, Howard Mendoza, Eva Meyer, Jan Meyer, Jonathan Meyer, Simon Meyer, Linda Mishkin, Estella Nathan, Melanie Nathan, Gillian Newman, Leslie Palmer, Michael Pizer, Howard Robbins, Angela Roberts, Alan Rogoff, Shirley Rothman, Andrew Rutman, Rachel Shaw, Linda Solomons, Howard Temple, Harvey Tibber, Blanche Van Gelder, Frances Wallace, Stanley Weston, Norman Whyte, Ruth Wolfe and Ronald Young.

# COFFEE & CHAT



WITH

## REV GARY NEWMAN

CHANUKAH CANDLE LIGHTING  
TUESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2021

WITH ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY



3.30-4.30PM

<https://tinyurl.com/yytlvhlx>

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

Meeting ID: 879 9586 4875

Passcode: 686923



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# Mazel Tov

מזל טוב

Anne & Martin Wickers on their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Estelle Gudde, Stacey Glazer, Harry Karker, Susan Levine, Ethan Levy, Harold Marco, Mendel Markinson, Joy Peterson, Nathan Placks, Jean Prince, Evelyn Rose, David Salamon, Anita Sears, Elliot Woolf and Sally Winstock on their respective birthdays.

## ASK THE RABBI Q&A

Thank you to everyone who came to the last session. It was great to see you and discuss some interesting topics.

Join me in the Mark Lewis Hall  
**ON WEDNESDAY 15TH DECEMBER AT 8PM**  
when I'll be answering your questions

ISRAEL      KASHRUT      JEWISH CULTURE  
JEWISH HISTORY      THE ENVIRONMENT  
FESTIVALS      MARRIAGE  
SHABBAT



Email your questions on any topic by 8pm on Sunday 12th December to [RABBI@CRANBROOKSYNAGOGUE.ORG.UK](mailto:RABBI@CRANBROOKSYNAGOGUE.ORG.UK)  
I look forward to seeing you!

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## News and Views

This week's Haftorah comes from the book of Amos (circa 8 BCE). In it Amos criticises the peoples of the Northern Kingdom of Israel concerning their lack of care and concern for the poor. The Haftorah begins with the following words:

“Thus said the LORD: For three sins of Israel (I will not punish them), For four, I will not return them to me: Because they have sold for silver into slavery Those whose cause was just, And the needy for a pair of sandals” (2:4)



At first glimpse, this verse seems strange. What are the three transgressions that we will not be punished for? The Abarbanel and others explain that this refers to the three cardinal sins of idolatry, immorality, and murder. These sins are so great that one should die rather than transgressing them. Amos expresses the idea that G-d is able to forgive those sins but will not forgive the people who have no scruples of selling the poor into slavery to pay debts.

The Haftorah's link to the Torah portion is evident when we think about Joseph's treatment at the hands of his brothers. They disliked him because of his dreams and the way in which his father showed favouritism towards him. They therefore threw him into a pit, and would have killed him had it not been for their brother Yehuda's intervention to sell him into slavery. These acts of revenge and jealousy against their brother Josef were sowing the seeds that led the children of Israel into the exile of Egypt which was to last 210 years. Their lack of care and concern for Joseph, selling him for the cost of sandals while they ate and drank, according to the Medrash, is literally exactly the same as those who “sold for silver into slavery...for a pair of sandals” - the words used by Amos himself

G-d has large shoulders, so to speak; He can bear even the most serious of sins which are committed against Him. Even serving idols which is a desecration of everything that G-d stands for is something that can be forgiven, but He cannot forgive cruelty that is done to others in the name of doing business.

The Haftorah continues with a dire warning against those people who perpetrate such acts of cruelty. Amos says:

Assuredly, Thus said my Lord G-D: An enemy, all about the land! He shall strip you of your splendour, And your fortresses shall be plundered“ (3:11)

The message for us today is as powerful now as it was then. Treating other human people with dignity, care and respect is not a luxury, it is a necessity. When we as a people forget our responsibilities to the poor and dispossessed, and instead charge them or tax them further we are beyond redemption. The reason for this is because when we start to treat each other in a cruel manner, we are unable to see the image of G-d which rests within them. This is unacceptable, and is the cause of our troubles. When we forget that our brothers are our brothers, when we forget about our responsibilities to one another, and our connections to each other, we are truly lost.

I wish you all a good Shabbos

Rabbi Steven, Siobhan, Maya, and Talia Dansky.