



STONE SETTING *Stock Road Cemetery, SS2 5QF unless otherwise stated.*

Sunday 23 rd April	Ashley Kalms	3:00pm
Thursday 27 th April	Leon Shulton	3:00pm
Sunday 30 th April	Maurice Kaufman	11:00am

YAHARZEITS *Rabbi Bar and the whole community wish the following members, Long Life.*

(Yahrzeits begin the night before the date below)

- Shabbat – 22 April / 26 Nisan** Mr Ben Jay
Sunday – 23 April / 27 Nisan Mrs Beverley Kloos, Mr Colin Sinclair, Mrs Carol Gedda
Monday – 24 April / 28 Nisan Mrs Enid Isaacs, Mr & Mrs Sonny Kosky, Mrs Rosalind Miller, Mr Maurice Symons, Mrs Sonia Helper
Tuesday – 25 April / 29 Nisan Mr Ian Woolf, Mrs Helene Rosehill
Wednesday – 26 April / 30 Nisan Mrs Adele Dowell
Thursday – 27 April / 1 Iyar Lady Gold
Friday – 28 April / 2 Iyar Mr Julian Lee-Harris, Mrs Hazel Ward, Mrs Lily Marks, Mr Stanley Serkin

VISITING THE SICK If you know anyone who would like a hospital or home visit from a member of the *Community Care Committee*, please email swhcfc@gmail.com or leonardshulton@live.com call Janice 07752 874065 or Shul Office on 01702 344900.

REGULAR EVENTS

Monday Club Social club with card games 11:45 - 3:30pm, Shul Hall Call Maurice 01702 351845	Little Latkes Baby & Toddler Monday 24 th April 10:30am - 12noon Call Karen on 07887 847059	Bereavement Support Group Monday 8 th May At the home of Ivan Kanutin Call Janice on 07752 874065
Cheder Classes Tuesdays, 4:30 – 6:15pm Age 5+. Bar/Bat Mitzvah lessons also available.	Pop-In Talmud Torah Tuesday 9 th May 2pm-4pm Email Janice swhcfc@gmail.com	J.A.C.S. Wednesdays Call Allan Goldstein 01268 771978 for more info
Discussion Group on Torah insights into the weekly Sidra Every Wednesday after Ma'ariv in the Beit Hamedrash	SIYC – Youth Club Thursdays 4:30 – 6:30pm youth@swhc.org.uk or call Barry 07876 685826	AID Society Bridge– 30th April Thorpe Bay Bridge Club Call Geoff Cohen 339601 or Jan Linden 343289
Jewish Museum til 24th Sept Amy Winehouse A Family Portrait For Info call 020 7284 7384	Stock Rd Cemetery, SS2 5QF Sunday – Friday Winter 10am – 3pm GMT Summer 10am – 4pm BST	Add your Simcha onto the Website! Contact Stanley Robinson stan.stanrob@gmail.com

THE SHOP *Kosher fresh, frozen, dry and baked goods available locally.*

Opening Hours | Sunday 9.30am-11am, Thursday 10am-4:30pm, Friday 9am-11am
 Call 01702 430307 (during opening hours) email: alanmarkovitch@yahoo.co.uk / call 07956 597271



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ראש חודש

NEW MOON

Wednesday 26th April 7:48am



We extend a very warm welcome to everyone attending our service this Shabbat. We hope you enjoy the Service and you will join us again soon.

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SHABBAT SHEMINI

FRIDAY NIGHT

Mincha/Carlebach-Style
 Kabbalat Shabbat **7:30pm**
 Shabbat commences
 and Candle lighting **7:44pm**

SHABBAT DAY

Shacharit **9:30am**
 Children's Service **11:00am**
followed by Kiddush
 Mincha **7:40pm**
followed by Seudah Shlishit
 Ma'ariv when Shabbat ends **8:56pm**

WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY

Shacharit **8:30am**
 Mincha **7:00pm**
followed by Ma'ariv & Yom HaShoah

MONDAY – THURSDAY

(Rosh Chodesh | Wednesday & Thursday)
 Shacharit **8:00am**
 Mincha *followed by Ma'ariv* **8:00pm**

NEXT FRIDAY

Shacharit **8:00am**
 Mincha *then* Kabbalat Shabbat **7:30pm**
 Shabbat commences **7:56pm**

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<i>If you would like to repeat your Barmitzvah Haftorah, please contact the Gabbaim</i>			

THE PIG AND OUR EXILE *Thoughts on the Parsha*

The pig is the fourth animal that bears external signs of being kosher, although in fact it is not. *The pig shall be unclean to you even though it has a true cloven hoof, for it does not chew its cud. (Vayikra 11:7).* According to the Sages these four creatures represent the four exiles that the Jewish people were to experience. The camel represents Babylon; the hyrax, Persia and Media; the hare, Greece; and the pig, Edom.

By far the longest exile our people have ever endured is that of Edom – it began over two thousand years ago and continues to this day. For this reason it is crucial to understand its symbol; what does the pig tell us about Edom?

Kli Yakar explains that of the two kashrus signs specified by the Torah, cud-chewing is the more difficult to detect because it occurs inside the animal. Because it is an internal sign, one cannot ascertain whether the animal possesses this quality by even the most careful external examination. In contrast, determining whether an animal's hooves are cloven is a simple matter, since cloven hooves are an external sign.

Like the outwardly kosher appearance of the pig, the essence of Edom, descended from Esav, is superficiality and external appearance. Esav, the Biblical personality, was obsessed with the colour red – he wore red clothes, he ate red food, and he relished bloodshed – because red is the loudest, most striking colour in the spectrum; it catches the eye. Esav passed on to his descendants the products of Western culture and his love for superficiality.

Precisely for this reason the Edomite exile is the greatest threat to Jewish continuity in the history of mankind. Its glossy surface can look kosher. Uneducated Jews can be easily convinced that there is no basic difference between Jews and Edomite non-Jews.

Even uninitiated Jews can distinguish between the outward signs of kosher and non-kosher animals and their corresponding cultures, but to determine the status of the pig is no simple matter. It looks kosher on the outside, but it lacks the subtle internal signs that set apart kosher from non-kosher, pure from impure. This is the great danger of the culture represented by the pig.

The Sages say that in the end of days “the pig will become kosher”. The advent of the Messianic era will result in the complete destruction of Amalek – the evil aspect of Esav. Liberated from this evil influence, the spiritual heirs of Esav will recognize the supremacy of the Jewish people and will affirm their belief in the One Hashem.

Shabbat Shalom,
Rabbi Binyamin Bar

MAZEL TOV! *A hearty Mazel Tov from the SWHC Community*

Garry Steel on the occasion of his 60th Birthday

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 23rd April, 7pm | Yom Hashoah Mincha/Ma'ariv followed by Memorial Candle Lighting to the 6 million who perished in the Holocaust. Holocaust Survivor Guest Speaker, Susie Barnett. “Now I’m educating young people for my father and those who went through the Holocaust, especially the ones who didn’t survive.” All Welcome. Donations to AJR.

NEXT SHABBAT 29th April | The Kiddush will be generously sponsored by **Henrietta & Michael Rabinovitch** in celebration of their Sapphire Wedding Anniversary.

Monday 1st May, 7pm | Yom Hazikaron/Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebrations in the Synagogue Hall with entertainment from members of our community, and from London, the versatile Sidney Austin. Donation £5 in advance to include “Sass’s Falafel”. All proceeds to the Israeli War Disabled. Grand raffle on the night. Tickets from Shul Office or Marilyn Salt.

Tuesday 9th May | Westcliff & District WIZO Guided tour of the Wallace Collection Coach leaves Westcliff at 1:30pm, Tour 3:30pm with time in the West End. Returns about 7pm. Contact Adrienne for more info and to book your place on 01702 333004.

Sunday 14th May, 12noon - 3pm | Lag B'Omer Community BBQ Barbeque food and drinks, children’s activities including face painting, live music and lots more. Early bird ticket prices, adult, £6, child (12 and under) £4, family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) £15. Book and pay with Shul Office by Sunday 30th April. Tickets on the door, £1 more each and no family tickets.

Tuesday 16th May 7:30pm | Film Club presents “Dough” Call Marilyn 01702 476349 or Rochelle 01702 436991 for tickets.

Sunday 21st May 9:30am | SWHC AGM Shul Hall
9:15am for signing in and voting. Meeting commences at 10am

SHAVUOT 5777

Tuesday 30th May | Erev Shavuot
Wednesday 31st May | 1st Day Shavuot
Thursday 1st June | 2nd Day Shavuot

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Ladies Guild Kiddushim Contact Lisa Berg on swhc.org.uk/ladies-guild/#kiddush or 07760141162
Newsletter Contact the Shul Office £25 donation.
Tree of Life in the Shul Hall For our 110th Anniversary, each leaf will be £110 for a limited period.