

CONDOLENCES *May G-d comfort you among the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*

The family of the late **Doreen Novitt**

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

Sunday 30th April **Maurice Kaufman** 11:00am

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

(Yahrzeits begin the night before the date below)

Shabbat –29 April / 3 Iyar Mr Anthony Jones, Mrs Lily Bloch, Mr Maurice Lesley, Mr Anthony Silverstein, Mrs Evelyn Statman

Sunday – 30 April / 4 Iyar Mrs Betty Young, Mrs Sharon Bronitt

Monday – 1 May / 5 Iyar Mrs Allison Lester, Mrs Shirley Reid

Tuesday – 2 May / 6 Iyar Mrs Josephine Strubel, Mrs Clare Linden

Wednesday – 3 May / 7 Iyar Dr Gerald Peters, Mrs Linda Sanders

Thursday – 4 May / 8 Iyar Mr Paul Binder, Mr Myer Finegold, Mrs Sandra Royston

Friday – 5 May / 9 Iyar Mrs Sylvia Shaw, Mrs Jackie Franks, Mrs Moira Dickson,

Mr Anthony Gower, Mrs Susan Fine, Mrs Linda Rubin, Mr Gerald Ward

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 swhfc@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 27 th June 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 swhfc@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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This week's Newsletter is kindly sponsored by **Henrietta & Michael Rabinovitch** in celebration of their Sapphire Wedding Anniversary. Mazel Tov!



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 TAZRIA METZORA

FRIDAY NIGHT

Mincha/Carlebach-Style

Kabbalat Shabbat **7:30pm**

Shabbat commences

and Candle lighting **7:56pm**

SHABBAT DAY

Shacharit **9:30am**

Children's Service **11:00am**

followed by Kiddush

Rabbi's Shiur **7:05pm**

Mincha **7:50pm**

followed by Seudah Shlishit

Ma'ariv when Shabbat ends **9:08pm**

WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY

Shacharit **8:30am**

Mincha *followed by* Ma'ariv **7:00pm**

MONDAY (Bank Holiday)

Shul Office Closed

Shacharit **8:30am**

Mincha then Ma'ariv & Yom Hazikaron
for Israel's Fallen **7:00pm**

TUESDAY – THURSDAY

Shacharit **8:00am**

Mincha *followed by* Ma'ariv **8:00pm**

NEXT FRIDAY

Shacharit **8:00am**

Mincha *then* Kabbalat Shabbat **7:30pm**

Shabbat commences **8:00pm**

Torah Reading	Rabbi Bar	Soncino	pg 674
Haftorah Metzora	Michael Rabinovitch	Soncino	pg 702
<i>If you would like to repeat your Barmitzvah Haftorah, please contact the Gabbaim</i>			

BRIT MILA: THE COVENANT OF ETERNITY *Thoughts on the Parsha*

In this week's *Parasha* of *Tazria-Metzora*, Hashem commands us: "On the eighth day, the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised." (Vayikra 12:2). The circumcision, which marks the completion of the man's body, is itself a human act. This teaches us that our spiritual, emotional, moral and ethical perfection requires human effort.

During our lifetime we entertain many friendships and partnerships. Some last for longer than others but most of them, at some point, fizzle out through life circumstances or, in the worse case, are broken by one of the parties. The *Brit Mila*, ritual circumcision, is a symbol of our everlasting partnership with Hashem. The flesh of our physical bodies is testimony that our covenant with Hashem will never end or be forgotten. Why is the partnership of *Brit Mila* different from all partnerships.

Rabbi Yehuda Lowy (also known as the Maharal of Prague) explains that the number seven represents the natural cycles of our physical existence, whereas the number eight represents our *supernatural* dimension.

The meaning of the term *Brit Mila* is covenant of circumcision. As with all covenants, which consists of an agreement between two parties, and in this case, Hashem and Avraham. Avraham vowed to teach his descendants to serve Hashem with total devotion, promote justice and loving kindness, and Hashem promised to guarantee the survival of Avraham's descendants forever. As long as human beings inhabit the world, there will always be Jews.

Hashem's guarantee to Avraham defied the laws of nature. History has proven time and again that even the most powerful nations on earth will invariably vanish. Where are the original Egyptians today? The Greeks? The Romans? They have all disappeared, yet, beyond all reason and logic, the Jewish people lives on, solely as a consequence of Hashem's covenant with Avraham. Historians and scientists are at odds to explain the rational behind the Jews survival, because the survival of the Jews is miraculous and supernatural.

Brit Mila takes place on the eighth day of a child's life. The number eight represents this supernatural covenant of eternal Jewish continuity, which is why the mark of circumcision is made on the reproductive organ. The nature of the mitzvah of *Brit Mila* is a covenant of eternity, which symbolizes Hashem's promise that the Jewish people's will exist forever.

Shabbat Shalom,
Rabbi Binyamin Bar

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

Suzanne & Nigel Rosehill on the occasion of their 34th Wedding Anniversary
Susan & David Baker on the occasion of their 31st Wedding Anniversary

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

THIS SHABBAT 29th April | The Kiddush this week is 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** Tikun Leil with Guest Speakers
Wednesday 31st May | **1st Day Shavuot** The Ten Commandments
Thursday 1st June | **2nd Day Shavuot** "Remember" Yiskor

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 21st June 8:00pm Sinclair House – An evening with Reverend Gary Newman & the London Cantorial Singers.

Monday 26th June - Diana: Her Fashion Story, Kensington Palace. Coach leaves Riverside at 9am. £30 per person inc return Coach & entrance. Contact van38@blueyonder.co.uk

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