



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

**Louise Nyman** and **David Wallrock** on the loss of their mother, **Renee Wallrock**.

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

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept** 2.00pm: **Priscilla Drizen**

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

*(Yahrzeits begin the night before the date below)*

**Shabbat – 26 August / 4 Ellul** Mr Michael Herman

**Sunday – 27 August / 5 Ellul** Mr Lawrence Collin, Mr & Mrs Martin Franks, Mrs Freida Goldstone, Mrs Sophia Zetter

**Monday – 28 August / 6 /Ellul** Mrs Christine Leeding, Mrs Barbara Black

**Tuesday – 29 August / 7 Ellul** Mrs Loretta De Haan, Mrs Laura Lane, Mrs Beverley Finer, Mr Michael Kutner, Mr Derek Silverstone, Mr Ian Woolf, Mrs Helene Rosehill

**Wednesday – 30 August / 8 Ellul** Miss Bertha Morris, Mrs Marion Sussman, Mr Barry Winston

**Thursday – 31 August / 9 Ellul** Mrs Pat David, Mr Alan Gershlick, Mr David Gershlick, Mrs Rita Roth, Mrs Lily Marks, Mrs Diane Cohen, Mrs Jackie Jacks, Mr David Walters

**Friday – 1 September / 10 Ellul** Mrs Susan Turner, Mr Sonny Kosky, Mrs Geraldine Jay, Mrs Lorraine Scroxtan, Mrs Hazel Billyack, Mrs Myra Solomons

**VISITING THE SICK** If you know anyone who would like a hospital or home visit from Rabbi Bar or a member of the *Community Care Committee*, please email [swhfcf@gmail.com](mailto:swhfcf@gmail.com) or call Janice on 07752874065 or the Shul Office on 01702 344900.

**REGULAR EVENTS**

<p><b>Monday Club</b> Social club with card games 11:45 - 3:30pm, Shul Hall Call Maurice 01702 351845</p>	<p><b>Saying Kaddish in Shul?</b> Please ensure you bring at least <b>two relatives</b> or friends to help with the Minyan.</p>	<p><b>Bereavement Support Group</b> Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September at the home of Ivan Call Janice on 07752 874065</p>
<p><b>Cheder Classes</b> New term begins Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September <a href="mailto:rabbibar@gmail.com">rabbibar@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Pop-In   Talmud Torah</b> Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2pm-4pm Email Janice <a href="mailto:swhfcf@gmail.com">swhfcf@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>J.A.C.S. Wednesdays</b> Call Allan Goldstein 01268 771978 for more info</p>
<p><b>AID Society Bridge– 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept</b> Thorpe Bay Bridge Club Call Geoff Cohen 339601 or Jan Linden 343289</p>	<p><b>SJYC – Youth Club</b> Closed for the summer <a href="mailto:youth@swhc.org.uk">youth@swhc.org.uk</a> or call Barry 07876 685826</p>	<p><b>Jewish Museum til 24<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> Amy Winehouse A Family Portrait For Info call 020 7284 7384</p>
<p><b>Stock Rd Cemetery, SS2 5QF</b> Sunday – Friday Winter 10am – 3pm GMT Summer 10am – 4pm BST</p>	<p><b>Add your Simcha onto the Website!</b> Contact Stanley Robinson <a href="mailto:stan.stanrob@gmail.com">stan.stanrob@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Tree of Life Shul Hall</b> Mark your Simcha with a leaf on the tree for £110.</p>

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

**Sunday** | 9.30am-11am    **Thursday** | 10am-4pm    **Friday** | 9am-11am  
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*We extend a very warm welcome to everyone attending our services this Shabbat. We hope you enjoy the Services and you will join us again soon.*

**SHABBAT SHOFETIM**

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

Mincha/Carlebach-Style  
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm  
Shabbat commences  
and Candle lighting 7:40pm

**SHABBAT DAY**

Shacharit 9:30am  
Children's Service 11:00am  
*followed by Kiddush*  
Rabbi's Shiur 6:45pm  
Mincha 7:30pm  
*followed by Seudah Shlishit*  
Ma'ariv when Shabbat ends 8:52pm

**WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES**

**SUNDAY**

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

**MONDAY (Bank Holiday)**

**SHUL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**  
Shacharit 8:30am  
Mincha *followed by Ma'ariv* 8:00pm

**TUESDAY - THURSDAY**

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

**NEXT FRIDAY**

Shacharit 8:00am  
Mincha *then* Kabbalat Shabbat 7:25pm  
Shabbat commences 7:24pm

<b>Torah Reading</b>	<b>Rabbi Bar</b>	Soncino pg 1078
<b>Haftorah Shofetim</b>	<b>Dr Arnold Azulay</b>	Soncino pg 1094
<i>If you would like to repeat your Barmitzvah Haftorah, please contact the Gabbaim</i>		

## JUDGES IN ELUL *Thoughts on the Parsha.*

This week's Parasha, Shoftim, is always read on the first Shabbat of the month of Elul. As nothing is coincidental, this Parshah must contain important lessons for us to implement during this auspicious month.

Shoftim means "judges." The Torah commands us to appoint a hierarchy of righteous judges in every city and province. On a literal level, this commandment refers to judges who adjudicate civil, criminal and religious issues. On a deeper level, however, this commandment, as well as its details, has great meaning for every one of us in our personal lives. Let us examine one of this law's details: "You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show favouritism, and you shall not take a bribe."

Once the Torah prohibits the perversion of justice, is it necessary to ban bribery? Can there be a greater miscarriage of justice than bribery? Rashi, the preeminent Bible commentator, explains that the Torah forbids bribery even in an instance where the giver stipulates that the money is being given on condition that the judge issues a fair verdict! For as soon as the judge is thus "bribed," he will be biased in favour of that particular party, and will be unable to issue an objective ruling. As the verse continues: "for bribery blinds the eyes of the wise." As soon as a kinship exists between a judge and one of the litigants, that judge is unfit to preside over that case.

During the month of Elul, every person is expected to judge his or her actions and accomplishments of the previous year. However, every person is "bribed" by a sense of self-love, and is incapable of rendering a completely fair evaluation. Therefore, every person should appoint a "judge," an impartial spiritual mentor, who can issue an objective opinion. This mentor can be a rabbi or a trusted friend or both!

Furthermore, the very knowledge that every so often one will have to discuss one's spiritual accomplishments with another is oftentimes enough to impel an individual onto the path of improvement. As Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai said to his disciples, "If only you would fear Hashem as much as you fear your fellow man."

Shabbat Shalom,  
Rabbi Binyamin Bar

## SPONSORSHIPS *Celebrate and commemorate your loved ones.*

**Ladies Guild Kiddushim** Contact Lisa Berg 07760141162 or [swhc.org.uk/ladies-guild/#kiddush](http://swhc.org.uk/ladies-guild/#kiddush)

**Newsletter** Contact the Shul Office £25 donation to sponsor our weekly Newsletter.

**Seudah Shlishit** Contact [geoffrey.pepper@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:geoffrey.pepper@hotmail.co.uk) (minimum donation £30).

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

**Cyril Levy** on the occasion of his 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Weekday Mornings During Elul | Come and Hear the Shofar** During the month of Elul we blow the shofar just after the morning Shacharit service. We invite you to come and join us and prepare mentally and spiritually for the Yomin Noraim.

**THIS SHABBAT 26<sup>th</sup> August | Kiddush** this week is generously sponsored by **Stephen Redstone** and we wish Mazel Tov to **Stephen Redstone & Joanne Barnett** on the birth of a granddaughter, Edie Belle, to their son, **Martyn Redstone** and daughter-in-law, **Leanne**. A little sister for Polly. We also wish Mazeltov to Great Grandparents **Barbara & Johnny Barnett** and Grandparents **Angela & Steven Samuels** (Hove).

The **Seudah Shlishit** is kindly sponsored by **Larry Lisner** in celebration of his 67<sup>th</sup> birthday & Yahrzeit for an uncle and 3 aunts, taking place on 24<sup>th</sup> August/11<sup>th</sup> Ellul and **Marilyn Lisner's** 66<sup>th</sup> birthday also taking place on 24<sup>th</sup> August/23 Av.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 3:30pm | Mark Regev, Israeli Ambassador to the UK** will be speaking at our Shul. Doors open at 3:30pm for 4pm start. He is an excellent speaker and we are very honoured to have him attend our Community. For security reasons, please give your name(s) into the Synagogue Office as soon as possible to book a free place, as **entry will NOT be permitted unless your name has previously been supplied**. If you would like to stay for 'Afternoon Cream Tea' in the Shul Hall, where you will have an opportunity to meet the Ambassador, then please arrange payment when booking with the Synagogue Office, the cost will be £15 per person. **LAST DATE TO BOOK AND PAY FOR YOUR PLACE FOR THE TEA IS SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> AUGUST.**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 8pm | The New Foundations** Concert Series at SWHC presents the authentic Motown, Soul and 1960s sound with this seven-piece band. Tickets selling fast, so reserve yours asap with Yael [concertseries@swhc.org.uk](mailto:concertseries@swhc.org.uk) / 07951 185933.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 10:30am to 12:30pm | Ladies Guild Annual Hat Sale** in the Talmud Torah. Buy your new hat for the High Holy Days. Donation £3 at the door with coffee and cake.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 8pm | A Honey Cake Bake** in the Shul Hall. Rebbetzin Bar invites all Ladies and Girls to come and bake! Includes an inspiring Shiur to put us in the right frame for Rosh Hashana. £3 per participant, please RSVP and pay by 10<sup>th</sup> September with the Shul Office.

**Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September & Friday/Shabbat 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Sept | Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur.** We extend a warm welcome return to distinguished Chazan, Gedalya Alexander, and his family. Chazan Gedalya is in considerable demand across Europe, not only for his beauty of voice, but also for the deep meaning which he invests in the prayers.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September | Ladies Guild House of Lords Tour & Tea** (Not under SWHC Kashrut Supervision.) Deadline for booking and Payment is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Please ensure you have booked with Sara before paying. [van38@bluevonder.co.uk](mailto:van38@bluevonder.co.uk)

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct | Sukkah Party Entertainment**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct | The Balfour Centenary, A Legal Conference, London 3pm-7pm.** For details please contact 0208 202 0202

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct | Children's Simchat Torah Party** with Marko Sparko Magician!

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct | Ladies Guild Celebrity Lunch** with Lord Michael Grade

**Friday & Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Oct | ShabbatUK**