



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

Marion Sussman & Simone Ridgewell on the loss of a son & brother, **Lawrence Sussman**

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

Sunday 5th March 2:00pm **Jennifer O'brart**

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

(Yahrzeits begin the night before the date below)

Shabbat – 25 February / 29 Shevat Mr Ronnie Blacker, Mrs Irene Josephs, Mrs Betty Steel, Mrs Helen Gordon

Sunday – 26 February / 30 Shevat Mr Jeffrey Freedman, Mrs Betty Morton, Mr Michael Herman, Mrs Minn Rose, Mr Ian Lieberman, Mr Gerald Ward

Monday – 27 February / 1 Adar Mrs Brenda Feldman, Mr Graham Berg, Mrs Beverley Miller, Mrs Moira Dickson, Mrs Doris Finesilver, Mr Roy Silver, Mrs Anne Green, Mr Sonny Kosky, Lady Gold, Mrs Sylvia Rankoff

Tuesday – 28 February / 2 Adar Mr John Barnett, Mr Paul Binder, Mrs Annette Samuels, Mrs Mildred Nelkin, Mr Henry Harris, Mr Maurice Jacques, Mr Jack Saunders, Mrs Helen Davis, Mr Jack Tropper

Wednesday – 1 March / 3 Adar Mrs Elisabeth Rayner, Mrs Rochelle O'Brart, Mrs Hazel Ward

Thursday – 2 March / 4 Adar Mrs Annette Gilbert, Mr Geoffrey Cohen, Ms Rona Hart, Mr Gyula Vari

Friday – 3 March / 5 Adar Ms Jacqueline Coleman, Mr Irvine Ford, Mr Jeffrey Greenstein, Mrs Maureen Elman, Mrs Cheryl Goldenberg, Mr Neville Peters

VISITING THE SICK If you know anyone who would like a hospital or home visit, please email swhcfc@gmail.com or leonardshulton@live.com call Janice 07752874065 or Shul Office on 344900.

REGULAR EVENTS

Pop-In Talmud Torah Tuesday 21 st Mar 2pm-4pm Email Janice swhcfc@gmail.com	NEW Discussion Group on Weekly Sedra Starts Wednesday 1 st March after Ma'ariv in the Beit Hamedrash	Bereavement Support Group Monday 27 th February At the home of Barbara Black Call Janice on 07752 874065
Add your Simcha onto the Website! Contact Stanley Robinson stan.stanrob@gmail.com	SJYC – Youth Club Thursdays 4:30 – 6:30pm youth@swhc.org.uk or call Barry 07876 685826	J.A.C.S. Wednesdays Call Allan Goldstein 01268 771978 for more info
Cheder Classes Tuesdays, 4:30 – 6:15pm Age 5+. Bar/Bat Mitzvah lessons also available.	connect@southend Thursdays, Talmud Torah Chris Sternshine 334655 csternshine@jcare.org	Monday Club Social club with card games 11:45 - 3:30pm, Shul Hall Call Maurice on 01702 351845
AID Society Bridge–12th Mar Thorpe Bay Bridge Club Call Geoff Cohen 339601 or Jan Linden 343289	Stock Rd Cemetery, SS2 5QF Sunday – Friday Winter 10am – 3pm GMT Summer 10am – 4pm BST	Little Latkes Baby & Toddler 28 th February 10:30am - 12noon Call Karen on 07887 847059



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ראש חודש
NEW MOON

Sunday 26th February, 6:20am

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. Visitors to our community are also very welcome.

SHABBAT MISHPATIM SHEKALIM MACHOR CHODESH

FRIDAY NIGHT
Shabbat commences
and Candle lighting **5:10pm**
Mincha/Carlebach-Style
Kabbalat Shabbat **5:25pm**

SHABBAT DAY
Shacharit **9:30am**
Children's Service **11:00am**
followed by Community Kiddush
Mincha **5:00pm**
followed by Seudah Shlishit
Ma'ariv when Shabbat ends **6:22pm**

WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY (1st Day Rosh Chodesh)
Shacharit **8:30am**
Mincha **1:45pm**
Ma'ariv **6:00pm**

MONDAY (2nd Day Rosh Chodesh) – THURSDAY
Shacharit **8:00am**
Mincha **1:45pm**
Ma'ariv **8:00pm**

NEXT FRIDAY
Shacharit **8:00am**
Shabbat commences **5:22pm**
Mincha then Kabbalat Shabbat **5:35pm**

Torah Reading	Rabbi Bar	Soncino pg 471
Maftir Shekalim	Rabbi Bar	Soncino pg 540 v11-16
Haftarah	Lord Gold	Soncino pg 1191
Blessing the new month	Adar	Sacks Singers pg 424

If you would like to repeat your Barmitzvah Haftarah, please contact the Gabbaim.

SHEKALIM, ADAR AND PURIM *Thoughts on the Parasha.*

In this week's Haftarah for Parashat Shekalim, we read about King Yehoash's successful fundraising campaign to repair the Beit Hamikdash, Temple in Jerusalem. During the reign of Queen Atalya's reign, the Temple suffered great neglect, which required extensive renovations to restore it to its glory (Divrei Hayamim 2:23).

The Jewish people generously donated funds towards the repairs but Queen Atalya and her family misappropriated the money and utilised them for her idolatrous practices. When King Yehoash assumed the throne he removed idolatry and directed the funds for the repair of the Beit Hamikdash.

This episode reminds us of the half-shekel contributions which the Jewish people donated for the building and running of the Mishkan, the Tabernacle - the subject of the Maftir reading for Parashat Shekalim. Both of these historical events are a befitting introduction to the Month of Adar when we celebrate Purim.

In Megillat Esther (3:9) we read that Haman offered King Achashverosh ten thousand silver blocks in exchange for the destruction of the Jewish people. The Sages teach us that Haman's efforts were pre-empted by the Jewish people's annual Adar donation to the Beth Hamikdash. By no coincidence, Hashem instructed the Jewish nation to annually donate this exact sum of ten thousand silver blocks to the Beit Hamikdash. Hashem said, "Let the Jewish people's ten thousand blocks pre-empt Haman's ten thousand blocks" (Talmud Megilla 13b).

The Jewish people reflected their approach towards wealth and power by continuously allocating their funds to the worthiest of all causes. This attitude shielded the Jewish people from Haman's financial trap to King Achashverosh. Eventually, the King saw through Haman's evil intentions and was not blinded by his financial allures.

This valuable lesson is a timely introduction to the Month of Adar and to Purim. Purim, unlike all Yom Tovim, revolves around acts of kindness and generosity. The Mitzvot of the day include giving halves of shekel donations, money to the poor, and food to our friends. This reflects our true approach to wealth and it displays our generosity as a very noble and rewarding trait. Our attitude towards money's true value places us outside of our enemies' hostile financial influence. It unites us as a nation, it reunites us with Hashem and merits His return to the Beit Hamikdash speedily in our days. Amen.

Shabbat Shalom,
Rabbi Binyamin Bar

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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.

Breakfast &/or L'Chayim Contact geoffrey.pepper@hotmail.co.uk

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Shabbat 25th February | Return of the Seudah Shlishit this Shabbat - Traditionally the 3rd meal on Shabbat is very important. If you would like to sponsor a Seudah Shilishit – please contact Geoffrey Pepper geoffrey.pepper@hotmail.co.uk.

Sunday 26th February | AID Society Annual Quiz Shul Hall. Fish & Chip Supper. Doors open 6:00pm. Tickets from Rochelle O'Brart 01702 719297.

Wednesday 1st March | Gentlemen's new weekly discussion group after Ma'ariv. Torah insights into the weekly Sedra in the Beit Hamedrash.

Monday 6th March | Film Club presents "The Pianist of Willesden Lane" at the Jewish Care Community Centre 8pm. £5 donation including refreshments to Emunah (Not under SWHC Kashrut Supervision). Tickets from Marilyn 476349 or Rochelle 436991.

Wednesday 8th March | Ladies Guild Celebrity Lunch with Anton du Beke Sold Out 12noon for 12:30pm. For waiting list, please email van38@blueyonder.co.uk or call 07813 824684.

Thursday 9th March | Fast of Esther Fast begins 4:45am and ends 6:42pm.

PURIM 5777 – "International Purim" See poster for more details.

Motzei Shabbat 11th March, 7:30pm | Community Reading of the Megillah followed by Meal: Scotch Whisky, Japanese Sushi, Hamantaschen. Mystery Entertainment.

Sunday 12th March

8:15am | Shacharit & Community Reading of the Megillah, Hamantaschen.

4:45pm | Community Interactive Reading of the Megillah followed by Meal: Chinese Chicken, American Hot Dogs, French Fries, Salad followed by Fancy Dress Parade and "Buzz Has Got Talent" Show.

Cost for Both Meals: £8 adults, £4 children. Payment to Shul Office by Sunday 5th March.

Sunday 19th March | Southend Friends Of Israel (SFI), Synagogue Hall, 3pm - 4:30pm.

The Centenary of The Balfour Declaration. All are invited to a talk followed by discussion on the Balfour Declaration which led to the establishment of the modern State of Israel. Our guest speaker is Mr Michael McCann, Director of Israel Britain Alliance. For further information please contact Jack on 01702 391535.

Shabbat 1st April | Kidz Kalendar Israeli Kiddush We will be holding a special Israeli Style Kiddush, including Sass' Falafel. We will also be joined by some Youth representatives of Hanoar Hatzioni Worldwide, so come and join us for this special Kiddush.

Sunday 2nd April, 8pm | KIX Jazz Orchestra A marvellous 18-piece big swing jazz band with their singer, Kate Daniels, are coming to perform at SWHC from London! Tickets £10 / £8 conc. available from Yael Bebb, 01702 346543, concertseries@swhc.org.uk

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