

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

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February** 1:00pm **Norma Anderson**

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

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

**Shabbat – 4 February / 8 Shevat** Mrs Sheila Byrne, Mrs Sybil Schiller, Mrs Hazel Ward, Miss Bertha Morris

**Sunday – 5 February / 9 Shevat** Mr Kenneth Carter, Mrs Rhoda Waterman, Mr Ian Lieberman, Mrs Marcelle Baum

**Monday – 6 February / 10 Shevat** Mrs Netta Harper, Mrs Beverley Finer, Mrs Laura Lane, Mr Maurice Jacques, Mrs Sarah Freedman, Mr Allan Silver, Mrs Susan Konyn

**Tuesday – 7 February / 11 Shevat** Mrs Sue Abrahams, Mrs Valerie Kutner, Mrs Rochelle Spector, Mr Barry Riseman, Mrs Helena Rosenberg

**Wednesday – 8 February / 12 Shevat** Mr Dennis Baum, Mr Colin Baum, Mr Trevor Raye

**Thursday – 9 February / 13 Shevat** Mrs Lily Bloch, Mrs Benita Speck, Mrs Joanne Marcon, Lord Gold, Mrs Sara Vandermolen, Mrs Marion Sussman, Mrs Maureen Hyams

**Friday – 10 February / 14 Shevat** Mr David Alexander, Mrs Vivienne Lee, Mr Larry Lisner, Mrs Sharon Somers

**VISITING THE SICK** If you know anyone who would like a hospital or home visit, please email [swhcf@gmail.com](mailto:swhcf@gmail.com) or [leonardshulton@live.com](mailto:leonardshulton@live.com) call Janice 07752874065 or Shul Office on 344900.

**REGULAR EVENTS**

<p><b>Pop-In   Talmud Torah</b> Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2pm-4pm Email Janice <a href="mailto:swhcf@gmail.com">swhcf@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Project SEED</b> Date to be advised 8:45pm in Beit Hamidrash</p>	<p><b>Bereavement Support Group</b> Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February At the home of Barbara Black Call Janice on 07752 874065</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>SJYC – Youth Club</b> Thursdays 4:30 – 6:30pm <a href="mailto:youth@swhc.org.uk">youth@swhc.org.uk</a> or call Barry 07876 685826</p>	<p><b>J.A.C.S. Wednesdays</b> Call Allan Goldstein 01268 771978 for more info</p>
<p><b>Cheder Classes</b> Tuesdays, 4:30 – 6:15pm Age 5+. Bar/Bat Mitzvah lessons also available.</p>	<p><b>connect@southend</b> Thursdays, Talmud Torah Chris Sternshine 334655 <a href="mailto:csternshine@jcare.org">csternshine@jcare.org</a></p>	<p><b>Monday Club</b> Social club with card games 11:45 - 3:30pm, Shul Hall Call Maurice on 01702 351845</p>
<p><b>AID Society Bridge – 12<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> Thorpe Bay Bridge Club Call Geoff Cohen 339601 or Jan Linden 343289</p>	<p><b>Stock Rd Cemetery, SS2 5QF</b> Sunday – Friday Winter 10am – 3pm GMT Summer 10am – 4pm BST</p>	<p><b>Little Latkes Baby &amp; Toddler</b> 28<sup>th</sup> February 10:30am - 12noon Call Karen on 07887 847059</p>

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*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 BO**

**FRIDAY NIGHT**  
Shabbat commences  
and Candle lighting **4:32pm**  
Mincha/Carlebach-Style  
Kabbalat Shabbat **4:45pm**

**SHABBAT DAY**  
Shacharit **9:30am**  
Children's Service **11:00am**  
*followed by*  
Community Kiddush & Mincha  
Shabbat ends **5:46pm**  
Ma'ariv **6:15pm**

**WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES**

**SUNDAY**  
Shacharit **8:30am**  
**Mincha – Winter Months** **1:45pm**  
Ma'ariv **7:00pm**

**MONDAY – THURSDAY**  
Shacharit **8:00am**  
**Mincha – Winter Months** **1:45pm**  
Ma'ariv **8:00pm**

**NEXT FRIDAY**  
Shacharit **8:00am**  
Shabbat commences **4:44pm**  
Mincha then Kabbalat Shabbat **4:55pm**

**Torah Reading**  
**Haftarah**

**Bochrim from Gateshead**  
**Stephen Marcon**

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

## THE DOGS OF EGYPT *Thoughts on the Parasha.*

"There will be a great cry of anguish throughout Egypt. Never before has there been anything like it, and never again will there be the like. But among the children of Israel, a dog will not so much as make a sound because of either man or beast. You will then realize that G-d is making a miraculous distinction between Egypt and Israel." (Shemos 11:6-7)

In sharp contrast to the grief and death that will engulf the Egyptians, the Jews will enjoy complete tranquillity; not even a dog will bark or howl against them.

Moshe graphically described to Pharaoh the calamity that would befall Egypt as a consequence of Pharaoh's ignoring G-d's command to let the Jewish people leave his country:

We may assume that the expression "a dog will not so much as make a sound" is merely a metaphorical device to show the stark contrast between the agony of the Egyptians and the Jewish people's peaceful and non-eventful departure from their house of bondage. We might say that the expression means simply that no one would bother the Jews when they would make their way out of Egypt.

The commentators, however, explain that the phrase may be interpreted literally. The Talmud ascribes to dogs a form of extra-sensory perception that enables them to perceive unforeseen events, such as a person's death or some prophetic revelation (Bava Kama 60b). Recent experiments carried out by scientists in China support this, indeed the Chinese have discovered that prior to earthquakes, dogs begin to behave erratically hours before the most advanced seismographs detect even the faintest tremors.

The reference to dogs in this verse is not merely metaphoric. It teaches that even the dogs in Egypt sensed that the 'Yetzias Mitzrayim' - the Exodus of the Jews was an uncommon event.

Shabbat Shalom,  
*Rabbi Binyamin Bar*

## NOTICES

**Mezuzah and Tefilin Checking in Southend til 12<sup>th</sup> February** Rabbi Bar senior is offering his services to check your Mezuzot and Tefilin. You can give them to him at the morning or evening services, bring them to 43 Finchley Road or call on 01702 393535. Having an experienced Sofer in town is a great opportunity to ensure your Mezuzot and Tefilin are Kosher.

**AJEX – Southend & District Branch** AJEX Members are respectfully reminded that their Annual Membership Subscription for 2017 of £10 is now due. Please send your subs to:-Derek Silverstone, 49 Bournemouth Park Rd, SS2 5JH.

**JACS** On 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017, only a handful of people attended our programme. Please be advised that we will have to reassess whether this club continues at the next JACS AGM.

**Seudah Shlishit – Returning Soon!** On Shabbat afternoons after Mincha. If you would like to sponsor a Seudah Shlishit – for example for a birthday, anniversary or a Yahrzeit, please contact [geoffrey.pepper@gmail.co.uk](mailto:geoffrey.pepper@gmail.co.uk).

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

**Betty Steel** on the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**This Shabbat 4<sup>th</sup> February** | We have pleasure in welcoming 2 - 3 Yeshiva bochrim from Gateshead. They will be leining for us and leading parts of the Service.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February | Family Friday Night** For all the Children and Youth of the Community and their Families, (inc grandparents etc) to join us in welcoming the new Rebbetzen Chaya Faigie to our community. Activities from 4:30pm. Meal at 6pm. £5 per tickets (Child or adult) or £16 for 4 tickets. Please book and pay by Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb with Barry Jacobs on 07876 685826 [youth@swhc.org.uk](mailto:youth@swhc.org.uk), or contact the Shul office.

**Next Shabbat 11<sup>th</sup> February | Simcha Kiddush for Rabbi Bar & Rebbetzin Chaya Faigie Bar also Tu B'Shevat, "New Year" for Trees.** The Community will be celebrating the marriage of Rabbi Bar & Rebbetzin Chaya Faigie. Everyone is welcome to the morning service & the Simcha Kiddush afterwards. There will also be a special Children's Service.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February | Ashley Blaker at the Palace Theatre** For tickets contact the Palace Theatre or for more info go to [www.ashleyblaker.com/tour](http://www.ashleyblaker.com/tour).

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February | Kidz Kalendar Kafé, 10am-12noon in the Talmud Torah** Building on the success of December's coffee morning, we are selling Hot Drinks, Cakes & Doughnuts etc for 50p each to raise funds for the Kidz Kalendar with Little Latkes & Youth activities. Why not pop down have a nosh & natter. **The entire community is welcome!**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February | S&WHC General Meeting in the Shul.** Signing in 9:30am. Meeting commences at 10am.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February | AID Society Annual Quiz Shul Hall.** Fish & Chip Supper. Doors open 6.00pm. Tickets from Rochelle O'Brart 01702 719297.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March | Film Club presents "The Pianist of Willesden Lane"** at the Jewish Care Community Centre 8.00pm. £5 donation including refreshments to Emunah (Not under SWHC Kashrut Supervision). Tickets from Marilyn 476349 or Rochelle 436991.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March | Ladies Guild Celebrity Lunch with Anton du Beke Sold Out** 12noon for 12:30pm. For waiting list, please email [van38@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:van38@blueyonder.co.uk) or call 07813 824684.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March | Fast of Esther** Times of 'Fast' to follow

**Motzei Shabbat 11<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March** | Purim & reading of Megilla. Details to follow.

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

**Ladies Guild Kiddushim** Contact Lisa Berg on 07760141162 or [swhc.org.uk/ladies-guild/#kiddush](http://swhc.org.uk/ladies-guild/#kiddush)  
**Newsletter** To sponsor the weekly newsletter please contact Pam Freedman in the Shul Office.

**Tree of Life in the Shul Hall** For our 110th Anniversary, each leaf will be £110 for a limited period.