

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

Francis and Ellis Kalmus on the loss of a husband and father, **Ronald Kalmus (Devon)**

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

(Yahrzeits begin the night before the date below)

Shabbat – 14 January / 16 Teveth Mr Chesney Lewis, Mr Spencer Dobkins, Mr Lee Dobkins, Mrs Anita Salomon, Mr Michael Joseph, Mr Jack Saunders, Mrs Margaret Shine, Mr Martin Solomons

Sunday – 15 January / 17 Teveth Mrs Lily Bloch

Monday – 16 January / 18 Teveth Mr David Black, Mr Gary Black, Mr Andrew Levene, Mrs Sheila Blaine

Tuesday – 17 January / 19 Teveth Ms Jacqueline Coleman, Mrs Janice Linden, Mr Stephen Rosenthal, Mr Sasson Zecharia

Wednesday – 18 January / 20 Teveth Mrs Wendy Vandecar, Mr Jeffrey Barcan, Mr Arnold Baum, Mr Leslie Lesser, Mr Michael Rabinovitch

Thursday – 19 January / 21 Teveth Mrs Valerie Sperber, Mr Philip Muslin, Royston Keizer, Mrs Doris Finesilver, Mr Maurice Tobias, Mr Gyula Vari

Friday – 20 January / 22 Teveth Mr Irvine Ford, Mrs Shoshana Freeman, Mrs Estelle Halpern, Mr Alan Jacobs, Mr Andrew Levy, Mr Ralph Ruvin, Mrs Amanda Cohen

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

REGULAR EVENTS

Pop-In Shul Hall Tuesday 24 th Jan 2pm-4pm Email Janice swhcf@gmail.com	Project SEED Date to be advised 8:45pm in Beit Hamidrash	Bereavement Support Group Monday 23 rd Jan At the home of Martin Dorne Call Janice on 07752 874065
Add your Simcha onto the Website! Contact Stanley Robinson stan.stanrob@gmail.com	SIYC – 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 – 15th Jan 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 31 st January 10:30am - 12noon Call Karen on 07887 847059



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14th January 2017 | 16th Tevet 5777 **SHABBAT COMMENCES/CANDLE LIGHTING 3:56pm**

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SHABBAT VAYECHI

FRIDAY NIGHT

Mincha/Carlebach-Style
Kabbalat Shabbat **4.00pm**

SHABBAT DAY

Shacharit **9:30am**
Children's Service **11:00am**

followed by
Community Kiddush & Mincha

Shabbat ends **5:14pm**
Ma'ariv **5:40pm**

WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY

Shacharit **8:30am**
Ma'ariv **7.00pm**

MONDAY – THURSDAY

Shacharit **8:00am**
Ma'ariv **8.00pm**

NEXT FRIDAY

Shacharit **8:00am**
Shabbat commences **4.07pm**
Mincha then Kabbalat Shabbat **4.15pm**

*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.*

Torah Reading
Haftorah

Rabbi Bar
Rabbi Bar

Soncino pg 296
Soncino pg 315

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

A FISHY BLESSING *Thoughts on the Parasha.*

When Yaakov blessed Yosef's sons, Efrayim and Menashe, in the famous blessing of "Hamalach" he invoked an intriguing metaphor:

"May the angel who saved me from all evil bless the lads, and let them carry my name, along with the names of my fathers, Avraham and Yitzchak. And may they multiply in the land like fish." (Bereshit 48: 16).

What did Yaakov mean when he blessed to increase in the land like fish? If his intention was to bless them with fertility, he could just as well have said: "May they multiply in the land like rabbits!" What is the special significance of fish?

The commentators explain that the key to Yosef's success in Egypt was his ability to function incognito and retain his own attitude of confidence by keeping to his morals and values. No one surrounding Yosef truly understood him, Yosef remained a mystery to them until the day of his passing. The Egyptians appointed him as their Viceroy, yet they knew nothing about his past. Yosef's brothers completely misjudged him and failed to recognize Yosef for his potential. If Yosef had not called an end to the charade and revealed his identity to them, it is likely that they would have remained in the dark forever more. Yosef kept secrets even from his beloved father. Our Sages say that he never revealed to Yaakov how it was that he had ended up a slave in Egypt (*Meam Loez, Bereshit 50:21*).

Fish share this particular quality of Yosef. They swim under the surface of the water and they try stay out of sight and out of reach, never fully revealing their location. This quality is the key to the Jewish people's survival in exile. One of the ways to avoid stoking the flames of anti-semitism, is to try and keep a low profile, stay out of the public eye, avoid showing our wealth or bragging about our intellect.

This is why we traditionally bless our children with the very same words which Yaakov blessed Efrayim and Menashe with. We bless our descendants with this very essential quality they need to survive their exile among the nations. We bless them to have the ability to live and prosper without the jealous evil eye of those who want us harm. May we, indeed, prosper and multiply in the land like fish. Amen!

Shabbat Shalom,
Rabbi Binyamin Bar

THANK YOU

Sandra Symons thanks all those who helped make up the Minyan for her father's Yahrzeit on Tuesday night & Wednesday morning.

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

Angela & Sammy Cohen on the occasion of their Emerald (55th) Wedding Anniversary

Gerry Gordon on the occasion of his 85th Birthday

Ivan Kanutin on the occasion of his 80th Birthday

Jennifer & Allan Silver on the birth of their first grandchild, a daughter for **Jessica & Cliff Steinberg**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

This Shabbat | Auf Ruf Rabbi Bar in Shul, prior to Chupa for **Chaya Faigie & Rabbi Bar** taking place in Lakewood, New Jersey on Thursday 19th January. Mazel Tov!

Thursday 19th January 8pm | The Astor Palm Court Orchestra, Shul Hall

SWHC is delighted to present an evening of entertainment that recaptures the excitement of popular light inter-war music. The string quartet, led by Julius Bannister, follows in the footsteps of famous musicians such as Max Jaffa and Alfredo Campoli. Tickets including refreshments: £10 / £8 concessions available from Yael Bebb, 01702 346 543 / concertseries@swhc.org.uk.

Next Shabbat 21st January | Kiddush will be Sponsored by Shirley & Alan Shalet in celebration of Alan's 80th Birthday.

Women's Learning Circle with Rebbetzin Sufrin | Tuesday 24th January 7:45pm for 8:00pm In conjunction with Chabad at the home of Sarah Miller.

Thursday 26th January | Holocaust Memorial Day Service Civic Centre

Doors open 5.30pm for 6.00pm followed by refreshments, catered by the Ladies Guild.

Friday 27th January | Tree Planting Ceremony

12 noon Southchurch Hall Gardens, Park Lane, Southend on Sea SS1 2TE

Friday 10th February | Youth Friday Night Meal For all the Children & Youth of the Community & their families to join us in welcoming the new Rebbetzen Chaya Faigie to our community. Activities from 4.30pm. Meal at 6.00pm. The cost is £5 each (Child or adult), to be booked & paid by Sunday 5th February. Please contact the Shul office on 01702 344900 to book your place and make payment.

Shabbat 11th February | Simcha Kiddush for Rabbi Bar & Rebbetzin Chaya Faigie Bar also **Tu B'Shevat, The "New Year" for Trees.**

The Community will be celebrating the marriage of Rabbi Bar and Rebbetzin Chaya Faigie. Everyone is welcome to the morning service and the Simcha Kiddush afterwards.

Thursday 16th February | "Kidz Kalendar Half Term Coffee Shop" in Talmud Torah Hot on the success of December's Coffee morning, we are re-opening from 10am – 12noon selling Hot Drinks, Cakes & Doughnuts etc for 50p each to raise funds for the Kidz Kalendar with Little Latkes & Youth activities. So if you're not doing anything over the half term holidays why don't you pop down have a nosh and natter. **All Are Welcome!**

Sunday 26th February | AID Society Annual Quiz Shul Hall. Fish & Chip Supper. Doors open 6.00pm. Tickets from Rochelle O'Bart 01702 719297.

Wednesday 8th March | Ladies Guild Celebrity Lunch with Anton du Beke Sold Out 12noon for 12:30pm. If you would like to go on the waiting list, please email Sara Vandermolten van38@blueyonder.co.uk or phone 07813 824684.

A Mincha Minyan During Winter Time - Having a problem with the Shacharit morning service time of 8am and prefer not to come out during the winter nights for the Ma'ariv evening service at 8pm? Please consider Making a Minyan for Mincha at 1.45pm. Gentlemen interested please contact geoffrey.pepper@hotmail.co.uk.