



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

Barbara Lee, Penny Simons, Corinne Lee, Stacey Fernley & Judy Miller on the loss of a husband, father & brother, **Ivor Lee**

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

Sunday 28th May, 3:30pm **Hettie Basco** Waltham Abbey Cemetery, EN9 3QS
followed by L'Chaim at Nevyl Court, 31 Station Road, Thorpe Bay SS1 3UE

Sunday 4th June, 3:00pm **Gertie Riseman**

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

(Yahrzeits begin the night before the date below)

Shabbat – 27 May / 2 Sivan Mr Lewis Herlitz, Mrs Enid Isaacs, Mr Ivan Kanutin, Mrs Sharon Somers, Mr Michael Rabinovitch, Mr Melvyn Shulton, Mr Leonard Shulton

Sunday – 28 May / 3 Sivan Mrs Mozelle Simmons, Mr Michael Konyn, Mrs Gill Hyams, Miss Paula Symons

Monday – 29 May / 4 Sivan Mrs Sylvia Bennett, Mrs Sheila Solomons, Mrs Loretta De Haan, Mrs Diana Franks, Mrs Morissa Thorn, Mrs Sandra Caplan, Mrs Rhoda Lever

Tuesday – 30 May / 5 Sivan Mr Tony Dix, Mr Michael Franks, Mr Martin Franks, Mrs Sylvia Wand, Mr Leslie Lesser

Wednesday – 31 May / 6 Sivan Mr David Alexander, Mr Leslie Kleinman, Miss Barbara Clements, Mrs Marion Sussman

Thursday – 1 June / 7 Sivan Mr Anthony Green, Mrs Joan Green, Mrs Roberta Silver

Friday – 2 June / 8 Sivan Mr Martin Franks, Mr Michael Franks, Mrs Betty Kosky, Mrs Jeanette Cohen

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

Monday Club Social club with card games 11:45 - 3:30pm, Shul Hall Call Maurice 01702 351845	Little Latkes Baby & Toddler Tuesday 27 th June 10:30am - 12noon Call Karen on 07887 847059	Bereavement Support Group Monday 19 th June At the home of Sophie Zetter Call Janice on 07752 874065
Cheder Classes Resumes after Shavuot	Pop-In Talmud Torah Tuesday 20 th June 2pm-4pm Email Janice swhcfc@gmail.com	J.A.C.S. Wednesdays Call Allan Goldstein 01268 771978 for more info
Insights into the Weekly Sedra Resumes after Shavuot	SJYC – Youth Club Resumes after Shavuot	AID Society Bridge– 28th May 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

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*This week's Newsletter is kindly sponsored by **Sylvia & Alan Wand** in celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Mazel Tov!*



Please note that the Shul Office will be closed on Monday 29th, Wednesday 31st May and Thursday 1st June.

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.

SHABBAT BAMIDBAR

FRIDAY NIGHT

Mincha/Carlebach-Style
Kabbalat Shabbat **7:30pm**
Shabbat commences
and Candle lighting **8:00pm**

SHABBAT DAY

Shacharit **9:30am**
Children's Service **11:00am**
followed by Kiddush
Rabbi's Shiur **8:00pm**
Mincha **8:50pm**
followed by Seudah Shlishit
Ma'ariv when Shabbat ends **10:10pm**

WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY (Bank Holiday)

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

TUESDAY – THURSDAY, SHAVUOT

See inside for details of Shavuot services

NEXT FRIDAY

Shacharit **8:00am**
Mincha *then* Kabbalat Shabbat **7:30pm**
Shabbat commences **8:00pm**

Torah Reading	Rabbi Bar	Soncino pg 793
Haftorah – Bamidbar	Dr Arnold Azulay	Soncino pg 810
<i>If you would like to repeat your Barmitzvah Haftorah, please contact the Gabbaim</i>		

TORAH BELONGS TO ALL *Thoughts on the Parasha.*

"Count the heads of the congregation of the Children of Israel, by their families, by the houses of their fathers, by the number of names, every male by their heads." [Numbers 1:2]

Rashi explains that it is because of Hashem's love for the Jewish people and because of how dear they are to Him, that He count them constantly. When they came out of Egypt, He counted them, after the sin of the Golden Calf, He counted the fallen to know how many remained. And now, in our portion this week, He counts them again.

Every Jew is precious, but as we also see in this week's Parasha, we have many different roles to play. The people were divided by their flags, their tribes and by their families. Whoever was part of the tribe of Dan camped in the North, under the flag of his own tribe. Those who were members of the tribe of Gad camped at the opposite end, in the South, under the flag of Reuven. But each one was a crucial part of the whole.

As Rabbi Yisrael Meir Kagan, the Chafetz Chaim, points out: the Ohel Moed - Tent of Meeting – as well as the camp of the Leviim, traveled in the Center, surrounded by all the camps. Because the Torah was carried in the Aron, which was in the Tent of Meeting, it had to be "inside" the camps. The Torah has to be in the center, not close to one but far from the other. The Chafetz Chaim compares the Torah to the human heart, which must be in the center of the human body, pushing blood out to all the extremities. So too, every Jew is nourished by Torah, and the Torah should be available to all. This is also why, The Torah was given 'Bamidbar', in the wilderness of the Sinai Desert, which is considered ownerless and accessible to all.

Torah is close to every one of us, and every Jew has a unique portion in Torah. Kabbala teaches us that there are 600,000 letters in the Torah scroll correspond to the 600,000 souls of Israel (general souls, which can split into more souls). The Torah is here for us to learn, and find spiritual nourishment within it.

As we approach the holiday of Shavuot, when we received the Torah, let us take this opportunity to grasp hold of it, and fulfill our unique spiritual missions.

Shabbat Shalom and Chag Sameach,
Rabbi Binyamin Bar

KOL NIDRE APPEAL - ZAKA

To clarify various comments made at the Annual General meeting on Sunday. There were 67 donors in response to this appeal. Funds raised so far amounts to £4,763. There was an additional £440.25 claimed on gift aid bringing in a total of £5,203.25. There are a number of pledges still to be received. If you pledged please take it into the Synagogue Office as soon as possible. Thank you.

SPONSORSHIPS *Celebrate and commemorate your loved ones.*

Ladies Guild Kiddushim Contact Lisa Berg on swhc.org.uk/ladies-guild/#kiddush or 07760141162

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

Mark your Simcha with a Leaf on our Tree of Life in the Shul Hall Each leaf will be £110.

Seudah Shlishit Contact geoffrey.pepper@hotmail.co.uk (minimum donation £30).

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

Lorraine & Roy Barnes are delighted to announce the birth of a darling granddaughter. A darling daughter for our daughter-in-law, Karen, and our son, Aron. A sister for Jonah.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

THIS SHABBAT 27th May | The Kiddush this week is generously sponsored by **Sylvia & Alan Wand** in celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Mazel Tov!

Sunday 28th May, 7pm | Shavuot in Bloom Join Rebbetzin Chaya Faigie Bar in a Ladies crafting workshop making beautiful decorations, in the Shul Hall. Cheesecake will be served. Cost £5 per person. If you still wish to attend please call the Shul Office **asap** to book your place. 01702 344900 / shuloffice@swhc.org.uk.

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Tuesday 30th May | Erev Shavuot – Shacharit 8:00am Mincha 8:30pm – **Candle lighting 8:44pm** – Seudah Tikun Leil, a programme of learning for Men & Women with refreshments and cheesecake and special guest speakers. Join us for this traditional late night meal catering to both body and soul! **1st Night Shavuot** – Ma'ariv 10:15pm – Learning Shiur following on at the home of Rabbi & Rebbetzin Bar.

Wednesday 31st May | 1st Day Shavuot – Shacharit 9:30am – Reading The Ten Commandments approx 10:15am – Children's Service 11am with Jelly & Ice-cream Kids Kiddush – Kiddush with Cheesecake after service ends – Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:30pm – **Candle lighting 2nd Day 10:17pm**

Thursday 1st June | 2nd Day Shavuot – Shacharit 9:30am – Yizkor approx 11:30am – 'Extra Special Shavout Kiddush with ice cream and fruit salad' after the service. Thank you to the Anonymous sponsors. Mincha 8:45pm. Ma'ariv when Shavuot ends 10:17pm.

Friday 2nd June, 11am | Magen David Adom Bike Dedication At The Hilton, Tel Aviv. Meet in the Foyer for the ceremony which will be followed by a Buffet at The Hilton to which everyone from the Community in Israel is cordially invited.

Next Shabbat 3rd June | Council Shabbat Thanking those that serve our community.

Monday 5th June | The Ladies Guild will be selling flowers from 10-11am in the Shul foyer - donation £1 per pot.

Thursday 15th June, 8pm | Shir Jewish Music A concert of Klezmer and other music from the Jewish tradition with 5 piece band, Shir. Tickets £10/£8 conc, free refreshments. Please purchase your tickets with Yael, concertseries@swhc.org.uk / 01702 346 543.

Wednesday 21st June, 7:30pm | Film Club presents 'The Zoo Keeper's Wife' Call Marilyn 476349 or Rochelle 436991 for tickets. Jewish Community Centre, Cobham Road.

Wednesday 21st June, 8pm | An evening with Reverend Gary Newman and the London Cantorial Singers at Sinclair House. To book tickets call 020 8458 2223

Monday 26th June, 9am | Diana: Her Fashion Story Ladies Guild trip to Kensington Palace. Coach leaves Riverside at 9am, £30 per person inc return coach and entrance. Contact Sara Vandermolon on van38@blueyonder.co.uk for tickets.

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

Opening Hours | Open Sunday 9.30am – 11am **Closed This Thursday**, Friday 9am-11am
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