



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

Sunday 26th November 2pm **Benjamin Lee**
 Sunday 3rd December 11am **Ralph Freedman**

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

(Yahrzeits begin the night before the date below)

Shabbat – 18 November / 29 Cheshvan Mr Allan Greenstein, Mrs Irene Baum,
 Mr Barrie Jacobs, Mrs Suzanne Taylor
Sunday – 19 November / 1 Kislev Mr Edward Harris
Monday – 20 November / 2 Kislev Mrs Sylvia Wand, Mr Melvyn Rosehill,
 Mrs Helene Platman, Mrs Janice Steel
Tuesday – 21 November / 3 Kislev Mrs Barbara Black, Mr Geoffrey Pepper,
 Mrs Carol Turansky
Wednesday – 22 November / 4 Kislev Mr Michael Engleman, Mrs Phyllis Fenton,
 Mrs Jackie Neidus, Mr Michael Rabinovitch
Thursday – 23 November / 5 Kislev Mrs Josephine Pitch, Mrs Susan Aarons,
 Miss Angela Davis, Mrs Myra Wolfe, Mrs Cynthia Lee, Mrs Sandra Kutner,
 Mrs Lisa Shapiro
Friday – 24 November / 6 Kislev Mrs Sandra Miller, Mrs Terrie Levene, Mr Michael Yaffe

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
swhfc@gmail.com or call Janice on 07752874065 or the Shul Office on 01702 344900.

REGULAR EVENTS & NOTICES

<p>Monday Club Social club with card games 11:45 - 3:30pm, Shul Hall Call Maurice 01702 351845</p>	<p>Bereavement Support Group Monday 18th Dec at the home of Janice End of Year Social Call Janice on 07752 874065</p>	<p>Pop-In Talmud Torah Tuesday 21st Nov 2pm-4pm Email Janice swhfc@gmail.com</p>
<p>Cheder Classes Every Tuesday rabbibar@gmail.com</p>	<p>J.A.C.S. Wednesdays Call Allan Goldstein 01268 771978 for more info</p>	<p>SJYC – Youth Club New Sunday Club starting January 2018!</p>
<p>AID Society Bridge 10th Dec Thorpe Bay Bridge Club Call Geoff Cohen 339601 or Jan Linden 343289</p>	<p>Stock Rd Cemetery, SS2 5QF Sunday – Friday Winter 10am – 3pm GMT Summer 10am – 4pm BST</p>	<p>Ladies Guild Kiddushim Contact Lisa Berg on 07760141162 or swhc.org.uk/ladies-guild/#kiddush</p>
<p>Seudah Shlishit Contact geoffrey.pepper@hotmail.co.uk (minimum donation £30)</p>	<p>Newsletter Sponsorship Contact the Shul Office £25 donation</p>	<p>Tree of Life - Shul Hall Mark your Simcha with a leaf on the tree for £110</p>

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SHABBAT TOLDOT

FRIDAY NIGHT
 Mincha/Carlebach-Style
 Kabbalat Shabbat 3:45pm
 Shabbat commences
 and Candle lighting 3:46pm

SHABBAT DAY
 Shacharit 9:30am
 Children's Service 11:00am
 Kiddush & Mincha follows the main service
 Shabbat ends 5:00pm
 Ma'ariv 5:30pm

*This week's newsletter is kindly
 sponsored by **Rosalyn & Derek
 Silverstone** to celebrate
Rosalyn's 70th Birthday.
 Mazel Tov!*



**New Moon is Sunday
 19th November 12:57am**

*We are delighted to welcome all members
 and guests/visitors today. Everyone is
 invited to the Kiddush after the service
 which we hope you will enjoy.*

WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY (Rosh Chodesh)
 Shacharit 8:30am
 Mincha 1:45pm
 Ma'ariv 8:45pm

MONDAY - THURSDAY
 Shacharit 8:00am
 Mincha 1:45pm
 Ma'ariv 8:45pm

NEXT FRIDAY
 Shacharit 8:00am
 Mincha then Kabbalat Shabbat 3:35pm
 Shabbat commences
 and Candle lighting 3:38pm

Torah Reading	Rabbi Bar	Soncino pg 140
Haftorah Machor Chodesh	Stanley Robinson	Soncino pg 1189
Blessing of the New Month	Kislev	Sacks Siddur pg 424

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

THE NATURE OF HASHEM'S BLESSINGS *Thoughts on the Parsha*

Yitzchak and Rivka had two sons, Esav and Yaakov. "The lads grew up and Esav became one who knows hunting, a man of the field; but Yaakov was a wholesome man, abiding in tents." (Bereshit 25:27) The two sons had completely different natures. Esav led a life of immorality; whilst Yaakov was busy with righteous deeds and Torah learning. Yitzchak and Rivka had a difference of opinion as to which of their sons Yitzchak should be blessed with material abundance. Yitzchak wanted to bless Esav, but Rivka wanted him to bless Yaakov. Why did Yitzchak want to give the blessing to Esav? Was he not aware of Esav's nature?

Rabbi Eliezer Dessler explains that blessings can never sway the fundamental principle that all human beings in all circumstances have the freedom to choose. When Hashem judges us, He looks at the choices we made in our own individual circumstances. Blessings, at best, can improve our circumstances. Hashem can send us health, wealth, children, or any other form of blessing; we must choose how to capitalize on the opportunities these circumstances give us.

Yitzchak knew about Yaakov being a truly righteous person. He would choose to serve Hashem regardless of his circumstances. From Yitzchak's perspective, not only did Yaakov have no need for his blessing, he would be better off without it. If he could serve Hashem under the most difficult circumstances he would ultimately accomplish more in life. Esav, on the other hand, needed a blessing. He had a difficult time overcoming his evil inclination to serve Hashem. Yitzchak hoped that under the right circumstances he would improve.

On the other hand, Rivka appreciated two subtleties in this situation. First, improving Esav's circumstances would not improve him. He had succumbed to his evil inclination to such a degree that the more blessings he would be given, the more he would misuse them to fulfill his own selfish desires. Further, Yaakov needed a blessing. Even though he was truly righteous, his descendants throughout time, who may not be as righteous as he, would also be impacted by the blessing. They would certainly need any available Divine assistance to enable their proper service of Hashem.

We often pray for blessings in life, sometimes reflexively. In reality, these blessings are designed to facilitate our service of Hashem. If it is truly in our best interest, then Hashem will certainly respond to our prayers affirmatively. May we all receive the blessings that are appropriate for us. Amen. *Shabbat Shalom!*

Rabbi Binyamin Bar

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

Open: Sunday | 9:30am-11am **Thursday** | 10am-4:30pm **Friday** | 9am-11am
01702 430307 (during opening hours) / alanmarkovitch@yahoo.co.uk / 07956 597271

YOM KIPPUR APPEAL FOR CHAI CANCER CARE

Whilst thanking all of those within our community, and indeed other individuals, who have so generously donated to this year's Yom Kippur Appeal, Chai Cancer Care. May I respectfully remind all who have pledged to donate to this amazing charity, to fulfil their promise accordingly. Please make your donation through the Shul office. I thank you most sincerely. *Roy Barnes*



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

Roberta & Michael Yaffe on the occasion of the Barmitzvah of their grandson, Jack (London)

Suzanne Hoff & Alan Hoff on the engagement of their daughter, **Ilana**, to **Rigel Janette** of Connecticut. Mazel Tov too to grandparents **Sylvia & Alan Wand**.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

This Shabbat 18th November | The Kiddush this week is generously sponsored by **Rosalyn & Derek Silverstone** to celebrate **Rosalyn's** 70th Birthday. Mazel Tov!

Sunday 19th November | **AJEX Annual National Parade and Reunion Rally**. Service at Whitehall Cenotaph, 2:30pm, conducted by the Chief Rabbi, Ephraim Mirvis. Fall-In at Horse Guards Parade Ground, London 1:45pm. Transport to Whitehall is available, call Derek Silverstone on 01702 616153, limited spaces.

Sunday 19th November 7:30pm | **Balfour Declaration 100 Year Celebration** An evening of Wine, Whisky and Canapés with music from Dana Likvornik in the Shul Hall. £15 per person payable to the Shul Office. This spellbinding Israeli songstress drops jaws with Soul, R&B music from Tel Aviv to London and recently also at the U.S with her recent project.

Sunday 3rd December 7:00pm | **Southend & District AID Society presents an Antiques Evening** featuring Trevor Cornforth of Chalkwell Auctions and Howard Linden of Linden & Co at the Community Centre, Cobham Road, Westcliff. You are invited to bring along an item of interest (one per household) ceramics, silverware, collectables. Light refreshments (Not under SWHC Kashrut Supervision). Donation £8 per person. Please contact Rochelle O'Brart 01702 719297 or Geoff Cohen 01702 339601.

Sunday 10th December 12 for 12:30pm SHARP | **Lunch with Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis**. SWHC and The Office of the Chief Rabbi cordially invite you to a Grand Celebration Luncheon, marking our 111th Anniversary, with guest speaker Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis. £25 per person. RSVP Synagogue Office. To mark this special occasion, SWHC are producing a Souvenir Brochure. If you would like to sponsor space within this brochure, kindly complete the booking form (sent out by email) or contact the Shul Office.

Public Menorah Lighting | Cliffs Pavilion 12th – 19th December

There will be a daily lighting, to which everyone is encouraged to attend with free doughnuts for all. Gala Night is Tuesday 19th December with guest dignitaries; everyone is invited back to a reception at SWHC.

Tuesday	12th Dec	7:00pm	Saturday	16th Dec	6:15pm
Wednesday	13th Dec	7:30pm	Sunday	17th Dec	7:30pm
Thursday	14th Dec	7:30pm	Monday	18th Dec	7:30pm
Friday	15th Dec	3:15pm	Tuesday (Gala Night)	19th Dec	7:30pm

