

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

Maurice Arkus on the loss of his sister, **Lauren Goldberg**

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

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

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

(Yahrzeits begin the night before the date below)

Shabbat – 25 November / 7 Kislev Mrs Adrienne Moss, Mr Brian Levene, Mr Stephen Salt, Mrs Robyna Shinegold
Sunday – 26 November / 8 Kislev Mrs Natalie Belson, Mrs Betty Kosky, Mrs Jennifer Silver, Mrs Angela Russell
Monday – 27 November / 9 Kislev Mr Len Abrahams, Mr Allan Silver, Mrs Susan Konyon
Tuesday – 28 November / 10 Kislev Mr Lionel Barnett, Mrs Frances Finegold, Mrs Geraldine Jay, Mr Stephen Marcon, Mr Barry Winston
Wednesday – 29 November / 11 Kislev Mr David Alexander, Mrs Henrietta Rabinovitch
Thursday – 30 November / 12 Kislev Mrs Florette Lieberman
Friday – 1 December / 13 Kislev Mrs Diane Franks, Mrs Adrienne Sussman, Mrs Gillian Lang, Mr Jeffrey Green, Mrs Audrie Braden, Mrs Cynthia Lee, Mrs Dawn Walters, Mrs Freda Harris, Mr Joseph Patchick, Mr Richard Rubin, Mrs Renee Joseph

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 <u>End of Year Social</u> Monday 18th December at the home of Janice Call Janice on 07752 874065</p>	<p>Pop-In Talmud Torah Tuesday 19 Dec 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 VAYETZE

FRIDAY NIGHT
 Mincha/Carlebach-Style
 Kabbalat Shabbat 3:40pm
 Shabbat commences
 and Candle lighting 3:38pm

SHABBAT DAY
 Shacharit 9:30am
 Children's Service 11:00am
 Kiddush & Mincha follows the main service
 Shabbat ends 4.54pm
 Ma'ariv 5:20pm

WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY
 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 3:30pm
 Shabbat commences
 and Candle lighting 3:33pm



The Shul Office will be CLOSED this Sunday 26th November 2017.

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.

Torah Reading	Rabbi Bar	Soncino pg 164
Haftorah Vayetze	Stephen Salt	Soncino pg 188
<i>If you would like to repeat your Bar Mitzvah Haftorah, please contact the Gabbaim.</i>		

THE EXCHANGE OF THE TWO SISTERS *Thoughts on the Parsha*

“Lavan invited all the men of the place and made a feast... But in the morning, when Yaakov saw that it was Leah, he said to Lavan: “What have done to me? Have I not served you for Rachel? Why have you deceived me?”

Lavan, living up to his reputation as a deceitful man, exchanges Leah for Rachel on the wedding night. Yaakov and Rachel expected Lavan to attempt such a deception, and they prepared against it by arranging a secret signal between them. Seeing that they were about to substitute her sister Leah for her, however, Rochel confided her sign to her sister so that Leah would not be put to shame.

Lovan presented the bride with Zilpah as a maidservant. Rashi explains that this was part of his ruse as Zilpah was the younger of two maids in the household, and it was assumed she would become the maidservant of the younger sister, while Bilhah, the older maid, would become the servant of Leah.

Rabbi Aharon Kotler further expounds that all of Lavan’s tricks and deceptions could not have succeeded had Hashem not wanted them to. It is hard to believe that Yaakov could not have detected something was not right until the morning. Despite Rachel’s incredible selflessness and Lavan’s incredible dishonesty, the marriage to Leah took place because Hashem’s plan required that Yaakov and Leah become husband and wife. In fact, in a real sense, she became his primary wife, because she had as many sons as Yaakov’s three other wives combined, and she, not Rachel, was buried in the Cave of Machpelah. On that wedding night, Yaakov’s divine inspiration recognised that he was with the partner who was destined for him, and this is why he did not detect anything wrong.

The Michtav MeEliyahu explains the respective roles of the two sisters. Rachel was Yaakov’s intended mate for this world; Leah was his intended mate for the higher world of the spirit. Rachel was the wife of Yaakov and Leah was the wife of Israel (Yaakov’s second name given to him later by Hashem) – the name signifying his higher spiritual role in the future.

It is illustrative of this concept that Rachel produced Yosef, who would save his family from famine, but Leah produced Levi and Yehuda, the tribes of priesthood and the Davidic and Messianic monarchy. Because his destiny was to become Israel, he had to marry Leah, and Hashem arranged for him to do so, contrary to his perceptions at that moment.

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
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YOM KIPPUR APPEAL FOR CHAI CANCER CARE

Thank you to all 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!*

Alyce & David Alexander on the occasion of their Golden (50th) Wedding Anniversary

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Shabbat 2nd December 2017 | Kiddush next week will be generously sponsored by **Roberta & Michael Yaffe** to celebrate **Michael’s 70th Birthday**.

Sunday 3rd December 2017, 7pm | 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. Grand Celebration Luncheon, marking our 111th Anniversary, with guest speaker Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis. **SOLD OUT**, enquire to join waiting list. To mark this special occasion, SWHC are producing a Souvenir Brochure. Deadline for this is **30th November**. If you would like to sponsor space within this brochure, kindly complete the booking form (sent out by email) or contact the Shul Office.

Sunday 10th December 2017, 3-6pm | Cobham Singers Fundraising concert at the Jewish Community Centre. Tickets £5 to include tea and cake (Not under SWHC Kashrut Supervision) please call 01702 334655.

Public Menorah Lighting | Cliffs Pavilion 12th – 19th December 2017

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



Thursday 14th January 2018, 8pm | The Astor Palm Court Orchestra returns bigger and better than ever with 11 musicians! Playing their chocolate box mix of light classical and popular music you all know and love. Tickets £10/£8 from Yael concertseries@swhc.org.uk.