

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

Sunday 22nd October 11:30am **Neil Shestopal** (*Bushey Cemetery WD23 3TN*)
 2:00pm **Betty Greene**

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

(Yahrzeits begin the night before the date below)

Shabbat – 7 October / 17 Tishri Mr Melvyn Diskin, Ms Miriam Harris
Sunday – 8 October / 18 Tishri Mrs Cynthia Simmons, Mrs Irene Josephs, Mr Geoffrey Woolfson
Monday – 9 October / 19 Tishri Mrs Annette Gilbert, Mr Norman Hayeem, Mrs Simone Ridgewell, Mr Ronald Roback
Tuesday – 10 October / 20 Tishri Mr Cyril Levy, Mr Philip Lewis, Mrs Linda Riseman, Mr Julian Nyman
Wednesday – 11 October / 21 Tishri Mrs Beverley Grubba, Mrs Marion Sussman, Mr Lawrence Sussman, Mrs Ruth Kaye
Thursday – 12 October / 22 Tishri No Yahrzeits
Friday – 13 October / 23 Tishri Mrs Gill Hyams, Mrs Angela Ereira, Mrs Marylyn Solomon

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 swhcfc@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 16th October at the home of Barbara Call Janice on 07752 874065</p>	<p>Pop-in Talmud Torah Tuesday 31st Oct 2pm-4pm Email Janice swhcfc@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 Contact youth@swhc.org.uk or call Barry 07876 685826</p>
<p>AID Society Bridge 5th November 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>Seudah Shlishit Contact geoffrey.pepper@hotmail.co.uk (minimum donation £30)</p>
<p>Ladies Guild Kiddushim Contact Lisa Berg on 07760141162 or swhc.org.uk/ladies-guild/#kiddush</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>

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

See attached notice re opening times over Yom Tov
 01702 430307 (during opening hours) / alanmarkovitch@yahoo.co.uk / 07956 597271



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YOM TOV OFFICE CLOSURE
 Thursday 12th Oct, Friday 13th Oct

We extend a very warm welcome to everyone attending our services this Shabbat and Sukkot. We hope you enjoy the Services and you will join us again soon.



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SHABBAT
CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT

FRIDAY NIGHT
 Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm
 Shabbat commences 6:04pm
*As tonight is Shabbat, the candles **must be lit** by this time.*

SHABBAT DAY
Please refer to the Yom Tov Timetable for all service times, copies available in the foyer.

WEEKDAY, SHABBAT, YOM TOV
SERVICE TIMES AND CANDLE
LIGHTING TIMES

Please see Yom Tov Timetable

We wish a hearty Mazel
Tov to our Honourees!

Chatan Torah	Rabbi Bar
Chatan Bereishit	Leslie Kleinman
Lady of the Year	Lisa Berg
Youth Chatan Torah	Jack Thorn
Youth Chatan Bereishit	Leo Plaskow
Young Lady of the Year	Ruby Frankel

Torah Reading
Haftorah Shabbat Chol Hamoed
Haftorah Shemini Atzeret
Haftorah Simchat Torah

Rabbi Bar
Stephen Marcon
Rabbi Bar
Simon Belson

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THANK YOU

We would like to thank the Ladies Guild for the beautiful decoration of our Sukkah again this year and the Youth Club for making some wonderful decorations.

SUKKOT: AHARON VS GOG & MAGOG *Thoughts on the Parsha*

Sukkot is known to be the Yom Tov of Aharon HaKohen. The holy Arizal also understood that an underlying theme of Sukkot is the demise of Amalek.

Aharon is described as a lover of peace, a man who was unbiased in his love for everyone and who succeeded in bringing people closer to Hashem. Even though he was a man who was involved in great spiritual pursuits, he didn't hesitate to mediate in petty squabbles, to make peace between man and wife or friends in dispute.

Correspondingly, the sukkah is an intermediary between the Jew and G-d. The verse "The King brought me into His chamber" (Shir HaShirim 1:4) is understood to refer to the sukkah. The sukkah is a special place in which the Jew can "meet" Hashem.

Sukkot is a festival when even the person most distant from Hashem can find an easy way of re-establishing his link with the Divine. This is why Sukkot is portrayed as the festival of Aharon, the man who spent his life bringing together estranged parties and effecting lasting reconciliation.

Sukkot is also related to the demise of Amalek. We are told that Moshe found it necessary to invite Aharon to approach the altar on the eighth and final day of his investiture. Rashi fills in the details: for he was embarrassed and frightened to approach. Moshe thus said to him, "Why are you embarrassed? For this you were chosen." (Rashi, Vayikra 9:7)

Aharon personified humbleness. This was, of course, the absolute opposite of the arrogant, self-seeking nature of Amalek and his spiritual inheritors, Gog and Magog (mentioned in the Haftorah). For this reason, the Clouds of Glory which surrounded the Jewish people in the desert protected them in the merit of Aharon. (Ta'anit 9a.).

Hashem rewards people according to their personal characteristics. Aharon desired to be out of the public eye, shunning national office, and in that merit, Clouds of Glory which surrounded the Jewish people in the desert to protect them from the rigors of the desert and the gaze of their enemies. Indeed, when Aharon died, these clouds departed and the Jewish people were exposed and were immediately attacked by Arad, who was none other than Amalek.

We now understand why this war is related to Sukkot. For in the merit of our Sukkot, which represent the Clouds of Glory, which in turn existed because of Aharon, the man who personified bashfulness, Gog and Magog will meet their doom and Mashiach will come! Speedily in our days!

Shabbat Shalom and Chag Sameach!

Rabbi Binyamin Bar

YOM KIPPUR APPEAL FOR CHAI CANCER CARE

Helping the Jewish Community Affected by cancer – patients, their family & friends.

Thank you for returning your pledge card or making a commitment to support this valuable organisation. Please bring or send your payment to the Shul office or call the office with your card details. **All Donations payable to SWHC; ALL PAYMENTS WILL BE FORWARDED TO CHAI CANCER.** If you did not hear the appeal on Yom Kippur or were not in Shul, and you wish to donate please again contact the office.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 8th October 6pm | Pizza in the Hut For the Youth and their families. Please contact Rabbi Bar or Barry Jacobs to book your FREE place for this fun filled event. youth@swhc.org.uk

Sunday 8th October 7:15pm | Simchat Beit Hashoeva We are holding our annual Community Sukkah Party after Ma'ariv. There will be a short video "Succot around the World", followed by our guest speaker **Rabbi Osher Schapiro**, son of the Naroler Rebbe Shlita, Director of Kol Bonaich – Helping Teens at Risk. Everyone welcome and no charge.

Sunday 8th October | The Balfour Centenary A Legal Conference, London 3pm-7pm. For details please contact 0208 202 0202. For other events email <http://www.balfour100.org/rah/>

Wednesday Morning – 11th October | Hoshana Rabba – Service 7:30am

Wednesday Night/Thursday - 11th/12th October | Shemini Atzeret

For candle lighting and service times, including Yizkor, see Yom Tov timetable

Thursday 12th October 5pm | Children's Simchat Torah Party We have pleasure in inviting all children to celebrate with a 'Jelly & Ice Cream' Party & Marko Sparko Magician. Then join the community and parents in the Shul for singing and dancing with the Torah at 6.15pm. See poster/flyer for details. *For candle lighting and main service times, see Yom Tov timetable.*

Friday 13th October | Simchat Torah Morning Celebrations Service 9:30am, dancing with the Torah and running Kiddush. "Sit Down" Brunch (sponsored anonymously) with lots of food & drink after Hakafot. Everyone invited to this Community Celebration, Open to all.

Next Shabbat 14th October | Shabbat Bereishit The Kiddush will be generously sponsored by our Chatanim, Rabbi Bar & Leslie Kleinman together with Lisa (Lady of the Year) & Graham Berg and Jeremy Symons in celebration of his 45th Birthday. Mazel Tov!

Tuesday 17th October | CCJ presents film "Patterns of Evidence" Shul Hall For more information contact Cedric Jacobs 01702 293361.

Tuesday 24th October | Celebrity Lunch with Lord Michael Grade – SOLD OUT If you have not yet paid, please pay by Tuesday 10th October to the Shul Office for Sue Kony'n's attention marked 'MG lunch' as there is a waiting list. £35 pp. Many thanks Sara Vandermolen.

Friday 27th/Shabbat 28th October | ShabbatUK Please contact the Shul Office to book your place for this special Shabbat. See poster in foyer for more details. 01702 344900

Sunday 5th November, 7:30pm | Centenary of the Balfour Declaration Wine, Whisky and Canapes to celebrate the Centenary of the Balfour Declaration, and music from Israeli singer Lilac Sheer. Tickets £15 from the Shul Office 01702 344 900 / shuloffice@swhc.org.uk See poster for more info.

Shabbat 11th November | AJEX Shabbat. We remember those who gave their lives in the World Wars and all subsequent Wars in defence of the UK & Israel.