

*(Yahrzeits begin the night before the date below)*

**Shabbat – 12 May/27 Iyar** Mrs Sue Cohen, Mr Marc Ordever, Mr Jonathan Rapp, Mr Roger Rapp  
**Sunday – 13 May/28 Iyar** Mr Alan Gershlick, Mr David Gershlick, Mrs Maxine Herman, Mr Derek Solomon, Mrs Marylyn Solomon  
**Monday – 14 May /29 Iyar** Mrs Estelle Bradley, Mr Ronnie Kloos, Mrs Gloria Goldring, Mr Lawrence Simmons, Mrs Susan Stone, Mrs Barbara Zybutz  
**Tuesday – 15 May/1 Sivan** Mrs Brenda Franks, Mrs Tracy Jacobs  
**Wednesday –16 May/2 Sivan** Mr Lewis Herlitz, Mrs Enid Isaacs, Mr Ivan Kanutin, Mrs Sharon Somers, Mr Michael Rabinovitch, Mr Melvyn Shulton, Mr Leonard Shulton  
**Thursday – 17 May/3 Sivan** Mrs Mozelle Simmons, Mr Michael Konyn, Mrs Gill Hyams, Miss Paula Symons  
**Friday – 18 May/4 Sivan** Mrs Sylvia Bennett, Mrs Sheila Solomons, Mrs Diane Franks, Mrs Morissa Thorn, Mrs Sandra Caplan, Mrs Rhoda Lever

**VISITING THE SICK** If you know anyone who would like a hospital or home visit from a member of the *Community Care Committee*, please email [swhfc@gmail.com](mailto:swhfc@gmail.com) or call Janice on 07752874065 or the Shul Office on 01702 344900.

## REGULAR EVENTS & NOTICES

<p><b>Monday Club</b> Social Club with Card Games 11:45am-3:30pm Shul Hall Call Maurice 01702 351845</p>	<p><b>Bereavement Support Group</b> Monday 4 June, 8pm At the home of Florette Call Janice on 07752 874065</p>	<p><b>Ladies Guild Kiddushim</b> Contact Lisa Berg on 07760141162 or <a href="http://swhc.org.uk/ladies-guild/#kiddush">swhc.org.uk/ladies-guild/#kiddush</a></p>
<p><b>Cheder</b> Classes Tuesdays <a href="mailto:chayafbar@gmail.com">chayafbar@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>J.A.C.S.</b> Call Allan Goldstein 01268 771978 for more info</p>	<p><b>Pop-In   Shul Hall</b> Tuesday 15 May 2pm-4pm Email Janice <a href="mailto:swhfc@gmail.com">swhfc@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>SJYC – Youth Club</b> Sunday Club 13 May Call Sarah Miller 07818 412425</p>	<p><b>Stock Rd Cemetery, SS2 5QF</b> Sunday – Friday Winter 10am – 3pm GMT Summer 10am – 4pm BST</p>	<p><b>Shul Library</b> <a href="http://swhc.org.uk/facilities/library">swhc.org.uk/facilities/library</a> <a href="mailto:sonnykosky@blueyonder.co.uk">sonnykosky@blueyonder.co.uk</a> 01702 589105</p>
<p><b>Tree of Life - Shul Hall</b> Mark your Simcha with a leaf on the tree for £110</p>	<p><b>Newsletter Sponsorship</b> Contact the Shul Office £25 donation</p>	<p><b>Simchas On Our Website</b> Contact Stanley Robinson <a href="mailto:Stan.stanrob@gmail.com">Stan.stanrob@gmail.com</a></p>

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**NEW MOON**  
Tuesday 15th May, 5:21am



*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.*



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## SHABBAT BEHAR-BECHUKOTAI

### FRIDAY NIGHT

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm  
Shabbat begins & Candle Lighting 8:00pm

### SHABBAT DAY

Shacharit 9:30am  
Kiddush *after the main service*  
Mincha 8:30pm  
Ma'ariv when Shabbat ends 9:42pm

## WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

### SUNDAY (Yom Yerushalayim)

Shacharit 1 8:30am  
Shacharit 2 9:30am  
1<sup>st</sup> Mincha *followed by Ma'ariv* 8:00pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mincha 8:30pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ma'ariv 9:45pm

### MONDAY

### TUESDAY - Rosh Chodesh

### WEDNESDAY

### THURSDAY

Shacharit 1 8:00am  
Shacharit 2 9:00am  
1<sup>st</sup> Mincha *followed by Ma'ariv* 8:00pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mincha 8:30pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ma'ariv 9:45pm

### NEXT FRIDAY

Shacharit 1 8:00am  
Shacharit 2 9:00am  
Mincha *then* Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm  
Shabbat commences 8:00pm

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## WALKING IN HASHEM'S WAY *Jeremy's Thoughts*

This week's Parsha, Bechukotai, offers us an interesting insight into the responsibility and values of how Jewish communities should run and behave. The Principle is straightforward: If everyone follows the path of the Torah, then in return Hashem will shower our community with plenty of blessings. However conversely, curses will befall upon us if we don't.

In the modern world we live in, especially with so many different enemies around us, being part of a vibrant, growing Jewish community is more important now than ever, but naturally it takes plenty of commitment and effort to keep our Kehilla alive, robust and strong.

Of course, at the same time, we have to be mindful of the dangers of being coerced and influenced by those who feel they have the right intentions for what our community needs and deserves, but could just as easily and unwittingly cause the opposite effect, of potentially hindering our society's progress and damaging our infrastructure more, rather than inspiring us to work together as a united team and becoming the best we can be.

I believe a solution to this minor problem can be found in the opening verses of this week's Parsha: "If in the ways of my laws you walk, and my commandments you keep, I will give you rain in the right time, and the land will give its produce, and the trees of the field will bear their fruits." Rabbis question this double language of 'walking in the ways of my laws', and 'keeping my commandments': why state essentially the same thing twice?

Their answer is a balancing factor. Our commentators understand from this double phrasing that before we can keep Hashem's commandments, which in Judaism is very much a communal affair, we must go in His ways first. Think, study and discuss openly and honestly before we act and implement things we may later down the line come to regret and realise have caused more harm than good.

This mitzvah of walking in Hashem's ways and adhering to his commandments is safeguarding our very Jewish existence and should not be taken lightly. This is the reason, I believe, why straight after, the Torah quickly follows up this positive mitzvah with a harsh warning alluding to the consequences if we end up breaking the collective and head down different paths.

The Talmud says 'A small number of people doing the will of Hashem and His Torah are not the same as a larger number of people following in Hashem's footsteps and observing his commandments. We are very fortunate to have a large group of ambitious individuals who are willing to give up their precious time and energy for the sake of our community - trying to the best of their abilities to continue to keep our beautiful community vibrant and strong - ready for any challenges we may have to counter as a Kehilla in the future.

May Hashem see the positive aspects of developing and strengthening our community and enable us to be successful in mending broken bridges, repairing our broken personal relationships, so we can indeed come together as one, and truly walk in the ways of Hashem and be continuously showered with His blessings.

Good Shabbos,  
*Jeremy Symons*

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Shabbat 12<sup>th</sup> May | The Kiddush** this week is generously sponsored by Rod Levin to give thanks for his son's return to good health after an 8 month illness.

**Until 13<sup>th</sup> May | Jewish Women's Week** WIZO celebrating their Centenary – caring for deprived and needy families in Israel. Please give generously when your smiling collector calls this year. It is the only Jewish house-to-house collection authorised by the Home Office. Westcliff & District WIZO will also be holding a function on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June with guest speaker, Stephen Burstin, to celebrate this milestone. Please contact Jackie Kalms for details at [jackiekalms@live.co.uk](mailto:jackiekalms@live.co.uk).

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May | SWHC Annual General Meeting** In the Main Synagogue. Voting opens at 9am. AGM commences at 10am.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May | AID Society Bridge.** Thorpe Bay Bridge Club. Call Geoff Cohen 339601 or Jan Linden 343289.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 8pm | A Sweet & Spiritual Shavuot** Rebbetzin Bar invites all ladies to a pre- Shavuot Shiur in the Shul Hall with refreshments. Tickets £3 from the Shul Office.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 8pm | Southend Learning Circles SHAVUOT SPECIAL** Led by Rabbi Aryeh Sufrin MBE and Mrs Sufrin of Chabad in association with SWHC. Our hosts are Marilyn and Stephen Salt. For more info, contact Mrs Sufrin 020 8551 8604.

### SHAVUOT 5778

Shabbat 19th May Shacharit Shabbat Mincha	<b>Erev Shavuot</b> 9:30 am <i>followed by</i> Community Ice Cream & Chocolate Kiddush 8:15pm <i>followed by</i> <b>Seudah Tikun Leil</b> , a programme of learning for Men & Women with refreshments, cheesecake and Guest Speakers.
Motzei Shabbat Candle lighting Ma'ariv	<b>1st Night Shavuot</b> Shabbat ends and start of Shavuot 9:56pm (candles may not be lit before this time) 10pm
Sunday 20th May Shacharit Children's Service	<b>1st Day Shavuot</b> 9:30am <b>Reading of the Ten Commandments</b> approx 10:15am 11am <i>followed by</i> a special Ice-Cream Kids Kiddush! Community Cheesecake Kiddush <i>when service ends</i> .
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:30pm Candle lighting 2nd Day 9:58pm
Monday 21st May Shacharit	<b>2nd Day Shavuot</b> 9:30am <b>Yizkor approx 11:30am</b> Community Cheesecake Kiddush <i>when service ends</i> .
Mincha Ma'ariv	9pm 10pm when Yom Tov ends



**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2pm | Ladies Guild AGM** in the Shul Hall