

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

Michael Aarons on the loss of his father, Joseph Aarons
The family of the late **Albert Secunda**.

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

Sunday 15th July 12 noon **Marilyn & Leonard Belson**
(Please note different time to previously advertised)

Yahrzeits *The SWHC community wish the following members, Long Life.*

(Yahrzeits begin the night before the date below)

Shabbat – 30 June/17 Tammuz Mrs Rosalyn Cohen, Mrs Frances Hausberger,

Mrs Minnie Silverton

Sunday – 1 July/18 Tammuz Mrs Elise Levy, Mrs Jennifer Silver, Mrs Yvette Oakes,

Mr Geoffrey Waterman, Mr Leslie Zeffie

Monday – 2 July/19 Tammuz Mr Cyril Levy

Tuesday – 3 July /20 Tammuz Mrs Maxine Herman, Mrs Sophia Zetter

Wednesday – 4 July /21 Tammuz Mr Geoffrey Basco, Mr Raymond Basco,

Mrs Tina Jacobs, Mrs Annette Samuels

Thursday – 5 July /22 Tammuz Mr Ivor Bennett, Mrs Gloria Goldring

Friday – 6 July/23 Tammuz Mrs Gina Dias, Mrs Sheila Leigh, Mr Norman Lapp

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

REGULAR EVENTS & NOTICES

Monday Club Social Club with Card Games 11:45am-3:30pm Shul Hall Call Maurice 01702 351845	Bereavement Support Group Monday 2 nd July, 8pm at the home of Norman Karobik Call Janice on 07752 874065	Ladies Guild Kiddushim Contact Lisa Berg on 07760141162 or swhc.org.uk/ladies-guild/#kiddush
Cheder Classes Tuesdays chayafbar@gmail.com	J.A.C.S. Wednesdays Call Allan Goldstein 01268 771978 for more info	Pop-In Shul Hall Tuesday 17 th July 2pm-4pm Email swhcfc@gmail.com
SJYC – Youth Club Sunday Club 15 th July Call Sarah Miller 07818 412425	Stock Rd Cemetery, SS2 5QF Sunday – Friday Winter 10am – 3pm GMT Summer 10am – 4pm BST	Shul Library swhc.org.uk/facilities/library sonnykosky@blueyonder.co.uk 01702 589105
Tree of Life - Shul Hall Mark your Simcha with a leaf on the tree for £110	Newsletter Sponsorship Contact the Shul Office £25 donation	Simchas On Our Website Contact Stanley Robinson Stan.stanrob@gmail.com



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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 BALAK

FRIDAY NIGHT

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

SHABBAT DAY

Shacharit 9:30am
Children's Service & Kiddush 11:00am
Kiddush after the main service
Mincha 8:50pm
Followed by Seudah Shlishit
Ma'ariv when Shabbat ends 10:34pm

WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY (Fast of Tammuz)

Shacharit 1 8:30am
Shacharit 2 9:30am
1st Mincha followed by Ma'ariv 8:00pm
2nd Mincha 8:45pm
2nd Ma'ariv 9:45pm

MONDAY - THURSDAY

Shacharit 1 8:30am
Shacharit 2 9:00am
1st Mincha followed by Ma'ariv 8:00pm
2nd Mincha 8:45pm
2nd Ma'ariv 9:45pm

NEXT FRIDAY

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

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

BALAK, BILAAM AND ANTI-SEMITISM *Thoughts on the Parsha*

The Torah relates Bilaam's and Balak's joining forces and their desperate attempts to arouse Hashem's wrath against the Jewish people. Bilaam went with Balak and they came to *Kiryat Chutzot* (Bamidbar 22:39). Rashi explains that *Kiryat Chutzot* was a bustling metropolis, populated by many men, women, and children. Balak brought Bilaam there because he wanted to impress upon Bilaam the significance of his mission. Balak hoped that seeing *Kiryat Chutzot* would stir within Bilaam deep feelings of compassion for the Moabites, as if to say: "Look at all this that the Jewish people would destroy."

What made Balak think the Jewish people were intending to destroy his nation? Hadn't the Jews earlier circumvented Moabite territory at Hashem's instruction in order to avoid confrontation with the descendants of Lot? When the Moabites first sought the assistance of the Midianites against the Jews, it was because they feared the Jews would: "Lick clean all that is around us as an ox licks up the grass of the field" (ibid: 4). They were never concerned that the Jews might annihilate the Moabite men, women, and children. Balak, on the other hand, had good reason to fear the worst. There is only one nation — Amalek — that the Jewish people are commanded to destroy totally. In joining forces, Bilaam and Balak, and the nation they led against the Jews, had become "Amalekites".

Hashem commanded that every last Amalekite be destroyed because of the nature of Amalek's hatred for Hashem's people. Unlike other nations, whose enmity for the Jews is based on emotion, Amalek's enmity is based on intellect and ideology. The Amalekites hate the Jews because they see the Jews as nothing short of a threat to the future of all mankind. This is what defines and distinguishes the age-old antisemitism.

Bilaam was the ideologist; Balak the implementer. Together they became "Amalek." As the Zohar teaches: The final two Hebrew letters of the name Bilaam are 'ayin' and 'mem'. The final two letters of the name Balak are 'lamed' and 'kuf'. Together — 'ayin', 'mem', 'lamed', and 'kuf' — spell 'Amalek'.

As we are about to begin the period of the Three Weeks in which we reflect on tragedies throughout Jewish History. Let us take comfort in the fact that Hashem will never let the evil of antisemitism to prevail as illustrated with the story of Bilam and Balak. May we see the rebuilding of Jerusalem with the coming of Mashiach, speedily in our days. Amen.

Shabbat Shalom
Rabbi Binyamin Bar

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

Louise & Julian Nyman on their Sapphire (45th) Wedding Anniversary

David Saunders, grandson of **Felicia and Ronnie Lawrence**, graduated from Nottingham University with a Joint First B.A. Honours Degree in Russian and Contemporary Chinese Studies and a Distinction in Spoken Mandarin.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

This Shabbat 30th June | The Kiddush this week is given in honour of our new Board of Management whom we thank for serving our Community.

Sunday 1st July | Fast of Tammuz Fast begins 3.32am; Fast Ends 10.10pm.

Start of the 3 weeks 1st – 22nd July Building the Beit Hamikdash, brick by brick. Community 3 week programme to build a Beit Hamikdash wall with our good deeds. Email chayafbar@gmail.com or rabbibar@gmail.com.

Sunday 1st July 7.30pm | AID Society Bridge. Thorpe Bay Bridge Club. Call Geoff Cohen 339601 or Jan Linden 343289.

Shabbat 7th July | Youth Shabbat Lunch £5 per person or £17.50 per family of four. Games, songs, stories & food. Tickets from the Shul Office. RSVP by Monday 2nd July.

Tuesday 10th July 8pm | Rabbi & Rebbetzin Bar invite everyone to an interactive Shiur, Sushi & Whisky evening. £4. Please book with the Shul Office by 3rd July.

Shabbat 14th July | AID Society Shabbat. Celebrating 65 years. Enhancing the quality of life of the more vulnerable Jewish people living in the town.

Saturday 21st July/Sunday 22nd July | Tisha B'Av Programme Fast begins Saturday, 9.01pm and ends Sunday, 10.01pm.

Thursday 2nd Aug 8pm | Concert Series continues with The Volstead Orchestra. A wonderful "hot jazz" 6-piece combo with sounds of the 1920s and 1930s. Tickets £10/£8 concessions. Free refreshments. Call 07951 185933 or email concertseries@swhc.org.uk

Sunday 12th August 3pm – 5pm | "Let's Get Together" Afternoon Cream Tea Shul Hall or in the Grounds (dependent on the weather). Adults £10, Children £5. Non Members Adults £12.50, Children £7.50. Contact Shul Office for tickets.

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