



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

Sunday 26 th August	2:45pm	Evelyn Walters
Sunday 2 nd September	9:30am	Nita Conway (<i>Waltham Abbey</i>) <i>Late mother of Susan Aarons</i>
Sunday 2 nd September	2:30pm	June Brick (<i>Minyan Required</i>)

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

(Yahrzeits begin the night before the date below)

- Shabbat – 18 August/7 Elul** Mrs Laura Lane, Mrs Beverley Finer, Mrs Patricia Krieger, Mr Michael Kutner, Mr Derek Silverstone, Mr Ian Woolf, Mrs Helene Rosehill
Sunday – 19 August/8 Ellul Miss Bertha Morris, Mrs Marion Sussman, Mr Barry Winston
Monday – 20 August/9 Ellul Mrs Pat David, Mr Aaron David, Mr Alan Gershlick, Mr David Gershlick, Mrs Rita Roth, Mrs Diane Cohen, Mrs Jackie Jacks, Mr David Walters
Tuesday – 21 August/10 Ellul Mrs Susan Turner, Mr Sonny Kosky, Mrs Geraldine Jay, Mrs Lorraine Scropton, Mrs Hazel Billyack
Wednesday – 22 August/11 Ellul Mrs Helen Davis
Thursday – 23 August/12 Ellul Mrs Beverley Miller, Mrs Myra Wolfe, Mr Royston Keizer, Mr Ronnie Kloos, Mr Gerald Ward
Friday – 24 August/13 Ellul Mrs Karen Hyams

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

Monday Club Social Club with Card Games 11:45am-3:30pm Shul Hall Call Maurice 01702 351845	Bereavement Support Group Monday 3 rd September, 8pm at the home of Barbara Black Call Janice on 07752 874065	Ladies Guild Kiddushim Contact Lisa Berg on 07760141162 or swhc.org.uk/ladies-guild/#kiddush
Cheder Term begins 16 th September. chayafbar@gmail.com	J.A.C.S. Wednesdays Call Allan Goldstein 01268 771978 for more info	Pop-In Shul Hall Tuesday 21 st August 2pm-4pm Email swhcfc@gmail.com
SJYC Save the Date! 27 th Sep, 5pm Pizza in the Hut 1 st Oct, 5:30pm Simchat Torah Party	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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This week's newsletter is kindly sponsored by Irene & Peter Baum in celebration of their Coral Wedding Anniversary. Mazel Tov!



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

SHABBAT SHOFTIM

FRIDAY NIGHT

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	7:30pm
Shabbat <i>begins</i> & Candle Lighting	7:57pm

SHABBAT DAY

Shacharit	9:30am
Children's Service & Kiddush	11:00am
Kiddush <i>after the main service</i>	
Mincha <i>followed by</i>	
Seudah Shlishit	8:00pm
Ma'ariv <i>when Shabbat ends</i>	9:11pm

WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY

Shacharit	8:30am
Mincha <i>followed by</i> Ma'ariv	8:00pm

MONDAY - THURSDAY

Shacharit	8:30am
Mincha <i>followed by</i> Ma'ariv	8:00pm

NEXT FRIDAY

Shacharit	8:30am
Mincha <i>then</i> Kabbalat Shabbat	7:30pm
Shabbat <i>commences</i>	7:42pm

Torah Reading/Leining	Rabbi Bar	Soncino	Pg 1078
Haftorah Shoftim	Geoffrey Cohen	Soncino	Pg 1094
Anim Zemirot	Saul Bebb	Sacks Siddur	Pg 458

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

AN OBJECTIVE JUDGEMENT *Thoughts on this week's Parsha*

The Torah begins its list of commandments to the judges with the statement: "Do not bend the law" (Devarim 16:19).

Why does the Torah even mention such an obvious requirement? Why would the Torah find it necessary to command a judge not to judge incorrectly, when rendering a correct judgment is by definition the job of the judge? Furthermore, the root of the word sateh means "to turn," so that the verse actually says, "Do not turn the law." If the Torah means to tell judges that they must not judge incorrectly, why does it use such roundabout terminology?

A closer examination of the word "tateh" provides a clue to the Torah's real intent. To bend the law does not mean to judge incorrectly, although it does refer to a kind of corruption of justice.

People tend to have preconceived notions regarding offenders of the law. One person may think we are not tough enough with criminals, while another may feel we are not lenient enough. Often the ruling in a case is not clear-cut and could go either way. When such a case comes before a judge, may he allow his preconceived notions to affect his decision?

In many secular legal systems, we can guess how a judge will judge a case based on whether he is liberal or conservative in his political views. The Torah here is warning the judge that if his preconceived notions can lead people to guess how he will judge, that indicates a lack of objectivity that makes him unworthy of being a shofet.

In Talmudic times, the order in which scholars were seated depended on their knowledge and experience; the less qualified scholars sat in the back row. When a judgment was called for, those who were youngest or least experienced were asked to offer their opinions first, so that they would not hesitate to express an opinion that differed from that of those who were perhaps more knowledgeable. In this way, total objectivity was encouraged in Jewish courts. The court did not hand down a judgment until seventy-one scholars among the group had expressed opinions (i.e., they had not abstained).

In other judicial systems, judges are rarely indecisive, which makes their judgments suspect, for many cases are so complicated that it can be almost impossible to render a decisive ruling. Abstentions were and are very common in Jewish courts. That Jewish judges have always been willing to admit that they do not know is a hallmark of the Jewish judicial system.

Shabbat Shalom,
Rabbi Binyamin Bar



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

Maurice Lesley on his 83rd Birthday (2nd Barmitzvah)

Rabbi Binyamin & Rebbetzin Chaya Faigie Bar on the engagement of Chaya Faigie's brother, Yerachmiel Jundef, to Elana Nussbaum, both from Lakewood, NJ USA.

Mazel Tov also to parents Rabbi & Rebbetzin Sholom Jundef of Lakewood NJ.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

This Shabbat 18th August | The Kiddush is generously sponsored by **Irene & Peter Baum** in celebration of their Coral Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, 23rd August. Mazel Tov!

Next Shabbat 25th August The Kiddush is kindly sponsored by **Betty & Maurice Lesley** in celebration of Maurice's 83rd Birthday.

Sunday 26th & Monday 27th August (Bank Holiday Weekend) | The Shul Office will be closed and will re-open on Tuesday 28th August at 9am. In case of a bereavement only, please call 07666 868066.

Shabbat 1st September Motzei Shabbat | Midnight Selichot Service Doors open at 10.30pm. Enjoy late night refreshments & drinks. Countdown to the awe inspiring days of the Yomim Noraim. Hear the beautiful melodies of the Selichot led by Rabbi Bar. Introduction 11:45pm, service 12 midnight. Ladies & Gentlemen welcome. **Free entry.**

Sunday 2nd September | Ladies Guild Hat Sale Shul Hall, 10am-12:30pm. Donation £3. New colours and styles for Autumn/Winter 2018/19

Sunday 2nd September 8pm | Good Simanim Rebbetzin Bar invites all women & girls to: "Let's start the New Year with Good Simanim!" Explore the different (symbolic) foods eaten on Rosh Hashanah. Learn about their origins and interesting customs through a power point presentation. Create your own decorative plate. £3, book your place via the Shul Office by Tuesday 28th August 01702 344900.

Thursday 6th September 8pm | Machzor Sat-Nav at the home of Rabbi & Rebbetzin Bar. Learn the Machzor before the Yomim Noraim. Do you wish you could follow the services better during Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur? Rabbi Bar invites all men and women for an in-depth study of the Machzor. Familiarize yourself with the main tefillot (prayers) and understand the davening. Free entry. Light refreshments. Reserve your free place with the Shul Office.

Sunday 16th September 7.30pm | AID Society Bridge Thorpe Bay Bridge Club. Call Geoff Cohen 339601 or Jan Linden 343289.

Wednesday 19th September 4pm | Yom Kippur Ladies Hour There will be our annual Ladies Hour discussion group. Should anyone wish to take a turn and join Rebbetzin Bar at giving a short talk then please contact Rochelle O'Brart on 01702 719297.

Tuesday 23rd October | Ladies Literary Lunch with Fiona Cummins, former Show Business Editor of the Daily Mirror turned Crime Fiction author. **A Ladies Guild Event:** Members: £25, Non-Members: £30 Men & Women welcome. Please contact: Sara Vandermolten on 07813824684 / van38@blueyonder.co.uk