

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm **Marlene Korth** *Minyan Req'd*

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

**Sam Dias, Gavin Dias & Lawrence Collins** on the loss of a wife, mother & sister,  
**Yvonne Dias**

**Mark Levy** on the loss of his mother, **Freda Levy**

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

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

**Shabbat – 8 December /30 Kislev** Mrs Allison Lester, Mr Eric Harris, Mr Murray Miller,  
Mrs Sandra Royston

**Sunday – 9 December /1 Tevet** Dr Arnold Azulay, Mrs Ann Wine

**Monday – 10 December /2 Tevet** Mr Robert Abrahams, Mr Stephen Burstin,  
Miss Debbie Freeman, Mrs Moira Myers, Mr Eddie Greene, Mr Simon Luton,  
Mr Melvyn Peters, Mr Harvey Sperber, Mr Raymond Waterman

**Tuesday – 11 December /3 Tevet** Mrs Betty Lesley, Mrs Rita Cabb, Mrs Marion Jones,  
Mr Allan Greenstein, Mrs Minn Rose, Mr Zvi Klemer, Mr Stanley Rubins,  
Mrs Jeanette Cohen, Mrs Josephine Muslin

**Wednesday – 12 December /4 Tevet** Mrs Betty Young, Mrs Annabel James,  
Ms Janet Gershlick, Mrs Pat David, Mrs Netta Harper, Mr Terry Leigh, Mrs Rita Roth

**Thursday – 13 December /5 Tevet** Mrs Josephine Strubel, Mr Jeffrey Greenstein

**Friday – 14 December /6 Tevet** Mrs Terrie Levene, Mr Neville Peters, Mrs Myra Polins,  
Mr Geoffrey Struminger

**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 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 11:45 - 3:30pm, Shul Hall Call Maurice 01702 351845</p>	<p><b>Bereavement Support Group</b> Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec   End of year social at the home of Janice Steel Call 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> Sunday 10:15am – 12:15pm <a href="mailto:chayafbar@gmail.com">chayafbar@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>J.A.C.S. Wednesdays</b> Call Allan Goldstein 01268 771978 for more info</p>	<p><b>Pop-In Talmud Torah</b> Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2019, 2-4pm Email Jan <a href="mailto:swhcfc@gmail.com">swhcfc@gmail.com</a></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>Stock Rd Cemetery, SS2 5QF</b> Sunday – Friday Winter 10am – 3pm GMT Summer 10am – 4pm BST</p>	<p><b>AID Society Bridge Sunday 6 Jan</b> Thorpe Bay Bridge Club Call Geoff Cohen 339601 or Jan Linden 343289</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>SJYC Motzei Shabbat</b> 8<sup>th</sup> December 6:45pm The Chanukah Buzz Party with Marko Sparko &amp; festive food!</p>



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Your "one stop" kosher shop is NOW OPEN. Please come and see the wide range of products available to you without going to London! See new opening times inside.



*We extend a warm welcome to those attending our services this week and hope we will see you again soon.*

## SHABBAT MIKETZ CHANUKAH Rosh Chodesh

### FRIDAY NIGHT (1<sup>st</sup> Day Rosh Chodesh)

*Chanukah Menorah lighting in Shul* 3:20pm  
Mincha *then* Kabbalat Shabbat 3:30pm  
Shabbat begins/candle lighting 3:30pm

### SHABBAT DAY

Shacharit 9:30am  
Children's Service & Kiddush 11:00am  
Kiddush *after the main service then*  
Mincha *after the Kiddush*

Shabbat ends 4:48pm  
Ma'ariv 5:20pm  
*(Shul car park gates will be open)*

## WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

### SUNDAY (2<sup>nd</sup> Day Rosh Chodesh)

Shacharit 8:30am  
Ma'ariv 8:00pm

### MONDAY - THURSDAY

Shacharit 8:30am  
Ma'ariv 8:00pm

### NEXT FRIDAY

Shacharit 8:30am  
Mincha *then* Kabbalat Shabbat 3:30pm  
Shabbat begins/candle lighting 3:29pm

Hallel for Chanukah & Rosh Chodesh		Sacks Singers Page 618
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*If you would like to repeat your Bar Mitzvah Haftorah, please contact the Gabbaim.*

## CHANUKAH GELT *A thought for Chanukah*

**Question:** Where is the origin of giving gifts during Chanukah? Is it just an imitation of what everyone else is doing at this time of year? Are Chanukah gifts Jewish?

**Answer:** The original Jewish custom is to give “Chanukah gelt” (money) rather than presents. There are a number of reasons given for this practice:

- 1) The Talmud says that the Chanukah lights are sacred and may not be used for any other purpose. The example given there is that one may not count money by the candlelight. Giving out Chanukah money and not counting it near the menorah is a way to remember this rule.
- 2) The Law is that if a poor man does not have enough money to purchase both Chanukah candles and *kiddush* wine, Chanukah lights take precedence because they serve to publicize the miracle. The widespread custom of giving Chanukah gelt enabled the poor to get the money they needed for candles without feeling shame.
- 3) The word *Chanukah* is the same Hebrew root as *chinuch*, “education.” The occupying Greek forces were determined to force Hellenism upon the Jewish population, at the expense of the ideals and commandments of the holy Torah. Unfortunately, they were quite successful in their endeavor. After the Greeks were defeated, it was necessary to re-educate the Jews—to reintroduce a large part of the population to Torah values. Appropriately, during Chanukah it is customary to give gelt to children as a reward for Torah study.
- 4) In his record of the Chanukah story, Maimonides writes: “The Greeks laid their hands upon the possessions of Israel.” The Greeks invaded the possessions of Israel in the same spirit in which they defiled the oil in the Holy Temple. They did not destroy the oil; they defiled it. They did not rob the Jewish people; they attempted to infuse their possessions with Greek ideals, so that they be used for egotistical and ungodly purposes, rather than for holy pursuits. Chanukah gelt celebrates the freedom to channel material wealth toward spiritual ends.

So to answer the question, it is true that the practice of giving gifts on Chanukah has been popularized due to Chanukah’s proximity to the Christian holiday season. As such, to maintain the original Jewish tradition, we should make a point to give Chanukah gelt as well. I am sure our children will not mind that custom!

Shabbat Shalom, Chanukah Sameach!

*Rabbi Binyamin Bar*

## MAZEL TOV! *A hearty Mazel Tov from the SWHC community.*

**Marilyn & Michael Lyons** on their Sapphire Wedding Anniversary.

**Janet & Brian Levene** on their Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

**Barry Spector** on his 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**This Shabbat 8<sup>th</sup> December** | The Kiddush is kindly sponsored by Linda & David Riseman as they celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Mazel Tov!

### Public Menorah Lighting | Cliffs Pavilion, 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

*All are invited to come to the daily lighting with free doughnuts!*



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 3:15pm  
 Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 6:00pm  
 Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 7:30pm



**Motzei Shabbat 8<sup>th</sup> December | The Chanukah Buzz.** Following the lighting at the Cliffs Pavilion at 6pm, Supper in the Talmud Torah at 6:45pm then Marko Sparko the Magician at 7:30pm. Contact Barry Jacobs 07876 685826. Advance prices: Children 5-13 £2.50, Adults £5. On the night: Children 5-13 £3.50, Adults £7.50.

**Motzei Shabbat 8<sup>th</sup> December 7pm | Magic Evening** with Rabbi Geoffrey Shisler in the Shul Hall. **Sold Out.** £25 members, £27.50 non-members. Whisky & Vodka Reception (kindly sponsored by Linda & David Riseman for their Golden Wedding Anniversary), Salt Beef & Latke Supper.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 8pm | Southend Learning Circles** Led by Rabbi Aryeh Sufrin MBE and Mrs Sufrin of Chabad in association with SWHC. Venues to be announced. To volunteer to host an evening or for more info, contact Mrs Sufrin 020 8551 8604.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December | Fast of Tevet** Fast begins 6:04am. Fast ends 4:38pm.

### SAVE THE DATE!

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January | MDA Event** in the Shul Hall with speaker from “Entebbe”.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January, 7:30pm | Comedy Evening** with Rachel Creegor, celebrating Tu Bshevat. Tickets £12/£10 to include fruit and tea refreshments and a Grand Raffle.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January | Holocaust Memorial Day** at the Civic Centre.

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Friday 9am-1pm

Wednesday 10am-1pm

Sunday 9.30am-12.30pm

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