

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

(Yahrzeits begin the night before the date below)

Shabbat – 22 December /14 Tevet Mr & Mrs Arnold Baum, Mrs Gillian de Metz, Mrs Roma Linton, Mrs Ruth Dix, Mrs Adrienne Cordery, Mr Philip Muslin, Mrs Sandra Winston

Sunday – 23 December /15 Tevet Mrs Louisa Levy, Mrs Barbara Black,

Monday – 24 December /16 Tevet Mr Chesney Lewis, Mr Spencer Dobkins, Mr Lee Dobkins, Mr Michael Joseph, Mr Jack Saunders, Mrs Margaret Shine

Tuesday – 25 December /17 Tevet Mrs Beverley Miller, Mr & Mrs Robert Ereira, Mr Richard Ereira

Wednesday – 26 December /18 Tevet Mr David Black, Mr Gary Black, Mr Andrew Levene, Mrs Sheila Blaine

Thursday – 27 December /19 Tevet Ms Jaqueline Coleman, Mrs Janice Linden, Mr Stephen Rosenthal, Mr Sasson Zecharia

Friday – 28 December /20 Tevet Mrs Wendy Vandecar, Mr Jeffrey Barcan, Mr Arnold Baum, Mr Leslie Lesser

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 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 28th January at the home of Angela & Robert Ereira Contact Janice Steel on 07752 874065</p>	<p>Ladies Guild Kiddushim Contact Lisa Berg on 07760141162 or swhc.org.uk/ladies-guild/#kiddush</p>
<p>Cheder Term ended, Spring term dates announced shortly.</p>	<p>J.A.C.S. Wednesdays Call Allan Goldstein 01268 771978 for more info</p>	<p>Pop-In Shul Hall Tuesday 22nd Jan 2019, 2-4pm Email Jan swhcfc@gmail.com</p>
<p>Shul Library swhc.org.uk/facilities/library sonnykosky@blueyonder.co.uk 01702 589105</p>	<p>Stock Rd Cemetery, SS2 5QF Sunday – Friday Winter 10am – 3pm GMT Summer 10am – 4pm BST</p>	<p>AID Society Bridge Sunday 6th January Thorpe Bay Bridge Club Call Geoff Cohen 339601 or Jan Linden 343289</p>
<p>Tree of Life - Shul Hall Mark your Simcha with a leaf on the tree for £110</p>	<p>Newsletter Sponsorship Contact the Shul Office £25 donation</p>	<p>SJYC Watch out for details on the new weekly Club starting in January 2019!</p>



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The Shul Office will CLOSE at 1pm Monday 24th December and re-open at 9am Thursday 27th December.

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

SHABBAT VAYECHI

FRIDAY NIGHT

Mincha *then* Kabbalat Shabbat 3:30pm
Shabbat begins/candle lighting 3:31pm

SHABBAT DAY

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

Shabbat ends 4:51pm
Ma'ariv 5:20pm
(Shul car park gates will be open)

WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY & MONDAY

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

Tuesday & Wednesday (Bank Holiday)

Shacharit 8:30am

THURSDAY

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

NEXT FRIDAY

Shacharit 8:30am
Shabbat begins/candle lighting 3:36pm
Mincha *then* Kabbalat Shabbat 3:40pm

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

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

Jack Burston on the occasion of his **95th Birthday.**

Nita Marcus on the occasion of her **90th Birthday.**

Sonia Scott on the occasion of her **80th Birthday.**

Natasha & Jason Rosehill on the birth of a gorgeous daughter, Marnie Bella. Mazel Tov too to **Suzanne & Nigel Rosehill** on becoming grandparents and to proud aunts Samantha & Verity and uncle Gavin. A special Mazel Tov to the Great-Great Aunts & Uncles, **Helene Platman, David & Adele Ramet and Melvyn & Helene Rosehill.**

A FISHY BLESSING *Thoughts on this week's Parasha*

When Yaakov blessed Yosef's sons, Efrayim and Menashe, in the famous blessing of "Hamalach" he invoked an intriguing metaphor:

"May the angel who saved me from all evil bless the lads, and let them carry my name, along with the names of my fathers, Avraham and Yitzchak. And may they multiply in the land like fish." (Bereshit 48: 16).

What did Yaakov mean when he blessed Efrayim and Menashe to increase in the land like fish? If his intention was to bless them with fertility, he could just as well have said: "May they multiply in the land like rabbits!" What is the special significance of fish?

The commentators explain that the key to Yosef's success in Egypt was his ability to function incognito and retain his own attitude of confidence by keeping to his morals and values. No one surrounding Yosef truly understood him, Yosef remained a mystery to them until the day of his passing. The Egyptians appointed him as their Viceroy, yet they knew nothing about his past. Yosef's brothers completely misjudged him and failed to recognize Yosef for his potential. If Yosef had not called an end to the charade and revealed his identity to them, it is likely that they would have remained in the dark forever more. Yosef kept secrets even from his beloved father. Our Sages say that he never revealed to Yaakov how it was that he had ended up a slave in Egypt (*Meam Loez, Bereshit 50:21*).

Fish share this particular quality of Yosef. They swim under the surface of the water and they try stay out of sight and out of reach, never fully revealing their location. This quality is the key to the Jewish people's survival in exile. One of the ways to avoid stoking the flames of anti-semitism, is to try and keep a low profile, stay out of the public eye, avoid showing our wealth or bragging about our intellect.

This is why we traditionally bless our children with the very same words which Yaakov blessed Efrayim and Menashe with. We bless our descendants with this very essential quality they need to survive their exile among the nations. We bless them to have the ability to live and prosper without the jealous evil eye of those who want us harm. May we, indeed, prosper and multiply in the land like fish. Amen!

Shabbat Shalom,
Rabbi Binyamin Bar

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 23rd December 10am | Tahara Training for Men at Stock Road Cemetery. Please contact Pam Freedman in the Shul Office 01702 344900/email shuloffice@swhc.org.uk to book your place.

Monday 24th December 10am - 12noon | Ladies Guild are holding a Coffee Morning in the Shul Hall in **Chaya Faigie Bar's honour**, to thank her for all the work she has done in our Community. All women welcome.

Monday 24th December | The Shul Office will close on Monday 24th December at 1pm and re-open on Thursday 27th December at 9am. The Shul Office will also close on Monday 31st December at 1pm and re-open on Wednesday 2nd January at 9am.

Shabbat 29th December | "Farewell Kiddush" for Rabbi & Rebbetzin Bar.
We wish them every success for the future.

Thursday 17th January, 7:30pm | "Raid on Entebbe" MDA Event

An evening of "Grey Goose" and Chocolate Mousse with speaker Major Rami Sherman. Tickets £15 (no appeal) from Linda Burns 07968 103269 / itburns@hotmail.co.uk or Simon Belson 07774 778383 / simonbelson@aol.com.

Sunday 20th January, 7:30pm | Comedy Evening with Rachel Creeger, celebrating Tu B'shevat. Tickets £10 members/£12.50 non members, to include fruit and tea refreshments and a Grand Raffle. Please contact the Shul Office on 01702 344900 or shuloffice@swhc.org.uk

Thursday 24th January, 6pm | Holocaust Memorial Day at the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, SS2 6ER. Guest speaker Dr Martin Stern OBE, a Holocaust Survivor, will be introduced by Rabbi Sufrin. There will also be music, poetry and readings. The event is free to attend and will be followed by refreshments provided by the Ladies Guild. Parking on site will be free for this event.

Friday 25th January, 12 noon | Holocaust Memorial Tree Planting Ceremony
The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Derek Jarvis will plant a tree at the junction of Maplin Way North & Bishopsteignton SS3 8AD.

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Please note opening & closing times **20th – 28th December**

Thursday 20th 11am to 5pm:

Friday 21st 9am to 1pm:

Sunday 23rd 9.30am to 12.30pm:

Monday 24th 9.30am to 1pm:

Closed – Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th

Open Friday 28th 8.30am to 1.30pm