

Sunday 3rd March 3pm **Loretta de Haan**

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

(Yahrzeits begin the night before the date below)

Shabbat – 9 February/4 Adar-1 Mrs Annette Gilbert, Mr Geoffrey Cohen, Ms Rona Hart, Mr Gyula Vari
Sunday – 10 February /5 Adar-1 Mr Irvine Ford, Mr Neville Peters, Ms Helena Woolley
Monday – 11 February /6 Adar-1 Mrs Yvette Eichen, Mr Aaron David, Mr Jerrald Nathan, Mrs Betty Nathan, Mrs Susan Baker, Mr David Plaskow, Mr Sacha Small
Tuesday – 12 February /7 Adar-1 No Yahrzeits
Wednesday – 13 February / 8 Adar-1 Mr Ronald Lawrence, Mr Steven Linden, Mr Alan Markovitch, Mr Anthony Green, Mrs Joan Green, Mrs Marilyn Lewis, Mrs Andrea Freedman
Thursday – 14 February /9 Adar-1 Mrs Estelle Luton, Mr Melvyn Shulton, Mr Leonard Shulton
Friday – 15 February/10 Adar-1 Mrs Pamela Freedman, Miss Barbara Clements, Mr Michael Goldring, Mrs Joy Harris, Mrs Helen Koppel, Mrs Helen Birmingham

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 25th February at the home of Martin Dorne Contact Janice Steel on 07752 874065</p>	<p>AID Society Bridge Sunday 3rd March Thorpe Bay Bridge Club Call Geoff Cohen 339601 or Jan Linden 343289</p>
<p>Cheder Sunday 10:15am-12:15pm Talmud Torah yael@moont.com</p>	<p>SIYC Youth Club - Ages 5-15 Thursdays 4:30-6:30pm £3 with Sarah and Shira in the Talmud Torah</p>	<p>J.A.C.S. Wednesdays Call Allan Goldstein 01268 771978 for more info</p>
<p>Shul Library swhc.org.uk/facilities/library sonnykosky@bluevonder.co.uk 01702 589105</p>	<p>Stock Rd Cemetery, SS2 5QF Sunday – Friday Winter 10am – 3pm GMT Summer 10am – 4pm BST</p>	<p>Ladies Guild Kiddushim Contact Lisa Berg on 07760141162 or swhc.org.uk/ladies-guild/#kiddush</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>Pop-In Shul Hall Tuesday 19th Feb 2019, 2-4pm Email Jan swhcfc@gmail.com</p>



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

SHABBAT TERUMAH

FRIDAY NIGHT

Mincha *then* Kabbalat Shabbat 4:40pm
 Shabbat begins/candle lighting 4:41pm

SHABBAT DAY

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

Shabbat ends 5:55pm
 Ma'ariv 6:15pm
(Shul car park gates will be open)

WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY

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 4:50pm
 Shabbat begins/candle lighting 4:53pm

Torah Reading	Rabbi Eli Brunner	Soncino Pg 500
Haftarah Terumah	Stanley Robinson	Soncino Pg 515
Anim Zemiroth	Saul Bebb	Sacks Singers Pg 458
<i>If you would like to repeat your Bar Mitzvah Haftarah, please contact the Gabbaim.</i>		

THOUGHTS ON THIS WEEK'S PARSHA *From Jeremy Symons*

We all know that not one word, even one letter, which is written in the Torah is superfluous. Yet this week's Parsha and subsequent Parshas seem to keep recalling, discussing and reemphasizing in great lengths, the 'construction of the Mishkan and its vessels.' So, my obvious question here is, why? It is certainly not for revision purposes.

The Alter Rebbe was once known to have said, "There are two different factors that determine a value to any given entity, the first is its rarity and the second is its necessity." Take a diamond for example, or some other precious gem which increases in price as a consequence of its scarcity or a stamp, which can become an expensive commodity for a collector because of its rarity. Logically thinking, if thousands more of these would suddenly flood the market, the cost price would be reduced dramatically and subsequently the stamp or diamond you have in your possession would also be devalued and now worth considerably less. Or is it?

Let us now look at the second factor of the Alter Rebbe, (necessity.) How can you put a price on the value of something? There are many things, which have plenty of intrinsic value, for which the majority of us take for granted. Take the natural elements of air, water and food for example, which in monetary terms, cost very little or nothing at all. However, without them nobody would be able to survive. As an experiment, try holding your breath for two minutes and then claim air has no value and is worthless. The result would be, you would not be able to.

The world is organized in such a way that in proportion to how much we really need something, it can be found in abundance all around us. Air is everywhere and we require it urgently to survive. Water can be less vital than air, but is still more vital than food. This is maybe why two-thirds of the earth's surface is covered with water. In comparison food is considered necessary less than the other two, but we still need a sufficient measure of it to live healthily. Therefore, the implied principle here seems to be that the more abundant a certain ingredient or commodity is, the more important and valuable it becomes in order for us to sustain life.

In comparable terms, all those things mentioned most often in the Torah are the most critical, whether we realize it or not. Take 'the exodus from Egypt' as a prime example. It takes up an enormous space in the Torah and is associated with many of our daily davening, and weekly, and yearly mitzvahs. We are commanded not only to speak in depth about the events of how we left Egypt in the Seder service at Pesach, but also to remember it each and every day of our lives.

The Torah uses the expression "leaving Egypt" 50 times in one form or another. This is to teach us. Just like we need air to breathe we have to keep reminding ourselves of what happened in Mitzraim in order to keep alive and maintain our Jewish survival

I once heard that the difference between a great person and everyone else is that a great person is greater in his private life than in his public life and everyone else is just the opposite. It is harder than it looks to create a real place of holiness. Maybe this idea and concept has a similar application towards the subject of the Mishkan, too. By observing the quantity of details and the quality of communal effort that went into creating it, we now have an emphatic reminder of the importance of our unique mission on this earth and the critical task we have of transforming our own little corner of creation. These still remain, after all these years, our primary vocation and purpose in life. 'Creating more and more spaces in the world in order to put spirituality and G-dliness in its place!

Good Shabbos!

VACANCY - GET AN INSIGHT OF WHAT GOES ON BEHIND THE SCENES

SWHC has a reputation over many decades for being one of the very few communities outside London with the privilege of a regular weekday minyan.

- Committed volunteers are required to help **MANAGE** and **RUN** the service at 8pm for one evening of **YOUR CHOICE** every week. A huge **MITZVAH!**
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Email: geoffrey.pepper@hotmail.co.uk. *Only one evening per week, coaching provided!*

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

Sheila Sekenofsky on her **85th Birthday**

Beverley & Ronnie Kloos on their **Pearl Wedding Anniversary**

Rabbi Eli Brunner on his recent "extra" special birthday

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

This Shabbat 9th February | The Kiddush this week is generously sponsored by **Geoffrey Pepper** to celebrate his wife, **Jennifer's** "extra" special birthday. Mazel Tov!

Next Shabbat 16th February | We have pleasure in welcoming **Mr & Mrs Dan Levy**. Dan Levy is editor of the Jewish Tribune and will be leading some of the services.

Shabbat UK March 1st/2nd | Join us for a special Shabbat in the company of **Rabbi Mendel Raskin & Rebbetzin Chaya Raskin**. Friday Night dinner with wine £20pp and Shabbat Lunch £15pp, combi ticket £30 pp. Child price (12 and under) FND £12.50, Sat lunch £10pp, combi ticket £20pp. **Family combi price £90** (2 adults, 2 children.) Non Members £22.50 and £17.50, combi price, £35pp. See poster for more details.



PURIM 5779 Wednesday 20th March | Fast of Esther Fast begins 4:19am,

Shacharit 8:30am. Mincha 1:45pm. Fast ends 7:01pm

*Followed by Purim with **Rabbi & Rebbetzin Raskin**. Ma'ariv 7pm*

Then Reading of Megillah. Refreshments, Hamantaschen & Fancy Dress!

Thursday 21st March | Shacharit 8:30am followed by Reading of Megillah. SJYC Youth event at 5pm, Reading of Megillah in the Talmud Torah – The Buzz Has Got Talent – and Fancy Dress for all the Youth, their families and the community with festive seudah. £3 per person.

Tuesday 2nd April | **WIZO** trip to the new **Blockbuster Exhibition, Christian Dior: Designer of Dreams** at the V & A Museum. All details please contact Adrienne Moss, Tel: 01702 333004.

Motzei Shabbat 20th April | Communal Seder 2nd Night Pesach in the company of **Chazan Eliot Alderman** who will be officiating. More details to follow.

Tuesday 13th August | **Ladies Guild "On Your Feet"** The life story of Gloria Estefan. If you have put your name down for tickets, please bring payment into the Shul Office in an envelope marked "Ladies Guild" for £42.50 pp plus £15 pp coach.



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OPENING HOURS

Monday 10am-1pm	Wednesday 10am-1pm
Thursday 11am-5pm	Friday 9am-1pm
	Sunday 9.30am-12.30pm

Orders for ALL GOODS for Thursday collection MUST be placed by Monday 12 noon latest!