



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

Helen Joseph on the loss of her father, **Leon Murray** in Spain.
Maureen Hyams, Julian Hyams & Michele Downes on the loss of a husband & father,
Derek Hyams.

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

(Yahrzeits begin the night before the date below)

Shabbat – 12 January/6 Shevat Mrs Pauline Patchick, Mr Howard Gibeon, Mr Cyril Levy, Mr Philip Lewis, Mrs Victoria Caplan, Mr Ronnie Blacker, Mrs Sylvia Vandermolen, Mr Jack Saunders

Sunday – 13 January /7 Shevat Mrs Sandra Kutner, Mrs Sonia Scott

Monday – 14 January /8 Shevat Mrs Sheila Byrne, Mrs Sybil Schiller, Mrs Hazel Ward, Miss Bertha Morris

Tuesday – 15 January /9 Shevat Mrs Rhoda Waterman, Mrs Marcelle Baum

Wednesday – 16 January /10 Shevat Mrs Netta Harper, Mrs Beverley Finer, Mrs Laura Lane, Mrs Patricia Krieger, Mr Maurice Jacques, Mr Allan Silver, Mrs Susan Konyon

Thursday – 17 January /11 Shevat Mrs Sue Abrahams, Mrs Valerie Kutner, Mrs Rochelle Spector, Mr Barry Riseman, Mrs Helena Rosenberg

Friday – 18 January/12 Shevat Mr Dennis Baum, Mr Colin Baum, Mr Trevor Raye

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 Restart 14th January 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>AID Society Bridge Sunday 3rd February Thorpe Bay Bridge Club Call Geoff Cohen 339601 or Jan Linden 343289</p>
<p>Cheder Registration and welcome session 10.15 am-12.15pm Sunday 13th January</p>	<p>J.A.C.S. Wednesdays Restart 16th January 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>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>SJYC Watch out for details on the new weekly Club starting in January 2019!</p>

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This week's Newsletter is kindly sponsored by
Ruth & David Solomons
in celebration of
Lilly's Batmitzvah weekend.
Mazel tov to grandparents
Phillip & Natalie Solomons and Philip & Evelyne Raphael & all the family.



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

SHABBAT BO

FRIDAY NIGHT

Shabbat begins/candle lighting 3:53pm
 Mincha *then* Kabbalat Shabbat 3:55pm

SHABBAT DAY

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

Shabbat ends 5:12pm
 Ma'ariv 5:40pm
(Shul car park gates will be open)

WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Shacharit 8:30am
 Ma'ariv **7.15pm**

NEXT FRIDAY

Shacharit 8:30am
 Mincha *then* Kabbalat Shabbat 4:00pm
 Shabbat begins/candle lighting 4:04pm

Torah Reading	Rabbi Geoffrey Shisler	Soncino Pg 377
Haftorah Bo	Jeremy Symons	Soncino Pg 404
Anim Zemirot	Louis Jacobs & Saul Bebb	Sacks Singers Pg 458

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

THOUGHTS ON THIS WEEKS' PARSHA *From Jeremy Symons*

If there is one character trait of Moshe's we need to be continually aware of it has to be the love and devotion he has for all. Every creature, from the smallest ewe to the oldest bull, from the tiniest baby to the oldest woman, Moshe has felt responsible for and despite all the danger he was facing every time he stood before Pharaoh, he was willing to risk his own freedom and even his own life to ensure everyone would be ultimately redeemed.

Every year on Pesach we are commanded to relive the moment of the Exodus as though we were personally there. In his commentary, Rabbi Greenvald points out - In order to know what we need to do in order to commemorate the Exodus, year after year, you first have to take a few moments understanding who else came out from Mitzraim with us - **Ex. 12:38** tells of a "mixed multitude" (*eirev rav*) who joined in with the Israelites during the Exodus.

One might guess that throughout the centuries there has been debate over what this term means. Rashi simply says that these people were converts. Ibn Ezra is a bit harsher when he describes them as "Egyptian rabbles who took the opportunity to escape from their own fate dealt out to them by the Egyptian hierarchy."

In simplistic terms: I believe the 'mixed multitudes' were anyone who would be vulnerable in Pharaoh's harsh monarchy and, due to Moshe's kindness, allowed them to leave with no questions asked of why?

Even now, in the 21st century, we too can be confronted with the mixed multitudes trying to escape to a better life and we all have a choice of how or what we can do as Jews to help. At the end of the day, even though they may have different religions, cultures etc, they are still all Hashem's creatures and should be treated with the dignity they deserve.

Just like Moshe, we all have an opportunity and responsibility to show our Jewish values of diversity and acceptance. Thirty-six times in the Torah, we are instructed to "remember the stranger." Today, a "stranger" may be anyone: a person of a different ethnicity, political view or just someone identified by any other one of the myriad boundaries we have put up. Just like at the time of the Exodus, we are here together, fighting our way towards freedom.

From the very beginning, we are here with, and here for, each other. To this day, we are all responsible to respond to the needs of the vulnerable, even if it means risking some of our own freedoms.

Let us try to emulate Moshe and not allow a single entity, not adult nor child nor sheep, be left behind. So we can all joyfully claim 'Last year we were in bondage. This year we are truly free.'

Shabbat Shalom

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

Janice & Howard Linden on the engagement of their daughter **Debbie to Martin Pampel, son of Vivienne & Philip Pampel of Woodford Green.**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

This Shabbat 12th January | We have pleasure in welcoming back **Rabbi Geoffrey Shisler & wife Ann.** Rabbi Shisler will be officiating and leading the services. The Kiddush is generously sponsored by **Ruth & David Solomons** in celebration of **Lilly's Batmitzvah** and we wish them Mazeltov and to grandparents, Evelyne & Philip Raphael and Natalie & Phil Solomons and to all the family! Ruth & David are delighted to invite the congregation to Kiddush following the service.

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 / or Simon Belson 07774 778383 / simonbelson@aol.com.

Next Shabbat Beshalach 19th January | From the Gateshead Talmudic Centre, we welcome the return of **Dovid Chalk, Eli Hepner** and **Alex Krausher** who will be leading the services over Shabbat. They were last here nearly 2 years ago and after the morning service finished, the Wardens were besieged by members of the Community saying how much they were uplifted by the heart-stopping service & sermon. Everyone invited to the Kiddush which follows the service.

Sunday 20th January, 7:30pm | **Comedy Evening** with Rachel Creeger, celebrating Tu B'shevat (New Year for Trees). 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** 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.

Shabbat Yitro 26th January | **Ann & David Wine** will be celebrating David's second Barmitzvah, Mazel Tov! We also have pleasure in welcoming the return of **Rabbi Eli Brunner.**

COMMUNITY VOICE DEADLINE FOR PESACH EDITION

Please supply any articles, photographs etc. into the Synagogue Office by
Friday, 25th January 2019.

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

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Monday 12 noon latest!**