

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

The family of the late **Olga Chinn**.

STONE SETTINGS

Sunday 26th May 2:30pm

Doris Finesilver

Stock Road

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

(Yahrzeits begin the night before the date below)

Shabbat – 25 May/20 Iyar Mrs Janice Pitch

Sunday – 26 May/21 Iyar Mrs Roberta Rose

Monday – 27 May /22 Iyar No Yahrzeits

Tuesday – 28 May /23 Iyar Mr Keith Fenton, Mr Adam Shapiro, Mrs Robyna Shinegold

Wednesday – 29 May /24 Iyar Mrs Brenda Feldman, Mr Gerry Russell,

Mr Jeffrey Greenstein

Thursday – 30 May /25 Iyar Mrs Valerie Sperber, Mr Brian Moss, Mrs Fay Muller,

Mr Gavin Simons

Friday – 31 May/26 Iyar Mr Norman Lapp, Mrs Barbara Lee, Mrs Penny Simons,

Ms Corinne Lee, Mr Michael Nelkin, Mrs Freda Harris, Mr Richard Raphael,

Mrs Linda Burns

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 swhcf@gmail.com or call Janice on 07752874065 or the Shul Office on 01702 344900

REGULAR EVENTS & NOTICES

Shalom Friendship Club "The Monday Club" Call Maurice 01702 351845	Bereavement Support Group Monday 24 th June at the home of Norman Karobik Call Janice 07752 874065	AID Society Bridge Sunday 2 nd June Thorpe Bay Bridge Club Call Geoff Cohen 339601 or Jan Linden 343289
Cheder This Sunday rael@moont.com	SJYC Youth Club - Thursdays Ages 5-15 in the Talmud Torah	J.A.C.S. Wednesdays 01268 771978
Shul Library swhc.org.uk/facilities/library sonnykosky@blueyonder.co.uk 01702 589105	Stock Rd Cemetery, SS2 5QF Sunday – Friday Winter 10am – 3pm GMT Summer 10am – 4pm BST	Ladies Guild Kiddushim Contact Sara Vandermolen on 01702 344900 swhc.org.uk/ladies-guild/#kiddush
Tree of Life - Shul Hall Mark your Simcha with a leaf on the tree for £110	Newsletter Sponsorship Contact the Shul Office £25 donation	Pop-In Shul Hall Tuesday 18 th June, 2-4pm Email Jan swhcf@gmail.com

Seudah Shlishit If anyone would like to sponsor a Seudah Shlishit for a Birthday, Anniversary etc. or to commemorate a Yahrzeit, kindly contact geoffrey.pepper@hotmail.co.uk (minimum donation £30).



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This week's Newsletter & Kiddush are generously sponsored by Jill & Lawrence Collins, in celebration of Lawrence's 80th Birthday. Mazel Tov!



Shabbat Shalom! We are delighted to welcome all members and guests today. Everyone is invited to the Kiddush following the service.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
27th MAY SHUL OFFICE CLOSED

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SHABBAT BEHAR

FRIDAY NIGHT

Mincha *then* Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm

Shabbat & Candle lighting 8:00pm

SHABBAT DAY

Shacharit 9:30am

Children's Service & Kiddush 11:00am

Kiddush *after the main service*

Mincha *followed by*

Seudah Shlishit 8:45pm

Ma'ariv *when Shabbat ends* 10:07pm

WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY-THURSDAY

Shacharit 8:30am

Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:00pm

NEXT FRIDAY

Shacharit 8:30am

Mincha *then* Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm

Shabbat begins/candle lighting 8:00pm



Celebrating a simcha? Remembering a loved one? Consider sponsoring the Weekly Newsletter. Please contact the Shul Office for more info. 01702 344900

Torah Readin	Rabbi Eli Brunner	Soncino Pg 764
Haftorah Behar	Stephen Salt	Soncino Pg 774
Anim Zemirov	Saul Bebb	Sacks Singers Pg 458

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

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

Even though the Sedra of Behar deals primarily with the laws of Shmittah and Yovel, incorporated within it there are other laws relating to slavery, aiding the poor, idol-worshipping and Shabbat. What links them all together?

The concept of resting the land of Israel every seven and fifty years is very similar to keeping Shabbat each week. Just as Hashem created the world in six days and relaxing on the seventh, we should follow suit and do the same. Hashem gave us Shabbat in order that we can take some time out and fully appreciate the world around us, acknowledging to the fact that Hashem has and will always, continue to sustain it.

The Shmittah year is no different. Here too, we have to consciously recognise the Earth belongs to Hashem and we are just his hired help. True we are permitted to eat from Hashem's produce and take benefit and pleasure from all of Hashem's other creations, but we must keep reminding ourselves (Vayikra 25:23) "The whole world belongs to me (Hashem)".

After completing seven cycles of Shmittah, The Yovel (Jubilee year) comes along. This time not only is any farming or agricultural work still prohibited. Any land that was sold over the past fifty years reverts back to its original owner free of charge. This serves to teach us that although any land or property can be sold or bought, the reality is nobody really owns any of it at all. To drive and strengthen this point home further. Every single Jewish slave must be set free also. The reason is because once again, technically, we are all considered to be 'Servants of Hashem' and therefore should never, for whatever circumstances that may have befallen upon a particular individual, become a slave to others.

All this makes logical sense but where does Avodah Zora (Idol worship) fit in? The answer is simple. Any person who dabbles and practices in such things are basically rebelling and going against all the principles and concepts I've just mentioned above. If a person believes there must be a pantheon of G-ds ruling their own domain. Like the sun, sea, thunder for example. How can they acknowledge and accept at the same time that there is one 'Sovereign G-d' who rules over and governs everything? It is totally impossible.

In Summary: All the commandments discussed in this Parsha resolve around one vital and fundamental ideology. The concept of Hashem's insistence that we, the Jewish people recognise the fact that the whole world, including all its inhabitants ultimately belong to Hashem. Proving that no matter what possessions, commodities and entitlements you may think you have, is nothing more than a lavish loan given to us all by Hashem and we should always constantly be very humbled and gracious of having such a kind and generous host, allowing us to enjoy them.

Good Shabbos!

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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!

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

Cynthia & Jeffrey Simmons on their son **Craig** being elected **Lord Mayor of the City of Oxford.**

Dr Arnold Azulay on his **83rd Birthday** (English Birthday)

Evelyn Raphael on her **80th Birthday**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Shabbat 25th May | We welcome the return of **Rabbi Eli Brunner** and his dear wife, **Claire.**

Shabbat 1st June | The Kiddush will be generously sponsored by **Leslie Kleinman**, celebrating his **90th Birthday** and **Maurice Symons**, celebrating his **75th Birthday.**

The Community welcomes guest **Rabbi Naftali Schiff**, renowned speaker, founder of J.Roots and numerous educational organisations and also his wife, **Dr Elena Schiff.**

Sunday 2nd June, 3-5pm | CCI presents *The Persecution of Christians & Jews in the Middle East.* **Venue:** Avenue Baptist Church, Milton Road, Westcliff, SS0 7PL. Speakers: Lyn Julius, Journalist and Author of "Uprooted" - the persecution of Jews, Pastor Wagih Abdelmassih - the persecution of Christians. For more information, contact Peter Baum or Jack de Metz.

SHAVUOT 5779

Shabbat 8th – Monday 10th June | We welcome the return of guest **Rabbi Dovid Sher**, who delivered some inspirational sermons during his visit here last Sukkot.

Shabbat 8th June Erev Shavuot | Board of Management Shabbat

Shacharit 9:30am Torah Reading: **Rabbi Dovid Sher** and **Samuel Fine**

Shabbat Mincha 8:30pm *followed by Seudah Tikun Leil*, a programme of learning for Men & Women with refreshments, cheesecake and guest speakers.

Motzei Shabbat **1st Night Shavuot Shabbat ends and start of Shavuot**

Candle lighting 10:29pm (candles may not be lit before this time) Ma'ariv 10pm

Sunday 9th June | 1st Day Shavuot

Shacharit 9:30am Torah Reading: **Rabbi Dovid Sher** and **Samuel Fine**

Reading of the Ten Commandments *approx 10:30am*

Children's Service 11am followed by a special Ice-Cream Kids Kiddush!

Community Kiddush in honour of the **Board of Management** *when service ends.*

Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:30pm

Candle lighting 2nd Day 10:30pm

Monday 10th June | 2nd Day Shavuot

Shacharit 9:30am Torah Reading: **Rabbi Dovid Sher** and **Samuel Fine**

Yizkor *approx 11:30am* **Community Cheesecake Kiddush** *when service ends.*

Mincha 9:15pm Ma'ariv 10:31pm *when Yom Tov Ends*

Ladies Guild Trip to see "On Your Feet" - the life story of Gloria Estefan.

The London Coliseum, Tuesday 13th August, 7:30pm.

Due to cancellations, there are still a few tickets available for this trip.

Cost: £42.50 per ticket, £15 coach travel pp. If you would like to join us, please contact

Sara on 07813824684 / van38@blueyonder.co.uk.