

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

The family of the late **Barry Winston**

Cedric Jacobs, Dov Jacobs, Natalie Lieberman, Sybil Valentine, Sammy Charker and Gerald Charker on the loss of a wife, mother and sister, **Tina Jacobs**

STONESETTINGS *Stock Road Cemetery, SS2 5QF unless otherwise stated.*

Sunday 4th August 3.15pm **Jack Goldstein**

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

(Yahrzeits begin the night before the date below)

Shabbat – 20 July/17 Tammuz Mrs Rosalyn Cohen, Mrs Frances Hausberger, Mrs Minnie Silverton

Sunday – 21 July/18 Tammuz Mrs Elise Levy, Mrs Jennifer Silver, Mrs Yvette Oakes, Mr Geoffrey Waterman, Mr Leslie Zeffie

Monday – 22 July /19 Tammuz Mr Cyril Levy

Tuesday – 23 July/20 Tammuz Mrs Maxine Herman, Mrs Sophia Zetter

Wednesday – 24 July/21 Tammuz Mr Geoffrey Basco, Mr Raymond Basco, Mrs Annette Samuels

Thursday – 25 July/22 Tammuz Mr Ivor Bennett, Mrs Henrietta Rabinovitch, Mr Jeffrey Hendrick, Mrs Gloria Goldring

Friday – 26 July/23 Tammuz Mrs Gina Dias, Mrs Sheila Leigh, Mr Norman Lapp

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" Social club with card games. Call Maurice 01702 351845	Bereavement Support Group Monday 22 nd July at the home of Sophie Zetter Call Janice 07752 874065	AID Society Bridge Sun, 4th August Thorpe Bay Bridge Club. Call Geoff Cohen 339601 or Jan Linden 343289
Cheder Monday 5pm – 6.30pm mossadrienne@outlook.com	SIYC Youth Club - Thursdays Ages 5-15 in the Talmud Torah yael@moont.com	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 20 th August 2-4pm Email Jan swhcf@gmail.com



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SHABBAT BALAK

FRIDAY NIGHT

Mincha *then* Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm
Shabbat & Candle lighting 8:00pm

SHABBAT DAY

Shacharit 9:30am

No Children's Service

Kiddush *after the main service*

Mincha *followed by*

Seudah Shlishit 8:30pm

Ma'ariv *when Shabbat ends* 10:12pm

*This week's Newsletter is kindly sponsored by **Guy & Yael Bebb** in celebration of their son, **Saul's** Barmitzvah. Mazel Tov also to sister, **Evie!** The **Seudah Shlishit** will be kindly sponsored by the **Bebb** family. Guest Speakers: **Rabbi Sufrin & Rabbi Zeidman.***



Shabbat Shalom! We are delighted to welcome everyone today. If visiting, please make yourself known to the Wardens and the Shul Board of Management. Everyone is invited to the Kiddush in the Talmud Torah following the service.

WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY - Fast of Tammuz – See inside

MONDAY-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

Torah Reading Rishon & Sheini	Saul Bebb	Soncino Pg 915
Remainder of Torah Reading	Robert Owen	
Maftir	Saul Bebb	Soncino Pg 929
Haftarah Balak	Saul Bebb	Soncino Pg 929
Anim Zemiroth	Ilan Moont	Sacks Siddur Pg 458

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

Who remembers that old T.V. show Mister Ed, about the talking horse? Well, in this week's Torah portion of Balak, we find the story relating to a talking donkey!

The Torah tells us that Balak, King of Moab, hired the non-Jewish prophet, Bilam, to curse the Jewish people. As Bilam was riding his donkey to meet with Balak, G-d sent an angel to block his path. The donkey sensed the angel and turned to the side, but Bilam didn't see anything. So he struck his loyal donkey repeatedly, at which point, a miracle occurred. The donkey had the power of speech and used it to chastise its master. "What have I done to you that you struck me these three times?", to which Bilam replied, "Because you mocked me. If only there were a sword in my hand, I would have killed you!"

Now imagine, for a second, that you are driving home along the motorway after a long day at work, and, all of a sudden, your good old motor starts smoking under the hood. So you immediately pull over to the shoulder, open the hood, but you can't find the source of the problem. In your frustration, you slam down the hood, when suddenly your car speaks to you, inquiring why you did it. What would your reaction be? Would you snap back at your car and say, "One more crack outta you, and I'm trading you in for a new model"? I don't think so. If anything, you would be amazed and awed and humbled by the supernatural, miraculous phenomenon that you had just witnessed! Yet Bilam hears his donkey talking to him, and all he can think of is to threaten the hapless animal! How so?

We can gain some understanding of Bilam's strange reaction to this open miracle with the help of a short story: A Jewish fellow who has just made Aliyah, takes a trip to one of the most beautiful areas of the Holy land. As he strolls through scenic valleys full of luscious greenery, with breath-taking beauty all around him, he is greatly inspired by this wonderful land that G-d has given His people. A little further on, he notices an orange grove with a house in the middle of it. With the midday sun beating down upon him, he decides to shelter himself under the beautiful trees of the orange grove, ripping an orange off the tree and enjoying its refreshing taste. All of a sudden, a loud heavenly voice calls out, "Thou shalt not steal!" The man looks up in total awe and amazement, and proclaims, "Wow! What a great country this is!", as he continues to take another bite out of the orange. "Where else can you hear G-d Himself teaching us His commandments, whilst giving us such great-tasting fruit as well?"

The truth is: We hear what we want to hear. Bilam had an agenda. He was bent on cursing the Jewish people. He knew very well that Hashem was not happy about this and was sending him a message through the miraculous talking donkey - that the power of speech is in Hashem hands and is not to be abused by using it to curse anyone. But that Divine message was lost to Bilam's ears. His agenda and inflated ego didn't allow him to hear what he should have heard. So the amazing impact of witnessing a real live talking donkey was totally lost on him, and he just went on with life as usual, blaming the donkey for all his troubles.

Life is about challenges and everything that happens carries within it a potential lesson that we can learn from. If we are open to Hashem's message and to all the little and not-so-little clues that come our way every day, then we will grow tremendously and become more spiritually sensitive people. But if we are filled with only our own agendas and self-absorbed interests, then even the most amazing miracles, like a talking donkey or car, will pass us right by, having no impact on us whatsoever. *Good Shabbos*

Just Kosher SWHC EAT WELL FOR LESS!

If you want to place an order for collection: justkosherwhc@gmail.com / 07780 449081

OPENING HOURS: Monday 10am – 1pm Wednesday 10am – 1pm

Thursday 11am – 5pm Friday 9.30am – 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*

Melvyn Rosehill who has recently been awarded the **Queen's Award for Voluntary Service** for his hospital volunteering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have great pleasure in announcing that **Rabbi Geoffrey & Rebbetzin Michelle Hyman** will be joining our wonderful community week commencing 22nd July and officiating from next Shabbat Friday, 26th July, 2019. There will be a Welcome Kiddush after the service on Shabbat Va'eschanan 17th August to which everyone is invited. We wish our New Rabbi & his wife all our best wishes for a wonderful time in our community & I know that SWHC will go from strength to strength. *Michael E. Nelkin*, President.

We are delighted to announce that **Alexander Walters** is our new **Shul Shammass** assisting the Gabbaim with the continued smooth running of the Shabbat and Yom Tovim services.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

This Shabbat 20th July | Mazel Tov to Saul Bebb on his Barmitzvah. Also to parents Guy & Yael Bebb, sister Evie, grandparents Jonathan & Barbara Moont and to all the family. This week's Kiddush is generously sponsored by the Bebb Family. We welcome back Rabbi Aryeh & Mrs Devorah Sufrin.

The Three Weeks begins 21st July | Fast of Tammuz - Fast begins 2:26am Shacharit 8:30am. Mincha/Ma'ariv 8pm. Fast ends 9:55pm. The 17th Tammuz is a Fast day commemorating the breach of the walls of Jerusalem before the destruction of the Second Temple and marks the beginning of the three-week mourning period, leading up to Tisha B'Av.

Thursday 25th July 1:30pm – 3:30pm | Table Top Sale at Jewish Community Centre, 1 Cobham Rd. Raising funds for outings.

Shabbat 27th July | The Kiddush is jointly sponsored by **Sandra & Ian Lieberman** in celebration of their grandson **Lewis Brigg's** Barmitzvah, and by **Sharon & Stewart Somers** for **Stewart's 70th** Birthday.

Shabbat 10th Aug | Tisha B'Av - Fast of Av. Mincha 8:00pm Fast begins 8:29pm during Shabbat. Ma'ariv 9:29pm when Shabbat ends, followed by Eicha.

Sunday 11th Aug | Shacharit 8:30am followed by Kinot and explanatory insights. Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:00pm. Fast ends 9:15pm. Mourning the destruction of both Temples and other disasters in Jewish History. **Shul Office will be closed.**

Talmud Torah Activities **NEW**

From September 2019, we are delighted to announce new activities for the whole community taking place in the Talmud Torah. If you are interested in any of the classes below, and have not yet contacted the Shul Office, please do so as soon as possible. Telephone: 01702 344900 or email shuloffice@swhc.org.uk

Day	Weekly Classes	Start Date	Time	Cost
Monday	Pilates <i>with Joggy</i>	9 th September	1pm – 2pm	£5 per class
Tuesday	Drawing & Art <i>with Rosalind</i>	10 th September	1pm – 3pm	£5 per class
Wednesday	Ivrit <i>with Lital</i>	23 rd October	1pm – 2pm	£5 per class