

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 3.15pm Jack Goldstein **Minyan Required**  
 Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2.30pm Marie Royston

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

*(Yahrzeits begin the night before the date below)*

**Shabbat – 3 August/2 Av** Mr Barry James, Mrs Louise Gershlick, Mr Geoffrey Woolf  
**Sunday – 4 August/3 Av** Mrs Myra Blayer, Mr David Garston, Mr Edward Garston, Mrs Yvonne Baxter  
**Monday – 5 August /4 Av** Mrs Audrey Barcan, Mr Howard Linden, Mr Steven Linden,  
**Tuesday – 6 August/5 Av** Mr Colin Sinclair, Mrs Carol Gedda  
**Wednesday – 7 August/6 Av** Mrs Betty Nathan, Mrs Estella Brone, Mr Neville Peters, Mr Leslie Royston, Mrs Lila Jacobs, Mrs Brianna Welch, Mrs Georgina Baum  
**Thursday – 8 August/7 Av** Mrs Jane Lipner  
**Friday – 9 August/8 Av** Mr Stephen Barnett, Mrs Edna Roseman

**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 [swhcfc@gmail.com](mailto:swhcfc@gmail.com) or call Janice on 07752874065 or the Shul Office on 01702 344900

**REGULAR EVENTS & NOTICES**

<p><b>Shalom Friendship Club</b>  <b>"The Monday Club"</b>                  Social club with card games.                  Call Maurice 01702 351845</p>	<p><b>Bereavement Support Group</b>  <b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>                  at the home of Geoffrey Basco                  Call Janice 07752 874065</p>	<p><b>AID Society Bridge</b>  <b>Sun, 4<sup>th</sup> August</b> Thorpe Bay Bridge Club. Call Geoff Cohen 339601 or Jan Linden 343289</p>
<p><b>Cheder Monday</b>                  Resumes September!  <a href="mailto:mossadrienne@outlook.com">mossadrienne@outlook.com</a></p>	<p><b>SJYC Youth Club</b>                  Club will continue after the summer  <a href="mailto:yael@moont.com">yael@moont.com</a></p>	<p><b>J.A.C.S. Wednesdays</b>                  01268 771978</p>
<p><b>Shul Library</b>  <a href="http://swhc.org.uk/facilities/library">swhc.org.uk/facilities/library</a>  <a href="mailto:sonnykosky@bluevonder.co.uk">sonnykosky@bluevonder.co.uk</a>                  01702 589105</p>	<p><b>Stock Rd Cemetery, SS2 5QF</b>                  Sunday – Friday                  Winter 10am – 3pm GMT                  Summer 10am – 4pm BST</p>	<p><b>Ladies Guild Kiddushim</b>                  Contact Sara Vandermolen on 01702 344900  <a href="http://swhc.org.uk/ladies-guild/#kiddush">swhc.org.uk/ladies-guild/#kiddush</a></p>
<p><b>Tree of Life - Shul Hall</b>                  Mark your Simcha with a leaf on the tree for £110</p>	<p><b>Newsletter Sponsorship</b>                  Contact the Shul Office                  £25 donation</p>	<p><b>Pop-In Shul Hall</b>  <b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2-4pm</b>                  Email Jan <a href="mailto:swhcfc@gmail.com">swhcfc@gmail.com</a></p>



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**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 following the service.

**SHABBAT MATOT MASEI**

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

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

**SHABBAT DAY**

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

Mincha *followed by*

Seudah Shlishit 8:30pm  
 Ma'ariv *when Shabbat ends* 9:45pm

**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



Torah Reading – Matot Masei	<b>Rabbi Hyman</b>	Soncino Pg 955
Haftorah-Shimu	<b>Anthony Larholt</b>	Soncino Pg 984
(2 <sup>nd</sup> Haftorah of the Three Weeks)		
Anim Zemirov	<b>Saul Bebb</b>	Sacks Siddur Pg 458
<i>If you would like to repeat your Bar Mitzvah Haftorah, please contact the Gabbaim.</i>		

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

In the second of this week's double Sedra, we encounter an astounding and perplexing law relating to the Ir Miklat (City of Refuge), where a person who accidentally kills another person is allowed to dwell there in order to escape the vengeance of the next of kin, who has the right to kill the perpetrator if they are caught before entering one of these safe havens.

This raises many weighty questions. Does the Torah really permit a person to take the law into his own hands, allowing the next of kin to pursue and perhaps even kill the accidental murderer? Furthermore, isn't this entire issue out of character for the Torah, which in general, is so compassionate and protective of human life?

There are three categories of accidental deaths in which the killer is permitted to escape to one of these cities and be virtually assured their safety from the murdered next of kin enacting their vengeance upon them while they await trial and are judged on their actions. The first is the death occurring without any negligence on the part of the perpetrator. The second category, known as Shogeg, where the accidental death occurred due to petty negligence and the third scenario, is a case where there was gross negligence on the part of the murderer.

In reality, believe it or not this resolution is more beneficial for the avengers rather than the perpetrators, because their actions could lead to facing a trial themselves and if found guilty, punished accordingly. The next of kin cannot really be expected to exact retribution and kill the perpetrator, because they do not know which particular "accidental" category the perpetrator has fallen into. If the death was truly accidental and there was no negligence involved, the killer is not at all at fault, and is entitled to go free. However, in the instance of gross negligence, the killer must stand before the Beit Din and be trialed for murder, facing the consequences issued to them by the judges. It is only in the case of Shogeg, where the death was due to petty negligence, where the killer can be put to death by the victims next of kin.

In a fascinating nuance the Torah's principle of the sanctity of human life is still intact. Today most of us are covered by liability or accident insurance in case of an inadvertent mishap. The Torah, on the other hand, posits that even petty negligence may not be excused, that the perpetrator must be held accountable for their errors and undergo rehabilitation. This is accomplished by bringing all the accidental killers together to a city of refuge for the equivalent of "group therapy," and re-educating them regarding the ultimate value of the sanctity of life.

I have come to understand from what seems to be a primitive and perplexing law of the Torah, is years ahead of any contemporary legal practices or modern social philosophy and could easily be re-instituted in our modern laws today.

*Good Shabbos*

**Just Kosher SWHC EAT WELL FOR LESS!**

*If you want to place an order for collection: [justkosherswhc@gmail.com](mailto:justkosherswhc@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*

**Sammy Cohen** on his **80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.**

**Felicia Lawrence** on her **80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.**

**Gina & Gavin Dias** on their **Ruby (40<sup>th</sup>) Wedding Anniversary.**

**Lady Sharon Gold** on gaining a **First in BA Hons History of Art.**

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**This Shabbat 3<sup>rd</sup> August** | The Kiddush is generously sponsored by **Angela & Sammy Cohen & family** in celebration of **Sammy's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.**

**Shabbat 10<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> Aug | Tisha B'Av** 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. **The Shul Office and The Shop will be closed.**

**Shabbat 17th August 2019 | Kiddush for Rabbi Geoffrey & Rebbetzin Michelle Hyman.** Join us on Shabbat to welcome our new Rabbinical couple to the community and Kiddush after the service.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 7:30pm | An Evening with Mark Miller,** who after his fascinating talk at Shabbat UK, will be recounting more of his amazing stories as a Detective Inspector with the Police Force. Plus musical entertainment from **Sidney Austin!** Delicious savouries, mini-bagels, fruit and drinks. Tickets from the Shul Office, Members £12.50/Non-Members £13.50

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September | Emunah Film Show** TBC...

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September South Hampstead Synagogue "Neshama"** An evening for the women in our community. For more information & tickets <http://www.chief-rabbi.org/neshama>

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October | "Fiddler on the Roof."** Ladies Guild have best stalls for the evening performance of this iconic show at the Playhouse Theatre, London. £60 stalls, £15 coach. Contact Sara Vandermolen 07813824684 / [van38@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:van38@blueyonder.co.uk)

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 12.30pm | "Celebrity Luncheon."** The Ladies Guild are delighted to announce that our guest this year will be **Laurence Marks**, half of the wonderful writing team "Marks & Gran." Their writing achievements include "Shine on Harvey Moon" & "Birds of a Feather." Members £30/Non-Members £35. Please book early to avoid disappointment! Shul Hall. Contact Sara Vandermolen 07813824684 / [van38@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:van38@blueyonder.co.uk)

### *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](mailto:shuloffice@swhc.org.uk)

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