

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

The family of the late **Sarah Freedman**

YAHREZITS *Rabbi Bar and the whole community wish the following members, Long Life.*

(Yahrzeits begin the night before the date below)

- Shabbat – 9 December / 21 Kislev** Mr Barry Kaiser, Mrs Laraine Barnes
Sunday – 10 December / 22 Kislev Mrs Muriel Rosenberg, Mr David Baker, Mr Elliot Baker, Mr Michael Baker, Mr Sammy Cohen, Mr Eddie Greene
Monday – 11 December / 23 Kislev Mrs Cheryl Goldenberg, Mrs Vivienne Lee, Mrs Shirley Gibeon
Tuesday – 12 December / 24 Kislev Mr Stephen Barnett, Mr Cyril Berman, Mr Victor Berman, Mr Michael Goldstein, Mr Cedric Jacobs, Mr Keith Jacobs, Mr Stuart Jacobs
Wednesday – 13 December / 25 Kislev Mrs Sybil Graham, Mrs Suzanne Taylor, Mrs Joan Green, Mrs Brenda Hendrick
Thursday – 14 December / 26 Kislev Mr Cyril Berman, Mr Victor Berman, Mr Brian Moss, Mrs Lily Marks, Mrs Barbara Kerkhoff, Mrs Josephine Muslin
Friday – 15 December / 27 Kislev Mrs Brenda Franks, Mrs Edna Stuart, Mrs Zena Rose

VISITING THE SICK If you know anyone who would like a hospital or home visit from Rabbi Bar or a member of the *Community Care Committee*, please email swhcfc@gmail.com 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 <u>End of Year Social</u> Monday 18th December at the home of Janice Call Janice on 07752 874065</p>	<p>Board Of Deputies Sponsors sought for an additional delegate. Donations to the Shul Office</p>
<p>Cheder Classes Every Tuesday rabbibar@gmail.com</p>	<p>J.A.C.S. Wednesdays Call Allan Goldstein 01268 771978 for more info</p>	<p>SJYC – Youth Club New Sunday Club starting 14th January 2018! Call Sarah Miller 07818 412425</p>
<p>AID Society Bridge 10th Dec Thorpe Bay Bridge Club Call Geoff Cohen 339601 or Jan Linden 343289</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 Talmud Torah Tuesday 19 Dec 2pm-4pm Email Janice swhcfc@gmail.com</p>



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SHABBAT VAYESHEV

FRIDAY NIGHT

Mincha/Carlebach-Style
Kabbalat Shabbat 3:30pm
Shabbat commences
and Candle lighting 3:30pm

SHABBAT DAY

Shacharit 9:30am
Children's Service 11:00am
Kiddush & Mincha *follows the main service*
Shabbat ends 4.48pm
Ma'ariv 5:20pm

WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY

Shacharit 8:30am
Mincha 1:45pm
Ma'ariv 8:45pm

MONDAY - THURSDAY

Shacharit 8:00am
Mincha 1:45pm
Ma'ariv 8:45pm

NEXT FRIDAY

Shacharit 8:00am
4th Night Chanukah Lighting 3:20pm
*Candles for the 4th night will be lit in Shul
Chanukah Candles must be lit at home before
the onset of Shabbat and before the Shabbat
Candles*
Shabbat commences 3:29pm
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 3:30pm

*This week's newsletter is kindly sponsored by **Diana Denny** in loving memory of a great friend, Lily Bloch "obm".*



We are delighted to welcome all members and guests/visitors today. Everyone is invited to the Kiddush after the service which we hope you will enjoy.

Torah Reading	Rabbi Bar	Soncino pg 229
Haftorah Vayeshev	Geoffrey Pepper	Soncino pg 248
<i>If you would like to repeat your Bar Mitzvah Haftorah, please contact the Gabbaim.</i>		


THE SHOP - NOW BEING SUPPLIED BY **KOSHER DELI**
Kosher fresh, frozen, dry and baked goods available locally Butchers & Delicatessen
Open: Thursday | 10am-4:30pm **Friday** | 8:30am-11:30am **Sunday** | 9:30am-11:30am
 01702 430307 (during opening hours) / alanmarkovitch@yahoo.co.uk / 07956 597271

CONSTANT CLIMBING *Thoughts on the Parsha*

In this week's Parsha we read how Tamar, Yehuda's daughter-in-law, was informed that Yehuda was about to come to the town of Timna to shear his sheep. In the words of the Torah: "And it was related to Tamar saying: 'Behold, your father-in-law is coming up to Timna to shear his flocks.

The Torah does not detail the nature of a person's going and coming if not absolutely necessary to the content of the story. For example, even though Avraham was taking his son Yitschak up a mountain (in the story of the *Akeda*) the verse simply says "And he went to the place etc." Why then, does the verse specify in our story of Tamar, that Yehuda " ...is coming up to Timna... "?

Rashi, in an innovative interpretation, explains that Timna was one of those few towns located on the slopes of a mountain. Rashi states, "...you ascend to it from one direction and descend to it from the other." It is now clear that the expression of ascent is important to the story of Tamar. Since Timna was on the mountain-slopes, Tamar, who was planning to go and meet Judah, could not have known from which direction her father-in-law was approaching the town if her informer would not say "...coming up to Timna...".

Our service of Hashem is similar to ascending a mountain. A mountain climber cannot stop mid-way on the steep slope, as it is almost impossible to prevent himself from losing his footing and falling; he must climb steadily upwards. Similarly, in ascending the "mountain of Hashem" a constant upwards movement is vital, not only for the purpose of going higher, but also to ensure that one does not fall lower.

The Chanukah lights teach us a similar message. Every night of Chanuka a new light is added, for spiritual affairs must always be in ascendancy. To observe the Mitzvah today with the same devotion as yesterday, we must increase our commitments!

Wishing you all a wonderful, bright and happy upcoming Chanukah!

Shabbat Shalom!
 Rabbi Binyamin Bar

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

Millie Highbloom on the occasion of her 100th Birthday and to the **Arkus** family.
Martin Solomons on the occasion of his 80th Birthday.
Eveanne & Elliot Baker on the birth of a granddaughter, born to **Sarah & Nick Warren** and another great granddaughter for **Terrie & Andrew Levene**.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 10th December, 12 for 12:30pm SHARP | Lunch with Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis. Grand Celebration Luncheon, marking our 111th Anniversary, with guest speaker Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis. **SOLD OUT**

Sunday 10th December, 3-6pm | Cobham Singers Fundraising concert at the Jewish Community Centre. Tickets £5 to include tea and cake (Not under SWHC Kashrut Supervision) please call 01702 334655.

Shabbat 16th December | The Kiddush will be generously sponsored by **Myra & David Gordon** as they celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Mazel Tov!

Sunday 17th December, 5:30pm | “Light up the Nights” Community Chanukah Party Rabbi & Rebbetzin Bar invite you to a FREE Chanukah party with donuts, latkes, chocolate, a video presentation, dreidel games and a short performance from the Cheder children. In the Shul Hall, everyone is encouraged to come along and have some Chanukah fun!

Public Menorah Lighting Cliffs Pavilion 12th – 19th December					
<i>There will be a daily lighting, to which everyone is encouraged to attend with free doughnuts for all. Gala Night is Tuesday 19th December with guest dignitaries; everyone is invited back to a reception at SWHC.</i>					
Tuesday	12th Dec	7:00pm	Saturday	16th Dec	6:15pm
Wednesday	13th Dec	7:30pm	Sunday	17th Dec	7:30pm
Thursday	14th Dec	7:30pm	Monday	18th Dec	7:30pm
Friday	15th Dec	3:15pm	Tuesday (Gala Night)	19th Dec	7:30pm



Sunday 14th January 2018, 8pm | The Astor Palm Court Orchestra returns bigger and better than ever with 11 musicians! Playing their chocolate box mix of light classical and popular music you all know and love. Tickets £10/£8 from Yael please email, concertseries@swhc.org.uk.

Tuesday 16th January 2018, 7.30pm for 8pm | PaL – Phone and Learn Flexible Jewish Learning on any Jewish topic via phone or skype tutorial. Rabbi Shimshon Silkin will be speaking about “Seven Wonders of Jewish History”. Refreshments will be served with the opportunity to meet the PaL team.