

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

(Yahrzeits begin the night before the date below)

Shabbat – 7 December/9 Kislev Mr Len Abrahams, Mr Allan Silver, Mrs Susan Konyn

Sunday – 8 December/10 Kislev Mr Lionel Barnett, Mrs Frances Finegold, Mrs Geraldine Jay, Mr Stephen Marcon

Monday – 9 December/11 Kislev Mr David Alexander, Mrs Henrietta Rabinovitch

Tuesday – 10 December/12 Kislev Mrs Florette Lieberman

Wednesday – 11 December/13 Kislev Mrs Diane Franks, Mrs Adrienne Sussman, Mrs Gillian Lang, Mr Jeffrey Green, Mrs Audrie Braden, Mrs Cynthia Lee,

Mrs Dawn Walters, Mrs Freda Harris, Mr Joseph Patchick, Mrs Renee Joseph

Thursday – 12 December/14 Kislev Mrs Sandra Caplan, Mr Allan Greenstein,

Mrs Linda Burns, Mr Richard Raphael

Friday – 13 December/15 Kislev Mrs Hazel Rose, Mrs Yvette Eichen, Mr David Gershlick,

Mr Alan Gershlick, Mrs Barbara Barnett, Mrs Jennifer Pepper, Mr Gyula Vari,

Mr Sacha Small, Mr Geoffrey Waterman, Mrs Roberta Silver

VISITING THE SICK If you know anyone who would like a hospital or home visit from the Rabbi or a member of the *Community Care Committee*, please email Rabbi Hyman rabbi@swhc.org.uk or Janice Steel swhcf@gmail.com or call Janice on 07752 874065 or the Shul Office on 01702 344900

REGULAR EVENTS & NOTICES

Monday Shalom Friendship Club Maurice 01702 351845	Monday - Pilates 2 - 3pm Tuesday - Pilates 10 - 11am Talmud Torah 01702 344900	Monday Cheder 4:30pm – 6:15pm mossadrienne@outlook.com
Wednesday JACS Allan Goldstein 01268 771978	Wednesday - Ivrit with Lital 11:30am-12:30pm Shul Office 01702 344900	Thursday Men's Gemara Shiur 8:30pm Tractate Ta'anit with Rabbi Hyman at his home
Thursday - Youth Club Barryjacobs200@hotmail.com	Newsletter Sponsorship £25 Shul Office 01702 344900	Tree of Life - £110 Shul Office 01702 344900
Stock Rd Cemetery SS2 5QF Sunday - Friday Winter 10am - 3pm GMT Summer 10am - 4pm BST	Shul Library swhc.org.uk/facilities/library sonnykosky@bluevonder.co.uk	Ladies Guild Kiddushim Sara Vandermolen 01702 344900 swhc.org.uk/ladies-guild/#kiddush
AID Society Bridge Sunday 15 th December Thorpe Bay Bridge Club. Geoff Cohen 01702 339601 / Jan Linden 01702 343289	Bereavement Support Group Monday 16 th December End of Year Social at the home of Janice - Call 07752 874065 By Invitation Only	Pop In & Ladies Guild Chanukah Party Tuesday 17 th December 2-4pm swhcf@gmail.com Shul Hall, By Invitation Only



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We extend a warm welcome to those attending our services this week and hope you will join us again soon. Please do not eat or drink until the Rabbi has made Kiddush.

SHABBAT VAYETZEI

FRIDAY NIGHT

Shabbat begins/candle lighting 3:29pm

Mincha *then* Kabbalat Shabbat 3:30pm

SHABBAT DAY

Shacharit 9:30am

Children's Service 11:00am

Kiddush *after the main service followed by* Mincha

Shabbat ends 4:47pm

Ma'ariv 5:15pm

WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY

Shacharit 8:30am

Ma'ariv **6:45pm**

(Due to AID Society Race Night Function)

MONDAY-THURSDAY

Shacharit 8:30am

Ma'ariv 8:00pm

FRIDAY

Shacharit 8:30am

Shabbat begins/Candle lighting 3:28pm

Mincha *then* Kabbalat Shabbat 3:30pm

Torah Reading	Rabbi Hyman	Soncino Page 164
Haftorah Vayetzei	Geoffrey Cohen	Soncino Page 188
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If you would like to repeat your Bar Mitzvah Haftorah, please contact the Gabbaim.

SIDRA SUMMARY *from Rabbi Geoffrey Hyman*

The Sidra opens with Jacob's dream of a ladder extended from earth to heaven, with angels going up and down it. G-d tells Jacob that the land that he is sleeping on will be given to him and his descendants, that they will be numerous and in him will his descendants, and all the families of earth, be blessed.

This is a re-iteration of the Abrahamite blessing.

When Jacob reaches Haran he comes across a well, with a large rock covering it, which normally was removed by the shepherds together. Jacob, upon seeing Rachel with her father's flock of sheep, removes the rock single-handed and gives them water.

Jacob is introduced to Rachel's family and works for Laban for seven years in order to marry Rachel but is deceived and given Leah instead. He is given Rachel on condition that he works another seven years.

Leah gives birth to Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah, whilst Rachel remains barren.

In anguish Rachel gives Jacob her maidservant, Bilhah, in order to have children through her as a type of surrogacy. Bilhah bears them Dan and Naphtali.

Leah does likewise and gives her maidservant, Zilpah, to Jacob. She bears Gad and Asher. Leah gives birth again to Issachar, Zebulun and a daughter, Dinah.

Rachel, through Divine intervention, gives birth to Joseph.

Jacob then wishes to leave the house of Laban and their relationship deteriorates, so in the end, after successfully securing a large flock of his own, he runs away with his family. Laban gives chase and a dramatic confrontation between Laban and Jacob ensues. A treaty is then made between them and they depart on their ways.

Jacob heads for Canaan and is met by "angels of G-d". Thus the conclusion of the Sidra alludes to the opening scene of the dream of Angels.

Good Shabbos

:: YOUR SHOP AT THE SHUL ::

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

SHOP OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK



:: Monday 9:30am - 12:30pm	:: Tuesday CLOSED
:: Wednesday 9:30am - 12:30pm	:: Thursday 12noon - 5pm
:: Friday 9:30am - 1pm	:: Sunday 9:30am - 12:30pm

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 8th December, 7pm | AID Society Race Night Shul Hall £10 pp including refreshments and raffle tickets. Tickets from Marcia 07887847482 / Geoff 07969991209.

Monday 9th December, 10am – 12noon | Coffee Morning in aid of **Fair Havens** with special Guest Speaker. £5 entry to include tea / coffee, cakes, pastries and biscuits in the Talmud Torah.

Tuesday 10th December, 8:30pm | Ladies Discussion Group with Rabbi & Rebbetzin Hyman at their home with refreshments. Please book your free place with the Shul Office.

Thursday 19th December, 5pm | Youth Chanukah Party with SJYC! Lots of fun including food made by "Big Dave's Chefs", make your own Menorah, music & more! Please see poster for more details. Tickets from Barry southendyouth@outlook.com / 07876 685826.

Shabbat 21st December | Geoffrey Pepper's "Special Birthday". You are invited to attend the service from 9.30am which is followed by a sumptuous Kiddush afterwards – Menu includes Cholent Kiddush – (Meat & Vegetable option) and Ice Cream.

Sunday 22nd December, 7pm | Chanukah Magic Evening with Michael Gee in the Shul Hall (following the Menorah Lighting at 5:30pm at the Cliffs Pavilion.) Internationally renowned celebrity magician; appeared on Penn & Teller. **SOLD OUT!** If you have your name on the list and have not yet paid, please pay the Shul Office this week. Tickets: £25 members, £27.50 non-members.

Monday 23rd December | Gala Night in the Shul Hall with a short performance from Shirim Ladies Choir & invited dignitaries. This will follow the Public Menorah Lighting at the Cliffs Pavilion, which takes place at 7:30pm.

Public Menorah Lighting | Cliffs Pavilion, 22nd – 29th December 2019

Following on from the tremendous success of previous years, there will be a giant public Menorah this Chanukah. You are invited to come to the daily electric lighting with free doughnuts for all!

Sun 22nd Dec 5:30pm *Magic Evening 7pm*
 Mon 23rd Dec 7:30pm *Gala Night following*
 Tues 24th Dec 7:30pm
 Wed 25th Dec 7:30pm



Thurs 26th Dec 7:30pm
 Fri 27th Dec 2:30pm
 Sat 28th Dec 7:30pm
 Sun 29th Dec 5:30pm

Tuesday 7th January | Fast of Tevet Fast begins 6:12am - Fast Ends 4:52pm. Recalling the beginning of the siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylon (in 587 BC) and the beginning of the battle that ultimately would destroy the Temple and send the Jews into the 70-year Babylonian Exile.

Wednesday 8th January, 8pm | Southend Learning Circles with Rabbi & Mrs Sufrin at the home of Fiona & Neil Sapler. All are welcome to attend, no previous knowledge required.

Sunday 26th January | Holocaust Memorial Day at the Civic Centre. More details to follow.