

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

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

**Shabbat – 21 December/23 Kislev** Mrs Cheryl Goldenberg, Mrs Shirley Gibeon  
**Sunday – 22 December/24 Kislev** Mr Stephen Barnett, Mr Cyril Berman, Mr Victor Berman, Mr Maurice Berman, Mr Michael Goldstein, Mr Keith Jacobs, Mr Stuart Jacobs, Mr Cedric Jacobs  
**Monday – 23 December/25 Kislev** Mrs Sybil Graham, Mr Lawrence Collins, Mr Gavin Dias, Mr Sammy Dias, Mrs Joan Green, Mrs Brenda Hendrick  
**Tuesday – 24 December/26 Kislev** Mr Cyril Berman, Mr Victor Berman, Mr Maurice Berman, Mr Mark Levy, Mr Brian Moss, Mrs Josephine Muslin  
**Wednesday – 25 December/27 Kislev** Mrs Brenda Franks, Mrs Edna Stuart, Mrs Zena Rose, Rebbetzin Michelle Hyman  
**Thursday – 26 December/28 Kislev** Mrs Susan Aarons, Mr Michael Konyn, Mrs Roberta Rose, Mrs Zena Rose, Mr Stephen Rosenthal  
**Friday – 27 December/29 Kislev** Mrs Francine Green, Mr Rodney Stone, Mr Jeffrey Barcan, Mr Larry Lisner, Ms Maralyn Lisner, Mr Alan Shalet, Mrs Sylvia Vandermolten, Mr Michael Vandermolten, Mrs Frances Witzendorf, Mr Alan Witzendorf

**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](mailto:rabbi@swhc.org.uk) or Janice Steel [swhfc@gmail.com](mailto:swhfc@gmail.com) or call Janice on 07752 874065 or the Shul Office on 01702 344900

**REGULAR EVENTS & NOTICES**

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| <b>Shalom Friendship Club</b><br>Resumes Monday 13/1/20<br>Maurice 01702 351845   | Monday - Pilates 2-3pm 13/1/20<br>Tuesday-Pilates 10-11am 14/1/20<br>Talmud Torah 01702 344900                               | <b>Cheder</b> 4.30pm-6.15pm<br>Mondays resumes 13/1/20<br><a href="mailto:mossadrienne@outlook.com">mossadrienne@outlook.com</a>                               |
| <b>JACS</b><br>Resumes Wednesday 15/1/20<br>Allan Goldstein 01268 771978  | <b>Ivrit</b><br>Resumes Wednesday 8/1/20<br>11:30am-12:30pm<br>Shul Office 01702 344900                                      | <b>Men's Gemara Shiur</b><br>Thursday – 8.30pm<br>next meeting 2/1/20 with<br>Rabbi Hyman at his home  |
| <b>Youth Club</b><br>Resumes 9/1/20<br><a href="mailto:Barryjacobs200@hotmail.com">Barryjacobs200@hotmail.com</a>   | <b>Newsletter Sponsorship</b><br>£25 Shul Office 01702 344900  | <b>Tree of Life</b> - £110<br>Shul Office 01702 344900   |
| <b>Stock Rd Cemetery</b> SS2 5QF<br>Sunday – Friday<br>Winter 10am – 3pm GMT<br>Summer 10am – 4pm BST   | <b>AID Society Bridge</b><br>Sunday 5/1/20<br>Thorpe Bay Bridge Club.<br>Geoff Cohen 01702 339601<br>Jan Linden 01702 343289 | <b>Ladies Guild Kiddushim</b><br>Sara Vandermolten<br>01702 344900<br><a href="http://swhc.org.uk/ladies-guild/#kiddush">swhc.org.uk/ladies-guild/#kiddush</a> |
| <b>Shul Library</b><br><a href="http://swhc.org.uk/facilities/library">swhc.org.uk/facilities/library</a><br><a href="mailto:sonnykosky@blueyonder.co.uk">sonnykosky@blueyonder.co.uk</a> | <b>Pop In Shul Hall</b><br>Tuesday 21/1/20 2-4pm<br><a href="mailto:swhfc@gmail.com">swhfc@gmail.com</a>                     | <b>Bereavement Support Group</b><br>Monday 27/1/20 tbc<br>Call 07752 87406   |



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**NEW MOON**

**Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> December at 8:02pm**

*This week's Newsletter is kindly sponsored by Jennifer & Geoffrey Pepper to celebrate Geoffrey's "Special" Birthday.*



**SHABBAT VAYESHEV**

**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 4:49pm  
 Ma'ariv 5:15pm

**WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES**

**SUNDAY-THURSDAY**

Shacharit 8:30am Ma'ariv 8:00pm

**FRIDAY**

Shacharit 8:30am  
*Candles for 6<sup>th</sup> Night Chanukah should be lit at home after 3.05pm and before the Shabbat candles*  
 Chanukah candles will be lit in Shul

3:20pm  
 Mincha *then* Kabbalat Shabbat 3:30pm  
 Shabbat Rosh Chodesh Tevet  
 begins/Candle lighting 3:33pm

**The Shul Office will CLOSE at 1pm Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December and re-open at 9am Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2019.**

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|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Torah Reading             | <b>Rabbi Hyman</b>     | Soncino Page 229      |
| Haftorah Vayeshev         | <b>Geoffrey Pepper</b> | Soncino Page 248      |
| Blessing of the new month | <b>Tevet</b>           | Sacks Siddur Page 424 |
| Anim Zemirov              | <b>Saul Bebb</b>       | Sacks Siddur Page 458 |

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

## SIDRA SUMMARY *from Rabbi Geoffrey Hyman*

Jacob shows greater love to Joseph over the rest of his brothers and makes for him a special garment. Joseph has two dreams, which he shares with his brothers and father.

All this leads to terrible jealousy among the brothers. The brothers plot to kill him. Reuben attempts to save him by suggesting that he is thrown into a pit in the wilderness, in the hope that he can rescue him later. But on the suggestion of Judah he is sold into slavery.

Eventually, Joseph is sold in Egypt as a slave to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, chief of the executioners (according to Rashi "Head of Shechitah!!!").

Chapter 38 tells the story of Judah's marriage to the daughter of Shua, from whom he has three sons – Er, Onan and Shelah. Er marries Tamar but dies without having children. Onan then takes Tamar as a wife through "Levirate marriage" and also doesn't give her children. He too dies as a punishment from G-d.

Judah then withholds his youngest son, Shelah from also performing the "Levirate marriage" with Tamar and so Tamar is sent back to her father's house.

After the death of Judah's wife, he goes to Timnah and sees a woman whom he takes for a harlot, because of her veil, but she is Tamar, his daughter-in-law. He consorts with her and leaves a pledge to pay her later. After about three months it becomes known to Judah that Tamar is pregnant outside of marriage. Unaware that it was from him, he instructs that she be put to death. Just as she is taken out to be killed, she shows the articles from the "pledge". Judah recognises them and she is released from the death penalty. Tamar then gives birth to twins Perez and Zerah.

Chapter 39 returns to the story of Joseph, who was sold as a servant to Potiphar. He becomes very successful and wins the approval of his master. Potiphar's wife takes a liking to him and over a continuous period of time tries to seduce him, but Joseph resists. Finally, she forces herself upon him and he flees leaving his garment in her hands. She cries rape and Joseph is put in prison.

The final chapter of the Sidra concludes with Joseph interpreting the dream of the chief butler and the chief baker correctly. Joseph had asked the butler to help him when he would be returned to his former position as chief butler to Pharaoh, but the butler, now released, forgets Joseph.

*Good Shabbos*

### :: YOUR SHOP AT THE SHUL ::

*If you want to place an order for collection:* [justkosherswhc@gmail.com](mailto:justkosherswhc@gmail.com) / 07780 449081

#### SHOP OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK

:: Sunday | 9:30am - 12:30pm

:: Monday | 10am – 1pm

:: Tuesday | 10am – 12noon

:: **Wednesday & Thursday | CLOSED**

:: Friday | 11am - 2pm



**Come and see our wide range of Chanukah goods – candles, serviettes, dreidels, cards.**

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

**Betty Nathan** on her **100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

**Natalie & Richard Rubin** on the Barmitzvah of their grandson, Leeroy (Israel)

**Natalie & Simon Belson** on the wedding of their daughter **Rebecca to Danny Latner** (London)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**This Shabbat 21<sup>st</sup> December | The Kiddush** is generously sponsored by **Jennifer & Geoffrey Pepper** to celebrate Geoffrey's "Special Birthday." Mazel Tov! You are invited to attend the service from 9:30am which is followed by a sumptuous Kiddush. Menu includes Cholent – (meat & vegetarian option) Viennas, Chopped Liver & Egg & Onion plus Ice-Cream for desert.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 7pm | Chanukah Magic Evening with Michael Gee** in the Shul Hall (following the Menorah Lighting at 5:30pm at the Cliffs Pavilion.) **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 23<sup>rd</sup> December | Gala Night** in the Shul Hall with a short performance from Shirim Ladies Choir and invited dignitaries. This will follow the Public Menorah Lighting at the Cliffs Pavilion, which takes place at 7:30pm.

**Shabbat 28<sup>th</sup> December, 11am | Special Chanukah Children's Service** with dreidel games, songs and Chanukah gelt! All children from zero to hero are welcome!

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> January | Fast of Tevet** Fast begins 6:12am. Shacharit 8:30am. Mincha then Ma'ariv 3:45pm. Fast Ends 4:52pm. Recalling the beginning of the siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylon in 587 BCE and the start of the war that ultimately would destroy the Temple and send the Jews into the 70-year Babylonian Exile.

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

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January, 8:30pm | Ladies Discussion Group** with Rabbi & Rebbetzin Hyman at their home with refreshments. Please book your free place with the Shul Office.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 10am - 12noon | Youth Club Coffee Morning** in the Talmud Torah

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 3-5pm | Holocaust Memorial Day** at the Civic Centre. Catered by S&WHC Ladies Guild. Address by Susan Pollack MBE.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 12 noon | Tree Planting for Holocaust Memorial Day.** Belton Way West, Leigh on Sea. It will be led by the Mayor, Councillor John Lamb.