

Celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary?

Why not celebrate in Shul, honour your relatives & friends & sponsor the leaflet & Kiddush?
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Dirshu Bahalacha-Halacha Shiur with Rabbi Bar

Join in with our lively & interactive Shiur on Sunday & Thursday *before* the evening service.

We wish the following members "Long Life" for their Yahrzeits commencing on the evening before:

Shabbat – 12 Apr/12 Nisan: Mrs Renee Crow, Mr Royston Keizer, Mrs Rosalyn Silverstone, Mrs Ella-Myrtle Hyman, Mr Victor Stender

Sunday – 13 Apr/13 Nisan: Mrs Evelyn Assenheim, Mr Michael Mantus, Mrs Sylvia Rankoff, Mrs Barbara Zybutz

Monday – 14 Apr/14 Nisan: Mr Allen Goldenberg, Mr Jeffrey Hendrick, Mrs Fay Sober, Mrs Sharon Bronitt

Tuesday – 15 Apr/15 Nisan: Mr Howard Glyn, Mr Geoffrey Struminger

Wednesday – 16 Apr/16 Nisan: Mrs Marion Sussman, Mrs Simone Ridgewell

Thursday – 17 Apr/17 Nisan: Mrs Sylvia Shaw, Mr Lawrence Collins, Mrs Alyce Alexander, Ms Pamela Kay, Mrs Frances Goldstein

Friday – 18 Apr/18 Nisan: Mrs Yvette Eichen, Mrs Varda Peters, Mr Alan Hoff

Gentlemen are requested to please bring help to assist with the Shul minyan.



12 Nisan 5774 - 12th Apr 2014 ב"מ"ד

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Rabbi: Rabbi Binyamin Bar

Wardens: Geoffrey Pepper & Stanley Robinson

Shabbat Hagodol: Acharei-Mot Services

Shabbat begins Friday night 7.28pm

Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat 7.30pm

Shacharit 9.15am

Followed by Kiddush outside the Beth Hamedrash

Mincha followed by reading of the Haggadah

followed by Seudah Shilishis including

Rabbi's Annual Shabbat Hagodol Drasha 7.00pm

Ma'ariv when Shabbat ends 8.43pm

<u>To announce your event on the Shul Website</u> www.swhc.org.uk email stan.stanrob@gmail.com	<u>Monday Club-Talmud Torah</u> Closed for Pesach For more info, call Maurice Symons 01702 351845.	<u>Buzz@SJYC</u> - Email: sjyc.thebuzz@gmail.com Closed for Pesach Age 7 - 10 from 5pm - 7pm, Age 11+ from 7pm to 9pm.
<u>J.A.C.S. - Every Wed</u> Closed for Pesach Call Allan Goldstein 01268 771978 for more info.	<u>connect@southend-Thurs Talmud Torah</u> Closed for Pesach Call Chris Sternshine 334655 or csternshine@jcare.org	<u>Raymond House Shabbat 3rd May 9.30am</u> Call Derek Silverstone 01702 616153
<u>Cheder & Toddler Group</u> <u>Closed for Pesach</u> Email Cheder.SWHC@hotmail.co.uk Toddler Group, call Karen 07887 847059.	<u>POP IN - Tues 29th Apr</u> <u>2.00pm - 4.00pm</u> swhcgm@btconnect.com Call Janice for further details 0775 2874065	<u>VISITING THE SICK in Hospital or at Home</u> Call Shul office or email swhcmanager@hotmail.co.uk or leonardshulton@live.com

The Shop

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Sunday

Shacharit 8.30am

Mincha, Ma'ariv 6.30pm

See Pesach Timetable including service times printed inside

This week's leaflet is excitedly sponsored by Lauren & Dave Turansky in celebration of their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 16th April 2014. Mazeltov!



The Shul Office will be closed:

Sunday 13th April

Monday 14th April

Tuesday 15th April

Wednesday 16th April

Friday 18th April

Monday 21st April

Tuesday 22nd April

Torah Reading
Haftorah Hagadol
Anim Zemirot

Rabbi Bar
Rabbi Bar

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We wish a hearty Mazeltov to:

Royston Keizer on the occasion of his 85th birthday
Rose Kanutin on the occasion of her 85th birthday
John Barnett on the occasion of his 83rd birthday
Josephine Pitch on the occasion of her 80th birthday
Dorothy & Sam Young on the birth of a grandson, Yonatan (Israel)

“The Great Shabbos” by Rabbi Binyamin Bar

This week's Shabbos has the unique name of *Shabbos Hagadol*, the Great Shabbos. There are a number of reasons for this name because after all, aren't all Shabboses great? Please see this week's Snapshot Torah, the wonderful leaflet by Jeremy Symons, for one of the reasons. I would like to share with you another reason.

The Midrash relates that even in Egypt, the Jews kept Shabbos. How was this possible? Moshe appealed to Pharaoh that if he would not allow his slaves at least one day of rest during the week, their stamina would be weakened and they would be unable to continue exerting themselves. Pharaoh saw the logic in this, and decided to give the Jews one "day off" a week. Moshe then chose Shabbos to be their day of rest.

But although the Jews did not work on Shabbos in Egypt, they didn't actually "keep" Shabbos. They were not observing the laws of Shabbos because of the Mitzvah, but rather because it was their day-of-rest. As they were about to leave Egypt, however, Moshe revealed to them the true nature of Shabbos being a Mitzvah from Hashem. The following Shabbos was the first time the Jews observed Shabbos as a commandment.

The Talmud says that one who does a Mitzvah out of obligation to Hashem is *greater (gado)* than one who does a Mitzvah voluntarily. When one performs a Mitzvah voluntarily, the influence of the *yetzer hara* to dissuade a person from doing it isn't as strong as when one is commanded to do it. Perhaps this is why this week's Shabbos is "*Shabbos Hagadol*". On this Shabbos the Jewish people achieved greatness by keeping Shabbos because it is a Mitzvah, and not just as a day of rest.

Whilst I am talking about Shabbos, I would like to draw your attention to the upcoming "Shabbat Project" across UK and across the Anglo-Jewish world! This is one amazing project that I intend to promote in our community and about which I am very excited. Please Google or search "Shabbat Project" in YouTube to find out more about it. It promises to be a truly great Shabbos!

In reality, all Shabbosos are great, but *Shabbos Hagadol* has a unique greatness. Above all, it is great, as on this Shabbos we have the opportunity to make our last spiritual preparations for Pesach. This past week and next couple of days we are occupied with our material preparations for Pesach. So let's take advantage of Shabbos to do a bit of spiritual bedikat chametz (search for leaven), to get ourselves into the right frame of mind for this wonderful upcoming Yom Tov.

Shabbat Shalom

Timetable for Pesach 2014

Erev Pesach – Monday 14th April

Morning Service 8.00 am
Followed by a Siyum and l'chayim for the firstborn

Chametz can be eaten until 10:38 am
Burning of Chametz until 11:47 am

Mincha & Ma'ariv 7:30 pm
Candle Lighting 7:33 pm
Communal Seder 8:30 pm

1st Day Pesach - Tuesday 15th April

Morning Service 9.15 am
Haftorah Dr Arnold Azulay
Musaf 'Tefilat Tal' - Prayer for Dew 11.30 am
Mincha & Ma'ariv 7.30 pm
Candle Lighting 8:49 pm
The candles should not be lit before this time

2nd Day Pesach - Wednesday 16th April

Morning Service 9.15 am
Haftorah Jeremy Symons
Anim Zemirot Benjamin Gershlick
Mincha 7:45 pm
Ma'ariv, Yom Tov ends 8:51 pm

Chol Hamoed - Thursday 17th April

Morning Service 8.00 am
Ma'ariv 8.00 pm

Erev Shabbat - Friday 18th April

Morning Service 8.30 am
Mincha & Ma'ariv 7:30 pm
Candle Lighting 7:40 pm

Next Shabbat

Next week's Kiddush will be kindly sponsored by Josie Pitch in celebration of her 80th Birthday
Next week's Seudah will be kindly sponsored by Marilyn & Stephen Salt

Pesach Party - Tues 22nd Apr - 7.45pm - Home of Rabbi Bar

As has been the tradition over the past few years in our community, there will be a special Seudah celebration to mark the conclusion of the festival of Pesach. This will take place on the 8th day after Mincha. Everyone is warmly invited and encouraged to attend.

Shabbat 26th Apr

All are invited to celebrate a special Kiddush, kindly sponsored by Mirella & Philip Walters, as they celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

AGM - Sun 11th May - Shul Hall

All are invited to attend the AGM. Voting begins at 9.15am.