

Rabbi's Discussions

What's bothering Rashi?

Come and discover Rashi's amazing insights into the weekly Parasha. Join in an interactive and stimulating discussion into the legendary Torah commentator led by Rabbi Bar every Thursday evening at the Shul after the evening service, at approximately 8:15pm. Men and women welcome.

Dirshu Bahalacha - Halacha Shiur on the Laws of Chanukah

Have you ever wanted to deepen your knowledge of Halacha - Jewish Law? or to fully understand the whys behind contemporary Jewish practices? Join in in our lively and interactive Shiur, given by Rabbi Bar, which takes place on Monday and Thursday 30 min before the evening service.

Men and women welcome.

Saying Kaddish in Shul?

Please ensure you bring at least **Two relatives or friends** to help with the Minyan.

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

Shabbat – 13 Dec/21 Kislev: Mrs Hilda Phillips, Mr Barry Kaiser, Mrs Laraine Barnes, Mr Andrew Newman

Sunday – 14 Dec/22 Kislev: Mrs Muriel Rosenberg, Mr Elliot Baker, Mr David Baker, Mr Michael Baker, Mr Sammy Cohen, Mr Eddie Greene

Monday – 15 Dec/23 Kislev: Mrs Cheryl Goldenberg, Mrs Carole Pelta, Mrs Shirley Gibeon

Tuesday – 16 Dec/24 Kislev: Mr Stephen Barnett, Mr Cyril Berman, Mr Victor Berman, Mrs Fay Sober, Mr Michael Goldstein, Mr Cedric Jacobs, Mr Keith Jacobs, Mr Stuart Jacobs

Wednesday – 17 Dec/25 Kislev: Mrs Sybil Graham, Mrs Elaine Klein, Mrs Suzanne Taylor, Mrs Joan Green, Mrs Brenda Hendrick

Thursday – 18 Dec/26 Kislev: Mr Cyril Berman, Mr Victor Berman, Mr Brian Moss, Mrs Lily Marks, Mrs Barbara Kerkhoff, Mrs Josephine Muslin

Friday – 19 Dec/27 Kislev: Mr Michael Assenheim, Mrs Brenda Franks, Mrs Edna Stuart, Mrs Zena Rose

Monday Club-Talmud Torah Call Maurice 01702 351845	SEED - Mon 22nd Dec 8.45pm in Beth Hamedrash	Toddler Group - Every Tues Call Karen 07887 847059
connect@southend-Thurs Talmud Torah Call Chris Sternshine 334655 or csternshine@jcare.org	VISITING THE SICK email swhegm@btconnect.com or leonardshulton@live.com or call Janice 07752874065 or Shul Office 01702 344900	Cemetery Opening Times Winter: Sunday – Friday 10am – 3pm GMT Summer: Sunday – Friday 10am – 4pm BST
Raymond House Shabbat 3rd Jan – 10.15am Call Derek Silverstone 01702 616153	Cheder every Tuesday 4.45pm to 6.15pm Email Cheder.SWHC@hotmail.co.uk Refreshments served 4.30pm	SJYC sjycbuzz@hotmail.com 5-11yrs Thurs 4.30pm-6.30pm Call Debbie Linden 07912 259784 Senior Youth Club Call Barry Jacobs 07876 685826
J.A.C.S. - Every Wed Call Allan Goldstein 01268 771978 for more info	Pop In - Tues 16 Dec Talmud Torah 2pm – 4pm	To announce your event on the Shul website email stan.stanrob@gmail.com

The Shop see separate flyer for Chanukah opening times

Usual opening hours:- Mondays 12noon to 3pm Cash Purchases Only

Thursdays 10.00am – 4.30pm: Fridays 9.00am – 12.30pm : Sundays 9.30am – 11.30am

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Rabbi: **Rabbi Binyamin Bar**

Wardens: **Geoffrey Pepper & Stanley Robinson**

Shabbat Services

Shabbat begins Friday night at	3.29pm
Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat	3.30pm
Shacharit	9.15am
Children's Service with Yael	11.00am
Followed by Kiddush	
Mincha will follow straight after	
Shabbat ends	4.48pm
Ma'ariv	5.10pm

Service Times Weekdays

Sunday

Shacharit	8.30am
Ma'ariv	6.00pm

Monday - Thursday

Shacharit	8.00am
Ma'ariv	8.00pm

Next Friday – 19 Dec

Shacharit	8.00am
Service	3.20pm

This will enable the lighting of the Chanukah Candles in the Shul, which must be lit before the onset of Shabbat
Shabbat begins 3.29pm

This week's leaflet is kindly sponsored by Jennifer & Geoffrey Pepper to celebrate Geoffrey's Birthday. Mazeltov!



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Constant Climbing

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 Yitschac 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. Rash 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 pertinent in the story of Tamar. For 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 had failed to 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 G-d" 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

Charity Gala Concert

A huge 'thank you' to all those who attended the concert and hope that you all enjoyed the evening. The concert funded our £2000 donation to 'Chai Cancer' and a similar sum added to our British Friends of the Israeli War Disabled Kol Nidrei Appeal fund.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to:

The family of the late Anne Katz

We wish a hearty Mazeltov to:

Denise & Stuart Pitch on the occasion of their Pearl (30th) Wedding Anniversary
Estelle Halpern on the birth of a great granddaughter

This Shabbat

The Kiddush this week is a Cholent, Kugel, Vienna, Chopped Liver, Egg & Onion, Fruit Platter & Parve Ice Cream Kiddush and is kindly sponsored by Jennifer & Geoffrey Pepper to celebrate Geoffrey's Birthday.

Stone Setting - Sun 14th Dec

The following tombstone consecration will take place at Stock Road Jewish Cemetery.
2.00pm Sydney Isaacs

AID Society Bridge - Sun 14th Dec

Thorpe Bay Bridge Club. Call Geoff Cohen on 339601 or Jan Linden on 343289.
Future date: 4th Jan

Jewish Women's Circle with Rebbetzin Sufrin - Wed 17th Dec - 7.30pm

At the home of Mirella Walters. Please call the Shul Office if you wish like to attend.

PUBLIC MENORAH LIGHTING TIMES

Following the tremendous success in the past, there will once again be a large public Menorah in Southend this year! The Menorah will be situated by the Cliffs Pavilion, and there will be a daily lighting, to which everyone is encouraged to attend. Donuts galore!!!



Menorah Lighting Times

Tues	16 th Dec	6.30pm	Sat	20 th Dec	6.00pm
Wed	17 th Dec	7.30pm	Sun	21 st Dec	4.30pm
Thurs	18 th Dec	7.30pm	Mon	22 nd Dec	7.30pm
Fri	19 th Dec	3.00pm	Tues	23 rd Dec	7.30pm – Gala Night

Children's Chanukah Party - Talmud Torah - Motzaei Shabbat 20th Dec

There will be a Children's Chanukah party at 6.30pm after the menorah lighting.
Please contact Barry Jacobs directly for tickets no later than Friday 12th Dec on 07876 685826.



Chanukah Magic Evening - Sun 21st Dec - 7.00pm for 7.30pm

In the Company of Rav Geoffrey Shisler & others. Shul Hall
Donation £20.00. **SOLD OUT – WAITING LIST NOW OPEN**

CHANGE OF SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday 24th December up to and including Sunday 4th January 2015 the morning service will be **8.30 am instead of 8.00 am.**

Wednesday 24th December up to & including Sunday 4th January 2015, the evening service will be at 6.00 pm every evening (other than on Friday afternoon and Saturday evening etc) with the exception of Fast of Teveth.

Fast of Teveth – commences 6.13am ends at 4.59pm
Service Times

Thursday 1st January – Shacharit 8.30am and Mincha/Ma'ariv 3.30pm

Monday 5th January 2015, the evening service weekday time will revert back to 8.00 pm other than on Sunday which will at 6.00 pm every Sunday

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Future Dates for your Diary

Mon 19th Jan – Jewish Learning Southend – Shul Hall
Tues 20th Jan – Jewish Women's Circle
Tues 27th Jan – Holocaust Memorial Day & Tree Planting
Sun 22nd Feb - AID Society Quiz – Shul Hall