

Rabbi's Discussion

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 – 27 Dec/5 Teveth: Mr Jeffrey Greenstein

Sunday – 28 Dec/6 Teveth: Mrs Terrie Levene, Mr Neville Peters, Mr Geoffrey Struminger

Monday – 29 Dec/7 Teveth: Mr Charles Elman, Mrs Betty Harris, Mrs Frances Kalmus,

Mr Ronald Roback

Tuesday – 30 Dec/8 Teveth: Mr Ronnie Blacker, Miss Lorraine Blacker, Mr Henry Harris,

Mrs Lily Bloch, Mr Simon Luton, Mrs Judith O'brart, Mrs Josephine Pitch, Mr Malcolm Pitch,

Mr Stuart Pitch

Wednesday – 31 Dec/9 Teveth: Mrs Carol Gedda, Miss Bertha Morris, Mr Geoff Newman,

Mr Jeffrey Phillips

Thursday – 1 Jan/10 Teveth: Mrs Benita Speck, Mrs Nita Marcus, Mrs Penelope Reed,

Mrs Christine Leeding, Mr Ray Turner

Friday – 2 Jan/11 Teveth: Mrs Rita Ereira, Mrs Elise Levy, Mrs Lillie Wand, Mr Alan Wand

Monday Club-Talmud Torah Closed - Resumes Mon 12 th Jan Call Maurice 01702 351845	SEED - Mon 12th Jan 8.45pm in Beth Hamedrash	Toddler Group - Tuesday Call Karen 07887 847059
connect@southend-Thurs Talmud Torah Call Chris Sternshine 334655 or csternshine@jcare.org Closed - Resumes 8 th Jan	VISITING THE SICK email swhcgm@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 Closed - Resumes 6 th Jan	SJYC sjycbuzz@hotmail.com 5–11yrs Thurs 4.30pm–6.30pm Call Debbie Linden 07912 259784 Closed - Resumes 8 th Jan 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 13 Jan Talmud Torah 2pm – 4pm	To announce your event on the Shul website email stan.stanrob@gmail.com

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Rabbi: **Rabbi Binyamin Bar**

Wardens: **Geoffrey Pepper & Stanley Robinson**

Shabbat Vayigash Services

Shabbat begins Friday night at 3.34pm

Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat 3.35pm

Shacharit 9.15am

Children's Service with Yael 11.00am

Followed by Kiddush - Mincha will follow straight after

Shabbat ends 4.54pm

Ma'ariv 5.15pm

Service Times Weekdays

Sunday - Wednesday

Shacharit 8.30am Ma'ariv 6.00pm

Thursday 1st Jan – Fast of Teveth
Fast commences 6.13am - Fast ends 4.59pm
Shacharit 8.30am - Mincha/Ma'ariv 3.30pm

Next Friday – 2 Jan

Shacharit 8.30am

Service 3.40pm

Shabbat begins 3.42pm

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The Amazing Yosef HaTzadik

Yosef could no longer hold himself back in front of all that were standing by him and so he called, "Go out all men from nearby me!" and no man stood near him when Yosef let his brothers know. And he gave a cry out with his weeping voice, and the Egyptians heard, and the house of Pharaoh, and Yosef said to his brothers, "I am Yosef! Is my father still alive?" And his brothers were not able to answer him because they were confounded from him. (Bereshit 45:1-3)

Yosef took an awful risk by sending away the Egyptians and leaving himself unprotected before a desperate and dangerous audience. Why did he do it? The Midrash asks and answers: "Go out all men from nearby me!" Why did Yosef do this? Rabbi Shmuel Bar Nachman said, "Yosef put himself in mortal danger, leaving himself without protection, that his brothers might kill him. After all, no one recognized him. So why did he say, "Go out all men from near by me!"? So said Yosef in his heart, "It is better that I should be killed, only that I should not embarrass my brothers in front of the Egyptians!"

Amazing! The most powerful instinct in a person is to remain alive and yet Yosef was willing to risk everything just so as not to embarrass his brothers. Any doubts we might have had about the purity of his motive for the game of "cat and mouse" he played with his brothers were also clarified in those moments before he revealed his true identity. Not only was not it not done out of cruelty or callousness but it was certainly based on love and compassion. 1) He wanted to make sure they had done a complete Teshuva which can only be determined if they find themselves in the exact same situation and they react differently. 2) Since they had judged him to be a false prophet based upon the pronouncements of his dreams, he needed to see the fulfillment of at least one dream, eleven bundles bowing down to his, even if he had to manipulate the last percentage manually.

How did Yosef do it? How did he muster the courage to hold his ocean of emotions from bursting forth just long enough till the Egyptians had left? How did he develop the instinct to not shame his brothers?

Stronger than the reactivity to his own physical pain, having sensitivity to the feelings of others. That's the amazing Yosef HaTzadik!

Shabbat Shalom,
Rabbi Binyamin Bar

Magic Evening

Thank you to all those who attended this most wonderful evening. For those who were unable to attend, you missed the "Best Evening Ever", as agreed by all those who were fortunate enough to be there. Look out for this event, next year.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to:

Jeffrey Barcan, Helena Shayer, Joe Lachter and Stephen Lachter on the loss of a sister and mother, Doris (Dori) Lachter

AID Society Bridge - Sun 4th Jan

Thorpe Bay Bridge Club. Call Geoff Cohen on 339601 or Jan Linden on 343289.

Mon 19th Jan - Jewish Learning Southend - Shul Hall - 7.00pm start

7.00pm – 8.00pm Italian Delicatessen
8.00pm - 8.50pm Choice of 3 talks:-
When the Sky Falls In, The Music of Terezienstadt, The Balfour Declaration
9.00pm – 9.50pm Do the clothes make the man?
£10 per person. Call the Shul Office to book your place on or before 5th Jan

Tues 20th Jan - Jewish Women's Circle

Venue to be announced

Bereavement Group - Mon 26th Jan - 8.00pm

Call Janice – 07752 874065

Tues 27th Jan - Holocaust Memorial Day Tree Planting - Noon

At this simple ceremony, to commemorate the lives of those who perished in the Nazi Holocaust & more recent genocides, the Worshipful the Mayor, Cllr. Walker of Southend-on-Sea will plant a tree in Cockthurst Park Eastwood. All are welcome to attend.

Tues 27th Jan - Holocaust Commemoration - Civic Centre - 5.30pm

This annual event is a time for reflection on the genocides that have occurred over the last century & what we can do to build a safer & more inclusive society. The commemoration includes a performance by the Southend Boys' & Girls' Choir, poetry, drama and an address by Mr Leslie Kleinman, a survivor of Auschwitz & Bergen-Belsen. Light refreshments will be supplied by the Ladies' Guild.

This free event is open to all. Parking is available in the Civic Centre car park, off Carnarvon Road, & will be free for this day only.

There will also be a Holocaust Memorial Day Exhibition, "Heroes of our Time" on display outside the Council Chamber on this day and then at the Forum Gallery from Monday 19th – Saturday 31st January.

Sun 22nd Feb - AID Society Quiz - Shul Hall

Please contact Rochelle O'Brart for details

The Shop

Please note that fresh meat & chicken will not be available between 25th December 2014 and 6th January 2015 due to annual closure of suppliers.