

Celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary?

Why not celebrate in Shul, honour your relatives & friends & sponsor the leaflet & Kiddush?
Please contact the Shul Office to arrange booking.

Barmitzvah Haftorah - If you would like to do your Haftorah, please contact the Wardens.

Seudah Shilishis - If you wish to sponsor a Seudah, please contact geoffrey.pepper@hotmail.co.uk

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

Shabbat – 5 July/7 Tammuz: Mr Symon Davis, Mr David Gordon, Mrs Zena Keizer

Sunday – 6 July/8 Tammuz: Mrs Ruth Dix, Mr Brian Lester, Mrs Sylvia Bennett,

Mrs Janice Langsman

Monday – 7 July/9 Tammuz: Mrs Lorraine Scroxton, Mrs Deana Marco, Mr John Klein,
Mr Jeffrey Klein

Tuesday – 8 July/10 Tammuz: No Yahrzeits

Wednesday – 9 July/11 Tammuz: Mr Leonard Belson, Mrs Frances Finegold, Mrs Audrey Barcan,

Mr Michael Lee, Mr Derek Lee, Mrs Rosalind Gee, Ms Pamela Kay

Thursday – 10 July/12 Tammuz: Mrs Nellie Lewis, Mrs Freida Goldstone, Mr Allan Sholem

Friday – 11 July/13 Tammuz: Ms Teresa Capp

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

<u>Monday Club-Talmud Torah</u> For more info, call Maurice Symons 01702 351845.	<u>SEED - Mon 14th July</u> 8.45pm in Beth Hamedrash	<u>J.A.C.S. - Every Wed</u> Call Allan Goldstein 01268 771978 for more info.
<u>Dirshu Bahalacha-Halacha Shiur with Rabbi Bar</u> Sunday, Monday & Thursday <i>Cancelled this week</i>	<u>connect@southend-Thurs Talmud Torah</u> Call Chris Sternshine 334655 or cssternshine@jcare.org	<u>Raymond House Shabbat</u> <u>5th July - 10.30am</u> Call Derek Silverstone 01702 616153
<u>SJYC</u> sjycbuzz@hotmail.com Contact Debbie Linden 07912 259784 5-11yrs Thurs 4.30pm-6.30pm	<u>POP IN - Tues 22nd July</u> <u>June 2.00pm - 4.00pm</u> <u>swhcgm@btconnect.com</u> Call Janice for further details 0775 2874065	<u>VISITING THE SICK</u> Please email swhcgm@btconnect.com or leonardshulton@live.com or call Janice 07752874065 or Shul Office 01702 344900
<u>Cheder every Sunday</u> Email Cheder.SWHC@hotmail.co.uk	<u>Toddler Group-Tues 8th July</u> Talmud Torah 10am to 11.30am Call Karen Jacobs 07887 847059	<u>Bereavement Support Group</u> <u>Mon 28 July - 8.00pm</u> 20 Madeira Ave Call Janice 07752 874065

The Shop

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7 Tammuz 5774 - 5th July 2014 ב"מ"ד

Email: swhc@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 01702 344900

Website: www.swhc.org.uk

Rabbi: Rabbi Binyamin Bar

Wardens: Geoffrey Pepper & Stanley Robinson

Shabbat Balak Services

Shabbat begins Friday night 8.00pm

Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat 7.30pm

Shacharit 9.15am

Followed by Kiddush

Rabbi's Talmud Class 8.35pm

Mincha followed by Seudah Shilishis 9.15pm

Ma'ariv when Shabbat ends 10.31pm

Service Times Weekdays

Sunday

Shacharit 8.30am

Mincha, Ma'ariv 7.15pm

Monday - Thursday

Shacharit 8.00am

Mincha/Ma'ariv 8.00pm

Next Friday – 11 July

Shacharit 8.00am

Shabbat begins 8.00pm

Service 7.30pm

This week's leaflet is kindly sponsored by Cynthia & Jeffrey Simmons to say "Thank You" for welcoming them to the Community.



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Balak and Bilaam: Age-Old Anti-Semites

The Torah vividly depicts Bilaam's and Balak's joining forces and their desperate attempts to arouse G-d's wrath against the Jewish people. Bilaam went with Balak and they came to *Kiryat Chutzot* (Bamidbar 22:39). Rashi explains that *Kiryat Chutzot* was a bustling metropolis, populated by myriad men, women, and children. Balak brought Bilaam there because he wanted to impress upon Bilaam the significance of his mission. Balak hoped that seeing *Kiryat Chutzot* would stir within Bilaam deep feelings of compassion for the Moabites, as if to say: "Look at all this that the Jewish people would destroy."

What made Balak think the Jewish people were intending to destroy his nation? Hadn't the Jews earlier circumvented Moabite territory at G-d's instruction in order to avoid confrontation with the descendants of Lot? When the Moabites first sought the assistance of the Midianites against the Jews, it was because they feared the Jews would: "Lick clean all that is around us as an ox licks up the grass of the field" (ibid., 4). They were never concerned that the Jews might annihilate the Moabite men, women, and children. Balak, on the other hand, had good reason to fear the worst. There is only one nation — Amalek — that the Jewish people are commanded to destroy totally. In joining forces, Bilaam and Balak, and the nation they led against the Jews, had become "Amalekites".

G-d commanded that every last Amalekite be destroyed because of the nature of Amalek's hatred for G-d's people. Unlike other nations, whose enmity for the Jews is based on emotion, Amalek's enmity is based on intellect and ideology. The Amalekites hate the Jews because they see the Jews as nothing short of a threat to the future of all mankind. This is what defines and distinguishes Amalek, even today.

Bilaam was the ideologist; Balak the implementer. Together they became "Amalek." As the Zohar teaches: The final two Hebrew letters of the name Bilaam are 'ayin' and 'mem'. The final two letters of the name Balak are 'lamed' and 'kuf'. Together — 'ayin', 'mem', 'lamed', and 'kuf' — spell 'Amalek'.

Unfortunately, this past week, we have witnessed the evil of Amalek, the evil of pure Antisemitism. The brutal and senseless killing of the three innocent teenagers in Israel, Gilad, Yaakov and Eyal has shocked and saddened us all beyond words. May Hashem avenge their blood, may Hashem bring comfort to the bereaved families and may Hashem bring peace to Israel, Amen.

Shabbat Shalom

Rabbi Binyamin Bar

We wish a hearty Mazeltov to:

Melanie & David Plaskow on the occasion of their Coral (35th) Wedding Anniversary
Julia & Martin Hyams on the occasion of their Coral (35th) Wedding Anniversary
Norman Lapp on the occasion of his 2nd Barmitzvah (83rd birthday)

AID Society Bridge - Sun 6th July - 7.30pm - Thorpe Bay Bridge Club

Please contact Geoff Cohen on 339601 or Jan Linden on 343289

SJYC Special Youth Club for 11+ - Thurs 10th July

Looking forward to seeing you all from 7pm til 9pm

Stone Setting - Sun 13th July - Stock Road

The following tombstone consecration will take place at Stock Road
1.45pm Martin Statman

Fast of Tammuz - Tues 15th July

Fast begins 1.57am - Fast end 10.19pm
Service times as normal Shacharit 8.00am, Mincha/Ma'ariv 8.00pm

Supper Quiz - Shul Hall - Sun 20th July

6.45pm prompt – Donation £15
Tickets from Shul Office. Raffle on the night.

10 Mile Sponsored Walk for JAMI - Wed 23 July

Sybil & Ralph Schiller are once again walking along the seafront and Pier to raise money for the JAMI Day Centre. If you would like to walk with us please contact Sybil on 0208 238 2463. If you would like to sponsor us donations can be given to Derek Silverstone Tel: 01702 616153 or Maurice Symons Tel: 01702 351845.

CST - Do you wish to become a member?

CST are holding a Cadet Course starting next week in Hendon, North West London.
If anyone is interested, please contact David Ramet 01702 478637 or
Michael Yaffe 01702 710530.

One in a Minyan!

Start the day with the feel-good factor. Join Geoffrey and his team of 'merry men' and help to keep the services going.

Or attend evening service and finish your day on a high, by completing this Mitzvah.