

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 – 24 May/24 Iyar: Mrs Brenda Feldman, Mr Gerry Russell, Mrs Rosalind Cregor

Sunday – 25 May/25 Iyar: Mrs Valerie Sperber, Mr Brian Moss, Mrs Fay Muller, Mr Gavin Simons

Monday – 26 May/26 Iyar: Mrs Lillie Wand, Mr Norman Lapp, Mr Michael Nelkin,

Mrs Freda Harris, Mr Richard Raphael, Mrs Linda Burns

Tuesday – 27 May/27 Iyar: Mrs Julie Franks, Mr Michael Mantus, Mr Jonathan Rapp, Mr Roger Rapp

Wednesday – 28 May/28 Iyar: Mrs Loretta De Haan, Mr Alan Gershlick, Mr David Gershlick,

Mrs Maxine Herman, Mrs Alice Lapp, Mr Derek Solomon, Mrs Marylyn Solomon

Thursday – 29 May/29 Iyar: Mrs Estelle Bradley, Mr Ronnie Kloos, Mrs Gloria Goldring,

Mr Lawrence Simmons, Mrs Susan Stone, Mrs Barbara Zybutz

Friday – 30 May/1 Sivan: Mrs Tracy Jacobs, Mrs Evelyn Tapperman

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 26th May</u> 8.30pm in Beth Hamedrash	<u>Rabbi Bar's Davening Coaching - Mon 26th May</u> 8.15pm at his home!
<u>J.A.C.S. - Every Wed</u> Call Allan Goldstein 01268 771978 for more info.	<u>connect@southend-Thurs Talmud Torah</u> Call Chris Sternshine 334655 or csternshine@jcare.org	<u>Raymond House Shabbat 7th June 9.30am</u> Call Derek Silverstone 01702 616153
<u>Cheder & Toddler Group</u> Email Cheder.SWHC@hotmail.co.uk . Toddler Group, call Karen 07887 847059.	<u>POP IN - Tues 17th June 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
<u>Dirshu Bahalacha-Halacha Shiur with Rabbi Bar</u> Sunday & Thursday <i>before</i> the evening service.	<u>Bereavement Group Mon 23rd June - 8.00pm</u> 103 Vardon Drive, Leigh on Sea Call Janice 07752 874065	<u>SJYC</u> sjycbuzz@hotmail.com Contact Debbie Linden 07912 259784 5 - 11yrs Thurs 4.30 - 6.30pm 11yrs+ Mon 7.00 - 9.00pm

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24 Iyar 5774 - 24th May 2014 ב"מ ד"ד

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Rabbi: Rabbi Binyamin Bar

Wardens: Geoffrey Pepper & Stanley Robinson

Shabbat Bamidbar Services

Shabbat begins Friday night	8.00pm
Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat	7.30pm
Shacharit	9.15am
Followed by Kiddush	
Rabbi's Talmud Class	8.05pm
Mincha followed by Seudah Shilishis	8.45pm
Ma'ariv when Shabbat ends	10.05pm

Service Times Weekdays

Sunday

Shacharit	8.30am
Mincha, Ma'ariv	7.00pm

Monday – Bank Holiday

Shacharit	8.30am
Mincha/Ma'ariv	8.00pm

Tuesday – Wednesday (Yom Yerushalayim) - Thursday

Shacharit	8.00am
Mincha/Ma'ariv	8.00pm

Next Friday – 30th May (Rosh Chodesh)

Shacharit	8.00am
Shabbat begins	8.00pm
Service	7.30pm

This week's leaflet is kindly sponsored by the Silver & Steinberg families to celebrate the forthcoming marriage of Jessica Silver to Clifton Steinberg.



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Shevet Levi - The Levites - The Legion of G-d

We often talk about the Kohanim and their special roles within the Jewish people but little is said about the Leviim. However our Parasha of Bamidbar has quite a bit to say about the Leviim and their holy duties. Having proven their loyalty to G-d in the aftermath of the Golden Calf, the Levites were now to be elevated to the status of His own legion. In this passage their new status was given expression in three ways:

- (a) The Levites would be counted separately and differently from the rest of the population.
- (b) They would be assigned to guard the Tabernacle and its Courtyard, and they would dismantle and transport the Tabernacle during the nation's travels.
- (c) The Levites' camp would surround the Tabernacle, with the rest of the nation around theirs.

We must not count the tribe of Levi from the age of twenty and neither shall we take a census and include their census among the Children of Israel.

The verse refers to two ways in which the Levites are distinct. They will not be counted from the age of twenty and up; and their total will not be added to that of the rest of the nation. (Sforno).

They were counted separately in deference to their higher status. Alternatively, G-d knew that all those included in the general census would die in the Wilderness, but He wanted to exclude the Levites from this fate because of their loyalty and courage in the incident of the Golden Calf. (Rashi).

Ibn Ezra suggests that they were excluded from the regular census because they were to serve at the Tabernacle, and not in the army like the other tribes.

Even before this commandment Moshe assumed that he should not count the Levites with the others, because G-d had not appointed a representative of the tribe of Levi in the list of tribal leaders. (Ramban).

Then the Torah says "The non-Levite who shall approach to do the service of the Levites shall die (a divinely imposed death (Rashi). This does not mean that no Israelite is ever allowed to approach the Tabernacle; it prohibits only entry without a permitted purpose, and as such it applies equally to Kohanim and Levites.

"Veshamru Haleviim" And the Levites shall safeguard. The task of the Levites was not so much to protect the Tabernacle, as to serve as an honour guard, as befits the royal palace (Ramban). In the two temples of Jerusalem, the Levites stood guard at twenty-one positions around the Temple. May it be rebuilt speedily in our days!

Shabbat Shalom,
Rabbi Binyamin Bar

We wish a hearty Mazeltov to:

Leslie Kleinman on the occasion of his 85th Birthday
Geoffrey, along with Jennifer, are both thrilled to announce the arrival of a granddaughter.
Mazeltov to all the family!

Family Shabbat/Lag B'Omer Weekend

A big 'thank you' to all those who helped make the Family Shabbat and Lag B'Omer weekend such a success and to all of you who attended.

This Shabbat - 24th May

This Shabbat we celebrate the Auf Ruf
(calling up to the Torah before marriage to Jessica Silver) of Clifton Steinberg.
The Kiddush is kindly sponsored by the Silver & Steinberg families.

Office Closure - Bank Holiday Monday - 26th May

The Shul Office will be closed on Monday 26th May

Next Shabbat - 31st May

Next week's Seudah will be kindly sponsored by Sandra, Maurice, Jeremy, Paula & James Symons to celebrate Maurice's 70th Birthday.

AID Society Bridge - Sun 1st Jun - 7.30pm - Thorpe Bay Bridge Club

Please contact Geoff Cohen on 339601 or Jan Linden on 343289 Next date: Sunday 6th July

SHAVUOT

Tuesday - Erev Shavuot - 3rd Jun

Festival begins & candle lighting 8.48pm

Mincha 7.00pm followed by a programme of learning with Rabbi Bar & other captivating speakers. Tasty FREE refreshments, including mouthwatering cheesecake. Ma'ariv 8.45pm. Everyone welcome. Late night learning at the home of Rabbi Bar from 10.30pm onwards with more cheesecake & coffee - men & women welcome.

Wednesday - 1st day Shavuot - 4th Jun

Morning Service 9.15am (including The Ten Commandments)

Haftarah - Dr Arnold Azulay

Mincha 7.30pm followed by Ma'ariv

2nd day of Shavuot - Candle lighting 10.22pm

THE CANDLES SHOULD NOT BE LIT BEFORE THIS TIME

Thursday - 2nd day Shavuot - 5th Jun

Morning Service 9.15am Haftarah - Stephen Marcon

Yizkor - Memorial Service, approximately 11.15am

Mincha 9.00pm followed by Learning - Ma'ariv & festival ends at 10.24pm

SWHC celebrate 50 years of James Bond - Sun 22nd Jun

£20.00 Members, £25.00 Non-Members

6.30pm Cocktails - 7.15pm Supper with Music, Song & Dance

11.00pm End of Assignment Tickets from Shul Office

