

**Yahrzeits** *Rabbi Bar and the whole community wish the following members, Long Life.*

*(Yahrzeits begin the night before the date below)*

**Shabbat, 22 August / 7 Elul** Mrs Laura Lane, Mrs Beverley Finer, Mr Michael Kutner, Mr Derek Silverstone, Mr Ian Woolf, Mrs Helene Rosehill

**Sunday, 23 August / 8 Elul** Miss Bertha Morris, Mrs Marion Sussman, Mr Barry Winston

**Monday, 24 August / 9 Elul** Mrs Pat David, Mr Alan Gershlick, Mr David Gershlick, Mr Ashley Kalms, Mrs Rita Roth, Mrs Lily Marks, Mrs Diane Cohen, Mrs Jackie Jacks, Mr David Walters

**Tuesday, 25 August / 10 Elul** Mrs Susan Turner, Mr Sonny Kosky, Mrs Geraldine Jay, Mrs Lorraine Scropton, Mrs Hazel Billyack, Mrs Myra Solomons

**Wednesday, 26 August / 11 Elul** Mrs Helen Davis, Mr Jack Tropper, Mrs Hettie Basco

**Thursday, 27 August / 12 Elul** Mrs Myra Wolfe, Mr Royston Keizer, Mr Ronnie Kloos, Mr Geoff Newman, Mr Gerald Ward

**Friday, 28 August / 13 Elul** Mrs Karen Hyams

**Saying Kaddish in Shul?** Please ensure you bring at least two relatives or friends to help with the Minyan.

## REGULAR EVENTS AT SWHC

<b>Monday Club</b> Talmud Torah Contact Maurice for more info 01702 351845	<b>Pop-In</b> Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September Talmud Torah 2pm - 4pm	<b>Little Latkes Toddler Group</b> Resumes Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September Contact Karen for more info 07887 847059
<b>Raymond House Shabbat</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> September, 10:15am Call Derek Silverstone 01702 616153	<b>Bereavement Support Group</b> Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September, 8pm At the home Alan Gershlick Call Janice on 07752 874065	<b>AID Society Bridge</b> Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> September Thorpe Bay Bridge Club Call Geoff Cohen 339601 or Jan Linden 343289
<b>Cemetery Opening Times</b> Winter: Sunday - Friday 10am - 3pm GMT Summer: Sunday - Friday 10am - 4pm BST	<b>connect@southend</b> Thursdays, Talmud Torah Contact Chris Sternshine 01702 334655 / <a href="mailto:cssternshine@jcare.org">cssternshine@jcare.org</a>	<b>Cheder &amp; SJYC</b> Closed for Summer, resumes Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> / Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> September <a href="mailto:southendyouth@outlook.com">southendyouth@outlook.com</a> or call Barry 07876 685826
<b>J.A.C.S.</b> Every Wednesday Call Allan Goldstein 01268 771978 for more info	<b>SEED</b> Date to be advised 8.45pm in Beth Hamedrash	To announce your event on the Shul website email: <a href="mailto:stan.stanrob@gmail.com">stan.stanrob@gmail.com</a>

**VISITING THE SICK** If you know anyone who would like a hospital or home visit from Rabbi Bar or a member of the *Care Community Committee*, please email [swhcgm@btconnect.com](mailto:swhcgm@btconnect.com) or [leonardshulton@live.com](mailto:leonardshulton@live.com), call Janice 07752874065 or contact the Shul Office on 01702 344900.



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**SHOFTIM**

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**SHABBAT COMMENCES 7.48pm**

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*This week's newsletter is kindly sponsored by **Larry Lisner** in celebration of his 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday and **Marilyn Lisner's** 64<sup>th</sup> Birthday taking place on 24<sup>th</sup> August. Mazel Tov!*



## SHABBAT SERVICE TIMES

### FRIDAY NIGHT

Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat **7:30pm**

### SHABBAT MORNING

Shacharit **9:15am**

Children's Service **11:00am**

Kiddush after the Service

### SHABBAT AFTERNOON

Shabbat afternoon Shiur **6:55pm**

Mincha then Seudah Shlishit **7:40pm**

Ma'ariv & Shabbat ends **9:01pm**

## WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

### SUNDAY

Shacharit **8:30am**

Mincha / Ma'ariv **7:00pm**

### MONDAY - THURSDAY

Shacharit **8:00am**

Ma'ariv **8:00pm**

### NEXT FRIDAY

Shacharit **8:00am**

Shabbat commences **7:33pm**

Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat **7:30pm**

**Please note that, due to staff vacation, the Shul Office will close at 12.00noon on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August and at 11.00am on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August**

**Torah Reading**  
**Haftarah**

(Soncino page 1078) Rabbi Bar  
(Soncino page 1094) Neil Shestopal

*If you would like to repeat your Barmitzvah Haftarah, please contact the Gabbaim.*

**MAZEL TOV!** *A hearty Mazel Tov from the SWHC community.*

**Maurice Lesley** on the occasion of his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Cyril Levy** on the occasion of his 83<sup>rd</sup> Birthday

**Linda & Anthony Rubin** on the occasion of their Ruby (40<sup>th</sup>) Wedding Anniversary

**Janice & Malcolm Pitch** on the occasion of their Pearl (30<sup>th</sup>) Wedding Anniversary

**Dawn & David Walters** on the occasion of their Sapphire (45<sup>th</sup>) Wedding Anniversary

**Celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary?** Why not celebrate in Shul, honour your relatives and friends and sponsor the Newsletter and/or Kiddush? Please contact the Shul Office to confirm availability, if you would like to book a Kiddush, contact **Lisa Berg on 07760 141162.**

**JUDGES IN ELUL** *Thoughts on the Parasha.*

This week's Parasha, *Shoftim*, is always read on the first Shabbat of the month of Elul. As nothing is coincidental, this Parshah must contain important lessons for us to implement during this auspicious month.

*Shoftim* means "Judges". The Torah commands us to appoint a hierarchy of righteous judges in every city and province. On a literal level, this commandment refers to judges who adjudicate civil, criminal and religious issues. On a deeper level, however, this commandment, as well as its details, has great meaning for every one of us in our personal lives. Let us examine one of this law's details: "You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show favoritism, and you shall not take a bribe."

Once the Torah prohibits the perversion of justice, is it necessary to ban bribery? Can there be a greater miscarriage of justice than bribery? Rashi, the preeminent Bible commentator, explains that the Torah forbids bribery even in an instance where the giver stipulates that the money is being given on condition that the judge issues a fair verdict! For as soon as the judge is thus "bribed," he will be biased in favor of that particular party, and will be unable to issue an objective ruling. As the verse continues: "for bribery blinds the eyes of the wise." As soon as a kinship exists between a judge and one of the litigants, that judge is unfit to preside over that case.

During the month of Elul, every person is expected to judge his or her actions and accomplishments of the previous year. However, every person is "bribed" by a sense of self-love, and is incapable of rendering a completely fair evaluation. Therefore, every person should appoint a "judge," an impartial spiritual mentor, who can issue an objective opinion. This mentor can be a rabbi or a trusted friend or both!

Furthermore, the very knowledge that every so often one will have to discuss one's spiritual accomplishments with another is oftentimes enough to impel an individual onto the path of improvement. As Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai said to his disciples, "If only you would fear G-d as much as you fear your fellow man."

Shabbat Shalom!

*Rabbi Binyamin Bar*

## WHAT'S ON AT SWHC

**Dirshu Bahalacha - Code of Jewish Law** 15 minute interactive *Halacha Shiur* with Rabbi Bar. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday following the morning service.

**Come and hear the sound of the Shofar every weekday morning** | Come along to the Minyan and prepare mentally and spiritually for the forthcoming *Yomim Noraim*.

**Shabbat 29<sup>th</sup> August** The Kiddush will be kindly sponsored by **Ann & David Wine** to celebrate their 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September from 6.15pm** | "Friday Night Live" with **Carlebach Service**  
Friday Night Live will begin with a Scotch & Sushi evening. Please contact the Shul Office so we know numbers for the catering arrangements. Entry Free.

**Starting Shabbat 5th September** Learn more about Shabbat. Roy Barnes will be running a series of explanatory discussions. All are welcome to attend. Boardroom 10:45am.

**Motzei Shabbat 5th September, 10:30pm** | **Choral Midnight Selichot Service**  
Starting with a late Supper. A prelude to the awe inspiring days of the *Yomim Noraim*. "3 of the finest Chazanim in the UK." The Rinah Ensemble, with boy soloist, Benji Garfield, under the direction of Chazan Eliot Alderman with special Guest Chazan Adrian Alexander and harmonising with our own Rabbi Bar. Free entry.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 10:30am - 12:30pm** | **Ladies' Guild Hat Sale, Shul Hall**  
£3.00 to include refreshments. Tickets from Lisa Berg, Sara Vandermolten or Shul Office.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September** | **CST Security Check** Please leave your lockers & seats unlocked to enable the CST to make their inspections. Many thanks.

**Shabbat Ha'azinu – 26<sup>th</sup> September – "Birthday Cake" Kiddush**  
Rabbi Bar and Gabbaim invite everyone who is celebrating a birthday, especially during August and September. Discretion 100%. Everyone NOT celebrating a birthday is very welcome to attend as well! RSVP Shul office.



**Arba Minim, priced £24 - £30** | **Orders must be placed by 4<sup>th</sup> September**  
Dorothy Young on 01702 331218 (not Shabbat) or email [Dorothy@dorothyyoung.co.uk](mailto:Dorothy@dorothyyoung.co.uk)

## THANK YOU

**Westcliff & District WIZO** would like to thank all those kind and generous donors who helped the Group raise £4,940.00 for the 2015 Jewish Women's Week Campaign. This sum included £1,629.00 from a very successful lunch with Guest Speaker Zaki Cooper. These funds will be sent immediately to WIZO Israel to support the vital work WIZO does with deprived women and children regardless of creed or colour in their many WIZO Projects the length and breadth of Israel. Many thanks, Jackie Kalms, Chairman.

**THE SHOP** | **Opening hours this week** Sunday 9:30am – 11:30am, Monday 12noon - 3pm (cash purchases only), Thursday 10am – 4:30pm, Friday 9am – 12:30pm. (01702) 430307 (during opening hours). **For orders** email: [alanmarkovitch@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alanmarkovitch@yahoo.co.uk) or leave message 07956 597271.