

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.

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 – 3 Jan/12 Teveth: Mrs Fay Sober, Mrs Marilyn Lewis, Mrs Evelyn Statman,

Mrs Linda Crystall, Mrs Betty Young

Sunday – 4 Jan/13 Teveth: Mr Maurice Arkus, Mr Sammy Cohen, Mrs Sandra Symons,

Mrs Estelle Luton, Rabbi Emmanuel Levy

Monday – 5 Jan/14 Teveth: Mr & Mrs Arnold Baum, Mrs Gillian De Metz, Mrs Roma Linton,

Mr Jack Goldstein, Mrs Alice Lapp, Mr Brian Lester, Mrs Ruth Dix, Mr Brian Levy,

Mrs Adrienne Cordery, Mr Philip Muslin, Mrs Sandra Winston

Tuesday – 6 Jan/15 Teveth: Mrs Louisa Levy, Mrs Barbara Black

Wednesday – 7 Jan/16 Teveth: Mr Chesney Lewis, Mr Spencer Dobkins, Mr Lee Dobkins,

Mrs Anita Salomon, Mr Michael Joseph, Mr Jack Saunders, Mrs Marie Rothman, Mrs Margaret Shine

Thursday – 8 Jan/17 Teveth: Mrs Joan Pearl, Mrs Clare Greenbaum, Mr Maurice Kaufman,

Mrs Lily Bloch, Mr Victor Stender

Friday – 9 Jan/18 Teveth: Mr David Black, Mr Gary Black, Mr Andrew Levene, Mrs Sheila Blaine

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 7th Feb – 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

The Shop

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

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12 Teveth 5775 - 3 Jan 2015 כ"ג ט"ו



Email: swhc@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 01702 344900 Website: www.swhc.org.uk

Rabbi: Rabbi Binyamin Bar

Wardens: Geoffrey Pepper & Stanley Robinson

Shabbat Vayechi Services

Shabbat begins Friday night at 3.42pm

Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat 3.40pm

Shacharit 9.15am

Children's Service with Yael 11.00am

Followed by Kiddush - Mincha will follow straight after

Shabbat ends 5.01pm

Ma'ariv 5.20pm

Service Times Weekdays

Sunday

Shacharit 8.30am Ma'ariv 6.00pm

Monday – Thursday

Shacharit 8.00am Ma'ariv 8.00pm

Next Friday – 9 Jan

Shacharit 8.00am

Service 3.50pm

Shabbat begins 3.50pm

This week's leaflet is sponsored anonymously



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The Blessing of the Children

Just like Goldie & Tevya blessed their "five daughters" in "Fiddler on the Roof", each week we ask G-d to help our children to become like the sons of Yosef: Ephraim and Menashe. The custom of invoking these two great ancestors of our People actually comes from this week's Parsha. Yosef's Father, the Patriarch Yaacov, summons his Children to give them a final blessing from his deathbed. But first, Yaacov requests the presence of two of his grandchildren – Ephraim & Menashe – to receive blessings. Why would Jacob prioritize his grandchildren over his Children? And in our time, why wouldn't we bless our children to be like the Patriarchs, Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov? (which would parallel the blessing on behalf of Jewish daughters: that they should be like the matriarchs Sarah, Rivka, Rachel, and Leah)?

Perhaps first and foremost, we invoke the names of Ephraim and Menashe because we're told they had brotherly love. In addition, they had nearly every temptation imaginable to contend with: they grew up in the morally depraved society of ancient Egypt; their Father Joseph was Egypt's Viceroy, making them part of the Royal Family in a decadent culture (having to deal with fame, wealth, etc.); one of them became directly involved in Egypt's government affairs, assisting Joseph in his leadership roles. And yet, in the face of those challenges to assimilate and forfeit their integrity, Ephraim & Menashe were steadfast in their consistent loyalty to the G-d of Israel. So too, in all of our Exiles throughout history we pray that our children will emulate Ephraim and Menashe, and will not be lured away from their People by the seductive appeal of assimilation.

As to why did Yaacov prioritize his grandchildren over his children, I saw a wonderful explanation from Rabbi Shraga Simmons who writes: "Most creatures in the world have parent-child relationships – whether it is a mother lion protecting her cubs or a mother bird feeding her young. But only the human being has a concept of grandchildren, of perpetuation beyond a single generation. This is an effect of our spiritual soul, which is rooted in infinity. Being a grandparent therefore connects us deeply to our uniqueness as human beings... Far more than children, it is grandchildren who reveal the foundation and future direction of a family line. Hence the popular saying: 'The issue is not whether you have Jewish children, it's whether you have Jewish grandchildren.'"

May we all be blessed to have Jewish grandchildren who will live their lives according to the path that was paved by Ephraim and Menashe!

Have a wonderful Shabbat!

Rabbi Binyamin Bar

We offer our heartfelt condolences to:

The family of the late Elaine Freeman
Terry Leigh, Linda Cohen & Toni Bell on the loss of a sister & mother, Cynthia Jacobs
The family of the late Jean White
Betty Young on the loss of her sister, Lily Adler

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

Wed 21st Jan – 7.30pm – Variety Night – Palace Theatre

In aid of the Mayor's Charity.

Tickets £12 available from the Palace Theatre & Cliffs Pavilion Box Office 01702 351135

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 Cockthorpe 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 until 6th January 2015 due to annual closure of suppliers.

Dorothy Young Announcement January Sale

A Big January Sale from 1st to 31st 2015.

Half Price goods in Stock--BOOKS, TALLAISIM and TZITZIT.

Call 01702 331218 to make an afternoon or evening appointment. (Not Shabbat)