



**Devarim**

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**SHABBAT COMMENCES 8:00pm**

**CONDOLENCES** *May G-d comfort you among the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*

We offer our heartfelt condolences to Annette Gilbert on the loss of her niece, Tamara, in Canada.

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

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

**Shabbat – 25 July / 9 Av** Mrs Helen Gordon, Mrs Jackie Kalms, Mr Zvi Klemer, Mr Howard Levy, Mr Geoff Newman, Mr Basil Plaskow, Mr Sam Rakusen, Mr Stanley Robinson

**Sunday – 26 July / 10 Av** Mrs Myra Wolfe, Mrs Yvette Oakes, Mrs Betty Steel, Mr Garry Steel

**Monday – 27 July / 11 Av** Mrs Andrea Robinson, Mr Stuart Fisher

**Tuesday – 28 July / 12 Av** Mrs Alayne Marx, Mrs Natalie Rubin, Mrs Rochelle Samuel, Mr Michael Lee, Mr Derek Lee, Mrs Beverley Miller, Mr Rodney Stone

**Wednesday – 29 July / 13 Av** Mrs Nicki Collins

**Thursday – 30 July / 14 Av** Mr Lewis Herlitz

**Friday – 31 July / 15 Av** Mrs Janette Jacques, Mrs Joan Bryer, Mrs Hazel Hodis, Mrs Jackie Kalms, Mrs Norma Anderson, Mrs Geraldine Symons

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

**REGULAR EVENTS AT SWHC**

<p><b>Monday Club</b> Talmud Torah Call Maurice on 01702 351845</p>	<p><b>Pop-In</b> Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August with Sir David Amess MP Talmud Torah 2pm - 4pm</p>	<p><b>Little Latkes Toddler Group</b> Resumes Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September Call Karen on 07887 847059</p>
<p><b>Raymond House Shabbat</b> 1<sup>st</sup> August, 10:15am Call Derek Silverstone 01702 616153</p>	<p><b>Bereavement Support Group</b> Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 8pm At the home of Ivan Kanutin. Call Janice on 07752 874065</p>	<p><b>Are you celebrating?</b> Sponsor a Kiddush / Newsletter Contact the Shul Office for availability and information</p>
<p><b>Cemetery Opening Times</b> Winter: Sunday - Friday 10am - 3pm GMT Summer: Sunday - Friday 10am - 4pm BST</p>	<p><b>connect@southend</b> Thursdays, Talmud Torah Contact Chris Sternshine 01702 334655 / <a href="mailto:csternshine@jcare.org">csternshine@jcare.org</a></p>	<p><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</p>
<p><b>J.A.C.S.</b> Every Wednesday Call Allan Goldstein 01268 771978 for more info</p>	<p><b>SEED</b> Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 8.45pm in Beth Hamedrash</p>	<p>To announce your event on the Shul website email: <a href="mailto:stan.stanrob@gmail.com">stan.stanrob@gmail.com</a></p>

**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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This week's newsletter is kindly sponsored by  
**Susan & Michael Konyn**  
on the occasion of their grandson, Lee's, Barmitzva in Israel.  
Mazel Tov!



**SHABBAT SERVICE TIMES**

<b>FRIDAY NIGHT</b>	
Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>7:30pm</b>
<b>SHABBAT MORNING</b>	
Shacharit	<b>9:15am</b>
Children's Service	<b>11:00am</b>
Kiddush after the Service	
<b>SHABBAT AFTERNOON</b>	
Mincha	<b>8.40pm</b>
<b>Tisha B'Av</b>	
<i>(see programme inside for details)</i>	
Ma'ariv & Shabbat ends	<b>10:03pm</b>

**WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	
Shacharit	<b>8:30am</b>
Mincha / Ma'ariv	<b>8.00pm</b>
<i>(see programme inside for details)</i>	
<b>MONDAY - THURSDAY</b>	
Shacharit	<b>8:00am</b>
Mincha / Ma'ariv	<b>8:00pm</b>
<b>NEXT FRIDAY</b>	
Shacharit	<b>8:00am</b>
Shabbat commences	<b>8:00pm</b>
Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>7:30pm</b>

<b>Torah Reading</b>	<b>Devarim</b>	(Soncino page 989)	Rabbi Bar
<b>Haftarah</b>	<b>Chazon</b>	(Soncino page 1004)	Stanley Robinson
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Haftarah of the 3 weeks</i>			

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

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

**Moira Myers** on the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**Rowena & John Harper** on the occasion of their Ruby (40<sup>th</sup>) Wedding Anniversary

**Janice & Howard Linden** on the occasion of their Ruby (40<sup>th</sup>) Wedding Anniversary

## MEMORY NOT HISTORY *Thoughts on the Parasha.*

On the Shabbat before Tisha B'Av, the Jewish national day of mourning, we hear the famous Haftarah of *Chazon*, the "Vision of Isaiah." And on Tisha B'Av itself, we will recall the destruction of our holy Temples nearly 2,000 years ago by fasting and mourning and the other observances of the day.

For over 19 centuries, we have been observing this event and it has become the saddest day in our calendar. But why remember? Why keep revisiting old and painful visions? It's history! The truth is that Jews never had history. We have memory. History can become a book, a museum, and forgotten antiquities. Memory is alive. And memory impacts on our future.

Even amidst the ruins, we refused to forget. As the Babylonians led the Jews into captivity following the destruction of the first Temple, the Jews sat down and wept. "By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept remembering Zion." We did not cry over our lost wealth, homes and businesses. We cried for Zion and Jerusalem. "If I forget thee 'O Jerusalem, let my right hand lose its cunning." Amidst the bondage, we aspired to rebuild; amidst the ruins we dreamt of returning.

And because we refused to forget Jerusalem, we did return. Because we refused to accept defeat or accept our exile as a historical fait accompli, we have rebuilt proud Jewish communities the world over while our victors have been vanquished by time. The Babylonians and Romans became history while we, inspired by memory, emerged revitalized and regenerated because *Am Yisrael Chai* -- the people of Israel lives!

I once heard a story of the Holocaust about a Torah scholar and his nephew. In the concentration camp, they studied the Talmud together. They were learning the tractate *Moed Katan*, a part of the Talmud that, ironically, discusses the laws of mourning. And when the time came that the uncle saw himself staring death in the face, he said to his nephew, "Promise me that if you survive you will finish studying this book of *Moed Katan*." Amidst the misery, desolation and tragedy, what thought preoccupied his mind? That the Talmud should still be studied. This was his last wish on earth. Was it madness, or is it the very secret of our survival?

Only if we refuse to forget, only if we observe Tisha B'Av, can we hope to rebuild one day. Indeed, the Talmud assures us, "Whosoever mourns for Jerusalem, will merit to witness her rejoicing." We need to observe our National Day of Mourning. Let us forego the movies and the restaurants. Let us sit down on a low seat to mourn with our people and let us remember. May Hashem restore those glorious days and rebuild His own everlasting house speedily in our days.

Shabbat Shalom!

*Rabbi Binyamin Bar*

## WHAT'S ON AT SWHC

### 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

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

### Saturday night 25<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July | TISHA B'AV - FAST OF AV

Mincha Saturday night 8.40pm followed by discussion with Rabbi Bar on the history of Tisha b'Av  
Fast begins Saturday night at 8.57pm. Ma'ariv & Eicha when Shabbat ends at 10.03pm.  
Sunday Shacharit 8.30am followed by kinot & explanatory insights by Rabbi Bar  
6.15pm Film Screening of the dramatic documentary "Stealing Klimt" Shul Hall  
Mincha/Ma'ariv Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 8.00pm - Fast Ends Sunday Night at 10.01pm

### Shabbat 1<sup>st</sup> August | Marc Taylor Auf Ruf

Next week's Kiddush will be kindly sponsored by the Taylor Family to celebrate son, Marc's Auf Ruf. Mazel Tov!

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 3pm | Emunah Garden Party at Porters, Mayors' Parlour

£15 inc High Tea & Entertainment. Tickets: Sue Baker 07885 183869 [suebaker280@hotmail.com](mailto:suebaker280@hotmail.com)

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August | AID Society Bridge

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

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September from 6.15pm | Roy Barnes GREAT "Friday Night Live"

Friday Night Live will begin with a Scotch & Sushi evening. Booking will open shortly.

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

### Motzei Shabbat 5th September, 10:30pm | Choral Midnight Selichot Service

Pizza & Chips Supper followed by a prelude to the awe inspiring days of Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur – 3 of the finest Chazanim in the UK. The Rinah Ensemble under the direction of Chazan Eliot Alderman with special Guest Chazan Adrian Alexander and harmonising with our own Rabbi Bar. Free entry – No appeal. See flyer for details.

### 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 Vandermolen or Shul Office.

**Calendars, Luachot & Diaries** can be ordered ahead of Rosh Hashanah from Dorothy Young on 01702 331218 (not Shabbat) or email [Dorothy@dorothyyoung.co.uk](mailto:Dorothy@dorothyyoung.co.uk) or ask in The Shop.

**Kidz Kalender** Anyone wishing to have an insertion in this years' Kidz Kalender, please contact Barry Jacobs on 07876685826 or email [kidzkalendar@outlook.com](mailto:kidzkalendar@outlook.com)

## THANK YOU

**Sybil & Ralph Schiller & Larry Lisner** wish to thank everyone who sponsored their 10 mile walk up and down the Pier for JAMI on 15th July. Those who have not yet given their sponsorship, please pass to Larry or if anyone else wishes to donate, please contact Larry.