

STONE SETTINGS *Stock Road Cemetery SS2 5QF*

A MINYAN IS URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR THIS STONE SETTING.

Sunday 1st Nov 2.00pm Brian Levy

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

(Yahrzeits begin the night before the date below)

- Shabbat – 31 October / 18 Cheshvan** Mr Roy Barnes, Mr Geoff Newman, Mr & Mrs Geoffrey Struminger
- Sunday – 1 November / 19 Cheshvan** Mr Peter Baum, Mrs Dorothy Young
- Monday – 2 November / 20 Cheshvan** Mr David Fine, Mrs Gill Hyams, Mrs Ella-Myrtle Hyman
- Tuesday – 3 November / 21 Cheshvan** Miss Angela Davis, Mrs Helena Rosenberg
- Wednesday – 4 November / 22 Cheshvan** Mr Boris Chajt, Mr Geoffrey Basco, Mr Irvine Ford, Mr Howard Gibeon
- Thursday – 5 November / 23 Cheshvan** Mrs Roma Linton, Mr Danny Greenbaum, Mrs Anne Green, Mrs Sheree Woolfson, Mrs Frances Witzendorf
- Friday – 6 November / 24 Cheshvan** Mrs Norma Ansell, Mr Henry Harris, Mr David Jacobson, Mr Martin Neidus, Mr Gerry Russell

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

REGULAR EVENTS AT SWHC

Monday Club Shul Hall Call Maurice on 01702 351845	Pop-In Tuesday 17 th November Talmud Torah 2pm - 4pm Email Janice swhcf@gmail.com	Little Latkes Toddler Group Tuesdays Call Karen on 07887 847059
Raymond House Shabbat To be advised	Bereavement Support Group Monday 23 rd November 8pm At the home Barbara Black Call Janice on 07752 874065	Cheder & SJYC Tuesdays / Thursdays southendyouth@outlook.com or call Barry 07876 685826
Cemetery Opening Times Winter: Sunday - Friday 10am - 3pm GMT Summer: Sunday - Friday 10am - 4pm BST	connect@southend Thursdays, Talmud Torah Contact Chris Sternshine 01702 334655 / csternshine@icare.org	AID Society Bridge Sunday 1 st November Thorpe Bay Bridge Club Call Geoff Cohen 339601 or Jan Linden 343289
J.A.C.S. Wednesdays Call Allan Goldstein 01268 771978 for more info	SEED Monday 9 th November 8.45pm in Beth Hamedrash	To announce your event on the Shul website email: stan.stanrob@gmail.com

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 swhcf@gmail.com or leonardshulton@live.com, call Janice 07752874065 or Shul Office 01702 344900.



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VAYERA

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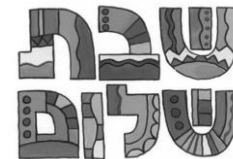
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SHABBAT VAYERA TIMES

FRIDAY NIGHT

Mincha, then Kabbalat Shabbat **4:15pm**

SHABBAT MORNING

Shacharit **9:15am**

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

Kiddush after the Service

Mincha follows immediately after the Morning Kiddush

Shabbat ends **5:25pm**

Ma'ariv **5:45pm**

WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY

Shacharit **8:30am**

Ma'ariv **6:00pm**

MONDAY - THURSDAY

Shacharit **8:00am**

Ma'ariv **8:00pm**

NEXT FRIDAY

Shacharit **8:00am**

Shabbat commences **4:02pm**

Mincha then Kabbalat Shabbat **4:00pm**

Torah Reading	Rabbi Bar	Soncino page 86
Haftorah Vayera	Paul Gershlick	Soncino page 113
Anim Zemirot	Benjamin Gershlick	Sacks Singers page 458
<i>If you would like to repeat your Barmitzvah Haftorah, please contact the Gabbaim.</i>		

BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY *Thoughts on the Parasha*

This week's Parasha focuses on the life of our patriarch Abraham, the first Jew. Every incident in his life is significant and contains valuable insights for us, his descendants. The Torah says that, "Abraham planted an aishel (tree) in Beer Sheva" (Genesis 21:33). What should we learn from this? The importance of National Tree Week? That Abraham was a tree-hugging Hippie? How can the environmentally friendly person apply this teaching?

It is known that Abraham was in the business of welcoming guests. He invited complete and total strangers to come into his tent, eat his food, drink his wine, and relax from their journey. Abraham was a real mensch. It just so happened that he worked in the desert. Due to a tremendous lack of shade he planted a tree. What better way to welcome a sweaty wayfarer than with a well-shaded seat?

The Talmud lists two other opinions as to the nature of this aishel. According to one opinion it was not a shade tree, but rather an entire orchard of fruit trees. Once again Abraham's focus was on the guests. Wouldn't it be lovely after a long trek through the desert to run into a ripe piece of fruit? A third opinion maintains that Abraham built an entire five-star hotel complex, complete with a swanky lounge and full service restaurant. Yet again Abraham's objective was to provide fabulous service to the weary traveler.

The lesson contained here is timeless. Abraham represents the embodiment of kindness. He did not merely give his guests the minimal requirements for survival – tepid water, stale bread, and a pinch of salt – rather he gave them fabulous food and displayed tremendous hospitality. Each us has inherited Abraham's attribute of kindness, hence we have the capacity to give of ourselves in the same manner as Abraham. We can assist and help others not only with their vital necessities but rather we can go above and beyond the call of duty and help others in a truly limitless fashion.

Shabbat Shalom! *Rabbi Binyamin Bar*

NOTICES

JC Correspondent As previously advised **Geoffrey Pepper** is now our JC Correspondent. Any article or news item must be given to Geoffrey who will assess its suitability and pass it on to the JC. Geoffrey can be contacted either directly geoffrey.pepper@hotmail.co.uk or through the Synagogue Office. Geoffrey also communicates with all the Jewish Press including Hamodia; Jewish Tribune, Essex Jewish News and The Jewish News. Any photos should be High Resolution jpg.

Weekday Morning Minyan Rota Enjoy approximately 1/20th of your day on behalf of the Community to keep the Minyan going – then when YOU need a Minyan it will be there to support YOU! If you would like to be added to the rota, please contact geoffrey.pepper@hotmail.co.uk

Security and CST Volunteers In light of the current situation we are urgently looking to recruit members of the community to join our Security Team. No experience necessary, full training given. Your community needs YOU! Please contact Kevin on 07855 257640.

The Shop | Opening Times Sunday 9.30am-11.30am Thursday 10.00am – 4:30pm
Friday 9.00am – 12:30pm Monday Midday – 3pm (Cash only)
Email: alanmarkovitch@yahoo.co.uk or leave a message on 07956 597271

WHAT'S ON AT SWHC

This Shabbat 31st October This week's Kiddush is generously sponsored by **Louise & Alan Gershlick** in celebration of their 45th Wedding Anniversary. Mazel Tov!

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

Shabbat 7th November | AJEX Shabbat "Remembrance is a Mitzvah"

Shabbat Morning Remembrance Service, Southend & Westcliff Hebrew Congregation
All ex-Servicemen & Women, their families & friends, are invited to attend this most important Service. Kiddush sponsored by AJEX after the service.

Sunday 8th November | Mayor's Annual Civic Cenotaph Service and Parade

Assemble at Prittlewell Square at 10:30am. Rabbi Bar will read the lesson and Poppy Wreaths will be laid on behalf of SWHC and AJEX. Immediately after this Civic Service, AJEX will proceed to Stock Road Cemetery for the Service of Remembrance at our Jewish War Memorial. All Jewish ex-Servicemen and Women, together with widows of Jewish ex-Servicemen and their families are invited to come and march in the Parades.

Sunday 15th November | Annual National Parade and Reunion Rally

Service at Whitehall Cenotaph, 2:30pm. Conducted by the Chief Rabbi, Ephraim Mirvis.
Fall-In at Horse Guards Parade Ground, London 2pm.
Transport to Whitehall is available, please call Jeffrey Barcan on 01702 343192.

Shabbat 14th November We welcome back to Westcliff **Daryl Luder and Dawn & Neil Shestopal**, who will be joining us for Shabbat. Daryl will kindly be leyning for us and Neil will kindly be leading some of the services.

Friday 20th - Shabbat 21st November We welcome back to Westcliff, **Rev Gary Newman and family** who will be joining us for Shabbat, Rev Newman will be leading the service on Friday night and Shabbat morning. Also joining us will be **Ralph Schiller** who will be kindly leyning for us on Shabbat.

Sunday 22nd November | Mitzvah Day is an annual day of social action that takes place in November each year. Community Groups and individuals undertake a range of volunteer projects for those in need in their local Community.

Sunday 22nd November, 2:30pm to 5pm | Jewish Genealogical Society
Contact Anne Marcus for details on avoceta@hotmail.com. All Welcome.

Sunday 22nd November | AID Society Quiz Community Centre. Sorry now fully booked.

Public Menorah Lighting at Cliff Pavillion Sunday 6th - Sunday 13th December

Daily lighting times

Sunday 6 th December, 7:30pm	Thursday 10 th December, 7:30pm
Monday 7 th December, 7:30pm	Friday 11 th December, 3pm
Tuesday 8 th December, 6:30pm	Saturday 12 th December, 6pm
Wednesday 9 th December, 7:30pm	Sunday 13 th December, 7:30pm

Youth Chanukah Party
Gala Night