

THE DRUM

KEEPING YOU IN STEP WITH THE BEAT OF OUR COMMUNITY



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FROM THE RABBINIC TEAM: A SIMPLE MAN



Vayeitzei begins with the story of Yaakov's departure from Canaan to flee from his brother, Esav, and the vision of the ladder with angels ascending and descending. The Torah states that Yaakov slept on the roadside after "he encountered a certain place" (28:11). The Midrash (Bereishit

Rabba 68:10) says that Yaakov needed to stop there because he was physically prevented from carrying on his journey: "He wanted to pass, but the entire world became like a wall in front of him." Somehow, he could not move any further, and was forced to stop there for the night. The Midrash continues by saying that God even made the sun set early so that Yaakov would be forced to sleep at this location! Imagine the sense of isolation Yaakov must have felt. Forced to flee for his life, unsure if he would ever be able to return home, and now stranded in an unknown place. Yet it was in this moment he had a monumental encounter with God. The situation was constructed to bring this about. Like Yaakov fleeing Canaan, we are all on a "journey" of one type or another. At times, however, it seems as though "the entire world became...like a wall," that our course is blocked. The Midrash here teaches us that rather than feel frustrated we should regard them as opportunities. Yaakov's journey was blocked so that he could receive a message from God – showing us that even the barriers we encounter along the journey towards the realisation of our goals are precious opportunities. They offer us a chance to reflect, take stock and, perhaps most importantly, to experience an intimate encounter with God.

RABBI SAM FROMSON

שבת שלום

Candles: 3.19pm - 4.01pm
Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat: 4.10pm

Shabbat morning: 9.15am

Minchah: 4.00pm, followed by the rabbi's shiur;
Ma'ariv when Shabbat ends: 5.04pm

WEEKDAY SERVICES

שחרית

Sun @ 8.30am; Mon & Thu @ 7.15am;
Tue, Wed & Fri @ 7.25am

מנחה & מעריב

Sun-Thu @ 4.00pm

Mazal Tov!

COMING SOON

Happy Birthday!

· LUCA DALE · AVROHOM KATZ
· ORI SHONTHAL · TAMIR FENGAS

LEARN WITH US

FRIDAY NIGHT 12TH NOVEMBER - NO CHAVURAH THIS WEEK; RESUMES NEXT WEEK

Donald's Gemara Sanhedrin Chavurah

SHABBAT 13TH NOVEMBER - FOLLOWING MINCHAH AT 4.00PM

RHB's series: The Journey of Avraham and Sarah: A Look with Classical Commentaries

MONDAY 15TH NOVEMBER - NO SHIUR

Adrian Jacobs Shiur Gemara Shiur on Tractate Shabbat
Delivered by Zoom

TUESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER - 8.30PM (NOTE TIME)

RHB in conversation with Dr Blima Marcus
Delivered by Zoom

Coming soon

SHIURIM WITH RABANIT RAMIE SMITH
24th November and 22nd December

MAJOR CHANUKAH EVENT
5th December

Youth and Children

OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES RUN EVERY SHABBAT AND YOM TOV MORNING:

- **YOUTH** (Y7 plus), upstairs in the nursery, 10:30
- **PRE-YOUTH** (Y5 & Y6), outside under the Rimon shelter, 11am
- **CHILDREN** (Reception-Y4), Rimon hall, 11am
- **TODDLERS** (Pre-school and below), Rimon reception playground, 11am

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON YOUTH ACTIVITIES, PLEASE CONTACT OUR YOUTH DIRECTORS, TOVA AND SHIRA:
YOUTH@GGSHUL.ORG.UK

AWFUL KIDS' JOKES

- Did you hear about the man who lit a fire in his canoe to keep warm? It sank! Proof that you can't have your kayak and heat it...
- I walked down the street dressed as a screwdriver. That turned a few heads.
- DA photon checks into a hotel. "Do you have any luggage?" the receptionist asks. Photon replies, "No, I'm travelling light".

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Shul office hours: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
9.30am - 3.00pm; Tuesday 9.30am - 1pm

Mitzvah Day

Be part of something amazing!
Join us on Sunday 21st November

Whether you knit, cook, garden, drive or just schlep, you can join in. Sign up for the Mitzvah Day event on the website or contact Ashley - 0755 511 4027 or ashley14027@gmail.com.

On Mitzvah Day, we give our time, not our money, to make a difference to the community around us.



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