

# THE DRUM

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## FROM THE RABBINIC TEAM: TOO SMALL?



Our parashah opens with Yaakov preparing to face his brother Esav, from whom he has been estranged for many years and whom he fears will kill him. Ruminating on his own merit when threatened by his brother, Yaakov says to God, 'I am too small for all the

kindness and the trust which you have performed for your servant' (BeReishit 32:11). By 'too small', Yaakov seems to question his own worthiness of God's largesse and salvation. Rashi offers an interesting spin on Yaakov's concern. 'My merits have been reduced through the acts of kindness and trust that you have performed with me. This is why I am concerned that perhaps since You (God) made these promises (success and security) to me, I have become sullied by sin. This may cause me to be handed over to Esav.'

Of course, this concern has no real basis and Yaakov survives the encounter with Esav the next morning. But it does reveal a fascinating and, perhaps, systemic lack of confidence that has plagued Yaakov's life thus far. He has always struggled to emulate Esav, even hanging on to his heel at their birth. But this is the moment of truth and Yaakov will now have to learn to assert himself and grow into his own identity, rather than hankering after his brother's. To achieve this essential aspect of personal growth, he will need to spend the night before he meets his brother wrestling with the aspects of Esav that have overshadowed him since birth. He will emerge strong and confident, as Yisrael.

**RABBI DR HARVEY BELOVSKI**

## שבת שלום

Candles: 3.12pm - 3.51pm  
Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat: 4.00pm

Shabbat morning: 9.15am

Minchah: 3.45pm, followed by a shiur with Rabbi Fromson; Ma'ariv when Shabbat ends: 4.56pm

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

### שחרית

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

### מנחה & מעריב

Sun-Thu @ 3.45pm

## Mazal Tov!

JONATHAN & MICOL GARCIA ON THE BIRTH OF  
THEIR DAUGHTER

NORMAN & VIVIANE Waidhofer ON THE BIRTH  
OF A GRANDSON

HEN BLANK ON THE BIRTH OF A GRANDSON  
JERRY & JANET PATTERSON ON THE BIRTH OF A  
GRANDDAUGHTER

## Happy Birthday!

· JESSE TAGER · ZAC TAGER · ORLI IRWIN · SAMUELE  
OTTONLENGHI · AVIRAM MENASHE · RACHELI  
MENASHE · JACOB LEVERE · REBECCA WOOLICH

## LEARN WITH US

### FRIDAY NIGHT 19TH NOVEMBER - AFTER MAARIV

Donald's Gemara Sanhedrin Chavurah

### SHABBAT 20TH NOVEMBER - FOLLOWING MINCHAH AT 3.45PM

Shiur with Rabbi Fromson

### MONDAY 22ND NOVEMBER - 8.00PM

Adrian Jacobs Shiur Gemara Shiur on Tractate Shabbat  
Delivered by Zoom

### WEDNESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER - 8.00PM

Rabbanit Ramie Smith on 'Tamar vs. Tamar: Violence and Loyalty'  
Delivered by Zoom

Coming soon

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, 10:45am
- **TODDLERS** (Pre-school and below), Rimon reception playground, 10:45am

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

## AWFUL KIDS' JOKES

- Every morning I announce loudly to my family that I'm going jogging, but then don't go. It's a running joke.
- Just spent \$100 on a belt that doesn't fit! Huge waist.
- My ventriloquist dummy has left me after 25 years. It was a complete golt out of the glue.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

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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](mailto: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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[WWW.GOLDERSGREENSHUL.ORG.UK](http://WWW.GOLDERSGREENSHUL.ORG.UK)

MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS ARE WARMLY INVITED TO ATTEND ALL OF OUR ONLINE EVENTS,  
REGARDLESS OF LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE