

# THE DRUM

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## FROM THE RABBINIC TEAM: A SIMPLE MAN



Is Yaakov Really a Simple Man?

Yaakov has an intriguing duality about him. On the one hand, we are told that he was an ish tam – a simple or perfect man, who dwelled in tents, understood to be the tents of Torah.

On the other hand, he seems to strike a tough bargain, trading a bowl of pottage for Esav's birthright, and his description of himself to Rachel when she warns him that her father Lavan is a trickster, as his "brother in trickery" does not seem far off.

How do we reconcile these two aspects?

Rashi comments on the word Tam, that it describes someone whose thoughts and words are the same, and who is not ingenious in deceiving people. This fits very well with the Tam from the Pesach seder. However, it does not fit that well with Yaakov. And there is no reason why it should. Yaakov is not a tam. He is an ish tam. The Chozeh mi'Lublin, Rabbi Yaakov Yitzchok Horowitz clarifies the distinction, by saying that a person must always be in control of their middot/ character traits, both good and bad. Allowing one's good middot to get out of hand can be as damaging as not controlling the bad ones. And so here, Yaakov is an ish tam, a baal middot – he has control over his simplicity and knows when to give it free rein and when to be a little devious.

REBBETZIN VICKI BELOVSKI

## שבת שלום

Candles: 3.28pm - 4.12pm  
Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat: 4.15pm

Shabbat morning: 9.15am  
This week is EcoShabbat, with a special sermon on the theme from Rabbi Belovski

Minchah: 4.00pm, followed by the rabbi's shiur;  
Ma'ariv when Shabbat ends: 5.14pm

## 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!

· RAPHAEL OWLIAEI · LIORA GIESSING

## LEARN WITH US

### SHABBAT 6TH NOVEMBER - FOLLOWING MINCHAH AT 4.00PM

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

### MONDAY 8TH NOVEMBER - 8.00PM

Adrian Jacobs Shiur Gemara Shiur on Tractate Shabbat  
Delivered by Zoom

### TUESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER - 8.00PM

RHB in conversation with Canon Dr Giles Fraser  
Delivered by Zoom

Coming soon

IN ZOOM CONVERSATION WITH RHB (8.00PM)

November 16th: Dr Blima Marcus

November 30th: Lord Ian Austin

SHIURIM WITH RABBANIT RAMIE

24th November and 22nd 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](mailto:YOUTH@GGSHUL.ORG.UK)

## AWFUL KIDS' JOKES

- Entered my photo of Orion's Belt into a local art competition. I didn't win, but I did get a constellation prize...
- I got chatting to a lumberjack in the pub. He seemed like a decent feller.
- Do people who hallucinate about marine plants see kelp?

## USEFUL CONTACTS

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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](mailto:ashley14027@gmail.com).

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



Check out our brand new website

[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