

THE DRUM

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FROM THE RABBINIC TEAM: THE CLIFFHANGER



The saga of Yosef and his brothers that has occupied the last few readings reaches its denouement this week. Yosef finally reveals his identity to his brothers and the family is reconciled, with Yaakov and his entourage relocating to Goshen. Yet the story seems to

have stopped at a crucial point last week. The cup - planted in Binyanim's sack - has been discovered, the brothers are led back to Egypt to face the music and then... the parashah ends and we have to wait for this week to find out what happened next. It may be the first cliffhanger.

This phenomenon highlights the thematic division of the parshiot. While the division of the Torah into 53 parshiot for reading in Shul is of relatively recent vintage, it seems that the sages involved identified themes for each, which explains their differing lengths (some are more than double the length of others). The start of our parashah marks an obvious thematic change. Until this point, the story has been about fragmentation and rivalry between the brothers, but from this point onwards, it is about reconciliation and rebuilding lost relationships. Its name 'Vayigash' - which means 'and he approached' suggests this, as several other references to meeting, hugging, approaching and reconnecting.

So it's more than a cliffhanger, rather a pause before a critical change in the direction of one of the greatest stories in history.

RABBI DR HARVEY BELOVSKI

Candles: 3.02pm - 3.37pm
Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat: 3.40pm

Shabbat morning: 9.15am

Mazal Tov to Ari Snyder, who celebrates his bar mitzvah today

Minchah: 3.30pm, followed by Rabbi Belovski's shiur;
Ma'ariv when Shabbat ends: 4.45pm

Fast of Tevet Tuesday (6.45am-4.40pm)
Shacharit & Selichot: 7.00am; Minchah & Ma'ariv: 3.30pm

WEEKDAY SERVICES

שחרית

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

מנחה & מעריב

Sun, Mon, Wed & Thu @ 3.40pm

Mazal Tov!

COMING SOON

Happy Birthday!

· DANIEL BRETTELL · NATAN CORIN
· SARA COHEN

LEARN WITH US

FRIDAY NIGHT 10TH DECEMBER - AFTER MAARIV

Donald's Gemara Sanhedrin Chavurah

SHABBAT 11TH DECEMBER - FOLLOWING MINCHAH AT 3.30PM

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

MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER - 8.00PM

Adrian Jacobs Shiur Gemara Shiur on Tractate Shabbat
Delivered by Zoom

Coming soon

ZOOM SHIUR WITH RABBANIT RAMIE

22nd December, 8.00pm

Bat Pharaoh: Rebel with a Cause

Youth and Children

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

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

All starting at 10.45am

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON YOUTH
ACTIVITIES, PLEASE CONTACT OUR YOUTH
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AWFUL KIDS' JOKES

- "Why do we need walkie-talkies? Our relationship is over." "Our relationship is what? Over."
- I accidentally drank a bottle of invisible ink last night. I'm in the hospital now, waiting to be seen.
- Why do bees stay in their beehives all through the winter? Swarm.

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