

# THE DRUM

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## FROM THE RABBINIC TEAM: THE CLIFFHANGER



Yaakov gives his grandsons a somewhat surprising blessing. He asks the angel who has redeemed him from all harm to bless them. Surely he should ask God to bless them, not an angel?

The Malbim suggests an answer. He says that Yaakov functioned in a natural framework, leading and looking after his family as a shepherd guides and tends his flock. Therefore his interactions with God took place through angels - messengers of God. And it seems from the fact that Yaakov refers to 'the angel' rather than 'an angel' that there was one who was a repeated presence. He is using this angel as a reference point for a lifestyle and relationship with God, rather than requesting his blessing.

Yaakov's father and grandfather, Yitzchak and Avraham, however, functioned in a framework of open miracles, and their interactions with God were more direct, not through an intermediary.

Therefore, he blesses Ephraim and Menashe that they should benefit both from the natural framework in which he had been successful - "may my name be recalled in them" and, by linking them back to his and their ancestors with the phrase "and the names of my fathers Avraham and Yitzchak", from the miraculous relationship with God which they had enjoyed.

**REBBETZIN VICKI BELOVSKI**

## שבת שלום

Candles: 3.03pm - 3.37pm  
Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat: 3.40pm

Shabbat morning: 9.15am

Minchah: 3.30pm, followed by Rabbi Belovski's shiur;  
Ma'ariv when Shabbat ends: 4.47pm

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

### שחרית

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

### מנחה & מעריב

Sun - Thu @ 3.40pm

Mazal Tov!

COMING SOON

Happy Birthday!

· ELIA BENSOR · SASKIA SHAW  
· EYTAN KLEINBERG

## LEARN WITH US

### FRIDAY NIGHT 17TH DECEMBER - AFTER MAARIV

Donald's Gemara Sanhedrin Chavurah

### SHABBAT 18TH DECEMBER - FOLLOWING MINCHAH AT 3.30PM

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

### MONDAY 20TH DECEMBER - 8.00PM

Adrian Jacobs Shiur Gemara Shiur on Tractate Shabbat  
Delivered by Zoom

### WEDNESDAY 22ND DECEMBER - 8.00PM

Rabbanit Ramie on 'Bat Pharaoh: Rebel with a Cause'  
Delivered by Zoom

Coming soon

#### WINTER PROGRAMME

Rabbi Julian Sinclair on Shemittah today

Rabbanit Ramie on the Parashah

Rabbi Belovski In Conversation 2

## 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 DIRECTORS, TOVA AND SHIRA:  
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## AWFUL KIDS' JOKES

- I once got stuck in a lift with six men dressed as Santa... It felt really Claus-trophobic.
- If like me you've ever been accused of being born in a barn and want to chat, my door is always open.
- It's been months since I ordered the book "How To Scam People Online"... It still hasn't arrived yet.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

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

## GGSh Executive

Our community is run by volunteers – do get in touch and get involved. Our Women's Officers are available for support on saying kaddish and observing yahrzeits and our Gabbaim can answer any questions on services.

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