

# THE DRUM

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## FROM THE RABBINIC TEAM: THE CLIFFHANGER



After being raised in the palace we hear that Moshe "went out to his brethren and observed their suffering" (2:11). Rashi explains, "He observed their suffering – he committed his eyes and his heart to feel distressed for them". He was not just coldly

observing, but empathized and shared in their anguish and distress.

The Saba of Kelm, in his Chokhma U-Musar, notes the striking similarity between Rashi's comments to this verse and a passage in his commentary later in this parasha. God heard Benei Yisrael's cries and we read, "God looked upon the Israelites, and God understood" (2:25). Rashi explains, "He committed His heart to them and did not ignore them with His eyes". The language is strikingly similar to that employed by Rashi when describing Moshe's actions.

This parallel might convey the central importance of the quality of empathy and concern for the plight of others. Perhaps Moshe genuinely feeling the pain of his oppressed brethren and not remaining cocooned in his comfortable palace "caused" God to look upon the nation with similar empathy. One message of this parsha may be that when human beings treat each other with compassion, care and concern, then we arouse God's concern for all of humankind.

I wish you a all a Shabbat Shalom.

**RABBI SAM FROMSON**

## שבת שלום

Candles: 3.06pm - 3.40pm  
Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat: 3.40pm

Shabbat morning: 9.15am

Minchah: 3.45pm, followed by Rabbi Belovski's shiur;  
Ma'ariv when Shabbat ends: 4.50pm

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

### שחרית

Sun - Fri @ 8.30am

### מנחה & מעריב

Sun - Thu @ 3.45pm

## Mazal Tov!

COMING SOON

## Happy Birthday!

· AMELIE SANDLER · OLIVIA SANDLER  
· OLIVIA BENADY · MIKA FRIEDMAN  
· MAXWELL GROSS · LUCY BENDOR

## LEARN WITH US

### FRIDAY NIGHT 24TH DECEMBER - AFTER MAARIV

Donald's Gemara Sanhedrin Chavurah

### SHABBAT 25TH DECEMBER - FOLLOWING MINCHAH AT 3.45PM

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

### IN RECESS UNTIL 10TH JAN

Adrian Jacobs Shiur Gemara Shiur on Tractate Shabbat  
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  
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## AWFUL KIDS' JOKES

- A duck goes into a pub and the barman says "Waddle it be?"
- Lance isn't a common name these days. But in medieval times, people were named Lance a lot.
- I've just invented the first thought controlled air freshener... It makes scents when you think about it.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

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9.30am - 3.00pm; Tuesday 9.30am - 1pm

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