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FROM THE RABBINIC TEAM: 10 COMMANDMENTS?



Much has been written about the structure of the so-called '10 Commandments', which appear for the first time in this week's parashah. The most obvious issue is whether the first line – I am the Lord your God who brought you out from the Land of Egypt and

from the house of slave – is a commandment at all. Most Jewish commentators (e.g. Rambam and Ramban) assume that it is the commandment to believe in God, which must precede all others. It is framed historically, as it is through experience the Israelites came to believe in God. But many Christian commentators, as well as a minority of Jewish ones (e.g. Behag) regard it as an introduction to the remaining commandments, but is not itself a commandment, as it lacks an imperative. This disagreement has several implications. First, how does one count the 10? According to the mainstream opinion, 'anochi' is the first, with the others: idolatry swearing falsely, Shabbat, honouring parents and the prohibitions against murder, adultery, theft, false witness and coveting. For Behag and the Christians, one of the others, usually idolatry, is divided into two. A second, related implication is how one represents the commandments. The familiar 'two tablets' design that appears in most Shuls, clearly depicts the commandments according to the mainstream opinion and not the Behag. Interestingly, the Torah never uses the phrase '10 Commandments', which was borrowed from the Greek, instead opting for '10 Matters/Topics' (Shemot 34:28; Devarim 4:13; Devarim 10:4).

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שבת שלום

Candles: 3.36pm - 4.15pm
Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat: 4.20pm

Shabbat morning: 9.15am

Minchah: 4.15pm, followed by Rabbi Belovski's shiur;
Ma'ariv when Shabbat ends: 5.23pm

WEEKDAY SERVICES

שחרית

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

מנחה & מעריב

Sun - Thu @ 4.15pm

Mazal Tov!

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FRIDAY NIGHT 21ST JANUARY - NO CHAVURA THIS WEEK

Donald's Gemara Sanhedrin Chavurah

SHABBAT 22ND JANUARY - AFTER MINCHAH

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

MONDAY 24TH JANUARY - NO SHIUR THIS WEEK

Adrian Jacobs Shiur Gemara Shiur on Tractate Shabbat

Coming soon

Rabbi Belovski In Conversation 2
(Starts 1st February with Lord Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury)

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

- Horse walks into a bar. Bartender: Hey. Horse: Sure.
- Today I had someone knock on my door asking for small donations towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.
- I'm entering the worlds tightest hat competition... Just hope I can pull it off...

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