

# THE DRUM

KEEPING YOU IN STEP WITH THE BEAT OF OUR COMMUNITY



28-29 JAN | 27 SHEVAT 5782

פ' משפטים (מברכין)

VOLUME · 20 | ISSUE · 20 (#794)

## FROM THE RABBINIC TEAM: THESE AND THOSE



The parshah begins "V'eleh hamishpatim asher tasim lifneihem – And these are the rules that you shall set before them." Rashi, in common with many other commentators, points out that "V – and" joins this parshah to that of the previous week, Yitro, with its

momentous events. He cites the Midrash to say, "just as those were given at Sinai, so too were these." The mishpatim - civil laws about slaves, oxen and not cursing either one's parents or communal leaders, are as much a part of the revelation at Sinai as the more dramatic fundamental commandments.

Not only that, but they are a crucial part. The awe experienced at Sinai was a once in a national history moment. Civil laws may not be so exciting or inspiring, but they enable a society to function smoothly and justly, and are therefore an ongoing necessity. By linking the topics together in this way, the Torah uses the text to make this point.

It also makes the same point in the physical dimension. Rashi points out that the mishpatim immediately follow on from the description of how to construct the altar in the Temple. He says that this tells us that the seat of the Sanhedrin, the highest law court, should be in the Temple, providing a concrete demonstration of the close relationship between religious practice and civil law.

**REBBETZIN VICKI BELOVSKI**

## שבת שלום

Candles: 3.46pm - 4.27pm  
Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat: 4.30pm

Shabbat morning: 9.15am

Minchah: 4.30pm, followed by Rabbi Belovski's shiur;  
Ma'ariv when Shabbat ends: 5.34pm

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

### שחרית

Sun @ 8.30am; Mon & Thu @ 7.15am; Tue & Wed  
@ 7.00am (Rosh Chodesh); Fri @ 7.25am

### מנחה & מעריב

Sun - Thu @ 4.30pm

Mazal Tov!

COMING SOON...

Happy Birthday!

· CHARLTON DALE · FREDDIE CLARK

## LEARN WITH US

### FRIDAY NIGHT 28TH JANUARY - AFTER MA'ARIV

Donald's Gemara Sanhedrin Chavurah

### SHABBAT 29TH JANUARY - AFTER MINCHAH

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

### MONDAY 31ST JANUARY - 8.00PM

Adrian Jacobs Shiur Gemara Shiur on Tractate Shabbat  
Delivered by Zoom

### TUESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY - 8.00PM

Rabbi Belovski in conversation with Lord Rowan Williams,  
former Archbishop of Canterbury  
Delivered by Zoom

Coming soon

Rabbi Belovski In Conversation 2  
(8th February with Lord Ian Austin of  
Dudley)

## 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:  
[YOUTH@GGSHUL.ORG.UK](mailto:YOUTH@GGSHUL.ORG.UK)

## AWFUL KIDS' JOKES

- In an interview the boss asked me "Do you have any experience?" I told him "Yes, this is my 20th interview."
- I once had bypass surgery... They took my tonsils out on the A34.
- What kind of doctor is Dr. Pepper? He is a Fizzician.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

**OFFICE:** 020 8455 2460; [office@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:office@ggshul.org.uk)

**TWITTER:** @ggshul

**RABBI:** 020 8458 8824 · [rabbi@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:rabbi@ggshul.org.uk) ·  
[www.rabbibelovski.co.uk](http://www.rabbibelovski.co.uk)

**RABBI SAM FROMSON:**

07432 505051 · [rabbifromson@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:rabbifromson@ggshul.org.uk)

**HADASSAH FROMSON:**

07415 219079 · [hadassah@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:hadassah@ggshul.org.uk)

**CARE LINE:** 07415 006072

**GEMACH FUND:** [gemach@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:gemach@ggshul.org.uk)

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.

**Chair:** Joel Clark, [chair@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:chair@ggshul.org.uk)

**Financial Representative:** Adam Berlin, [adam@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:adam@ggshul.org.uk)

**Women's Officers:** Victoria White, [victoria@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:victoria@ggshul.org.uk);  
Caroline Levey, [caroline@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:caroline@ggshul.org.uk)

**Gabbaim:** Moishe Engel, [moishe@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:moishe@ggshul.org.uk);  
Gabriel Vaisbrot, [gabriel@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:gabriel@ggshul.org.uk)

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