

THE DRUM

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FROM THE RABBINIC TEAM: SHABBAT HAGADOL



The opening of the Seder is intended to engage the interest of children. After Kiddush, we wash our hands as usual as if to eat the meal, but then interrupt with an appetiser (karpas), after which we break the matzah but don't eat it. All of this sets the scene

for telling the story before the meal over the broken piece of matzah, the commemorate symbol of the evening. Before we commence the story, we announce that the matzah is 'the bread of affliction that our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt'. This is based on the Aramaic translation of 'lechem oni', a phrase in Devarim for matzah. This is perplexing, as the Torah refers to matzah as the food eaten with the Pesach offering just before the Exodus and as the food baked hastily from the dough with which they were driven out of Egypt, just after the Exodus (as per Rabban Gamliel's view mentioned later in the Seder). Nowhere is matzah described as the food our ancestors were fed in Egypt while they were enslaved. In fact, the Maharal of Prague rejects this as a false narrative. There are various ways to resolve this problem, including changing the text to fit better! But perhaps there's a simple route - the matzah begins the evening, as it were, representing slave rations, then becomes the food eaten in preparation for redemption, then finally, it is the food of the exodus itself as we leave the land of our oppression.

RABBI DR HARVEY BELOVSKI

חג שמח ושבת שלום

First Day [Friday - Shabbat]

Shabbat & Yom Tov begin: 7.43pm; Candles from: 6.30pm
Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat: 7.30pm; Seder from: 8.41pm
Shacharit: 9.30am; Minchah: 7.30pm, followed by short shiur

Second Day [Shabbat-Sunday]

Early Ma'ariv follows shiur; Shabbat ends, Seder from: 8.49pm
Shacharit: 9.30am; Minchah: 7.45pm, followed by shiur
Ma'ariv: 8.51pm

CHOL HAMOED SERVICES

שחרית

Mon @ 8.00am; Tue - Thu @ 7.30am

מנחה & מעריב

Mon - Wed @ 7.30pm

Mazal Tov!

COMING SOON

Happy Birthday!

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· MILA HOURI · RAPHAEL DE BECK SPITZER

LEARN WITH US

SHABBAT 16TH APRIL [1ST DAY] AFTER MINCHAH

Short shiur with Rabbi Fromson

SUNDAY 17TH APRIL [2ND DAY] AFTER MINCHAH

Shiur with Rabbi Belovski: 'Ba'avur Zeh: Because of what?'

Kiddushim are back!

If you would like to sponsor a kiddush after Pesach to mark a special occasion, please contact the office:

office@ggshul.org.uk

Youth and Children

OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES NOTE YOM TOV TIMES:

- **YOUTH** (Y7 plus), upstairs,
- **PRE-YOUTH** (Y5 & Y6), Rimon entrance-way
- **CHILDREN** (Reception-Y4), Rimon hall
- **TODDLERS** (Pre-school), Rimon

All starting at 10.45am

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON YOUTH
ACTIVITIES, PLEASE CONTACT OUR YOUTH
DIRECTORS, TOVA AND SHIRA:
YOUTH@GGSHUL.ORG.UK

AWFUL KIDS' JOKES FOR PESACH

- What's the difference between matzah and cardboard? Cardboard doesn't leave crumbs in the carpet.
- New for this year - a search engine for your Seder: It's called Eliyahoo.
- Why wouldn't Moshe let anyone use his staff? He couldn't part with it.

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