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FROM THE RABBINIC TEAM: SINCERITY AND HUMILITY



Parashat Acharei-Mot begins with the description of the annual Yom Kippur service in the Mikdash, and the Torah concludes this section by writing, "He [Aharon] did as the Lord commanded Moshe" (16:34). Rashi explains, "When Yom Kippur arrived, he

performed this service, and this is written to give praise to Aharon that he did not wear them for his aggrandizement [li-gdulato], but rather to fulfill the royal decree." According to Chazal, this verse gives credit to Aharon for wearing the special Yom Kippur vestments purely for the sake of fulfilling God's command, and not to enjoy the grandeur and stature associated with these garments. Why did Aharon deserve such praise for his sincerity? The Talmud refers to the kohen gadol's Yom Kippur vestments as "bigdei lavan" – "white garments" – because they were plain white, as opposed to the "bigdei zahav," the elaborate golden clothing worn throughout the year. Surely this praise would be better placed in a different context? Rav Shimon Schwab, in Ma'ayan Beit Ha-sho'eiva, suggests that Rashi refers to the pitfall of phony humility. Aharon did not relish the opportunity to put on simple garments to show his humble character. Humility, when worn insincerely, is perhaps the greatest form of arrogance. Even when we act humbly, we must ensure that it is genuine, and not just another opportunity to impress the people around us. Aharon was genuine and heartfelt and in his humility, and it is for this that he deserved Hashem's praise.

RABBI SAM FROMSON

שבת שלום

Candles: 6.48pm - 8.06pm
Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat: 7.30pm

Shabbat morning: 9.15am

Mazal Tov to Rosa Laming, who celebrates her Bat Mitzvah today

Minchah: 8.00pm, by Rabbi Belovski's shiur;
Ma'ariv when Shabbat ends: 9.15pm

WEEKDAY SERVICES

שחרית

Sun & Mon @ 8.15am [Rosh Chodesh]; Tue, Wed & Fri @ 7.25am; Thu @ 7.10am [Yom Ha'Atzmaut]

מנחה & מעריב

Sun - Thu @ 7.30pm

Mazal Tov!

MAZAL TOV TO TAMARA FREEDMAN & MAX SEITLER ON THEIR ENGAGEMENT
MAZAL TOV TO ESTHER & STANLEY FREEDMAN AND TO THE SEITLER FAMILY

Happy Birthday!

· SAUL ETKIN · MAYA KLEINBERG
· Yael MIMRAN · FREDDIE LITTNER
· DAVID ATZIL

LEARN WITH US

SHABBAT 30TH APRIL - AFTER MINCHAH

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

MONDAY 2ND MAY - 8.15PM

Adrian Jacobs Shiur Gemara Shiur on Tractate Pesachim

SHABBAT AFTERNOON TALK SERIES - 6.45PM

Sally Berkovic on Tattoos and the Jews
Kindly hosted by Annabel Ries & Jonathan Weissbart
46 Armitage Road NW11 8RD
Traditionally considered forbidden, Sally will explore the contemporary phenomenon of Jews expressing their identity with Judaic-themed tattoos, especially in Israel where there is a thriving tattoo culture.

YOM HA'ATZMAUT

THURSDAY 5TH MAY

Celebratory Shacharit, followed by breakfast

SHABBAT 7TH MAY - YHA SHABBATON

Following prompt finish: Rabbi Belovski on:
An Unexpected Zionist:
Rabbi Yeshayahu Shapira, Admor HeChalutz
Israeli-style Kiddush

Youth and Children

OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES
RUN EVERY SHABBAT MORNING:

- **YOUTH** (Y7 plus), upstairs, **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

AWFUL KIDS' JOKES

- I was walking along the beach carrying a tub of guacamole... Someone said, "What are you doing?" I replied "I'm just taking a dip in the sea."
- I applied for a job hanging mirrors. It's something I can see myself doing.
- Today I started an argument with a friend while riding in a lift. I was wrong on so many levels.

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GGSh Executive

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REGARDLESS OF LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE