

THE DRUM

KEEPING YOU IN STEP WITH THE BEAT OF OUR COMMUNITY



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FROM THE RABBINIC TEAM: COUNTING THE DAYS



In parshat Emor, in the middle of Sefiras HaOmer, the Counting of the Omer, we find the commandment to count seven weeks “for yourselves, from the day after the Shabbat [Pesach]”. Counting can do one of two things – it can show that something is

precious, for example the miser who counts his coins over and over again, or it can reduce something to just a number, one of many, with no individuality. Normally, when anticipating an event, we count down the number of days until it happens, but here, when we are counting towards Shavuot, we increase the number each day. The rabbis use this idea, in combination with “for yourselves” to suggest that the Omer is a time for spiritual improvement, when each day is another step closer, not only to receiving the Torah, but also towards becoming a “better” person. HaKtav VeHaKabbalah (Rabbi Yaakov Zvi Mecklenburg, writing in 19th century Germany) says that the word used for counting here – Usfartem, from the root lesaper – intrinsically implies analysis and watchfulness, citing a verse in Iyov/Job which uses the same verb “But, now You count my steps”. He says one should use this period as a time of introspection, deep thought, and making choices about which way one’s life should proceed. Interestingly, he suggests that there is another link to the concept of purity and refinement inherent in ‘lesaper’ from its relationship to the word sapir – sapphire, considered metaphysically to be the pure precious stone from which God’s throne is made.

REBBETZIN VICKI BELOVSKI

שבת שלום

Candles: 7.05pm - 8.29pm
Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat: 7.30pm

Shabbat morning: 9.15am

This week is Shabbat UK. Welcome to our speakers
Rabbi Shlomo Brody and Dr Tova Ganzel

Minchah: 8.30pm, followed by Dr Ganzel’s shiur;
Ma’ariv when Shabbat ends: 9.42pm

WEEKDAY SERVICES

שחרית

S @ 8.30am; M & Tu @ 7.15am; Th, W & F @ 7.25am

מנחה & מעריב

Sun Minchah @ 6.45pm; Ma’ariv @ 7.45pm
Mon - Thu @ 7.30pm

Mazal Tov!

COMING SOON

Happy Birthday!

· EMMA KAUFMAN

LEARN WITH US

SHABBAT 14TH MAY - AFTER MINCHAH

Guest shiur with Dr Tova Ganzel, as part of Shabbat UK

MONDAY 16TH MAY - 8.15PM

Adrian Jacobs Shiur Gemara Shiur on Tractate Pesachim
Delivered by Zoom

SHABBAT AFTERNOON TALK SERIES - REST WEEK

Resuming on Shabbat 21st May

AGM 15TH MAY 7.00PM

Minchah 6.45pm; AGM 7.00pm; Ma'ariv 7.45pm
Dedication of new rooms and drinks reception 8.00pm

Kiddushim are back!

If you would like to sponsor a kiddush
to mark a special occasion, contact

office@ggshul.org.uk

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

- My dog can float perfectly still on water. He's such a good buoy.
- My Twitter password has been hacked again... This will be the third time I've had to rename the dog...
- My wife said she'd leave me if I didn't stop eating Pasta. Now I'm feeling cannelloni.

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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.

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REGARDLESS OF LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE