

THE DRUM

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FROM THE RABBINIC TEAM: COUNTING THE DAYS



In Parashat Behar we learn the mitzvah to offer interest-free loans to fellow Jews who have fallen upon hard times, so that “ve-chei achikha imakh” – “your fellow shall live together with you” (25:36). Interestingly, this phrase is cited by Rabbi Akiva as the basis for his

famous ruling about two travellers in a desert with sufficient water for only one to survive (Bava Metzia 62a). According to Rabbi Akiva, if one traveller has no water, and his companion has only enough water for himself, the one with the water may drink it to save his own life. This is in contrast to the view of Ben Petura, who taught, “It is preferable for them to divide the water and both and die”. Rabbi Akiva uses our verse to prove that help must be given when your fellow “shall live together with you. He adds “Chayekha kodemin le-chayei chaveirkha”, only once a person has cared for their own basic needs are they allowed to sacrifice for a friend. It is fascinating that this comes from Rabbi Akiva, who is famously known for teaching, “Ve-ahavta le-rei'akha kamokha – zeh kelal gadol ba-Torah.” Specifically Rabbi Akiva, who regarded the imperative to “love your fellow as yourself” as “the great principle of the Torah,” insisted on limiting its scope and requiring tending to one’s own basic needs before sacrificing for others. Rabbi Akiva teach us the crucial difference between loyalty to a value and extremism. Every Torah value must be carefully and discerningly applied with an awareness and recognition of the full range of values and obligations to which we are bound.

RABBI SAM FROMSON

שבת שלום

Candles: 7.14pm - 8.39pm
Chumash Radhi: 7.15apm; Minchah: 7.30pm

Shabbat morning: 9.15am
Mazal Tov to Coren Lass, whose aufruf is today. Coren is marrying Natasha Goldstein in a couple of weeks

Minchah: 8.45pm, followed by Rabbi Belovski's shiur;
Ma'ariv when Shabbat ends: 9.54pm

WEEKDAY SERVICES

שחרית

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

מנחה & מעריב

Sun - Thu @ 7.30pm

Mazal Tov!

TO JONATHA SOCCIO-MARQUES, WHO WILL
CELEBRATE HIS BAR MITZVAH ON THURSDAY

Happy Birthday!

· MOSHE SIMCHAH BELOVSKI · TALIA GOLDHILL
· JONATHAN SOCCIO-MARQUES · JOSHUA MIMRAN
· ELI COHEN · RUBY COHEN

LEARN WITH US

SHABBAT 21ST MAY - AFTER MINCHAH

Rabbi Belovski's shiur 'The Journey of Avraham and Sarah' - Bereishit with classical commentaries

MONDAY 23RD MAY - 8.15PM

Adrian Jacobs Shiur Gemara Shiur on Tractate Pesachim
Delivered by Zoom

TUESDAY 24TH MAY - 8.15PM

Dr Mia Spiro on 'No Englishman did it - Aliens, Jews and the 1888 Jack the Ripper Murders'
Delivered by Zoom - link has been circulated

SHABBAT AFTERNOON TALK SERIES - 7.00pm

Hosted by the Vaughans at 53 The Vale

Julia Chain will speak about her role as chair of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority. Julia is a business leader, former managing partner, former deputy chair of the CRE and vice-chair of Norwood.

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

- I bought the kids a cheese grater today. I hope they'll go on to grate things.
- If children refuse to nap, are they guilty of resisting a rest?
- Me: I'm taking my wife to Italy to see the birthplace of Christopher Columbus. Friend: Genoa? Me: Of course I know her, she's my wife.

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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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