

THE DRUM

KEEPING YOU IN STEP WITH THE BEAT OF OUR COMMUNITY



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FROM THE RABBINIC TEAM: COUNTING THE DAYS



The parashah opens with a short list of blessings God promises the Jewish people when they commit themselves to the observances and ethos of the Torah. One of these doesn't seem to be a blessing at all: 'You shall eat aged, long-stored food and you shall

remove the old because of the new' (Vayikra 26:10). What blessing is there in having so much excess food that one must throw it out for lack of storage space?

This question is addressed by many of the classic commentaries. Rashi, citing an ancient midrash, assumes that the verse means that crops will be so plentiful that when the new season's grain is ready, the farmer will need to find additional storage for last year's, but not that it will go to waste. An issue with Rashi's explanation is that it suggests that the 'problem of excess' will simply grow year by year. In response, Rashi's grandson, Rashbam, argues that the extra grain will be removed 'from the granaries to sell' to others. For Rashbam, the blessing lies in the ability to feed oneself and sell the excess. But Seforno offers my favourite explanation. He contends that the verse means that one will use the excess to support others both within and beyond the Jewish people. When one is no longer worried that one will have insufficient food, one should be motivated to 'take out' the excess and use it to support others. For Seforno, this is the greatest blessing of all.

RABBI DR HARVEY BELOVSKI

שבת שלום

Candles: 7.21pm - 8.48pm
Chumash Radhi: 7.15pm; Minchah: 7.30pm

Shabbat morning: 9.15am
Mazal Tov to Moshe Simcha Belovski,
who celebrates his Bar Mitzvah today

Minchah: 8.45pm, followed by Rabbi Belovski's shiur;
Ma'ariv when Shabbat ends: 9.54pm
Sunday is Yom Yerushalayim - celebratory Shacharit

WEEKDAY SERVICES

שחרית

S [Yerushalayim], Th & F [Bank Holiday] @ 8.30am;
M @ 7.15am; Tu [R.Ch. Sivan]; @ 7.00am; W @ 7.25am

מנחה & מעריב

Sun - Thu @ 7.30pm

Mazal Tov!

TO SAM KAUFMAN AND DINA HILL ON THEIR
ENGAGEMENT; MAZAL TOV TO JEREMY AND
CORINNE AND TO THE HILL FAMILY

Happy Birthday!

· JOELY PHILLIPS · JOSEPH OWLIAEI
· LEAH WELCH · SHMUEL YOSEF BELOVSKI
· EITAN BRODKIN

LEARN WITH US

SHABBAT 28TH MAY - AFTER MINCHAH

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

MONDAY 30TH MAY - SHIUR IS IN RECESS

Adrian Jacobs Shiur Gemara Shiur on Tractate Pesachim

SHABBAT AFTERNOON TALK SERIES - 7.00pm

HOSTED BY FAMILY REUBEN, 33 THE VALE

A Muslim, a Sikh and a Hindu in Auschwitz

Last month, a dozen leaders from different faiths toured Poland with March of the Living UK. The group, led by Rabbi Belovski and Richard Verber, learned about 1,000 years of Jewish life in Poland, the destruction of the Holocaust and how Jewish life is being rebuilt today. What was the group's experience of visiting Auschwitz and other sites and what lessons might there be for Holocaust education and interfaith work?

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've got a new joke about an umbrella but I think it might go over peoples heads...
- I had a game of quiet tennis today. It's just like regular tennis but without the racket.
- A man drove past me on a tractor yesterday and shouted "The end of the world is nigh!" I think it was Farmer Geddon...

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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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