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FROM THE RABBINIC TEAM: THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE FREE



The book of Bemidbar opens with a census of the Jewish people, hence its English name: Numbers. This is performed at God's explicit command, expressed to Moshe in the wilderness – the source of the Hebrew name, which is given as usual according to the first

significant word in the verse.

A midrash asks, "Why does the verse say, "in the Sinai Wilderness"? It answers by saying that this is the source for the Rabbinic teaching that the Torah was given through three things: fire, water and wilderness. The next question, of course, is "Why these three things?" to which the answer is that just as they are all free to everyone, so too are the words of Torah free to everyone.

The Shem MiShmuel, Rabbi Shmuel Bornstein, writing in Poland in the early 20th century, was very fond of triads of ideas. Here he elaborates on the "fire, water and wilderness" theme to suggest that they symbolise the three attributes and attitudes which are necessary to acquire Torah knowledge and bring it into one's everyday life. "Fire" represents spiritual passion – the desire to grow in understanding and become closer to God. "Water" on the other hand represents cool and calm consideration, which is necessary to achieve true knowledge and understanding of Torah concepts. The emptiness of "wilderness" says the Shem MiShmuel, represents the sacrifices in the material sphere, which are necessary to focus on spiritual pursuits and avoid distraction.

REBBETZIN VICKI BELOVSKI

שבת שלום & חג שמח

Shabbat: Candles: 7.28 - 8.56pm; Rashi: 7.15pm;
Minchah: 7.30pm; Shacharit: 9.15am;
Minchah: 8.00pm, followed by short shiur

First Day Shavuot: Ma'ariv 9.00pm (prep not before 10.15pm, candles from existing flame); Tikkun: 12.15am;
Shacharit 3.45am/9.15am; Minchah: 7.30pm; short shiur

Second Day Shavuot: Ma'ariv: 8.15pm; Second Day starts: 10.17pm; Shacharit (Ruth & Yizkor): 9.00am; Minchah, followed by shiur: 9.00pm; Ma'ariv / end YT: 10.18pm

WEEKDAY SERVICES

שחרית

Tue, Wed & Fri @ 7.25am; Thu @ 7.15am

מנחה & מעריב

Tue - Thu @ 7.30pm

Mazal Tov!

WATCH THIS SPACE

Happy Birthday!

· ARI GAON · YONATAN COHEN · AARON SHER
· RONI BROCH · ANNIE CLARK · ELISHEVA GOODMAN
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SHAVUOT PROGRAMME



GOLDERS GREEN SYNAGOGUE
presents **SHAVUOT 5782**

SHABBAT AFTERNOON 4TH JUNE
(after Minchah at 8:00pm)
Rabbi Dr Harvey Belovski: Torah and the Joe in the Street

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT
(commences 12:15am, at GGS)
Refreshments throughout the night

12:15am Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum: Does God really 'talk'?
Mamonides on Divine Speech and why it matters

1:25am Rebbetzin Vicki Belovski: The Torah on one Foot?
Three models of Neighbourly Love

2:35am Rabbi Dr Harvey Belovski: Archbishop Langton
and the Parashah Revolution
3:45am Shacharit

SUNDAY AFTERNOON 5TH JUNE
(after Minchah at 7:30pm)

7:30pm Short shur with Rabbi Sam Fromson
Early Ma'ariv at approximately **8:15pm**

MONDAY AFTERNOON 6TH JUNE
(programme commences 5:30pm at GGS)

5:30pm Rebbetzin Dr Hadassah Fromson:
From Sanctity to Serenity
6:15pm cheesecake break
6:30pm Joanne Greenaway:
Ruth, Boaz and the meaning of Yibum

MONDAY EVENING
(after Minchah at 9:00pm)

9:00pm Rabbi Dr Harvey Belovski: A Chosen People or a
People who Choose? Revisiting Am Segulah
Ma'ariv at **10:18pm**

Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum is Dean of LSJS and
Robbi Sacks Chair of Modern Jewish Thought,
established by the Zandan family
Joanne Greenaway is Chief Executive of LSJS

Service Times
SHAVUOT WEEKEND

SHABBAT BEMIDBAR / EREV SHAVUOT
FRIDAY 3RD – SHABBAT 4TH JUNE

Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat
7:30pm (Candles 7:28 – 8:56pm)
Shacharit **9:15am**
Minchah **8:00pm**
followed by shur with Rabbi Belovski

SHAVUOT FIRST EVENING
MOTZA'EV SHABBAT 4TH JUNE

Ma'ariv **9:00pm**
(preparations at home not before 10:15pm)
Candles should be lit from an existing flame
Tikkun Leil Shavuot starts **12:15am**

SHAVUOT FIRST DAY
SUNDAY 5TH JUNE

Early Shacharit **3:45am**
Regular Shacharit **9:15am**

Minchah **7:30pm**
followed by shur with Rabbi Fromson

Ma'ariv **8:15pm**
Second day starts **10:17pm***
* It is permitted to make Kabbalah and eat
dinner before this time

Preparations may be made for the meal and
candles may be lit from an existing flame
after Ma'ariv

SHAVUOT SECOND DAY
MONDAY 6TH JUNE (RUTH & YIZKOR)

Shacharit **9:00am**
Minchah **9:00pm**
followed by shur with Rabbi Belovski
Ma'ariv when Yom Tov ends **10:18pm**

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Youth and Children

OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES
RUN EVERY SHABBAT AND YOM TOV 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 asked the librarian if they had any books on paranoia and she whispered "They're behind you..."
- Who is in favour of bringing Roman numerals back into use? I for one.
- The World Tongue Twister Champion is up in court today. He's expected to receive a really tough sentence...

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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