

THE DRUM

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FROM THE RABBINIC TEAM: WITH OPEN EYES



The first part of Parashat Balak focusses on the fascinating account of Bilaam, the mercenary prophet who was hired by King Balak to curse the Jewish people as they were about to enter his lands. Featuring the talking donkey, curses which turn to blessings

and some of the most well-known but cryptic verses in the Torah, it can be discussed and understood on many levels. In Bilaam's final speech, he describes himself as Bilaam son of Beor, "the man with the open eye". Somewhat paradoxically, the commentators understand this to mean that he was unable to see from this eye, with Rashi suggesting that he had lost the eye and the socket remained open.

Rabbi Mordechai Shapiro of Neskzhizh, Ukraine, observes that on a spiritual level, a person needs two eyes – one to see the greatness of the Creator and the other to recognise his own insignificance in comparison. Bilaam understood the greatness of the Creator – in fact we are told that he had the potential to be a prophet of the same calibre as Moshe – yet he lacked Moshe's humility. Pirkei Avot ascribes three negative characteristics to the disciples of Bilaam, one of which is "a haughty spirit". Lacking the second spiritual eye, and buoyed by a sense of his own importance, he was unable to contextualise his position in the world, and therefore misused his potential, becoming an archetype of evil.

REBBETZIN VICKI BELOVSKI

שבת שלום

Candles: 7.31pm - 8.57pm
Chumash Rashi: 7.15pm; Minchah: 7.30pm

Shabbat morning: 9.15am
Torah Tibdit with Eliana Barasi
Kiddush hosted by the Belovskis

Minchah: 9.00pm, followed by Rabbi Belovski's shiur
Ma'ariv around 10 mins before Shabbat ends at 10.12pm
Sunday is the Fast of 17th Tammuz [3.33am-10.22pm]

WEEKDAY SERVICES

שחרית

Sun @ 8.00am; Mon & Thu @ 7.15am;
Tue, Wed & Fri @ 7.25am

מנחה & מעריב

Sun - Thu @ 7.30pm

Mazal Tov!

...COMING SOON

Happy Birthday!

· RACHEL VERBER · MAX GLASS
· JONAH SWERNER · EVE GLASS

LEARN WITH US

SHABBAT 16TH JULY - 8.00PM

Donald's Gemara Sanhedrin Chavurah

SHABBAT 16TH JULY - AFTER MINCHAH

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

MONDAY 18TH JULY - 8.15PM, 1 CARLTON CL.

Adrian Jacobs Shiur Gemara Shiur on Tractate Pesachim

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), Jonathan Davies Room (upstairs)
- **PRE-YOUTH** (Y5 & Y6), Glass Cube (upstairs)
- **CHILDREN** (Reception-Y4), Board Room (upstairs)
- **TODDLERS** (Pre-school), Rimon Hall

Youth starts @ 10.30am; Others start @ 10.45am

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON YOUTH ACTIVITIES, PLEASE CONTACT OUR YOUTH DIRECTORS, TOVA AND SHIRA:
YOUTH@GGSHUL.ORG.UK

AWFUL KIDS' JOKES

- Why was the broom late for the meeting? It overswept.
- I'm trying to learn the alphabet but I can't get past X. I don't know why.
- I like making puns about ancient Greek gods and I never apologise about it...

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9.30am - 3.00pm; Tuesday 9.30am - 1pm

GGSh Executive

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