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FROM THE RABBINIC TEAM: STATUTES OF THE TORAH



Our parashah opens with the law of the 'red cow', the ashes of which were mixed with water and sprinkled on those in need of purification. It is the paradigm 'chok', usually translated as 'statute', a rule for which no reason is provided. The section starts

with the phrase 'this is a statute of the Torah', before detailing its rules. Interestingly, this phrase only appears on one other occasion in the Torah, in the account of the war against the Midianites: 'this is a statute of the Torah that the Lord has commanded to Moshe; yet the gold, the silver, the brass, the iron, the tin and the lead; everything that can pass through fire, pass it through fire to purify it, yet it shall be purified with the water used to purify; and anything that cannot be passed through fire, pass through water.' (BeMidbar 31). These verses describe what we know today as 'kashering' – purging used utensils (here captured from the Midianites, but applied more generally) of their non-kosher residue using fire or boiling water. This rule is easy to understand. As such, it is at the opposite end of the spectrum to the 'red cow', which is almost impossible to understand. Yet they are both introduced as a 'statute of the Torah'. Rav S.R. Hirsch notes that this anomaly teaches that ultimately, we fulfil all Torah laws, whether we can easily understand them or not, because they are an expression of God's will and not because we think we know why.

RABBI DR HARVEY BELOVSKI

שבת שלום

Candles: 7.35pm - 9.03pm

Chumash Rashi: 7.15pm; Minchah: 7.30pm

Shabbat morning: 9.15am
Torah Tibdit with Annie Clark

Welcome to Rabbi Zimmels who is guest
baal tefillah this Shabbat morning

Minchah: 9.00pm, followed by Rabbi Belovski's shiur
Ma'ariv around 10 mins before Shabbat ends at 10.20pm

WEEKDAY SERVICES

שחרית

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

מנחה & מעריב

Sun - Thu @ 7.30pm

Mazal Tov!

...COMING SOON

Happy Birthday!

· GABRIEL FRANKS · ARIELLA WHITE
· GAVRIELLA EPSTIEN-LIGHTMAN · LOTTE LEVY
· SOPHIA COOPER · EMILIA WAIMANN

LEARN WITH US

SHABBAT 9TH JULY - 8.00PM

Donald's Gemara Sanhedrin Chavurah

SHABBAT 9TH JULY - AFTER MINCHAH

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

MONDAY 11TH JULY - 8.15PM, 1 CARLTON CL.

Adrian Jacobs Shiur Gemara Shiur on Tractate Pesachim

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

Kiddushim are back!

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

office@ggshul.org.uk

AWFUL KIDS' JOKES

- A Times New Roman walked into a bar and the bartender said 'sorry, we don't serve your type here'.
- Mountains aren't just funny, but they are hill areas.
- My local barber is offering 20% off, which is annoying if you want more than a trim.

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

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