

THE DRUM

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פ' מטות & מסעי (מברכין)

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FROM THE RABBINIC TEAM: HALF A TRIBE



Controversy erupts in this week's parashah when the tribes of Gad and Reuven ask permission to settle permanently in the Transjordan, lands that had been conquered from Sichon and Og, instead of the Land of Israel itself. Their request

angered Moshe, who compared their behaviour to that of the spies. Eventually, Gad and Reuven agreed to fight with the other tribes before returning to their families in the Transjordan. But when Moshe consented to their request, the tribe of Ephraim makes an unexpected appearance: Moshe gave to them – to the children of Gad, to the children of Reuven and to part of the tribe of Menashe son of Yosef – the kingdom of Sichon king of the Emori and the kingdom of Og king of the Bashan... (BeMidbar 23:33). Ramban points out that Menashe was numerically large and they were able to fill the spacious Trasjordan together with the Gadites and Revenites. Chizkuni assumes that the Menashites did not come forward but were awarded a divided portion in the land to reflect the episode in Beresihit when the original Menashe caused Yosef's brothers to tear his clothes. Finally, Moshe's choice of Menashe could be explained as an attempt to keep a religious eye on Gad and Reuven. Living far the spiritual centre of Jewish life in the Land, Moshe was concerned that Gad and Reuven would become disconnected from their coreligionists. As such, he placed Menashe – the descendants of Yosef's eldest son, born and raised in Egypt – to model successful Jewish life in the first Diaspora.

RABBI DR HARVEY BELOVSKI

שבת שלום

Candles: 7.17pm - 8.39pm
Chumash Rashi: 7.15pm; Minchah: 7.30pm

Shabbat morning: 9.15am
Torah Tibdit with Sophie Kierz-Brownstone

Minchah: 8.45pm, followed by Rabbi Belovski's shiur
Ma'ariv when Shabbat ends at 9.49pm

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!

· AIDAN CORIN · DANIEL BENADY
· ITSY COHEN · GEDALYA WHITE

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SHABBAT 30TH JULY - AFTER MINCHAH

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

MONDAY SHIUR IS IN RECESS UNTIL SEPTEMBER

Adrian Jacobs Shiur Gemara Shiur on Tractate Pesachim

TISHA B'AV 6TH - 7TH AUGUST

Full programme including Rabbi Belovski's classes:
The Talmud's Account of the Destruction (10.00am)
Pogroms in Ukraine 1918-21: Prelude to the Holocaust (7.50pm)
Full details on the Shul website

FOOD COLLECTION PROJECT

Many thanks to all those who donated to the Food Collection Project co-ordinated by the US Chesed Department. The donations were very much appreciated

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

- I was at the luggage carousel and I realised I had the shabbiest bagge there. It was the worst case scenario.
- A shop assistant has fiercely fought off an armed robber with a labelling gun. Police are now looking for a man with a price on his head.
- I took a job as an executioner, but it's been tough. I'm really struggling to get ahead.

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Shul office hours: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
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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