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FROM THE RABBINIC TEAM: GOOD TIMES; BAD TIMES



The book of Devarim begins with Moshe narrating the history of the Bnei Yisrael following the giving of the Torah. He recounts that, as they were about to enter the Land of Israel, the people came to him and asked if they could send men ahead of

them to check out their destination.

Moshe agreed, commenting, "The matter was good in my eyes..." to which Rashi and others point out "in my eyes, but not in God's eyes." As we know, sending the spies was a terrible mistake, since their report, and the reaction to it, resulted in 40 years of wandering in the desert. It's easy to spot a bad decision with hindsight, but many of the commentators seem to pre-empt the same question: why did Moshe agree to this?

The answers are varied, but one theme stands out: the commentators not only give Moshe the benefit of the doubt, but attribute to him some good reasons for sending the spies. For example, the Netziv, writing in Haemek Davar, suggests that Moshe thought the spies would return strengthened and emboldened to enter the Land. The Sforno writes that Moshe thought that they wanted to choose which areas of the Land they would take for themselves.

What seems to be clear from this is that a person who only has good motivations struggles to understand other people's bad ones. Perhaps we can learn from this that a leader should not always be completely righteous!

REBBETZIN VICKI BELOVSKI

שבת שלום

Candles: 7.08pm - 8.28pm
Chumash Rashi: 7.15pm; Minchah: 7.30pm

Shabbat morning: 9.15am
Kiddush hosted by Guido Rauch

Minchah only: 7.00pm; Fast begins: 8.40pm
Shabbat ends: 9.35pm; Ma'ariv, Eichah & Kinnot: 9.50pm

See full Tisha B'Av programme overleaf

WEEKDAY SERVICES

שחרית

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

מנחה & מעריב

Mon - Thu @ 7.30pm

Mazal Tov!

SIMON FRIEND AND JENNIFER LIPMAN ON THE
BIRTH OF A SON

DR GILLIAN GREENBERG ON THE BIRTH OF A
GREAT-GRANDSON

Happy Birthday!

NONE RECORDED THIS WEEK

JOIN GOLDERS GREEN SYNAGOGUE

FOR
TISHA B'AV 5782

SHABBAT 6TH AUGUST

Minchah: 7.00pm
Fast begins: 8.40pm
Shabbat ends: 9.35pm
Ma'ariv, Eichah and Kinnot: 9.50pm

SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST

Shacharit with selected Kinnot: 8.00am
The Talmud's account of the Destruction: 10.00am (approx.)
Chatzot (resume regular activities): 1.02pm
Minchah (1): 2.00pm
Minchah (2): 7.20pm
Pogroms in Ukraine 1918-21: Prelude to the Holocaust: 7.50pm*
Ma'ariv: 9.05pm
Fast ends: 9.27pm

* Between 1918 and 1921, around 100,000 Jews were murdered, tortured and maimed in pogroms across Ukraine. Hundreds of Jewish communities were destroyed and countless people left destitute. Based on testimonies from victims and relief workers, Rabbi Belovski will explore these largely-forgotten atrocities and consider the extent to which they paved the way for the Holocaust less than 20 years later.

All Welcome
For more information, contact Gabrielle: gabrielle@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:
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AWFUL KIDS' JOKES

- My flat-mate yelled at me this morning because the fridge was full of stir fry. Apparently I was sleep wokking again.
- Just seen a burglar kicking in his own front door. He must have been working from home.
- I've just finished reading a book about a bank vault. It was quite hard to get into.

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