

## Parashat Shemot - 17th/18th January 2025

We will be having a Tequila & Tapas kiddush after the service tonight and look forward to seeing you later!

Tomorrow, we will be welcoming Mike Freer to GGS - the kiddush will be in his honour.

After Minchah, Rabbi Kurzer will continue his shiur series on *Electricity on Shabbat*.

Please find attached this week's yearzeit list.

Shabbat shalom

**YOUTH** (Y7+), Jonathan Davies room (upstairs)  
**PRE-YOUTH** (Y5 & Y6), Glass Cube (upstairs)  
**CHILDREN** (Reception-Y4), Board room (upstairs)  
**TODDLERS** (Pre-school), Rimon Hall

Youth services start @10.45am; all others at 11am

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON YOUTH ACTIVITIES, PLEASE CONTACT OUR YOUTH DIRECTORS, MIA & ARIEL: YOUTH@GGSHUL.ORG.UK

## Service Times

Earliest Candle lighting: **3:31pm**

Latest Candle lighting: **4:09pm**

Kabbalat Shabbat: **4:10pm**

Shacharit: **9:15am**

Minchah: **4pm**

Shabbat ends: **5:17pm**

**Weekday service times: Shacharit:**

**Sunday - 8:30am, Monday & Thursday - 7:15am, Tuesday & Wednesday - 7:25am, Friday - 7am**

**Mincha/Ma'ariv: Sunday to Friday - 4.20pm**

## Happy Birthday

Lily Lightstone  
 Amelie Sandler  
 Olivia Sandler  
 Alexander Waidhofer

## Bnei Akiva

We look forward to welcoming you back to BA tomorrow at the usual time of 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

**Please note the correct time above - the email sent on Wednesday was incorrect.**

## upcoming events

Please see below for details of all GGS events coming up in the next few weeks and join us!

### Pizza & Torah Series - 18th January

Tomorrow night is the first of two Pizza & Torah sessions for parents/grandparents and children/grandchildren (ages 8-18) from 6pm to 7:15pm. Please email [hadassah@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:hadassah@ggshul.org.uk) to sign up. This is a fantastic opportunity to spend meaningful time together while exploring the richness of Mishna with fabulous workbooks.



### Young Families Friday Night Dinner - 24th January

There will be a Young Families Friday night dinner in shul on the 24th January after our family Kabbalat Shabbat service which starts at 4:20pm aimed at families with children under bar/bat mitzvah. The cost is £20 for members (£9.50 for children) and £23 for non members (£11.50 for children). Please click [here](#) to book!



### Gemara Shiur

The gemara shiur continues on Tuesday at 8pm in shul. All welcome! Recordings can be found [here](#).



### Friday Night Specials

Please see the poster [here](#) and make a note of these in your diaries!



### Foundations of Parenting - 21st January

Join Hadassah for a monthly parenting workshop. The first session is next Tuesday, 21st January, followed by 4th March and 1st April. This course is designed for mothers of toddlers and primary school children and blends Jewish wisdom and practical advice to support you on your parenting journey. To sign up, please email [hadassah@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:hadassah@ggshul.org.uk)



### Bat Mitzvah Course - 27th January

We look forward to seeing bat mitzvah girls with their parents at our hands-on learning journey on Mondays 27th January, 24th February, 24th March, 28th April, 19th May, 23rd June and 13th July from 7:30pm to 8:45pm. To register your interest or for more information, please email [hadassah@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:hadassah@ggshul.org.uk).



### Wednesday Parsha Club - 29th January

The Wednesday Parsha club is back for a second term and starts on the 29th January at the home of Rebbetzen Kurzer. This engaging and meaningful group is open to men and women of any age or stage. We would particularly love to welcome parents looking after babies. If you are working from home or locally, feel free to BYOL (bring your own lunch), we keep to time and will be finished on the hour. Drinks and light snacks are provided, as are interesting discussions on relevant and contemporary topics! Please do join us.



### Women's Levana Nights Series - 1st February

We are excited to announce that we will be running a women's Rosh Chodesh series which will be starting on motsei Shabbat 1st February at 8pm. The first one will be at the UCL Observatory in Mill Hill. Booking is essential as we are limited for numbers. Please click [here](#) to book.

Please note that there are a few accessibility issues: There are some steep staircases (no lifts) and there is no parking onsite, apart from very limited number disabled spots. You can find parking spaces on the roads about a 5-10 minute walk away.



### Whisky Tasting Evening - 8th February

GGG are holding a whisky tasting fundraising event with refreshments and an auction! Tickets are £40. To book your place, please click [here](#)

If you would like to sponsor a bottle or have anything you would be willing to donate for a raffle, please contact the shul office on 8455 2460 or [office@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:office@ggshul.org.uk)



### BA Shabbat Ha'irgun - 7th/8th February

We are really excited to invite all BA and GG Youth families to the upcoming Youth/Bnei Akiva Shabbat on 7th and 8th February!

Youth activities, services and Bnei Akiva provide fun, education and connection each Shabbat for children from Year 1 upwards.

On 7 & 8 February, as well as our usual weekly activities, we will be having a Youth Shabbaton/Shabbat Ha'irgun, which will include meals and activities for school-aged children throughout Shabbat.

Friday night dinner will be for parents and siblings too! Please click [here](#) to book



### The US Membership Campaign

There are just 2 weeks left of the United Synagogue's campaign, offering 50% off membership for one year for new members\*.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to join GGS, please contact Joanna at the shul office on 020 8455 2460 or [office@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:office@ggshul.org.uk)



### GGG Rotas - Security & Kiddushim

Please sign up for security on Shabbat mornings – we need you to help keep us all safe.. Click [here](#) to sign up.

Please also sign up for kiddush on Shabbat mornings. If you can help, please do sign up by clicking [here](#)



### Anim Zemirot & Parasha Tidbits

Would your son like to lead Yigdal on Friday night or Anim Zmirot on Shabbat morning? Do you have a teenage boy or girl who would like to deliver a 2-minute Parasha Tidbit? Email [Gabriel@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:Gabriel@ggshul.org.uk) for more information.

### Jokes

I got hit in the head with a soda can. Luckily, it was a soft drink. I had a neck brace fitted years ago and I haven't looked back since. How does a penguin build its house? Igloos it together.

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