



# Week 4: 3-4 July 2015 Parashat Balak / פרשת בלק

Magen Avot is a new shul and community currently housed in the Hendon Hall Hotel and supported by Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis and the United Synagogue. Our inaugural service took place on Friday 12 June 2015 in the presence of the Chief Rabbi and over three hundred attendees. Highlights so far have included a talk and seuda shlishit with H.E. Ambassador Daniel Taub (introduced by the Chief Rabbi). Additional highlights include Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis speaking about his visit with H.M. The Queen (during Her Majesty's state visit to Germany) to the site of the Bergen-Belsen prisoner of war and concentration camp.

### **Magen Parasha Chabura**

There is a pre-shacharit parasha chabura every Shabbat at 9:00am which this week will be led by Michael Kesztenbaum. We look forward to welcoming you to the chabura where we will explore interesting ideas and concepts about the parasha.

#### **Children's Programming**

We provide services for children running from 10:30-11:15am. **Note:** Children must be accompanied by a parent to and from services, and will not be allowed to leave without a parent coming to collect them. This is to ensure that children are accompanied around the hotel and grounds at all times.

<b>Ninis</b>	

10:30AM

Magen Minis is for under 5s and consists of age-appropriate davening presented in the form of songs and activities. Children must be accompanied by one parent. We appreciate parents joining in with the singing to help their little ones participate!



10:30AM

Magen Maxis is for over 5s up to approximately age 10. This is a special davening service which focuses on bringing to life the Shabbat tefillot with an emphasis on interactivity and singing. Children are rewarded with raffle tickets and prizes, and there are parasha riddles at the end. Parents should drop off their children at the door.



11:00AM

At 11am the children join together for Magen Munchies - a kiddush for children where they hear a story or participate in a quiz. Parents must collect their children at 11:15am. This week's Munchies is kindly sponsored by Marion and Yoni Weisz to celebrate Avidan and Maytal's birthdays.

Core Service Information	
Location	Garrick Restaurant
Leining	Shlomo Brommer
Speaker	Rabbi Martin Taubman

This week's lechaim (kiddush) is kindly sponsored by Leslie Woolfson and family to mark his father's yahrzeit on 19<sup>th</sup> Tammuz. Our "Whisky of the Week" is the Macallan Gold Single Malt Whisky.

#### **Participation in Services**

Our gabbaim Daniel Ehreich, Ashley Katz and Yoni Weisz are seeking participation in services and for people to make them aware of any Yahrzeits. Please approach any of them or email them at info@magenavot.com to provide details.

#### **Events Meeting**

There will be an open events meeting on Wednesday 15 July at 8:00pm at the home of Julia and Daniel Greenberg (9 Holders Hill Crescent, NW4) to discuss programming for forthcoming events. Please email us for further information at events@magenavot.com and please join us at the meeting. This is one of many opportunities to participate and shape the future of your community.

### Security

We would like volunteers to help with a security rota for Friday night and Shabbat morning services. Please email us at info@magenavot.com for details. We will be announcing the names of our security team in next week's newsletter.

## **Sponsorship Opportunities**

We are grateful for the generous help from our supporting organisations and individuals. If you wish to mark a birthday, simcha or yahrzeit contact us to sponsor our weekly kiddush or Magen Munchies. In addition we would appreciate donations to cover our ongoing costs. Contact us by emailing sponsorship@magenavot.com.

#### Website Updates - www.magenavot.com

We encourage you to take a look at our website and use the sign up form that is located at the bottom of the homepage to receive flyers, posters, programmes, weekly newsletters and general communal announcements. Recent updates to our website include the addition of a sponsorship page at www.magenavot.com/sponsorships which includes a list of available Kiddushim and Magen Munchies sponsorships to choose from. There is also a link to contact the kiddush committee in order to book your sponsorship.



Munchies

Hendon Hall Hotel, Ashley Lane, London NW4 1HD





