



Shabbat Starts	Shacharit	Mincha	Shabbat Ends
7:15PM	9:15AM	6:00PM	9:45PM

## Week 8 Parashat Vaetchanan / פרשת ואתחנן

Magen Avot is a new Shul and community 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. Additional highlights include Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis speaking about his visit with H.M. The Queen to the site of the Bergen-Belsen prisoner of war and concentration camp.

### Magen Parasha Chabura

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

### Children's Programming (10:30-11:15am)

<b>Minis</b>		Magen Minis (recommended for age 5 and under) consists of davening presented in the form of songs and activities. Children must be accompanied by one parent.
<b>Maxis</b>		Magen Maxis (recommended for age 5 to 10 year olds) 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. Parents are welcome to drop off their children at the door.
<b>Munchies</b>		We run two separate Magen Munchies, one for the Minis and one for the Maxis, consisting of a kiddush accompanied by stories and activities. Children attending Magen Maxis will be brought back into Shul by the organisers at 11:15am. This week's Magen Munchies is sponsored by Penina and Daniel Ehreich to celebrate Suri's 8th birthday.

### Yom Tov Services

We look forward to opening bookings for the Yamim Noraim in a few weeks' time. A full complement of services will be located in a marquee in the near vicinity of the Hendon Hall Hotel. Magen Avot will strive to ensure that this is as comfortable and as user-friendly as possible. Seats will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

### Yahrzeits

The gabbaim are looking to gather information on yahrzeits for Shabbat services. Please send full details to [info@magenavot.com](mailto:info@magenavot.com) including relationship, Hebrew name of the deceased and the Hebrew date of the yahrzeit.

## Shabbat Information: 31 July – 1 August 2015

Candle Lighting	7:15pm (earliest time)	
Location	Pembroke Suite	
Shabbat Leining	Aaron Lovat	
Shabbat Speaker	Glen Bezalel	
Shabbat Kiddush	This week's Kiddush is kindly sponsored by Penina and Daniel Ehreich to celebrate Suri's 8th birthday.	

### Sponsorship Opportunities

If you wish to mark a birthday, simcha or yahrzeit contact us to organise sponsorship of our weekly kiddush or Magen Munchies by emailing [sponsorship@magenavot.com](mailto:sponsorship@magenavot.com). You can also check availability at [www.magenavot.com/sponsorships](http://www.magenavot.com/sponsorships).

### Security

Security coordinators Michael Shenker and Neal Kesztenbaum are drawing up a rota to ensure safety for those davening in shul and for children in and around the hotel. Please see our Doodle poll link below to have your name added to the rota.

### Doodle Poll

Please help our new community by participating in one of our rotas. Our Doodle poll: <http://www.magenavot.com/rotas> can be used to indicate where you would like to be involved. Your support is most appreciated.

### Seuda Shlishit

Magen Avot will be hosting a buffet-style Seudah Shlishit this Shabbat 1st August at 8:00pm at Hendon Hall Hotel. Our guest speaker, Dr Tamra Wright, is Director of Academic Studies at LSJS and a specialist in 20th century Jewish philosophy. The cost is £20 per person. Final bookings can be made by emailing [events@magenavot.com](mailto:events@magenavot.com).

### Kiddush and Children's Programming in August

After this Shabbat the weekly Kiddush and children's programming will be taking a summer break but will return on 5<sup>th</sup> September. Sponsorship opportunities are available on the website (see details above).

### Tisha B'Av

We would like to thank those who contributed to and helped with our Tisha B'Av programme. We are especially grateful to Ian Gamse for his overview and introduction to selected Kinnot and to Michael Kesztenbaum who spoke pre-Mincha on "Tisha B'Av and the Holocaust - a personal perspective outlining the relevance for post survivor generations". We hope that these additions together with our services created a thoughtful and meaningful Tisha B'Av for all attendees.

