





Week 9 Parashat Eikev / פרשת עקב

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. Last week we hosted a community Seuda Shlishit with guest speaker Dr Tamra Wright (Director of Academic Studies at LSJS and a specialist in 20th century Jewish philosophy).

Parasha Chabura

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

Children's Programming

The weekly children's programming will be taking a summer break but will return on 5th September. Please check the website for sponsorship opportunities for Magen Munchies at www.magenavot.com/sponsorships.

Yom Tov Services

We are now taking bookings on a first come first served basis for the Yamim Noraim. Costs are £72 per adult seat (for 18s and over) and £18 per child seat (for under 18s) for Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah services. Location will be confirmed nearer to the Yamim Noraim. Magen Avot will strive to ensure that your experience will be as comfortable and as user-friendly as possible. You can reserve your seats by either emailing info@magenavot.com or calling us on 07494 358 053.

Yahrzeits

The gabbaim are looking to gather information on yahrzeits for Shabbat services. Please send full details to info@magenavot.com including relationship, Hebrew name of the decreased and Hebrew date of the yahrzeit.

Holiday Period Help

We would like to ask attendees to assist organisers on site over the summer period as a number of people will be away over the next few weeks. We would be most grateful if people could kindly attend a few minutes before the timed services to assist with furniture and siddurim/chumashim arrangements.

Shabbat Information: 7/8 August 2015	
Lighting	7:05pm (earliest time for candle lighting)
Location	The Pembroke Suite, Hendon Hall Hotel
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Speaker	Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis
Kiddush	This week's Kiddush is anonymously sponsored. The whisky of the week will be a mix of different drams.

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. You can also check availability at 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

We would like to thank those who organised and helped with our buffet-style Seudah Shlishit last Shabbat. Our guest speaker, Dr Tamra Wright, spoke on 20th century Jewish philosophy lending an educational slant to an enjoyable social event. The Seuda Shlishit was enjoyed by over 55 people in the Garrick Room.

Kiddushim over the Summer

A number of attendees have requested that the weekly kiddush continue during the summer as normal. The kiddush committee are happy to help, and any attendee who would like to sponsor a simple kiddush over the next four weeks can do this by contacting the kiddush committee via email at sponsorship@magenavot.com.

Memorial Consecration

The consecration of the memorial for Ian Gamse's father, Kenneth Gamse z'l, will take place at 2pm on Sunday 30 August at the Adath Yisroel cemetery, Silver Street, Cheshunt EN7 5JE. We wish the whole family Chayim Aruchim.









