

Office of The CHIEF RABBI



Week 22

Parashat Chayei Sara / פרשת חיי שרה

Magen Avot is a new Shul and community supported by Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis and the United Synagogue. We look forward to welcoming new attendees each week.

Dedication of new Aron HaKodesh

Magen Avot would like to thank Family Lovat for the new Aron Kodesh which will be dedicated to the shul to coincide with Laurence's second yahrzeit for his mother, this Friday. The parochet has not yet been made, so please bear with us on the slightly incomplete look you will see this weekend. We would like wish Laurence a Chayim Aruchim. Laurence will be sponsoring the Kiddush this week to mark both his yahrzeit and the new dedication. We would also like to thank Yoni Weisz for making the original Aron, which has served the community so well over the last few months. May the new Aron symbolise the growing nature of our new community.

Shabbat Mevarachim Hachodesh (Blessing the New Moon)

The ritual known today as birkat hachodesh, "the blessing of the new month," is widely observed in synagogues throughout the world. On the last Shabbat of the Hebrew month, a designate stands with the Torah scroll in his arms, and announces the day or days of the coming week on which Rosh Chodesh, will fall. The announcement is preceded and followed by particularly melodious prayers for a blessed month.

Which month: Rosh Chodesh Kislev When: Wednesday night 11 Nov 2015 (Thu/Fri) In Transliterated Hebrew: Yom chamishi uv'yom shishi Timing: 6:35 (11 chalakim) PM

Payments

We would like to remind attendees that Matanot (MA), auction items (MAST) and the Yom Kippur Appeal donations (MAYK) can be settled using the details below.

- Bank Transfer using the following details: NatWest Bank Tavistock Square Branch, Account name: United Synagogue Youth Charity, Sort Code: 60-80-07, Account Number: 60054670 - mark the reference with your surname and the initials listed above.
- Cheque/charity vouchers/cash: Make cheques payable to United Synagogue Youth Charity and deliver to: Daniel Greenberg, 9 Holders Hill Crescent, NW4 1NE.

Kiddush Rota

We are putting together a rota of helpers for Kiddushim. Many of you have offered to be part of this rota but we don't have an electronic copy of your contact details. So if you can help us once a month to set up and clear away the Kiddush please send an email with your contact details to: kiddushim@magenavot.com. We will be circulating the rota for the next 4 Kiddushim shortly.



Hendon Hall Hotel, Ashley Lane, London NW4 1HD





Shabbat Information: 6-7 November 2015	
Lighting	Shabbat begins at 4:10pm
Location	Friday Night: Garrick Shabbat: Pembroke
Chabura	Daniel Greenberg at 9:00am
Leining	Aron Lovat
Children	Magen Minis/Maxis start at 10:45am This week's Magen Munchies is kindly sponsored anonymously.
Speaker	Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis (before Mussaf)
Speaker	Daniel Greenberg at ~ 4:45pm
Kiddush	Kiddush is kindly sponsored by Laurence Lovat to mark the Yahrzeit for his mother.

Knead to Learn (12 November)

We are excited to announce our new monthly Rosh Chodesh Challah-Make-and-Learn-Group: Knead to Learn. We will begin our session by making a different variety of challah dough each month, and then leaving it to rise whilst enjoying a 30 minute Shiur given by a guest speaker. Following the Shiur we will shape the challah dough (with professional instruction) and then take it home to bake. Start time will be 7:45pm with the Shiur between 8:30 and 9:00pm with a planned finish time of 9:30pm. The cost will be £5 (cash - pay at the door). Booking is essential to reserve a place as space will be limited to a maximum of 20 people. Our first Knead to Learn session will take place on Thursday 12 November at the home of Family Greenberg, 9 Holders Hill Crescent, NW4. Please email events@magenavot.com to reserve your place. A poster with full details is available on page 2 of this newsletter.

Horim V'Yeladim (14 November)

Next Motzei Shabbat 14 November will see the launch of Magen Avot's first season of Horim V'Yeladim, a learning session for parents and their children. Elkan Adler will be running the sessions throughout the winter at Hendon Hall Hotel. We will begin forty-five minutes after Shabbat ends with registrations and raffle tickets allocation. Food and light refreshments will be provided. Learning will be for forty-five minutes followed by a raffle and prizes. We encourage all parents with children of all ages to attend. We are looking for sponsors for food, prizes and nash. Please contact info@magenavot.com to sponsor.

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.

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Knead to Learn

Magen Avot invite you to a monthly evening of challah baking and learning at Family Greenberg, 9 Holders Hill Crescent

Beginning this Thursday evening, 12 November 2015

Featuring a new type of dough and different speaker each month!

- 7:45 8:30 Arrive and make dough
- **> 8:30 9:00** Shiur
- > 9:00 9:30 Shape dough and take home to bake

Cost is £5, pay at the door

Space is limited to 20 people, so please reserve your place by emailing: events@magenavot.com

