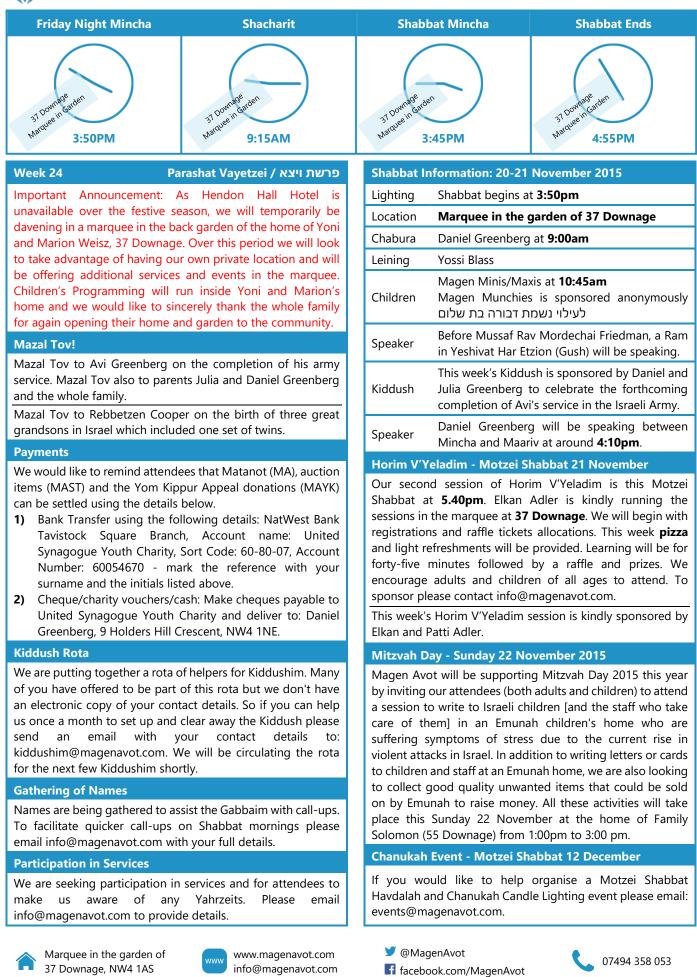




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SECURITY BULLETIN



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Paris terrorism and UK security

The Jihadist terror attacks in Paris on the night of 13-14 November 2015 are a tragic reminder of why security measures are in place at UK Jewish communal venues and events.

CST maintains close contact with UK Police and Government to ensure that security levels remain appropriate and that we are fully informed of the current situation. We stress that there is no specific information from Police, Government or any other source, indicating direct or imminent threats to British Jews.

Nevertheless, Jihadists have previously targeted Jewish communities in Britain and Europe: so there is a continuing need for strict security at all UK Jewish locations. This is why CST works in partnership with hundreds of Jewish communal organisations, asking everyone to play their part in our joint security efforts. Our shared purpose is to keep our communities safe, welcoming and vibrant.

In view of the overall situation, CST asks that all communal venues, organisations and events ensure existing security procedures are reviewed and rigorously enforced. We ask everybody attending communal buildings and events to follow the instructions of the security officers present.

Above all, CST thanks our community for its ongoing support for all of our security efforts. In particular, we thank the hundreds of men and women who have volunteered to join CST this year, and we appeal for others to step forward and share the responsibility.

We remind our community to report all suspicious activities to CST and to call 999 in case of emergency.

Security Reminders

CST continues to ask members of the community to:

- Be alert for suspicious people and activities including parked cars and unattended items
- Challenge (if it is safe to do so) and report suspicious people
- Avoid congregating outside communal buildings and events: please disperse quickly after leaving
- Prevent 'tailgating' someone following close behind and attempting to gain access to the building when gates or doors are opened
- Volunteer for security rotas at communal buildings security is everybody's responsibility

CST remains at its second highest level of alert and urges the community to report all antisemitic incidents and any suspicious activities immediately. This information will help CST and the Police to ensure that the community is able to conduct its activities in peace and comfort.

For security advice and guidance, or to report an incident, please contact CST on the following numbers London & Southern Regions 020 8457 9999 Emergency (24-hour) 0800 032 3263 Manchester & Northern Regions 0161 792 6666

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IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL THE POLICE ON 999, THEN CALL CST General information is available on our website <u>www.cst.org.uk</u>