



Week 101 12–14 May 2017 | 16–18 lyar, 5777 Parashat Emor / פרשת אמור



### Lag BaOmer / ל"ג בעומר

Lag BaOmer is a holiday celebrated on the 33rd day of the Counting of the Omer, which occurs on the 18th day of the Hebrew month of Iyar. One reason given for the holiday is as the day of passing of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai. Modern Jewish tradition links the holiday to the Bar Kokhba Revolt against the Roman Empire (132-135 CE). In Israel, it is celebrated as a symbol for the fighting Jewish spirit. Lag BaOmer begins at sundown on Motzei Shabbat 13 May.

This year, since Lag B'omer falls out on a Sunday, those who follow Minchag Ashkenaz may shave and take haircuts this Friday morning onwards, lichvod Shabbat. The heter applies equally to those who observe the first half of the sefira and to those who observe the second half (i.e. those who began on Rosh Chodesh lyar). The heter does not apply to Thursday night and begins on Friday morning.

## Yom Yerushalayim BBQ



Please remember to book for our Yom Yerushalayim BBQ as there are only limited places left. On the night, we will have two chefs preparing a variety of meats alongside salads, vegetables, breads, cold drinks, dessert and alcohol. To reserve your place email events@magenavot.com. Cost is £25 per person.

Additional Information	
Lighting	Earliest time <b>7:05pm</b>   Shabbat at <b>8:27pm</b>
Chabura	Daniel Greenberg at <b>9:00am</b>
Leining	Shimon Levy
Children	Magen Minis and Maxis at 10:45am
	Magen Munchies is sponsored anonymously לעילוי נשמת דבורה בת שלום
Speaker	Natalie Ginsbury (post-Mussaf)
Kiddush	This week's Kiddush is kindly sponsored by Family Solomon in honour of Joshi's 18 <sup>th</sup> birthday. Mazal Tov!
	The Whisky of the Week is a special birthday surprise.
Speaker	lan Gamse (after Mincha)

# **Sponsorship**

We are encouraging kind donations in support of Magen Avot. With our vision of an inclusive and welcoming community we want to share in your simcha or mark an important occasion together and we therefore encourage you to click the "Sponsorship" menu item at the top of the website where you will find a number of sponsorship opportunities.

## **Pre-Election Hendon Debate event**

Ner Yisrael together with British Friends of Mayanei Hayeshua invite members of Magen Avot to join them at a Hendon MP Hustings pre-election debate on Wednesday 17 May at Ner Yisrael Community Centre, The Crest, NW4 2HY. Doors open at 7:15pm and the panel begins at 7:30pm. No entry will be allowed once the panel has begun. The panel will include Matthew Offord (Conservatives), Mike Katz (Labour), and Alasdair Hill (Liberal Democrats). The session will be moderated by Lady Kestenbaum. This event is free and open to the whole community but you must pre-book at: www.tiny.cc/nerhustings.

#### News

If you have news to report such as a Mazal Tov please email info@magenavot.com so we can announce it in this newsletter and in Shul on Shabbat. Let the whole community know about your simcha!



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