



Week 111

21–23 July 2017 | 27–29 Tammuz, 5777

פרשת מטות-מסעי / Parashat Matot-Masei

Friday Mincha	שבת Shacharit	שבת Mincha	שבת Ends	Sun Shacharit	Next Friday
7:15PM	9:15AM	9:03PM	10:03PM	8:20AM	7:15PM

United Synagogue Membership

We are delighted to advise the community that Magen Avot was recently admitted as a member shul of the United Synagogue. We now invite you to sign up for US membership and burial if required at <https://www.theus.org.uk/category/join-now>. You can also return your membership form to Cecil Taitz (treasurer@magenavot.com).

Mazal Tov

Mazal Tov to Angela & Mike Abrahams on the birth of a grandson, a son for Jonathan & Andi Abrahams (see this week's Kiddush opposite).

Wine and Cheese Event

Last Sunday night's wine tasting was a great success, we tasted nine fine wines from around the world along with some fabulous cheeses. Pictures are available on our Facebook Page. We would like to thank Simon Leigh and David Gould for organising this event.

Tisha B'Av Programme

Esther Bentley will be chairing our Tisha B'Av programme which will begin with Mincha at 7pm and will be followed at 7:30pm by the film "May Your Memory Be Love" - the story of Ovadia Baruch. At 8:15pm we are honoured to have as our speaker Renee Salt. Renee lives in North London and has five grandchildren. She regularly speaks in schools about her experiences during the Holocaust. Following the programme there will be Maariv at 9pm prompt.

Background to the film: In March 1943, twenty-year-old Ovadia Baruch was deported together with his family from Greece to Auschwitz-Birkenau. Upon arrival, his extended family was sent to the gas chambers. Ovadia struggled to survive until his liberation from the Mauthausen concentration camp in May 1945. While in Auschwitz, Ovadia met Aliza Tzarfati, a young Jewish woman from his hometown, and the two developed a loving relationship despite inhuman conditions. This film depicts their remarkable, touching story of love and survival in Auschwitz, a miraculous meeting after the Holocaust and the home they built together in Israel. This film is part of the "Witnesses and Education" project, a joint production of the International School for Holocaust Studies and the Multimedia Centre of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Background to our speaker: Renee was born in Poland in 1929 into a large, well-known, extended family. Her father was an accountant and she enjoyed a comfortable, Orthodox lifestyle. In 1942, she was sent with her family to live in the Lodz ghetto. In 1944, they were taken by cattle trucks to Aushwitz-Birkenau. In 1945, as the allies advanced, concentration camps were evacuated and Renee found herself on her way to Bergen-Belsen where she was finally liberated. Renee's story can be found in "Survival: Holocaust Survivors tell their Story," published by the Holocaust Centre, and in the BBC Documentary "Grandchild of the Holocaust."

Monday Rosh Chodesh

There will be a Shacharit minyan as usual this coming Monday morning at 7am at the home of Family Solomon, 55 Downage.

Additional Information

Lighting	Earliest time 7:26pm Shabbat at 8:51pm
Chabura	Daniel Greenberg at 9:00am
Leining	Ian Gamse
Children	Please note that this is the last week for Minis and Maxis which will return in September. Magen Minis and Maxis at 10:45am This week's Magen Munchies is kindly sponsored anonymously.
Molad	Rosh Chodesh Menachem Av Yiheye Beyom Hasheini Haba Aleinu Letova The Molad will be on Sunday evening at 10pm and 14 Chalakim.
Speaker	Alastair Falk (pre-Mussaf)
Kiddush	This week's Kiddush is kindly sponsored by Angela and Mike Abrahams to celebrate the birth of their grandson. The Whiskies of the Week are a Glen Moray -Elgin Classic and Auchentoshan - American Oak.
Speaker	Daniel Greenberg (after Mincha)

Sponsorship

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" item on our website where you will find a number of sponsorship opportunities that you can choose to support. A number of Kiddushim are available for sponsorship in the next few weeks.

Shabbat UK 2017

ShabbatUK is back! Save the date 27–28 October. Planning is underway for another unforgettable Shabbat and we want to know how we can build on last year's success. Send your suggestions to info@magenavot.com.

Welfare

We are looking for families to host guests on Shabbat so people who would like to join a Magen Avot family for a meal can do so. Please speak to Yoni Weisz or Esther Maurer if you would like to host or indeed if you are in need of a meal.

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!