



Rosh Hashanah Information: 20–24 September 2017 / 29 Elul 5777 – 2 Tishrei, 5778					
Wed Mincha	Thu/Fri Shacharit	Kiddush	Shofar	Thu/Fri Mincha	RH Ends
6:40PM	8:15AM	AROUND 10:45AM	AFTER 11:00AM	6:40PM	7:48PM

Rosh Hashana

Magen Avot is delighted to be hosting services over the Yomim Noraim in the Od Yosef Hai function hall. Please note that access is available by entering through the usual Magen Avot entrance and making your way to the Od Yosef Chai building. Once inside take the stairs down to the function hall.

Davening

Rosh Hashana I

- Night 1: Zak Benarroch
- Shacharit: Joey Joseph
- Leiner: David Kass
- Baal Tokea: Yoni Weisz
- Mussaf: Zak Benarroch
- Mincha: TBC

Rosh Hashana II

- Night 2: Daniel Ehreich
- Shacharit: D Greenberg
- Leiner: Dan Artman
- Baal Tokea: Yoni Weisz
- Mussaf: Natan Levinson
- Mincha: David Kass

Scholar in Residence

We are delighted to announce that our scholar in residence over the Yomim Noraim will be Rabbi Jonny Roodyn.

Kiddushim

Rosh Hashana I

- Sponsored by Reva and Michael Shenker to mark the Yahrzeit for Reva's late father.

Rosh Hashana II

- Sponsored by Chaya and Moshe Langerman to give gratitude to Hashem for his miracles and to wish members Shana Tova!

Additional Notes and Times

1. Remember to make an Eruv Tavshillin
2. Candle light erev-RH Earliest: **5:47pm** | Latest: **6:49pm**
3. Tashlich is usually done before Mincha on the first day, but may be done even until Hoshana Rabba
4. No work for the 2nd day should be done before nightfall
5. Candle Lighting for 2nd night is after nightfall at **7:50pm**
6. Tzom Gedaliah (Sun 24 Sep) fast **5:10am** until **7:35pm**
Shacharit: **8:20am**, Mincha @ 55 Downage: **6:40pm**

Succot – Chatanim Announcement

Our third Magen Avot Chatanim are as follows: Chatan Torah is Paul Taylor and our Chatan Bereishit is Moshe Langerman. Mazal Tov to them and their families.

Kol Nidre Appeal

Our Yom Kippur appeal this year will focus on two special charities, one in the UK and one in Israel.

Our **UK** charity is the **North London HTVC Charity Fund**, which directly supports needy families in North London.

Our **Israel** charity is **Yad Sarah**, Yad Sarah is Israel's largest national volunteer organization. It is best known for its free loans of over 244,000 pieces of medical and rehabilitative home-care equipment annually, enabling sick, disabled, elderly and recuperating patients to live at home. This saves Israel's economy an estimated \$320 million in hospital fees and long-term care costs each year. One out of every two Israeli families has been helped by Yad Sarah. Yad Sarah receives no government funding, but relies on donations to meet its \$23 million operating budget.

Friday Mincha	Shacharit שבת	Mincha שבת	Ends שבת	Sun Shacharit	Sun Mincha/Maariv
6:40PM	9:15AM	6:25PM	7:44PM	8:20AM	6:40PM (55 DOWNAGE)

Change to Payments

Please note that we have made changes to our accounts.

Charitable payments can now be made directly to Magen Avot by Bank Transfer to our NatWest Account: Magen Avot, SC: 60-80-07, AN: 60217278. Mark the reference with your last name, initials and the reason e.g.: "Smith AJ Kiddush" or "Jones L Aliyah".

Payments can also be made by Cheque, charity vouchers or cash. Please make items payable to Magen Avot and deliver to: Cecil Taitz, 5 Holders Hill Crescent, Hendon.

Annual Yamim Noraim Lecture

This year Chief Rabbi Mirvis will be giving his annual Yamim Noraim Lecture at LSJS on 26 September 2017 from 8-9:15pm. For further information please email: info@lsjs.ac.uk

Shabbat Shuva Information

Lighting	Earliest 5:43pm Shabbat at 6:45pm
Chabura	Rabbi Jonny Roodyn at 9:00am
Leining	Dovi Friedmann
Children	Magen Minis/Maxis at 10:45am
Speaker	Rabbi Jonny Roodyn (Shabbat morning)
Kiddush	This week's Kiddush is kindly sponsored by Norman Gutkin to mark his mother's Yahrzeit (Fruma Rivka bat Nacman Mordechai).
Speaker	Rabbi Jonny Roodyn (Shabbat Shuva Shiur) on: "Mind your own business! - When do you have to tell someone they are doing something wrong? (הוכח תוכיח את אמייתך)"



The Chief Rabbi's Rosh Hashanah Message 5778

“FINDING UNITY IN COMMUNITY”

As we conclude a year which seems to have been dominated, in no small part, by disunity across the Jewish world, it is increasingly troubling to see some of the vitriol that is now routinely espoused by Jews against one another.

It takes no time at all to find comments on social media about “Chareidi extremist bullies with no grasp of the realities of the modern world” and “heretical leftists who wilfully dilute and undermine the sanctity of Torah at every opportunity.” Is this what it has come to?

ויעשו כלם אגודה אחת לעשות רצונך בלבב שלם.

“And may the people form a single united bond – to perform Your will with a full heart”.

These words, from our Mussaf prayer on Rosh Hashanah, encapsulate our deep and enduring desire for Jewish unity which stretches back, through the annals of history, to the point at which we left Egypt and became a nation for the first time. But, what is the virtue of unity? Don't we have a responsibility to protect what we believe to be right, even if that means division?

There is no question that we do, but what is also certain is that throughout history, disunity has been nothing short of an existential threat to the Jewish people.

The Talmud describes the tense state of conflict in Jerusalem during the years 67-70 CE, throughout which, the Romans laid siege around the walls of our capital city. In Jerusalem, there were storehouses which had provisions to last for 21 years. Yet tragically, when civil war broke out within the city, the storehouses were burned and destroyed. The Romans, who would otherwise have likely lost patience and moved on to fight more pressing battles, were now able to breach the walls and conquer a weakened people.

Chief Rabbi Lord Jakobovits pointed out that ‘Sim Shalom’, our prayer for peace in the Amidah, includes the words ‘Bless us our Father, all of us as one, in the light of Your countenance’. Why, in the context of prayers for peace with our enemies, must we aspire to peace amongst ourselves? Lord Jakobovits explained that if we cannot overcome our differences within, we will never prevail over our enemies without.

The first Chief Rabbi of the Holy Land, Rabbi Kook, would point out that in an orchestra, there are many different instruments which make their own unique sound. Together, under the baton of the conductor, they create beautiful harmony.

May 5778 herald a year in which each one of us can look to parts of our community within which we might ordinarily find very little common ground; those whose instruments possibly make an entirely different sound to ours, but with whom we can offer beautiful harmony to the world.

Valerie and I extend to you all our very best wishes for a happy, fulfilling and peaceful New Year.



Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis
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