



# Shavuot / שבועות

The festival of Shavuot (or Shavuos, in Ashkenazi usage; Shabhu'oth in Classical and Mizrahi Hebrew: שבועות, lit. "Weeks") is a Jewish holiday that occurs on the sixth day of the Hebrew month of Sivan (late May or early June). Shavuot commemorates the anniversary of the day Hashem gave the Torah to the entire Israelite nation assembled at Mount Sinai, although the association between the giving of the Torah (Matan Torah) and Shavuot is not explicit in the Biblical text. The holiday is one of the Shalosh Regalim, the three Biblical pilgrimage festivals. It marks the conclusion of the Counting of the Omer. Shavuot begins this Motzei Shabbat.

## **Children Services Changes**

The organisers of Magen Maxis are now looking to encourage involvement of others with a view to taking over its organisation and running by Shabbat 3 June. If you are interested please email: esthermaurer@hotmail.com.

# Shavuot is Coming! Tikkun Leil Programme

Magen Avot invite you to an inspirational learning programme on the first night of Shavuot, Motzei Shabbat 19 May. Refreshments and hot drinks will be served throughout the night and all are welcome. In order to plan your Shavuot programme around Magen Avot we have compiled a list of speakers as follows:-

12:00am	<b>Rabbi Daniel Rowe</b> on: "Akdamot: super- consciousness, artificial intelligence and the answer to G-d's prayer".
12:40am	10 Minute Break
12:50am	Glenn Bezalel on: "Wit and Humour in our Mesorah"
1:30am	10 Minute Break
1:40am	Rabbi Benjy Gordon on: "Torah She'bal Peh - Chinese Whispers or Torah Mi'sinai".
2:20am	10 Minute Break
2:30am	Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis

Additional Information	
Lighting	Earliest time <b>7:12pm</b>   Shabbat at <b>8:36pm</b>
Chabura	Daniel Greenberg at <b>9:00am</b>
Leining	Dan Artman
Children	Magen Minis/Maxis at <b>10:45am</b>
	Magen Munchies is sponsored in loving memory of Ahron ben Moshe Yeudah Leib z"l.
Speaker	Rabbi Jonny Roodyn (Shabbat Morning) on: "The Challenger Space Shuttle and the O ring".
Kiddush	This week's kiddush is kindly sponsored by Joan and Julian Pollard to mark their 32nd Wedding Anniversary.
	Whiskies: Auchentoshan American Oak and Tamnavulin Double Cask Single Malts.
Speaker	Rabbi Martin Taubman (after Mincha)
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### Yom Yerushalayim BBQ

On Sunday evening attendees of Magen Avot gathered at the house of Alison and Jonny Solomon to enjoy a Yom Yerushalayim barbecue. The celebration was a true reflection of our ethos statement that we are "supportive of Israel and its national holidays." Daniel Greenberg talked movingly about the strength of our community as we all savoured the delicious spread of barbecued meats, salads, crisps and dips not to mention the steady flow of beverages. Traditional Israeli music filled the air and the garden was awash with Israeli flags and bunting. Conversation flowed and everyone present will attest to having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to the Solomon Family for hosting, to Penina Ehreich and Karina Katz for organising and to Yael Ehreich for her assistance in setting up.

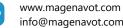
#### Second Day Shavuot Kiddush

There will be a cheesecake and ice-cream Kiddush on second day Shavuot which is kindly sponsored by Alison and Jonny Solomon to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> hazkarah for Alison's late grandfather Mordechai Ben Ezriel.

#### Shavuot: 19–21 May 2017 5-7 Sivan, 5778 Erev Shavuot – MS 19 May First Day Shavuot – Sunday 20 May Second Day Shavuot – Monday 21 May Shacharit 1 Light/Kiddush Shacharit 2 Mcha/Maariv Min/Shiur Maariv Light from Shacharit Yizkor Ends 7 8:54pm 9:51pm 9:51pm 3:20am 9:15am 7:15pm 9:53pm 9:15am 10:30am 9:54pm Reminder: Please do not park in main road bays before Shabbat because some restrictions apply on weekdays!

Shavuot Reminder: Say Baruch Hamavdil before doing any acts allowed on Yom Tov but prohibited on Shabbat.





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