



Friday Mincha	שבת Shacharit	שבת Mincha	שבת Ends	Sun Selichot (Shacharit) in the usual location	Next Friday
7:15PM	9:15AM	7:19PM	8:19PM	7:50AM (8:20AM)	7:00PM

Mazal Tov!

Mazal Tov to Alison and Jonny Solomon on the occasion of Gilad's Bar Mitzvah. Mazal Tov also to the whole family. Gilad will lein this Shabbat from the new and our first Magen Avot Sefer Torah, kindly donated last week by Family Solomon. We are honoured to have Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis speak on Shabbat morning and to make a presentation to Gilad. Gilad will be speaking at the Kiddush in the OYH function hall.

Mazal Tov to Betty and Jony Gastwirth on the birth of a grandson, a son to Eli and Avital Gastwirth. The baby was named Ahron Berechya in memory of Bettys father Ahron z'l.

Youth Project

After the Yomim Noraim we will launching a Magen Avot Youth Project. A proportion of the Yom Kippur appeal will be allocated to this project. Further details will be released shortly.

Additional Information

Lighting	Earliest time 6:12pm Shabbat at 7:19m
Chabura	Benji Fruhman at 9:00am
Leining	Gilad Solomon
Children	Magen Minis, Maxis and Munchies are back at 10:45am and is kindly sponsored anonymously.
Speaker	Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis (pre-Mussaf) Gilad Solomon (during Kiddush)
Kiddush	The Kiddush this week is sponsored by Alison & Jonny Solomon to celebrate Gilad's Bar Mitzvah.
Whiskies	Glendronach 18-y/o, Balvenie doublewood 12-y/o, Aberlour a'Bunadh, Lagavulin 16-y/o, Ardbeg Uigeadail and other fine single malts.
Speaker	Daniel Greenberg (after Mincha)

Sunday Mincha	Mon/Tue Shacharit	Mon/Tue Kiddush	Mon/Tue Shofar	Mon/Tue Mincha	Rosh Hashana Ends
7:15PM	8:15AM	AROUND 10:45AM	AFTER 11:00AM	7:15PM	8:12PM

Rosh Hashanah

We are not taking any further requests for seats for the Yamim Noraim. Non-allocated seats are available. We will be based in the **Od Yosef Chai function hall** for all services over Yom Tov. We have arranged a separate space for parents to supervise their young children during the services. We do not have spare Machzorim so we are asking attendees to bring their own and to also bring any spares for those who are unable to provide.

First day Kiddush is sponsored by Reva and Michael Shenker to mark the Yahrzeit for Reva's late father on erev Yom Tov. Second day Kiddush is sponsored by Chaya and Moshe Langerman to mark their 25th wedding anniversary (Mazal Tov!) and to wish the community a Shana Tova!

Yom Kippur Appeal

Our appeal this year focuses on two special charities:-
UK charity: **Woodstock Sinclair Trust (WST)**, which operates in North West London with the specific aim of assisting local low-income families who were struggling to make ends meet.
Israel charity: **Yad Sarah**, the largest volunteer staffed organization in Israel, providing a vital array of compassionate health and home care services for people of all ages.

Additional Notes and Times

1. Earliest time for candle lighting on erev RH is **6:22pm**
2. Tashlich is usually done before Mincha on the first day, but may be done even until Hoshanah Rabbah
3. No work for the 2nd day should be done before nightfall
4. Candle Lighting for 2nd night is after nightfall at **8:15pm**
5. T'Zom Gedaliah (Wed 12 Oct) fast **4:47am** until **8:04pm**

Davening

Rosh Hashanah I	Rosh Hashanah II
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Night 1: Daniel Ehreich • PD: Richard Herman • Shacharit: Joey Joseph • Leining: Dan Artman • Mussaf: Natan Levinson • Baal Tokea: Yoni Weisz 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Night 2: TBC • PD: Mike Abrahams • Shacharit: D Greenberg • Leining: Dan Artman • Mussaf: Natan Levinson • Baal Tokea: Yoni Weisz

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Succot – Chatanim Announcement

We are delighted to announce this year's Magen Avot Chatanim for Simchat Torah. Our **Chatan Torah** will be **Melvyn Kay** and our **Chatan Bereishit** will be **Dan Shaerf**. We wish them and their families a hearty Mazal Tov!



The Chief Rabbi's Rosh Hashanah Message 5779

The Talmud prescribes a blessing to be recited upon seeing royalty: "Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has imparted of Your glory to flesh and blood".

The Talmud (Berachot 58a) recounts how the renowned sage, Rav Sheshet, once joined throngs of townsfolk as they lined the streets in anticipation of the momentous arrival of the King. A heretic mocked the Rabbi, who was blind, since he would surely not be able to appreciate such an auspicious event. Yet, when the audible excitement of the crowd increased and the heretic believed that the King's appearance was imminent, Rav Sheshet told him that he was mistaken – the King had not yet arrived. This sequence repeated itself a number of times until, eventually, to the astonishment of all around him, Rav Sheshet announced that the King was about to arrive and, at the precise moment at which he passed, the Rabbi recited the prescribed blessing. The heretic was stunned by what he had witnessed. Rav Sheshet explained, "Earthly royalty is like heavenly royalty. God, who is the King of kings, is not found in the wind, an earthquake or a fire, but 'in a still small voice'" (I Kings 19:12). With this in mind, it was from the hushed silence that Rav Sheshet knew that the king had indeed arrived.

I was reminded of this passage a few months ago, when I was privileged to accompany HRH The Duke of Cambridge on his historic visit to Israel. He arrived at the Kotel on a Thursday morning to the sound of dozens of Barmitzvahs and thousands of vocal worshippers. In preparing Prince William, I had explained that he should expect the entire Kotel plaza to be filled with a loud cacophony of soulful supplication and joyful song. Yet, something quite extraordinary happened. As we reached the Kotel itself, silence fell. Services came to a standstill, as countless people stood in quiet reverence. How would he react to this very special experience? What would he say? The aura of the occasion was palpable – had Rav Sheshet been there, he would have sensed that something special was happening.

The prophet Isaiah (55:6,7) taught, "Seek Hashem while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near". The Talmud tells us that "while He is near" refers to the High Holy Days. For this reason, the central theme of Rosh Hashanah is '*malchut*' – the kingship of Hashem.

Understanding the privilege of being in the presence of 'earthly royalty' can give us an inkling of what it means to be in the presence of 'heavenly royalty'. Over the High Holy Days, our attention should be undivided. How will the King of kings react to what He sees? What will He decree? His presence should be met by no more than the 'still small voice' of introspection and prayer.

Let us utilise this timely opportunity to appreciate Hashem's presence and to be empowered by that awareness to transform our lives for the better.

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



Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis
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