



Week 202 and 203

18 – 28 April 2019 | 13–23 Nisan 5779

Pesach / פסח

	Fri 19	שבת 20 פסח 1	Sun 21 פסח 2 Omer 1	Mon 22 פסח 3 Omer 2	Tue 23 פסח 4 Omer 3	Wed 24 פסח 5 Omer 4	Thu 25 פסח 6 Omer 5	Fri 26 פסח 7 Omer 6	שבת 27 פסח 8 Omer 7	Sun 28 Omer 8
Fast (Firstborns)	4.02am									
Chametz until	10.39am									
Chametz burnt by	11.49pm									
Shacharit	8.20am	9.30am	9.30am	8.00am	8.00am	8.00am	8.00am	9.15am	9.15am	8.20am
Yizkor								10.30am		
Y@MA		No	No					Yes	Yes	
Eruv Tavshilin							Yes			
Earliest Lighting	6.36pm						6.44pm	6.45pm		
Mincha		7.56pm	7.58pm						8.10pm	
Shiur (see below)	7.15pm	(*1)	(*2)	TBC	TBC	TBC	7.15pm	7.15pm	(*3)	
Maariv		8.56pm	8.58pm						9.10pm	
Shabbat/Yom Tov	7.49pm						7.59pm	8.01pm		
Nightfall/Seder	8.49pm	8.58pm								
Chatzot (Midnight)	12.59am	12.59am								

Mazal Tov!

Mazal Tov to Adina and Shaul Rosten on the birth of a daughter, a granddaughter to Linda and Laurence Lovat and to Lindsay and Jeremy Simmonds-Rosten. The baby was named Anaëlle Miriam in Shul on Shabbat.

Mazal Tov to Dina and Benji Friedman on the recent Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Dalia.

Pesach Messages

- Magen Avot wishes all its members and visitors a Pesach Sameyach and looks forward to welcoming all who attend over this period.
- If you are without a meal over Chag please speak to Yoni Weisz or Esther Maurer.
- We are also looking to confirm a minyan each morning of Chol Hamoed Pesach, starting at **8.00am**. Please let us know if you will be able to attend so we can be assured of adequate numbers. To confirm please text your name to Simon Leigh on 07973 424 898.
- Magen Avot is grateful to Rabbi Ginsbury for offering our members an opportunity to sell their Chametz for the duration of Pesach.

Additional Details

- Bedikat Chametz from **8.46pm** on **Thursday 18 April**.
- There will be a Siyum on Friday after Shacharit which will be given by Natan Maurer.
- Remember to light a 48- hour "Yahrzeit" candle prior to candle lighting in order to light second night candles.
- Our Baalei Kriah over Yomtov will be Natan Maurer and Shimon Levy.
- Our speakers over Yomtov will be (*1) Yisroel Greenberg, (*2) Glenn Bezalel, (*3) Daniel Greenberg (Neilat HaChag Seuda).
- Eruv Tavshilin to be made before last Yom Tov commences to allow Shabbat preparations on the second day of Yom Tov.
- There will be no Magen Minis or Maxis (children's services) over the Pesach holiday.
- Y@MA will take place on seventh and eighth day Pesach only in the upstairs staffroom.

Y@MA Pesach Outing

Y@MA is going to Namco Funscape on **Wednesday 24 April** (Pesach Chol Hamoed). Travelling by tube from Hendon Central at **2.00pm** (topped up oyster cards required). Bring Kosher for Pesach snacks/drinks and £10 to participate in the arcade's activities. All activities are child-safe and in no way gambling. The group will travel together and will be supervised at all times. Book by email (youth@magenavot.com) as soon as possible.

Maccabi Fun Run

We are looking for volunteers to raise money for the Shul in the Maccabi Fun Run, taking place on **Sunday 23 June**. The registration fee is £15 for children and £20 for adults (early bird). For information about the event, visit www.communityfunrun.org. To sign up to raise money for Magen Avot, please email Raffi Maurer on raffimaurer@gmail.com.

Pesach Collection Service

Please note that Barnet Council is providing a dedicated Pesach collection service to the Jewish community but arrangements are different from last year. This additional refuse service will be in operation at houses on 300-plus pre-designated roads, making it simple for residents to dispose of Pesach refuse and Chometz before Passover. Go to the Barnet website. <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/pesach-collection>.

Yellow Candle Project

Magen Avot is supporting the **Yellow Candle Project** to commemorate "Yom Hashoa" Holocaust Memorial Day. This is a meaningful way of remembering the atrocities that befell our people and others during the second world war. We have a supply of Yellow candles along with name tags of some of the victims and ask that you collect one of these and join Magen Avot and World Jewry in lighting a Yellow Candle on the evening of **1 May 2019**. Candles will be available for collection after Shacharit on Friday 19 April and during Chol Hamoed in Shul. Contact Simon Leigh on 07973 424 898 or Julian Maurer on 07957 777 543 for further details.



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**Pesach Message from Michael Goldstein,
President of the United Synagogue**

Why do we have Seder night with family and friends? Because the concept of community is at the heart of Pesach.

In Temple times the *Korban Pesach*, the Passover lamb, had to be eaten in a group of family or friends. The message is clear: together we're stronger. No Jew must be left behind. Our Rabbis went one step further, writing into the Haggadah text on Seder night, *Ha lachma anya*, "This is the bread of our affliction – let anyone who is hungry come and eat. Let anyone in need join our Seder." To me this goes to the heart of what the United Synagogue is and why it is so special. We are a community of more than 60 synagogues and nearly 40,000 members. We are a community which cares about each other. We are a community which believes that we are stronger together. How do we demonstrate this?

We support those who are hungry. We support people in need. It is too easy to overlook all the charitable work of the United Synagogue and our communities: our Rabbis and Rebbetzins visit the sick. Our Community care coordinators ensure their members in need get a food parcel at Pesach. Our volunteers run wonderful social action initiatives. Our social responsibility programmes support the homeless, women in refuges and asylum seekers. Our chaplains support our members and their families in hospital or in prison. Our Community team looks after our smaller communities which are struggling and helps create new ones.

But there's always more to do: *Ha lachma anya* on Seder night teaches us that we never know who is truly in need. Let me explain.

Why does *Ha lachma anya* have two references to people in need – 'anyone who is hungry' and 'anyone in need'? Surely it refers to the same person? Rabbi Yosef Dov Soloveitchik has a lovely idea. He points out that 'anyone who is hungry' (*kol dikhfin*) means just that – someone who doesn't have enough food to eat. 'Anyone in need' (*kol ditzrich*) could refer to someone with plenty of food and drink. But they are 'in need' because they don't have anyone to share it with. They are lonely. We must invite them to have a meal with us.

Let's use this Pesach to reach out to our fellow community members: you never know the power of a dinner invitation. Ask after your friends. Call in on your older members.

To me this goes to the heart of what it means to be part of the United Synagogue. Wishing you and your families a happy and Kosher Pesach.

Michael Goldstein
President, United Synagogue

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