



# Shabbat 9 January 2021 | 25 Tevet 5781 (Shabbat Mevarchim)

# פרשת שָׁמוֹת / Parashat Shemot 5781

Friday	שבת	שבת	Sof Zman	שבת	שבת	Zoom	Horim	Sunday
Chabura	Starts	Shacharit	Kriat Shema	Mincha	Ends	Havdala	V'Yeladim	Shacharit
8.40AM	3.55PM	9.30AM	10.05AM	4.05PM	5.05PM	5.30PM	5.45PM	8.20AM

#### **SHUL CLOSURE**



Unfortunately, due to lockdown we have made the decision to close over this period. We will continue our programme of events online during the week. Please join our **Community WhatsApp group** by scanning the QR Code opposite using your WhatsApp camera.

### **Friday**

The Chabura is back this Friday morning at **8.40am**. This will be given this week by **Natan Maurer**.



#### **Shabbat**

Times shown above over Shabbat and Sunday (in grey colour) are a guide for people davening from home.



Magen Minis and Maxis: For parents of children who would like to attend in the future, please scan the QR Code opposite using your WhatsApp camera to immediately add yourself to the new "MA: Mini and Maxis" WhatsApp group!

Rosh Chodesh Shevat will be on Thursday 14 January:-

רֹאשׁ חֹדֶשׁ שְׁבָט יִהְיֶה בְּיוֹם חֲמִישִׁי הַבָּא עָלֵינוּ וִעַל כָּל יִשִּׂרָאֵל לְטוֹבָה:

The Molad will be on Wednesday at 5.35pm and 3 chalakim.

# Motzei Shabbat

Join the Communal **Havdalah** at **5.30pm** at the following link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86342908387">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86342908387</a> | 863 4290 8387

Horim V'Yeladim returns this week with a Kahoot Quiz at 5.45pm: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/MagenAvotZoom">http://tinyurl.com/MagenAvotZoom</a>.

#### Sunday

"Meet MA!" takes place this **Sunday** at **8.00pm**. This week Julian Pollard will be interviewing **Stewart Brookes**. Join us on zoom at the usual link: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/MagenAvotZoom">http://tinyurl.com/MagenAvotZoom</a>.

#### Wednesday

Rabbi Kenigsberg's Tzurba m'Rabanan Shiur continues this week. Details will be made available on the WhatsApp Group.

#### **Mazal Tov!**

Mazal Tov to Abigail Morris on her Bat Mitzvah this week. The Kiddush is being donated to NHS staff in her honour.

Mazal Tov to Judy and Joey Joseph on the birth of a granddaughter, a daughter to Yocheved and Avi Joseph in Israel.

Mazal Tov to Simon and Tina Leigh on the engagement of Simon's daughter Hannah to Gadi Melcer.

#### 3-T 2.0 Update



Thanks to our two incredible speakers **Rahima Mahmut** and **Benedict Rogers** who last Tuesday spoke about the help we can provide to end the atrocities against the Uyghur population. The event was moderated by Rabbi Kenigsberg and forms part of this season's "3-T Project 2.0" programme. Following the powerful presentation on the terrible plight of the Uyghurs, we would like to set up a focus group to determine what tangible and meaningful next steps we as a community and as individuals can take to make a difference. Please contact <a href="mailto:info@magenavot.com">info@magenavot.com</a> if you would like to help strategise how to take this forward. For further information please see page two of this newsletter. To watch our recording of this event please go to: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/y4uar9yi">https://tinyurl.com/y4uar9yi</a>

Magen Avot is excited to present a communal learning of Mesechet Pesachim, culminating in a Siyum on erev Pesach. Sign up today at: <a href="https://tinyurl/MAPesachim">https://tinyurl/MAPesachim</a>.

#### **Sponsorship for NHS**

Magen Avot is once again reaching out to support our fantastic NHS staff. If you have an event you would like to mark with a Kiddush, Hendon Bagel Bakery will provide a wonderful spread of sandwiches, pastries and fruit and deliver it to staff at the Whittington Hospital. Please call or text Joy Kay if you are interested on **07956 348 392** for further details.

## **Pulling Together**

Magen Avot are pulling together to beat Covid-19, During these uncertain times, a caring community is more important than ever. The Magen Avot Chesed Committee has had countless offers from members of the community who are very eager to help anyone who need assistance. If you need help with groceries, medicine or other supplies, just someone to talk to, or anything at all please contact Rebbetzen Sarah Kenigsberg on 07521 500 298 or email: <a href="mailto:rebbetzen@magenavot.com">rebbetzen@magenavot.com</a>.

#### **Upcoming Event Weekend**

The "Mental Health Awareness" Shabbat is due to take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of January. Further details will be released with next week's newsletter.

Yahrzeit								
14/01/2021	1 Shevat 5781	Simon Bentley	Father					
We wish them and their family a Chayim Aruchim								











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#### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

**STOPUYGHURGENOCIDE** is a UK based cross community, cross party coalition of all faiths and none, lead by the World Uyghur Congress, London Office (Director, Rahima Mahmut). We work with a wide variety of campaign groups, the general public and extensive Parliamentary contacts.

**The Uyghur Genocide:** The Uyghurs are a Turkic Muslim minority, less than 1% of China's population. After their homeland was invaded in 1949 they suffered systematic discrimination by China's Communist Party (CCP) which, since 2014, has developed into what Canada's Parliament declared "constitutes genocide" under the Genocide Convention." Up to 3M are interned in concentration camps. There is widespread Slave labour, forced organ donation, forced sterilisation of women, with removal of nearly 1M children from their families into boarding schools forbidding the Uyghur language and Islam. Advanced digital surveillance & biometrics underpins the genocide. Simple acts like phoning relatives abroad, using Whatsapp, growing a beard, owning a Koran, or praying results in arrest and internment. The CCP's aim is to "break their (the Uyghurs') legacy, break their roots, break their connections and their origins", destroying them as a religious and cultural entity.



**Our aims:** Close all camps; Release all prisoners; Restoration constitutionally guaranteed religious & cultural freedoms; Stop forced labour, sterilisation, organ harvesting and family separation; Allow contact with families abroad,



ASK YOUR MP TO SUPPORT THE GENOCIDE AMENDMENT <a href="https://genocideresponse.org/">https://genocideresponse.org/</a> allowing Uyghurs to ask the High Court for legal ruling on Genocide and to revoke/prevent a preferential trade deal

#### **DONATE:**

https://uk.gofundme.com/f/stop-uyghur-genocide - we are entirely voluntary and urgently need money for a part time PR specialist and a part time fund raiser.

# WRITE TO YOUR MP:

<u>www.stopuyghurgenocide.org.uk/mppledge</u> - 200 Parliamentarians have signed our pledge demanding Government action to implement our strategy – but we need more.

#### DON'T BUY:

Products of Slave Labour (CHINESE cotton, PPE or Wigs; NIKE, ZARA, UNIQLO, VW) or from Companies involved in Surveillance (HUAWEI, Hikvision, Dahua, Bytedance, SenseTime, ZTE).

#### **PETITIONS:**

Sign whatever you can. <a href="www.stopuyghurgenocide.org.uk">www.stopuyghurgenocide.org.uk</a> has petitions to NIKE, VW and supporting Human Rights sanctions on individual officials.

# PROTESTS:

The 5<sup>th</sup> of each month at 6.00pm outside the Chinese Embassy <a href="https://uyghursolidarityuk.org/">https://uyghursolidarityuk.org/</a>.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 6.00pm at the Chinese Cultural Section, 11 West Heath Road, Hampstead NW3.

Volkswagen showrooms (every day) - www.stopuyghurgenocide.org.uk

#### **RECEIVE UPDATES:**

Join our SUG activists Whatsapp Group by applying by email to <a href="mailto:sheldon.stone@uyghurcongress.org">sheldon.stone@uyghurcongress.org</a>.

# SPREAD THE WORD ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

We have lots of content that will raise awareness of the plight of Uyghurs – but only if you share it on social media (Twitter: @uyghurstop, Facebook: stopuyghurgenocide and Instagram: stopuyghurgenocide).













# THE 3-T PROJECT 2.0

# SUMMARY BRIEFING ON GENOCIDE AMENDMENT TO THE TRADE BILL <a href="https://genocideresponse.org/">https://genocideresponse.org/</a>

#### What does this cross-party amendment do?

It seeks to deter genocide by preventing the UK striking preferential trade deals with countries committing genocide. It allows the UK's High Court to make a preliminary legal determination of genocide, on application by a representative of a people facing Genocide from any state, and on that basis, revoke or prevent any preferential trade deal with that state.

#### Why is it needed?

The Uyghur diaspora need a judicial decision regarding what is happening in their homeland as governments repeatedly tell them they cannot fulfil their obligations under the Genocide Convention to punish and prevent genocide, without one. Currently the only route for such a decision is the United Nations, where China has a veto, or the International Criminal Court, to which China is not party. The amendment provides a mechanism to circumvent these difficulties via the High Court.

# Would the courts be besieged by frivolous vexatious claims e.g. against Israel?

Expert legal opinion from the former Deputy President of the Supreme Court (Lord Hope of Craighead) and Sir Geoffrey Nice QC (lead prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia) considers that the amendment, being limited to genocide, and having a high burden of evidentiary proof, prevents and disincentivises vexatious politically motivated claims (e.g. against Israel, which is not suspected of genocide by credible bodies).

# Will it restrict current and post Brexit Trade?

No. There is no current or planned preferential trade deal with China. The Department of Trade considers it will have no effect on striking post Brexit deals.

# <u>Isn't genocide determination a matter for the Foreign Secretary?</u>

No. Foreign office policy is that a determination of genocide is a matter of judicial decision for the international courts or national criminal courts meeting accepted due process standards.

## Does it undermine the UN?

No. This mechanism complements the UN system and allows states to meet its obligations to the UN's Genocide Convention to prevent and punish Genocide. A full determination of genocide through the international system can and should still be sought.

#### Why is your help needed?

Despite its large Lords' majority, the January vote in the Commons will be very tight, with the Government whipping and briefing against it. Constituency pressure on MPs to support the Amendment will be critical. It takes 45 seconds to send a letter to your MP: <a href="https://genocideresponse.org/">https://genocideresponse.org/</a>