



Shabbat 30 January 2021 | 17 Shevat 5781

Parashat Beshalach 5781 / פרשת בשלח

Friday Chabura	שבת Starts	שבת Shacharit	Sof Zman Kriat Shema	שבת Mincha	שבת Ends	Zoom Havdala	Horim V'Yeladim	Sunday Shacharit
8.40AM	4.29PM	9.30AM	9.58AM	4.36PM	5.36PM	6.15PM	6.30PM	8.20AM

## Friday

This week the Chabura will be given by **Simon Bentley**. Join us at the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/MagenAvotZoom>.

**Parasha Chabura**

Join us every Friday morning on Zoom for our renowned Parsha Chabura

The Chabura for Parashat Beshalach will be given by **Simon Bentley** at **8:40am** for 15 minutes

Come and hear a short and interesting idea on the Parasha to bring you into Shabbat

Join on Zoom at: [tinyurl.com/MagenAvotZoom](http://tinyurl.com/MagenAvotZoom) or ID: 876-0991-2998 with password Magen1948

## Motzei Shabbat

Join the Communal Havdalah at **6.15pm** at the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86342908387> | **863 4290 8387**

Horim V'Yeladim continues this week with another Kahoot Quiz at **6.30pm**: <http://tinyurl.com/MagenAvotZoom>.

### Attendees

### Kahoot Results



## Wednesday

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

## Yahrzeits

The following members are observing Yahrzeit during the forthcoming week

Date	Shevat	Name	Relationship
30/01	17 Shevat	Deborah Barnett	Grandmother
31/01	18 Shevat	Gila Brodie	Mother
31/01	18 Shevat	Neal Kesztenbaum	Father
31/01	18 Shevat	Vivienne Kesztenbaum	Husband
31/01	18 Shevat	Judith Perahia	Father
31/01	18 Shevat	Viviane White	Sister
04/02	22 Shevat	Simon Leigh	Father

We wish them and their families a Chayim Aruchim

## 3-T 2.0 – Uyghur Campaign Continues! See Page 2

**JOIN OUR CAMPAIGN TEAM!** Following the narrow defeat in the House of Commons – 319 votes to 308 – of the Genocide Amendment to the Trade Bill (which Magen Avot had backed) our campaign continues. **Please see details of our next steps on page two of this newsletter.**

Magen Avot continues its communal learning of Mesechet Pesachim, culminating in a Siyum on erev Pesach. There is still time to sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/MAPesachim>.

## Mazal Tov!

Mazal Tov to **Karina Katz** who is being honoured with this year's Eshet Chayil award. We look forward to marking this occasion once we are back in shul when we can present her with the award. Mazal Tov also to the whole Katz family! **See page three.**

## Kiddush Sponsorship

This week's "Hospital" kiddush is kindly donated by Simon Bentley in honour of **Esther Bentley's** forthcoming birthday. Mazal Tov! If you would like to sponsor a "Kiddush" to benefit more NHS staff, please call or text Joy Kay on 07956 348 392.

## Gemach Fund for Members

Magen Avot operates a Gemach fund for members who have fallen into financial hardship. Help is available in the form of emergency one-off payments or short-term loans. If you are in need, are aware of, or are being approached by other members of the community in need of such a service, please feel free to contact Rabbi Kenigsberg ([rabbi@magenavot.com](mailto:rabbi@magenavot.com)) or Cecil Taitz ([treasurer@magenavot.com](mailto:treasurer@magenavot.com)), in complete confidence.

## Event Thanks

We would like to thank Dr Bernd Wollschlaeger who spoke on: "My father was a Nazi...and I became a Jew". If you missed this event, see a recording here: <https://youtu.be/VNd6sT-BBCw>.

## Mental Health First Aid Course

We will soon be launching a Mental Health First Aid course. The course is run by Jami and is fully accredited. For more information and to register interest please see this short Google form: <https://tinyurl.com/y6yakofa>.

## Sunday Socials

**SUNDAY SOCIALS**

February @ Magen Avot

Meet Ma

TED Circles

interviewing Linda Wolfe | hosted by Esther Bentley

Sunday 7th February | Sunday 14th February

[tinyurl.com/MagenAvotZoom](http://tinyurl.com/MagenAvotZoom)

# STOP UYGHUR GENOCIDE

Further to the harrowing presentation by Rahima Mahmut and Ben Rogers to Magen Avot on 5 January [<https://youtu.be/oSfEwCNVgX0>], as a community, we want to act against the terrible genocide of the Uyghur Muslims in China, where up to 3 million people are in concentration camps. Some governments around the world have formally declared this "Genocide" and a campaign is underway, supported by the Board of Deputies and others, for the UK to do the same. The Chief Rabbi has referred to this as "an unfathomable mass atrocity" in an article in the Guardian newspaper on 15 December 2020.

STOPUYGHURGENOCIDE is a cross community, cross party coalition, led by the World Uyghur Congress. One aim is for the international community to disrupt China's world leadership by restricting trade and collaboration.

Our government is in the process of voting for a genocide amendment to the Trade Bill, which would prevent the UK from striking preferential trade deals with countries committing genocide. In the last vote, the MP for Hendon, Matthew Offord voted against this amendment. It is vitally important that we appeal to him to change his mind before the next vote in the House of Commons on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. We have prepared a letter for you to sign if you support this cause.

Please copy the text from the letter below, make sure you to include your name and **postcode** (to show that you are a constituent) and send to the email address listed below. If you do not live in Hendon, please send this letter to your own MP. **You can also download a copy from our website here:** <https://tinyurl.com/y5sqhfre>.

Matthew Offord (Hendon) [matthew.offord.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:matthew.offord.mp@parliament.uk)  
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Please help us get the message out that we in the Jewish Community cannot stand by and see another people suffer without speaking out. For more info see [www.stopuyghurgenocide.org.uk](http://www.stopuyghurgenocide.org.uk). Further initiatives to follow.

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Matthew Offord MP

Dear Mr Offord,

We write to you in Holocaust Memorial Week, as constituents who are members of Magen Avot Synagogue in Hendon, raising our deep concern that, as our Parliamentary representative, you voted against the Genocide Amendment to the Trade Bill.

Following its narrow defeat, the amendment has been revised to address the Government's main objection, that the courts were being given power to rule on trade deals. We request that you vote for it on the following grounds.

The revised amendment now allows the High Court to make a preliminary determination of genocide, on application by representatives of a people facing Genocide, such as the Uyghurs in China, but stipulates that it then refers back to Parliament to decide what to do about preferential bilateral trade deals with the perpetrating state.

The Uyghur diaspora need a judicial decision on their persecution as governments repeatedly tell them that without one, they cannot fulfil their obligations to the UN Genocide Convention to "punish and prevent genocide." Currently the only route for such decisions is the UN, 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. It therefore complements the international system, whilst reflecting Government policy across administrations that, as PM Boris Johnson has said, "attribution of genocide is a judicial matter" (20<sup>th</sup> January 2021).

Dominic Raab explained (December 8<sup>th</sup> 2020):

"Long-standing policy is determination of genocide should be made by competent courts, rather than governments or non-judicial bodies. Competent courts include international courts.....and national criminal courts that meet international standards of due process."

The Government's other objections to the Amendment are unfounded:

- Firstly, the High Court is empowered to rule on genocide.
- Secondly, the amendment's restriction to genocide, with its high burden of evidentiary proof, avoids politically motivated vexatious claims, which our courts routinely address early by many means.
- Thirdly, if China refuses to participate, our legal system is used to inquiries and inquests where one party refuses to attend.
- Finally, the Uyghurs will benefit because the amendment enables the UK to fulfil its obligations under the UN's genocide Convention to "prevent and punish genocide", in contrast to the many genocides occurring since World War 2.

In Holocaust Memorial Week, the talk is always of "Never Again". This amendment helps achieve that aim. Other Governments already talk of following suit. The Board of Deputies of British Jews, has made statements and written directly to the Prime Minister, and we in the Jewish Community cannot stand by and see another people suffer as we have done in the past without speaking out. When this revised amendment returns to the Commons, it is completely unacceptable to us that our MP is not only voting against, but whipping against, a motion that would enable the UK to fulfil its obligations under the UN Genocide Convention. It does not represent our views in any way.

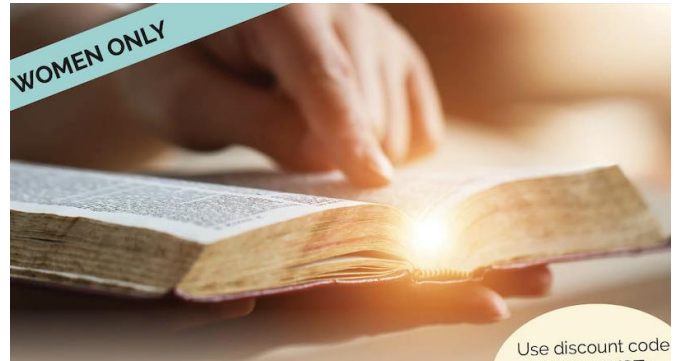
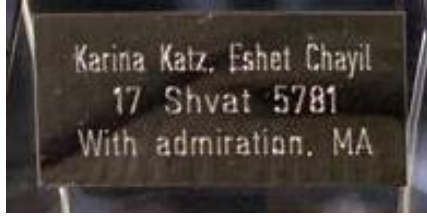
We would appreciate your reversal of this position, as a matter of conscience, I would appreciate confirmation of your intentions in this matter.

Yours Faithfully,  
[NAME]  
[POSTCODE]



### Eshet Chayil Award

Mazal Tov to **Karina Katz** who is being honoured with this year's Eshet Chayil award. Mazal Tov also to the whole Katz family! We look forward to marking this occasion once we are back in shul. Please see the award and plaque opposite.



Use discount code **MAGENAVOT5** to receive **50% off** your booking.

## Interactive Talmud

### Introduction to Tractate Pesachim

With Karen Miller Jackson

Explore Talmud as a book of Jewish law, literature and thought. We will focus on methodology including skill-building, structure and history of the Rabbinic period. Topics include: the Seder, kiddush, havdalah, education and gratitude. No previous experience necessary.

#### COURSE SESSIONS

**Start:** 3 February  
**Day:** Wednesday  
**Duration:** 7 weeks  
**Time:** 7:45-9pm

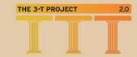
#### BOOK YOUR PLACE

Per session: £10  
Bookings can be made through the LSJS website  
[www.lsjs.ac.uk](http://www.lsjs.ac.uk)



**Karen Miller Jackson** is the creator of #PowerParsha (a brief dvar Torah disseminated weekly via social media), host of the Eden Center podcast "Building Ourselves through the Parsha," and founder of *Kivun l'Sherut*, a guidance program for religious girls before sherut leumi or army service. She holds an MA in midrash and Talmud from New York University and has studied at Matan, Midreshet Lindenbaum and Drisha. Previously she has developed curriculum at Lookstein Virtual. Her writing can be found at [karenmillerjackson.com](http://karenmillerjackson.com)

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## DEBATES

GET ENGAGED AND INCREASE YOUR CONFIDENCE



## GAMES

COMPETE WITH YOUR FRIENDS FOR VICTORY

## LEARNING

INCREASE YOUR KNOWLEDGE IN KODESH OR SECULAR



JOIN OUR WHATSAPP GROUP FOR REGULAR UPDATES

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS  
8PM

VOLUNTEERING  
OPPORTUNITIES

INDIVIDUAL OR  
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## Magen Avot 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 needs assistance.

If you need:

- Help with groceries -
- Medicine or other supplies -
- Just someone to talk to -
- Or anything at all -

PLEASE contact  
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# Q & A WITH RABBI KENIGSBERG

Come with your trickiest questions and queries!

Wednesday 3rd February | 8:00 PM  
Via Zoom