












Shabbat 20 March 2021 | 7 Nissan 5781 Parashat Vayikra 5781 / פרשת ויקרא

Friday Chabura	Friday Mincha	שבת Starts	Sof Zman Kriat Shema	שבת Shacharit	שבת Mincha	שבת Ends	Zoom Havdalah	Sunday Shacharit
 8.40AM	 5.55PM	 5.57PM	 9.06AM	 9.30AM	 5.45PM	 7.00PM	 7.45PM	 8.20AM

**Friday**  
Chabura: **Ian Gamse** at **8.40am** at the following link:  
<http://tinyurl.com/MagenAvotZoom>.

**Shabbat**  
**Shabbat Hagadol Drasha** after Mincha with **Rabbi Kenigsberg** on the topic of: **"The mysterious sandwich of Seder night"**

Last Havdalah: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86342908387>  
**Motzei Shabbat Event:** Haggadah Insights



RABBI MORDECHAI GINSBURY - Senior Rabbi, Hendon United Synagogue



RABBI ZVI PORTNOY - Associate Rabbi, Hendon United Synagogue



RABBI JOEL KENIGSBURG - Rav, Magen Avot



RABBI DANIEL ROELAAR - Rav, Kehillat Alei Tzion

**MOTZAEI SHABBAT 20TH MARCH**  
8.30 pm  
ZOOM: 812 172 8404 / Password: Pesach


**Sunday**  
Book for the upcoming pre-Pesach British Museum Tour with Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum due to take place on **Sunday 21 March** at **8.00pm**. Booking link: <https://tinyurl.com/ybywphvv>



**British Museum**  
with Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum  
Sunday March 21 | 8 - 9:30pm  
£8 per booking

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

**Wednesday**  
Rabbi Kenigsberg will be giving a special Tzurba m'Rabanan shiur this Wednesday on **"Hilchot Leil HaSeder"** at **8.30pm** at Zoom Meeting ID: **869 5009 6756** | Passcode: **Tzurba**.



**THE 3-T PROJECT 2.0**

The communal siyum of Masechet Pesachim will take place this Thursday on the day of fast of the firstborn. If you have signed up to take part in the learning, please ensure you have completed your dapim by then.

**3T Project: Kimcha dePischa Appeal**



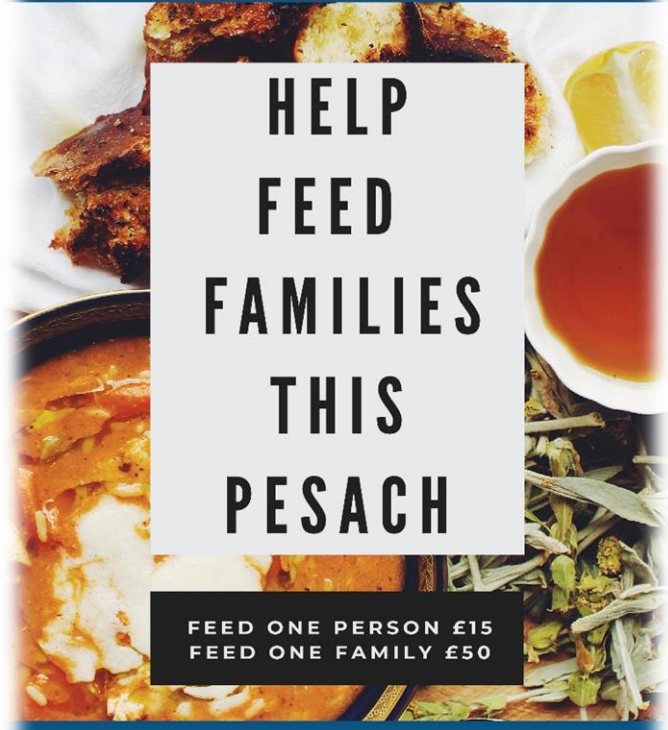
In many ways the past year has not been an easy one. As we approach Pesach 2021/5781 and look forward to celebrating our freedom, sadly many people (including from within our own community) are reeling from the effects of Covid, furlough, and other economic hardships. As we do annually, Magen Avot is now running a "Kimcha dePischa" collection in order to support those in need and ensure that we are all able to celebrate the upcoming Chag.

If you are in need of assistance, please contact the Rabbi. If you are in the fortunate position of being able to assist others, please consider giving generously to this important cause. To donate and for further information please contact the Rabbi at [rabbi@magenavot.com](mailto:rabbi@magenavot.com).

In addition, Magen Avot has an established Gemach fund in order to assist with the long-term needs of members of the community.

Donations can be made through the normal channels, clearly stating either "Kimcha" or "Gemach".

**3T Project: Pesach Appeal**

**HELP FEED FAMILIES THIS PESACH**

FEED ONE PERSON £15  
FEED ONE FAMILY £50

Donate via this link  
[www.igift.org/pesachmeals](http://www.igift.org/pesachmeals)

Yahrzeits			
23/03/2021	10 Nissan 5781	Orna Hillman	Father



Dear All,

The Halachot of Pesach can be complicated at the best of times but this year brings with it the added complexities of Covid restrictions and erev Pesach falling on Shabbat (not to mention the change from GMT to BST on 1<sup>st</sup> night Pesach!). Below is a concise guide to help navigate this unusual situation. For any further questions please feel free to join the zoom Q&A this evening (Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March) at 8:30pm or contact me directly via whatsapp, phone or email. (07891 988 201 or rabbi@magenavot.com)

### **Mechirat Chametz and Fast of the Firstborn**

I will be performing Mechirat Chametz on **Friday morning 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021**. For those who wish to appoint me in person as a shaliach to sell your chametz I will be available at Magen Avot on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March after Shacharit until 10am in order to do so in a socially distanced manner.

Alternatively, the relevant forms can be completed here: <https://forms.gle/RZsii5NhRd6UTM5y6> (**Please ensure that this form is completed by 5pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**)

The fast of the Firstborn, which normally takes place on erev Pesach, is observed 2 days earlier this year, on Thursday morning 25<sup>th</sup> March. A communal siyum (part of the 3T project) will be broadcast via zoom.

### **Bedikat and Bi'ur Chametz**

The search for and removal of chametz are similarly brought forward this year because of Shabbat.

Bedikat Chametz should take place after **7:13pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. A bracha is recited as usual and the Kol Chamira declaration, nullifying any chametz which was not found, is recited.

Bi'ur Chametz (burning of chametz) should take place on Friday morning before **11:04am**. Kol Chamira is not recited at this time.

(Although chametz may still be retained after this time as it is not yet erev Pesach, the burning is done in the morning as in a regular year, so as not to cause confusion.)

Chametz may still be retained and consumed until 10am on Shabbat morning.

### **Before Shabbat**

All cleaning of surfaces, kashering and other preparations for Pesach must be completed before Shabbat comes in. Additionally, preparations for the Seder cannot be done on Shabbat and some of the activities necessary to prepare the Seder plate cannot be performed on Yom Tov either (roasting the egg and shankbone, washing lettuce for maror etc.) It is therefore recommended to make **all** preparations for the Seder on Friday in order to avoid complications and to be able to start the Seder as quickly as possible after Shabbat.

Before lighting Shabbat candles a **3-day candle** should be light in order to light Yom Tov candles from a pre-existing flame.

### **Shabbat Meals**

Hamotzi needs to be made over two loaves at the Shabbat meals. Ordinarily this poses no problem, however is complicated this Shabbat by the fact that the home is already fully "kosher for Pesach". It is recommended to use pitot or small rolls which will be easily and fully consumed. These should be eaten **away** from the Pesach table, foods and utensils (ideally outside where possible). Once the bread has been eaten, crumbs should be shaken off and hands washed before returning to the table. The rest of the meal can be eaten from Pesach utensils or disposables.



Alternatively, egg matzah can be used for Hamotzi at both the Friday night and Shabbat morning meals until 10am. (According to Ashkenazi custom, egg matzah may not be consumed after this time on erev Pesach or on Pesach itself, barring extenuating circumstances.) Ordinary matzah may not be eaten on Shabbat, so as to leave anticipation for the taste at the Seder night.

Any chametz needs to be eaten before **10am** on Shabbat morning. Shacharit will therefore begin at **7:30am** to leave enough time to return home, make Kiddush and Hamotzi before this time.

**The Kol Chamira declaration, whereby any remaining chametz is nullified, should be said on Shabbat morning before 11:04am**, beyond which time one is no longer permitted to own chametz.

Regarding Seudah Shlishit, since reciting Hamotzi is no longer possible after 10am, one may fulfill their obligation through a meal of other cooked food or fruit etc. Cooked foods containing matzah meal may be eaten (before 3pm), however cakes and other baked goods containing matzah meal should not be eaten at all on erev Pesach.

It is recommended to eat a light snack or meal in the afternoon so that one is not too hungry and able to enjoy the Seder. At the same time one should make sure to leave a sufficient appetite for matzah and the Seder meal.

### **Motzei Shabbat**

No preparations for Yom Tov may begin before **7:13pm**, at which time "Baruch hamavdil bein kodesh lekodesh" should be recited and Yom Tov candles lit from a pre-existing flame.

The brachot of Havdalah and "Borei Meorei Haesh" (over the Yom Tov candles) are recited as part of Kiddush, as shown in the Haggadah.

**British Summer Time (BST)** commences at 1am on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Most clocks cannot be adjusted on Yom Tov (and will therefore remain on GMT), whilst others will update themselves automatically. In order to avoid confusion, the shul newsletter will therefore include the timings of services according to both GMT and BST, and people can follow along according to whichever clock they are using. (Remember to update your clocks after the conclusion of second-day Yom Tov.)

### **Second Day Yom Tov**

No preparation may be made for the second day of Yom Tov and the second Seder before **8:14pm BST** (7:14pm GMT) on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Yom Tov candles are once again lit from a pre-existing flame.

Yom Tov concludes at **8:16pm BST** on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

Last year the prospect of 3 days alone was the source of anxiety for many people. Thankfully this year we find ourselves in a different situation, although many restrictions remain with us. If you find yourself alone and are at all anxious about the upcoming Yom Tov, please be in contact with me beforehand to discuss the options available and/or to arrange for a socially distanced visit over Chag.

Additionally, if you require assistance of **any** kind regarding provisions for Chag please do not hesitate to contact me.

Wishing the entire Kehilla Pesach Kasher veSameach!  
Rabbi Kenigsberg