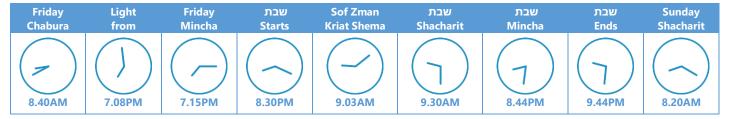
Book your seats for Shabbat and Shavuot at the following link: https://tinyurl.com/MABookSeats



Shabbat 15 May 2021 | 4 Sivan 5781 (Omer Day 48)

Parashat Bamidbar 5781 / פרשת בָּמִדְבַּר



Sunday 16 May – Tuesday 18 May 2021 5 – 7 Sivan 5781 (See Guidelines on Page 2)										שבועות / Shavuot	
Erev Shavuot – Sunday				First Day Shavuot – Monday 16 May				Second Day Shavuot – Tuesday 17 May			
Light from Min/Mrv	Light by	Night	Tikkun Leil	Shacharit 1	Shacharit 2	Min/Mrv	Light from	Shacharit	Yizkor	Min/Shiur	YT Ends
7.10PM 7.15PM	7 8.33PM	9.40PM	POSTER	3.26AM	9.30AM	7.00PM	7.11PM	9.30AM	>10.30AM	8.49PM	9.49PM

- Reminder: Light a 2-day candle on the first night (Sunday) in order to light from a pre-existing flame on the second night.
- Shavuot Day 2: Horim V'Yeladim certificates presentation with ice-lollies for kids kindly sponsored by Joy Lyons in memory of her late mother.
- Shavuot Day 2: Divrei Torah after Mincha from Dan Artman, Simon Bentley, Mel Kay and Moshe Langerman.

Mazal Tov!

Mazal Tov to Angela & Mike Abrahams on the birth of a grandson, a son for Jonathan & Andi Abrahams.

Friday 14 May

The Chabura at **8.40am** will be given this week by Raffi Maurer.

Shabbat 15 May

Magen Minis and Maxis meet in the upstairs hall at 10.30am (book: https://tinyurl.com/MABookSeats).

Y@MA with Elliot Berke meets after silent Mussaf Amidah in the staff room (~10.45am). To attend please sign up here: https://tinyurl.com/6x339ywh.

There are upcoming opportunities for sponsorship: Friday Chabura, Magen Minis, Magen Maxis, and Shabbat/Yom Tov Takeaway Kiddushim. Email info@magenavot.com for details or to reserve.

Elkan Adler will give shiur after Mincha on Shabbat.

Sunday 9 May

Tikkun Leil (all night learning) will be taking place once again this year in Shul. There are three programmes this year. The first is for Children in Years 5 and 6. Rabbi Cobi Ebrahimoff will be speaking at the Children's Tikkun Leil. This event must be booked under our usual booking link under "Children's Tikkun Leil" at: https://tinyurl.com/MABookSeats. The second is Y@MA Tikkun Leil with Elliot Berke and Rabbi Joel Kenigsberg and will be followed by an outside Kiddush. For the main programme we are excited to hear from speakers Joanne Greenaway, Rabbi Joel Kenigberg, Rabbi Yossi David, Rabbi Glenn Bezalel and Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis.

Our HaMagen Magazine has now been printed and distributed to all members. If you have not received a copy there will be spares available in Shul to read and take home over Shavuot.

We would like to thank Dr Yael Ziegler who spoke on Wednesday evening and to Rabbi Professor **Steinberg MD** who spoke on Thursday evening.

Community Fund

We operate a Gemach fund for members who have fallen into financial hardship with help 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 in need, please contact Rabbi Kenigsberg: rabbi@magenavot.com or Cecil Taitz at: treasurer@magenavot.com, in complete confidence.

Annual General Meeting

Thanks to all those who attended the AGM on Sunday and gave updates. We would like to take this opportunity to thank outgoing vice-Chair Joy Kay (who will be making Aliyah in the summer) and to Esther Bentley, Shoina Kass and Moshe Langerman for their tremendous contribution to the council. We congratulate the following people who were elected:-

- CHAIR: Simon Bentley and VICE-CHĂİR: Patti Adler
- FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVE: Cecil Taitz
- WARDENS: Daniel Ehreich and Elkan Adler WOMEN'S OFFICER: Chaya Langerman
- COUNCIL: Anouk Abrahams, David Berke, Julian Maurer, Sara
- Spizzichino, Fiona Taylor, and Toni Zekaria **BOARD OF DEPUTIÉS REPRESENTATIVE:** Julian Pollard

Honorary Officers and Synagogue Council Members serve for 1 year. The financial rep serves for 2 years and Board of Deputies rep serves for 3 years.

Israeli Ambassador Event





A guide to timings for 1st and 2nd Night Yom Tov

- * Although the common practice is to bring in Shabbat and Yom Tov early (particularly in the summer months), many have the custom not to begin Ma'ariv until after nightfall on the first night of Shavuot. This is due to the fact that the Torah requires us to count "שבע שבתות תמימות" "seven complete weeks" from Pesach to Shavuot, and waiting until after nightfall would ensure not to detract from the "completeness" "temimot" of the 7 weeks of the Omer count.
- According to the Taz and the Mishnah Berurah, Ma'ariv should therefore be delayed until after nightfall. The Magen Avraham, by contrast, omits any mention of Ma'ariv and requires only that Kiddush be made after nightfall.
- Other authorities question the need to apply the principle of "temimot" (which is not mentioned in most earlier sources) and some hold it preferable to bring in Yom Tov earlier in order to add from chol to kodesh. Where delaying the Yom Tov meal would make it difficult to enjoy and fulfill the mitzvah of Simchat Yom Tov, this should also be considered.
- Many authorities therefore hold that whilst preferable where possible to delay Ma'ariv and Kiddush until nightfall, where this is difficult one may daven and bring in Yom Tov earlier. There would still be a strong preference to wait until shkiah before making Kiddush and partaking of the meal.
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 - (Regardless of the above discussion, Yom Tov candles should still be lit before 8:33pm and no forbidden melacha may be performed from then on).
- ❖ At Magen Avot we will be davening Mincha/Ma'ariv at the usual time of 7:15pm. It is preferable to wait until shkiah at 8:47pm before making Kiddush (or for those who wish to wait until nightfall 9:40pm) As noted above, where waiting would prevent one from having a proper Yom Tov meal and diminish from Simchat Yom Tov, it is not required.

Second Night

- There is a general prohibition to prepare from one day of Yom Tov to the next. One would therefore be forbidden to perform any preparations on the first day of Yom Tov for a second day Yom Tov meal taking place after nightfall. This is our general practice on other Chagim.
- Since Shavuot takes place in the summer months when nightfall occurs very late, we will be bringing in the second day early, as on a regular Shabbat. Mincha will take place at 7pm followed immediately by Ma'ariv. Candles may be lit from 7:11pm.
- Since the Yom Tov meal is eaten whilst it is still daylight, preparation can be made in the afternoon, as it is technically considered part of the first day.
- If however one waited until nightfall to daven, then all preparations for the second day would have to be delayed until after 9:47pm.



On behalf of Rabbi and Rebbetzen Kenigsberg, the Executive and the Council, we would like to wish all our members a Chag Shavuot Sameyach.



TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT 5781

Magen Avot invites you to an inspirational learning programme on the first night of Shavuot, Sunday night 16 May. Drinks will be served and all are welcome.

11.30PM 12.10AM BREAK



Joanne Greenawa\

What is levitate marriage all about?: Ruth, Boaz and the meaning of Yibum'

12.20AM - 1.10AM **BREAK**



Rabbi Joel Keniasbera

Taking advice from Robots? Halachic and Ethical Dilemmas of Artificial Intelligence'

1.25AM 1.55AM **BREAK**



Rabbi Yossi David

Shavuot: Commemorating Written or Oral Torah?'

2.00AM 2.40AM **BREAK**



Rabbi Glenn Bezalel

'Jerusalem vs Athens: בצלם אלוקים

2.50AM 3.20AM Shacharit 3.26AM



Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis

Seeing Family and Friends for the first time after a long absence - in the eyes of Jewish tradition and halacha'

EARLIER ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMES

CHILDREN'S (YEARS 5 & 6) TIKKUN LEIL

7.30PM 9.30PM



Rabbi Cobi Ebrahimoff

'I'm late - why does time matter?'

Y@MA TIKKUN LEIL

10.30PM - 11.30PM



Elliot Berke

The Depths of Shavuot'

11.30PM 12.00AM



Rabbi Joel Kenigsberg

12.00AM



Outside Kiddush