



Sunday 16 May – Tuesday 18 May 2021 | 5 – 7 Sivan 5781

Shavuot / שבועות

Erev Shavuot – Sunday 16 May					First Day Shavuot – Monday 17 May			Second Day Shavuot – Tuesday 18 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	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. Please remember to bring the children along so they can receive their certificates from this year's virtual event.
- **Shavuot Day 2:** Divrei Torah after Mincha from **Dan Artman, Simon Bentley, Mel Kay** and **Moshe Langerman**.

## Chag Shavuot Sameyach!



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

Join us on Sunday and into Monday with a choice of different programmes for Tikkun Leil.

**TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT 5781**  
Magen Avot invites you to an inspiring learning programme on the first night of Shavuot, Sunday night 16 May. Drinks will be served and all are welcome.

- 11.30PM - 12.10AM** **Joanne Greenaway**  
"What is Levirate marriage all about? Ruth, Boaz and the meaning of Yibum"
- 12.20AM - 1.10AM** **Rabbi Joel Kenigsberg**  
"Taking advice from Robots? Halachic and Ethical Dilemmas of Artificial Intelligence"
- 1.25AM - 1.55AM** **Rabbi Yossi David**  
"Shavuot: Commemorating the Written or Oral Torah?"
- 2.00AM - 2.40AM** **Rabbi Glenn Bezalet**  
"Jerusalem vs Athens: ביגאם ארמון"
- 2.50AM - 3.20AM** **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**

NB: Learning will take place inside with masks, regular breaks to go outside, take off masks and circulate fresh air.

There is a programme to suit all ages from Years 5 and 6 to the Youth (Y@MA) to Adults.

## Guidelines from Rabbi Kenigsberg

### 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" – "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.
- ❖ (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.