



	Thu 14	Fri 15	שבת 16 פסח 1	Sun 17 פסח 2 Omer 1	Mon 18 פסח 3 Omer 2	Tue 19 פסח 4 Omer 3	Wed 20 פסח 5 Omer 4	Thu 21 פסח 6 Omer 5	Fri 22 פסח 7 Omer 6	שבת 23 פסח 8 Omer 7	Sun 24 Omer 8
<b>Fast From</b>		4.13am									
<b>Chametz Search</b>	8.39pm										
<b>Chametz until</b>		10.42am									
<b>Chametz burnt by</b>		11.52pm									
<b>Shacharit</b>		8.00am	9.30am	9.30am	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	9.30am	9.30am	8.20am
<b>Drasha</b>			(*1)	(*3)					(*5)	(*6)	
<b>Yizkor</b>										10.30am	
<b>Minis/Maxis</b>			10.45am							10.45am	
<b>Y@MA</b>									Yes	Yes	
<b>Y@MA Games</b>										5.30pm	
<b>Eruv Tavshilin</b>								Yes			
<b>Earliest Lighting</b>		6.31pm						6.38pm	6.40pm		
<b>Special Shiur</b>										6pm (*7)	
<b>Mincha</b>			7.49pm	7.51pm						8.02pm	
<b>Shiur (see below)</b>		7.15pm	(*2)	(*4)	TBC	TBC	TBC	7.15pm	7.15pm	(*8)	
<b>Maariv</b>			8.49pm	8.51pm						9.02pm	
<b>Shabbat/YT</b>		7.43pm						7.53pm	7.54pm		
<b>Nightfall/Seder</b>		8.41pm									
<b>Chatzot</b>		12.59am	12.59am								

### Pesach Messages

- Magen Avot wishes all its members and visitors a Pesach Sameyach and looks forward to welcoming all who attend over this period
- Our Baalei Kriah over Yomtov will be **Shimon Levy** and **Joey Katz** and **Benji Lovat**
- Our speakers for the Drashot over Yomtov will be (\*1) **Rabbi Kenigsberg**, (\*3) **Rabbi Dr Rafi Zarum**, (\*5) **Chava Wulwick**, (\*6) **Rabbi Kenigsberg**
- Our speakers between Mincha and Maariv over Yomtov will be (\*2) **Rabbi Kenigsberg**, (\*4) **Dayan Simons**, (\*8) **Joey Katz**
- There will be a special shiur on the final day of Chag given by (\*7) **Gila Fine** at the home of **Family Langerman (4 Downage)** on the subject of: "Like a Dream: Rabbinic Visions of Redemption". This event is open to women and men
- We are pleased to announce that Magen Minis or Maxis (children's services) will take place over Chag on Shabbat
- Y@MA will take place on seventh and eighth day Pesach in the upstairs staffroom
- A special Y@MA games afternoon will take place on the final day (Shabbat afternoon) - see poster below
- If you are without a meal over Chag please speak to Daniel Ehreich (Gabbai), Elkan Adler (Gabbai) or Chaya Langerman (Women's Officer).
- We are also looking to confirm a minyan each morning of Chol Hamoed Pesach, starting at 8.00am. Please let us know if you will be able to attend so we can be assured of adequate numbers. To confirm please text your name to Simon Bentley on 07774 151 111.

### Additional Messages

- 14/04: Bedikat Chametz should be done at nightfall on Thursday night from 8.39pm
- 15/04: There is a Siyum on Friday morning after Shacharit at 8am | Latest time to eat chametz is 10.42am | Latest time to burn chametz is 11.52am
- 15/04: Remember to light a 48 hour candle | Seder should not begin before nightfall at 8.41pm
- 16/04: No preparation to be made for second day Yom Tov before nightfall
- 16/04: Yom Tov candles for the second day should be lit from a pre-existing flame after nightfall
- 16/04: The brachot of Havdalah and "Borei Meorei Haesh" (over the Yom Tov candles) are recited as part of Kiddush, as shown in the Haggadah
- 21/04: An Eiruv Tavshillin should be made before Yom Tov in order to allow preparation from Yom Tov to Shabbat
- 22/04: Remember to light a 48- hour "Yahrzeit" candle prior to candle lighting in order to light second night candles
- 22/04: Candles for Shabbat and 8th day Yom Tov should be lit before 7.54pm

### Yahrzeits

Date	Nisan	Name	Relationship
Friday 22 April 2022	21 Nisan 5782	Elizabeth Kliman	Father
Friday 22 April 2022	21 Nisan 5782	Linda Wolffe	Father
Shabbat 23 April 2022	22 Nisan 5782	John Wolffe	Father
Sunday 24 April 2022	23 Nisan 5782	Harry Tenenblat	Father
Monday 25 April 2022	24 Nisan 5782	David Ruben	Aunt
Thursday 28 April 2022	27 Nisan 5782	Sandra Samad	Mother
Friday 29 April 2022	28 Nisan 5782	David Marks	Father

**We wish these members and their families Chayim Aruchim**

### Magen Avot AGM Nomination Forms

An email was sent out on the 7th April allowing members to nominate Honorary Officers and Council members for the coming year. The election, should there be one, will take place on 22 May (date of the AGM). If you did not receive the email please contact Dani as soon as possible by email at: [admin@magenavot.com](mailto:admin@magenavot.com).



### The Chief Rabbi's Pesach Message 5782

For the past two years, our Pesach experiences have been uniquely challenging while we contended with the unprecedented restrictions of the Coronavirus pandemic. Baruch Hashem, at long last, we can now look forward with fresh optimism to Pesach 2022.

The fundamental dimensions of the Pesach Seder are encapsulated perfectly in the famous words: "Kol dichfin yeitei veyechol; kol ditzrich yeitei veyifsach" – "All who are hungry, let them come and eat, All who are in need, let them come and join us in observing Pesach."

This invitation makes clear that where possible, our Seder should be celebrated with others. Yet, it also describes the two essential aspects of the Seder experience – the physical, represented by the invitation to eat, and the spiritual, represented by the invitation to observe Pesach. Neither component is sufficient without the other. The Seder is both a feast for our physical senses and a feast for the soul.

The four questions of Ma Nishtana, relating to matza, maror, dipping and leaning, highlight not only *what* we do at the seder but also *how* we do them. These two dimensions of both our physical and spiritual Seder experiences, convey to us a profound lesson about both Seder night and Jewish life in general.

Our Sedarim of 2020 and 2021 were unprecedented. The *what* was the same as it has been for centuries, as we proceeded from cover to cover of our Haggadot. But the *how* had one major difference, due to the severely restricted numbers around our tables. Now that, Baruch Hashem, we will hopefully be able to have Sedarim of pre-Covid proportions, within the timeless *what* of Seder night, let us not revert entirely to our previous *how*. Instead, let's enrich our Seder experience by introducing fresh and creative ways to excite and inspire children and adults alike.

Indeed, we must apply this principle to Jewish life more broadly. The Pandemic has caused an upheaval in our communal life that most of us have never previously experienced and that comes with an opportunity to reimagine it in new ways. This is the rationale behind Project Welcome, which will provide strategic support and dedicated funding to communities around the country as they think anew and take bold steps to reinvigorate our congregants. In this context, I have no doubt that ShabbatUK, which will this year take place on 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> May, will provide an exciting platform for extraordinary community engagement, which will be appreciated all the more following successive periods of lockdown.

Fascinatingly, the Hebrew word for crisis is *mashber*. The original Biblical meaning of this word is 'the opening of the womb', the moment of greatest human potential, because out of crises we must always seek the opportunities for renewal and regeneration. Let us ensure that this Pesach marks the beginning of a new era of Jewish community excellence.

Valerie and I extend our warm wishes to you and your families for a Chag kasher vesameach.

### Thank you from GIFT

Dear Rabbi,  
I would like to express my deep gratitude to your Shul – Magen Avot- for partnering with GIFT on the recent Pesach appeal to help the Jews in Odessa. We at GIFT are in awe of your community, that stepped up and delivered. Inspired by you and your Rebbetzen- it's been an absolute pleasure collaborating with you on this extremely important mission to bring food to those in Ukraine. I look forward to strengthening the relationship and developing it as time progresses. Please thank all those members of the community that contributed. Wishing you, your family and your community a Chag Kasher v'Sameach. ly'H our sisters and brothers in Ukraine will celebrate just a little bit more this Yom tov with all the food we have provided them.  
Thank you,  
Best wishes,  
Sandor and the GIFT Team

### Thank you from JAMI

Dear Congregation of Magen Avot,  
Thank you so much for your generous donation to JAMI of £1249.50 as part of your Kol Nidre appeal. As a result of the coronavirus crisis and the after-effects of lockdown and isolation, more people than ever or relying on JAMI. With the help of our donors, we can provide support to hundreds of Jewish people living with mental illness through one-to-one support, group sessions, peer support and education programs, while expanding our on-line services to make JAMI support even more accessible. We appreciate your ongoing support.  
Kind regards,  
Laura Bahar, Community Engagement Officer.

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### Message from the President of the United Synagogue

A United Synagogue Rebbetzen shared a wonderful anecdote with me recently. She was learning with a member of her community, a mother of three children. One of her children went to Tribe camp last summer and had such a wonderful time that the child came home and told his parents that he wanted to go to a Jewish school.

The child said that he had really enjoyed the davening on camp and the special atmosphere Tribe creates, and so he wanted to go to a school where he would get that feeling every day. In January, he – and his two siblings! – moved to a Jewish school. As a result, the family feel much more connected to the Jewish community than they did beforehand.

There are many reasons for choosing a school of course, and we know that our younger Jewish generation thrives in many different educational settings. But my point here as we approach Pesach is how special our tradition is. How unique our festivals are. How powerful the touchstones are that keep our children connected to their faith and make them want to be part of our people's 4000-year-old story.

Pesach – and Seder nights in particular – is perhaps the quintessential opportunity to connect with our past and forge indelible positive Jewish experiences. With its distinctive rituals, songs and foods, Pesach creates memories of special Seder nights from years ago which seem as fresh as if they'd happened yesterday. Not by chance is Seder night the most observed Jewish ritual, even by those who wouldn't consider themselves to be that observant during the rest of the year.

But my message this Pesach, isn't specifically about Pesach, strange as that might seem. It's about what we do after Pesach. It's about how you can help us keep the younger generation of our community connected to their tradition and keep that spark alive for them to pass on – please God – to others.

We are role models in everything we do. If people see us take our Judaism seriously, they are more likely to do the same. If they see us coming to shul regularly, enjoying our warm, welcoming services and programming for all ages or volunteering to help the community, they are more likely to continue going themselves.

So as we move to the summer months and hopefully better weather, please join us back in shul. We need you. And if you've already come back, please invite your friends and family to join you. If there is a service or event at your shul that you have not attended before or for a while, why not give it a go? And if you'd like to make something new happen, please let us know: now is the time not just to do what we always have but to refresh what our communities offer.

Earlier this year we launched Project Welcome, an initiative which does exactly what it says on the tin. We want to – and we must – welcome back people we've not seen for some time. In partnership with the Office of the Chief Rabbi, Project Welcome aims to boost community participation and enable every United Synagogue community to build an ambitious long-term strategy.

As the Chief Rabbi said when he addressed our lay leaders recently: "Let's never take shul for granted. Let's never take community for granted."

With your help, we will ensure that's not the case. Wishing you all a chag kasher v'sameach.

### Thank you from Leket

Dear Magen Avot Synagogue,  
We wish to thank you for the very generous donation Leket Israel received from your community from your 2021 Kol Nidre appeal. Please view your personal message from Joseph Gitler, Leket's Founder and Chairman, to share with your community and thank them for their support: <https://tinyurl.com/2z4bwtez>. Joseph would be delighted to speak to your community to talk about the effects of the pandemic on Israeli society, how Leket is addressing the need for food support, and how your kind donation has directly helped with that. I would be delighted to coordinate this with you and look forward to hearing when would be the best time to fit in with your community's programs. Thank you again for your belief in Leket's mission of food rescue. As life has returned to normality and the skies are now open for you in the UK, we do hope that members of your community will be able to visit Israel to see our operations, as well as to volunteer with us to help provide fresh healthy fruits and vegetables to Israel's most vulnerable. Wishing the community, a very Happy Pesach.  
Denise Rubin, PA to Joseph Gitler, Founder & Voluntary Chairman.