



Shabbat 15 April

Leining: Josh Abeles

Magen Minis and Magen Maxis meet at 10.45am. Y@MA meets at the usual time.

Shabbat Morning Drasha: Rabbi Yoni Golker

Kiddush is kindly sponsored by Family Abeles to mark the third anniversary of not being able to mark a round number anniversary of Josh's Bar Mitzvah due to Covid and to welcome back our old friend after Pesach.

Post-Mincha: Dr Benji Schreiber

Sunday 16 April

The next MA breakfast (after Shacharit at 9.00am) will be with guest speaker Manfred Goldberg (see opposite for details).

Sunday 23 April

Eve Grubin-Brookes and Anouk Abrahams will be running the next "women's circle" on the topic of "Bereavement". This will take place on Sunday 23 April at 8.00pm at 18 Manor Hall Avenue, NW4 1NX. Please RSVP Eve Grubin-Brookes on 07885 774 787. Please save the date in your diary.

> Events that provide support for all women in the community and to help strengthen themselves and their families and relationships.

TOPIC: "BEREAVEMENT"



SLOVAKIAN HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS. SHE LIVED IN JERUSALEM AND YORK BEFORE AN EPISTOLARY ROMANCE BROUGHT HER TO LONDO

SHE IS THE AUTHOR OF DEATH DUTIES: THE CHEVRA KADISHA [WHAT BEING AROUND THE DEAD TAUGHT ME ABOUT LIFE] AS WELL AS UNDER MY HAT - FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1997 AND UPDATED IN 2019 - ABOUT THE IMPACT OF CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL TRENDS ON THE LIVES OF JEWISH WOMEN. SHE HAS BEEN A VOLUNTEER FOR THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE CHEVRA KADISHA FOR SEVERAL YEARS.



Sunday 14 May



An email has been sent out allowing members to nominate Honorary Officers and Council members for the coming year. The election, should there be one, will take place on Sunday 14 May (date of the AGM). If you did not receive an email please contact Daniella Radomsky as soon as possible at the following email: admin@magenavot.com

Shabbat Mevarchim

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Rosh Chodesh Iyar Yiheye beyom Shishi u'veyom Shabbat Kodesh Haba Aleinu v'al kol Yisrael Letova.

ראש חֹדֶש אִייָר יִהוֶה בִּיוֹם שִׁשִׁי וּבִיוֹם שַׁבָּת קוֹדֶשׁ הַבָּא עְלֵינוּ וְעַל בְּל יִשְׂרָאֵל לְטוֹבָה:

Molad: Thursday 20 April at 2.08pm and 13 chalakim.

הַמּוֹלַד יִהְיֶה בִּיוֹם חֲמִישִׁי, שָׁמֹנֶה דַקוֹת וּשִׁלֹשָה־עָשָׁר חַלָקִים אַחֲרֵי שְׁתַיִם בַּצָהָרִיִם.

Sunday 16 April – Guest Speaker Profile

Manfred was born on 21 April 1930 in Kassel in central Germany into an Orthodox Jewish family. He and his family suffered escalating persecution in Germany under the Nazi regime in the years before the Second World War. Manfred's father was able to escape to Britain in August 1939, just days before the war began, but the rest of the family were unable to join him. The situation deteriorated following the outbreak of the war and in 1940 Manfred's Jewish school was closed by the Nazi authorities. In December 1941, Manfred, his mother and younger brother were deported by train from Germany to the Riga Ghetto in Latvia. Life in the ghetto was characterised by lack of food, use as slave labour and constant fear: throughout Manfred's time in the ghetto, the Nazis and their Latvian collaborators regularly selected inmates of the ghetto for mass shootings in forests on the edge of the city. Despite this, Manfred was able to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah in March 1943. In August 1943, just three months before the ghetto was finally liquidated, Manfred was sent to a nearby labour camp where he was forced to work laying railway tracks. The prisoners in the camp were treated brutally and again subjected to frequent selections. As the Red Army approached Riga, Manfred and the other surviving prisoners were evacuated to Stutthof concentration camp near Danzig (today Gdańsk in Poland) in August 1944. He spent more than eight months as a slave worker in Stutthof and its subcamps, including Stolp and Burggraben. The camp was abandoned just days before the war ended and Manfred and other prisoners were sent on a death march in appalling conditions. Manfred was finally liberated at Neustadt in Germany on 3 May 1945. Manfred came to Britain in September 1946 to be reunited with his father. After learning English, he managed to catch up on some of his missed education and he eventually graduated from London University with a degree in Electronics. He is married with four sons and several grandchildren.

Yahrzeits			
Shabbat 15 April	24 Nisan	David Ruben	Aunt
Tuesday 18 April	27 Nisan	Sandra Samad	Mother
Wednesday 19 April	28 Nisan	David Marks	Father
Thursday 20 April	29 Nisan	Jay Schechtel	Mother

We wish them and their families Chayim Aruchim



Yom HaShoah UK 2023 Monday 17th / Tuesday 18th April 2023



Dear US Member

Yom HaShoah, our community's annual day to remember the Holocaust, is once again fast approaching. As we pause to 'Remember Together As One' the six million Jews murdered, this year we will also pay special tribute to its heroes and martyrs as we mark the 80th Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

As you have done so passionately before, we once again kindly ask you to help us cascade the key information for this year's commemoration through your membership networks and social media.

1) National Yom HaShoah UK Commemoration – Live Monday evening, 17th April from 7.15pm

This year's UK National Commemoration will be broadcast LIVE on Erev Yom HaShoah from Jewish Care, home of the Holocaust Survivor Centre, where we hope once again it will be viewed by over 20,000 families watching from home as they light yellow memorial candles. The ceremony can be watched from any Smart TV via the YouTube app (search Yom HaShoah UK) or on laptop, tablet or mobile at <u>www.yomhashoah.org.uk</u>

There will be a UK-wide candle lighting moment during the ceremony, as we ask families to light their candles from home in unison. Yellow Candles can be purchased by clicking here: <u>https://www.yellowcandleuk.org/product-page/yellow-candle</u>

2) UK Jewish Community's Legacy from the Holocaust Campaign

As part of Yom HaShoah UK's continuing responsibility to pass on the Legacy and to honour the Community Pledge made, we are proud to inform you that in a joint initiative with the Board of Deputies, almost 200 "UK Jewish Community's Legacy from the Holocaust" remembrance boards have been installed. Sited across synagogues, charities, Jewish secondary schools and other wider society organisations, we hope they will be the focal point for local remembrance for generations to come. If your community does not yet have a legacy board, please email legacy@yomhashoah.org.uk.

3) Community Two Minute Silence - Live Tuesday Morning, 18th April at 11am

We ask all our partners to once again hold a Two Minutes Silence with your colleagues in your offices, your pupils and teachers in your classrooms, or with family working from home at 11am on Tuesday 18th April 2023, the morning of Yom HaShoah. To aid this solemn moment, this year a live stream from the National Holocaust Memorial in Hyde Park is being planned, where the words written on the legacy board will be read to introduce the silence. The stream from the memorial will be available to watch at <u>www.yomhashoah.org.uk</u>

Thank you in advance for all you are about to do to ensure our pledge to remember on Yom HaShoah reaches across the entire UK Jewish community.

With warmest regards,

Marie

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Marie Van der Zyl OBE President

Board of Deputies

Neil Martin OBE Chair

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