














Shabbat 17 January 2026 /28 Tevet 5786 (Shabbat Mevarchim)

Parashat Vaera / פרשת וארא

Light From	Friday Mincha	שבת Friday	שבת Chabura	שבת Shacharit	SZ Kriat Shema	Minis /Maxis	שבת Mincha	שבת Ends	Horim ve Yeladim	Sunday Shacharit
										
3.30PM	4.04PM	4.07PM	9.00AM	9.15AM	10.05AM	10.45AM	4.16PM	5.16PM	6.10PM	8.20AM



*YOUTH LED
TAKEOVER
THIS WEEK
IN THE MAIN SHUL*

PARASHAT VAERA

16th-17th January 2026

Friday 16 January

We are very excited to once again host a youth-led Magen Avot Shabbat taking place over this Friday night and Shabbat morning. We look forward to hearing from many of our youth!

Shabbat

Chabura: Vivi Adler. Points for the discussion (to be circulated before shabbat).

Magen Minis and Maxis: meets at 10.45am.

Horim ve Yeladim Sponsor: Y@MA and Munchies Parents.

Shabbat Drasha: Rabbi Golker

Kriat Hatorah: Joseph Abrahams; Uriya Lorenzi; Rafi Kleiman; Reuben Spizzichino and Benji Willman.

Dvar Torah 1: Imogen Morris and Callie Greenfield.

Dvar Torah 2: Talya Kay

Today's Kiddush is sponsored by: Y@MA and Munchies Parents.

Post Mincha Speaker: Rabbi Golker

Magen Avot would like to also thank the other Youth Participants: Azriel Grubin-Brookes; David Jacobs; Eliana Adler; Shalom Grossnass; Yossi Franklin; Zecaharya Grubin-Brookes; Yishai Ehreich; Roni Lorenzi and Abi Morris

Motzei Shabbat

Horim V'Yeladim continues this Motzei Shabbat at 6.10 pm.

Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat

The Molad takes place on Sunday 18 January at 3:06pm and 11 Chalakim.

ראש חודש שבט יהיה ביום שני, הבא עלינו ועל כל ישראל לטובה.

Yahrzeits

19/01/2026	1 Shevat 5786	Simon Bentley	Father
21/01/2026	3 Shevat 5786	Joan Pollard	Mother
21/01/2026	3 Shevat 5786	Jacqueline Roodyn	Mother
22/01/2026	4 Shevat 5786	Michael Roodyn	Mother
23/01/2026	5 Shevat 5786	David Ruben	Uncle

Magen Avot Book Club

The next meeting of the Magen Avot Book Club (we are reading "The Post Office Girl" by Stefan Zweig) will be held online on tomorrow January 18th, at 7:30 pm London (GMT). Members are invited to join the WhatsApp Book Club group. Please contact Julian for further details on 07958 447174.

Board of Deputies (BOD) Meeting with Local MP

Magen Avot's BOD representative (Julian Pollard) is seeking to meet our local MP David Pinto-Duschinsky in Central Lobby at the House of Commons on 17th March as part of Parliamentary Advocacy Day and to bring to his attention matters of concern to our members. If any of you wish to attend or to highlight issues you wish him to bring forward to our MP, please contact Julian on 07958 447174.

Magen Avot NEEDS You

Help shape the next ten years of Magen Avot by helping us with whatever skills you possess. Email info@magenavot.com with your details and we will be in touch. (See next page)

News Letter News

Additional announcements will be sent out via WhatsApp Groups:-

Join the Broadcast Group: <https://tinyurl.com/mabroadcast>

Join the Social Group: <https://tinyurl.com/masocialgroup>

Magen Avot Crafts Group

The next meeting of the craft group will be on the 25th January. For further information contact Fiona Taylor. Tel: 0786 871 5161



Get hyped for...

Y@MA FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER @ THE GOLKERS

13TH FEBRUARY

**Tefillah at Magen
Avot**

**or meet at the
Golkers at 6:30pm**

**Address Provided on
Booking**

Sign up using the form
below by Sunday 8th
February:
shorturl.at/oHxvO



Magen Avot




MAGEN AVOT NEEDS YOU

HELP SHAPE THE NEXT 10 YEARS OF MAGEN AVOT

We have proudly celebrated 10 years of Magen Avot. Now we invite you to help build the next incredible decade of our community.

Whether you have time, skills, ideas, or simply enthusiasm, there is a place for everyone to get involved. Anything you can do, big or small, helps our community grow stronger, and more connected.

Email info@magenavot.com with your details and we will be in touch.

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SPONSORSHIPS SHOULD BE IN BY (LATEST) THE TUESDAY BEFORE EACH SHABBAT TO ENSURE ORDERS FOR THAT WEEK

JAKOBOVITS PRIZE ESSAY COMPETITION

המזים למוסר יהודי Jewish Ethics Project

A NATIONAL ESSAY COMPETITION FOR STUDENTS WHO WANT TO EXPLORE HOW TIMELESS TORAH-BASED JEWISH ETHICS CAN SHAPE MODERN LIFE.

YOUR MISSION: WRITE AN ORIGINAL ESSAY THAT CONNECTS JEWISH VALUES AND SOURCES WITH REAL WORLD ETHICAL QUESTIONS SUCH AS: NON-COMBATANTS DURING WAR, CLIMATE CHANGE, HUMAN MIGRATION, SOCIAL JUSTICE, COMPASSION TOWARDS THE 'OTHER', AND COLLECTIVE AND COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY.

HOW TO JOIN

- VISIT JEWISHETHICSPROJECT.ORG/THE-JEP-JAKOBOVITS-PRIZE FOR DETAILS
- EMAIL COMPETITION@JEWISHETHICSPROJECT.ORG TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
- GET WRITING!

WHO CAN ENTER

TWO COMPETITIONS:

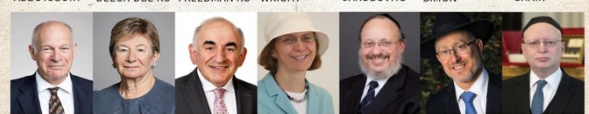
- HIGHSCHOOL STUDENTS
- YESHIVA, SEMINARY & UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

EXTENDED DEADLINE

23RD JANUARY 2026

PANEL JUDGES

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£500 CASH PRIZES

20% KOREN VOUCHER DISCOUNT FOR ALL ENTRANTS

FOR EACH COMPETITION: TOP WINNER: £500 3 RUNNER-UPS: £100 EACH

Bound by Duty

A new, suspenseful, and humorous Israeli play

Based on the experiences of two commanders in an elite IDF unit . Dedicated to all their comrades who fell in Israel's wars and hostile actions

Saturday, 31st January 2026

At: 19:30


Introduction by Mrs Miriam Perez (Israel Prize winner)

Followed by the show and Q&A

Aviel, a religious-Zionist, and Itai, a secular-liberal, are paired for the final navigation test of their squad leader course. Their initial clash slowly becomes a journey of mutual understanding, as they discover that their differences help them grow and face the challenges ahead.

Actors: Shmulik Bahalul, Golan Ventura

Light refreshments will be provided
Age suitable 13+



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Jewish Ethics Project Essay Competition (see flyer above)

JEP presents the Rabbi Lord Immanuel Jakobovits זצ"ל Prize for Jewish Ethics to school pupils, university, yeshiva and seminary students. Rabbi Jakobovits, Chief Rabbi of the United Kingdom from 1967 to 1991, was a pioneer of Jewish medical ethics and a leading moral voice in public life.

Outstanding entries will be recognised with prizes and publication on the JEP website. All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

Please submit by 23rd January 2026.

Bound by Duty - Plot Summary (see flyer above)

"Bound by Duty" offers a funny, and clear-eyed look at Israeli society – through two people who didn't want to be together, a religious Zionist and a secular-liberal, but discovered they needed each other the most. This the ONLY show that will be in English and with Miriam Peretz introducing it. Tickets are £18 and it's appropriate for 13 years and above. Please share with your friends and contacts. Not to be missed! Book on:-

<https://myus.theus.org.uk/events/120116/bound-by-duty/>