





Shabbat 31 May 2025 / 4 Sivan 5785 (Omer Day 48)

Parashat Bamidbar 5785 / פָּרָשַׁת בְּמִדְבַּר

Friday	Light	שבת	SZ Kriat	שבת	שבת	Minis	שבת	שבת	Sunday
Mincha	From		Shema	Chabura	Shacharit	/Maxis	Mincha	Ends	Shacharit
7.15PM	7.25PM	8.52PM	8.50AM	9.15AM	9.30AM	10.45AM	9.10PM	10.10PM	8.20AM

Shabbat 31 May

Chabura: Baruch Zekaria | Leining: Shimon Levy

Magen Minis and Magen Maxis meet from 10.45am

Y@MA after Kedusha of Mussaf with Youth Directors: Sophie

Kleiman and Aviya Solomon.

Shabbat Drasha: Rabbi Yoni Golker

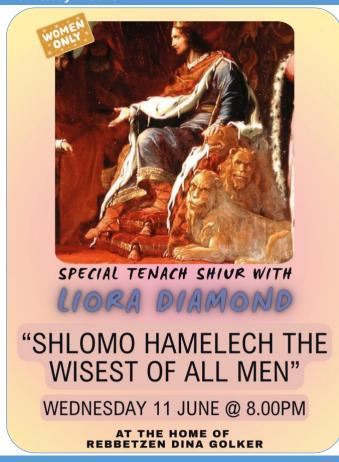
This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Yudit and Daniel Finfer.

Post Mincha Shiur: Rabbi Dr Glenn Bezalel

Sunday 1 June - Tuesday 3 June (Shavuot)

Please see the back of the newsletter.

Wednesday 11 June

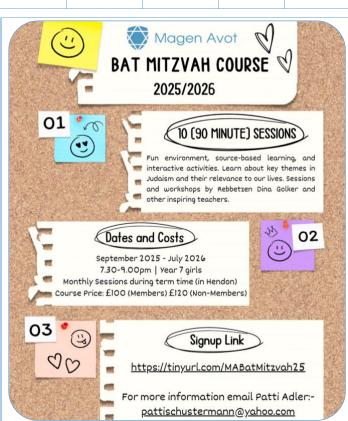


Sunday 22 June

Celebrate our 10th Anniversary with a family fun day on **Sunday 22 June** (see poster on back of newsletter). Bookings are now open but places are limited due to space restrictions. Don't delay book today for you and your family and celebrate the 10 year milestone this June: https://tinyurl.com/MAFunDay25.

Mark our 10 years by sponsoring the Seudah Shlishit on Shabbat 21 June. To contribute or dedicate, contact Julian Maurer by WhatsApp on 07957 777 543. Thank you for your support!

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- Thank You: We would like to thank our flowers' sponsors: Deborah and Howard Myers to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Magen Avot, and Linda and Laurence Lovat to mark Benji Lovat's birthday. Mazal Tov! Also, Liora and Derek Diamond to mark the healthy birth of 8 new puppies! Mazal Tov!
- Reminder: Light a 2-day candle on the first night (Sunday) in order to light from a pre-existing flame on the second night.
- **Tikkun Leil (all night learning):** will be taking place once again this year in Shul. There are three programmes. The first is for Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 and the second is our Y@MA programme. For the main programme we are excited to hear from Joanne Greenaway, Rabbi Yoni Golker, Rabbi Dr Rafi Zarum, Rabbi Dr Glenn Bezalel and Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis.
- Shavuot Day 2 Kiddush: The Kiddush on Day 2 of Shavuot is sponsored by Shelley and David Berke in honour of a milky Kiddush!
- Shavuot Day 2 Post Mincha: Rabbi Michael Laitner on: "Teaching Torah to non-Jews: Is it a moral imperative or a waste of time?".

Guidelines from Rabbi Yoni Golker

First Night

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. (Regardless of the above discussion, Yom Tov candles should still be lit before 8.54pm 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 **9.08pm** before making Kiddush (or for those who wish to wait until nightfall **10.13pm**) 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 **7.15pm** followed immediately by Ma'ariv. Candles may be lit from **7.28pm**, followed by Kiddush and the Yom Yov meal. 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 **10.13pm**.



