













Shabbat 26 July 2025 / 1 Av 5785 (Shabbat Rosh Chodesh Menachem Av)

Parashat Matot-Masei 5785 / פרשת מטות-מסעי

Friday Mincha	Light From	שבת	SZ Kriat Shema	שבת Chabura	שבת Shacharit	Minis /Maxis	שבת Mincha	שבת Ends	Sunday Shacharit
 7.15PM	 7.22PM	 8.45PM	 9.08AM	 9.15AM	 9.30AM	 10.45AM	 8.57PM	 9.57PM	 8.20AM

## Shabbat 26 July

**Chabura:** This week there will be a Chabura discussion. Discussion points will be shared via WhatsApp before Shabbat.

**Leining:** Shimon Levy

Magen Minis and Magen Maxis meet from **10.45am**  
**This is the last week of Minis and Maxis. Y@MA is already on break. All programmes return on Shabbat 6 September.**

**Shabbat Drasha:** Rabbi Yoni Golker

This week's Kiddush is kindly sponsored by **Anouk and Darren Abrahams** to celebrate Anouk's birthday. Mazal Tov!

**Post-Mincha Shiur:** Rabbi Dr Glenn Bezalel

## Sunday 27 July

Our next Sunday Breakfast Club takes place on Sunday 27 July after Shacharit from **9.00am** with speaker **Rebbetzen Ilana Epstein** on: "Badges, Rags and Riches". Please contact Julian Maurer if you would like to sponsor this event on 07957 777 543.

## Sunday 7 September

Our Book Club is proposing to meet again on **Sunday 7 September at 8.00pm**. They will be discussing "There are Rivers in the Sky" by Elif Shafak (out in paperback). This is the story of one lost poem, two great rivers and three remarkable lives - all connected by a drop of water. The lives of cuneiform expert from Victorian London, a young Yazidi girl from Iraq in 2014 and a London hydrologist in 2018 intersect when the fragment of an ancient poem (the Epic of Gilgamesh) is discovered in the ruins of Nineveh in ancient Mesopotamia. You can watch the author here: <https://tinyurl.com/MABookC0925> where she discusses the book. Join on Whatsapp: <https://tinyurl.com/MABookC>.

## Mazal Tov!

Mazal Tov to Samantha and Paul Taylor on the engagement of their son Yosef to Haddar Ben-Shimon.

## Seats for Yamim Noraim

Book for the Yamim Noraim (by 1 Sept) which will take place downstairs in the OYH Hall: <https://tinyurl.com/MAYN2025>.

## Bat Mitzvah Course 2025/26

Registration is now open for the next Bat Mitzvah Course for Year 7 girls. The course includes ten monthly sessions during term time, running from September to July on Sundays from 7.30pm to 9.00pm in Hendon. Led by Rebbetzen Dina Golker and other inspiring teachers, the sessions combine interactive activities with source-based learning to explore key Jewish themes and their relevance today. Cost is £100 (members) and £120 (non-members). Register: [tinyurl.com/MABatMitzvah25](https://tinyurl.com/MABatMitzvah25) or contact Patti Adler at [vicechair@magenavot.com](mailto:vicechair@magenavot.com).

## Bar Mitzvah Course 2025/26

Registration is open for our Bar Mitzvah Course for Year 8 boys, running from October to May. Led by Rabbi Yoni Golker, the course includes monthly Monday evening sessions covering a range of engaging topics. Participants learn to lead Tefillah and put on Tefillin, take part in a Torah workshop and British Museum tour, explore mental health themes, and gain a deeper understanding of becoming Bar Mitzvah. The cost is £100 (members) and £120 (non-members). Register today at: [tinyurl.com/MABarMitzvah25](https://tinyurl.com/MABarMitzvah25).

## HaMagen – Issue 11

As we ready the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of our Shul magazine HaMagen for September please add yourself to our WhatsApp Group in order to contribute and/or help with various magazine jobs: <https://tinyurl.com/MAHaMagen11>.

## Sponsorships

There are a number of Kiddushim available for sponsorship over the summer period. If you are interested in sponsoring to mark a celebration or Yahrzeit or even just to support the Shul then please either email [info@magenavot.com](mailto:info@magenavot.com) or click the booking link on our website at: <https://magenavot.com/sponsorships>.

## Yahrzeits

The following members are observing Yahrzeit during the forthcoming week

26/07/2025	1 Av	Roxanne Blumgart	Grandfather
27/07/2025	2 Av	Viviane White	Mother
29/07/2025	4 Av	David Ruben	Mother
30/07/2025	5 Av	Moshe Langerman	Grandfather
31/07/2025	6 Av	Joy Berger	Sister
01/08/2025	7 Av	Vivienne Kesztenbaum	Mother
01/08/2025	7 Av	Jacqueline Roodyn	Father

We wish them and their families Chayim Aruchim

**NEW MAGEN AVOT INITIATIVE**  
**שבת אחים גם-יחד**

Following the success of community Shabbat lunches, we are pleased to announce the launch of an additional initiative to deepen ties through shared meals on Shabbat and Yom Tov.

A dozen families have asked the shul to help them reach out to people they don't know well enough yet, and to fix that through shared meals together. Patti Adler will be our shadchanit, helping to match hosts with guests. So, if you get an invitation from someone you don't know well in the coming weeks - this is why. For anyone who would prefer not to be invited (fun is not mandatory) please reach out to Patti by email. Please also contact her if you would like to host; the more the merrier [vicechair@magenavot.com](mailto:vicechair@magenavot.com).

None of this changes our usual position, that if anyone would like to join an MA family for any particular meal or knows of anyone who would like to do so, please let Fiona, Patti, Daniel or Elkan know.

