














Shabbat 6 December 2025 / 16 Kislev 5786

Parashat Vayishlach 5786 / פרשת וישלח

Light From	Friday Mincha	שבת	שבת Chabura	שבת Shacharit	SZ Kriat Shema	Minis /Maxis	שבת Mincha	שבת Ends	HvY	Sunday Shacharit
 3.03PM	 3.35PM	 3.38PM	 9.00AM	 9.15AM	 9.47AM	 10.45AM	 3.46PM	 4.46PM	 5.35PM	 8.20AM

Winter Holidays Newsletter

As we enter the Winter Holiday period, this edition covers the full five weeks through to the first Shabbat of January. It includes all available times and information as of going to print, and any further updates will be shared through our WhatsApp groups. This will also be my 555th and final edition after ten years as editor, and I want to thank our leadership and community for their support throughout. We are now seeking someone to take on the newsletter from the 556th edition on 10 January, and anyone willing to help with a smooth transition is warmly encouraged to come forward.

Groups: Broadcast tinyurl.com/mabroadcast Social tinyurl.com/masocialgroup

Shabbat

Chabura: 06/12: Eve Grubin-Brookes, 13/12: Ian Gamse, 20/12: Dan Artman, 27/12: Rabbi Gaffin, 03/01: Baruch Zekaria

Magen Minis and Maxis meets at **10.45am**. Y@MA at usual time. **Children's programming will be on break on 27 December only.**

Y@MA Sponsors: 06/12, 13/12 and 20/12: Anonymous.

Munchies Sponsors: 06/12: Deborah and Howard Myer to mark their wedding Anniversary. Mazal Tov!

Shabbat Drashot: 06-20/12: Rabbi Yoni Golker, 27/12: TBC, 03/01: Rabbi Yoni Golker.

Kiddush Sponsors: 06/12: Chani and Dr David Cohen to celebrate the birth of their granddaughter (Bracha Leah Batsheva), daughter of Yaakov and Shoshana Cohen, 13/12: Susan and Michael Storfer to mark the Yahrzeit of Susan's mother (Blumah bat Reuven) and Michael's father (Yonah Avraham ben Shmuel), 20/12: Jointly sponsored by Ruth Ehreich to mark the first Yahrzeit of her late mother Mrs Rachel Cooper zt"l, and by Meir Malinsky to make the first Yahrzeit of his late mother Rachel bat Meir Zeev zt"l, 27/12: Yael Ehreich to mark her birthday – Mazal Tov!, 03/01: Mazal and Paul Nisner to mark the Yahrzeit for their fathers Yehuda ben Mordechai zt"l and David Ben Avraham zt"l on the 10 and 17 Tevet respectively.

Post Mincha Speakers: 06/12: Rabbi Yoni Golker on: "Celestial Battles in Vayishlach: Exploring Jewish Teachings on Angels and Demons", 13/12: Rabbi Dr Glenn Bezalet, 20/12: Rabbi Yoni Golker, 27/12: Rabbi Michael Pollak, 03/01: Elkan Adler.

Motzei Shabbat

Horim V'Yeladim (HvY) continues each **Motzei Shabbat** with Rafi Kleiman. **HvY will be on break on 27 December.** **Sponsors:** 06/12: Deborah and Howard Myer to mark their wedding Anniversary. Mazal Tov!

15-17 December



Book today for our Y@MA (Youth) Chanukah Party which takes place on Monday 15 December. Only £10 for supper, Chanukah games and activities, mystery Maccabee and more at the Golkers! We would love to see everyone there. Book here by Sunday 7 December: <https://tinyurl.com/MAYAMACP25>. In addition there is a Youth Takeover Shabbat on 16/17 January. To sign up and for access to the excel spreadsheet please contact Moshe or Sophie.

Mazal Tov!

Mazal Tov to Dr Chaya and Moshe Langerman on the birth of a granddaughter, a daughter to Inbar and Natan Macabi.

Sunday 21 December



Book today at: <https://tinyurl.com/MAQuiz25>

Yahrzeits

08/12/2025	18 Kislev	John Wolffe	Daughter
08/12/2025	18 Kislev	Linda Wolffe	Daughter
09/12/2025	19 Kislev	Michael Storfer	Father
12/12/2025	22 Kislev	Belinda Abramowitz	Great Uncle
12/12/2025	22 Kislev	Belinda Marks	Mother
13/12/2025	23 Kislev	Brent David	Father
14/12/2025	24 Kislev	Patti Adler	Father
14/12/2025	24 Kislev	Jacklyn Ferber	Mother
17/12/2025	27 Kislev	David Kass	Mother
17/12/2025	27 Kislev	Alexander Weinberg	Grandfather
19/12/2025	29 Kislev	Penina Ehreich	Father
19/12/2025	29 Kislev	Sarah Josephs	Father-in-law
19/12/2025	29 Kislev	Jack Samad	Father
22/12/2025	2 Tevet	Roxanne Blumgart	Father
22/12/2025	2 Tevet	Ruth Ehreich	Mother
25/12/2025	5 Tevet	Meir Malinsky	Mother
27/12/2025	7 Tevet	Richard Herman	Grandfather
27/12/2025	7 Tevet	Howard Myer	Father
30/12/2025	10 Tevet	Paul Nisner	Father
31/12/2025	11 Tevet	Shirley Gamsu	Mother
31/12/2025	11 Tevet	Sheldon Reback	Step-Mother
05/01/2026	16 Tevet	Elkan Adler	Father
05/01/2026	16 Tevet	Roxanne Blumgart	Mother
06/01/2026	17 Tevet	Cherry Cornell	Father
06/01/2026	17 Tevet	Mazal Nisner	Father
07/01/2026	18 Tevet	Anouk Abrahams	Mother















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Shabbat 13 December 2025 / 23 Kislev 5786

Parashat Vayeshev / פרשת ויגש

Light From	Friday Mincha	שבת	Womens KS	שבת Chabura	שבת Shacharit	SZ Kriat Shema	Minis /Maxis	שבת Mincha	שבת Ends	HvY	Sunday Shacharit
 3.02PM	 3.35PM	 3.36PM	 3.55PM	 9.00AM	 9.15AM	 9.53AM	 10.45AM	 3.46PM	 4.46PM	 5.35PM	 8.20AM

Chanukah begins on **Sunday 14 December** and concludes on **Monday 22 December**. Over the eight nights we celebrate the victory of light over darkness, the courage of the Maccabees and the miracle of the oil that lasted beyond all expectation. May the lights we kindle bring warmth, joy and strength to our homes and our community. **Chag Sameyach!**

Women's Kabbalat Shabbat: alternating between Magen Avot and Alei Tzion. The second session takes place on **Friday 12 December** at Alei Tzion at **3.55pm**, followed by two further services on **9 January** (at Magen Avot) and **6 February** (at Alei Tzion). All women and girls are warmly invited to join these uplifting and welcoming tefillot as we bring in Shabbat together.

Rosh Chodesh: The Molad will be on Shabbat 20 December at 2.22am and 10 chalakim.

ראש חדש טבת יהיה ביום שבת קדש ובמחרתו יום ראשון הבא עלינו ועל כל ישראל לטובה

Rosh Chodesh Tevet yihyeh b'yom Shabbat Kodesh u'v'machorato yom Rishon haba aleinu v'al kol Yisrael l'tovah.














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Shabbat 20 December 2025 / 30 Kislev 5786 (Shabbat Chanukah/Rosh Chodesh)

Parashat Miketz / פרשת מקץ

Light From	Fri Mincha & Lighting	שבת	שבת Chabura	שבת Shacharit	SZ Kriat Shema	Minis /Maxis	שבת Mincha	שבת Ends	HvY	Sunday Shacharit
 3.04PM	 3.30PM	 3.38PM	 9.00AM	 9.15AM	 9.57AM	 10.45AM	 3.47PM	 4.47PM	 5.35PM	 8.20AM

SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER: Book for the Magen Avot Supper Quiz: <https://tinyurl.com/MAQuiz25>














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Shabbat 27 December 2025 / 7 Tevet 5786

Parashat Vayigash / פרשת ויגש

Light From	Friday Mincha	שבת	שבת Chabura	שבת Shacharit	SZ Kriat Shema	Minis /Maxis	שבת Mincha	שבת Ends	HvY	Sunday Shacharit
 3.08PM	 3.40PM	 3.41PM	 9.00AM	 9.15AM	 10.00AM	 ON BREAK	 3.52PM	 4.52PM	 ON BREAK	 8.20AM

Tuesday 30 December

The Fast of Tevet (Asarah beTevet) will take place on **Tuesday 30 December**, beginning at **6.16am** and ending at **4.48pm**. This fast commemorates the beginning of the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem in 588 BCE, the event that set in motion the destruction of the First Temple. It is observed as a day of mourning, reflection and renewed commitment to strengthening our spiritual and communal life.














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Shabbat 3 January 2025 / 14 Tevet 5786

Parashat Vayechi / פרשת ויחי

Light From	Friday Mincha	שבת	שבת Chabura	שבת Shacharit	SZ Kriat Shema	Minis /Maxis	שבת Mincha	שבת Ends	HvY	Sunday Shacharit
 3.13PM	 3.45PM	 3.48PM	 9.00AM	 9.15AM	 10.02AM	 10.45AM	 3.58PM	 4.58PM	 5.45PM	 8.20AM