



# Magen Avot

## Purim Edition



Shabbat 28 February 2026 / 11 Adar 5786 (Shabbat Zachor)

Parashat Tetzaveh / פְּרַשְׁת תְּצַוֶּה

Light From	Friday Mincha	שבת	שבת Chabura	שבת Shacharit	SZ Kriat Shema	Minis /Maxis	Second Zachor	שבת Mincha	שבת Ends	Sunday Shacharit
4.30PM	5.20PM	5.22PM	9.00AM	9.15AM	9.31AM	10.45AM	~11.30AM	5.25PM	6.25PM	8.20AM

### Shabbat

**Chabura:** Daniel Greenberg CB

**Kriat Hatorah:** Dan Artman

**Shabbat Drasha:** Rabbi Golker

**Magen Minis and Maxis:** Meets at 10.45am.

**Munchies Sponsor:** Belinda and David Abramowitz to celebrate Gavriel Abramowitz's birthday.

**Y@MA:** Meets after Musaf kedusha.

**Y@MA Sponsor:** Harriet and Richard Morris, in support of our amazing youth!

**Following-Fast Food:** Alex Weichselbaum

**Today's Kiddush is sponsored by:** Family Spizzichino, on the occasion of Sara's birthday!

**Post Mincha Speaker:** Rabbi Pollak will speak on: Transformation and Continuity. The age of Kabbalah.

### Mazal Tov!

Mazal tov to Dan and Shifra Shaerf on the birth of a grandson, a son to Shimon and Chavi.

### Kiddush Sponsorship

We have spare slots for Kiddush sponsors over the next few weeks. Book yours at <http://magenavot.com/sponsorships> or contact Marc Ovits on 07866 503 898.

### Basement Access Reminder

Parents are kindly asked to remind their children that the basement area is strictly out of bounds throughout Shabbat and Purim. Please help us keep all areas of the Shul safe and tidy by ensuring children remain upstairs.

### Purim Programme (See below)

Our Purim Programme is shown below and see overleaf

### Purim Initiative - Help wanted this Tuesday (Overleaf)

**Mishloach Manot Delivery:** 2-3 pm at Wohl Court

### Women's Purim Megillah Reading at LSJS (Also see below)

There will be a women's Megillah reading at LSJS on 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10.00 am.

### Magen Avot Book Club

The Book Club meets on Sunday 28th February at 5.30 pm (note new time) details can be requested via the whatsapp group. We are reading "Flesh" by David Szalay who won the 2025 Booker Prize.

### Magen Avot NEEDS You (see over)

Help shape the next ten years of Magen Avot by helping us with whatever skills you possess. Email [info@magenavot.com](mailto:info@magenavot.com) with your details and we will be in touch (see poster overleaf).

### Newsletter News

Additional announcements will be sent via WhatsApp Groups:-

### Yahrzeits

01/03/2026	12 Adar 5786	Emilie Morris	Mother
03/03/2026	14 Adar 5786	Hindy Aussenberg	Father
03/03/2026	14 Adar 5786	Cathy Fisher	Mother
03/03/2026	14 Adar 5786	Menachem Goldsobel	Father

### PARSHAT ZACHOR – SHABBAT, 28th FEBRUARY

The mitzvah of hearing Parshat Zachor is ideally fulfilled from a Sefer Torah on the Shabbat before Purim. There will be an extra reading after Mussaf and before Kiddush, and on request (request via [info@magenavot.com](mailto:info@magenavot.com)) before Mincha.

### Hamagen Contributions Sought

For the upcoming Pesach edition of Hamagen Magazine, we warmly invite you to share your creativity and your memories. Send us a thoughtful article, ideas for discussion at Sedarim, a family history, a favourite Pesach recipe, a quiz to challenge, or even a poem that captures the season of freedom. Please send to [hamagen@magenavot.com](mailto:hamagen@magenavot.com).

**פורים AT MAGEN AVOT**

**Monday 2 March 2026**

- Fast of Esther (Ta'anit Esther) from 5.06am until 6.23pm
- Maariv @ 6.23pm (prompt)
- Megillah @ 6.33pm (prompt)
- Purim Party @ 7.15pm
- Food and Music
- BYOB (Bring Your Own Bottle)
- Magen Market
- Costume Competition
- Horim V'Yeladim Certificates

**Tuesday 3 March 2026**

- Shacharit @ 7.30am
- Megillah @ 8.05am

**WOMEN'S MEGILLA READING**

Hear the megilla and fulfill the mitzvah of *Matanot Le'Yonim* (Gifts to the Poor)

Join us in costume

**14Adar 5785  
Tuesday 3 March  
2026 10am**

London School of Jewish Studies  
The Wohl Campus for Jewish Education  
Schaller House, 44a Albert Road,  
London NW4 2J

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This year's readers:  
Lindsay Taylor-Guthartz,  
Judith Prais, Sarah Tarzi,  
Yonina Jaffe, Rebecca Stone,  
Shelley Jacobs, Miki Shaw,  
Felicia Epstein, Naama Kahn  
and Deborah Cooper

**In memory of Julie Cohn z"l**

**A Story about women  
Read by women  
For women**



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Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026/13 Adar 5786 Purim

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026/14 Adar 5786 Purim

Fast Starts	Fast Ends	Maariv	Megillat Esther	Purim Party	Shacharit	Megillat Esther
 5.06AM	 6.23PM	 6.23PM	 6.33PM	 7.15PM	 7.30AM	 8.05AM

### Megillah Readers

Monday	Tuesday
Dani Netzer, possibly looking like 🙋👤	Shimon Levy, possibly looking like 🙋👤

### Rabbi Golker's Purim Guide

#### TA'ANIT ESTHER – MONDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH

The fast begins at 5.06am and ends at 6.23pm. Please contact me if you have any halachic questions regarding fasting. If necessary, you may break your fast from 6.23pm with a small drink, fruit, or Mezonot. However, if you are able, it is preferable to wait until after hearing the Megillah.

#### MACHATZIT HASHEKEL

After Mincha on Ta'anit Esther, it is customary to give three half-coins (50p in the UK) to Tzedakah. This should be an additional donation, not from regular Ma'aser, and can include family members and minors. A "3-coin pack" will be available on the Bima for those who need coins or prefer charity vouchers. Donations of £1.50+ allow you to take a pack, which can be reused.

#### THE FOUR MITZVOT OF PURIM – MONDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH – TUESDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH

**MEGILLAH** – We have a Megillah reading at 6.33pm on Monday night and 8.05am on Tuesday morning. If you need someone to read for you at home, please speak to me.

**SEUDAH** – Begin no later than 4.45pm to finish a significant portion before sunset (5.44pm).

**MISHLOACH MANOT** – It is a mitzvah to send at least two food items to one person, enough for a small meal. Items should be edible and ready to consume. Giving thoughtfully to enhance the joy of others is encouraged.

**MATANOT LE'EVYONIM** – Give at least two meaningful donations to those in need (enough to cover a meal, roughly £10). Donations can be given directly to me to distribute on Purim day, or online HERE via the United Synagogue: <https://theus.org.uk/purimgiving/>. All donations need to be made by 12:00pm (midday) on Purim day, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026, at the latest.

For any questions or guidance, please contact the Rabbi. Happy Purim, Rabbi Golker



**Purim Chessed Initiative**  
A Two-Part Community Project for Wohl Court

Join Magen Avot and GIFT for a meaningful Purim initiative, turning **Mishloach Manot packing** into practical chessed for the residents of Wohl Court.

**Part 1: Mishloach Manot Packing Session**  
Help us prepare the Mishloach Manot!

- **When:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February
- **Time:** 5:00 PM
- **Where:** GIFT Hub
- **Cost:** Free to attend
- **Suggested donation:** £5 per person (to help cover the cost of ingredients and packaging)

**Part 2: Purim Visit**  
Bring the Purim spirit in person!

- Join us on Purim day to deliver the packages we packed and spend meaningful time with the residents.
- **When:** Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March (Purim Day)
- **Time:** 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

“Turning Mishloach Manot packing into practical chessed.”

**GIFT** In partnership with Magen Avot



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**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.

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