



Magen Avot



Shabbat HaGadol - Pesach - Shabbat Mervarchim Edition

Shabbat 28 March 2026 / 10 Nisan 5786 (Shabbat HaGadol)					Parashat Tzav 5786 / פרשת צו				
Light From	Friday Mincha	שבת	שבת Chabura	שבת Shacharit	SZ Kriat Shema	Minis /Maxis	שבת Mincha	שבת Ends	Sunday Shacharit
5.07PM	6.10PM	6.11PM	9.00AM	9.15AM	8.56AM	10.45AM	6.14PM	7.14PM	8.20AM BST

Shabbat

Chabura: Chabura Seder Pot Luck - favourite Seder Divrei Torah shared.

Magen Minis and Maxis: Meets at 10.45am.
Munchies Sponsor: To be announced.
Y@MA: Meets after Musaf kedusha.
Y@MA Sponsor: To be announced.

Kriat Hatorah: Zecharaya Grubin-Brookes and Raffi Maurer.
Shabbat Drasha: Rabbi Golker.

Today's Kiddush is sponsored by Rafi and Sophie Kleiman on the occasion of Rafi passing his driving test; and by Orna Hillman's to mark her father's Yahrzeit - Hachazan Avraham Mordechai Ben Yitzchak Tzvi z"l; and by Leila Behrman to mark her father's Yahrzeit - Shmuel Ben Yehudah z"l.

Shabbat HaGadol Drasha: "Rabbi Golker: Performing Mitzvot with Passion"

British Summer Time Reminder

British Summer Time (BST) begins at 1.00am on Sunday 29th March when clocks go forward one hour to 2.00am.

Pesach - Selling Chametz 🥞 -> 📄 -> 😊 -> 🙏

The form for Mechirat Chametz is now available and can be found at - "<https://tinyurl.com/MAPesach5786>". The mechira can be done by completing this form by 10pm this Tuesday 31st March 2026 (erev Pesach). If you wish to make a Kinyan for the sale with Rabbi Golker, he will be available after Shacharit on Sunday morning on the 29th March or by appointment.

PESACH Guidance from Rabbi Golker

Pesach 5786 – Important reminders

- 1 Bedikat Chametz will be on Tuesday 31 March after nightfall (after 8:22pm).
- 2 Siyum for Ta'anit Bechorot will be on Wednesday 1 April after Shacharit at 7:30am .
- 3 Latest time to eat Chametz will be on Wednesday 1 April by 10:55am.
- 4 Latest time to burn Chametz (Biur Chametz) will be on Wednesday 1 April by 12:00pm

First Seder Night

- 1 Candle Lighting (Yom Tov begins) on Wednesday 1 April by 7:19pm
- 2 Please remember to light a 3 day candle to enable candle lighting on the second night of Yom Tov and Shabbat.
- 3 The Seder should not begin before: 8:24pm

Second Night of Pesach

- 1 No preparation may be made for the second day of Yom Tov before nightfall.
- 2 Yom Tov candles should be lit from a pre-existing flame after nightfall (after 8:23pm).
- 3 The Seder should not begin before 8:24pm

8th Day

- 1 Candles for the 8th day of Yom Tov should be lit before 8:04pm.
- 2 Yizkor will not be before 10:30am.

Important Reminder

As Yom Tov leads directly into Shabbat (Chol HaMoed) this year, please remember to make an Eruv Tavshilin on Wednesday (Erev Pesach).

Mazal Tov!

Mazal Tov to Samantha and Paul Taylor on the birth of a granddaughter, a daughter to Michal and Akiva Crouse.
Mazal Tov to Naama Mirvis and her parents Hillel and Melanie on her appointment as Head Girl of Hasmonian Girls School.

Pesach Scholar in Residence – Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum

Magen Avot is proud to announce that our scholar in residence for Pesach 5786 is Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum. Details are overleaf.

HaMagen

HaMagen (Magen Avot's bi annual magazine), available for collection in the shul from Erev Pesach (See back page).

United Synagogue Chesed Appeal Update

Our shul raised £1327 for the recent United Synagogue chesed appeal. Thank you to everyone who donated.

AGM Council Elections

As we approach the AGM we are looking for volunteers to join the council next year. The council is responsible for ensuring the smooth running of the shul, its services and programmes. There are also specific responsibilities that council members may wish to take on, including events planning, speaker booking, liaising with the school and OYH, kiddush arrangements, chesed committees and many others. If you are interested to learn more, please speak to any existing council members.

Newsletter News

Additional announcements will be sent via WhatsApp Groups:-
 Join the Broadcast Group: <https://tinyurl.com/mabroadcast>
 Join the Social Group: <https://tinyurl.com/masocialgroup>

Yahrzeits

28/03/2026	10 Nisan 5786	Orna Hillman	Father
03/04/2026	16 Nisan 5786	Howard Klass	Mother

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Performing Mitzvot with Passion

SHABBAT HAGADOL
 PARSHAT TZAV: 28/03/2026
 RABBI YONI GOLKER
 Mincha 6:14pm · followed by Shiur · Maariv 7:14pm



Pesach Sameach



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Pesach 5786

Join us in Magen Avot to hear the fascinating and inspiring insights of our scholar in residence

Rabbi Dr. Raphael Zarum



Pesach Lecture Series

First Day Yom tov drasha – Thursday 2nd April
“Anubis and Us: Howling for the Second Seder”

Shabbat Chol Hamoed drasha – 4th April
“Dem Bones: Hope and Resurrection”

Shabbat Chol Hamoed [redacted] – 4th April Mincha Shiur
“Five Approaches to Making the Omer Count”

Seventh day Yom tov drasha – Wednesday 8th April
“The Drowned and the Saved”

Eighth day Yom Tov Mincha shiur – Thursday 9th April
“Psalm 149: War of the Devoted”

Shabbat 11th April drasha
“Shemini: Carry the Flame, Don’t Worship the Ashes”



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Pesach + Shabbat Chol Hamoed Pesach

Pesach 2026 / 5786 פסח

	Tue 31	Wed 1	Thu 2	Fri 3	שבת 4	Sun 5	Mon 6	Tue 7	Wed 8	Thur 9
			פסח 1	פסח 2	פסח 3	פסח 4	פסח 5	פסח 6	פסח 7	פסח 8
				Omer 1	Omer 2	Omer 3	Omer 4	Omer 5	Omer 6	Omer 7
Chametz Search	8.22pm									
Fast From		4.45am								
Chametz until		10.55am								
Chametz burnt		12.00pm								
Chabura					9.15am					
Shacharit		7.30am + Siyum	9.30am	9.30am	9.30am	8.20am	8.20am	TBC	9.30am	9.30am
Drasha			(1)	(2)	(3)				(5)	(6)
Kriat Hatorah:			Dan Artman	Shimon Levy	Dan Artman				Shimon Levy	TBC
Yizkor										Approx: 11.00am
Minis/Maxis					10.45am				10.45am	10.45am
Y@MA					Yes					
Y@MA Games										Poster
Light from		6.13pm	8.23pm	6.15pm				6.21pm	6.52pm	
Mincha		7.15pm			7.27pm				7.15pm	7.40pm
Shiur		-	7.15pm	7.15pm	(4)			7.29pm	-	(7)
Maariv		Follows Mincha			8.27pm				Follows Mincha	8.40pm
Shabbat/YT		7.19pm	8.24pm	7.22pm				7.29pm	8.34pm	
Nightfall/Seder		8.24pm	8.24pm	7.22pm					8.34pm	8.40pm
Shabbat Ends					8.27pm					
Chatzot		1.03am	1.03am							

Shiurim/Drashot

1	Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum: "Anubis and Us: Howling for the Second Seder".
2	Dr Eve Grubin-Brookes will be giving the drasha after mussaf: "Hidden meanings in "Chad Gadya"".
3	Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum: "Dem Bones: Hope and Resurrection".
4	Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum: "Five Approaches to Making the Omer Count".
5	Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum: "The drowned and the Saved".
6	Daniel Greenberg CB: "Looking Forward to Looking Back".
7	Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum: "Psalm 149: War of the Devoted"

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

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LAST DAY OF YOM TOV | 9TH APRIL

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AT THE LORENZIS
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**





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Shabbat 4 April 2026 /17 Nisan 5786 (Chol HaMoed Pesach)-2 nd Day of Omer -Song of Songs					שיר השירים		שמות - Exodus 33:12-34:26		
Light From	Friday Mincha	שבת	שבת Chabura	שבת Shacharit	SZ Kriat Shema	Minis /Maxis	שבת Mincha	שבת Ends	Sunday Shacharit
6.15PM	7.15PM	7.22PM	9.15AM	9.30AM	9.47AM	10.45AM	7.27PM	8.27PM	8.20AM

Shabbat
Chabura: Rabbi Dr Steven Gaffin
Magen Minis and Maxis: Meets at 10.45am. Y@MA: Meets after Musaf kedusha.
Kriat Hatorah: Dan Artman Shabbat Drasha: Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum on "Dem Bones: Hope and Resurrection".
Post Mincha Speaker: Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum on "Five approaches to making the Omer Count".

Mazal Tov!			
Mazal Tavs' will be announced in two weeks' time.			
Yahrzeits			
04/04/2026	17 Nisan 5786	Stephanie Klass	Father
05/04/2026	18 Nisan 5786	Moshe Langerman	Aunt
08/04/2026	21 Nisan 5786	Linda Wolffe	Father
09/04/2026	22 Nisan 5786	John Wolffe	Father
10/04/2026	23 Nisan 5786	Harry Tenenblat	Father

Shabbat 11 April 2026 /24 Nisan 5786 (Shabbat Mevarchim) 9 th Day of Omer					פרשת שמעוני / Parashat Shmini				
Light From	Friday Mincha	שבת	שבת Chabura	שבת Shacharit	SZ Kriat Shema	Minis /Maxis	שבת Mincha	שבת Ends	Sunday Shacharit
6.24PM	7.15PM	7.34PM	9.15AM	9.30AM	9.38AM	10.45AM	7.40PM	8.40PM	8.20AM

Shabbat
Chabura: David Berke
Magen Minis and Maxis: Meets at 10.45am. Munchies Sponsor: To be announced. Y@MA: Meets after Musaf kedusha. Y@MA Sponsor: Anonymous.
Kriat Hatorah: David Kass Shabbat Drasha: Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum on "Shemini: Carry the Flame, Don't Worship the Ashes".
Today's Kiddush is sponsored by: Shoina and David Kass, with thanks to Hashem for David's recovery from his recent illness and various family yahrzeits.
Post Mincha Speaker: Shira Jackson on "Four Weddings and a Funeral".

Mazal Tov!			
Mazal Tavs' will be announced next week.			
Rosh Chodesh Iyar (Friday/Shabbat)			
The Molad takes place this coming Friday, 5:18am and 14 chalakim. ראש חודש אייר יהיה ביום שישי וביום שבת קודש הבא עלינו ועל כל ישראל לטובה.			
Yahrzeits			
11/04/2026	24 Nisan 5786	David Ruben	Aunt
14/04/2026	27 Nisan 5786	Sandra Samad	Mother
15/04/2026	28 Nisan 5786	David Marks	Father
16/04/2026	29 Nisan 5786	Jay Schechtel	Mother

Pesach Scholar in Residence – Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum
Magen Avot would like to thanks Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum for his shiurim over the Shabbatot and Pesach.
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 and Buggy Policy
Parents are kindly asked to remind their children that the basement area is strictly out of bounds throughout Shabbat. Please help us keep all areas of the Shul safe and tidy by ensuring children remain upstairs. Buggies may only be brought indoors under the direction of security who are are aware of the buggy policy.



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