



Magen Avot

Shavuot - Edition



Shavuot 5786: Thursday 21st May – Shabbat 23rd May 2026/ 5-7 Sivan 5786

Erev Shavuot – Thursday 21 st May			1 st Day Shavuot – Friday 22 nd May					2 nd Day Shavuot – Shabbat 23 rd May					Sunday
Mincha/Maariv	Light from	Tikkun Leil	Shacharit I	Shacharit II	Mincha/Maariv	Light from	Light by	Chabura	Shacharit	Yizkor	Mincha/Shiur	YT Ends	Shacharit
Sof Zman Kriat Shema:			8:59AM (1 st Day Shavuot)					8:58AM (2 nd Day Shavuot)					

We would like to thank our flowers' sponsors:

- Darren and Anouk Abrahams in memory of Anouk's mother's birthday Rose Shoshana bat Ghesela;
- Laurence and Linda Lovat;
- Sherri Hoppen; and
- Josh and Dina Vecht.

Reminder: Light a 2-day candle on the first night (Thursday) in order to light from a pre-existing flame for Shabbat/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 (See Poster),
- The second is our Y@MA programme (See Poster).
- Main programme we are excited to hear from Shira Jackson, Rabbi Dr Rafi Zarum, Rabbi Yoni Golker, Rabbi Dr Glenn Bezalel and Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis (See Poster).

Shavuot Day 1 Kriat Hatorah: Baruch Zekaria and Dr David Cohen.

Shavuot Day 2/Shabbat Chabura: Josh London.

Shavuot Day 2/Shabbat Kriat Hatorah: Dan Artman.

Shavuot Day 2 Kiddush is sponsored by:

- Family Morris-Sloane in celebration of Shavuot; and
- Family Spizzichino in celebration of Micol's 18th birthday.

Magen Avot Women's Event: 2nd Day Shavuot at 4.30PM (See Poster for Details).

Shavuot Day 2/Shabbat Post Mincha: Dr David Cohen on "A Different Count to Sinai: My Encounter with Jerusalem's Karaites"(See Poster).

Upcoming Events

Pirkei Avot Initiative Series: Starting 30th May at 6.00pm. Pirkei Avot in members' homes on Shabbat afternoons. **(See the poster)**

Rabbi Golker Guidelines for Shavuot 5786

Although many communities bring in Shabbat and Yom Tov early during the summer months, there is a widespread custom on the first night of Shavuot to delay Ma'ariv until after nightfall. This is based on the Torah's requirement to count "שבע שבתות תמימות" – seven complete weeks of the Omer. The Taz and Mishnah Berurah therefore recommend waiting until nightfall before beginning Yom Tov. Other authorities maintain that only Kiddush must be after nightfall, while some question whether the requirement of "temimot" applies at all in this context and prefer bringing in Yom Tov earlier in order to add from חול to קודש and preserve Simchat Yom Tov.

At Magen Avot, we will daven Mincha/Ma'ariv on the first night at the usual time of 7.15pm, allowing families to begin Yom Tov in a normal and enjoyable way, particularly for children and guests. At the same time, some people are strict and wait until sunset (8.54pm) before making Kiddush and beginning the meal, and others also wait until nightfall (10.00pm). Where waiting would significantly detract from Simchat Yom Tov, one may make Kiddush earlier.

Yom Tov candles should be lit before 8.39pm and no melacha may be performed from that time onward.

Second Night / Shabbat

This year the second day of Shavuot is on Shabbat which means that the question of whether it is correct to bring in the second day early doesn't arise and the Friday night service will be at the normal time of 7.15 pm. All preparations for Shabbat should be finished by that time and candle-lighting should be shortly after 7.15 pm. An Eruv Tavshilin must be prepared on erev Yomtov to allow preparations for Shabbat to be done on Friday.

Eve Shavuot I Youth

Years 4, 5 and 6 Tikkun Leil Power Hour at 7.30 pm (See Poster).

Power Hour sponsor: To be announced.

Y@MA Tikkun Leil Debate at 11.30pm (See Poster).

Shavuot II/Shabbat Youth

Magen Minis and Maxis: Meets at 10.45am.

Y@MA: Meets after Mussaf kedusha.

Munchies and Y@MA Ice Cream Sponsors: Nadine and Adam Kay; and Fiona and Richard Taylor.

Newly Elected Executive Council

The Newly Elected Executive Council Members are Shown on the Last Page.

Mazal Tov

Mazal Tov to: Sara Spizzichino on being elected the new chair of Magen Avot.

Yahrzeits

26/05/2026	10 Sivan 5786	Baruch Zekaria	Father
28/05/2026	12 Sivan 5786	Eve Grubin-Brookes	Mother



Magen Avot

YEARS 4-6

TIKKUN LEIL:
POWER HOUR!



Thursday 21st May

19:30 - 20:30 @ Nancy Reuben

MAGEN AVOT SHAVUOT NIGHT 2026


A Night of Learning & Inspiration

11:30 PM

Shira Jackson

Silent Witness: The Stories that Could Be Told

12:05 AM

 Break

12:15 AM

Rabbi Dr Rafi Zarum

*Torah for all humanity?
Malbim's Revolutionary Reading*

12:50 AM


 Break

01:00 AM

Rabbi Yoni Golker

*How do we look at other Jews
beyond "Jew-ish" Rethinking identities,
responsibilities and relationships*

01:35 AM


 Break

01:45 AM

Rabbi Dr Glenn Bezalel

Halakha and Our Ethical Intuitions

02:20 AM


 Break

02:30 AM

Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis KBE

TBC

03:00 AM

 1st Shacharit

*Join us for a meaningful night of Torah
learning and thought*

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT

Y@MA
YOUTH AT MAGEN AVOT

TIKKUN LEIL

SHAVUOT

THE MOTION:
THIS HOUSE BELIEVES THAT
STRUCTURED
TEFILLAH
IS OUT OF DATE.

DEFEND TRADITION.

CHALLENGE THE NORM.

11.30PM
DEBATE

FOLLOWED BY
TORAH AND Q&A
UNTIL 12.30AM

WITH
RABBI GOLKER, SOPHIE AND MOSHE

THINK. DEBATE. LEARN. GROW.
THIS IS YOUR TIKKUN.

לא תרצח
לא תנאף
לא תגנב
לא תענה
לא תחמד

אנוכי יהוה
לא תרצח
לא תנאף
לא תגנב
לא תענה
לא תחמד

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

Y@MA
YOUTH AT MAGEN AVOT

FOR ALL
YOUTH IN YEARS 7-13

MAGEN AVOT
— WOMEN'S EVENT —

2ND DAY SHAVUOT

What is your
11TH COMMANDMENT?

The Torah gives us 10 Commandments.
What's the one mitzvah that speaks to your heart?

Share your 11th Commandment – the mitzvah that inspires, guides and uplifts you.

SHARE AN IDEA.

- An idea or insight about a mitzvah that excites you.
- Halachic – something that deepened your understanding.
- Hashkafic – an idea that inspires your outlook.
- A personal story that moved or shaped you.
- Or anything you want to share.

WANT TO SHARE?
We'd love to hear from you!
Volunteers are invited to share an idea for 2-3 minutes.

Contact
dina@magenavot.com
to take part!

Join us for cheesecake, tea and learning as we celebrate the mitzvot that shape our lives and bring us closer to Hashem.

THE HOME OF DINA GOLKER

SHABBAT
23RD MAY 2026
(2ND DAY SHAVUOT)

4.30PM
TO 6PM

THE HOME OF DINA GOLKER

THERE'S MORE TO SHAVUOT...

A DIFFERENT COUNT TO SINAI:

My Encounter with Jerusalem's Karaites

KARAITES OF JERUSALEM



with **DR. DAVID COHEN**



WHO WERE THE KARAITES?



WERE THEY LIKE THE SADUCEES?



DO KARAITES STILL EXIST TODAY?



WHEN IS SHAVUOT ACCORDING TO THEM?



HOW DO THEIR TRADITIONS DEVIATE FROM OUR MESORAH?



SHABBAT
23RD MAY 2025



MINCHA
20:58



SHIUR



MAARIV &
MOTZEI YOM TOV
21:58



PIRKEI AVOT

at

MAGEN AVOT

SHABBAT AFTERNOON

Initiative



BRINGING BACK
THE SPIRIT OF
PIRKEI AVOT
TOGETHER ON
SHABBAT
AFTERNOONS



Informal **PIRKEI AVOT** learning (30–40 mins) in members' homes on Shabbat afternoons, with light refreshments.



Coincides with the next cycle of 6 chapters of **PIRKEI AVOT**, from **Shabbat 30th May** until **4th July**.



A beautiful way to bring back the spirit of learning **PIRKEI AVOT** together on Shabbat afternoons.

FIRST EVENT AT



Rabbi & Rebbetzen Golker



SHABBAT
30TH MAY 2026



6.00PM



If you would be happy to **lead a session**, please be in touch with Rabbi or Rebbetzen Golker.





MAGEN AVOT SYNAGOGUE



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Newly Elected Executive Council



CHAIR: | Sara Spizzichino

VICE CHAIR: | Julian Pollard

FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVE: | Tali Diamant

WARDEN: | Josh Abeles

WOMEN'S OFFICER: | Anouk Abrahams



**5 MALE MEMBERS OF
THE SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL**

- ☆ Daniel Ehreich
- ☆ David Abramowitz
- ☆ Moshe Langerman
- ☆ Phillip Brodie
- ☆ Rafi Kleiman



**5 FEMALE MEMBERS OF
THE SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL**

- ☆ Belinda Abramowitz
- ☆ Chaya Langerman
- ☆ Elizabeth Kliman
- ☆ Eve Grubin – Brookes
- ☆ Tamar Nisner



TOGETHER IN FAITH. TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY.

