













# Magen Avot

1<sup>st</sup> Birthday - Edition



13 June 2026 / 28 Sivan 5786 (Shabbat Mevarchim)

פרשת שלח 5786 / Parashat Sh'lach

Friday Mincha	Light From	שבת	שבת Chabura	שבת Shacharit	SZ Kriat Shema	Minis /Maxis	שבת Mincha	שבת Ends	Sunday Shacharit
 7.15PM	 7.35PM	 9.04PM	 9.15AM	 9.30AM	 8.52AM	 10.45AM	 9.24PM	 10.24PM	 8.20AM

## Shabbat

**Chabura:** Melanie Mirvis.

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

**Munchies Sponsor:** To be announced.

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

**Y@MA Sponsor:** Anonymous.

**Kriat Hatorah:** Shimon Levy.

**Shabbat Drasha:** Rabbi Golker.

**Today's Kiddush is sponsored by:** Deborah and Howard Myer in memory of Shirley Arkush, mother of Deborah Myer and Jonathan Arkush and in celebration of Deborah's 70th birthday; Julian Pollard in loving memory of Miriam Bas Baruch.

**Post Mincha Speaker:** Rabbi Pollak Monthly shiur on "The Mussar Movement and Psychology".

## Upcoming Event Continuing This Shabbat.

Pirkei Avot Initiative Series, continuing Shabbat afternoon at 6.00pm at Family Lorenzi's home. The session will be led by Rabbi Brian Rubenstein. Light refreshments will be served. (see on right)

## Chevra Kadisha Volunteers

The Chevra Kadisha performs one of the community's most sacred acts of chessed, caring for fellow Jews with dignity and respect at the end of life. If you would be interested in finding out more about joining the men's or women's team of dedicated volunteers, please contact Rabbi Golker in confidence.

## 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.

Also, please help sponsor a Y@MA sushi kiddush by letting Marc Ovitz know (Telephone above).

## Evening with Aleeza Ben Shalom – An Office of the Chief Rabbi US Initiative

Get ready for an unforgettable evening with Aleeza Ben Shalom — world-renowned relationship coach and star of Netflix's Jewish Matchmaking. Taking place on 28th June.

This one-off live event will take you behind the scenes of Aleeza's journey from matchmaker to Netflix sensation.

Expect honest conversations, dating insights, behind-the-scenes stories from the show, and even live matchmaking in action.

Whether you're single, secretly playing shadchan for your friends, obsessed with Jewish Matchmaking, or just looking for a fun and inspiring night out — this is an event you won't want to miss.

Tickets can be purchased at <https://bit.ly/evening-with-aleeza>

## Israel and Her Journey - balancing religion, nationalism, Halacha and ethics

**Further information on reverse side.**

## Electronic Version of This News Sheet

Please Note that the Electronic Version sent by e-mail and WhatsApp will have posters attached which will contain additional information for some of the events posted here.

## Mazal Tov!

**Mazal Tov to:** Magen Avot Community on celebrating our eleventh anniversary.

## Rosh Chodesh Tamuz.

The Molad takes place this Monday, at 6:46am and 16 chalakim. ראש חודש תמוז יהיה ביום שני וביום שלישי תבא עלינו ועל כל ישראל לטובה.

Rosh Chodesh Tamuz yihyeh beyom sheni uveyom shlishi haba aleinu ve'al kol Yisrael letovah. (Monday and Tuesday)

## The MA Women's Circle Returns!

On Sunday 28 June at 8.00 pm, the MA Women's Circle returns! Curated by Anouk Abrahams and Eve Grubin-Brookes, this series provides support and open discussion for women in the community and seeks to help strengthen them and their families. The topic of the next session will be: "Understanding Loneliness in Our Community", with Rebbetzen Mandy Lawrence. The event will be hosted by Anouk Abrahams. More details about this session will appear in next week's newsletter or can be obtained from Eve Grubin-Brookes (tel. 07885 774787). Please RSVP to Eve Grubin-Brookes.

## PIRKEI AVOT at MAGEN AVOT - Shabbat Afternoon Initiative

The spirit of *Pirkei Avot* together on Shabbat afternoons.

About the Initiative:

- Informal **Pirkei Avot** learning (30–40 minutes) in members' homes on Shabbat afternoons, with light refreshments.
- Coincides with the next cycle of the six 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.

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

## Basement Access Reminder and Buggy Policy

Parents are kindly reminded that the basement area is off-limits to children throughout Shabbat. To help keep the Shul safe and tidy, please ensure children remain upstairs at all times. Buggies may only be brought indoors with the approval and guidance of security, who are familiar with the buggy policy.

## 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>

## Israel and Her Journey - balancing religion, nationalism, Halacha and ethics

On Sunday 12th July, the above conference, is being hosted at Ner Yisrael synagogue, with speakers including Ha Rav Moshe Lichtenstein, Rabbi Yosef Blau and Rabbi Michael Melchior. It will discuss, within an authentic halachic framework, how and if Israel can move forward as a Jewish and Democratic state, with citizens living in social solidarity and in shared security, peace and prosperity with their regional neighbours.

The programme of speakers for the conference is as follows:

- Ha Rav Mosheh Lichtenstein (Rosh Yeshivat Har Etzion):  
"Not by Might Nor by Power but by My Spirit" (addressing divisions, judicial reform, extreme Messianic Religious Nationalism).
- Rabbi Yosef Blau (Senior Mashgiach Yeshiva University and Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) Emeritas):  
"When can the Diaspora protest Israeli actions and when is that a Chillul Hashem?"
- Rabbi Yirmiyahu Stavitsky (Ex Principal Himmelfarb High School, Jerusalem):  
"The tension between a Halachic and religious system and modern democratic values"
- Rabbi Baruch Weintraub (Reserve Tank gunner, Maggid Shiur Har Etzion online Yeshivah):  
"Fighting in Gaza- personal experience of moral and halachic dilemmas of asymmetric warfare"
- Dr Nechumi Yaffe (Charedi Political Psychologist, Tel Aviv U):  
"Engaging Charedim in Israeli Society: A Researched-Based Look Inside Charedi Society – Its Communities, Streams and Inner Complexity"
- Rabbi Michael Melchior (former Israeli Cabinet Minister, founder and President of MOSAICA and MEITARIM):in interview with Sruli Fruchter:  
"Potential Partnerships for Peaceful Co-existence within Israel and the Region"
- PANEL- (all speakers) with moderator: Sruli Fruchter (Director of Product at Jewish Insider and Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary student (RIETS) at YU, formerly Operations Director at the 18Forty podcast, host of 18 Questions, 40 Israeli Thinkers.

Tickets may be purchased through the following web site: [buytickets.at/israelconference/2258692](https://buytickets.at/israelconference/2258692)



# PIRKEI AVOT

at

MAGEN AVOT

SHABBAT AFTERNOON

*Initiative*



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THIRD EVENT  
THIS SHABBAT AT



*Family Lorenzi*

Led by Rabbi Brian Rubenstein.



**SHABBAT**  
**13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026**



**6.00PM**



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ישראל ומסעה

# Israel and Her Journey

*Balancing Religion, Nationalism, Halacha and Ethics*

This conference explores how and if Israel can move forward - within an authentic halachic framework - as a Jewish and Democratic State, with its citizens living in social solidarity, and in shared security, peace and prosperity with their regional neighbours.

THE SPEAKERS



KEYNOTE ADDRESS

## Ha Rav Mosheh Lichtenstein

CO-ROSH YESHIVAT HAR ETZION

*"Not by Might Nor by Power but by My Spirit" ...*

... challenges, temptations and difficulties of balancing power and ethical concerns confronting Israeli society in the battlefield, political-judicial arena and hilltops of the Land.



### Rabbi Yosef Blau

SENIOR MASHGIACH AT YESHIVA UNIVERSITY AND RABBI ISAAC ELCHANAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (RIETS), EMERITUS

*"When can the Diaspora protest Israeli actions, and when is that a Chillul Hashem?"*



### Rabbi Yirmiyahu Stavitsky

FORMER PRINCIPAL, HIMMELFARB HIGH SCHOOL, JERUSALEM

*"The tension between a Halachic and religious system and modern democratic values"*



### Rabbi Baruch Weintraub

RESERVE TANK GUNNER; MAGGID SHIUR, YESHIVAT HAR ETZION; RAV, MEVASER ZION COMMUNITY, TEL MOND

*"Fighting in Gaza: personal experience of moral and halachic dilemmas of asymmetric warfare"*



### Dr Nechumi Yaffe

CHAREDI POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

*"Engaging the Charedim in Israeli Society: A Research-Based Look Inside Charedi Society — Its Communities, Streams, and Inner Complexity."*



### Rabbi Michael Melchior

FORMER ISRAELI CABINET MINISTER; FOUNDER & PRESIDENT, MOSAICA AND MEITARIM

*In conversation with Sruli Fruchter: "Potential Partnerships for Peaceful Co-existence within Israel and the Region"*



### Sruli Fruchter

PANEL MODERATOR

DIRECTOR OF PRODUCT, JEWISH INSIDER; RIETS STUDENT; FORMER DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AT 18FORTY; FORMER FORWARD COLUMNIST; HOST OF 18 QUESTIONS, 40 ISRAELI THINKERS

## Admission

£25 ADULTS - £16 STUDENTS INCLUDING LUNCH

DATE Sunday 12th July 2026

VENUE NW London location



SCAN TO BUY TICKETS  
buytickets.at/israelconference/2258692

PROGRAMME

- 9:30 – 9:40 ● Introduction by Dayan Zobin
- 9:40 – 10:40 ○ Ha Rav Mosheh Lichtenstein
- 10:40 – 11:40 ○ Rabbi Yosef Blau
- 11:40 – 12:00 ● Coffee Break
- 12:00 – 13:00 ○ Rabbi Yirmiyahu Stavitsky
- 13:00 – 14:00 ● Buffet Lunch
- 14:00 – 15:00 ○ Rabbi Baruch Weintraub
- 15:00 – 16:00 ○ Dr Nechumi Yaffe
- 16:00 – 16:30 ● Mincha & Coffee Break
- 16:30 – 17:30 ○ Rabbi Michael Melchior
- 17:30 – 17:50 ● Coffee Break
- 17:50 – 19:00 ○ Closing Q&A Panel · All Speakers



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7.30 PM | **28 JUNE** | NW6