



Magen Avot

The Multicoloured Edition



27 June 2026 / 12 Tammuz 5786

פַּרְשַׁת חֻקַּת-בַּלָּק / Parashat Chukat-Balak

Friday Mincha	Light From	שַׁבָּת	שַׁבָּת Chabura	שַׁבָּת Shacharit	SZ Kriat Shema	Minis/Maxis	שַׁבָּת Mincha	שַׁבָּת Ends	Sunday Shacharit
7:15 PM	7:39 PM	9:08 PM	9:15 AM	9:30 AM	8:54 AM	10:45 AM	9:28 PM	10:28 PM	8:20 AM

Shabbat

Chabura:	Rabbi Dr Steven Gaffin
Magen Minis and Maxis:	Meets at 10:45 AM
Munchies Sponsor:	Anonymously sponsored
Y@MA:	Meets after Mussaf Kedusha
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Kriat Hatorah:	Shimon Levy
Post Mincha Speaker:	Rabbi Dr Glenn Bezalel, continuing the series of 13 principles of faith - Mashiach!

Kiddush - Mazal Tov!

This week's kiddush is sponsored in celebration of Emilie Morris' special birthday. Mazal Tov!

Pirkei Avot Initiative

Our Pirkei Avot initiative continues Shabbat afternoon at 6 PM at the home of family Brodie, to be led by Liora Diamond.

Rabbi Golker on school trip

Please note that Rabbi Golker will be away on the Immanuel College school trip for the next two Shabbatot — Parshat Chukat-Balak, 27th June, and Parshat Pinchas, 4th July — but he remains available during the week for Shailot and any other matters via WhatsApp.

Sponsorship

We have spare slots for Magen Munchies and Y@MA sponsorships over the next few weeks. Book yours at: <https://magenavot.com/sponsorships> or contact Marc Ovits.

Yahrzeits

Name	Relationship	Date	Hebrew date
Linda Wolfe	Mother	29/06/2026	14 Tammuz 5786
Robert Wax	Father	29/06/2026	14 Tammuz 5786

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

Magen Avot is delighted to support this exciting conference, taking place on Sunday 12th July, with renowned international speakers. 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).

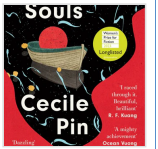
Tickets may be purchased through the following web site: buytickets.at/israelconference/2258692

The Magen Avot Women's Circle Returns!

On Sunday 28th June at 8 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.

Magen Avot Book Club

The Magen Avot Book Club will meet on Sunday, 19th July, to discuss "Wandering Souls" by Cecile Pin, a gripping novel that follows three Vietnamese siblings who flee their war-torn country and build a new life in Thatcher's Britain.



Join the MA Book Club WhatsApp group to find out more.

Magen Avot Craft Night

All are welcome to join craft night on Wednesday 1st July from 7 PM at the Taylor Family. Bring along anything that you can do with your hands, however niche your interest is. Examples of what others bring: mending, knitting, crochet, sewing, painting, wood carving, embroidery, ceramics, drawing. For more details contact Fiona Taylor.

Fast of 17th Tammuz

The Fast of 17th Tammuz commemorates Jerusalem's breached walls before the Temple's destruction and other calamities. The Fast begins at 1.05 AM and finishes at 10.20 PM on the 2nd July.

Scholar in residence

We are delighted to announce that Rabbi Melchior will be our scholar in residence on Shabbat 11th of July. More details to follow.

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

Evening with Aleeza Ben Shalom — world-renowned relationship coach and star of Netflix's Jewish Matchmaking. Taking place on 28th June. Tickets can be purchased at <https://bit.ly/evening-with-aleeza>.

A ONE-DAY CONFERENCE

ישראל ומסעה

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Balancing Religion, Nationalism, Halacha and Ethics

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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 MASHGACH 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

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CHAREDI POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

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Rabbi Michael Melchior

FORMER ISRAELI CABINET MINISTER, FOUNDER & PRESIDENT, MOSAICA AND METARIM

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 18FORTH; FORMER FORWARD COLUMNIST; HOST OF 18 QUESTIONS, 40 ISRAELI THINKERS

Admission

£25 ADULTS £10 STUDENTS INCLUDING LUNCH

DATE Sunday 12th July 2026

VENUE NW London location



SCAN TO BUY TICKETS
buytickets.at/Israelconference
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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 - 12:00 • 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



PIRKEI AVOT

at
MAGEN AVOT
SHABBAT AFTERNOON

Initiative



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.



5th WEEK

Family Brodie
Led by Liora Diamond



SHABBAT

27th JUNE 2026



6.00 PM

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



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