



Magen Avot



4 July 2026 / 19 Tammuz 5786

פִּינְחָס / Parashat Pinchas

Friday Mincha	Light From	שַׁבָּת	SZ Kriat Shema	שַׁבָּת Chabura	שַׁבָּת Shacharit	Minis/Maxis	שַׁבָּת Mincha	שַׁבָּת Ends	Sunday Shacharit
7:15 PM	7:38 PM	9:06 PM	8:57 AM	9:15 AM	9:30 AM	10:45 AM	9:24 PM	10:24 PM	8:20 AM

Shabbat

Chabura:	Daniel Greenberg CB
Magen Minis and Maxis:	Meets at 10:45 AM
Munchies Sponsor:	Magen Maxis parents are delighted to sponsor Magen Munchies this week in honour of the dedicated and talented Rafi Kleiman whose last day running the Maxi Children's service is today!
Y@MA:	Meets after Mussaf Kedusha
Y@MA Sponsor:	Anonymously sponsored
Kriat Hatorah:	Dr David Cohen
Shabbat Drasha (After Mussaf):	Daniel Greenberg CB
Post Mincha Speaker:	Shira Jackson: "These are the Journeys"

Kiddush

This week the Kiddush is sponsored by Karina and Ashley Katz in celebration of Minna and Joey's graduation. Mazal Tov!

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Mazal tov to Natan Maurer on his engagement to Noga Blass. Mazal Tov to parents Esther and Julian Maurer and Chagit and Yossi Blass. Mazal Tov also to grandparents and extended families!

Rabbi Golker on school trip

Please note that Rabbi Golker will be away on the Immanuel College school trip for this Shabbat — Parshat Pinchas, 4th July — but he remains available during the week for Shailot and any other matters via WhatsApp.

The Magen Avot Women's Circle Returns! (rescheduled)

On Sunday 19th July at 5 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 Initiative

The 6th and final Pirkei Avot initiative takes place this Shabbat afternoon at 6 PM at the home of family Abeles, to be led by Daniel Ehreich.

Parliamentary Advocacy Day

The upcoming **Parliamentary Advocacy Day** organised by the Board of Deputies of British Jews, will take place on Tuesday 8 September 2026 from 11:00 - 13:00 at the House of Commons. If you would like to request a meeting with our MP on this occasion please let Julian Pollard know.

Yahrzeits

Name	Relationship	Date	Hebrew date
Shoina Kass	Father	05/07/2026	20 Tammuz 5786
Shoina Kass	Mother	07/07/2026	22 Tammuz 5786
Cecil Taitz	Father	08/07/2026	23 Tammuz 5786
Simon Bentley	Mother	08/07/2026	23 Tammuz 5786
Jay Schechtel	Brother	09/07/2026	24 Tammuz 5786

Magen Avot Book Club (rescheduled)

The Magen Avot Book Club will meet on Sunday, 26th July at 7:30 PM, venue TBA. The book is **"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. Available at the library, too. More info:



<https://www.amazon.co.uk/WANDERING-SOULS-HB-longlisted-Beautiful/dp/0008528772>. Join the MA Book Club WhatsApp group to find out more.

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.

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.

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

A ONE-DAY CONFERENCE

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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 neighbors.

THE SPEAKERS



Ha Rav Moshel Lichtenstein

SENIOR ADDRESS
CO-ROSH YHESHIVAT HAA ETZION

"Not by Might, Nor by Power, but by My Spirit"...
...challenges, tensions and difficulties of balancing power and ethical concerns confronting Israeli society in the bifurcated, political-judicial arena and hinterlands of the Land.



Rabbi Yosef Blau

SENIOR MEMBER OF YEMINA UNIVERSITY AND RABBI MAZAR BACHARON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (NETZ), EMERITUS

"When can the Diaspora prove Israeli wisdom, and when is it not a Chofetz Mishvat?"



Rabbi Yirmiyahu Stavitsky

SENIOR PROFESSOR OF YEMINA UNIVERSITY, EMERITUS

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



Rabbi Baruch Weintraub

RESEARCHEE IN CHIEF, RABBIAN SHUKIM, YEMINA UNIVERSITY, EMERITUS, YEMINA COLLEGE, TEL AVIV

"Fighting in Gaza: personal experience of Israel and halachic dilemmas of emergency warfare"



Dr. Nechumi Yaffe

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, POLITICAL SCIENCE, TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

"Empowering the Charedim in Israeli Society: A Research-Based Look Inside Charedi Society - Its Communities, Services, and Inner Complexity"



Rabbi Michael Melchior

FOUNDER, HAAKAL, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, HAAKAL PRECEPT, INNOVATION AND RESEARCH
In conversation with Srul Fruchter, "Personal Anecdotes for Kosovki! Co-existence within Israel and the Region"



Srul Fruchter

DIRECTOR OF HAAKAL, HAAKAL-ANALYSIS, SIGTS STUDENT FORUMS COORDINATOR OR COORDINATOR AT HAAKAL, FORMER FORUMS COORDINATOR, HOST FOR 28 QUESTIONS, ANSWERS, FINANCERS

Admission
FREE (NO CASH OR CREDIT CARD REQUIRED)

DATE: Sunday 12th July 2026

VENUE: NW London location

SCAN TO BUY TICKETS
Purchase at www.eventbrite.co.uk
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PROGRAMME

9:30 - 9:40	Introduction by Daryn Zubin
9:40 - 10:40	Ha Rav Moshel Lichtenstein
10:40 - 11:40	Rabbi Yosef Blau
11:40 - 12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 - 12:50	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	Mintichu & Coffee Break
16:30 - 17:30	Rabbi Michael Melchior
17:30 - 17:50	Coffee Break
17:50 - 18:00	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.



6th WEEK

Led by Daniel Ehreich



SHABBAT
4th JULY 2026
6.00 PM

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

