



Magen Avot



8 August 2026 / 25 Av 5786 (Shabbat Mevarchim)

פַּרְשַׁת רֵא'ה / Parashat Re'eh

Light From	Friday Mincha	שַׁבָּת	שַׁבָּת Chabura	SZ Kriat Shema	שַׁבָּת Shacharit	Games Afternoon	שַׁבָּת Mincha	שַׁבָּת Ends	Sunday Shacharit
7:05 PM	7:15 PM	8:24 PM	9:15 AM	9:20 AM	9:30 AM	6:00 PM	8:31 PM	9:31 PM	8:20 AM

Shabbat

Chabura: Rabbi Dr Steven Gaffin
Kriat Hatorah: Shimon Levy
Shabbat Drasha: Rabbi Golker
Post Mincha Speaker: Eli Abeles on "The Traveller's Halachic Dilemma", See Eli's bio below.

Rosh Chodesh Elul

The Molad takes place this Thursday, at 8:15am and 0 chalakim.

ראש חודש אלול יהיה ביום חמישי ובישי חבא עלינו ועל כל ישראל לטובה
Rosh Chodesh Elul yihyeh beyom chamishi uveyom shishi haba aleinu ve'al kol Yisrael letovah. (Thursday and Friday)

Kiddush

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by:
Derek and Liora Diamond L'illui Nishmatam Liora's parents Eliyahu Moshe Ben Chana Poriya z"l and Tzipora Bat Luna z"l on the occasion of their wedding anniversary;
Orna Hillman L'illui Nishmat Yochaved Bat Chaim v'Shoshana z"l marking the end of the Shloshim for her mother;
Toni and Baruch Zekaria in celebration of Baruch's birthday; and
Dina and Josh Vecht in honour of Dina's birthday.

Yahrzeits

Name	Relationship	Date	Hebrew date
David Abramowitz	Great Uncle	08/08/2026	25 Av 5786
Hillel Mirvis	Sister	12/08/2026	29 Av 5786

Sponsorship

We have spare slots for various kiddushim sponsorships over the next few weeks. Book yours at:
<https://magenavot.com/sponsorships> or contact Marc Ovits.

Magen Avot Membership

If you are thinking of becoming a member of Magen Avot and would like more information please reach out to Chaya Langerman at: membership@magenavot.com

Post Mincha Speaker - Eli Abeles bio.

Eli Abeles has been a member of Edgware Adath for over 48 years and has spent much of that time helping to shape the community, including playing a key role in the development of the current synagogue building and helping to establish the Edgware Eruv. He studied at Yeshivat Kol Torah in Jerusalem, where his learning was examined by Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Auerbach, before enjoying a distinguished career as an economist and senior executive at British Airways. Since retiring in 2016, he has become the proud author of precisely one book (copies available on request).

Yamim Nora'im Bookings – One Week Left to book!

Bookings for Yamim Nora'im are now open, and we're pleased to confirm that services will once again be held in the Od Yosef Hai Hall.

Members have just one week left to secure priority seating. **Please submit your booking by Friday 14th August.** After this date, we will begin allocating any remaining seats to non-members.

Whether you're a member or non-member, please don't leave your booking until the last minute.

Book your seats here: <https://tinyurl.com/yamim-noraim-signup>

Magen Avot Bar and Bat Mitzvah Programmes

Give your child a Bar or Bat Mitzvah year to remember!

The Magen Avot Bar and Bat Mitzvah Programmes bring together meaningful Jewish learning, personal growth, friendship, adventure and plenty of fun. Sessions take place once a month over ten months, with separate programmes for boys and girls.

The programmes are led by Rabbi Yoni and Rebbetzen Dina Golker, with contributions from guest educators and inspiring speakers.

Participants will enjoy a varied mix of text-based learning, interactive sessions, hands-on workshops, volunteering opportunities, trips and exciting shared experiences—including a British Museum visit and a graduation Siyum.

Early-bird price: £149 when booked by 31 August

Standard price thereafter: £169

Bursaries are available for families who need financial assistance.

Book here: <https://tinyurl.com/bar-bat-mitzvah-course>

For any questions, please contact rabbi@magenavot.com.

Games Afternoon

Come and play the day away.

This Shabbat 8th August

Magen Avot is hosting the second games afternoon/evening pre-Mincha to while away the long summer Shabbat afternoons. Join us with (or without) your favourite board or card game at the home of Harriet and Richard Morris this Shabbat from 6.00 pm until 15 minutes before Mincha. Open to all.

PS: Beatrice, their dog, will be around in case that is either a draw or a deterrent.

SECURITY – IMPORTANT MESSAGE

For various valid reasons, a number of committed security volunteers have either had to leave, or are about to leave, the security team or are otherwise unavailable for an extended period. We thank them all for their dedication in ensuring a safe and reassuring presence for all who come to daven at our Shul.

You may have noticed new security guards recently. They need our help to identify people who are more likely to be familiar to us than to the guards.

We will need many more volunteers over the summer period (when many regulars will be away) and during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (when the need for a visible, deterrent presence is essential).

There are various roles which can be allocated depending upon the particular circumstances of each volunteer. Now is the best time to volunteer because you can start with a regular Shabbat shift before then moving on to Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur if you are available.

Please don't leave it all to just a few of us; sign up by joining the security WhatsApp group or emailing security@magenavot.com

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We really need more of our kehilla to step up and take on this important service.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Alex Jacobs, Security Officer

QR code for email:



QR code for Whats App Group:

**Bereavement Befriending Training**

The United Synagogue is running its annual bereavement training for new volunteers. This will be run by Bereavement Care, with the input of Rebbetzen Jacqueline Feldman, from Bushey.

Date: Sunday 1st and 8th of November. Participants need to attend both days.

Time: 10am to 3pm

Place: Bushey Shul

If you are interested in signing up please contact Tammy Nisner.