



Magen Avot

Rosh Hashanah Edition



Shabbat and Rosh Hashanah 12-13 September / 1-2 Tishrei 5777

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Light From	Friday Night Mincha	שבת / RH1 Starts	Shacharit (both days)	SZ Kriat Shema	Minis/Maxis	Mincha (both days)	שבת / RH1 Ends	RH2 Light From / Starts	Yom Tov Ends
6:04 PM	7:10 PM	7:10 PM	8:00 AM	9:44 AM	10:45 AM	7:10 PM	8:10 PM	8:10 PM	8:07 PM

Shana Tova!

Rabbi Yoni and Rebbetzen Dina Golker, the Executive and Council would like to wish the whole Kehillah a Shana Tova U'metuka!
שנה טובה ומתוקה!

Mazal Tov to our Chattanim

Mazal Tov to this year's Chattanim: Daniel Ehreich (Chattan Torah) and Baruch Zekaria (Chattan Bereishit). We wish them and their families a hearty Mazal Tov and look forward to celebrating with them on Simchat Torah!

Kiddush

First Day Rosh Hashanah Kiddush is sponsored by Haya and Moshe Langerman

Second Day Rosh Hashanah kiddush is sponsored by Karina and Ashley Katz lichvod Rosh Hashanah

Location and Seating Notice

We're delighted to be hosting the Chagim (including first days Sukkot) downstairs in the OYH Hall, and we'll be back upstairs for Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah. Thank you to everyone who submitted seating requests. Given the wonderful turnout and high demand, we have done our very best to fulfil as many requests as possible. Thank you for your understanding and for being part of our community!

Sign up for: Let's Share BaSukkah (25th September)

Matching those without a Sukkah to those with one for Friday night dinner! Friday 25th September, 1st night Sukkot. Please sign up by the 14th of September: <https://tinyurl.com/lets-share-basukkah>

Shabbat Shuvah - Kiddush, Community & Conversation (Shabbat 19th September)

Parshat Ha'azinu - 19th September Join us after Mussaf for a special Shabbat Shuvah Kiddush, with source-based learning and a Chabura led by Rabbi Golker. Enjoy Kiddush together while exploring the themes of Shabbat Shuvah, with Torah, discussion and conversation as we prepare for Yom Kippur. Take a seat, enjoy the Kiddush and join the conversation!

Note: Service will take place upstairs and normal finishing time expected

Join us for Simchat Torah Lunch

To honour our chattanim we are delighted to once again be holding our Simchat Torah lunch. Join us! You must book by 24th September. A booking link will be sent out after Rosh Hashanah

Magen Avot's Next Gen Initiative (Sunday 20th September)

The Magen Avot NextGen Initiative aims to provide educational and social event programming for the young professional (YPs) age demographic and connect them with the existing Magen Avot community members. Beginning with the Pre-Yom Kippur breakfast and learning on Sunday 20th September, the NextGen programming will be welcome to YPs who are both Magen Avot members and non-members in the wider North West London community. If you would like to hear more information or to get involved, please email nextgen@magenavot.com

Rosh Hashanah - Day 1

Magen Minis and Maxis: Meets at 10:45 AM

Ma'ariv:	Josh Abeles
Pesukei DeZimra:	Richard Herman
Shacharit:	Raffi Maurer
Leining:	Dan Artman
Haftara:	Moshe Langerman
Drasha:	Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis KBE
Mussaf:	Vic Jaffe
Mincha:	Joey Katz
Afternoon Shiur:	Rabbi Golker: "Streams and Dreams: Shluffing vs. Tashlich on Rosh Hashanah Afternoon"

Rosh Hashanah - Day 2

Magen Minis and Maxis: Meets at 10:45 AM

Ma'ariv:	Daniel Ehreich
Pesukei DeZimra:	Ashley Katz
Shacharit:	Daniel Greenberg CB
Leining:	Dan Artman
Haftara:	Ashley Katz
Drasha:	Rabbi Golker
Mussaf:	Josh Abeles
Shofar (~11 AM):	Darren Abrahams
Mincha:	Daniel Ehreich
Afternoon Shiur:	Shira Jackson: "שמחה לארצך: Are you a Zionist?"

Yahrzeits

Name	Relationship	Date	Hebrew date
Baruch Zekaria	Mother	14/09/2026	3 Tishri 5787
Sharon Faith	Mother	14/09/2026	3 Tishri 5787
Belinda Abramowitz	Grandmother	18/09/2026	7 Tishri 5787

Keep it Fresh - The blueprint for choosing and protecting your Arba Minim (16th September)

Join us for a hands-on evening - The blueprint for choosing and protecting your Arba Minim - led by Rabbi Dr Steven Gaffin. Wednesday September 16th at the Gaffins' at 8pm. This is open to both men and women, who we would like to encourage to actively participate during Hallel on Yomtov

Fast of Gedaliah

The Fast of Gedaliah will start at 4:51 AM on 14th September and it will end at 7:59 PM on 14th September

Women's Simchat Torah Breakfast (4th October)

We are delighted to announce our annual Women's Simchat Torah Breakfast, a much-loved community tradition and a wonderful opportunity for us to come together in celebration.

Join us on Simchat Torah, **Sunday 4th October**, following Hallel and the first Hakafah, for a special morning of inspiration, connection and friendship.

We are privileged to have wonderful women from our own community sharing words of inspiration, making this a truly meaningful and uplifting occasion.

We look forward to celebrating Simchat Torah together and sharing this special morning with you all

Message for Parents

We're delighted to welcome both children and adults to our services at Magen Avot! To help maintain a warm and respectful atmosphere, we will set up a multi-purpose room as a space for children. Please remember that a parent must stay with them in this room at all times. For children who are not using this area, we kindly ask that they remain seated with their parents throughout the service. If your child is making noise or needs attention, even during your own private Amida, please do step away and tend to them. We encourage everyone to supervise their own children, limiting movement between the men's and women's sections to avoid distracting others. To keep our space comfortable for everyone, we also ask that footballs are not brought along, and scooters are parked on arrival and not used in the playground. We truly value a sense of community, and if adults would like to have conversations, we kindly request that you wait for a break or step outside. Likewise, if little ones get a bit too noisy or need a quick break, stepping outside for a moment can ensure the service remains a positive experience for all. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

Rabbi Golker Rosh Hashanah Guidelines

Dear Members,

As the first day of Rosh Hashanah falls on Shabbat this year, please note the following important times and practical points:

Friday 11 September – Erev Rosh Hashanah

- * Candles for Shabbat and Rosh Hashanah should be lit by 7:10pm.
- * Please also light a long-lasting candle before Yom Tov, to be used for lighting on the second night.

Shabbat 12 September – First Day Rosh Hashanah

- * As Rosh Hashanah falls on Shabbat, the shofar is not blown.
- * Seudah Shlishit should preferably be eaten by approximately 4:10pm, in order to leave an appetite for the second-night Yom Tov meal. If necessary, it may be eaten later, but should be completed before shkiah at approximately 7:22pm.
- * No preparations for the second day may be made on Shabbat.
- * Preparations for the second night should only begin once Shabbat has ended.
- * Second-night candles should be lit after 8:10pm, from a pre-existing flame.
- * Kiddush on the second night includes Yaknehaz, as printed in the Machzor: Borei Me'orei HaEish, Havdalah and Shehecheyanu. When saying Borei Me'orei HaEish, one should look at the Yom Tov candles.
- * It is preferable to have a new fruit on the table for Shehecheyanu.

Sunday 13 September – Second Day Rosh Hashanah

- * The shofar is blown on the second day. Our main shofar blowing will not be before 10:45am.
- * The full 100 blasts will be blown in shul. Someone davening at home who is unable to attend shul is required to hear 30 blasts.
- * If you need someone to come and blow shofar for you, please contact me privately.
- * There will also be a second shofar blowing shortly before Mincha.
- * Tashlich is recited on the afternoon of the second day, preferably beside a body of water. If necessary, it may be recited later, traditionally until Hoshana Rabbah.
- * Yom Tov ends at 8:07pm.
- * Havdalah on Sunday night consists only of Borei Pri HaGafen and Hamavdil — no candle or spices.

Monday 14 September – Tzom Gedaliah

- * The fast begins at 4:51am and ends at 7:59pm.
- * Please remember to recite Kriat Shema before breaking the fast if you have not already done so as part of Maariv.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Wishing the entire Kehillah a Shana Tova U'Metuka — a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Rabbi Golker



STREAMS OR DREAMS?

SHLUFFING OR TASHLICH?

*What Should You Do on
Rosh Hashanah Afternoon?*

with Rabbi Yoni Golker

Shabbat, 12th September

First Day of Rosh Hashanah

Mincha 7:10pm

followed by the shiur

Maariv & Kabbalat Yom Tov 8:10pm