Magen Avot

Youth Takeover Shabbat

Shabbat 21 November 2026 / 11 Kislev 5787 — **פָּרָשַׁת וַיֵּצֵא / Parashat Vayeitzei**

Earliest candle lighting	Friday Mincha	שַׁבָּת	שַׁבָּת Chabura	שַׁבָּת Shacharit	SZ Kriat Shema	Magen Minis and Maxis	שַׁבָּת Mincha	שַׁבָּת Ends	Horim v'Yeladim	Sunday Shacharit
3:11 PM	3:50 PM	3:50 PM	9:00 AM	9:15 AM	9:38 AM	10:45 AM	3:55 PM	4:55 PM	5:40 PM	8:20 AM

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Kabbalat Shabbat:	Joshua Mirvis
Maariv:	Zecharya Grubin-Brookes
Yigdal:	Azriel Grubin-Brookes
Announcements:	Maayan Kay and Mira London
Magen Minis and Maxis:	Meet at 10:45 AM
Magen Munchies Sponsor:	To be announced
Y@MA:	Youth will be leading Shul services
Chabura:	Mira, Shira and Sara Ehrenberg
Gabbai:	David Jacobs
Pesukei D'Zimrah:	Yishai Ehreich
Shacharit:	Elai Bamberger
Petichot:	Mo London and Adam Abramowitz
Kriat Hatorah:	Elliot Abrahams, Uriah Lorenzi, Aryeh Medina, Nachum Földes and Zecharya Grubin-Brookes
Hagbaha & Gelilah:	Yossi Bialoguski, Jack Abeles
Haftara:	Zecharya Grubin-Brookes
Mussaf:	Reuben Spizzichino
Ein Kelohenu:	Rafi's mini-choir, featuring Azriel Grubin-Brookes, Aaron Perahia and friends
Anim Zemirot:	Louie and Anatole Taub
D'var Torah 1:	Talya Kay
D'var Torah 2:	Maayan Kay
Announcements:	Amie Abeles and Dinah Bialoguski
Adon Olam:	Magen Minis and Maxis
Kiddush:	This week's kiddush has kindly been sponsored anonymously
Post Mincha Speaker:	Rav David Zahtz
Horim v'Yeladim:	Meets at 5:40 PM
Newsletter:	Zachy Beider
Coordination:	Dr Stewart Brookes and Rafi Kleiman. Thank you for organising this amazing Shabbat

Rav David Zahtz-Post Mincha Speaker

Rav David Zahtz is a member of the faculty of Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh, where he teaches, provides student guidance and contributes to the yeshiva's educational programming. His responsibilities have included student recruitment, chavruta coordination, supplemental learning support and delivering sichot and chaburot.

He studied at MTA, Kerem B'Yavneh and Yeshiva University, where he completed a degree in psychology, before pursuing advanced Torah studies at RIETS in New York and Jerusalem. He received semicha from RIETS and Rav Zalman Nechemia Goldberg, Av Beit Din of Jerusalem.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
22 Nov	**Shamayim Event**
27 Nov	**NextGen supper at Family Katz**
6 Dec	**Chanukah Supper Quiz**
12 Dec	**Magen Appétit!**

NextGen Friday Night Dinner - 27th November

The NextGen Initiative is excited to invite Young Professionals for Friday Night Dinner at Family Katz on Friday 27th November! Sign up is essential with tickets costing £5 for members and £10 for non-members. Spaces are limited so don't hesitate to book today! The link for booking is: https://myus.theus.org.uk/events/163974/nextgen-initiative-fndfamily-katz

Chanukah Supper Quiz-December 6th

Booking for our annual Chanukah Supper Quiz and raffle on Sunday 6th December is now open. See the attached flyer for full details.Reserve your place here: https://myus.theus.org.uk/events/164028/supper-quiz-dec-26. Please book early to avoid disappointment. This event is always popular. For any queries, email Julian Pollard: vicechair@magenavot.com. "A splendid time is guaranteed for all!" [John Lennon]. See poster overleaf.

Yahrzeits

Name	Relationship	Date	Hebrew date
Susan Pascoe	Mother	21/11/2026	11 Kislev 5787
Caroline Davis	Father	25/11/2026	15 Kislev 5787

Shamayim Event - 22 November ***SOLD OUT***



Sunday 22nd November at 5:00 PM: Please join us on Sunday 22nd November at 5:00 PM for a plant-based cooking demonstration, sponsored by Shamayim. Learn how to make Thai Curry and spring rolls and enjoy a delicious meal after the lesson.

Magen Appétit!

Introducing Magen Appétit!

What is it?
Magen Appétit is a series of Shabbat lunches bringing our community together and strengthening our warm, inclusive ethos. Would you like to host or be invited to an MA home?

When is it?
Our launch event is Shabbat lunch on 12th December (Shabbat Chanukah, Parshat Mikeitz), bringing our Chanukah celebrations to a close. Further dates will be announced soon.

How do I get involved?
Sign up for our first event https://tinyurl.com/Magen-Apetitit, indicating whether you'd like to host or be hosted, along with any dietary requirements. Please sign up by Tuesday 1st December. We'll confirm hosting arrangements by Monday 7th December.
Don't be shy! It's a great opportunity to get to know one another and build stronger connections across our community.

Is it just for members?
Absolutely not! Both members and anyone interested in Magen Avot activities are very welcome. And if you decide to join us as a member afterwards, even better!

Jewish Ethics Project 5787 Competition

The Jewish Ethics Project (JEP) is delighted to launch the 5787 Jakobovits Prize, an essay competition inviting the next generation of Jewish thinkers to explore contemporary ethical questions through the richness of Jewish sources and values.
Open to all students and recent graduates, this is an opportunity to engage with the big questions, develop original ideas and contribute to important conversations about the world we live in.
🏆 Two categories:
• High School
• Higher Education (University, Yeshiva & Sem)
💰 Prizes in each category:
• £500 for the winner
• £100 for each of three runners-up
• Littman Library voucher
We're looking for essays that combine originality, clear thinking and a strong grounding in Jewish sources, exploring how Jewish values can inform practical responses to today's ethical challenges.
📅 Submission deadline: 31st January 2027
🔍 Find out more: https://www.jewishethicsproject.org/the-jakobovits-prize
📧 Register your interest now by emailing: competition@jewishethicsproject.org



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JWA SHABBAT 2026

20-21 November 2026

This Shabbat, we join communities across the country in partnering with Jewish Women's Aid (JWA) to 'See the Unseen' and deepen our collective understanding of coercive control and domestic abuse.

Recent events, both within the Jewish community and in high-profile cases across wider society, serve as a sobering reminder that abuse is not always visible and that no community is immune. Coercive control undermines a person's dignity, autonomy and safety, striking at the very core of Jewish values. No one, whatever position or stature they hold, is above the law or beyond accountability; nor should status, reputation or authority ever be used to shield wrongdoing or silence those who come forward.

We stand firmly behind the vital, life-changing work of JWA in supporting survivors, raising awareness, and breaking the silence that too often surrounds domestic abuse. We know that this abuse most often affects women and we stand alongside JWA in helping to create a culture in which perpetrators cannot hide and victims feel genuinely heard and supported. Our concern and support extend to anyone affected.

Awareness must also be matched by action and prevention. We bear a shared responsibility to foster a culture of safety and mutual respect across every generation. This means educating our young people, families and communities on the foundational values of respect, restraint and consent, ensuring that healthy boundaries and dignity are upheld in every relationship.

If you or someone you know is affected by domestic abuse or coercive control, please know that you are not alone. You will be heard and believed. The United Synagogue Safeguarding Team is here to help, and confidential support is also available through Jewish Women's Aid. If you are in immediate danger, please call 999.

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Rebbetzens' Representative of the United Synagogue

CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT
Jewish Women's Aid: 0808 801 0500 | jwa.org.uk | advice@jwa.org.uk
United Synagogue Safeguarding: 020 3758 8440 | In an emergency call 999

MITZVAH DAY

Sanitary products collection for HIAS + JCORE

PERIOD DIGNITY DRIVE

Nobody should have to compromise their **dignity**. Help us get people the products they need.

DROP OFF

Bring female sanitary products to Harriet and Richard's house before 29 November.

OR SHOP

Buy from our **Amazon gift list** and it's delivered straight to Harriet and Richard's house.

tinyurl.com/hias-jcore-pdd

EVERY ITEM MAKES A DIFFERENCE