Magen Avot

Leila Golker's Bat-Mitzvah Edition

Shabbat 28 November 2026 / 18 Kislev 5787 — **פָּרָשַׁת וַיִּשְׁלַח / Parashat Vayishlach**

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
3:06 PM	3:40 PM	3:43 PM	9:00 AM	9:15 AM	9:44 AM	10:45 AM	3:50 PM	4:50 PM	5:35 PM	8:20 AM

Shabbat

Chabura:	Dr David Cohen
Magen Minis and Maxis:	Meet at 10:45 AM
Magen Munchies Sponsor:	To be announced
Horim v'Yeladim Sponsor:	To be announced
Y@MA:	Meets after Mussaf Kedusha
Y@MA Sponsor:	To be announced
Kriat Hatorah:	Dr David Cohen
Shabbat Drasha:	Rabbi Golker
Kiddush:	This week's kiddush is kindly sponsored by Rabbi and Rebbetzen Golker in celebration of Leila's Bat Mitzvah, and Caroline Davis in the Zechut of her father's Yahrzeit
Post Mincha Speaker:	Rabbi Dr Glenn Bezalel - "You can't handle the truth!" When is honesty not the best policy?
Horim v'Yeladim:	Meets at 5:35 PM

Mazal Tov!

Mazal Tov to Rabbi Yoni and Rebbetzen Dina Golker on Leila's Bat Mitzvah!

A special Mazal Tov to the proud grandparents, Dr David and Mrs Chani Cohen and Mrs Estelle Golker, and to great-aunt Joy Berger.

The Shul Executive, Council and entire community wish the Golker and Cohen families a huge **Mazal Tov!**

Mazal Tov to Jackie and Michael Roodyn on the engagement of their grandson Dovid, son of Rabbi Jonny and Rebbetzen Yael Roodyn to Avigail, daughter of Rivky and Yossi Erber.

Yahrzeits

Name	Relationship	Date	Hebrew date
John Wolffe	Daughter	28/11/2026	18 Kislev 5787
Linda Wolffe	Daughter	28/11/2026	18 Kislev 5787
Michael Storfer	Father	29/11/2026	19 Kislev 5787
Belinda Abramowitz	Great Uncle	02/12/2026	22 Kislev 5787
Belinda Marks	Mother	02/12/2026	22 Kislev 5787
Brent David	Father	03/12/2026	23 Kislev 5787
Jacklyn Ferber	Mother	04/12/2026	24 Kislev 5787
Patti Adler	Father	04/12/2026	24 Kislev 5787

Women's Kabbalat Shabbat - December 4th

Join us next Friday night, 4th December, 1st night Chanukah, for the next women's Kabbalat Shabbat, followed by Kiddush and soup, 4.15 PM at the home of Anouk and Darren Abrahams

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. For any queries, email Julian Pollard: vicechair@magenavot.com. "A splendid time is guaranteed for all!" [John Lennon]

Magen Appétit! - December 12th

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, Parashat 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!

Shamayim event on Thursday 31st December

Please join us for the next Shamayim event on Thursday 31st December at 10:30 AM: **Vegan challah: Why you don't need eggs!** Enjoy making a challah for Shabbat in this session led by Harriet Morris-Sloane, who will also give some educational content on challah and alternatives to using eggs in baking. Places are limited. Please contact Harriet on 07779 222982 to register. Details of venue in Hendon will be provided after booking

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
4 Dec	**Women's Kabbalat Shabbat**
6 Dec	**Chanukah Supper Quiz**
12 Dec	**Magen Appétit!**
31 Dec	**Shamayim event: Challah bake!**

Post Mitzvah Day Activity

Mitzvah Day drive to help restore dignity 💛 Please support refugees through the charity HIAS+JCORE by shopping directly for female sanitary products using this Amazon link: https://tinyurl.com/hias-jcore-pdd or dropping off items at Harriet and Richard's house by 29th November. Please contact Harriet (07779 222982) for more information

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 at: https://www.jewishethicsproject.org/the-jakobovits-prize.
Register your interest now by emailing: competition@jewishethicsproject.org

Chabura Recruitment

It is chabura recruitment time again. We are looking for chabura leaders (men and/or women) for the following dates up to (but not including Pesach):
2 January 2027 - Shemot; 9 January 2027 - Vayera (Rosh Chodesh Shevat); 16 January 2027 - Bo; 23 January 2027 - Beshalach (Tu BiShvat);
6 February 2027 - Mishpatim; 13 February 2027 - Terumah;
20 February 2027 - Tetzaveh: 27 February 2027 - Ki Tissa;
6 March 2027 - Vayakhel; 13 March 2027 - Pekudei;
20 March 2027 - Vayikra; 27 March 2027 -Tzav; 3 April 2027 - Shemini;
10 April 2027 - Tazria; 17 April 2027 - Metzora.
If you would like to learn how to give a chabura, or would like to lead one yourself, please contact Rabbi Gaffin.





Magen Avot Chanukah Raffle





FIRST PRIZE

A one-night stay for two at the hotel at BNJC Brighton's Jewish centre



Complimentary DNA test and MyHeritage subscription



£100 Tony Page lunch voucher



Cashmere beanie from Divine Cashmere, Chelsea

RAFFLE TICKETS

£5 each | 4 for £15 | 6 for £20 | 10 for £30

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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

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