



New United Synagogue community Magen Avot opens in Hendon

Magen Avot, a new community supported by the United Synagogue is launching on the weekend of the 12-13th June 2015. The inaugural Friday night and Shabbat morning services will be held at The Hendon Hall Hotel off Parson Street in Hendon. Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis will be attending both inaugural Shabbat services and will also be providing his halachic guidance to the community until a full time Rabbi is appointed.

Magen Avot will launch with a full programme of Shabbat services for both adults and children, including two separate children services for children of all ages and shiurim as well as a weekly Kiddush and Shabbat Mincha and Maariv. Magen Avot will be based in The Hendon Hall Hotel until a permanent venue is secured.

The founders of Magen Avot are of varied age, experience and professional skill set yet they have a clear and united vision; to create a motivated, caring community with an emphasis on learning and spiritual growth.

The vision for Magen Avot is to be an inclusive and welcoming community whereby members will feel spiritually uplifted by the services, the programmes and the high quality shiurim.

One of the founders of Magen Avot Yoni Weisz commented: **“We are thrilled to announce the exciting launch of Magen Avot, a new shul and community based in the Hendon Hall Hotel. Magen Avot will be supported by Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis and the United Synagogue. We would like to invite all those interested in the new community to come and join us and Chief Rabbi Mirvis on the weekend of the 12-13th June for the start of what we hope will be an ever growing community.”**

Stephen Pack, President of the United Synagogue said: **“The United Synagogue is excited to be working together with Magen Avot to help build this new community in Hendon. We believe that the values of Magen Avot fit in perfectly with those of the United Synagogue and we are truly looking forward to watching the community grow.”**

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