



# Magen Avot

Dear Kehilla,

The end of this year will mark 3 years since we were welcomed into the Magen Avot community to take up the post of rabbinic couple. During this time we have had the pleasure and privilege of getting to know you all and working together to ensure the success and growth of our special Kehilla. Magen Avot has been and continues to be a community renowned for its chessed, for the warm welcome it provides to members and non-members alike and for decorum second to none in what is always a captivating atmosphere in which to daven.

The last 2 years have been unpredictable to say the least. Barely had we begun to serve in the shul before the pandemic hit and we were forced to close our doors for many months. Yet despite it all the community continued to flourish and in many ways emerge from this time stronger than ever before. There have been challenges and tragedies which we have endured together, and there have also been successes and moments of joy. Throughout it all we have felt blessed to be a part of Magen Avot.

After much deliberation, we have decided that we will be returning to Israel at the end of Summer 2022. As stated from the outset, our move to London was always intended to be a temporary one. The warm atmosphere of Magen Avot, together with the fulfilling and enjoyable nature of our role within the community has made the decision to leave all the more difficult. However, we feel that despite all this, having already extended our stay in the UK by an additional year, the time is now right for our family to return home.

We wish to thank the shul Executive and Council for the faith you have placed in us and for your constant support and encouragement along the way. Thank you too to each and every one of you for your unique contribution that makes Magen Avot such a special Kehilla. We are sure that after our departure the shul will continue to thrive and we look forward to hearing about your continued future success from afar.

We wish to inform the kehilla now of our intention to leave in order to allow enough time for the recruitment process of a new rabbinic couple to take place without undue rush. However, no change will take place in our position before August 2022 and we will continue to serve the community as normal until that time arrives. As always, we remain available for any questions you may have or any assistance that we can provide.

More information about the process of recruitment of a new rabbinic couple will follow shortly from the executive.

Wishing every success to you all, as individuals and as a community. We hope to remain in touch and look forward to seeing you in Israel too.

With warm best wishes,

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