



Shabbat Announcements

Shabbat-Yom Kippur

October 4, 2014 10 Tishrei, 5775

Shabbat Times		Rabbi Jonathan Sacks on Yom Kippur		
Candle Lighting	6:15 pm	This year we approach the New Year with more fear and trembling than for a very long time. This summer, in Gaza, we saw Israel, at double risk of Hamas missiles and tunnels, forced into some of the most difficult choices a nation has ever had to make. How do you fight a war against terror when the terrorists take a whole people hostage and hide bombs and rocket launchers in schools, hospitals and mosques?	Semitism reappeared with a vengeance in the streets of Europe, the old anti-Semitism of the far right and far left, and the new anti-Semitism that demonizes Israel and seeks not peace but destruction. I sensed a wave of anxiety go through the Jewish world. Is this it? After all the tears and tragedies of the past do we still have to live in fear? Is Jewish history Groundhog Day? Do things never change?	Jewish history no people has changed more dramatically and more often than Jews, and yet throughout it all we stayed loyal to our fundamental principles: justice, compassion, love of life, love of children, love of study, argument and the life of the mind.
Mincha	3:00/4:00 pm			
Kol Nidrei	6:20 am	As Amos Oz asked, what would you do if your neighbor across the street sits down on the balcony, puts his little boy on his lap, and starts shooting machine gun fire into your nursery? The Torah says that when Jacob was about to meet Esau, after a separation of 22 years, he was 'very afraid and distressed.' Says Rashi: 'very afraid' that he might be killed. 'distressed' that he might have to kill. The commentators on Rashi ask the obvious question. You are allowed to kill in self defense. So why was Jacob distressed that he might have to kill a man who was about to kill him. The short answer is that if life matters to you, you are distressed even if you are morally justified. This summer, Israelis and Israel had to defend itself but it did so with no joy, only distress.	To which I think one of the answers is the key word of this time of the Jewish year. Teshuvah. Repentance. I think teshuvah is one of the most remarkable ideas ever to have entered the human mind. Teshuvah tells us that history can change because we can change. Our character is not pre-programmed in our genes. We can act differently tomorrow than we did yesterday. Yesterday's enemies can be tomorrow's friends. It happened between Israel and Germany, Israel and Egypt, Israel and Jordan. History can change because we can change and we are the makers of history. And my deepest prayer this year is that Israel's enemies, its neighbors change too because then we can, together, write a new chapter in the history of the Middle East, a chapter of joy not of distress. But just think about Israel for a moment. Jews hadn't formed an army since the days of the Bar Kochba rebellion almost 19 centuries ago, yet they did so brilliantly to defend their land. For two thousand years, rarely were Jews farmers, yet in Israel they became the world's great agricultural innovators. Because of the vicissitudes of	U-teshuvah u-tefillah u-tzedakah ma'avirin et roa hazezerah. Penitence, prayer and charity can avert the evil decree. There is nothing inevitable in the affairs of humankind. The greatest gift God gave us was the ability to change. Jews never accept defeat. Because of that, after all the hammer-blows of history, we are still undefeated.
All Minyanim	8:30 am			
Yom Kippur ends	7:13 pm	Yes, there have been tough times in recent months. But consider this. In almost 4,000 years of Jewish history never before have we had simultaneously independence and sovereignty in the land of Israel, freedom and equality in most countries outside. To paraphrase an old Hasidic saying: If things are so bad, how come they're so good? This year, let us first thank God for all the good in Jewish life, then let us ask Him for the strength to change the rest.		
Sun., October 5	7:30/8:30 am			
Mon.	6:35/7:45 am	Wednesday Sukkot Eve See schedule on page 2		
Tues., Wed.	6:45/7:45 am			
Mincha	6:10 pm	Latest Times for Shema/Shemonch Esrei		
Oct., 4	9:49/10:48 am			
Oct., 11	9:52/10:49 am	Next Shabbat Shabbat Chol Hamoed		
Candle Lighting	6:05 pm			
Mincha	6:10 pm	This was also the summer in which anti-		

GNS CLASSES 5775

MORNING CLASSES:

SUN. 9:15-10:00 **RABBI POLAKOFF**
 MIDRASH ON THE PARSHA (CHALFIN RM)
 MON., TUE., THUR. 8:30-10:00 **KOLLEL W/ RABBI JEGER**
 (BRAUN YOUTH CENTER)
 WED. 8:30-9:30 **RABBI LICHTER** LAWS OF BRACHOT
 (BRAUN YOUTH CENTER)
 THURS. 9:15-10:30 **RABBI POLAKOFF**
 WOMEN'S CHUMASH CLASS (CHALFIN RM)
 FRI. 8:30-9:30 **RABBI FRAND** PARSHA VIDEO
 (BRAUN YOUTH CENTER)

EVENING CLASSES:

MON. 8:30-9:30 **RABBI LICHTER**
 NAVI CLASS IN TREI ASAR (BEIT MIDRASH)
 MON. 9:00-10:00 **RABBI POLAKOFF** TOPICS IN AGGADATA
 (BILFELD HOME)
 TUE. 7:00-7:45 **RABBI LICHTER** GR. 6-8 BOYS CLASS
 (WEINSTEIN RM)
 WED. 7:00-7:30 **RABBI LICHTER**
 PARSHA & PIZZA FOR GR. 1-5 (CHALFIN RM)
 WED. 8:30-9:30 **RABBI SINGER** GEMORAH SHIUR
 (WEINSTEIN RM)
 WED. 9:00-10:00 **RABBI LICHTER** CONTEMPORARY TOPICS
 (COMMUNITY HOMES)
 THURS. 6:30-7:30 **RABBI LICHTER** HIGH SCHOOL CLASS
 (WEINSTEIN RM)
 THURS. 8:30-9:30 **RABBI POLAKOFF** POWER CHUMASH
 (CHALFIN RM)



GNS Yoetzet Halacha Dena Block welcomes your questions about mikvah, observance of taharat mishpacha (halacha relating to married life) and women's health, as it connects to Jewish law. Reach out to her at: Phone: (516) 320-9818
 Email: gnsyoetzet@gmail.com
 All conversations/ emails are strictly confidential.

YOM KIPPUR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, Yom Kippur Eve

1st Minyan (with Selichot)	6:30 am
2nd Minyan (with Selichot)	7:45 am
1st Mincha	3:00 pm
2nd Mincha	4:00 pm
Candle Lighting	6:15 pm
Kol Nidrei	6:20 pm
Fast Begins	6:31 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Morning (all minyanim)	8:30 am
Yizkor (approx.)	noon
Mincha (all minyanim)	4:30 pm
Neilah (main shul and gym)	6:00 pm
Neilah (Beit Midrash)	5:45 pm
Yom Kippur ends	7:13 pm

SUKKOT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, EREV SUKKOT
An Eiruv Tavshilin should be prepared

Candle Lighting	6:08 pm
Mincha	6:10 pm
Kiddush After	7:07 pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, SUKKOT I

Hashkama	8:00 am
Main Shul	9:00 am
Beit Midrash	9:15 am
Mincha	6:10 pm
Candle Lighting after	7:05 pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, SUKKOT II

Hashkama	8:00 am
Main Shul	9:00 am
Beit Midrash	9:15 am

SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Mincha	6:10 pm
Candle Lighting	6:05 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Hashkama	8:00 am
Main Shul	8:45 am
Beit Midrash	9:00 am
Kohelet is read this morning	
Shiur	4:55 pm
Mincha	5:55 pm
Shabbat Ends	7:06 pm



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 Shabbat Activities Program
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 Ian Lichter, Assistant Rabbi
 Dr. Ephraim Wolf, z"l, Rabbi Emeritus
 Zeev Kron, Cantor
 Eleazer Schulman, z"l, Cantor Emeritus
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 Zehava & Dr. Michael Atlas, Youth Directors
 Mark Twersky, Executive Director
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 Rabbi Avraham Bronstein, Program Director
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Lulav & Etrog Sale

Sunday evening, October 5

7:00- 9:30 pm at

Great Neck Synagogue



No pre – orders
Prices range from \$35-\$80
Bring your checkbook

HOLY HOMICIDE



A Night of Mayhem. Food and Fun
And You... Are The Guilty Party

THE KILLING KOMPANY

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8th @ 7:00 PM

COLBEH Restaurant in GREAT NECK

\$65/Person \$120/Couple(\$150 at the door)

\$180 to Sponsor

SAVE THE DATE!

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE NEW MEMBERS COMMITTEE
Katie Lichter, Debbie Chadow, Nadine Shatzkes

*Please note this is not a Youth event!

GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE'S

NIGHT OUT AT THE LANES
"STOP, DROP & BOWL"

Team Bowling

Saturday Night

November 15th, 2014

7:30-10 pm

AMF Sheridan Lanes

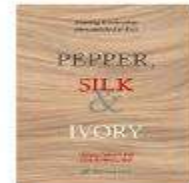
199 E. Jericho Turnpike
Mineola, NY

Dairy meal included
\$30 per person / \$60 per couple
Please send check payable to GNS to make a reservation.

Great Neck Synagogue Men's Club

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1 at 8pm

We are pleased to welcome back



Rabbi Marvin Tokayer

He will be speaking on his new book.

Pepper, Silk & Ivory:
Amazing Stories about Jews and the Far East

Rabbi Tokayer, originally from Brooklyn, NY, served as the Rabbi of Japan as well as Vice President and Director of Culture, Religion and Education for the Jewish Communities of the Far East for more than 10 years. He was the only rabbi in the Far East, requiring him to simultaneously serve the needs of communities that included India, Thailand, Hong Kong, Singapore and Korea.

Since Rabbi Tokayer's return to the US many years ago, he has travelled back to the Far East countless times, leading groups of tourists to reveal the history of our people in Asia. He has written a number of books on the subject of the Jews in the Far East. His new book, *Pepper, Silk and Ivory* is a collection of the best stories accumulated over the past 40 years about unknown but fascinating Jewish experiences in the Far East.

All Welcome

Refreshments served

The
Shabbos
Project

KEEPING IT TOGETHER

PARSHAT
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23 -
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

SCHEDULE OF GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23
CHALLAH WORKSHOP



7:00-10:30pm

Leonard's Palazzo, 550 Northern Boulevard

RSVP requested to:
greatneckshabbosproject@gmail.com

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24
A SHABBAT EVENING
LIKE NONE OTHER



5:15pm Candle Lighting

5:45pm Spirited Kabbalat Shabbat

7:00pm Shabbat Dinner

9:00pm Community-Wide Oneg

RSVP Requested for Dinner:
contact the synagogue office

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

SHABBAT MEAL MATCHING

Contact the synagogue office to sign up as a host
Afternoon onegs, lectures, and programs

5:45pm Mincha

Followed by Sederin Shalom
and special Havdalah

COMMUNITY-WIDE
HAVDALAH CONCERT



featuring world-renowned
SANDY SHEMUELY
AND BAND

Great Neck North Middle School, 77 Polo Road
Family Seating / Complimentary admission

Inquiries & Sponsorship Opportunities: greatneckshabbosproject@gmail.com | #GNShabbat2014

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGH HOLIDAYS

The Kol Nidre Appeal Committee will be contacting you soon for your pledges. Please respond kindly and generously.

MEN'S CLUB

WED OCT 1, 8:00pm - Talk by **Rabbi Marvin Tokayer** on his new book "*Pepper, Silk and Ivory*" - amazing stories about Jews and the Far East.

SUN. OCT. 26, 10:00am: The next event in our **Medical Forum** series, **ADDICTION**. What we can do as parents to spot addictive behavior and prevent it? **Dr. Michael Salamon**, a psychologist, with a representative from **LICADD (LI Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence)** will inform and advise us.

Barry Libin's signed book "**The Mistery of Milton Manuscript.**" is available in the office.

SCHOLAR'S KOLLEL

The Kollel in conjunction with GNS will be offering a **Teshuva Drasha Video** from **Rabbi Frand** on **Thur., Oct. 2nd 8:00pm** sponsored in memory of our dear **Rebbetzin Elaine Wolf**.

MIKVEH HOURS FOR MEN FOR YOM TOV

The North Shore Mikveh will be open for men only on **Erev Yom Kippur, Oct. 3rd** from 5am-3pm. Men must bring their own towels. The cost is \$25. Please contact **Katie Lichter** at 516 859 5124 or **Roya Samuels** at 718 450 7996 for more info.

GNS SHABBOS PROJECT

The GN Community Shabbos Project steering committee (**Ferry Sedaghatpour, Rebecca Sassouni and Asal Rabizadeh**), working with our community Rabbis, have been actively meeting, coordinating and planning events for the entire community, including Hafrashat Challah on Thursday evening and a Melavah Malka concert on Saturday night. In addition, we have joined forces with many other synagogues on the Great Neck Peninsula in an effort to plan exciting and educational events for the entire Great Neck community. Details will be forthcoming in the near future. The Shabbos Project is therefore unique and exciting on many levels. We will be joining with Jews from around the world, as well as our very own community, uniting those with different customs, religious and educational backgrounds of all ages to 'Keep it together.'

Please go the website <http://www.theshabbosproject.org/> and sign up TODAY as a participant (red tab entitled 'Sign up to keep it together; Count me in for the Shabbos of 24/25 October). Please watch the video on YOU TUBE: The Shabbos Project 2014 Official Video.

Reservations for the Friday night dinner are being taken in the Syn. Office. Price is \$45 per adult and \$25 for children under 12. Check must accompany reservation.

SISTERHOOD DINNER

Please join Sisterhood on Tuesday, October 28, 2014, at 6 pm, at SHIRAZ, 770 Middle Neck Rd. for their Annual Sisterhood Dinner. Carol Basri, Esq. noted scholar and film producer will talk about "Ethnic cleansing of Jews from Iraq to ISIS: Lessons to be learned." Member cost \$40, Non Member \$45. Sponsorships available: Gold-\$72, Silver-\$36, Bronze -\$18. Please RSVP to Syn. office.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Mazal Tov to Brenda & Ed Parver on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their children **Michelle & Sean Rosenblum**.
Mazal Tov to Judy & Marty Hoffman on birth of a granddaughter born to their children **Rabbi Evan & Suri Hoffman**.
Mazal Tov to Donna & Leon Schwechter on the engagement of their Daughter **Serena to Ben Kalish**.

SISTERHOOD AND MEN'S CLUB

Sat. Nov. 8, 7:00pm: Dinner and a Show That Will Slay You. It may be a murder, but who done it? Try to solve the mystery while feasting at Colbeh (and no one gets hurt!) and enjoy our Holy Homicide evening. \$65 per person, \$120 couples, \$180 to sponsor. Call **Mark Friedman** 482-9362 or **Judy Lillian** 487-6845 or the **Shul office** 487-6100

CHANUKAH SCOPE DEADLINE

Please submit all articles, advertisements, photos, recipes, sponsorships and any other matters of interest for our membership for the upcoming Chanukah issue of SCOPE magazine to **Diane Rein** at drein@verizon.net. The deadline for all submissions is **Monday, October 27th** - thank you so much!

COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE CLASSICAL MEMORIAL CONCERT

For **Rosalind Mordkofsky**- beloved sister of **Lorraine Domnitch**. On Sunday, Nov 9th at 3pm at Great Neck Synagogue.

CHEVRA KADISHA of GREAT NECK

The CHEVRA KADISHA of GREAT NECK is looking for additional shomrim. This chesed shel emet involves reciting tehillim for a period of 2 hours at a funeral home generally in Great Neck or Queens. If you are interested in joining our group of dedicated volunteers, or for additional information, please email either Brenda Parver at bparver@gmail.com or Rona Jutkowitz at ronajut@gmail.com. If you would like to be added to our list, please include your home, work and cell phone numbers.

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Saturday, 10 Tishrei

Liliane Benrimon for Leon Castiel
 Myles Mittleman for Harry Tischler

Sunday, 11 Tishrei

Andrew Allen for Louis Allen

Monday, 12 Tishrei

Hal Beretz for Greta Beretz
 Morris Hodkin for Louis Hodkin
 Murray Honig for Max Honig
 George Miner for Ruth Miner
 Sydelle Slochowsky for Zelda Olshin

Wednesday, 14 Tishrei

Jack Lemonik for Anne S. Lemonik
 Yaacov Mizrahi for Ezra Mizrahi
 Asher Pirouzian for Roya Sarah Pirouzian
 Phyllis L. Ringel for Charles Gitter

Thursday, 15 Tishrei

Harold Domnitch for Goldie Domnitch
 Netti Herman for Netti Kaplan Minsker
 Murray Weiss for Ellen Weiss

Friday, 16 Tishrei

Paul Brody for Rabbi Jacob Brown