



Shabbat Announcements

Pesach II

April 11, 2015 22 Nissan, 5775

<p>PESACH VII TORAH ARTSCROLL 366 HERTZ 265</p> <p>PESACH VIII TORAH ARTSCROLL 1012 HERTZ 810</p> <p>MAFTIR BOTH DAYS ARTSCROLL 892 HERTZ 695</p> <p>HAFTORAH VII ARTSCROLL 1224 HERTZ 1017</p> <p>HAFTORAH VIII ARTSCROLL 1226 HERTZ 1023</p>	<h2>Rabbi Frand on Pesach</h2>	
<p>Times</p>	<p><u>Did Pharoah Forget All That Happened In One Week?</u></p> <p>The Jewish people having just left the slavery of Egypt, camped by the Red Sea. The verse tells us that "Pharoah heard that the people had escaped and his heart and the heart of his servants changed vis-</p> <p>-a-vis the nation, saying 'What is it that we have done to send Israel from serving us?'" [Shmos 14:5] Here it is a week later -- the seventh day of Pesach -- and Pharoah wakes up and says to himself, "We had such a great deal going for us all these years -- 600,000 people working for us free labor -- why did we do such a stupid thing as sending them out?" This is amazing -- it doesn't make sense!</p>	<p>Everyone knows that Pharoah didn't "send them out." The country of Egypt was suffering through nine terrible plagues; finally the Plague of the First Born came. By this point it was well established that this was the Hand of G-d and that Pharoah had no choice in the matter but to let the Jews go. How can he say "we sent them out"?</p> <p>Rav Yaakov Kamenetsky, zt"l, says that we see from this verse an insight into human nature. We see this insight everyday -- when we look at our friends and acquaintances. The trouble is that we don't always see it when it comes to ourselves. There are two things that vie for control of a human being - his emotion and his reason, his heart and his intellect. Whenever there is a conflict between the emotions and the rational part of a human being, the emotions will overcome and make the rational part forget the things that were so clear just yesterday. If</p> <p>the emotions can find even the smallest excuse to understand something in a way that will coincide with the wants and desires of a person, the emotions will twist and corrupt that which is so obvious to any rational person. The emotions and passions will overcome the intellect.</p> <p>Pharoah had a good thing going. The free labor was an economic boon for Egyptian society. Their desire, more than anything else, was to re-enslave the Jewish people. Pharoah, seeing the Jews encamped in front of Ba'al Tzefon [14:2] (Ba'al Tzefon was an Egyptian idol), reasoned as follows: "G-d was victorious over all our other gods, but now that I see that they are encamped in front of Ba'al Tzefon, the Ribbono shel Olam has met his match." Even though any rational person would have to</p>
<p>Candle Lighting 7:10 pm</p> <p>Friday Mincha 7:10 pm</p> <p>Hashkama 8:00 am</p> <p>Main Shul 9:00 am</p> <p>Beit Midrash 9:15 am</p> <p>Youth Minyan 8:30 am</p> <p>Shiur 6:05 pm</p> <p>Mincha 7:05 pm</p> <p>Shabbat and Yom Tov ends 8:15 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pesach VII-VIII Please see schedule on page 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Latest Times for Shema/Shemoneh Esrei</p> <p>April 11 9:40/10:46 am</p> <p>April 18 9:45/10:49 am</p>	<p>SEUDAH SHLISHIT IS SPONSORED BY HINDI & BEN LUNZER IN MEMORY OF HER PARENTS SELMA & ISSER MERMELSTEIN,Z"l</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Next Shabbat Shemini</p> <p>Candle Lighting 7:18 pm</p> <p>Mincha 7:00 pm</p>		

conclude after all that had happened that G-d is Almighty, Pharoah was so desperate to find a justification to re-enslave the Jews that he reached out and grasped this far-fetched theory.

When Pharoah came to the Red Sea and saw that the Sea was miraculously split, with the Jewish people marching through in the middle, he did not draw the conclusion that would be obvious to every rational person -- that this must be the Hand of G-d. People are afraid to walk under a ladder because it may fall on them -- so how could he do such an insane act as to follow them into the middle of the sea? He again came up with a far-fetched theory -- "a strong easterly wind" [14:21] was responsible for the water's separation, not the Hand of G-d. The emotion says, "it must be the east wind". Rational reasoning says, "it must be the Hand of G-d". But if a person wants something, his emotions will distort that which is obvious to every other individual in order to satisfy his own desire and passion.

This is the moral lesson of "we sent Israel out from being our slaves". Whenever we are in a situation where we know that our emotions are in conflict with our logic, we have to be extremely careful and on the lookout. We have to seek counsel from disinterested third parties. We ourselves cannot judge the situation. Emotions and passions can be terribly blinding.



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:
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PESACH VII

Thursday night, April 9

An Eruv Tavshilin should be prepared
 Candle Lighting **7:10 pm**
 Mincha **7:10 pm**

Friday, April 10

Hashkama **8:00 am**
 Main Shul **9:00 am**
 Beit Midrash **9:15 am**
 Mincha **7:10 pm**

PESACH VIII

Friday night, April 10

Candle Lighting **7:11 pm**

Saturday, April 11

Hashkama **8:00 am**
 Main Shul **8:45 am**
 Beit Midrash **9:00 am**
Shir hashirim and Yizkor are recited this morning
 Shiur **6:05 pm**
 Mincha **7:05 pm**
 Shabbat and Yom Tov ends **8:15 pm**



1ST ANNUAL YIGN & GNS
BIKUR CHOLIM EVENT

There and Back:
Perspectives on Recovery
From Serious Illness

PANELISTS:
DR. FARLA FRUMKIN
RABBI SHMUEL ISMACH
RABBI YAACOV LERNER
RABBI IAN LICHTER
RABBI DALE POLAKOFF

MODERATOR:
ROBYN BLUMNER

Tuesday April 21, 2015
8:00 PM at
Great Neck Synagogue



Ambassador
John
Bolton

Sunday Evening, May 3

Sponsored by

The GNS Men's Club

&

The Long Island Chapter of ZOA



A WEEK OF YOM HAATZMAUT EVENTS AT GNS

Screening of the
critically acclaimed
BENEATH THE HELMET
SATURDAY NIGHT
APRIL 18 - 9:00PM



An inside look at how 5
Israeli youth transform
from high school
students to soldiers
Complimentary admission,
Refreshments will be served

Yom HaZikaron &
Yom Ha'atzmaut Services
WEDNESDAY NIGHT
APRIL 22 - 7:45PM



Guest Speaker:
MR. STEPHEN FLATOW

- Noted speaker on terrorism and victim's rights
- Founder, Alisa Flatow Memorial Fund

Community
Yom Ha'atzmaut
Shabbat Luncheon
APRIL 25 - 12:30PM



Guest Speaker:
RABBI DOV LIPMAN
Member of the 19th
Knesset (Yesh Atid)
*"Religion and State in
Israel: Where are we
heading?"*

Children's Israeli Carnival
THURSDAY
APRIL 23RD - 5:00-7:00PM



Reservations Required for Shabbat Luncheon
RSVP at www.gns.org, or contact the synagogue office.
Sponsorships available - and welcome!

SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!

REMEMBER

YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION

70 YEARS AFTER AUSCHWITZ-WHY WE STILL REMEMBER

COME HEAR THE CHILLING TALE OF

MARTIN GREENFIELD

FROM AUSCHWITZ SURVIVOR TO PRESIDENTS' TAILOR

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15, 2015

7:45 PM

SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RABBI POLAKOFF'S SHABBOS DRASHA THROUGH 5775, IS DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF PINCHAS BEN YOSEPH FOR OTHER SUCH OPPORTUNITIES PLEASE CONTACT HOWARD WOLF [212-686-9800](tel:212-686-9800) EXT 220

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Mazal Tov to Corinne Haber, daughter of **Dr. Julita Haber** on her joining the IDF for military service.
Mazal Tov to Farangess & Vahid Sedaghatpour on the engagement of their son **Sean to Devorah Goltche**.
Mazal Tov to grandmother Rashel Shaye.

MEN'S CLUB

TUES MAY 12 & MAY 13, The Men's Club annual **Defensive Driving** Course will be presented by AAA. Take the course every 3 years to save on your car insurance, premiums and reduce any points you may have. The cost is \$30.00. Please make checks payable to GNS Men's Club. Please contact Jerry Siegelman 516-712-7538. jerrysiegelman@hotmail.com.

SOLICITING NOMINEES

We are currently soliciting nominees to be considered for the **David and Ellie Werber Chesed Award**. This is an award presented to a child/teenager from our community who performs chesed in a notable way. Please email Mark Twersky (mtwersky@gns.org) with the name of your nominee and a brief description of why you think he or she is deserving of this award. All nominees will be considered by the committee, and are confidential.

SUN JUNE 7, 9:00AM Annual Fishing Trip, \$50 adults, \$40 children 6-11 (no children under 6). Breakfast and Lunch included. Details to follow. **Mark Friedman 448-4890, Hilly Milun 482-1062**.

NORTH SHORE MIKVAH ASSOC. ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Please save the date - **Tues, May 5th at 7:30 PM** - NSHA Cherry Lane Auditorium A "Health and Halacha Evening" featuring an informative panel discussion for women on the topic of "self-awareness". Details to follow.

SAVE THE DATE

Ambassador **John Bolton**, nationally known TV foreign affairs analyst and author, will speak at GNS **Sun. evening May 3rd**. The event is sponsored by Zionist Organization Of America (ZOA) Long Island Chapter and Men's Club of Great Neck Synagogue. There is no charge for admission.

Halina Greenwald and family wish to thank Rabbi Polakoff, Rabbi Lichter and the entire community of their outpouring of support and sympathy they received following the loss of her husband David Greenwald z"l.

THANK YOU

GNS Passover and Chametz Collection: We thank all of you who donated Passover and Chometz food for families in need. Special thanks to the Lunzer family for collecting all the Passover food at their home and to Sharon Noy and family for collecting the chometz food at their home.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE

April 15: Yom Hashoa: Martin Greenfield guest
 April 21: Bikur Cholim Event
 April 22: Yom Hazikaron/Yom Haatzmaut: Stephen Flatow guest
 April 26: Blood Drive
 April 29: Men's Club & Great Neck Historical Society: History of GNS.
 May 3: Ambassador John Bolton guest
 May 5: Health & Halacha Evening at NSHA Cherry Lane
 May 9: Mother & Daughter Shabbaton
 May 12 & 13: Men's Club Defensive Driving Course
 May 14: GNS Annual Congregation Meeting
 May 17: Men's Club presents: "In Quest of Immortality" by Paul Marcus
 May 27: Israel Bonds: Malcolm Hoenlein guest
 May 30: Sokol Heisler Lunch: Yoram Hazoni guest
 May 30: Annual Youth End Of Year Bash
 June 7: Men's Club Fishing Trip
 June 9: Mets Vs Giants: CitiField
 June 20: Graduation Kiddush

YAHARZET

Saturday, 22 Nissan

Bonnie Diamond for Abraham Brandeis
 Harold Domnitch for Julius Domnitch
 Richard Reiser for Sidney Reiser

Sunday, 23 Nissan

Yve Fouladi for Georgette Fruhling
 Helen Ishofsky for Rabbi Shimon Hershkowitz
 Iraj Kashani for David Kashani
 Deanne Lipsius for Harold Sirkin
 Edward Wydra for Jack Wydra

Monday, 24 Nissan

Kathy Flatow for Olga David
 Amy Goldberg-Reis for Anna Goldberg
 Joan Katz for Anne Rezak

Tuesday, 25 Nissan

Jacob Toledano for Ester Toledano
 Scott Danoff for Stuart Danoff
 David Werber for Joseph Drezner
 Martin Werber for Joseph Drezner
 Susan Mindick for Rubin Korn
 Ezra Sheena for Nissim Sheena

Wednesday, 26 Nissan

Benjamin Greszes for Sara bat Aharon
 Asher Davoudpour for Mahjabin Davoudpour
 Sadie Frank for Henny Ekstein
 Sidney Mauthner for Herbert Mauthner
 Ellen Allen for Sheldon Schaffer

Thursday, 27 Nissan

Lev Dynkin for Berl Dynkin
 Semyon Dynkin for Berl Dynkin
 Stanley Fischer for Hedwig Fischer
 Halina Greenwald for Yechiel Geller
 Karen Spitalnick for Jonas Steigman

Friday, 28 Nissan

Norma Breite for Harry Dodes
 Anne Lupkin for Sol Fischler
 Jacqueline Hott for Miriam Friedland
 Nina Gourdjji for Nadji Gourdjji
 Gilbert Aronowitz for Martin Luchansky
 Hedva Kessler for Mike Majus
 Aaron Seligson for Sylvia Seligson
 Myrna Horowitz for Leah Templeman