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Dear Friends,

Each year our Summer Learning Program is run through the generosity of our sponsors. It is to the credit of our sponsors that the voice of Torah is strengthened each summer.

Sponsorship is one hundred dollars. Please call the Synagogue office at (516) 487-6100 to be included in this noble effort.

We will once again be including a sponsor's list in the Shabbat Announcements. If you would like to sponsor a "Day of Learning" at an additional cost, in honor or in memory of someone, please call Mark Twersky and let him know.

Thank you for helping support Torah.

Very cordially yours,

Rabbi Dale Polakoff

Rabbi Ian Lichter

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July 14, 2015 at 8:30 pm  
(following Mincha at 8:05 pm)

**Sandra E. Rapoport**

*Accepting Forgiveness:  
Does Joseph Forgive his Brothers?*

Granting and accepting authentic forgiveness is extremely difficult to do. It is even more complex when a person has wronged or been wronged by one's siblings. Using the Torah as our teaching model, we will explore the question of whether Joseph truly forgives his brothers. We will interweave episodes of the Joseph narrative with Midrash, we will peek at other biblical sibling relationships, and will come to some surprising conclusions. Join us for an exciting summer evening of Torah learning.



July 21, 2015 at 8:30 pm  
(following Mincha at 8:05 pm)

**Rabbi Dr. Edward Reichman**

*Medical Halakhab Update 5775:  
From Gene Editing to Brain Transplants*

Edward Reichman is an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Associate Professor of Philosophy and History of Medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine (AECOM) of Yeshiva University, where he teaches Jewish medical ethics. He received his rabbinic ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University and writes and lectures widely in the field of Jewish medical ethics. He is the recipient of a Kornfeld Foundation Fellowship and the Rubinstein Prize in Medical Ethics. He is a past member of the advisory board of the Institute for Genetics and Public Policy. His research is devoted to the interface of medical history and Jewish law.

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August 11, 2015 at 8:15pm  
(following Mincha at 7:40pm)

**Dr. Elana Stein Hain**

*Halakbic (Legal) Loopholes:  
Cynicism, Realism or Something Else?*

With an eye towards gaining perspective on current debates about kosher switches and Shabbat-texting apps, we will try to understand why the legal loophole became such a significant feature of early Jewish law.

Dr. Elana Stein Hain is the Director of Leadership Education for the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, where she serves as a lead faculty member and oversees the content of lay and professional leadership programs. A widely well-regarded teacher and scholar, Dr. Stein Hain earned her doctorate in Religion from Columbia University. She served for eight years as a clergy member at Lincoln Square Synagogue and The Jewish Center, both in New York, as well as adjunct faculty at NYU. She lives with her husband Yonah and her sons, Azzan and Navon, on the Upper West Side of Manhattan.



August 18, 2015 at 8:00pm  
(following Mincha at 7:30pm)

**Lisa Septimus**

*We Didn't Start the Fire - Or Did We?  
On the Origins of Man's Creative Impulse*

Lisa Septimus has recently been appointed Yoetzet Halacha of Great Neck Synagogue. She also serves as of Yoetzet Halacha of the Five Towns and served as a Yoetzet in Manhattan for two years. A graduate of Stern College's Graduate Program for Advanced Talmudic Studies, she subsequently served as the program's sho'let u'meishiva. She teaches Talmud, Chumash, and Ethics at North Shore Hebrew Academy High School, where she also coordinates informal education programs and serves as Dean of the Class of 2016. In her active role as rebbetzin at the Young Israel of North Woodmere she is integrally involved with adult education and youth programming. She has taught at The Jewish Center in Manhattan, Riverdale Jewish Center, Drisha, and Yeshiva University's Summer Learning Program. She and her husband, Rabbi Yehuda Septimus, are the parents of four young children.

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