



Shabbat Announcements

8th Day Pesach

April 30, 2016 22 Nissan, 5776

**PESACH VII TORAH-
MAFTIR - HAFTORAH**

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**PESACH VIII TORAH-
MAFTIR - HAFTORAH**

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Rabbi Jonathan Sacks on Pesach

Shir HaShirim is not the only biblical book about love. It is a complex emotion that cannot be defined from a single perspective, nor do all its dimensions become apparent at the same time. In a way that is subtle and richly complex, the Shalosh Regalim, the three pilgrimage festivals, all have their special book, each about love but about different phases of it. Shir HaShirim, the Song of Songs, on Pesach is about love as passion. The lovers are young. There is no mention of marriage, a home, children, responsibility. They have no thought for the morrow nor for others. They are obsessed with one another. They live conscious of the other's absence, longing for the other's presence. That is how love should be some of the time if it is to be deep and transforming all the time.

The book of Ruth, the scroll we read on

Shavuot, is about love as loyalty: Ruth's loyalty to her mother-in-law Naomi, and Boaz's to Naomi, Ruth and the family heritage. It is about "loving-kindness," the word coined by Myles Coverdale in his Bible translation of 1535 because he could find no English word that meant chesed. Beginning as it does with death, bereavement and childlessness, and ending with marriage and the birth of a child it is about the power of love to redeem grief and loneliness and "make gentle the life of this world." It is about what Shir HaShirim is not: about marriage, continuity and keeping faith with "the living and the dead" (Ruth 2:20). That too, in Judaism, is a significant part of love, for we are not just selves: we are part of the living chain of generations.

On Sukkot we have a third story about love: love grown old and wise. Kohelet, Ecclesiastes, is a book easy to misread as a study in disillusionment, but that is because of sustained series of mistranslations of its key word, hevel. This is variously

rendered as "vanity, vapor, meaningless, futile, useless," leading readers to think that its author finds life without purpose or point. Hevel does not mean that: it means "a fleeting breath." It is about the brevity of life on earth. It begins with the author seeking happiness in philosophy (chokhma), pleasure, laughter, the accumulation of wealth, fine houses and pleasure gardens, the perennial secular temptations. He discovers that none of them can defeat death. Objects last but those who own them do not. Wisdom may be eternal, but the wise still die.

We defeat death not by seeking a this-worldly immortality but by simcha, the spiritually and morally textured exhilaration about which William Blake wrote, "He who binds to himself a joy / Does the winged life destroy. / He who kisses the joy as it flies / Lives in eternity's sun rise." Kohelet learns that happiness is to be found

Times

Candle Lighting	7:31 pm
Mincha	7:30 pm
Hashkama	8:00 am
Youth Minyan	8:30 am
Main	9:00 am
Beit Midrash	9:15 am
Gemara Shiur	6:25 pm
Mincha	7:25 pm
Shabbat/Pesach Ends	8:35 pm
Sunday May 1	7:30/8:30 am
Mon. & Thurs.	6:35/7:45 am
Tues., Wed. & Fri.	6:45/7:45 am
Mincha	7:35 pm
Latest Times for Shema/Shemoneh Esrei	
April 30	9:23/10:32 am
May 7	9:18/10:29 am
Next Shabbat Acharei Mot	
Candle Lighting	7:38 pm
Mincha	7:00 pm

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not in what you own (bind to yourself) but in what you share. It exists not where you invest your money but where you give of yourself. It lives in work and love: "Enjoy life with the woman you love all the days of this fleeting life you have been given under the sun, all the fleeting days, for that is your portion in life and in all your labor under the sun" (Eccles. 9:9). This is love that has grown from passion to responsibility to existential joy: the joy of being with one you love.

The essential message of Judaism is contained in no one of these books but in the combination of all three. Eros is the fire that gives love its redemptive, transforming, other-directed quality. Marriage is the covenantal bond that turns love into a pledge of loyalty and brings new life into the world. Companionship, experience and a life well lived bring simcha, a word that appears only twice in Shir HaShirim, not at all in Ruth but seventeen times in Kohelet.

Love as passion; love as marriage and childbirth and continuity; love as abiding happiness: three stages of love, traced out in the course of a life and the course of a year and its seasons: Shir HaShirim in spring, Ruth in harvest time, Kohelet in autumn as the days grow colder and the nights longer. With a wonderful touch of serendipity, Kohelet ends with the advice, "Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, I find no pleasure in them" (12:1), thus leading us back to youthfulness, spring and the Shir HaShirim where we began.

PESACH SCHEDULE
Chol HaMoed: Mon. April 25 - Thurs. April 28

Shacharit: 6:30 am/7:45 am
 Mincha: 7:30 pm

Pesach VII: Thursday Evening April 28

An Eiruv Tavshilin should be prepared
 Candle Lighting: 7:31 pm
 Mincha: 7:30 pm

Friday April 29:

Shacharit: 8:00 am/9:00 am/9:15 am
 Mincha: 7:30 pm
 Candle Lighting 7:31 pm

Pesach VIII: Shabbat April 30

Shacharit: 8:00 am/9:00 am/9:15 am
 Shir HaShirim & Yizkor (approx. 10:30 am)
 Gemara Shiur: 6:25 pm
 Mincha 7:25 pm
 Seudat Shlishit to follow
 Shabbat & Yom Tov Ends: 8:35 pm



Great Neck Yoetzet Halacha Lisa Septimus
 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: 516.415.1111
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 All conversations and emails are kept confidential.



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 has found goodness
 and has brought forth favor from Hashem**

Mishlei 18:22

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SHABBAT PARSHAT ACHAREI MOT | MAY 7, 2016

SCHEDULE

11:00 am Beit Medrash: Drasha follows Haftora
The Scapegoat

11:30 am Main Sanctuary: Drasha follows Davening
American Orthodoxy's Greatest Challenge

6:35 pm Shiur: The Watershed Moment the Defined
Ashkenazic Judaism

8:15 pm Seudah Shlishit:
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Rabbi Dr. Meir Y. Soloveichik is the director of the Zehava and Moshael Straus Center for Torah and Western thought at Yeshiva University and rabbi at Congregation Shearith Israel in Manhattan. He graduated summa cum laude from Yeshiva College, received his semikah from RIETS, and was a member of its Beren Kollel Elyon. In 2010, he received his doctorate in religion from Princeton University.

Rabbi Soloveichik has lectured throughout the United States, in Europe and in Israel to both Jewish and non-Jewish audiences on topics relating to Jewish theology, bioethics, wartime ethics, and Jewish-Christian relations. His essays on these subjects have appeared in The Wall Street Journal, Commentary, First Things, Azure, Tradition and the Torah U-Madda Journal.

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Complimentary Breakfast at 9:15AM
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**Chodesh Iyar:
Seeing the Light, Getting Inspired
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**Monday Evening May 9th
7:30 pm**

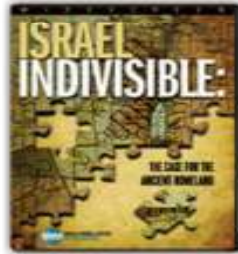
**At the home of Laura & Scott Danoff
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Great Neck Synagogue Men's Club
26 Old Mill Road, Great Neck, NY

May 15, 2016 at 10:00 am
Sunday Breakfast, with movie and talk by

Laurie Cardoza-Moore, Th.D

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Come see the movie, after which Laurie Cardoza-Moore, together with Jeff Wiesenfeld, will discuss the movie

THE PRODUCER

Laurie Cardoza-Moore, Th.D

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Successful leader, business woman, wife, mother of five, and founder and President of Proclaiming Justice to the Nations (PJTN). She has devoted her life to educate Christians about their biblical responsibility to stand with their Jewish brethren and the State of Israel. As an accomplished media veteran, Laurie has been part of over 500 film and video productions as both on-screen talent and producer. Laurie serves as the WCICC's Special Envoy at the United Nations to bring this message to the global Christian leaders at the UN.

THE MOVIE

"Israel Indivisible: The Case for the Ancient Homeland" is a documentary that tells the story of Israel and the Jewish people, as seen and heard through the lives and voices of the people who lived and died to establish and hold the land God calls His. From Abram and the Promise to the fall of the Ottoman Empire, the film examines the biblical, archeological, historical and legal evidence for the ancient and modern nation of Israel.

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It is customary to make one key-shaped challah for the first Shabbat after Passover. All supplies will be provided.

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Join us for a wonderful and spiritual event as hundreds of women gather to make challah for the first Shabbat after Passover. All supplies will be provided.

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All members, family, & friends are invited to join us on the Keshet Kasher's **Jewels of Russia** trip to Moscow and St. Petersburg this summer, 10 days, August 15th to August 25th



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Tue, July 5 arrive Ben Gurion airport 5:00pm, bus to hotel

Wed, July 6 Tour: Jerusalem Old City & Tel Aviv, Yaffo and Bnei Brak

Thu, July 7 Free day or optional extra cost activities

Fri, July 8 Tour: Kotel tunnels and Southern wall excavations

Sat, July 9 Shabbat

Sun, July 10 Tour: Northern Israel with overnight at Kibbutz Lavi with dinner & breakfast

Mon, July 11 continue Northern Israel Tour, return to Jerusalem

Tue, July 12 Free day or optional extra cost activities

Wed, July 13 Tour: Rosh Hanikrah, Caesarea, Acco

Thu, July 14 Tour: Masada, Ein Gedi, Dead Sea

Fri, July 15 Tour: Ir David (morning), free afternoon

Sat, July 16 Shabbat

Sun, July 17 Free day, depart for airport, 7:15pm flight arrive 11:35p

**based on airfare quoted on 4/6/16 (subject to change) and a minimum of 16 people, all gratuities extra*

**For more information, contact Matt Gartenhaus
516-313-7916 or gartm@yahoo.com**

YOM HASHOAH HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Wednesday May 4, 2016, 8:00PM

GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE INVITES YOU TO HEAR THE CAPTIVATING STORY OF MARION BLUMENTHAL LAZAN

AS SHE RECALLS THE DEVASTATING YEARS THAT SHAPED HER CHILDHOOD
IN MEMORY OF THE 6,000,000 JEWS WHO DIED IN THE HOLOCAUST

Program

- Candle lighting ceremony for Holocaust survivors, their children and grandchildren
- Poignant reflections on the Holocaust by MARION BLUMENTHAL LAZAN

Marion Blumenthal Lazan, who was born in Bremen, Germany, has dedicated her life to educating the public about the Holocaust – especially students.

Following Hitler's rise to power, the Blumenthal family – father, mother, Marion, and her brother Albert – were trapped in Nazi Germany. Eventually they managed to get to Holland, but soon thereafter it was occupied by the Nazis. For the next six and a half years the Blumenthals were forced to live in refugee, transit, and prison camps that included Westerbork in Holland and the notorious Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in Germany. Marion was only 9 years old when her family was sent to Bergen-Belsen in February 1944. Though they all miraculously survived the camps, Walter Blumenthal, Marion's father, succumbed to typhus just after liberation.

It took three more years of struggle and waiting before Marion, Albert and their mother at last obtained the necessary papers to board a ship for the United States. Their story is one of horror and hardship, but it is also a story of courage, hope, and the will to survive.

An outstanding, inspirational speaker, Marion Blumenthal Lazan has shared her moving first-hand account of the Blumenthal family's life in Germany, from the events preceding Kristallnacht to imprisonment in concentration camps to liberation in April of 1945, with upwards of one million students and adults. She has spoken in public, parochial and private schools, colleges and universities, to church and synagogue groups, and to civic organizations across 37 states and internationally, in Germany, Holland, Israel and the UK. She stresses the importance of positive thinking as well as creativity and inner strength to overcome adversity. She warns her listeners to be true to themselves and not blindly follow a leader.

Marion has been designated a New York State Senate Woman of Distinction, and honored by the New York State Regents Department of Education with the Louis E. Yavner Citizenship award. In November 2010, a new public high school in Germany was named in Marion's honor for the positive influence she has had on young adults.

Marion Blumenthal Lazan lives with her husband Nathaniel in Hewlett, New York. They have 3 married children, 9 beautiful grandchildren, and one magnificent great-granddaughter.

Marion's memoir, Four Perfect Pebbles, has been published in Dutch, German and Japanese, and shortly will appear in Hebrew.

Marion's story is one of perseverance, determination, faith and hope.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RABBI POLAKOFF'S SHABBOS DRASHA THROUGH 5776, IS DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF **PINCHAS BEN YOSEPH** FOR OTHER SUCH OPPORTUNITIES PLEASE CONTACT HOWARD WOLF 212-843-4668

IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS MOVING INTO THE GREAT NECK AREA PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW.

MEN'S CLUB DEFENSIVE DRIVING

On **May 18-19** (7-10 pm), the Men's Club annual defensive driving course will be presented by AAA. Take the course every 3 years to save on car insurance, premiums and reduce any points you may have. The cost is \$30, please make checks payable to GNS Men's Club.

Contact Jerry Siegelman jerrysiegelman@gmail.com or 646.734.3294.

PESACH SCOPE MAGAZINE THANK YOU

We are grateful for the strong support of our recent Pesach SCOPE magazine that was mailed to our synagogue members and friends. Please note that the Pesach recipes in this issue contain some ingredients that are kitniyot. Please be mindful if your family does not eat kitniyot to substitute ingredients accordingly. Thank you!

SOLICITING NOMINEES

We are currently soliciting nominees to be considered for the next **David and Ellie Werber Chesed Award**, to be presented June 11. Please email 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.

FLORENCE SHAFFER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

If you know of a deserving young woman, planning to study at University or in Israel, in need of a scholarship, apply by **May 1st** for our Florence Shaffer Memorial Scholarship.

Contact Cindy Hodkin koshercookinggn@gmail.com.

LOST & FOUND

COAT: A black small Andrew Mark brand coat, with fur around the hood, was taken from the coat room by mistake last Shabbat. Please return to shul office.
IPHONE in skyblue rubber case lost at shul parking lot last Sunday.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE

May 4: Yom HaShoah Commemoration
May 7: Rabbi Steven Weil
May 8: Annual Rabbinic Dialogue
May 11: Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration: Alan Dershowitz
May 14: Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
May 15: Men's Club: Laurie Cardozo-Moore

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to Hedva & Edmund Kessler on the birth of a grandson born to their children **Alan and Gillian Kessler**.

NORTH SHORE MIKVAH ASSOCIATION

The annual fundraiser will be on **Tues. May 17th at 7:30 pm**, in memory of Sharon Goldwyn's mother, Belle Goldwyn z"tl, featuring back-by-popular-demand speaker, **Rachel Hercman LCSW**, who will be speaking on: *Abandoning Perfection: Learning to let go in life, love and intimacy.*

EMUNAH SPRING LUNCHEON

Join us for our Spring Luncheon at the Prince George Ballroom in NYC on **Tues. May 24th at 11:30 am**, honoring **Daniella Muller**, with keynote speaker, Lea Goldman, Executive Editor at Marie Claire. For more info call 212.564.9045 or emunah.org.

JUDAICA OF GREAT NECK

Judaica of Great Neck is pleased to announce a **Pesach Pop Up Sale** at our new location at 581-B Middle Neck Rd. next to Maya's Place. Open 10AM-10PM They can order most items.

Y A H R Z E I T

Saturday, 22 Nissan

Bonnie Diamond for Abraham Brandeis
Harold Domnitch for Julius Domnitch
Sharon Janovic for Louis Meltz
Richard Reiser for Sidney Reiser

Sunday, 23 Nissan

Yve Fouladi for Georgette Fruhling
Helen Ishofsky for Shimon Hershkovitz
Iraj Kashani for David Kashani
Edward Wydra for Jack Wydra

Monday, 24 Nissan

Kathy Flatow for Olga David
Amy Goldberg-Reiss for Anna Goldberg
Sigalit Katz for Helen Hartman
Joan Katz for Anne Rezak
Hilda Schulman for Bernard Schulman
Jacob Toledano for Ester Toledano

Tuesday 25, Nissan

David Bronheim for Sol Bronheim
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 Eckstein
Philip Hanfling for Evelyn Hanfling
Sidney Mauthner for Herbert Mauthner
Barry Libin for Margery Serkin

Thursday, 27 Nissan

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

Friday, 28 Nissan

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