



# Shabbat Announcements

Parshat Emor

May 21, 2016 13 Iyar, 5776

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## Rabbi Jonathan Sacks on Emor

Embedded in this week's parsha are two of the most fundamental commands of Judaism – commands that touch on the very nature of Jewish identity. Do not desecrate My holy name. I must be sanctified among the Israelites. I am the Lord, who made you holy and who brought you out of Egypt to be your God. I am the Lord.' (Leviticus 22:32) The two commands are respectively the prohibition against desecrating God's name, Chillul Hashem, and the positive corollary, Kiddush Hashem, that we are commanded to sanctify God's name. What are these commands and what do they mean? First we have to understand the concept of "name" as it applies to God. A name is how we are known to others. God's "name" is therefore His standing in the world. Do people acknowledge Him, respect Him, honor Him? The commands of Kiddush Hashem and Chillul Hashem locate that responsibility in the conduct and fate of the

Jewish people. This is what Isaiah meant when he said: "You are my witnesses, says God, that I am God" (Isaiah 43:10). The God of Israel is the God of all humanity. He created the universe and life itself. He made all of us – Jew and non Jew alike – in His image. He cares for all of us: "His tender mercies are on all his works" (Psalm 145:9). Yet the God of Israel is radically unlike the gods in which the ancients believed, and the reality in which today's scientific atheists believe. He is not identical with nature. He created nature. He is not identical with the physical universe. He transcends the universe. He is not capable of being mapped by science: observed, measured, quantified. He is not that kind of thing at all. How then is He known?

The radical claim of Torah is that He is known, not exclusively but primarily, through Jewish history and through the ways Jews live. As Moses says at the end of his life: Ask now about the former days, long before your time, from the day God created human beings on the earth; ask from one end of the heavens to the other. Has anything so great as this ever

happened, or has anything like it ever been heard of? Has any other people heard the voice of God speaking out of fire, as you have, and lived? Has any god ever tried to take for himself one nation out of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, or by great and awesome deeds, like all the things the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? (Deut. 4:32-34) Thirty-three centuries ago, Moses already knew that Jewish history was and would continue to be unique. No other nation has survived such trials. The revelation of God to Israel was unique. No other religion is built on a direct revelation of God to an entire people as happened at Mount Sinai. Therefore God – the God of revelation and redemption – is known to the world through Israel. In ourselves we are testimony to something beyond ourselves. We are God's ambassadors to the world. Therefore when we behave in such a way as to evoke admiration for Judaism as a faith and a way of life, that is a

### Times

Candle Lighting	7:52 pm
Mincha	7:00 pm
Hashkama	8:00 am
Youth Minyan	8:30 am
Parsha Shiur	8:30 pm
Main	9:00 am
Beit Midrash	9:15 am
Gemara Shiur	6:45 pm
Mincha	7:45 pm
Shabbat Ends	9:01 pm
R' Reisman Video	10:30 pm
Sunday May 22	7:30/8:30 am
Mon. & Thurs.	6:35/7:45 am
Tue., Wed., & Fri	6:45/7:45 am
Mincha	7:55 pm
Latest Times for Shema/Shemoneh Esrei	
May 21	9:11/10:25 am
May 28	9:09/10:24 am

Next Shabbat  
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Candle Lighting	7:58 pm
Mincha	7:00 pm

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Kiddush Hashem, a sanctification of God's name. When we do the opposite – when we betray that faith and way of life, causing people to have contempt for the God of Israel – that is a Chillul Hashem, a desecration of God's name. That is what Amos means when he says: They trample on the heads of the poor as on the dust of the ground, and deny justice to the oppressed...so desecrate My holy name. (Amos 2:7)

When Jews behave badly, unethically, unjustly, they create a Chillul Hashem. People say, I cannot respect a religion, or a God, that inspire people to behave in such a way. The same applies on a larger, more international scale. The prophet who never tired of pointing this out was Ezekiel, the man who went into exile to Babylon after the destruction of the First Temple. This is what he hears from God: I dispersed them among the nations, and they were scattered through the countries; I judged them according to their conduct and their actions. And wherever they went among the nations they profaned my holy name, for it was said of them, "These are the Lord's people, and yet they had to leave his land." (Ezekiel 36:19) When Jews are defeated and sent into exile, it is not only a tragedy for them. It is a tragedy for God. He feels like a parent would feel when he sees a child of his disgraced and sent to prison. He feels a sense of shame and worse than that, of inexplicable failure. "How is it that, despite all I did for him, I could not save my child from himself?" When Jews are faithful to their mission, when they live and lead and inspire as Jews, then God's name is exalted. That is what Isaiah means when he says, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified" (Isaiah 49:3). That is the logic of Kiddush Hashem and Chillul Hashem. The fate of God's "name" in the world is dependent on us and how we behave. No nation has ever

been given a greater or more fateful responsibility. And it means that we each have a share in this task.

When a Jew, especially a religious Jew, behaves badly – acts unethically in business, or is guilty of sexual abuse, or utters a racist remark, or acts with contempt for others – it reflects badly on all Jews and on Judaism itself. And when a Jew, especially a religious Jew, acts well – develops a reputation for acting honorably in business, or caring for victims of abuse, or showing conspicuous generosity of spirit – not only does it reflect well on Jews. It increases the respect people have for religion in general, and thus for God. This is how Maimonides puts it in his law code, speaking of Kiddush Hashem: If a person has been scrupulous in his conduct, gentle in his conversation, pleasant toward his fellow creatures, affable in manner when receiving, not retorting even when affronted, but showing courtesy to all, even to those who treat him with disdain, conducting his business affairs with integrity...And doing more than his duty in all things, while avoiding extremes and exaggerations – such a person has sanctified God.

Rabbi Norman Lamm tells the amusing story of Mendel the waiter. When the news came through to a cruise liner about the daring Israeli raid on Entebbe in 1976, the passengers wanted to pay tribute, in some way, to Israel and the Jewish people. A search was made to see if there was a Jewish member of the crew. Only one could be found: Mendel the waiter. So, at a solemn ceremony, the captain on behalf of the passengers offered his congratulations to Mendel who suddenly found himself elected de facto as the ambassador of the Jewish people. We are all, like it or not, ambassadors of the Jewish people, and how we live, behave and treat others reflects not only on us as individuals but on Jewry as a whole, and thus on Judaism and the God of Israel. "Be not afraid of greatness. Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and others have greatness thrust upon 'em," wrote Shakespeare in Twelfth Night. Throughout history Jews have had greatness thrust upon them. As the late Milton Himmelfarb wrote: "The number of Jews in the world is smaller than a small statistical error in the Chinese census. Yet we remain bigger than our numbers. Big things seem to happen around us and to us." God trusted us enough to make us His ambassadors to an often faithless, brutal world. The choice is ours. Will our lives be a Kiddush Hashem, or God forbid, the opposite? To have done something, even one act in a lifetime, to make someone grateful that there is a God in heaven who inspires people to do good on earth, is perhaps the greatest achievement to which anyone can aspire. Shakespeare rightly defined the challenge: Be not afraid of greatness.



**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:  
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**Know! A person walks in life on a very narrow bridge. The most important thing is not to be afraid...**

**Rebbe Nachman of Breslov**



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**Shabbat Morning Drasha**

**Counting Our Way Towards Kedusha**

Beit Midrash 11:15 am  
Main Sanctuary 11:30 am  
Great Neck Synagogue

**Afternoon Shiur @ 6:45 pm**

**What Came First? The Chicken or the Egg: A Mikvah Dilemma**  
Young Israel of Great Neck

**Seudah Shlishit @ 8:15 pm**

**The Curious Case of the Man Who Cursed God**  
Great Neck Synagogue

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PRESENTS



**YOUNG FAMILY KIDDUSH LUNCHEON**

**SHABBAT MAY 21**

ENHANCED CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING  
JUGGLER (PRE SCHOOL-2ND GRADE)  
SPORTS EVENTS (3RD GRADE & UP)

**MUST RSVP AT GNS.ORG OR JFRISCH@GNS.ORG**  
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Special course: CPR AND AED

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use of the  
Automatic  
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Learn how to perform CPR responding to emergency situations at work or at home. This course run by Dr. Steven Greenstein, M.D. of The American Safety & Health Institute will certify you to provide critical first aid care for adults, children, and infants: cardiac arrest, choking and use of the AED.



Cost: \$30      All welcome to participate in this important training program  
Contact Registration: gsmensclub@gmail.com, or call the shul office 487-6100

# North Shore Mikvah Association

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featuring:

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**Tuesday May 17th  
7:30PM**

**Lucite Ladies  
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**Mikvah Board:**

**Sarah Akhavan, Katie Lichter, Tovah Marmer, Diane Rein & Roya Samuels**

please donate at  
[www.northshoremikvah.org](http://www.northshoremikvah.org)



**Join us for our next Chaverim Program  
on May 18th from 11:30 – 2 pm.**

**"Discover your family genealogy! The how,  
why, where, when, who, what..." presented by  
Debbie Wang**

Come learn how to discover your history, the world of your ancestors. Who were they? What life choices did they make? Where did they go and why? How did these choices affect them and your own lives today? Debbie will discuss researching family history from the beginning. How to start, then researching archives, and finally a culmination presentation that you can give to your family.

As always a delicious lunch will be provided, so please let us know if you will be attending. All you need to do is reply to this email.

Play mah jong, scrabble and card games with your fellow Chaverim after lunch and the presentation.

**Save the dates for upcoming programs**

**June 1** – Sheva Turk, RN will do a presentation on healthy lifestyles and other topics of interest to seniors.

**June 15** – William Helmreich will talk about "Jewish Stereotypes and the Myths behind them"

**Hope to see you all at our next program**

**Cindy, Erica, Michelle and Naeema**

**GNS YOUTH PRESENTS  
4TH ANNUAL  
WOMEN'S SHABBATON**

Parshat  
Bechukotai  
June 4-5, 2016

Welcoming Back  
Nationally Renowned Speaker

**Mrs. Jackie Bitton**

Friday Night Dinner & Oneg for Young Women:  
HS Seniors, College & Graduate Students

Dinner @ GNS following Davening 8:00 pm  
Oneg @ Atlas Home following dinner 9:30 pm

**RSVP to Zehava Atlas [zehmach@aol.com](mailto:zehmach@aol.com)**

Seudah Shlishit Afternoon Shiur 6:00 pm  
Braun Youth Center Mother Daughter Program

"Achieving the Impossible  
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MAY 29th SUNDAY  
10 AM ALL WELCOME

# PLEASE JOIN US FOR A PRESENTATION KEEP JERUSALEM

Chaim Silberstein



How to deal with the current situation?

Divide or not to divide Jerusalem?

The Jerusalem you never knew!



**BREAKFAST ONLY**

Please join the WOMEN'S TEFILA  
this Shabbat afternoon

May 21st at 7:00 pm

for Mincha and to Celebrate

the Bat Mitzvah of

**Maya Glasman**

daughter of Lynn and Abraham Glasman

Oneg following Davening sponsored by the Glasman  
family



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**JUNE 21 TUESDAY 7:10PM**

COST: \$80 Mens Club members \$52

# 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.**

## SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Breakfast is sponsored by **Carol Karbowitz and Lynn Steinberg** in memory of their mother Elizabeth Katzwer, z"l.

## WOMEN'S TEFILA

Women's Tefila will celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of **Maya Glasman** this Shabbat at 7:00 pm. Collation is sponsored by her parents **Lynn & Abraham Glasman**.

## MEN'S CLUB EVENTS

### 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](mailto:jerrysiegelman@gmail.com) or 646.734.3294.

### CPR/AED COURSE

The Men's Club is pleased to schedule a critically important CPR/AED course open to all: **Monday evening May 23rd**, \$30 per person. Space is limited, so contact [gnsmensclub@gmail.com](mailto:gnsmensclub@gmail.com) or call the office at 487-6100 to reserve a place.

### GNS ANNUAL MEETING

Great Neck Synagogue's annual meeting will take place **Tuesday, May 24 at 8:30 pm**. Join us as we induct new members, elect new officers, and pay tribute to departed members. We will also honor the Jack Shaw awardees: **Jack & Celia Lemonik and Jeffrey Wiesenfeld**.

### 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](mailto: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.

### GREAT NECK MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

**Monday, May 30, at 9:15 am**. We are looking for shul members of all ages to join us as we march behind our shul's banner. To make our presentation even more exciting, those with convertibles, classic cars or motorcycles, and scooters are encouraged to join with us as well. There will be T-shirts and flags for all, sponsored by the Men's club and Sisterhood. For questions, contact Alan Steinberg, our Parade chair at [orlyalan@aol.com](mailto:orlyalan@aol.com). **Rabbi Polakoff** will IY"H join the delegation as well.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE

May 18: Chaverim Center  
May 18-19: Men's Club Defensive Driving Course  
May 21: Yoetzet Halacha Shabbaton  
May 21: Young Family Shabbat Kiddush/Luncheon  
May 23: Men's Club: CPR Course  
May 24: Annual Meeting

## MAZAL TOVS & COMMUNITY NEWS

**Mazal Tov to Lynn & Abraham Glasman** on the **Bat Mitzvah** of their daughter **Maya**.

**Mazal Tov to Tommy & Debbie Furst** on the birth of a grandson, born to their children **Rina & Zachary Kestenbaum**.

**Mazal Tov to Robyn & Steven Blumner** on the engagement of their daughter **Sarah** to **Doug Dolitsky** son of **Charisse & Jay Dolitsky** of Cedarhurst.

### 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](http://emunah.org).

### AMERICAN FRIENDS OF ATERET COHANIM DINNER

Celebrate Yom Yerushalayim with American Friends of Ateret Cohanim/Jerusalem Chai, honoring **Drs. Bill & Farla Frumkin** and **Joseph & Dr. Gail Notovitz**, continuing their Patriarch's legacy, on **Tuesday, May 31, 2016** at 6:00 PM, at Terrace On The Park, in Queens. For further info, see Dr. Paul Brody.

### NISHMAT DINNER

**Netti and Ari Herman** will be Guests of Honor at Nishmat's 26th Anniversary Gala Dinner, featuring Nishmat Dean & Founder, Rabbanit Chana Henkin, on **Wednesday, June 1**. To share the celebration, contact co-chairs Karen & Jason Hammerman, Tovah & Josh Marmer, Lisa & Eli Schilowitz or log on to [www.nishmatgala.org](http://www.nishmatgala.org).

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### Saturday, 13 Iyar

Lynn Steinberg for Elizabeth Katzwer  
Carol Karbowitz for Elizabeth Katzwer  
Janet Greenhut for William Lipson  
Abigail Epstein for Ruth Ostrin

### Monday 15, Iyar

Kathy Flatow for Imre David  
Netti Herman for Benjamin Minsker

### Tuesday, 16 Iyar

Helene Bayme for Rhea Asher  
Steven Zuckerman for Philip J. Zuckerman

### Wednesday, 17 Iyar

Murray Frank for Pearl Gold  
Stuart Kaufman for Florence Kaufman

### Thursday, 18 Iyar

Emile Kattan for Edward Kattan

### Friday, 19 Iyar

Louisa Praver for Ruben Fuchs  
Carl Rosenberg for Blanche Rosenberg  
Edward Weiss for Bertha Weiss  
Peter Weiss for Bertha Weiss