



# Shabbat Announcements

Parshat Naso

June 18, 2016 12 Sivan, 5776

<b>TORAH</b> <b>ARTSCROLL 748</b> <b>HERTZ 1181</b>		<b>Rabbi Jonathan Sacks on Naso</b>		
<b>HAFTORAH</b> <b>ARTSCROLL 586</b> <b>HERTZ 602</b>		<p>At 176 verses, Naso is the longest of the parshiyot. Yet one of its most moving passages, and the one that has had the greatest impact over the course of history, is very short indeed and is known by almost every Jew, namely the priestly blessings: The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'Thus shall you bless the Israelites. Say to them: May Lord bless you and protect you; May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; May the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.' Let them set My name on the Israelites, and I will bless them." (Num. 6:23-27)</p> <p>This is among the oldest of all prayer texts. It was used by the priests in the Temple. It is said today by the cohanim in the reader's repetition of the Amidah, in Israel every day, in most of the Diaspora only on festivals. It is used by parents as they bless their children on Friday night. It is often said to the bride and groom under the chuppah. It is the simplest and most beautiful of all blessings. It also appears in the oldest of all biblical texts that have physically survived to today. In 1979</p>		
<b>Times</b>		<p>the archeologist Gabriel Barkay was examining ancient burial caves at Ketef Hinnom, outside the walls of Jerusalem in the area now occupied by the Menachem Begin Heritage Center. A thirteen-year-old boy who was assisting Barkay discovered that beneath the floor of one of the caves was a hidden chamber. There the group discovered almost one thousand ancient artifacts including two tiny silver scrolls no more than an inch long. They were so fragile that it took three years to work out a way of unrolling them without causing them to disintegrate. Eventually the scrolls turned out to be kemayot, amulets, containing, among other texts, the priestly blessings. Scientifically dated to the sixth century BCE, the age of Jeremiah and the last days of the First Temple, they are four centuries older than the most ancient of biblical texts known hitherto, the Dead Sea Scrolls. Today the amulets can be seen in the Israel Museum, testimony to the ancient connection of Jews to the land and the continuity of Jewish faith itself.</p> <p>What gives them their power is their simplicity and beauty. They have a strong rhythmic structure. The lines contain three, five, and seven words respectively. In each, the second word is "the Lord". In all three verses the first part refers to an activity on the part of God - "bless", "make His</p>		
Candle Lighting	8:10 pm	<p>face shine", and "turn His face toward". The second part describes the effect of the blessing on us, giving us protection, grace and peace. They also travel inward, as it were. The first verse "May Lord bless you and protect you," refers, as the commentators note, to material blessings: sustenance, physical health and so on. The second, "May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you," refers to moral blessing. Chen, grace, is what we show to other people and they to us. It is interpersonal. Here we are asking God to give some of His grace to us and others so that we can live together without the strife and envy that can so easily poison relationships. The third is the most inward of all. There is a lovely story about a crowd of people who have gathered on a hill by the sea to watch a great ship pass by. A young child is waving vigorously. One of the men in the crowd asks him why. He says, "I am waving so the captain of the ship can see me and wave back." "But," said the man, "the ship is far away, and there is a crowd of us here. What makes you think that the captain can see you?" "Because," said the boy, "the captain of the ship</p>		
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	7:05 pm			
Mincha	8:05 pm			
Shabbat Ends	9:19 pm			
Sun. June 19	7:30/8:30 am			
Mon. & Thurs.	6:35/7:45 am			
Tue., Wed. & Fri.	6:45/7:45 am			
Mincha	8:10 pm			
Latest Times for Shema/Shemoneh Esrei				
June 18	9:09/10:24 am			
June 25	9:11/10:26 am			
Next Shabbat Beha'alotcha		<b>CONGREGATION &amp; GRADUATION KIDDUSH</b>	<b>SEUDAH SHLISHIT IS SPONSORED BY FLORIN &amp; HOWARD SILBERSTEIN IN MEMORY OF HIS MOTHER LIBIE SILBERSTEIN, Z"l.</b>	<b>BIMA FLOWERS ARE SPONSORED BY CELIA &amp; JACK LEMONIK IN MEMORY OF HER FATHER ALBERT DORNER'S, Z"l, 20TH YAHRZEIT.</b>
Candle Lighting	8:12 pm			
Mincha	7:00 pm			

is my father. He will be looking for me among the crowd." That is roughly what we mean when we say, "May the Lord turn His face toward you." There are seven billion people now living on this earth. What makes us any of us more than a face in the crowd, a wave in the ocean, a grain of sand on the sea shore? The fact that we are God's children. He is our parent. He turns His face toward us. He cares.

The God of Abraham is not a mere force of nature or even all the forces of nature combined. A tsunami does not pause to ask who its victims will be. There is nothing personal about an earthquake or a tornado. The word Elokim means something like "the force of forces, cause of causes, the totality of all scientifically discoverable laws." It refers to those aspects of God that are impersonal. It also refers to God in His attribute of justice, since justice is essentially impersonal. But the name we call Hashem – the name used in the priestly blessings, and in almost all the priestly texts – is God as He relates to us as persons, individuals, each with our unique configuration of hopes and fears, gifts and possibilities. Hashem is the aspect of God that allows us to use the word "You". He is the God who speaks to us and who listens when we speak to Him. How this happens, we do not know, but that it happens is central to Jewish faith. That we call God Hashem is the transcendental confirmation of our significance in the scheme of things. We matter as individuals because God cares for us as a parent for a child. That, incidentally, is one reason why the priestly blessings are all in the singular, to emphasize that God blesses us not only collectively but also individually. One life, said the sages, is like a universe. Hence the meaning of the last of the priestly blessings. The knowledge that God turns His face toward us – that we are not just an indiscernible face in a crowd, but that God relates to us in our uniqueness and singularity – is the most profound and ultimate source of peace. Competition, strife, lawlessness and violence come from the psychological need to prove that we matter.

We do things to prove that I am more powerful, or richer, or more successful than you. I can make you fear. I can bend you to my will. I can turn you into my victim, my subject, my slave. All of these things testify not to faith but to a profound failure of faith. Faith means that I believe that God cares about me. I am here because He wanted me to be. The soul He gave me is pure. Even though I am like the child on the hill watching the ship pass by, I know that God is looking for me, waving to me as I wave to Him. That is the most profound inner source of peace. We do not need to prove ourselves in order to receive a blessing from God. All we need to know is that His face is turned toward us. When we are at peace with ourselves, we can begin to make peace with the world. So the blessings become longer and deeper: from the external blessing of material goods to the interpersonal blessing of grace between ourselves and others, to the most inward of them all, the peace of mind that comes when we feel that God sees us, hears us, holds us in His everlasting arms.

One further detail of the priestly blessings is unique, namely the blessing that the sages instituted to be said by the cohanim over the mitzvah: "Blessed are you...who has made us holy with the holiness of Aaron and has commanded us to bless His people Israel with love." It is the last word, be-ahavah, that is unusual. It appears in no other blessing over the performance of a command. It seems to make no sense. Ideally we should fulfill all the commands with love. But an absence of love does not invalidate any other command. In any case, the blessing over the performance of a command is a way of showing that we are acting intentionally. There was an argument between the sages as to whether mitzvot in general require intention (kavanah) or not. But whether they do or not, making a blessing beforehand shows that we do have the intention to fulfill the command. But intention is one thing, emotion is another. Surely what matters is that the cohanim recite the blessing and God will do the rest. What difference does it make whether they do so in love or not? The commentators wrestle with this question. Some say that the fact that the cohanim are facing the people when they bless means that they are like the cherubim in the Tabernacle, whose faces "were turned to one another" as a sign of love. Others change the word order. They say that the blessing really means, "who has made us holy with the holiness of Aaron and with love has commanded us to bless His people Israel." "Love" here refers to God's love for Israel, not that of the cohanim. However, it seems to me that the explanation is this: the Torah explicitly says that though the cohanim say the words, it is God who sends the blessing. "Let them put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them." Normally when we fulfill a mitzvah, we are doing something. But when the cohanim bless the people, they are not doing anything in and of themselves. Instead they are acting as channels through which God's blessing flows into the world and into our lives. Only love does this. Love means that we are focused not on ourselves but on another. Love is selflessness. And only selflessness allows us to be a channel through which flows a force greater than ourselves, the love that as Dante said, "moves the sun and the other stars", the love that brings new life into the world. To bless, we must love, and to be blessed is to know that we are loved by the One vaster than the universe who nonetheless turns His face toward us as a parent to a beloved child. To know that is to find true spiritual peace.



**Great Neck Yoetzet Halacha Lisa Septimus**  
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**Talk to G-d the way you would talk to your best friend. Tell The Holy One everything...  
 Rebbe Nachman of Breslov**

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**Join us for our next Chaverim Program  
on June 15th from 11:30 – 2 pm.**

This week **Dr. William Helmreich** will talk about  
“**Jewish Stereotypes and the Myths Behind Them**”  
Are Jews really smarter than other peoples? Do they  
control the media? Are they pushy and aggressive?  
Better in business? What about the Jewish mother and  
the JAP stereotype? What about the notions that Jews  
have horns and killed Jesus Christ? Bigger noses?  
What can we do about these stereotypes, many of them  
hurtful and demeaning?

As always a delicious lunch will be provided, so please let us  
know if you will be attending.

After lunch join us for a discussion about our latest book group  
book “the Dressmaker”

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

Thank you to Sheva Turk for an informative and practical guide  
to living healthier and happier lives.

Thank you to Joan Begun for sponsoring the lunch.

**Save the dates for upcoming programs**

**June 29<sup>th</sup>** – Marilyn Freedman will be leading us in a  
whole body exercise program to build strength from  
within. Remember to wear comfortable shoes.

**Chaverim will be continuing through the summer –  
July 13, 27, August 10, 24**

**Hope to see you there, Cindy, Erica, Michelle and  
Naeema**



# GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE

## CHESED COLLECTION



Who among us does not have old and unwanted shoes, eyeglasses or cell phones sitting in a closet or a drawer at home? Although enjoyed and treasured in their day, now these items sit awaiting their seemingly inevitable final reckoning with the Great Neck sanitation department.

It doesn't have to be that way! You can give these items a new lease on life and, more importantly, help those in need when doing so. All you need to do is drop off those items this week at one of the two convenient drop-off locations listed below. Here's how your items will help:

**Shoes** Your gently used shoes will go to Souls4Soles, a terrific charity dedicated to fighting poverty in the U.S. and around the world. Can read more about it at <http://soles4souls.org/>

**Eyeglasses and Sunglasses** Your glasses or sunglasses will go to New Eyes, an outstanding charity based in New Jersey dedicated to providing free prescription glasses for those in need. Read more at <http://www.new-eyes.org>

**Cell phones** Your used cell phone can help provide cost-free communications to the brave members of our military. Cell phones for Soldiers was founded in 2004 by a 12 and 13-year old brother and sister from Massachusetts and has since provided almost 200 million minutes of talk time allowing troops to have priceless conversations with their loved ones back home. You can read more about the program at <http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com/>

We hope that you will take a few moments in your day to go through your closets and drawers to find and donate these items. This is also a wonderful opportunity to teach your children the life-changing value of small acts of chesed.

**Please drop your items off any time Sunday through Friday beginning Sunday May 22.**

1. **88 Old Pond Road** (Please leave by the garage.) Contact, if needed: **Steve Blumner** – [516-639-8941](tel:516-639-8941)
2. **11 William Penn** (Please leave by the garage.) Contact, if needed: **Jonny Ambalo** – [347-971-8178](tel:347-971-8178)



**JOIN OUR EVENT AT THE  
NASSAU COUNTY RIFLE RANGE**

# **SHOOTING EVENT**

**INSTRUCTION  
RIFLE, AMMO, TARGET, INCLUDED**

**MONDAY JUNE 27TH 6 - 9PM**

**COST \$56 WITH PIZZA**

**MENS CLUB MEMBERS ONLY  
(SPOUSES WELCOME)  
(\$18 NEW MEMBER DUES)**

**PRIZE FOR  
BEST SHOT**

**ADULTS 21+**

**FOR INFO CALL MARK FRIEDMAN 516-384-5491**

**HILLY MILUN 516-504-0320**

**06/18/2016**

**Youth Bash  
Shabbat June 18**

**GNS YOUTH BASH**

**Prizes, Candy, Luncheon,  
Ticket Hunt & Grand Raffle!**

Grades 1-8  
Pickup 4:00pm

*Please pick  
up prizes  
after  
Shabbat*

**BASEBALL**

**METS VS. KANSAS CITY**

**CITIFIELD EXCELSIOR BOX**

Contact Jack Lipky 386-1682, jbliref@aol.com or GNS office

**JUNE 21 TUESDAY 7:10PM**

COST: \$60 Mens Club members \$52



**SALLY & SEYMOUR OLSHIN  
ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM  
GNS SUMMER 2016  
LEARNING PROGRAM**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Dr. Edward Reichman**

**Goodbye Ebola Hello Zika:  
The Halakhik Ramifications of the  
Zika Virus**



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.

**Tuesday, July 12  
7:15 pm  
Mincha 8:10 pm**

**Series  
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**To dedicate a  
lecture, contact the  
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# 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.**

## HASHKAMA MINYAN KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by **Paula & Mark Lubin** in memory of his father **Robert Lubin**, z"l.

## SUNDAY BREAKFAST

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

## GRADUATION & CONGREGATIONAL KIDDUSH

Come celebrate all of your smachot at the GNS Graduation and Congregational Kiddush this **Shabbat, June 18**. The cost is \$100 per family to participate. Please call the synagogue office or email [mtwersky@gns.org](mailto:mtwersky@gns.org).

## CHAVERIM CENTER

Join us **June 15** from 11:30-2:00 for our next program featuring William Helmreich, who will speak about "Jewish stereotypes and the myths behind them."

## MEN'S CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

- A. **Tues. June 21** - Mets Game vs. Kansas City 7:10 pm. \$52 for Men's Club members \$60 for non-members. For tickets, speak to Jack Lipsky.
- B. **Mon. June 27** - Nassau County Rifle Range 6-9 pm. Cost is \$56, speak to Mark Friedman or Hilly Milun.

## ROSH HASHANAH SCOPE MAGAZINE

The deadline for all articles, photos, recipes, advertisements and sponsorships for the upcoming Rosh Hashanah issue of SCOPE magazine is Monday, June 27th. Kindly email all submissions to [drein@verizon.net](mailto:drein@verizon.net). Thank you!

## GNS CHESED

We are collecting shoes, eyeglasses and cell phones to be dropped off at the Blumner home, 88 Old Pond Rd. or the Ambalo home, 11 William Penn, Sunday through Friday.

## UPDATE OF EIRUV ON GNS WEBSITE

The eiruv page on the GNS website has been updated with a new map and detailed description. Please familiarize yourself with it to ensure proper observance.

## JOSH MILLER Z"l YAHRZEIT

To mark the 1st yahrzeit of our beloved Josh, ז"ל יהושע דוד, the Miller, Lasson & Raff families invite you to join them for an evening of memories on Thurs. June 23, at the KSYM Shul, Rechov Ephraim 13, Modiin at 8:00 PM. Friday morning, June 24, they will be going to Har Menuchet and will drive to the Nachal Charedi headquarters at 26 Bezalel Street for the dedication of the counseling room in Josh's memory.

The Miller family would like to express their profound gratitude to the Great Neck community, Rabbi Polakoff and members of GNS and Rabbi Lerner and members of YIGN, for opening your community and your hearts to them on Josh's shloshim as well as for the parlor meeting at the home of the Talanskys' that made this counseling room dedication a reality to benefit the IDF -Nachal Charedi Unit. May we be to Zoche to repay you on joyous occasions!

## MAZAL TOVS & COMMUNITY NEWS

**Mazal Tov** to **Ilene & George Shuman** on the birth of a grandson born to their children **Nora & Jonathan Green** and **Mazal Tov** to Great Grandparents **Phyllis & Paul Weinberg**.

## SAVE THE DATE

NORTH SHORE HEBREW ACADEMY'S 13th ANNUAL GOLF, TENNIS & SPA CLASSIC - MONDAY JULY 11th AT FRESH MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB - Honoring Charlie & Doreen Hadid and Tennis Honoree - Robin Muss Abada.  
Please join NSHA on Monday July 11th at Fresh Meadows Country Club for a wonderful day of golf with an all day BBQ, ladies tennis followed by lunch and a mahjong/spa day, men's tennis and a sunset cocktail party followed by a buffet dinner, with prizes, raffles, auctions and evening entertainment. Event Brochure for Registration/Information will be mailed soon. For additional information re: sponsorships and participation, please contact Glenn Zuckerman, Jonathan Muller, Andrew Feldschreiber or Ryan Ostrow or email Arnie Flatow at [aflatow@nsha.org](mailto:aflatow@nsha.org) or call 487-8687 ext 133.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE

- June 15: Chaverim Center  
June 18: Graduation Kiddush  
June 18: Youth Bash  
June 21: Men's Club: Mets Game  
June 27: Men's Club: Rifle Range

## Y A H R Z E I T

### Saturday, 12 Sivan

Judith Weinstein for Beatrice Eichenhon  
Tom Furst for Harry Furst  
Gitty Louzoun for Anna Malek  
Howard Silberstein for Libie Silberstein

### Sunday, 13 Sivan

Zachary Dicker for Samuel Dicker  
Celia Lemonik for Albert Dorner  
Tziporrah Gruber for William Mandell  
Sonia Movsas for Leah Serlin

### Tuesday, 15 Sivan

Rebecca Simhae for Avinam ben Chaim  
Mark Lubin for Robert Lubin

### Wednesday, 16 Sivan

Gloria Faizakoff for Philip Cohen  
Philip Hanfling for Feivul Hanfling  
Philip Hanfling for Roslyn Hanfling  
Gloria Miller for Arlene Miltz

### Thursday, 17 Sivan

Rona Mittleman for Michael Haber  
Edmund Kessler for Lillie Kessler  
Ronald Braun for Leo Kloper  
Pamela Toledano for Harold Kovar  
Paul Brody for Sarah Weinstein

### Friday, 18 Sivan

Steven Kashan for Monavar Kashan  
Sharon Janovic for Ronald Meltz  
Meier Stein for Zvi Mordechai Stein  
Judith Weinstein for Joseph Weisman  
Claire Behar for Lionel Winston