



Shabbat Announcements

Parshat Devarim

August 13, 2016 9 Av, 5776

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Rabbi Jonathan Sacks on Tisha B'Av

"All Jews who are at all conscious of their identity as Jews are steeped in history," wrote Isaiah Berlin. "They have longer memories, they are aware of a longer continuity as a community than any other which has survived." He was right. Judaism is a religion of memory. The verb *zakhor* appears no fewer than 169 times in the Hebrew Bible. "Remember that you were strangers in Egypt"; "Remember the days of old"; "Remember the seventh day to keep it holy"; Memory, for Jews, is a religious obligation. This is particularly so at this time of the year. We call it the "three weeks" leading up to the saddest day in the Jewish calendar, the Ninth of Av, anniversary of the destruction of the two Temples, the first by Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon in 586 BC, the second by Titus in AD 70. Jews never forgot those tragedies. To this day, at every wedding we break a glass in their memory. During the three weeks, we have no celebrations. On the Ninth of Av itself, we spend the day fasting and sitting on the floor or low stools like mourners, reading the Book of Lamentations. It is a day of profound collective grief. Two and a half thousand years is a long time to remember.

Often I'm asked — usually in connection with the

Holocaust — is it really right to remember? Should there not be a moratorium on grief? Are not most of the ethnic conflicts in the world fuelled by memories of perceived injustices long ago? Would not the world be more peaceable if once in a while we forgot? Yes and no. It depends on how we remember. My late predecessor, Lord Jakobovits, used to point out that three times in the Book of Genesis God is spoken of as remembering. "God remembered Noah" and brought him out of the ark onto dry land. "God remembered Abraham" and saved his nephew Lot from the destruction of the cities of the plain. "God remembered Rachel" and gave her a child. When God remembers, he does so for the future and for life.

In fact, though the two are often confused, memory is different from history. History is someone else's story. It's about events that occurred long ago to someone else. Memory is my story. It's about where I come from and of what narrative I am a part. History answers the question, "What happened?" Memory answers the question, "Who, then, am I?" It is about identity and the connection between the generations. In the case of collective memory, all depends on how we tell the story. We don't remember for the sake of revenge. "Do not hate the Egyptians," said Moses, "for you were strangers in their land." To be free, you have to let go of hate. Remember the past, says Moses, but do not be held captive by it. Turn it into a blessing, not a curse; a source of hope, not humiliation. To this day, the Holocaust survivors

I know spend their time sharing their memories with young people, not for the sake of revenge, but its opposite: to teach tolerance and the value of life. Mindful of the lessons of Genesis, we too try to remember for the future and for life. In today's fast-moving culture, we undervalue acts of remembering. Computer memories have grown, while ours have become foreshortened. Our children no longer memorize chunks of poetry. Their knowledge of history is often all too vague. Our sense of space has expanded. Our sense of time has shrunk. That cannot be right. One of the greatest gifts we can give to our children is the knowledge of where we have come from, the things for which we fought, and why. None of the things we value — freedom, human dignity, justice — was achieved without a struggle. None can be sustained without conscious vigilance. A society without memory is like a journey without a map. It's all too easy to get lost.

I, for one, cherish the richness of knowing that my life is a chapter in a book begun by my ancestors long ago, to which I will add my contribution before handing it on to my children. Life has meaning when it is part of a story, and the larger the story, the more our imaginative horizons grow. remembered do not die. That's as close as we get to immortality on earth.

Times

Candle Lighting	7:38 pm
Mincha	7:00 pm
Hashkama	8:00 am
Youth Minyan	8:30 am
Parsha Shiur	8:30 am
Main	9:00 am
Beit Midrash	9:15 am
Gemara Shiur	6:00 pm
Mincha	6:55 pm
Shabbat Ends	8:45 pm
Sun. August 14 Tisha B'Av	See Schedule Page 3
Mon. & Thurs.	6:35/7:45 am
Tues., Wed. & Fri.	6:45/7:45 am
Mincha	7:30 pm
Latest Times for Shema/Shemoneh Esrei	
Aug. 13	9:31/10:40 am
Aug. 20	9:34/10:42 am
Next Shabbat Va'etchanan	
Candle Lighting	7:28 pm
Mincha	7:00 pm

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Laws of Tisha B'Av

When the Erev Tisha B'Av falls on Shabbat, as it does this year, certain changes from the normal 'Erev Tisha B'Av' routine are required. The following is a brief guideline of the changes specific to such a year.

1. Seudah Mafseket

Normally, the final meal before Tisha B'Av ("Seudah Mafseket") is eaten in "mourning", sitting on the floor, eating a piece of bread and a hard-boiled egg with some ashes. When Erev Tisha B'Av is Shabbat, however, these practices do not apply since no mourning is allowed on Shabbat. A proper "Shabbat" meal should be eaten at Seudah Shlishit, and this meal may even include meat and wine. This meal should take place after mincha, and care must be taken to complete this meal, including birkat hamzon, before sunset. To accommodate this, mincha Shabbat afternoon this week will be scheduled earlier than usual, giving people the opportunity to prepare sufficiently.

2. Havdala

Since one cannot drink the wine of Havdala on Saturday night (because of the fast), Havdala is NOT made immediately after Shabbat. Instead, only the blessing on the candle (Borei me'roei ha'esh) is made, which we will do in shul after ma'ariv. After the fast ends Sunday evening, Havdala is recited over a cup of wine. At that time, the opening paragraph of Havdalah, as well as the blessing over spices, are omitted.

Note: If one needs to break his or her fast and eat on Tisha B'Av itself, one should say the Havdala, as described above, just prior to breaking his or her fast.

3. After Shabbat

Eicha and Kinnot begin at 9:00 pm to allow people time after Shabbat to change into Tisha B'Av shoes and return to shul in 'Tisha B'Av mode'. If you are remaining in shul after Maariv, please bring your Tisha B'Av shoes to shul before Shabbat and you can leave them in the coat room. Please remember that after Shabbat ends, one should say the words: "ברוך המבדיל בין קדש לחול" before doing any Melacha, or preparing for Tisha B'Av (including changing into Tisha B'Av shoes).

4. Motzei Tisha B'Av (Sunday)

In addition to Havdalah, another distinction exists regarding the end of the fast (Sunday evening) this year. Generally, the restrictions of the 9 days continue in force until mid-day the next day, reflecting the historical fact that the Temple burned through the 10th of Av. However, in a year in which Tisha B'Av is a nidcheh (postponed from Shabbat), the date of the fast day is already the 10th of Av. On such a year, all the restrictions of the 9 days end with the fast itself, with the exception of the restriction on meat and wine which remain in force till the next morning. One may, however, drink the wine of Havdalah as mentioned above. Thus, one may do laundry, bathe, swim, take a haircut, shave, listen to music, etc. all beginning Sunday night immediately after the fast.

5. Additional Laws of Tisha Ba'v

Eating and Drinking

All eating and drinking is forbidden. This includes rinsing the mouth and brushing teeth. Pregnant and nursing women should begin the fast, but may break it upon feeling significant discomfort. Please consult one of us if you have a question.

Bathing and Washing

All bathing for pleasure is prohibited even in cold water including the hands, face and feet. Ritual washing upon waking and washing after using the bathroom or before praying is permitted, but only up to the knuckles. One may wash dirty or sullied portions of the body (including cleaning the eyes of glutinous material). Washing for cooking or for medical reasons is permitted.

Anointing

Anointing for pleasure is prohibited including oil, soap, alcohol, cream, ointment, perfume, etc. Anointing for medical reasons is permitted, as well as using deodorant to remove bad odor.

Marital Relations

Since cohabitation is prohibited, a husband and wife should avoid contact during the night of Tisha B'Av.

Wearing Leather Shoes

Even shoes made partially of leather are prohibited. Shoes made of cloth, rubber or plastic are permitted. Wearing leather shoes is permitted for medical reasons.

Learning Torah

Since the heart rejoices in the study of Torah, it is prohibited to learn topics other than those relevant to Tisha B'Av or mourning. One may learn: Lamentations with its midrash and commentaries, portions of the Prophets that deal with tragedy or destruction, the third chapter of Moed Katan (which deals with mourning), the story of the destruction (in Gittin 56b-58a, Sanhedrin 104, and in Josephus), and the halachot of Tisha B'Av and mourning.

Additional Restrictions

One should deprive himself of some comfort in sleep (reducing the number of pillows, etc.) Pregnant women, the elderly and the ill need not do this. Sitting on a normal chair is forbidden until midday. One may sit on a low bench or chair, or on a cushion on the floor. Greeting someone with "good morning" and the like is prohibited. One who is greeted should answer softly and not risk embarrassing someone else. If appropriate, inform the person of the prohibition. One should not give a gift except to the needy. The custom is to refrain until midday from any time-consuming work that diverts one from mourning. In merit of our sincere observance of this time of mourning, may we merit the fulfillment of our hopes and prayers for the rebuilding of Yerushalayim.



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
Email: greatneckyoetzet@gmail.com.
All conversations and emails are kept confidential.



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**Truth is the light you need to find your way out of darkness...
Rebbe Nachman of Breslov**

TISHA B'AV 5776
Sunday, August 14, 2016
10 Av, 5776

Saturday night schedule

Gemara Shiur (Tisha B'Av Selections) 6:00 pm
Mincha 6:55 pm
Seudah Shlishit must be finished by 7:55 pm
Fast begins 7:55 pm
Introduction to Eicha by Rabbi Polakoff 8:10 pm
Maariv 8:35 pm Shabbat ends 8:45 pm
Eicha and Kinot 9:00 pm

Sunday schedule

First Shacharit 7:00 am (with kinot)
Second Shacharit 9:00 am (with explanatory kinot until 1:00 pm)
Tisha B'Av Shiur Rabbi Lichter 1:00 – 1:30 pm
Chatzot 12:59 pm 1st Mincha 1:35 pm

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Silver Linings

(in conjunction with American Friends of Ateret Cohanim)

Silver Linings traces the roots of the Bais Hamikdash, starting long before the first stone was ever laid to rest in Jerusalem. The story begins with a single rock, a unique stone that played a pivotal role in our patriarch Jacob's journey as, divinely inspired by a vision of angels ascending and descending a ladder, he laid the foundation for the Jewish nation. That same stone became a foundation of another kind, imbued with a special holiness as it became part of the first temple and then the second. Against all odds, that single stone survives the destruction that engulfed Jerusalem's holiest site, not once, but twice, ultimately enduring to bear testament to the eternity of the Jewish people.

3:45 – 5:00 pm

Tisha B'Av 2016 Video Presentation from the OU

Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Hersh Weinreb

"Grief, Guidance & Growth"

Rabbi Steven Weil

"Mourning the Victims of Lita 75 Years Later and the Victims of Entebbe 40 Years Later"

5:30 – 7:15 pm

Opening the Door: The Power of Ahavat Yisrael

Rabbi Yissocher Frand, Rabbi Paysach Krohn, HaRav Shmuel Kamentesky
& Rabbi Yitzchak Dovid Grossman

Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation

2nd Mincha 7:25 pm

Shiur between Mincha and Maariv Rabbi Polakoff

Ma'ariv 8:15 pm

Fast ends 8:30 pm



Event Sponsors:



College and college-bound students are invited to join StandWithUs for a special and exclusive event to further understand and defeat the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel and the anti-Israel movement.

Hear from student leaders who have experienced anti-Israel and anti-Semitic activities on campus. Learn tangible actions you can take, and Know Your Rights.

MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016

The Inn At Great Neck, 30 Cutter Mill Road, Great Neck, NY
(one block from LIRR Train Station)

7:00-7:45 PM: Live dining dinner & refreshments (Kosher dining fees allowed)
7:45-8:30 PM: Program to start promptly
8:30 PM: Discount reception

*Photo ID will be checked at registration. FREE OF CHARGE.
Free \$150 Apple gift certificate raffle.
Please come early.

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

Tuesday, August 9
8:15 pm following
Mincho 7:40 pm

Series
Sponsorships - \$100

To dedicate a
lecture, contact the
synagogue office

516.487.8100
mwworsky@gns.org

Guest Speaker:

Rabbi Chaim Schwartz

**A Look Behind the Scenes of the
Va'ad of Queens**

Rabbi Schwartz is the Executive Vice President of the Va'ad Rabbonim of Queens and oversees the kosher division. His presentation will discuss many topics in kosher including how a restaurant becomes kosher as well as debunking certain myths about standards of the Va'ad. It will be a very enlightening discussion with a Q&A to follow.



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WE ARE COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES



ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO CHAI LIFELINE
THE SUPPLIES WILL BE USED BY FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN FROM KINDERGARTEN - HIGH SCHOOL.

KNAPSACKS, NOTEBOOKS, MARKERS, LOOSELEAFS, GLUE, SCISSORS, PAPER, RULERS, ETC.

**PLEASE DROP OFF AT 2 BRENTWOOD LANE
HOME of JOE ROSENTHAL AND JAYNE ALTMAN
SUNDAY - THURSDAY THROUGH AUG. 8TH
PLEASE LEAVE NEAR FRONT DOOR**

**Yoga @ GNS
Thursdays in August**

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**BRING THE SWEETNESS OF ROSH HASHANA
TO THOSE IN NEED!**

Parent/Pre-teen Bake A Thon for GNS Pass It Forward Program.

At the home of Marla Lemonik

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11th, open from 10 am till 3 pm.

Bring your **pre-teen (age 9 and up)**,
flour, sugar, honey, large eggs and your enthusiasm.

Contact Marla at marla.lemonik@gmail.com
or call her 646-220-8105.

**MAKE THIS ROSH HASHANA MORE MEANINGFUL
BY BAKING FOR THOSE IN NEED!**

Join other adults at the GNS Bake A Thon
at the home of Marla Lemonik

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7th, open from 10 am till 3 pm.

Bring yourself, your friends, flour, sugar, honey, large eggs
and your joy in helping others.

Contact Marla at marla.lemonik@gmail.com
or call her 646-220-8105.



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BOOK SALE ENDING

Due to an accumulation of visiting author's books, we are selling our limited stash at big discounts. The following books are available for **\$10 each**:

The Prime Ministers by Yehuda Avner **(SOLD OUT)**

Subversive Sequels in the Bible (Paperback) by Judy Klitsner

The Mystery of the Milton Manuscript (A Novel) by Barry Libin

Table Talk – Shabbos and Yom Tov Divrei Torah by Rabbi Raphael Pelcovitz **(1 COPY LEFT)**

Yoni's Last Battle – The Rescue at Entebbe by Ido Netanyahu **(AUTOGRAPHED BY AUTHOR)**

This is a Soul – The Mission of Rick Hodes by Marilyn Berger **(1 COPY LEFT)**

Legacy by Harry Ostrer

I Believe – The Story of One Jewish Life by Leibel (Leo) Zisman

When They Come For Us We'll Be Gone – The Epic Struggle to Save Soviet Jewry by Gal Beckerman

Wake Up to the New Year – Stories and Insights by Yehuda Cahn

Precious Objects – A Story of Diamonds, Family and A Way of Life by Alisia Oltusks **(1 COPY LEFT)**

Travel in Halacha – A Contemporary Halachic Guide for the Jewish Traveler **(SOLD OUT)**

Wake Up to a New Year: Stories & Insights by Yehuda Cahn **(1 COPY LEFT)**

There is a very limited supply available in the office. First come first served. No limits.
Cash or check only.



**The Chaverim Program will be meeting
on August 10th from 11:30 – 2 pm.**

Join us for a fun program of **chair yoga** led by Pia Shlomo. Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that is practiced sitting on a chair, or standing using a chair for support.

As always a delicious lunch will be provided, so please RSVP and tell us if you will be attending. Call the shul office or email Michelle at michberman@gmail.com

After yoga, feel free to stay and play mah jong, scrabble, and cards or relax by coloring pictures.

Thank you to Carol Kaufman for sponsoring lunch on July 13th in memory of her father.

Thank you to Dr. Sachmehchi for sponsoring lunch on July 27th in memory of his parents.

**Save the dates August 24th, September 7th and 21st
for upcoming programs.**

For those of you who participate in our book group, the next book we are reading is "In Miriam's Kitchen" by Elizabeth Ehrlich.

**We are always looking for program ideas, so please
share yours with us.**

**Remember donations and sponsorships are
always welcome.**

**Hope to see you on Wednesday,
Cindy, Erica, Michelle and Naema**



6th ANNUAL FISHING TRIP

Sunday August 28

**Boat departs from Freeport Boat Dock at
9am & returns at 2pm**

\$55 Per Person

\$40 Children 6-11

\$50 Men's Club Members

EVERYONE WELCOME

FANTASY III

First 6 Children under 12 yrs FREE with adult - 1 per family

BREAKFAST & LUNCH INCLUDED

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

UPCOMING SUMMER SERIES LECTURE

Tues. August 9, 8:15 pm: Rabbi Chaim Schwartz
Behind the Scenes at the Va'ad

GNS JULY CHESED COLLECTION

Collecting school supplies to be donated to Chai Lifeline, please drop off at home of Joe Rosenthal & Jayne Altman, 2 Brentwood Lane at front door until **Monday Aug. 8.**

TOYS FOR YOUTH PROGRAM

The Youth Department Toddler program is in need of new or gently used toys for use on Shabbat. Please bring to the Shul office.

MEN'S CLUB EVENT

August 28: 6th Annual Fishing Trip, 9am-2pm from Freeport Boat Dock. Men's Club Members \$50, non-members \$55, children 6-11 yrs. \$40. First 6 children under age 12 are free with one adult ticket, limited one per family. Breakfast & lunch included. Please contact for more information:

Mark Friedman 482.1062 or MFriedman@aol.com or Hilly Milun 448.4890 or gnsmensclub@gmail.com.

HUNGER INITIATIVE

The three weeks are here and Rosh HaShana can't be far behind...Time for introspection and increasing good deeds. Here's a plan:

- 1) When you are cooking for Shabbat, PLEASE COOK AN EXTRA CHICKEN OR TWO. 2) When the chicken is cooled, FREEZE it in a foil pan or a plastic bag in YOUR freezer.
- 3) Email the Hunger Initiative yomtovchicken@gmail.com to let us know EVERY time you've cooked an extra chicken.
- 4) DELIVER chicken to GNS in September when we are delivering food for Pass It Forward. We deliver food to those in need. Be part of the solution...

OLD STUFF DOING GOOD STUFF! We are looking for people to donate FREEZER SPACE in your current freezer or an old FREEZER that you no longer use for PASS IT FORWARD, the GNS Hunger Initiative program to help those in need. If you can offer either space in your freezer OR an old freezer you no longer want, please contact CINDY HODKIN at koshercookinggn@gmail.com or call her at [516-317-9632](tel:516-317-9632).

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE

August 9: Rabbi Chaim Schwartz
August 10: Chaverim Center
August 11: Yoga with Pia Shlomo
August 18: Yoga with Pia Shlomo
August 21: Rabbi Dovid Hirsch
August 24: Chaverim Center
August 25: Yoga with Pia Shlomo
August 28: Men's Club Annual Fishing Trip

MAZAL TOVS & COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Mark & Beth Gersten** on the birth of a granddaughter, born to his children, **Betzalel & Fay Gersten** in Israel.

Mazal Tov to **Melissa Sgro & Ron Zwecker** on their upcoming marriage.

SCHOLARS' KOLLEL SIYUM

The annual 9 days siyum for the Scholars' Kollel will be **Wednesday August 10th** at Chattanooga Restaurant. Hors d'oeuvre at 7:15 pm followed by Mincha, Siyum & Dinner for \$35 per person. All are welcome, reservations required with Steve Zuckerman at zkster@aol.com.

CALENDARS, CARDS & MAGAZINES

2016-2017 Calendars can be picked up at GNS office. Mazal Tov and Condolence cards sent by GNS are now going to cost \$10 each. We are still collecting magazines for North Shore Hospital. Please cut off address labels and make sure magazines are no more than 3 months old.

The Leiderman and Statfeld family would like to sincerely thank the friends and members of the Great Neck Synagogue who offered their comfort and support through their visits, letters and generous donations in memory of our beloved father, grandfather, great grandfather, Mr. Al Leiderman, z'l. Special thanks to Rabbi Polakoff and Ellen, the Shiva Chesed Committee coordinated masterfully by Sharon Goldwyn, and to Jerrald Weinstein and the Chevra Kadisha, who all represented the decades of love and respect shared with our parents during their 60 years as active and proud Great Neck Synagogue members.

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Saturday, 9 Av

Trudy Jettelson for Sol Sirota

Sunday, 10 Av

Sanford Brand for Frieda Brand
Marilyn Freedman for Anna Cohen
Claire Behar for Patricia Winston Marback
Hilda Schulman for Mollie Trainer
Jerrald Weinstein for Philip Weinstein

Monday, 11 Av

Charles Berlin for Helen Berlin

Tuesday, 12 Av

Yehoshua Gilad for Shumel Greenberger
Larry Horn for Morris Horn
Louis Goldstein for Eva Rubin
Janet Pomerantz for Nathan Siegel

Wednesday, 13 Av

Dahlia Klein for Yehuda Abraham
Liliane Benrimon for Marcelle Castiel
Martin Edelstein for Herman Edelstein

Suzy Sokol for Haji Kamali

Thursday, 14 Av

Leslie Kahn for Pessah Kahn
Edmund Kessler for Israel Kessler