



GNS Youth Welcomes New Additions

Morah Rebeka Joins the Staff



The GNS youth department is excited to announce a most wonderful addition this year in the hiring of Morah Rebeka to our pre-school team. Morah Rebeka grew up in Forest Hills, Queens. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood and Elementary with a co-major in Judaic Studies. Morah Rebeka has extensive experience in both formal and informal education, having taught at HANC, Temple Israel of Great Neck and now with North Shore Hebrew Academy, teaching pre-K. She will be the Morah for the Kindergarten groups.

Bnei Akiva Shlichot at Great Neck Synagogue



Efrat and Rachel

Beginning next Shabbat, September 17, we are excited to welcome two Israeli Bnei Akiva Shlichot Rachel Wisemon and Efrat Carmi to our community to play vital roles in our ever expanding youth program. Rachel and Efrat will work on Shabbat mornings as Morahs in the girls youth groups and will provide our children with a love of Eretz Yisrael and connection to our people and our land.

We are partnering with the North Shore Hebrew Academy to bring Rachel and Efrat to the community where they will work with NSHA through June developing and implementing programming around Zionism, Israeli history and news, Hebrew language, Shabbat and Chagim. Their work at NSHA will fulfill their second year of Sheirut Leumi (National Service).

It is a privilege for Great Neck Synagogue and North Shore Hebrew Academy to participate in the Bnei Akiva Shlichot program. There is a tremendous amount our children, families and community can gain from having Rachel and Efrat embedded here to educate and inspire us. They will play an integral role in cultivating our value of Torat Yisrael - a commitment to and love for Torah, mitzvot, halacha, Medinat Yisrael and Klal Yisrael.

Rachel and Efrat are far from home and we encourage you to welcome them for meals on Shabbat and chagim. They will be friendly and familiar faces to your children and we know they would love to interact with you and your families. Rachel and Efrat have prepared a brief video introducing themselves to our community. You can view it on the dedicated Shlichot Bnei Akiva Facebook Page.

We thank everyone at North Shore Hebrew Academy and our outstanding GNS youth committee for organizing this program in the betterment of our community.

Also new this year for the youth program is the inclusion of the Mender Auditorium as a great space that will be utilized for grades 1-4 boys and girls groups which will begin groups there at 10:00 am.

On top of all these great new developments, we will also continue to operate with the leadership of Rabbi Jensen, Morah Zehava, Dr. Mike, and the more than 45 teens who work in our program as young leaders to make our youth program the best in town.