



Shabbat Announcements

Chol HaMoed Sukkot

October 22, 2016 20 Tishrei, 5777

TORAH ARTSCROLL 504 HERTZ 362 SIDDUR 961		Rabbi Jonathan Sacks on Sukkot		
MAFTIR ARTSCROLL 896 HERTZ 698 SIDDUR 973		<p>Of all the festivals, Sukkot is surely the one that speaks most powerfully to our time. Kohelet could almost have been written in the twenty first century. Here is the ultimate success, the man who has it all – the houses, the cars, the clothes, the adoring women, the envy of all men – who has pursued everything this world can offer from pleasure to possessions to power to wisdom and yet who, surveying the totality of his life, can only say, in effect, "Meaningless, meaningless, everything is meaningless."</p> <p>Kohelet's failure to find meaning is directly related to his obsession with the "I" and the "Me": "I built for myself. I gathered for myself. I acquired for myself." The more he pursues his desires, the emptier his life becomes. There is no more powerful critique of the consumer society, whose idol is the self, whose icon is the "selfie" and whose</p>	<p>moral code is "Whatever works for you." This is the society that achieved unprecedented affluence, giving people more choices than they have ever known, and yet at same time saw an unprecedented rise in alcohol and drug abuse, eating disorders, stress related syndromes, depression, attempted suicide and actual suicide. A society of tourists, not pilgrims, is not one that will yield the sense of a life worth living. Of all things people have chosen to worship, the self is the least fulfilling. A culture of narcissism quickly gives way to loneliness and despair.</p> <p>Kohelet was also, of course, a cosmopolitan: a man at home everywhere and therefore nowhere. This is the man who had seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines but in the end could only say, "More bitter than death is the woman." It should be clear to anyone who reads this in the context of the life of Solomon, that Kohelet is not really talking about women but about himself. In the end Kohelet finds meaning in simple things. Sweet is the sleep of</p>	<p>a laboring man. Enjoy life with the woman you love. Eat, drink and enjoy the sun. That ultimately is the meaning of Sukkot as a whole. It is a festival of simple things. It is, Jewishly, the time we come closer to nature than any other, sitting in a hut with only leaves for a roof, and taking in our hands the unprocessed fruits and foliage of the palm branch, the citron, twigs of myrtle and leaves of willow. It is a time when we briefly liberate ourselves from the sophisticated pleasures of the city and the processed artifacts of a technological age and recapture some of the innocence we had when we were young, when the world still had the radiance of wonder.</p> <p>The power of Sukkot is that it takes us back to the most elemental roots of our being. You don't need to live in a palace to be surrounded by clouds of glory. You don't need to be rich to buy yourself the same leaves and fruit that a billionaire uses in worshipping God. Living in</p>
HAFTORAH ARTSCROLL 1243 HERTZ 979 SIDDUR 973				
Times				
Candle Lighting	5:47 pm			
Mincha	5:50 pm			
Hashkama	8:00 am			
Youth Minyan	8:30 am			
Main (Kohelet)	8:45 am			
Beit Midrash	9:15 am			
Gemara Shiur	4:40 pm			
Mincha	5:40 pm			
Shabbos Ends	6:54 pm			
Weekly Schedule	See Page 3			
Latest Times for Shema/Shemoneh Esrei				
Oct. 22	9:56/10:50 am			
Oct. 29	10:00/10:53 am			
Next Shabbat Breishit		BIMA FLOWERS SPONSORED BY ELIO AND JUNE ROVETTI IN HONOR OF THE BAT MITZVAH OF THEIR GRANDDAUGHTER, LEAH.	SEUDAH SHLISHT IS SPONSORED BY ROBYN & STEVEN BLUMNER IN MEMORY OF HIS FATHER, HENRY BLUMNER Z"L.	KIDDUSH ON SIMCHAT TORAH IS SPONSORED BY THE ARYEH FAMILY.
Candle Lighting	5:38 pm			
Mincha	5:40 pm			

the sukkah and inviting guests to your meal, you discover – such is the premise of Ushpizin, the mystical guests – that the people who have come to visit you are none other than Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their wives. What makes a hut more beautiful than a home is that when it comes to Sukkot there is no difference between the richest of the rich and the poorest of the poor. We are all strangers on earth, temporary residents in God’s almost eternal universe. And whether or not we are capable of pleasure, whether or not we have found happiness, nonetheless we can all feel joy.

Sukkot is the time we ask the most profound question of what makes a life worth living. Having prayed on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to be written in the Book of Life, Kohelet forces us to remember how brief life actually is, and how vulnerable. “Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.” What matters is not how long we live, but how intensely we feel that life is a gift we repay by giving to others. Joy, the overwhelming theme of the festival, is what we feel when we know that it is a privilege simply to be alive, inhaling the intoxicating beauty of this moment amidst the profusion of nature, the teeming diversity of life and the sense of communion with those many others with whom we share a history and a hope.

Most majestically of all, Sukkot is the festival of insecurity. It is the candid acknowledgment that there is no life without risk, yet we can face the future without fear when we know we are not alone. God is with us, in the rain that brings blessings to the earth, in the love that brought the universe and us into being, and in the

resilience of spirit that allowed a small and vulnerable people to outlive the greatest empires the world has ever known. Sukkot reminds us that God’s glory was present in the small, portable Tabernacle Moses and the Israelites built in the desert even more emphatically than in Solomon’s Temple with all its grandeur. A Temple can be destroyed. But a sukkah, broken, can be rebuilt tomorrow. Security is not something we can achieve physically but it is something we can acquire mentally, psychologically, spiritually. All it needs is the courage and willingness to sit under the shadow of God’s sheltering wings.

CHOL HAMOED TIMES

Wednesday, Oct. 19 Chol HaMoed I
Mincha: 5:55 pm

Thursday, Oct. 20 Chol HaMoed II
Shacharit: 6:25/7:45 am
Mincha: 5:55 pm

Friday, Oct. 21 Chol HaMoed III
Shacharit: 6:25/7:45 am
Candle Lighting: 5:47 pm
Mincha: 5:50 pm

Sunday, Oct. 23 Hoshana Rabbah
Shacharit: 6:45/8:30 am
Candle Lighting: 5:44 pm
Mincha: 5:45 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
Email: greatneckyoetzet@gmail.com.
All conversations and emails are kept confidential.



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Zeev Kron, Cantor
Eleazer Schulman, z”l, Cantor Emeritus
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SIMCHAT TORAH HONOREES

Mazal Tov to our Simchat Torah honorees!

CHATAN TORAH: ARYEH FAMILY
CHATAN BREISHIT: HOWARD SILBERSTEIN
CHATAN MAFTIR: MARK GELBERG

Schedule - Sukkot 5777

Thursday October 20 High School Mystery Bus Ride

Sign up- email Dr. Mike michaela@laspsyd@gmail.com
Rabbi Jensen, Dr. Mike & Morah Zehava on the ride.

Meet @ GNS 6:00pm-????

\$25 includes bus, activity, and dinner!



Monday, Oct. 24 Shmini Atzeret

Shacharit: 8:00/9:00/9:15 am

Yizkor: approx 10:45 am

Kiddush Class with Shira Hecht-Koller: 12:30 pm

Mincha: 5:45 pm followed by Shiur: Aaron Koller

Candle Lighting after: 6:42

Maariv with Hakafot following: 6:42 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 25 Simchat Torah

Shacharit: 8:00/9:00 am

Women's Tefilla: 9:00 am

Women's Class with Shira Hecht-Koller: 12:15 pm

Mincha: 5:45 pm followed by Shiur: Aaron Koller

Yom Tov ends: 6:50 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 26 - Thursday, Oct. 27

Mincha: 5:40 pm

GNS YOUTH SUKKOT EVENTS

2nd Days of Sukkot

Saturday Night October 22

Sukkah Sleepover

Join us for Food, Friends, and Fun!!

Breakfast & Davening

Grades 5 & Up

9:30pm-8:00am



Sunday October 23

Trip to Active Kidz Long Island

Grades 1-5

11:30-4:00

\$40 per child

Includes Pizza (11:30) & transportation
(socks must be worn)

Sunday Night October 23

Shemini Atzeret High School Oneg

Please join us at the Sukkah of our
Rabbi and Ellen Polakoff!!

8:30 pm

25 Wooleys Lane

Walking groups available.

Monday afternoon October 24

NEW PROGRAM

Preschool Hakafot Program

Celebrate early with your little ones!

With Morah Zehava 4:45-5:30pm

Braun Youth Center



Monday evening October 24

Simchat Torah

ANNUAL YOUTH SIMCHAT TORAH!!

Dancing, Flags, Candy, Friends

SEFER FOR EACH YOUTH MEMBER!!

6:15pm- Beit Midrash



Tuesday morning

NEW PROGRAM

Simchat Torah Day Groups!!!!

9:00-10:00 Pregroups

10:00-11:00 Preschool-4th grade

ALL YOUTH IN MAIN SANCTUARY FOR DAVENING AND HAKAFOT



Great Neck Synagogue Guest Speaker Series

Shmini Atzeret & Simchat Torah

October 24-25, 2016

Aaron Koller and Shira Hecht-Koller



SHIURIM

Shmini Atzeret
Kiddush Class
12:30pm
Shira Hecht-Koller

Creativity v. Obedience
as Competing Values
in
Jewish Thought

Shmini Atzeret
Mincha 5:45pm
Followed by
Aaron Koller

Letters Floating
in the Air:
The Torah beyond
the Text

Women's Class
Simchat Torah
Morning 12:15pm
Shira Hecht-Koller

Identity Complexes:
Characters and
Characterization in
Biblical Narratives

Simchat Torah
Mincha 5:45pm
Followed by
Aaron Koller

Biblical Creation
in an Age of Science:
The Garden of Eden
in the Modern Age



Shira Hecht-Koller is the director of Communal Engagement at the Drisha Institute for Jewish Education. For many years, she taught Talmud and Comparative Ethics, most recently at SAR High School. She is a founding member of the Orthodox Leadership Project and was a fellow at the Paideia Institute of Jewish Studies in Stockholm. She received her BA in Biology from Yeshiva University, and was a Golding Scholar at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. She is a graduate of the Bruria Scholars Program in Advanced Talmud Studies at Midreshet Lindenbaum.

Aaron Koller is an associate professor of Near Eastern and Jewish Studies at Yeshiva University, where he studies the ancient world of the Eastern Mediterranean and Near East. His most recent book is Esther in Ancient Jewish Thought (Cambridge University Press, 2014). Aaron has served as a visiting professor at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and held research fellowships at the Albright Institute for Archeological Research and the Hartman Institute.

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Hoshana Rabbah Lecture Rabbi Peysach Krohn



Saturday Night, Oct. 22
8:30 pm GNS Sukkah
Rekindling the Inner Flame

Great Neck Synagogue

26 Old Mill Rd.

Dairy Melava Malka to be served

EREV SHMINI ATZERET PROGRAMS SUNDAY OCTOBER 23

CRAZY DANNY & ARTS N' CRAFTS WITH MORAH ZEHAVA
PRESCHOOL 10:00-11:30AM
DROP OFF PROGRAM
HAVE A BLAST WITH FUN GAMES AND ACTIVITY FOR THE CHIEF

ACTIVE KIDZ LONG ISLAND
GRADES 1-4
11:30-4:00
\$40 PER CHILD
INCLUDES PIZZA (11:30) & TRANSPORTATION
(SOCKS MUST BE WORN)
YOU DO NOT NEED TO PREREGISTER.

**NORTH SHORE
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ישיבת חוף הצפון

אחריות

תורת ישראל

Explore our values firsthand.

**Join us at our Open House and learn
about our Toddler - Eighth grade program**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 | 10:00 AM

16 Cherry Lane Great Neck, NY

Families welcome - To RSVP please email Abigail Weiss at
openhouse@nsha.org or call: (516) 487-8687 Ext. 128

Supervised programming during the Open House for children ages 2+.

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At North Shore Hebrew Academy our core values drive every aspect of our Modern Orthodox Yeshiva experience. Learn how the North Shore Hebrew Academy can transform your child and your family.

We are not just a school - we are a community.

דרך ארץ

שמחת חיים

Save the date! NSHA Shabbat kiddush luncheon for
current and prospective families. December 3, 2016.



Come join the fun!

AMF Sheridan Lanes
199 E. Jericho Turnpike
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GNS Team Bowling

Stop, Drop & Bowl
Saturday night November 12
7:30 - 10:00 pm

Prizes for Top Teams & Top Scores
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Call the shul office or go to gns.org to make your reservation today!

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MEN'S CLUB GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF GREAT NECK presents



Gilbert & Sullivan Yiddish Light Opera
DER YIDDISHER MIKADO
Sunday, November 6 2:00 PM
Temple Beth-El
5 Old Mill Road
Great Neck, NY 11023

Early Bird Prices until October 13
Members of Sponsoring Congregations Only: \$18
Non-Members: \$24
*Preferred Choice Seating: \$30

Prices after October 13
Members of Sponsoring Congregations Only: \$25
Non-Members: \$35
*Preferred Choice Seating: \$40

Preferred Choice Seating Open to All (choice of first four rows)
*Enables Post-Performance Reception
Refreshments to be Served

To Purchase Tickets
Temple Beth-El contact - Debbie Eisenstadt at debbie@bethelgns.org or 516-467-0800
Great Neck Synagogue contact - Hillet Milon at hillett@gnssyn.org or 516-467-0100
Temple Israel of Great Neck contact - Josh Engel at jeng@templeisrael.org or 516-462-2800
Non-Members can contact Josh Engel at 516-462-2800
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THE ART OF FORGIVENESS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2016

AN INTERFAITH FORUM

Join this journey into the *faith of forgiveness* and the *agony of anger*, led by extraordinary clergy, witness-survivors, and moderator **Robert Silverman** of the AJC. Our interfaith forum, featuring Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and Buddhist leaders, will explore these questions: **Is forgiveness possible? Is anything possible without it?**

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RABBI SHLOMO RISKIN

WITNESS-SURVIVOR GUEST SPEAKERS

Kadiatou Diallo, mother of Amadou, victim of 1999 police shooting
Farrangis Sedaghatpour, exiled in her youth from her homeland of Iran
Blondelle Gadsen, sister of Myra Thompson, victim of 2015 Charleston church shooting

Sunday, November 13, 2016
2:00 - 6:00 PM

HOSTED BY RABBIS MER & TARA FELDMAN
TEMPLE BETH-EL OF GREAT NECK
5 OLD MILL ROAD, GREAT NECK, NY

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NIGHT

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SAVE THE DATE GNS Women's Spa & Wellness Day

Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016
11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Great Neck Synagogue

If interested in being a vendor
please contact:

Claudine Amirian 917.309.2758
or
Pam Bilfeld 516.509.1907

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.

WOMEN'S TEFILLA

Please join Women's Tefila at 9:00 am for davening on the morning of Simchat Torah in the Bet Midrash where we will celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of **Leah Reichlin**, daughter of **Galit & Grant Reichlin**. All women and girls welcome! Kiddush sponsored by grandparents **Louise and Len Kahn**.

CHANUKAH SCOPE DEADLINE

Please submit all CHANUKAH SCOPE magazine articles, recipes, photos, ads, sponsorships and any other material by **October 31st** to Diane Rein at drein@verizon.net.

GNS CHESSED CHAIRS NEEDED

Please call Mark to volunteer to collect for:
1- GNS October/November Fall Coat Chesed Collection
2- GNS November Chanukah Toy Chesed Collection
All donations will be wrapped and used as center pieces at our Dinner (toys to be donated to Chai lifeline/Ohel).

MEN'S CLUB EVENTS

November 6: Der Yiddisher Mikado, Yiddish Opera in conjunction with Temple Beth-El and Temple Israel.
November 6: Blood Drive in Braun Youth Center. Appointments available every 15 minutes between 8:00am and 12:15pm. Speak with Michael Kohler or David Rein.
November 19: Comedy Night at Colbeh Restaurant. 7:00pm RSVP at shul office, Hilly Milun or Mark Friedman.

GNS DINNER RAFFLES

In preparation for the dinner, we are asking members to donate prizes for the raffle. Please contact Robyn Blumner at robynsherri@gmail.com or 516.639.1121 or Steve Blumner at stevenblumner@gmail.com or 516.639.8941.

MAH JONGG CARDS

Please pre-order your 2017 Mah Jongg cards from the Sisterhood. Order forms are available at the office. For information, call Cynthia Wiesenfeld at 516.829.2384.

LOST & FOUND

A green vintage Havana jacket, size large was lost. If have any information, please call shul office.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE

Oct. 22: Hoshana Rabbah Lecture w/ R' Peysach Krohn
Oct. 22: Youth Sukkah Sleepover
Oct. 23: Erev Shmini Atzeret Youth Trip
Oct. 23: High School Oneg at Polakoff home
Oct. 24: Pre-School Hakafot
Oct. 24-25: Aaron Koller & Shira-Hecht Koller

MAZAL TOVS & COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazel Tov to **Grant & Galit Reichlin** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Leah**. **Mazel Tov** to **Leonard & Louise Kahn, Elio & June Rovetti**, and **Aron Reichlin** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, **Leah**.

Mazel Tov to **Moussa & Shulamit Soleimani** on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their children **Talia & Liron David**.

NORTH SHORE HEBREW ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

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YESHIVA HAR TORAH OPEN HOUSE

Please join us at Yeshiva Har Torah's Open House on **Monday, Nov. 7th at 7:15pm**. Experience firsthand what makes our school, award-winning faculty, parent body, and administration so unique. Nursery transportation options are available. To find out more about the admissions process, call us at 718.343.2533 or register for the Open House at www.hartorah.org.

BIKUR CHOLIM

If interested in making a meal for Shani & Zevi Geisinsky, please sign up at TakeThemAMeal.com. For questions, please contact Robyn Blumner.

Y A H R Z E I T

Saturday, 20 Tishrei

Jeffrey Freedman for George Freedman
Mitchell Siegel for David Siegel
Gail Setton for Morton Sorkin
Michael Stern for Lillian Stern

Sunday, 21 Tishrei

Jack Lipsky for Bill Lipsky

Monday, 22 Tishrei

Henry Katz for Maurice Fischer
Henry Katz for Rebecca Fischer
Paul Brody for Nathan Weiner

Tuesday, 23 Tishrei

Sharon Goldwyn for Morris Goldwyn
Florence Spira for Sydney Samson
Robin Bours for Bernard Siegel
Jerry Siegelman for Morris Siegelman
Robert Sperber for Abraham Sperber
Drora Brody for Nissim Yeffet

Wednesday, 24 Tishrei

Howard Lorber for Benjamin Lorber
Michael Maller for Rose Maller
Ivor Schneider for Joseph Schneider
Drora Brody for Zecharia Yeffet

Thursday, 25 Tishrei

Barbara Shaw for Hyman Schwartz
Leon Schwlechter for Rachele Schwlechter

Friday, 26 Tishrei

Karen Ben-Sorek for Clarisse Perez bat Aharon