



# Shabbat Announcements

Parshat Beshalach

February 11, 2017 15 Shevat, 5777

| <b>TORAH</b><br><b>ARTSCROLL 366</b><br><b>HERTZ 265</b>     |               | <b>Rabbi Jonathan Sacks on Beshalach</b>  |   |  |
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| <b>HAFTORAH</b><br><b>ARTSCROLL 1152</b><br><b>HERTZ 281</b> |               | <p>The first translation of the Torah into another language – Greek – took place in around the second century BCE, in Egypt during the reign of Ptolemy II. It is known as the Septuagint, in Hebrew Hashiv'im, because it was done by a team of seventy scholars. The Talmud however says that at various points the sages at work on the project deliberately mistranslated certain texts because they believed that a literal translation would simply be unintelligible to a Greek readership. One of these texts was the phrase, "On the seventh day God finished all the work he had made." Instead the translators wrote, "On the sixth day God finished." What was it that they thought the Greeks would not understand? How did the idea that God made the universe in six days make more sense than that He did so in seven? It seems puzzling, yet the answer is simple. The Greeks could not understand the seventh day, Shabbat, as itself part of the work of</p> | <p>creation. What is creative about resting? What do we achieve by not making, not working, not inventing? The idea seems to make no sense at all.</p> <p>Indeed we have the independent testimony of the Greek writers of that period, that one of the things they ridiculed in Judaism was Shabbat. One day in seven Jews do not work, they said, because they are lazy. The idea that the day itself might have independent value was apparently beyond their comprehension. Oddly enough, within a very short period of time, the empire of Alexander the Great began to crumble, just as had the earlier city state of Athens that gave rise to some of the greatest thinkers and writers in history. Civilizations, like individuals, can suffer from burnout. It's what happens when you don't have a day of rest written into your schedule. As Achad ha-Am said: more than the Jewish people has kept the Sabbath, the Sabbath has kept the Jewish people. Rest one day in seven and you won't burn out.</p> <p>Shabbat, which we encounter for the first time in this week's parsha, is one of the greatest</p> | <p>institutions the world has ever known. It changed the way the world thought about time. Prior to Judaism, people measured time either by the sun – the solar calendar of 365 days aligning us with the seasons – or by the moon, that is, by months ("month" comes from the word "moon") of roughly thirty days. The idea of the seven-day week – which has no counterpart in nature – was born in the Torah and spread throughout the world via Christianity and Islam, both of which borrowed it from Judaism, marking the difference simply by having it on a different day. We have years because of the sun, months because of the moon, and weeks because of the Jews. What Shabbat did and still does is to create space within our lives and within society as a whole in which we are truly free. Free from the pressures of work; free from the demands of ruthless employers; free from the siren calls of a consumer society urging us to spend our way to happiness; free to be ourselves in the company</p> |
| <b>Times</b>   |               |   |   |  |
| Candle Lighting  | 5:06 pm       | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>KIDDUSH IS SPONSORED BY</b><br/><b>GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE</b><br/><b>WITH SMOOTHIES AND FRUIT</b><br/><b>IN HONOR OF TU B'SHEVAT</b><br/><b>SPONSORED BY ALBERT HALIMI</b></p>  |   |  |
| Mincha   | 5:10 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   | 4:00 pm       |   |   |  |
| Mincha   | 5:00 pm       |   |   |  |
| Shabbos Ends   | 6:15 pm       |   |   |  |
| R' Reisman Video   | 8:00 pm       |   |   |  |
| Sun. Feb. 12   | 7:30/8:30 am  |   |   |  |
| Mon. & Thurs.  | 6:35/7:45 am  |   |   |  |
| Tues., Wed. & Fri.   | 6:45/7:45 am  |   |   |  |
| Mincha   | 5:15 pm       |   |   |  |
| Latest Times for<br>Shema/Shemoneh Esrei                     |               |   |   |  |
| Feb. 11  | 9:31/10:24 am |   |   |  |
| Feb. 18  | 9:26/10:20 am |   |   |  |
| Next Shabbat<br>Yitro  |               |   |   |  |
| Candle Lighting  | 5:14 pm       |   |   |  |
| Mincha   | 5:15 pm       |   |   |  |

of those we love. Somehow this one day has renewed its meaning in generation after generation, despite the most profound economic and industrial change. In Moses' day it meant freedom from slavery to Pharaoh. In the nineteenth and early twentieth century it meant freedom from sweatshop working conditions of long hours for little pay. In ours, it means freedom from emails, smart phones and the demands of 24/7 availability.

What our parsha tells us is that Shabbat was among the first commands the Israelites received on leaving Egypt. Having complained about the lack of food, God told them that he would send them manna from heaven, but they were not to gather it on the seventh day. Instead a double portion would fall on the sixth. That is why to this day we have two challot on Shabbat, in memory of that time. Not only was Shabbat culturally unprecedented. It was so conceptually as well. Throughout history people have dreamed of an ideal world. We call such visions, utopias, from the Greek ou meaning "no" and topos, meaning "place". They are called that because no such dream has ever come true, except in one instance, namely Shabbat. Shabbat is "utopia now", because on it we create, for twenty-five hours a week, a world in which there are no hierarchies, no employers and employees, no buyers and sellers, no inequalities of wealth or power, no production, no traffic, no din of the factory or clamor of the marketplace. It is "the still point of the turning world", a pause between symphonic movements, a break between the chapters of our days, an equivalent in time of the open countryside between towns where you can feel the breeze and hear the song of birds. Shabbat is utopia, not as it will be at the end of time but rather, as we rehearse for it now in the midst of time.

God wanted the Israelites to begin their one-day-in-seven rehearsal of freedom almost as soon as they left Egypt, because real freedom, of the seven-days-in-seven kind, takes time, centuries, millennia. The Torah regards slavery as wrong, but it did not abolish it immediately because people were not yet ready for it. Neither Britain nor America abolished it until the nineteenth century, and even then not without a struggle. Yet the outcome was inevitable once Shabbat had been set in motion, because slaves who know freedom one day in seven will eventually rise against their chains. The human spirit needs time to breathe, to inhale, to grow. The first rule in time management is to distinguish between matters that are important, and those that are merely urgent. Under pressure, the things that are important but not urgent tend to get crowded out. Yet these are often what matter most to our happiness and sense of a life well lived. Shabbat is time dedicated to the things that are important but not urgent: family, friends, community, a sense of sanctity, prayer in which we thank God for the good things in our life, and Torah reading in which we retell the long, dramatic story of our people and our journey. Shabbat is when we celebrate shalom bayit – the peace that comes from love and lives in the home blessed by the Shekhinah, the presence of God you can almost feel in the candlelight, the wine and the special bread. This is a beauty created not by Michelangelo or Leonardo but by each of us: a serene island of time in the midst of the often-raging sea of a restless world.

I once took part, together with the Dalai Lama, in a seminar (organized by the Elijah Institute) in Amritsar, Northern India, the sacred city of the Sikhs. In the course of the talks, delivered to an audience of two thousand Sikh students, one of the Sikh leaders turned to the students and said: "What we need is what the Jews have: Shabbat!" Just imagine, he said, a day dedicated every week to family and home and relationships. He could see its beauty. We can live its reality. The ancient Greeks could not understand how a day of rest could be part of creation. Yet it is so, for without rest for the body, peace for the mind, silence for the soul, and a renewal of our bonds of identity and love, the creative process eventually withers and dies. It suffers entropy, the principle that all systems lose energy over time. The Jewish people did not lose energy over time, and it remains as vital and creative as it ever was. The reason is Shabbat: humanity's greatest source of renewable energy, the day that gives us the strength to keep on creating.



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February 11, 2017

**Shabbat Morning Drasha**

**God, Tefila, and Generation Z:**

**Educating Our Children for a Meaningful and Life-Long Relationship with God**

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Scott J. Goldberg, Ph.D., is an active teacher, researcher, and internationally renowned consultant in areas related to student success in the Jewish community including: religious and spiritual development, Hebrew literacy, and social and behavioral functioning. He writes and speaks in both academic and communal settings on these topics, as well as the mission and vision of the Modern/Centrist Orthodox community, the future of learning and schooling, school governance and finance, leadership, strategic planning, and more.

Scott was Vice Provost of Yeshiva University from 2013-2016, and is currently chairman of Koren Publishers Educational Editorial Board, and is a tenured faculty member at Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education.

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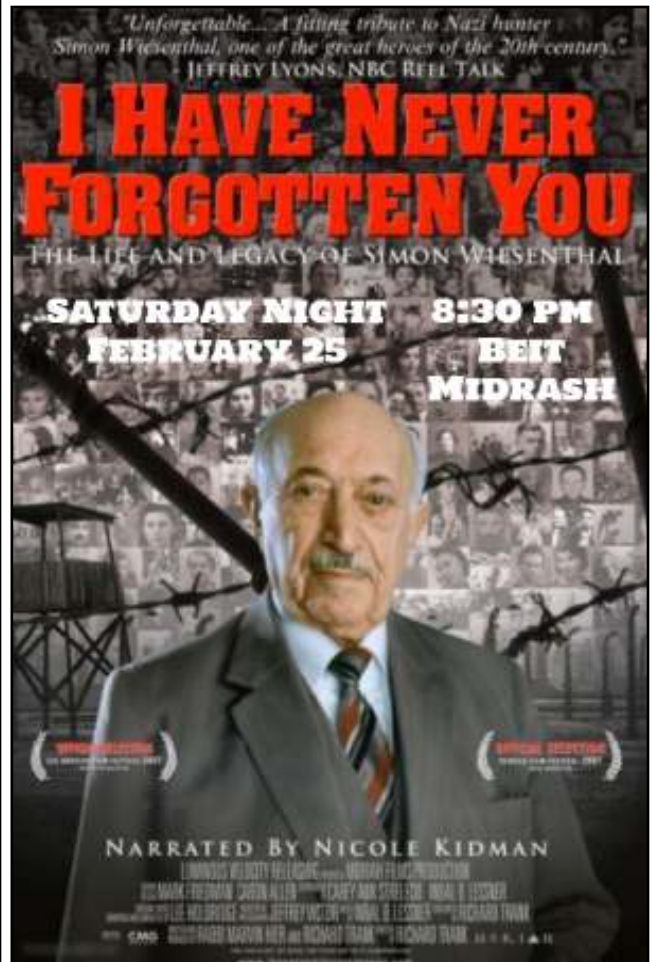
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WHERE DO BABIES  
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A Torah Perspective On  
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**Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> | 8:00PM**

at the home of

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# CHAVERIM AT GENS

**DATE:** February 8th

**11:30 - 2:00**

## ACTIVITY

Tu B'Shvat Seder  
with Rabbi Jesse Shore,  
our Rabbinic Intern

## LUNCH

RSVP by calling the shul office  
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## LAST EVENT'S SPONSORS

Thank you to  
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**YOUNG FAMILY FRIDAY NIGHT AT GNS!** Fun for all ages!  
**Mishenichnas Adar Marbim Besimcha!**  
**Friday, March 3rd**

5:15-6:00: Children 0-3 years old  
**Tot Shabbat**  
 with moms & Morah Zehava

5:15-6:00: Children 4-5 years old  
**Welcome Shabbat**  
 drop off with Morah Rebeka

5:15-6:00: First Grade & Up  
**Family Centered Minyan**  
 with Rabbi Jensen and Dr. Mike

6:00-7:30:  
**Family Dinner** with friends and Adar dancing

6:10-7:15: Shabbat Friendly Entertainment  
 Children 3-6 years old: **Interactive Juggling Show!**  
 Children 7 and up: **Interactive Magic Show!**

7:30-7:45  
**Dessert**

RSVP by Feb. 24  
 \$100 per family (members)  
 \$125 per family (non members)  
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 Make reservations online at [gns.org](http://gns.org) or call the shul office.


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**Sunday, March 19, 2017**

See David Rein or Michael Kohler  
 for more information



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## OFFICE HOURS FOR RABBI POLAKOFF

**Wednesdays 10 am - 12 pm**

**Thursdays 1 pm - 3 pm**

He is available at other times by appointment and can always be reached by email at [dpolakoff@gns.org](mailto:dpolakoff@gns.org), or on his cell at 516-637-3674.

## SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday Breakfast is sponsored by **Abe and Moussa Soleimani** in memory of their mother, Rebecca z"l.

## YOETZET HALACHA

**Tuesday, Feb. 7th at 8:00 pm** - Shiur given by Lisa Septimus at the home of Tovah & Josh Marmer, 100 Myrtle Dr. - "Where Do Babies Come From? A Torah Perspective on Addressing Adult Matters with Children.

## CHAVERIM CENTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE

Feb. 7: Yoetzet Halacha Shiur  
Feb. 8: Chaverim Center: Tu B'Shvat Seder  
Feb. 11: Shabbat Speaker: Dr. Scott Goldberg  
Feb 25: Saturday Night Film: "I Have Never Forgotten You"

## MAZAL TOVS & COMMUNITY NEWS

**Mazal Tov to Sarah & Arik Hirschfeld** on the birth of their daughter, **Ora**.

**Mazal Tov to Ruth & Milton Mitzner** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson **Yitzchak Yehudah**, in Newton, MA, son of **Bat-Sheva & Lyle Mitzner** and brother of **Margalit, Shmuel and Esther**.

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Belkis Nasser for Ezra Suvke

## Sunday, 16 Shevat

David Benrimon for Rachele Benrimon  
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Orly Steinberg for Meir Shalmon  
Joan Braun for Rose Schwartz  
Abraham Soleimani for Rebecca Soleimani  
Moussa Soleimani for Rebecca Soleimani

## Monday, 17 Shevat

Avraham Gabbazadeh for Shlomo Gabbazadeh  
Debbie Furst for Aryeh Kaminer  
Sharon Twersky for Royal Leff  
David Sedgh for Yaacov Sedgh  
Michael Stern for Sidney Stern  
Paul Wein for Shirlee Wein

## Tuesday, 18 Shevat

Didi Hutt for Moshe Cohen  
Leon Fuks for Bonnye Fuks

## Wednesday, 19 Shevat

Marc Epstein for Fred Epstein  
Elena Berkowitz for Dvora Fridman  
Cindy Liebmann for Ralph Geller  
Ellen Siegel for Alter Aviezer Givner  
Arthur Kirsch for Abraham H Kirsch  
Hedva Kessler for Ray Majus

## Thursday, 20 Shevat

Amy Goldberg-Reiss for Marvin Goldberg  
Robert Knepper for Elizabeth Knepper  
Ruth Seif for Norman Seif  
Tricia Moslin for Harry Solomon  
Robert Sperber for Pearl Sperber

## Friday, 21 Shevat

Idida Kaplan for Aba Abramovsky  
Iraj Kashani for Monavar Kashani  
Gitty Louzoun for Israel Malek  
Gitty Louzoun for Pessel Neuwirth