



Shabbat Announcements

Shabbat Chol HaMoed Pesach

April 15, 2017 19 Nissan, 5777

<p>TORAH ARTSCROLL 504 HERTZ 362 SIDDUR 961</p> <p>MAFTIR ARTSCROLL 892 HERTZ 695 SIDDUR 959</p> <p>HAFTORAH ARTSCROLL 1224 HERTZ 1015 SIDDUR 962</p>	<h2>Rabbi Jonathan Sacks on Pesach</h2>																																				
<p>Times</p>	<p>Pesach is the oldest and most transformative story of hope ever told. It tells of how an otherwise undistinguished group of slaves found their way to freedom from the greatest and longest-lived empire of their time, indeed of any time. It tells the revolutionary story of how the supreme Power intervened in history to liberate the supremely powerless. It is a story of the defeat of probability by the force of possibility. It defines what it is to be a Jew: a living symbol of hope.</p>	<p>coerce and diminish their fellow humans.</p> <p>It is the story more than a hundred generations of our ancestors handed on to their children, and they to theirs. As we do likewise, millennia later, we know what it is to be the people of history, guardians of a narrative not engraved in hieroglyphics on the walls of a monumental building but carried in the minds of living, breathing human beings who, for longer than any other have kept faith with the future and the past, bearing witness to the power of the human spirit when it opens itself to a greater power, beckoning us to a world of freedom, responsibility and human dignity.</p>	<p>anticipations of the exodus, focusing our attention on, and heightening our anticipation of, what would eventually take place in the days of Moses. Second, remembering "that you were once slaves in Egypt" is the single most frequently invoked "reason for the commands." The exodus was not just an event in history. It forms an essential part of the logic of Jewish law. Third, key elements of Jewish law and faith are best understood as a protest against and alternative to the Egypt of the pharaohs even where the Torah does not state this explicitly. Knowledge of that ancient world gave us fresh insights into why Judaism is as it is. Fourth, sustained meditation on the contrasts between Egypt and the society of the Israelites were called on to create reveals a fundamental choice that civilizations must make, then, now and perhaps for all time. There is nothing antiquarian about the issues Pesach raises: slavery, freedom, politics, power, state, society, human dignity and responsibility. These are as salient today, as they were in the days of Moses. Pesach can never be obsolete.</p>																																		
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At the heart of the festival is a concrete historical experience. The Israelites, as described in the Torah, were a fractious group of slaves of shared ancestry, one of a number of such groups attracted to Egypt from the north, drawn by its wealth and power, only to find themselves eventually its victims. The Egypt of the Pharaohs was the longest-lived empire the world has known, already some eighteen centuries old by the time of the exodus. For more than a thousand years before Moses, its landscape had been dominated by the great pyramid of Giza, the tallest man-made structure in the world until the construction of the Eiffel Tower in 1889. The discovery in 1922 by the English archaeologist Howard Carter of the tomb of a relatively minor pharaoh, Tutankhamun, revealed the astonishing wealth and sophistication of the royal court at that time. If historians are correct in identifying Rameses II as the pharaoh of the exodus, then Egypt had reached the very summit of its power, bestriding the narrow world like a colossus. At one level it is a story of wonders and miracles. But the enduring message of Pesach is deeper than this, for it opens out into a dramatically new vision of what a society might be like if the only Sovereign is God, and every citizen is in His image. It is about the power of the powerless and the powerlessness of power. Politics has never been more radical, more ethical or more humane.

Heinrich Heine said, "Since the exodus, freedom has spoken with a Hebrew accent." But it is, as Emmanuel Levinas called it, a "difficult freedom," based as it is on a demanding code of individual and collective responsibility. Pesach makes us taste the choice: on the one hand the bread of affliction and bitter herbs of slavery; on the other, four cups of wine, each marking a stage in the long walk to liberty. As long as humans seek to exercise power over one another, the story will continue and the choice will still be ours.



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



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PASSOVER SCHEDULE 5777-2017
CHOL HAMOED & 2ND DAYS

Thursday, April 13, Chol HaMoed

Shacharit 6:30 am/7:45 am
 Mincha 7:15 pm

Friday, April 14, Chol HaMoed

Shacharit 6:30 am/7:45 am
 Mincha 7:00 pm
 Candle Lighting 7:15 pm

Shabbat, April 15, Chol HaMoed

Shir HaShirim is recited this morning

Hashkama 8:00 am
 Youth 8:30 am
 Main Shul 8:45 am
 Beit Midrash 9:15 am
 Gemara Shiur 6:10 pm
 Mincha 7:10 pm
 Shabbat ends after 8:24 pm

Sunday, April 16, Chol Hamoed

Shacharit 7:30 am/8:30 am
 Mincha 7:00 pm
 Candle Lighting 7:15 pm

Monday, April 17, Pesach VII

Hashkama 8:00 am
 Youth 8:30 am
 Main Shul 9:00 am
 Beit Midrash 9:15 am
 Mincha 7:20 pm
 Candle Lighting 8:19 pm
 Preparations for 8th Day should not begin before 8:19 pm

Tuesday, April 18, Pesach VIII

Yizkor is recited this morning

Hashkama 8:00 am
 Youth 8:30 am
 Main Shul 8:45 am
 Beit Midrash 9:15 am
 Mincha 7:20 pm
 Yom Tov ends 8:27 pm

GNS Book of Remembrance 2017-2018

Dear Friends,

Yizkor is a time of Remembrance. Those who have lost dear ones mark the memories of the deceased through memorial plaques on their Synagogue walls, kindling Yartzheit Lights on the anniversary and by reciting Yizkor four times during the year. Appropriately, we distribute a special booklet at each Yizkor service with the names to be memorialized clearly listed along with the appropriate prayers.

We will republish the "Book of Remembrance" before Shavuot. If you wish to perpetuate the name(s) of your beloved deceased in this year's edition, please fill out the form below and return to the Synagogue as soon as possible.

It has been suggested that a minimum contribution of "Chai" (\$18.00) per name would be appropriate.

**Please return this form by Thursday, May 11, 2017
to be included in this booklet.**

Yours very truly,

Mark S. Twersky

Rabbi Dale Polakoff

Please list the full English names of deceased relatives.

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	DATE OF DEATH
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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() Please include the same names that were printed in last year's Book.

Enclosed is a check for \$_____made payable to the Great Neck Synagogue.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

Great Neck Synagogue Guest Speaker Series



Rena Ariel

Shabbat April 22, 2017

Shabbat Morning Drasha

"Living Each Day in Hashem's Ratzon"

We all remember Hallel Yaffa Ariel z"l, a 13 year old girl murdered by a terrorist while sleeping in her bed in the neighborhood of Kiryat Arba, in June of 2016.

Come hear Hallel's mother, Rena, speak about her experiences.

Since that fateful day, Rena has turned her grief into action, speaking to audiences about the Hallel's interests and passions and using the values of Judaism to help muster the strength to further the memory of her dear daughter.

Sponsored by
David & Diane Rein
in memory of
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If you wish to contribute
funds to projects
dedicated in memory of

Hallel Yaffa Ariel z"l

please visit
keremhallel.com



JNF and the Great Neck Synagogue Men's Club Invite You to the

GREAT NECK BREAKFAST FOR ISRAEL

Sunday, April 30, 2017

9:30 am Registration

10:00 am Program

Great Neck Synagogue

26 Old Mill Road, Great Neck, NY 11023

RSVP by April 25, 2017 at jnf.org/libreakfast

Featuring Guest Speaker

REBECCA SHIMONI-STOIL

This year on **Yom HaShoah**, our program begins with a candle lighting ceremony. Survivors and second generation participate in this candle lighting, creating both a somber and hopeful mood for the evening. If you have recently joined GNS or have not previously participated in this meaningful ceremony, please email Rabbi Lichter at lichter@gns.org to be included this year.

**YOM HASHOAH
HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Sunday April 23, 2017, 8:00PM

GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE

INVITES YOU TO HEAR THE CAPTIVATING STORY OF

ROMAN KENT

**AS HE RECALLS THE DEVASTATING YEARS THAT SHAPED HIS CHILDHOOD
IN MEMORY OF THE 6,000,000 JEWS WHO DIED IN THE HOLOCAUST**

Program

- Candle lighting ceremony for Holocaust survivors, their children and grandchildren
- Poignant reflections on the Holocaust by Roman Kent

Roman Kent, is a survivor – in every sense of the word. Born Roman Kniker and raised in Lodz, Poland in the years just prior to World War II, his happy, carefree youth was turned upside down in September 1939 with the arrival of the German army literally at the doorsteps of his family's country house. For the next 6 years, he and his family would suffer the indignities, deprivation, and loss that defined the existence of Eastern European Jews during that terrible period in history. Only he, his sister Renia, and his brother, Leon, would survive the Lodz ghetto and, subsequently, Auschwitz and other German concentration camps. Even the adored family dog, Lala, would fall victim to Nazi cruelty.

After arriving in the United States as teenagers, the brothers were cared for in a loving home in Atlanta, Georgia. Leon went on to become a prominent neurosurgeon but died quite young a number of years ago. Renia settled in Sweden after the war.

Roman Kent entered the business world after attending Emory University in Atlanta. In classic "rags to riches" style, he used the hard learned lessons of his youth to become first a successful businessman in many import/export enterprises over the years and then an internationally known voice for Holocaust survivors worldwide.

He remains active in a number of organizations commemorating the memory of the Holocaust and Holocaust related issues. Among other positions, he is currently Chairman of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, President of the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous, and Treasurer and key negotiator of the Claims Conference where he continues to fight for moral justice on behalf of his fellow survivors. He has worked with Presidents, Senators, Congressmen, Ambassadors and a multitude of foreign dignitaries while fighting to restore the rights, the stolen property, and, most importantly, the lost dignity of fellow survivors.

He lives in NYC with his wife, Hannah, with whom he has been married for more than 50 years. They have two children and 3 grandchildren. He has written two books...his autobiography entitled "*Courage Was My Only Option*" and "*My Dog Lala*." He also produced an award winning documentary entitled "*Children of the Holocaust*" partially filmed in Auschwitz, which was honored at the 1980 New York International Film Festival.

For his heartfelt dedication to helping needy survivors and the community at large, he has received countless well-deserved prestigious tributes and awards throughout the years. In 1996, the Borough President of Manhattan issued the Proclamation of Roman R. Kent Day. His many accomplishments have been acknowledged with accolades such as the Recognition of Goodness Award in 1995, the Elie Wiesel Holocaust Remembrance Award in 2000, and the Schulweis Award from the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous in 2000. The Commander's Cross of Merit, the highest civilian award given by the Polish government was bestowed on him in 2005.

Roman Kent is truly a "self-made" man who stands as an inspiration to all who know him, and who will become an inspiration to all who hear his life story.

CHAVERIM AT GENS

DATE:

April 26th

11:30 - 2:00

ACTIVITY

Program after Pesach
TBA

LUNCH

RSVP by calling the shul office
or emailing Michelle

**LAST EVENT'S
SPONSORS**

Thank you to Cindy Hodkin & Roz Korman
for sponsoring lunch in memory of Bernard Korman
and Mahnaz Moalemi & Nassereh Youseffnia
for sponsoring lunch in honor of Anna Kaplan

Cindy, Erica, Michelle & Naeema
wish you all a
Chag Kasher V'Sameach!

Donations and Sponsorships are always welcome.

YOM HA'ATZMAUT & DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE



GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE
YOM HA'ATZMAUT
CELEBRATION
MONDAY EVENING MAY 1ST



7:35 PM: MINCHA

7:50 PM: YOM HAZIKARON
COMMEMORATION

8:00 PM: FESTIVE MA'ARIV

8:30 PM: SPECIAL
YOM HA'ATZMAUT
ADDRESS DELIVERED BY
RABBI STEVEN WEIL

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE EVENT THAT CHANGED
JEWISH DESTINY:
AN ANALYSIS OF THE SIX-DAY WAR

LIGHT DINNER SERVED

GNS MEN'S CLUB

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY MAY 9TH - 10TH 7:00 PM
CALL THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE TO SIGN UP

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RABBI POLAKOFF'S SHABBOS DRASHA THROUGH 5777
IS DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF **PINCHAS BEN YOSEPH**
FOR OTHER SUCH OPPORTUNITIES PLEASE CONTACT
HOWARD WOLF 212-843-4668

COMMUNITY NEWS

BEREAVEMENT & GRIEF GROUP COUNSELING

Many of our members who have recently lost a beloved family member may benefit from a small group which provides advice, comfort and support to those who are having difficulty in dealing with their grief. If you would be interested in participating in such a group led by rabbis and certified therapists, please call the synagogue's office giving your name and phone number where you can be reached. We hope that by sharing our grief in a small group it will provide a healing process.

NORTH SHORE MIKVAH ASSOCIATION

Annual Fundraiser for the North Shore Mikvah Association will be **Tuesday, May 16th at 7:30PM**, featuring Elie Salomon, founding board member of Yesh Tikvah. "Pitfalls, Perseverance and Ultimately Parenthood: One woman's story of persistence and how you can help others." Boutique: Threads Linen

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This year's slate of nominees are: Seth Silberstein (Chair), Mikey Rosenberg, Yifat Mittleman, Lisa Kagan, Hal Chadow, Donny Aharon & Erica Heisler.

NEW RESTAURANTS IN TOWN

Foughnuts on Bond Street and House of Subs on Middle Neck Road are both under recommended hashgachot.

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

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, or on his cell at 516-637-3674.

GUEST SPEAKER SERIES

On **Shabbos April 22nd**, we will be hosting Rena Ariel, the mother of Hallel Ariel z"l, to speak on maintaining *Emunah* following tragedy.

YOM HASHOAH

Sun., **April 23rd at 8:00 pm** - GNS Yom HaShoah Commemoration featuring renowned speaker Roman Kent.

CHAVERIM CENTER

Chaverim will next meet after Pesach on **Wednesday, April 26th**.

MEN'S CLUB EVENTS

Sun., **April 30th at 10:00 am** - JNF Breakfast, featuring Rebecca Shimoni-Stoil, Washington Correspondent for the *Times of Israel*.

YOM HA'ATZAMUT

On **Monday evening, May 1st**, please join us as we commemorate **Yom HaZikaron** and celebrate **Yom Ha'atzmaut** with a festive Ma'ariv and hear from renowned speaker Rabbi Steven Weil. Mincha is at 7:35 pm with program to follow.

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We want to thank our Pesach SCOPE magazine sponsors – approximately 70 of them for their strong support! Their names are listed on page 10 of the recent Pesach edition of SCOPE magazine. We are extremely grateful for their financial support which is critical to being able to continue to publish SCOPE magazine for our membership. Please contact Diane Rein at drein@verizon.net to add your name to the sponsorship list! If you enjoy reading SCOPE magazine – please be a sponsor! Thank you very much!

RABBINIC INTERN

Contact Rabbi Jesse & Lauren Shore at 610.329.2953 or nehoyvin@gmail.com to invite them for meals on the following Shabbatot: April 22nd, May 8th, May 13th, June 3rd, June 10th & June 24th.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE

Apr. 22: Guest Speaker: Rena Ariel
Apr. 23: Yom HaShoah: Roman Kent
Apr. 26: Chaverim Center
Apr. 30: Men's Club & JNF Breakfast
May 1: Yom Ha'atzmaut

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Saturday, 19 Nisan

Paul Brody for Marion Brown
Sigalit Katz for Tiberiu Eliyahu Czesler
Hindi Lunzer for Isidore Mermelstein
David Sedgh for Ghodrat Yazhgal

Sunday, 20 Nisan

Ebrahim Gabbayzadeh for Binaho ben Yehuda Gabbayzadeh
Theodore Perlman for Elsie Perlman

Monday, 21 Nisan

Mel Fox for Celia Fox Blumenthal
Hadassah Wachstock for Abraham Kessler
Alex Novogrudsky for Fanya Novogrudsky
Anna Herz for Laura Yellin

Tuesday, 22 Nisan

Bonnie Diamond for Abraham Brandeis
Harold Domnitch for Julius Domnitch
Sharon Janovic for Louis Meltz
Richard Reiser for Sidney Reiser

Wednesday, 23 Nisan

Yve Fouladi for Georgette Fruhling
Helen Ishofsky for Rabbi Shimon Hershkovitz
Iraj Kashani for David Kashani
Edward Wydra for Jack Wydra

Thursday, 24 Nisan

Kathy Flatow for Olga David
Smy Goldberg Reiss for Anna Goldberg
Sigalit Katz for Helen Hartman
Joan Katz for Anne Rezak
Jacob Toledano for Ester Toledano

Friday, 25 Nisan

David Bronheim for Sol Bronheim
Scott Danoff for Stuart Danoff
David Werber for Joseph Drezner
Martin Werber for Joseph Drezner
Susan Mindick for Rubin Korn