



# Shabbat Announcements

Parshat Naso

June 3, 2017 9 Sivan, 5777

## Rabbi Jonathan Sacks on Naso

**TORAH**  
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**BAR MITZVAH**  
**OF**  
**ZACHARY STEIN**

### Times

Mincha	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting	8:03 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	6:55 pm
Mincha	7:55 pm
Shabbos Ends	9:11 pm
Sun. June 4	7:30/8:30 am
Mon. & Thurs.	6:35/7:45 am
Tues., Wed. & Fri.	6:45/7:45 am
Mincha	8:10 pm

Latest Times for  
Shema/Shemoneh Esrei

June 3	9:09/10:23 am
June 10	9:08/10:24 am

Next Shabbat  
Beha'alotcha

Candle Lighting	8:07 pm
Mincha	7:00 pm

At 176 verses, Naso is the longest of the parshiyot. Yet one of its most moving passages, and the one that has had the greatest impact over the course of history, is very short indeed and is known by almost every Jew, namely the priestly blessings: The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell Aaron and his sons, 'Thus shall you bless the Israelites. Say to them: May Lord bless you and protect you; May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; May the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.' Let them set My name on the Israelites, and I will bless them." (Num. 6:23-27) This is among the oldest of all prayer texts. It was used by the priests in the Temple. It is said today by the cohanim in the reader's repetition of the Amidah, in Israel every day, in most of the Diaspora only on festivals. It is used by parents as they bless their children on Friday night. It is often said to the bride and groom under the chuppah. It is the simplest and most

beautiful of all blessings. It also appears in the oldest of all biblical texts that have physically survived to today. In 1979 the archeologist Gabriel Barkay was examining ancient burial caves at Ketef Hinnom, outside the walls of Jerusalem in the area now occupied by the Menachem Begin Heritage Center. A thirteen-year-old boy who was assisting Barkay discovered that beneath the floor of one of the caves was a hidden chamber. There the group discovered almost one thousand ancient artifacts including two tiny silver scrolls no more than an inch long. They were so fragile that it took three years to work out a way of unrolling them without causing them to disintegrate. Eventually the scrolls turned out to be kemayot, amulets, containing, among other texts, the priestly blessings. Scientifically dated to the sixth century BCE, the age of Jeremiah and the last days of the First Temple, they are four centuries older than the most ancient of biblical texts known hitherto, the Dead Sea Scrolls. Today the amulets can be seen in the Israel Museum, testimony to the ancient connection of Jews to the land and the continuity of Jewish faith itself.

What gives them their power is their simplicity and beauty. They have a strong rhythmic structure. The lines contain three, five, and seven words respectively. In each, the second word is "the Lord". In all three verses the first part refers to an activity on the part of God - "bless", "make His face shine", and "turn His face toward". The second part describes the effect of the blessing on us, giving us protection, grace and peace.

They also travel inward, as it were. The first verse "May Lord bless you and protect you," refers, as the commentators note, to material blessings: sustenance, physical health and so on. The second, "May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you," refers to moral blessing. Chen, grace, is what we show to other people and they to us. It is interpersonal. Here we are asking God to give some of His grace to us and others so that we can live together all. without the strife and envy that can so easily poison relationships. The third is the most inward

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of all. There is a lovely story about a crowd of people who have gathered on a hill by the sea to watch a great ship pass by. A young child is waving vigorously. One of the men in the crowd asks him why. He says, "I am waving so the captain of the ship can see me and wave back." "But," said the man, "the ship is far away, and there is a crowd of us here. What makes you think that the captain can see you?" "Because," said the boy, "the captain of the ship is my father. He will be looking for me among the crowd." That is roughly what we mean when we say, "May the Lord turn His face toward you." There are seven billion people now living on this earth. What makes us any of us more than a face in the crowd, a wave in the ocean, a grain of sand on the sea shore? The fact that we are God's children. He is our parent. He turns His face toward us. He cares.

The God of Abraham is not a mere force of nature or even all the forces of nature combined. A tsunami does not pause to ask who its victims will be. There is nothing personal about an earthquake or a tornado. The word Elokim means something like "the force of forces, cause of causes, the totality of all scientifically discoverable laws." It refers to those aspects of God that are impersonal. It also refers to God in His attribute of justice, since justice is essentially impersonal. But the name we call Hashem – the name used in the priestly blessings, and in almost all the priestly texts – is God as He relates to us as persons, individuals, each with our unique configuration of hopes and fears, gifts and possibilities. Hashem is the aspect of God that allows us to use the word "You". He is the God who speaks to us and who listens when we speak to Him. How this happens, we do not know, but that it happens is central to Jewish faith.

That we call God Hashem is the transcendental confirmation of our significance in the scheme of things. We matter as

individuals because God cares for us as a parent for a child. That, incidentally, is one reason why the priestly blessings are all in the singular, to emphasize that God blesses us not only collectively but also individually. One life, said the sages, is like a universe. Hence the meaning of the last of the priestly blessings. The knowledge that God turns His face toward us – that we are not just an indiscernible face in a crowd, but that God relates to us in our uniqueness and singularity – is the most profound and ultimate source of peace. Competition, strife, lawlessness and violence come from the psychological need to prove that we matter. We do things to prove that I am more powerful, or richer, or more successful than you. I can make you fear. I can bend you to my will. I can turn you into my victim, my subject, my slave. All of these things testify not to faith but to a profound failure of faith.

Faith means that I believe that God cares about me. I am here because He wanted me to be. The soul He gave me is pure. Even though I am like the child on the hill watching ' the ship pass by, I know that God is looking for me, waving to me as I wave to Him. That is the most profound inner source of peace. We do not need to prove ourselves in order to receive a blessing from God. All we need to know is that His face is turned toward us. When we are at peace with ourselves, we can begin to make peace with the world. So the blessings become longer and deeper: from the external blessing of material goods to the interpersonal blessing of grace between ourselves and others, to the most inward of them all, the peace of mind that comes when we feel that God sees us, hears us, holds us in His everlasting arms.



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**IN CENTRAL PARK**

**The Carl Freyer z"l Tribute** IN MEMORIAL TO DR. MANFRED AND ANNE LEHMANN z"l AND REBE AND YELLEN MATUS z"l

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017 • 2:30-7:30PM**  
**JERUSALEM JUBILEE • 10TH OF SIVAN 5777**  
**CENTRAL PARK'S SUMMER STAGE - RAIN OR SHINE**  
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 IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MENACHEM BEGIN ז"ל ON HIS 25TH YAHRZEIT  
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 IN TRIBUTE TO THE U.S.-ARMED FORCES DEFENDING THE WORLD AGAINST TYRANNY

**SPEAKERS:**

UN Ambassador Danay Dainoff	Ambassador John Bolton	Counsel General to NY Dov Dayan	Pete Hegseth-Fox News	Lt. Col. Yoni Chelouan - Former MK	Moran Klein - Pres. ZOA	Aaron Klein - Breitbart News

**THE CONCERT WITH A MESSAGE**

"לזכר אתן את הארץ הזאת... לך אנחנו ולזכר עד עולם" בראשית יב:ז  
 "To Your Offspring, I Will Give This Land... To You I Will Give It And To Your Descendants Forever" Genesis 12:7  
 Celebrate Our Eternal Bond with The UNDIVIDED CAPITAL of Israel: YERUSHALAYIM and the heroic families and communities of Yehuda, Shomron, The Jordan Valley and The Golan Heights  
 "For the Sake of Jerusalem, I shall not be silent" • למען ירושלים לא אשקט •

"RAY FOR PEACE OF JERUSALEM, THOSE WHO LOVE YOU WILL BE SILENT" (PSALM 122) | I AM PEACE WHEN I SPEAK, BUT THEY ARE FOR WAR" (PSALM 120)

**FEATURING: STAR PERFORMERS RERI WEBER, TAL VAKSIN WITH SHLOMI AHARONI, ELIRON ZARAFANI, BETZALEL LEVIN, SHILOMIE DACHS ORCHESTRA & SINGERS, AVI KILDMICK, MICHAEL PRUZANSKY, MAHI SHUKRI, DR. MEYER ABITAN, JERRY MARKOVITZ, CHAIM KISS, IZZY KIEFFER & HESHY K., WHITE SHABOS, AND OTHERS.**

**MEN'S CLUB EVENTS & MEMORIAL LUNCHEON**



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→ **SUNDAY JUNE 11TH at 10AM**

→ **The HONORABLE JUDGE GARY F. KNOBEL**  
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 Bagels, Lox, Coffee & More!



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 has been on the bench for the last 12 years and assigned to preside over guardianship cases. He has extensive knowledge of criminal and civil law, including psychiatric hearings under Kendra's Law. Judge Knobel has taught NY Civil Procedure at Hofstra Law for the past 14 years.



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**MON. JUNE 12**  
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**David Hazony**

**Shabbat June 17, 2017**

Youth  
 End of Year Bash  
 this Shabbat

**Memorial Lecture and Luncheon**  
**in memory of**  
**Sharon Sokol-Heisler z"l**  
**"Defending Israel**  
**in the Time of Trump"**

**Seudah Shlishit at 8:30 pm**  
**"Israeliness as a**  
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David Hazony is an American-born writer and editor living in Washington after spending almost two decades in Israel. In 2013, he launched "The Tower Magazine", a long form online monthly publication dedicated to deepening our understanding of Israel and the Middle East.

David received his Ph.d in Jewish Philosophy from the Hebrew University and is a contributing editor at The Forward. His writings have appeared in the Jerusalem Post, cnn.com, The Jewish Chronicle, The New York Sun and more.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RABBI POLAKOFF'S SHABBOS DRASHA THROUGH 5777 IS DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF PINCHAS BEN YOSEPH FOR OTHER SUCH OPPORTUNITIES PLEASE CONTACT HOWARD WOLF 516-643-3344**

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

**OFFICE HOURS FOR RABBI POLAKOFF: FROM 6/5 - 6/22 Mondays 10 am - 12 pm Thursdays 1 pm - 3 pm**  
He is available at other times by appointment and can be reached by email at [dpolakoff@gns.org](mailto:dpolakoff@gns.org), or on his cell at 516-637-3674.

#### HASHKAMA MINYAN KIDDUSH

Hashkama Minyan Kiddush is sponsored by **Annie & Robert Mendelson** in honor of **Eli's** graduation from University of Pennsylvania with a dual degree.

#### SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday Breakfast is sponsored by **Tina Machnikoff** in memory of her father, Moshe Yosef ben Binyamin, Morris Steinberg, z"l.

#### UNVEILING FOR SAM LEVITT Z"l

The Levitt family has asked to share with the community that the unveiling for Sam Levitt will take place on **Sunday June 4, at 11 am** at Wellwood cemetery in Farmingdale. They would be very appreciative of any GNS members who knew Sam that could come and help to make a minyan at the cemetery. Please contact Rabbi Polakoff for more information.

#### GREAT NECK SHIDDUCH INITIATIVE

Save the date for a shidduch meeting where you will have the opportunity to present singles (must bring one guy and one girl to present) and brainstorm with others to try and make matches. Attendance is encouraged, but if you cannot make it, feel free to contact Zoe Klear ahead of time to keep singles in mind during the meeting. The meeting will take place on **Monday, June 5th at 9:00 pm** at the home of Robyn and Steve Blumner - 88 Old Pond Rd. For more information or for copies of profile forms, please contact Zoe Klear at [zoemandjay@gmail.com](mailto:zoemandjay@gmail.com).

#### MEN'S CLUB EVENTS

**Sun. June 11 at 10:00 am** - Judge Gary Knobel  
**Mon. June 12 at 7:10 pm** - Mets Game vs. Cubs.  
Tickets: \$55/Men's Club Members and \$70/non-members. Sign up by calling the synagogue office.

#### SHARON SOKOL-HEISLER MEMORIAL LUNCHEON

**On Shabbat June 17** we will be hosting David Hazony as the guest speaker for the memorial luncheon. RSVP at the synagogue office.

#### CONGREGATIONAL KIDDUSH

Great Neck Synagogue Graduation & Congregational Kiddush will be **Shabbat, June 24**. Celebrate all of your smachot with us or commemorate a loved ones yahrtzeit. To participate, please register online at [gns.org](http://gns.org), call the synagogue office, or send your information to [mtwersky@gns.org](mailto:mtwersky@gns.org). Cost is \$100 per family.

#### DOUBLEHEADER FOR ISRAEL

After the *Israeli Day Parade*, celebrate at the Annual **Israel Day CONCERT/RALLY--the "Concert with a Message,"** at Central Park's Summer Stage, (enter 5th Ave. & 72nd St), on Sunday, June 5, 2016 from 2:30 - 7:30PM, **RAIN or SHINE**. The Concert is dedicated to the 50th Anniversary of the Re-Unification of Yerushalayim, to the 25th yartzheit of Menachem Begin z"l, and to combatting BDS. Enjoy talented performers and inspiring speakers. **FREE ADMISSION!** for info, contact Chairpersons Dr. Paul & Drora Brody.

## MAZAL TOVS & COMMUNITY NEWS

**Mazal Tov to Lisa & Meier Stein** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Zachary**. **Mazal Tov** to grandparents **Magda & Sam Yehaskel**.

**Mazal Tov to Judy & Gerry Traub** on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, **Joshua David Brody**, and their parents, **Shari & Todd Brody** in Riverdale.

**Mazal Tov to Phyllis & Paul Weinberg** on the graduation of their grandson, **Jonathan Weinberg** from Harvard Law School and on their granddaughter, **Amy Weinberg** receiving a MS in speech therapy from Adelphi.

**Mazal Tov to Dr. Paul & Drora Brody** on the graduation of their daughter **Dana** from the Univ. of Pennsylvania Law School, where she founded the Penn Law Israel Chapter, and to their daughter **Limor** who graduated Queens College Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa, with High Honors in Psychology.

**Mazal Tov to Eve & Dany Belecen** on the birth of their daughter, **Sara Stella**.

**Mazal Tov** to this year's Jack Shaw Awardees, **Michael Moslin, Jonathan Reiss & Phyllis Safdieh**.

#### SAVE THE DATE

Introducing Meorot, a Judaic Studies after school program providing students with an inspired Modern Orthodox specialized Jewish education. Meorot at North Shore Hebrew Academy is a Great Neck community partnership between the local Yeshivot serving Great Neck and seeks to serve elementary aged students who present with learning or language difficulties Please save the date **Monday, June 12th at 8:00 pm** for our inaugural Parlor Meeting at the home of Tara & Irv Golombeck, 24 Arleigh Rd.

#### YESHIVA HAR TORAH'S 17TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

**Monday June 19th**, at the beautiful North Shore Country Club in Glen Head, NY. Guest of Honor is the outing's Founder **Alan Steinberg**. The day will start with a full breakfast, great golf, on-course BBQ lunch, cocktail party and buffet awards dinner. For information and reservations/sponsorships, please contact Marc Yehaskel at [Myehaskel@gmail.com](mailto:Myehaskel@gmail.com) or call **(718) 343 2533**.

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#### Saturday, 9 Sivan

Serge Fischler for Hanny Fischler  
Carol Karbowitz for Jacob Katzwer  
Lynn Steinberg for Jacob Katzwer  
Heather Siegelman for Eric Levi

#### Sunday, 10 Sivan

Idida Kaplan for Ahuva Abramovsky  
Tina Machnikoff for Morris Steinberg

#### Tuesday, 12 Sivan

Judith Weinstein for Beatrice Einhorn  
Tom Furst for Harry Furst  
Gitty Louzoun for Anna Malek  
Howard Silberstein for Libie Silberstein

#### Wednesday, 13 Sivan

Gloria Faizakoff for Philip Cohen  
Zachary Dicker for Samuel Dicker  
Celia Lemonik for Albert Dorner  
Tziporah Gruber for William Mandell  
Elena Berkowitz for Frida Segev  
Sonia Movsas for Leah Serlin  
Richard Lillien for Herman Tatarsky

#### Thursday, 14 Sivan

Ilana Kroll for Stefa Hasson

#### Friday, 15 Sivan

Mark Lubin for Robert Lubin