



# Shabbat Announcements

Parshat Vayieishev

December 9, 2017 21 Kislev, 5778

<p><b>TORAH</b> <b>ARTSCROLL 198</b> <b>HERTZ 141</b></p> <p><b>HAFTORAH</b> <b>ARTSCROLL 1142</b> <b>HERTZ 152</b></p>	<p><b>Rabbi Jonathan Sacks on Vayieishev</b></p>	
	<p>In his Laws of Repentance, Moses Maimonides makes one of the most empowering statements in religious literature. Having explained that we and the world are judged by the majority of our deeds, he continues: "Therefore we should see ourselves throughout the year as if our deeds and those of the world are evenly poised between good and bad, so that our next act may change both the balance of our lives and that of the world." We can make a difference, and it is potentially immense. That should be our mindset, always. Few statements are more at odds with the way the world seems to us most of the time. Each of us knows that there is only one of us, and that there are seven billion others in the world today. What conceivable difference can we make? We are no more than a wave in the ocean, a grain of sand on the seashore, dust on the surface of infinity. Is it conceivable that with one act we could change the trajectory of our life, let alone that of humanity as a whole? Our parsha tells us that, yes, it is.</p>	<p>As the story of Jacob's children unfolds, there is a rapid rise of tension between his children that threatens to spill over into violence. Joseph, eleventh of the twelve, is Jacob's favorite son. He was, says the Torah, the child of Jacob's old age. More significantly, he was the first child of Jacob's beloved wife Rachel. Jacob "loved him more" than his other sons, and they knew it and resented it. They were jealous of their father's love. They were provoked by Joseph's dreams of greatness. The sight of the many-colored robe Jacob had given him as a token of his love provoked them to anger. Then came the moment of opportunity. The brothers were away far from home tending the flocks when Joseph appeared in the distance, sent by Jacob to see how they were doing. Their envy and anger reached boiling point, and they resolved to take violent revenge. " 'Here comes that dreamer!' they said to each other. 'Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a wild animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams.'" Only one of the brothers disagreed: Reuben. He knew that what they were proposing was very wrong, and he protested. At this point the Torah does something extraordinary. It makes a</p>
<p><b>Times</b></p>		
Candle Lighting	4:09 pm	
Mincha	4:10 pm	
Hashkama	8:00 am	
Parsha Shiur	8:30 am	
Main	9:00 am	
Beit Midrash	9:15 am	
Gemorah Shiur	3:30 pm	
Mincha	4:00 pm	
Shabbat Ends	5:17 pm	
R' Reisman Video	7:30 pm	
Sunday Dec. 10	7:30/8:30 am	
Monday	6:35/7:45 am	
Tuesday	6:45/7:45 am	
<b>Wed - Fri. Chanukah</b>	6:30/7:45 am	
Mincha	4:10 pm	
<p>Latest Times for Shema/Shemoneh Esrei</p>		
December 9	9:27/10:14 am	
December 16	9:31/10:18 am	
<p>Next Shabbat Mikeitz/Chanukah</p>		
Candle Lighting	4:10 pm	
Mincha	4:10 pm	
<p><b>KIDDUSH IS SPONSORED BY GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE</b></p>		<p><b>BIMA FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF DR. HOWARD REIN ARE SPONSORED ANONYMOUSLY</b></p>

back to his father." What does this mean? Consider what would have happened had Reuben actually acted at that moment. Joseph would not have been sold as a slave. He would not have been taken to Egypt. He would not have worked in Potiphar's house. He would not have attracted Potiphar's wife. He would not have been thrown into prison on a false charge. He would not have interpreted the dreams of the butler and baker, nor would he have done the same two years later for Pharaoh. He would not have been made viceroy of Egypt. He would not have brought his family to stay there. To be sure, God had already told Abraham many years earlier, "Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there" (Gen. 15:13). The Israelites would have become slaves, come what may. But at least they would not have had this happen as a result of their own family dysfunctions. An entire chapter of Jewish guilt and shame might have been avoided. If only Reuben had known what we know. If only he had been able to read the book. But we never can read the book that tells of the long-term consequences of our acts. We never know how much we affect the lives of others.

A single life, says the Mishnah, is like a universe. Change a life, and you begin to change the universe. That is how we make a difference: one life at a time, one day at a time, one act at a time. We never know in advance what effect a single act may have. Sometimes we never know it at all. Our next act might tilt the balance of someone else's life as well as our own. We are not inconsequential. We can make a difference to our world. When we do so, we become God's partners in the work of redemption, bringing the world that is, a little closer to the world that ought to be.

Please note that there will be no minyan in the Beit Midrash this Shabbat as all are encouraged to join the minyan in the Main Sanctuary as we pay tribute to **Rona Woldenberg & Reuben Askowitz and Sara & Andrew Feldschreiber** as the guests of honor at the GNS Dinner. Rabbi Polakoff will dedicate his sermon to the honorees.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE  
**GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE**

ANNUAL DINNER

HONORING

SARA & ANDREW  
FELDSCHREIBER

RONA WOLDENBERG &  
REUBEN ASKOWITZ



SATURDAY NIGHT  
DECEMBER 9, 2017

22 KISLEV 5778



**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

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All conversations and emails are kept confidential.



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**Dr. Ephraim Wolf, z"l, Rabbi Emeritus**  
**Eleazer Schulman, z"l, Cantor Emeritus**  
**Rabbi Sholom Jensen, Youth Director**  
**Zehava & Dr. Michael Atlas, Youth Directors**  
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**Rabbi Aron Rubin, Rabbinic Intern**  
**Harold Domnitch, Chairman of the Board**  
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# Challah Baking

BTH



Join the Great Neck Synagogue Sisterhood and make your own homemade delicious challah.

***Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 7:00pm***

***Great Neck Synagogue Youth Center***

***26 Old Mill Road, Great Neck***

***\$18 per Person - Reservations required***

***All ingredients included***

*Please click here for online registration or  
call the shul office on 516-487-6100*

Learn the secret to great tasting challah



# GNS BIKUR CHOLIM BREAKFAST and PRESENTATION



Please Join us at the home of  
David & Diane Rein (1 Cove Lane)  
on Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

**Rabbi Dr. Hillel Fox**

Chaplain at North Shore University Hospital,  
will deliver a presentation titled,  
**“Guidelines for Visiting the Sick and Elderly”**

Breakfast will be served.

The presentation is dedicated in memory of  
David’s beloved father, Dr. Howard Rein z”l,  
on the occasion of his first yahrzeit.  
Kindly RSVP to [drein@verizon.net](mailto:drein@verizon.net).

# CHAVERIM AT GUNS

**DATE:** December 13th 11:30 - 2:00

**ACTIVITY** Celebrate Chanukah  
with Chaverim

**LUNCH  
LAST EVENT'S  
SPONSORS**

Thank you to Roz Korman for sponsoring dessert  
in honor of Bernie, her granddaughter, and  
Omer's recent marriage

**Upcoming Dates:**  
December 27th: Presentation by Carole Libby &  
Book Group - "The Dictionary of Mutual Understanding"  
Jan. 10 & Jan. 24 - Keep Open for Chaverim

Cindy, Erica, Michelle & Naeema



## YOUTH EVENTS PLUS...

NEW YORK KNICKS  
**HANUKKAH CELEBRATION NIGHT**  
 LAKERS VS. KNICKS, TUES. 12/12 7:00PM



Join us as we celebrate the first night of Hanukkah. The night will feature a special Garden appearance by Amar'e Stoudemire and lighting of the menorah.

### HANUKKAH CELEBRATION NIGHT DETAILS

- Every ticket holder will receive a New York Knicks T-Shirt in Hebrew
- Opportunity for ticket holders to shoot a foul shot on the Garden floor (1 ticket holder can participate for every 2 tickets purchased - limited availability - 1st come 1st served)
- Latkes will be available for purchase at concession stands

• All Tickets are at Discounted Prices **\$70 \$95**  
 last chance today to purchase before tickets are offered to non GNS members  
 (\$115 & \$130 tickets are sold out)

To purchase tickets call the GNS office at 516.487.6100  
 Limited availability

<b>8:30 AM</b> <b>YOUTH MINYAN</b> <small>(BRAUN YOUTH CENTER)</small>	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>PRE-GROUPS</b> <small>(ROOMS 112 &amp; 113)</small>	<b>10:00 AM</b> <b>PRESCHOOL GROUPS &amp; MOMMY &amp; ME</b> <small>(FIRST FLOOR)</small>
<b>5:45 PM</b> <b>PICK UP PRIZES AFTER SHABBAT NEAR GYM</b>	 <b>GNS YOUTH</b> <b>ANNUAL CHANUKAH BASH</b> <b>DEC. 16<sup>th</sup>!</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b> <b>HIGH SCHOOL CHOLENT KIDDUSH</b>
<b>4:00 PM</b> <b>FAREWELL</b> <small>(FOLLOWED BY MINCHA)</small>		<b>11:00 AM</b> <b>GROUPS DREIDEL COMPETITION</b> <small>(REGULAR CLASSROOMS)</small>
<b>3:00 PM</b> <b>GRAND RAFFLE</b> <small>(BEIT MIDRASH I)</small>	<b>11:45 AM</b> <b>SUFGANIYOT KIDDUSH &amp; CANDY-FILLED DREIDELS</b> <small>(ALL GROUPS)</small>	<b>12:15 PM</b> <b>BINGO!! ALL YOUTH 1<sup>st</sup> Grade &amp; Up</b> <small>(BEIT MIDRASH I)</small>
<b>2:00 PM</b> <b>TICKET HUNT!!</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b> <b>YOUTH LUNCHEON 1<sup>st</sup> Grade &amp; Up</b> <small>(BRAUN YOUTH CENTER)</small>	<b>12:15 PM</b> <b>BINGO!! ALL YOUTH 1<sup>st</sup> Grade &amp; Up</b> <small>(BEIT MIDRASH I)</small>

GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE YOUTH

# Friday Night Oneg

Grades 9-10

## December 8

Come on by to the Atlas Home  
 9 Brook Lane 7:00-9:00 pm for great food,  
 ruach, and friends!

Dear friends at Great Neck Synagogue,

It was wonderful to meet you all a few weeks ago!

Next time you are in Israel, please come visit the Biblical Museum of Natural History!  
 See [www.BiblicalNaturalHistory.org](http://www.BiblicalNaturalHistory.org) for details on how to book a tour.

If you'd like to buy any of my books, you can do so online at <https://www.biblicalnaturalhistory.org/shop/>

You might also want to sign up for the museum newsletter, at <https://www.biblicalnaturalhistory.org/mailling-list/>

And you may wish to follow my blog, at [www.RationalistJudaism.com](http://www.RationalistJudaism.com)

Looking forward to the next time we meet!

Best wishes,  
 Natan Slifkin

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# CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

The Show is  
free of charge  
to the entire  
community!

**WEDNESDAY DEC. 13**  
2ND NIGHT OF CHANUKAH

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30      SHOW BEGINS AT 7:00  
FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE BEFORE THE SHOW

A show the  
whole family  
will enjoy!

WONDERGY  
**LASER LIGHT SHOW**  
GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE MAIN SANCTUARY



THE CHANUKAH STORY IS FUNDAMENTALLY ONE OF UNDERESTIMATION AND RESOURCEFULNESS. WITH OUR FESTIVAL OF LASER LIGHT, WE'LL SEE HOW WE CAN DO A LOT WITH A LITTLE BY USING IT WELL.  
THAT'S WHAT JUDAISM, SCIENCE AND LASER SHOWS ARE ALL ABOUT!

RSVP AT [MTWERSKY@GNS.ORG](mailto:MTWERSKY@GNS.ORG)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

RABBI POLAKOFF'S SHABBOS DRASHA THROUGH 5778 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

**Wednesdays: 10-12; Thursdays: 1-3.** He can always be reached via 516.637.3674 or [dpolakoff@gns.org](mailto:dpolakoff@gns.org).

## SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday Breakfast is sponsored by **Florence & Irvin Spira** in memory of his father Abraham Spira, z"l.

## SISTERHOOD EVENTS

**Thurs. Dec. 7th at 7:00 pm:** Challah Baking \$18/person. Please register with shul office.

If you'd like to receive email updates on upcoming Sisterhood events, please email [farlafrumkin@gmail.com](mailto:farlafrumkin@gmail.com).

## BIKUR CHOLIM BREAKFAST AND PRESENTATION

All our invited to the home of David and Diane Rein (1 Cove Lane) on **Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am** to hear Rabbi Dr. Hillel Fox, Chaplain at North Shore University Hospital, deliver a presentation titled, "Guidelines for Visiting the Sick and Elderly." The presentation is in memory of David's beloved father, Dr. Howard Rein z"l, on the occasion of his first yearzeit. Kindly RSVP to [drein@verizon.net](mailto:drein@verizon.net). Breakfast will be served.

## CHAVERIM CENTER

Our next meeting is **Wed. December 13th** from **11:30-2:00** Chanukah festivities.

## CHANUKAH FAMILY EVENT

**Wednesday night Dec. 13th at 6:30 pm:**

A Chanukah Wondergy Laser Light Show. Doors open at 6:30 with food available for purchase. Show starts at 7:00 pm sharp! Please reserve your spot at [mtwersky@gns.org](mailto:mtwersky@gns.org).

## SUPPORT GREAT NECK EIRUV

Our yearly fundraising for the Great Neck Eiruv will be in January. We depend on your generosity to maintain our Eiruv. The minimum suggested donation will remain at \$180.00, though, if you are able, a larger donation would be GREATLY appreciated. If you would like to make your fully tax deductible charitable donation before year end, you may do so by either:

**A.** Mailing a check to G N Eiruv Association, P.O. Box 234243, Great Neck, NY 11023

**B.** Donating online at: <http://greatneckeiruv.org/donate>

Thank you in advance for help to maintain our Eiruv.

## RABBINIC INTERN

If you would like to invite our rabbinic intern, Aron & Leia Rubin for a Shabbat meal, please contact them at 917.500.1411. They will be here December 9th & 23rd.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE

December 9: GNS Annual Dinner  
December 13: Chaverim Center  
December 13: Chanukah Laser Light Show  
December 16: Shabbat Speaker: Rabbi Steven Burg  
December 16: Chanukah Youth Bash

## MAZAL TOVS & COMMUNITY NEWS

**Mazal Tov** to **Rona Woldenberg & Reuben Askowitz** and **Sara & Andrew Feldschreiber** on being the guests of honor at the GNS Annual dinner.

**Mazal Tov** to **Ellen & Mitchell Siegel** on the birth of a grandson, born to their children **Jill & Avi Wilensky**.

**Mazal Tov** to **Lillien & Gary Chubak** on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their children **Ellen & Steven Chubak**.

## PARLOR MEETING FOR HOUSE OF HOPE

Please join us for a Sushi and wine evening to learn more about a unique girls home and orphanage in Netanya, Israel, Bayit v'tikvah (House of Hope). **Wednesday evening, Dec. 20th at 8:00 pm**, hosted by Sharon and Akiva Fishman, [35 Beverly Road](#). (Event Chairs Jonathan Muller, Andrew Feldschreiber and Akiva Fishman). Presentation by executive director Rabbi Brian Thau for American Friends of House of Hope.

## SHABBAT FOOD

If you know of anyone needing food for Shabbat contact Cindy [516.317.9632](tel:516.317.9632) or [koshercookinggn@gmail.com](mailto:koshercookinggn@gmail.com).

All communications will remain confidential. Please drop off at 91 Baker Hill Road. You will recognize the coolers!

## SHIDDUCHIM COMMITTEE

If you are single and interested in meeting someone, email Robyn Blumner at [mitzvamatcher@gmail.com](mailto:mitzvamatcher@gmail.com).

## DARIO

Our Building Superintendant **Dario Taveras** lost his father. He is in the Dominican Republic with his family. Notes of condolence may be sent to him at 26 Old Mill Road, Great Neck 11023.

## Y A H R Z E I T

### Saturday, 21 Kislev

Martin Brownstein for Samuel Brownstein

Pearl Ginsburg for Isaiah Ginsburg

### Sunday, 22 Kislev

Mahin Aryeh for Morad Aryeh

Lloyd Bayme for Rachel Bayme

Hillel Milun for Reuben Milun

Fred Pomerantz for David Pomerantz

Irvin Spira for Abraham Spira

### Monday, 23 Kislev

Harriet Sherman Schimel for Sherry Grodofsky

Karen Wydra for Evelyn Stein

Edward Weiss for Joseph Weiss

Peter Weiss for Joseph Weiss

Zinat Yacobi for Michal Yacobi

### Tuesday, 24 Kislev

Michal Malen for Emanuel Hoschander

Susan Goldman for Malia Ring

Frangess Sedaghatpour for Dr. Habibolah Sedaghatpour

### Wednesday, 25 Kislev

Ebrahim Gabbazadeh for Yehudit Chaya bat Rav Shlomo

Mark Abraham for Sara Malka bat Sara

### Thursday, 26 Kislev

Hyman Katz for Sally Katz

Lili Sedaghatpour for Shimon Mirakhor

Mahin Aryeh for Marilyn Schwadron

Eliezer Noy for Yosef Zargaryan

### Friday, 27 Kislev

Sonia Mauthner for Sidney Mauthner

David Rein for Dr. Howard Rein