



# Shabbat Announcements

Parshat Beha'alotcha

June 2, 2018 19 Sivan, 5778

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<h3>Times</h3>	<p>Tanakh, the Hebrew Bible, is remarkable for the extreme realism with which it portrays human character. Its heroes are not superhuman. Its non-heroes are not archetypal villains. The best have failings; the worst often have saving virtues. I know of no other religious literature quite like it. This makes it very difficult to use biblical narrative to teach a simple, black-and-white approach to ethics. And that – argued R. Zvi Hirsch Chajes (Mevo ha-Aggadot) – is why rabbinic midrash often systematically re-interprets the narrative so that the good become all-good and the bad all-bad. For sound educational reasons, Midrash paints the moral life in terms of black and white. Yet the plain sense remains (“A biblical passage never loses its plain interpretation”, Shabbat 63a), and it is important that we do not lose sight of it. It is as if monotheism brought into being at the same time a profound humanism. God in the Hebrew Bible is nothing like the gods of myth. They were half-human, half-divine. The result was that in the epic literature of pagan</p>	<p>cultures, human heroes were seen as almost like gods: semi-divine.</p> <p>In stark contrast, monotheism creates a total distinction between God and humanity. If God is wholly God, then human beings can be seen as wholly human – subtle, complex mixtures of strength and weakness. We identify with the heroes of the Bible because, despite their greatness, they never cease to be human, nor do they aspire to be anything else. Hence the phenomenon of which the sedra of Beha'alotcha provides a shattering example: the vulnerability of some of the greatest religious leaders of all time, to depression and despair. The context is familiar enough. The Israelites are complaining about their food: “The rabble among them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, ‘If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!’” (Num 11:4-6)</p> <p>This is not a new story. We have heard it before (see for example Exodus 16). Yet on this occasion, Moses experiences what one can only call a breakdown: He asked the Lord,</p> <p>“Why have You brought this trouble on Your servant? What have I done to displease You that You put the burden of all these people on me? Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth?... I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. If this is how You are going to treat me, put me to death right now—if I have found favor in Your eyes—and do not let me face my own ruin.” (Num. 11:11-15)</p> <p>Moses prays for death! Nor is he the only person in Tanakh to do so. There are at least three others.</p> <p>There is Elijah, when after his successful confrontation with the prophets of Baal at Mount Carmel, Queen Jezebel issues a warrant that he be killed: Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, while he himself went a day’s journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. “I have had enough, Lord,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.” (I Kings 19:3-4)</p> <p>There is Jonah, after God had forgiven the inhabitants of Nineveh: Jonah was greatly displeased and</p>																																								
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became angry. He prayed to the Lord, "O Lord, is this not what I said when I was still at home? That is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. Now, O Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live." (Jonah 4:1-3)

And there is Jeremiah, after the people fail to heed his message and publicly humiliate him: "O Lord, You enticed me, and I was enticed; You overpowered me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me...The word of the Lord has brought me insult and reproach all day long...Cursed be the day I was born! May the day my mother bore me not be blessed! Cursed be the man who brought my father the news, made him very glad, saying, "A child is born to you - a son!"...Why did I ever come out of the womb to see trouble and sorrow and to end my days in shame?" (Jeremiah 20:7-18)

Lehavdil elef havdalot: no comparison is intended between the religious heroes of Tanakh and political heroes of the modern world. They are different types, living in different ages, functioning in different spheres. Yet we find a similar phenomenon in one of the great figures of the twentieth century, Winston Churchill. Throughout much of his life he was prone to periods of acute depression. He called it "the black dog". He told his daughter, "I have achieved a great deal to achieve nothing in the end". He told a friend that "he prays every day for death". In 1944 he told his doctor, Lord Moran, that he kept himself from standing close to a train platform or overlooking the side of a ship because he might be tempted to commit suicide: "A second's desperation would end everything".

Why are the greatest so often haunted by a sense of failure? Storr, in the book mentioned above, offers some compelling psychological insights. But at the simplest level we see certain common features, at least among the biblical prophets: a passionate drive to change the world, combined with a deep sense of personal inadequacy. Moses says, "Who am I...that I should lead the Israelites out of Egypt?" (Ex. 3:11). Jeremiah says: "I cannot speak: I am only a child" (Jer. 1:6). Jonah tries to flee from his mission. The very sense of responsibility that leads a prophet to heed the call of God can lead him to blame himself when the people around him do not heed the same call. Yet it is that same inner voice that ultimately holds the cure. The prophet does not believe in himself: he believes in God. He does not undertake to lead because he sees himself as a leader, but because he sees a task to be done and no one else willing to do it. His greatness lies not within himself but beyond himself: in his sense of being summoned to a task that must be done however inadequate he knows himself to be.

Despair can be part of leadership itself. For when the prophet sees himself reviled, rebuked, criticized; when his words fall on stony ground; when he sees people listening to what they want to hear, not what they need to hear - that is when the last layers of self are burned away, leaving only the task, the mission, the call. When that happens, a new greatness is born. It now no longer matters that the prophet is unpopular and unheeded. All that matters is the work and the One who has summoned him to it. That is when the prophet arrives at the truth stated by Rabbi Tarfon: "It is not for you to complete the task, but neither are you free to stand aside from it" (Avot 2:16).

Again without seeking to equate the sacred and the secular, I end with some words spoken by Theodore Roosevelt (in a speech to students at the Sorbonne, Paris, 23 April 1910), which sum up both the challenge and the consolation of leadership in cadences of timeless eloquence: It is not the critic who counts, Not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, Or where the doer of deeds could actually have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, Whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, Who strives valiantly, Who errs and comes short again and again - Because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; But who does actually strive to do the deeds, Who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions, Who spends himself in a worthy cause, Who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, And who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, So that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat. Leadership in a noble cause can bring despair. But it also is the cure.



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 All conversations and emails are kept confidential.



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**THIS SHABBAT**

**Thank you to the following families for sponsoring the  
Congregational & Graduation Kiddush this Shabbat.  
Please call the office to add your graduate or your simcha to this list.**

Efi & Ronit Basal on their daughter Natalie graduating Middle School and joining brother Joseph in High School.

Emma & Bart Baum wishing a Happy Summer to Esther, Sophie and Jakob.

Judy & Brett Blatter on Raquel's 8th grade graduation from NSHA. We're so proud of you.  
Love, Mom and Dad.

Robyn & Steven Blumner in honor of Zachary graduating USC School of Dramatic Arts,  
Cum Laude.

Paul, Drora and the Brody Bunch on Joey Brody's graduation from Rambam Mesivta High  
School and continuing studies at Yeshivat Lev HaTorah in Israel.

Arnie & Kathy Flatow in honor of Sara graduating Queens College - Summa Cum Laude.

Dina & Natan Hamerman in Honor of Sarah Hamerman Being Named Co-Valedictorian of  
NSHA Middle School.

Sharon Janovic & Larry Levitas on the graduation of Max Janovic from GN North HS.

Lisa & Erran Kagan on the graduations of Abigail to Kindergarten and Jacob to GNS Middle  
School.

Carol & Stephen Karbowitz on the graduations of JJ and Ariella Varnai from YCQ and  
entering SAR HS.

Joan & Henry Katz on the graduations of Efrem Sadinoff, from Technology High School,  
Ra-anana, Gabrielle Sadinoff, from Frisch High School and Raquel Blatter, from NSHA  
Middle School.

Sigal & Rob Katz on Jennifer's graduation from NSHA Middle School.

Hindy & Ben Lunzer on Rachel Lunzer graduating from NYU School of Nursing.

Jonathan & Dina Ohebshalom on Valerie graduating from GN North High and Daniella  
graduating from JFK.

Liz & Jared Ort on Shoshana graduating from NSHA Middle School and Benny from NSHA  
Lower School.

Brenda & Edward Parver in honor of the graduation of granddaughter Rachel Teigman  
from Rosenbaum Yeshiva of North Jersey, Middle School.

Galit & Grant Reichlin on Leah 8th grade graduation and Liora's Kindergarten graduation  
from NSHA.

Charlotte Schneider in honor of Perry's graduation from Hunter College Graduate School of  
Education and their wedding anniversary.

Steven & Jill Swartz on Hannah graduating NSHA Middle and going to HS.

Rebecca Weisel and Family in honor of Rina Weisel's graduation from NSHA Middle School.

In honor of Rina Weisel on her graduation from NSHA Middle School – Love Gammy,  
Pop-Pop, Daddy and Mordy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Great Neck Synagogue  
Men's Club

**SUN. JUNE 10th**  
8:00 pm at CITI FIELD  
NY METS vs. NY YANKEES

Tickets: \$70 for members  
\$85 for non-members

Purchase your tickets by calling the  
GNS office 516.487.6100  
or Jack Lipsky 516.384.1482

המרכז לזיכרון כותבים

The Lone Soldier Center



THE LONE SOLDIER CENTER

**You are invited to a reception  
in support of the  
Lone Soldier Center in Memory of Michael Levin**

Hosted by Dalia and Michael Khahshoor, parents of Mayan current lone soldier,  
Michele and Jonny Ambalo parents of Gabe current lone soldier and  
Russell and Virginie Feder.

Russell is a former lone soldier who served in the 1990's.

Speaking at the event: Ari Kalker, Non-Commissioned Idf Officer, Director Of Housing &  
Accommodation For Lone Soldiers

**Tuesday, June 5  
at 8:00p.m.  
at the home of Dalia and Michael Khahshoor  
21 Flower Lane, Great Neck**

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/2GLwtUe>



# CHAVERIM CENTER

## A T G N S

**DATE**

May 30th

11:30

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2:00

**ACTIVITY**

Games & Book Discussion of "The Bridge Ladies"  
by Betsy Lerner

**NEWS**

Chaverim is looking for someone to teach Canasta.

Cindy, Erica, Michelle & Naeema

SEYMOUR & SALLY  
OLSHIN  
ADULT EDUCATION  
PROGRAM

GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE  
SUMMER  
UPCOMING  
LECTURES

SUNDAY MORNING  
JUNE 24TH 9:15 AM



RABBI BARUCH SIMON

SUNDAY MORNING  
JULY 8TH 9:15 AM



RABBI MOSHE WEINBERG

SUNDAY MORNING  
JULY 29TH 9:15 AM



RABBI DOVID HIRSCH

TUESDAY EVENING  
JULY 24TH 7:00 PM



SANDRA RAPOPORT

TUESDAY EVENING  
AUGUST 14TH 8:15 PM



DR. EDWARD REICHMAN

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**CELEBRATE ISRAEL PARADE**



**SABABA! SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018**  
11am - 4pm • 57th-74th St. on Fifth Ave.

Join us at the world's largest celebration of Israel @ 70  
Don't miss this year's special guests: Israeli musician Israel Talpi and Israeli Chef Eyal Shani.  
Featuring: Scazzafon, Tzvi Klayman, Mikal and Yonatan, The National Yiddish Theater/Folklitza, Ol' Chai Anghel, Six 13, House Band Orchestra, 15 excellent marching bands, 30 reserves of Pivots and more! *Vegetarian-friendly!*

CelebrateIsraelNY.org  
CelebrateIsraelParade @CelebrateIsrael  
LIVE on FOX's NY9 or CelebrateIsraelNY.org starting at Noon.



GREAT NECK WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT  
Invites Residents to

# SHED THE MEDS

TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD RESIDENTS CAN DROP OFF PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE AT THE DISTRICT'S DRIVE-THRU




**SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018**  
10:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
236 EAST SHORE ROAD, GREAT NECK

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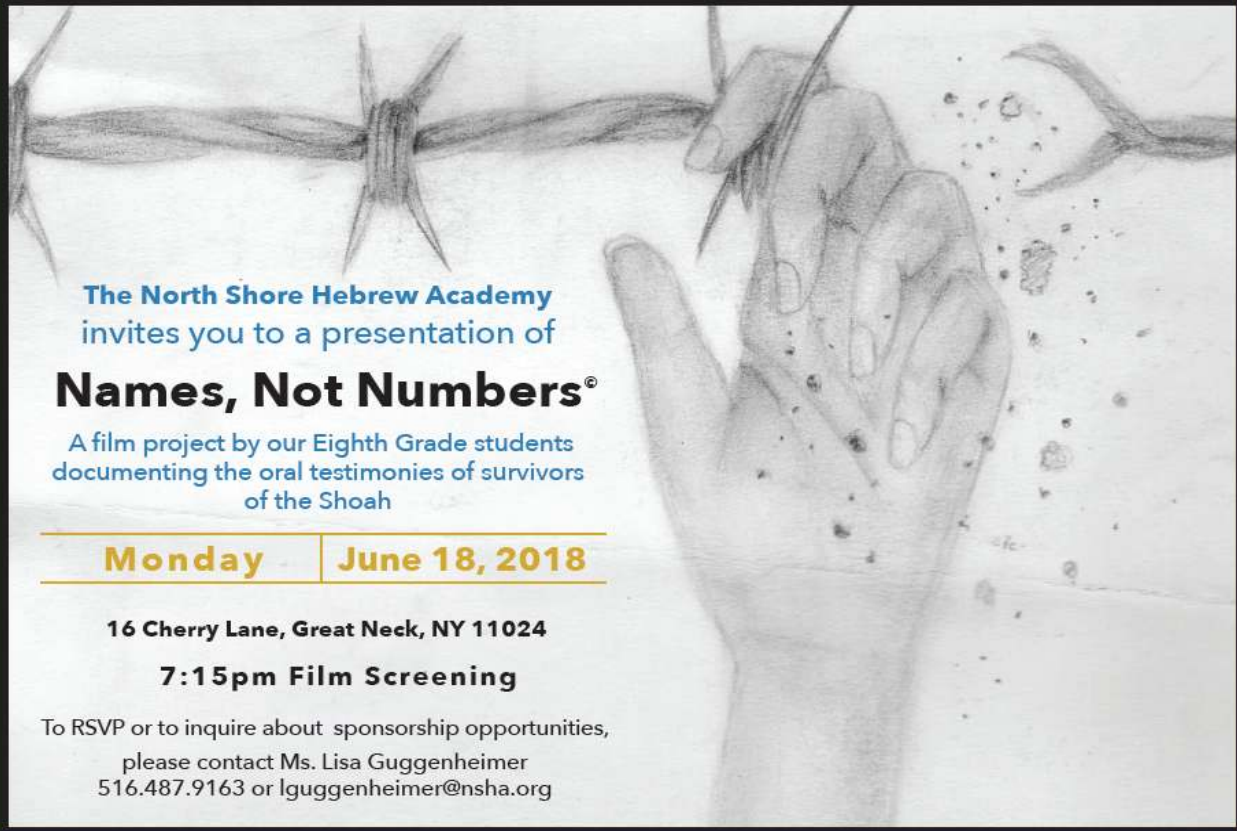


# perek in the park

**Strathmore Park Shabbat June 9th**  
**6:00 pm**  
**with Rabbis Polakoff & Lichter**



**NAMES, NOT NUMBERS**



The North Shore Hebrew Academy  
invites you to a presentation of

**Names, Not Numbers®**

A film project by our Eighth Grade students  
documenting the oral testimonies of survivors  
of the Shoah

**Monday June 18, 2018**

**16 Cherry Lane, Great Neck, NY 11024**

**7:15pm Film Screening**

To RSVP or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities,  
please contact Ms. Lisa Guggenheimer  
516.487.9163 or lguggenheimer@nsha.org

**Aron Bell**

Interviewed By  
Sarah Brisman, Shira Cohen, Jasmin Edalati,  
Jennifer Katz

**Lillian Berliner**

Interviewed By  
Lily Atighetchi, Sarah Brisman,  
Emma Hematian, Leanna Hakakian, Shoshana Ort

**Henry Katz**

Interviewed By  
Daniella Azar, Raquel Blatter, Ashley Hakakian,  
Kayla Hakakian, Jennifer Katz

**Evelyn Rubin**

Interviewed By  
Kayla Ashourzadeh, Maya Glasman, Daniela Kashi,  
Ashley Kohan, Leah Mayeri, Ella Shusterman

**Doris Seeman**

Interviewed By  
Natalie Basal, Shira Cohen, Samuel Kroll,  
Leah Reichlin, Noah Sonnenklar, Hannah Swartz

**Leon Sherman**

Interviewed By  
Elisheba Azaraharian, Jasmin Edalati,  
Evie Hakimian, Jaiden Hakimian,  
Michal Yaghoubi, Ethan Zuckerman

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The Names, Not Numbers Program  
is a Legacy Heritage project.

Names, Not Numbers is an interactive  
multi-media Holocaust oral history film  
project, created by educator  
Tova Fish-Rosenberg

*\*Invitation artwork by Shoshana Ort*



# 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).

### CHAVERIM CENTER

Join Chaverim on **Wednesday, May 30th from 11:30-2:00** for games and a book discussion on "The Bridge Ladies" by Betsy Lerner. We are also looking for someone who can teach the Canasta to the Chaverim group.

### GRADUATION KIDDUSH

To include your simcha in the congregational and graduation Kiddush on **Shabbat June 2nd**, please contact [mtwersky@gns.org](mailto:mtwersky@gns.org). Cost is \$100 per family.

### MEN'S CLUB EVENT

**Sunday June 10 at 8:00 pm:**

Mets vs. Yankees at Citi Field. Tickets: \$70 for Men's Club members, \$85 for non-members. Contact GNS office or Jack Lipsky 516.384.1482.

### BIKUR CHOLIM THANK YOU

If you know anyone that can benefit from Bikur Cholim, please email Diane Rein at [drein@verizon.net](mailto:drein@verizon.net). Thank you very much to our amazing team of approximately 25 volunteers who have dedicated their time and effort making weekly phone calls and visits over the past year to those in need in our shul. Their tremendous chesed is an inspiration to all of us.

### SISTERHOOD EVENTS

If you are interested in receiving Sisterhood emails, please email [farlafrumkin@gmail.com](mailto:farlafrumkin@gmail.com). Membership is not required to be on the email list, attend events or help out. It is a great way to keep track of all Sisterhood events.

### SHABBAT FOOD

Friday drop-offs are continuing at 91 Baker Hill Rd before 1:30 pm. Please have food neatly wrapped and placed in coolers on front porch.

### CHAVERWEB

Chaverweb is the most convenient place to view your account status, pay your bills and manage your online profile. Accessible at [gns.org](http://gns.org) with your account password.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE

May 30: Chaverim Center  
June 2: Graduation Kiddush  
June 3: Salute to Israel Day Parade  
June 10: Men's Club Baseball Game

### MAZAL TOVS & COMMUNITY NEWS

**Mazal Tov to Hannah Swartz & family** on receiving the Rotary Youth Merit Award on behalf of the NSHA.

**Mazal Tov to Fran & Jerry Gil** on the forthcoming marriage of their son **Jason to Chelsey Rosen**.

### SHED THE MEDS

The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District invites residents to *Shed the Meds*, where town of North Hempstead residents can drop off pharmaceutical waste at the district's drive-thru on **Sunday, June 3rd from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm at 236 East Shore Rd.**

### NATIONAL YIDDISH THEATRE-FOLKSBIENE

The National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene will present a historic Yiddish production (with English subtitles) of *Fiddler on the Roof*, with direction by academy award winner Joel Grey. The show will run this summer and beyond. Opening night will feature a red carpet performance honoring **Jeffrey Wiesenfeld**, now serving his 20th year as Chairman. The opening night, **Monday, July 16th** will feature a VIP dinner at 5 pm, followed by the performance at 7 pm, all at the Museum of Jewish Heritage. For opening night or general tickets, call 212.213.2120.

## Y A H R Z E I T

### Saturday, 19 Sivan

Ira Lubin for Irma Lubin  
Osnass Shein for Joshua Shein  
Cindy Ludwig for Max Siegal

### Sunday, 20 Sivan

Rhonda Lipsky for Sylvia Olk  
Issac Sachmechi for Nissim Sachmechi  
Paul Weinberg for Nathan Weinberg  
Nathaniel Weisel for Gertrude Weisel

### Monday, 21 Sivan

Sheila Ebrahimian for Faizullah Aminoff  
Evelyn Henis for Anita Greenberg  
Jack Gruber for Samuel Gruber  
Ben Jampel for Judith Jampel  
Arthur Kirsch for Phyllis Kirsch  
Evelyn Benatar for Stephen Lantos  
Michail Litvin for Tsilyah Litvin

### Tuesday, 22 Sivan

Eddy Barth for Mazal Barth  
Dov Berkowitz for Meilech Berkowitz  
Farangess Sedaghatpour for Parvaneh Ohebshalom  
Louise Kahn for Samuel Tuch

### Wednesday, 23 Sivan

Moshe Apelbaum for Shai Apelbaum  
Alan Prawer for Genia Prawer  
Erein Justin for Moshe Tweg

### Thursday, 24 Sivan

William Helmreich for Mark Helmreich  
Allegra Goldberg for Judith messer  
Michael Singer for Jules Singer  
Jill Haft for Helen Strlovic

### Friday, 25 Sivan

Jack Lipsky for David Lipsky