



# Shabbat Announcements

Parshat Ki Teitzei

August 25, 2018 14 Elul, 5778

<b>TORAH</b> <b>ARTSCROLL 1046</b> <b>HERTZ 840</b>		<b>Rabbi Jonathan Sacks on Ki Teitzei</b>		
<b>HAFTORAH</b> <b>ARTSCROLL 1201</b> <b>HERTZ 857</b>		<p>It is by any standards a strange, almost incomprehensible law. Here it is in the form it appears in this week's parsha: Remember what the Amalekites did to you along the way when you came out of Egypt. When you were weary and worn out, they met you on your journey and attacked all who were lagging behind; they had no fear of God. When the Lord your God gives you rest from all the enemies around you in the land He is giving you to possess as an inheritance, you shall blot out the name of Amalek from under the heaven. Do not forget. (Deut. 25:17-19) The Israelites had two enemies in the days of Moses: the Egyptians and the Amalekites. The Egyptians enslaved the Israelites. They turned them into a forced labor colony. They oppressed them. Pharaoh commanded them to drown every male Israelite child. It was attempted genocide. Yet about them, Moses commands: Do not despise an Egyptian, because you were strangers in his land. (Deut. 23:8) The Amalekites did no more than attack the Israelites once, an attack that they successfully repelled (Ex. 17:13). Yet Moses commands, "Remember." "Do not forget." "Blot out the name." In Exodus the</p>	<p>Torah says that "God shall be at war with Amalek for all generations" (Ex. 17:16). Why the difference? Why did Moses tell the Israelites, in effect, to forgive the Egyptians but not the Amalekites?</p> <p>The answer is to be found as a corollary of teaching in the Mishna, Avot (5:19): Whenever love depends on a cause and the cause passes away, then the love passes away too. But if love does not depend on a cause then the love will never pass away. What is an example of the love which depended upon a cause? That of Amnon for Tamar. And what is an example of the love which did not depend on a cause? That of David and Jonathan. When love is conditional, it lasts as long as the condition lasts but no longer. Amnon loved, or rather lusted, for Tamar because she was forbidden to him. She was his half-sister. Once he had had his way with her, "Then Amnon hated her with intense hatred. In fact, he hated her more than he had loved her." (2 Sam. 13:15). But when love is unconditional and irrational, it never ceases. In the words of Dylan Thomas: "Though lovers be lost, love shall not, and death shall have no dominion." The same applies to hate. When hate is rational, based on some fear or disapproval that – justified or not – has some logic to it, then it can be reasoned with and brought to an end. But unconditional, irrational hatred cannot be reasoned with. There is nothing one can do to address it and end</p>	<p>it. It persists.</p> <p>That was the difference between the Amalekites and the Egyptians. The Egyptians' hatred and fear of the Israelites was not irrational. Pharaoh said to his people: 'The Israelites are becoming too numerous and strong for us. We must deal wisely with them. Otherwise, they may increase so much, that if there is war, they will join our enemies and fight against us, driving [us] from the land.' (Ex. 1:9-10) The Egyptians feared the Israelites because they were numerous. They constituted a potential threat to the native population. Historians tell us that this was not groundless. Egypt had already suffered from one invasion of outsiders, the Hyksos, an Asiatic people with Canaanite names and beliefs, who took over the Nile Delta during the Second Intermediate Period of the Egypt of the pharaohs. Eventually they were expelled from Egypt and all traces of their occupation were erased. But the memory persisted. It was not irrational for the Egyptians to fear that the Hebrews were another such population. They feared the Israelites because they were strong.</p> <p>(Note that there is a difference between "rational" and "justified". The Egyptians' fear was in this case certainly unjustified. The</p>
<b>Times</b>				
Mincha	7:00 pm	<p><b>KIDDUSH IS SPONSORED BY</b> <b>GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE</b></p>		
Candle Lighting	7:21 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	6:15 pm			
Mincha	7:15 pm			
Shabbat Ends	8:28 pm			
Sun. Aug. 26	7:30/8:30 am			
Mon. & Thurs.	6:35/7:45 am			
Tues., Wed. & Fri.	6:45/7:45 am			
Mincha	7:15 pm			
Latest Times for Shema/Shemoneh Esrei				
August 25	9:35/10:42 am			
September 1	9:38/10:43 am			
Next Shabbat Ki Tavo				
Mincha	7:00 pm			
Candle Lighting	7:10 pm			

Israelites did not want to take over Egypt. To the contrary, they would have preferred to leave. Not every rational emotion is justified. It is not irrational to feel fear of flying after the report of a major air disaster, despite the fact that statistically it is more dangerous to drive a car than to be a passenger in a plane. The point is simply that rational but unjustified emotion can, in principle, be cured through reasoning.)

Precisely the opposite was true of the Amalekites. They attacked the Israelites when they were "weary and weak". They focused their assault on those who were "lagging behind." Those who are weak and lagging behind pose no danger. This was irrational, groundless hate. With rational hate it is possible to reason. Besides, there was no reason for the Egyptians to fear the Israelites any more. They had left. They were no longer a threat. But with irrational hate it is impossible to reason. It has no cause, no logic. Therefore it may never go away. Irrational hate is as durable and persistent as irrational love. The hatred symbolized by Amalek lasts "for all generations." All one can do is to remember and not forget, to be constantly vigilant, and to fight it whenever and wherever it appears.

There is such a thing as rational xenophobia: fear and hate of the foreigner, the stranger, the one not like us. In the hunter-gatherer stage of humanity, it was vital to distinguish between members of your tribe and those of another tribe. There was competition for food and territory. It was not an age of liberalism and tolerance. The other tribe was likely to kill you or oust you, given the chance. The ancient Greeks were xenophobic, regarding all non-Greeks as barbarians. So still are many native populations. Even people as tolerant as the British and Americans were historically distrustful of immigrants, be they Jews, Irish, Italian or Puerto Rican – and for some this remains the case today. What happens, though, is that within two or three generations the newcomers acculturate and integrate. They are seen as contributing to the national economy and adding richness and variety to its culture.

When an emotion like fear of immigrants is rational but unjustified, eventually it declines and disappears.

Antisemitism is different from xenophobia. It is the paradigm case of irrational hatred. In the Middle Ages Jews were accused of poisoning wells, spreading the plague, and in one of the most absurd claims ever – the Blood Libel – they were suspected of killing Christian children to use their blood to make matzot for Pesach. This was self-evidently impossible, but that did not stop people believing it. The European Enlightenment, with its worship of science and reason, was expected to end all such hatred. Instead it gave rise to a new version of it, racial antisemitism. In the nineteenth century Jews were hated because they were rich and because they were poor; because they were capitalists and because they were communists; because they were exclusive and kept to themselves and because they infiltrated everywhere; because they were believers in an ancient, superstitious faith and because they were rootless cosmopolitans who believed nothing.

Antisemitism was the supreme irrationality of the age of reason. It gave rise to a new myth, The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, a literary forgery produced by members of the Czarist Russia secret police toward the end of the nineteenth century. It held that Jews had power over the whole of Europe – this at the time of the Russian pogroms of 1881 and the antisemitic May Laws of 1882, which sent some three million Jews, powerless and impoverished, into flight from Russia to the West. The situation in which Jews found themselves at the end of what was supposed to be the century of Enlightenment and emancipation was stated eloquently by Theodor Herzl, in 1897: We have sincerely tried everywhere to merge with the national communities in which we live, seeking only to preserve the faith of our fathers. It is not permitted us. In vain are we loyal patriots, sometimes superloyal; in vain do we make the same sacrifices of life and property as our fellow citizens; in vain do we strive to enhance the fame of our native lands in the arts and sciences, or her wealth by trade and commerce. In our native lands where we have lived for centuries we are still decried as aliens, often by men whose ancestors had not yet come at a time when Jewish sighs had long been heard in the country...If we were left in peace...But I think we shall not be left in peace. This was deeply shocking to Herzl. No less shocking has been the return of antisemitism to parts of the world today, particularly the Middle East and even Europe, within living memory of the Holocaust. Yet the Torah intimates why. Irrational hate does not die.

Not all hostility to Jews, or to Israel as a Jewish state, is irrational, and where it is not, it can be reasoned with. But some of it is irrational. Some of it, even today, is a repeat of the myths of the past, from the Blood Libel to the Protocols. All we can do is remember and not forget, confront it and defend ourselves against it. Amalek does not die. But neither does the Jewish people. Attacked so many times over the centuries, it still lives, giving testimony to the victory of the God of love over the myths and madness of hate.



**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  
 Email: [greatneckyoetzet@gmail.com](mailto:greatneckyoetzet@gmail.com).  
 All conversations and emails are kept confidential.



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# CHAVERIM CENTER

**A T G N S**

**DATE**

August 22nd

**11:30**

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**2:00**

## **ACTIVITY**

Making Soup & Cards for Pass It Forward

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS & SPONSORS**

Thank you to everyone who donated money to our fund last week.  
We will break for the Chagim and resume October 10th.

Cindy, Erica, Michelle & Naeema



Order your New Year's Cards  
From  
Sisterhood

10 cards for \$18.00 or \$2.50 each

• Great Neck Synagogue Men's Club  
8th Annual Ocean Fishing Trip •

Sunday, August 26th  
4:15 pm

Men's Club Members \$65  
Non-Members \$75  
Children (ages 6-11) \$45  
Dinner Included

First 6 children to sign up  
under 12 are free (1 per family)

We are sold out every year!  
Registration and payment  
are due August 19

540 Guy Lombardo Ave.  
Freeport NY 11520

Contact:

Mark Friedman 516.384.5491

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# **GNS CHESED DRIVE FOR AUGUST**

**WE ARE COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES**



**ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO ONEG SHABBOS  
THE SUPPLIES WILL BE USED BY FAMILIES WITH  
CHILDREN FROM KINDERGARTEN - HIGH SCHOOL.**

**KNAPSACKS, NOTEBOOKS, MARKERS, LOOSELEAFS,  
GLUE, SCISSORS, PAPER, RULERS, ETC.**

**2 DROP OFF locations: Sunday – Thursday**

**Talia & Sol Goldwyn - 22 Vista Drive  
Please leave at side door**

**Louise & Lenny Kahn - 18 Oak Drive  
Please leave bags in garage only**

**GNS July Chesed Collection A Great Success!!**

**Many thanks to everyone in our Shul who contributed to our July Chesed Drive!!**

We collected 253 Pairs of shoes - 103 eyeglasses and 24 cell phones which were donated to Souls4soles, Sara's shoes, New-eyes.org, and Cellphones for soldiers.

We thank Steve Blumner and Jonny Ambalo for always taking the time to make sure that all the items donated from our GNS members were boxed and delivered to all the right places so that so many people in need will benefit. Thank you!!



**Great Neck Synagogue  
presents a Conversation with**

**Senator Elaine Phillips & Anna Kaplan**

**two State-Senate candidates speaking on issues affecting  
the Jewish community in New York State**

**Senator Elaine Phillips  
(R)**



**Anna Kaplan  
(D)**



**Following Kiddush in the Beit Midrash Shabbat September 1st**

**LEIL SLICHOT AT GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE  
SATURDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 1ST 2018**

**10:00 PM**

**RABBI LAWRENCE HAJIOFF**

Redemption and the Jews:  
How to Bring Mashiach This Year



**10:45 PM**

**SLICHOT LED  
BY EVAN TWERSKY**



Originally from London, England, Rabbi Lawrence Hajioff graduated with honors in political science from Manchester University. After working for MTV in news production and winning the national competition 'Jewish Stand-Up Comedian' of the Year, Rabbi Hajioff traveled to study in Israel and then Monsey to receive his rabbinical semicha ordination from Ohr Somayach.

Rabbi Hajioff is the educational director of Bithright Israel Alumni in Manhattan. He has been instrumental in implementing programs for Bithright Israel in Manhattan such as the very successful adult bar and bat mitzvah program which some four hundred people have completed so far. He also leads trips to Israel & Poland three times a year for hundreds of young professionals.

Rabbi Hajioff is on the full-time faculty of Stern College for Women at Yeshiva University. His very popular credited courses include courses on Jewish Philosophy, Mysticism, Jewish Holidays, Shabbat, and many others.

**GNS 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ROSH HASHANA  
PASS IT FORWARD HUNGER INITIATIVE  
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5th, 2018**

**BRING THE SWEETNESS OF ROSH HASHANA TO THOSE IN NEED!**

Now in its 11th year, the **PASS IT FORWARD** program of the GNS Hunger Initiative provides food to families for Yom Tov. Last year, volunteers packed and delivered **over 1000 meals** to needy individuals, families and kosher food pantries.

**HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP!**

**Donate Food:** If you have a kosher kitchen (separate meat and dairy utensils and kosher certification on all processed foods), make extra food (soup, main, side or dessert) and pack it in containers serving 4-8 (no bags please!)

Brownie mixes, aluminum pans & plastic containers available at 11 Margaret Court and 9 Myrtle Drive. Special request for matzah balls!! If you are making food, please email us at [yomtovchickens@gmail.com](mailto:yomtovchickens@gmail.com).

**Deliver food to GNS COAT ROOM LOBBY  
on WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> between 11:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**Donate \$\$:** Purchase a special meal for a **\$20** contribution at one of the kosher food markets in town, where there are signs at the cash registers. Meals will be delivered on your behalf. Or make a donation to the GNS Hunger Initiative.

**Donate Time:** We need **packers on Wednesday Sept. 5th** from 1:00-3:00pm and **drivers** for about 25 different routes, from 3:00-4:00pm, meeting at **GNS Coat Lobby**. To VOLUNTEER, email **Michelle Berman** [michberman@gmail.com](mailto:michberman@gmail.com).

**Leadership Opportunities:** If you would like to join our **Leadership Team**, host a cooking event, improve our presence on social media, coordinate a project, email **Cindy Hodkin** [koshercookinggn@gmail.com](mailto:koshercookinggn@gmail.com) or text her at [516.317.9632](tel:516.317.9632).

**Do A Mitzvah...Make Life Meaningful...Rosh HaShana is coming...**

Pass it Forward is looking for someone to host a matzo ball cooking event.  
We can provide you with large cooking pots and recipes...  
If you are interested in hosting, contact Marla Lemonik at [Marla.lemonik@gmail.com](mailto:Marla.lemonik@gmail.com)  
or Cindy Hodkin at [Koshercookinggn@gmail.com](mailto:Koshercookinggn@gmail.com) for details!!

# 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

## MAZAL TOVS & COMMUNITY NEWS

**Mazal Tov to Roz & Zachary Dicker** on the engagement of their grandson **Michael**, son of **Rachel & Carl Mosesson** to **Bracha Brown**, daughter of **Chaim & Ariella Brown** of Cedarhurst.

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

### RABBI POLAKOFF

Office Hours are cancelled for the summer and will resume in the fall. He can be reached on his cell 516.637.3674.

### HIGH HOLIDAY REQUESTS

Please send in your High Holiday request forms as well as your synagogue obligations ASAP.

### CHAVERIM CENTER

Please Join us on **August 22nd from 11:30-2:00** for our next Chaverim Center to make Rosh Hashana cards and soup for Pass it Forward.

### MEN'S CLUB EVENT

Join the Men's Club for the 8th annual Fishing Trip on **Sunday, August 26th** at 4:15 pm at Guy Lombardo Ave. in Freeport. Cost for MC members/\$65 and \$45/children (ages 6-11). For non-MC members/\$75. Dinner is included. The first 6 children under the age of 12 are free. Register by 8/19.

### GNS CHESED

August Chesed is collecting school supplies to be dropped off at the Goldwyn home, 22 Vista Dr. or the Kahn residence, 18 Oak Dr.

### SISTERHOOD ROSH HASHANA CARDS

Rosh Hashana cards are now available for purchase at \$18 for a pack of 10, designed by Celia Lemonik, contact Judy Lillien at [syny98@gmail.com](mailto:syny98@gmail.com).

Anyone interested in receiving Sisterhood updates should email [farlafrumkin@gmail.com](mailto:farlafrumkin@gmail.com) or to be included in the Sisterhood WhatsApp, please text her at 516.641.5153.

### PASS IT FORWARD

1. PIF is looking for someone to host a matzo ball cooking event. We can provide you with large cooking pots and recipes. If you are interested in hosting, contact Marla Lemonik at [Marla.lemonik@gmail.com](mailto:Marla.lemonik@gmail.com) or Cindy Hodkin at [Koshercookinggn@gmail.com](mailto:Koshercookinggn@gmail.com) for details!

2. PIF is looking for DRIVERS to pick up food in Great Neck & Little Neck from restaurants & caterers on **Wed. Sept 5th** at 11:30 am. This is vital for our food deliveries later that day! DRIVERS also needed to DELIVER food packages to those in need, **Wed Sept 5th**, leaving GNS between 3:00-4:00 pm. Please contact Michelle Berman at [michberman@gmail.com](mailto:michberman@gmail.com).

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE

Aug. 22: Chaverim Center  
 Aug. 26: Men's Club Annual Fishing Trip  
 Sept. 1: Conversation w/ Elaine Phillips & Anna Kaplan  
 Sept. 1: Slichot Night w/ Rabbi Hajioff & Evan Twersky  
 Sept. 5: Pass It Forward Packing & Delivery Day

### MIKVAH HOURS FOR MEN FOR YOM TOV

The North Shore Mikvah will be open for men only on Erev Rosh Hoshana, **Sept 9th**, and Erev Yom Kippur, **Sept 18th**, from 5AM-3PM. Men must bring their own towels. Cost is \$36. Sponsorships are available: Platinum \$500, Gold \$250, Silver \$180, Sponsor \$100. Please contact for more info: Jenny Katz at [jenniferfrank2@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferfrank2@gmail.com) or Zehava Atlas at [zehavaatlas18@gmail.com](mailto:zehavaatlas18@gmail.com).

### 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.

### 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.

## Y A H R Z E I T

### Saturday, 14 Elul

Edith Lubin for Harry Feigenbaum  
 Shimon Wolf for Rev. Sidnet Miller  
 Jerrald Weinstein for Ira Weinstein

### Monday, 16 Elul

Susan Mindick for Rose Kaufman  
 Michail Litvin for Elik Litvin

### Tuesday, 17 Elul

Marilyn Freedman for Ivan Cohen  
 Leo Mindick for Gertrude Mindick  
 Claire Behar for Bella Winston

### Wednesday, 18 Elul

Judith Weinstein for Estelle Sandler  
 Sonia Movsas for Alec Serlin  
 Shimon Wolf for Rebbitzen Elaine Wolf

### Thursday, 19 Elul

Blossom Kutcher for Miriam Chaney  
 Billy Liss-Levinson for Aaron Levinson  
 Amy Goldberg-Reiss for David Reifle

### Friday, 20 Elul

Esor Ben-Sorek for Rahel Ben-Sorek  
 Ethan Ben-Sorek for Rahel Ben-Sorek  
 Liora Ben-Sorek for Rahel Ben-Sorek  
 Jason Mayer for Lena Mayer  
 Joyce Dacher for Howard Wolfman