



# Shabbat Announcements

Parshat Vayeilech/Shabbat Shuvah

September 15, 2018 6 Tishrei, 5779

<p><b>TORAH</b> <b>ARTSCROLL 1094</b> <b>HERTZ 887</b></p> <p><b>HAFTORAH</b> <b>ARTSCROLL 1204</b> <b>HERTZ 891</b></p>	<h2>Rabbi Jonathan Sacks on Vayeilech</h2>	
<p><b>AUFRUF</b> <b>OF</b> <b>MOSHE JENSEN</b></p>	<p>What do you do when you have achieved it all, when you have risen to whatever career heights fate or providence has in store for you? What do you do as age lengthens its shadow, the sun sinks, and the body is no longer as resilient or the mind as sharp as it once was? That has become a major problem as life expectancy has increased</p>	<p>come and go, and the Lord has told me, 'You shall not cross this Jordan.'" Rashi points out that the "I can no longer" does not mean that he lacked the strength. It means that he no longer had permission. The moment had come when he had to hand on the role of leader to his successor and disciple, Joshua. He himself stayed full of vigor, as the passion of his speeches in the book of Devarim, delivered in the last month of his life, testify.</p>
<h3>Times</h3>	<p>in most parts of the world. There has been nothing quite like it in history. In America, in 1900, average life expectancy was around 41 years, in Europe 42.5. Today in Britain, for men it is 79, for women 83. Much of that has to do with a huge reduction in infant mortality. None the less, the sheer pace in the rise in longevity – every decade since 1900, life expectancy has risen by about three years – remains remarkable.</p>	<p>To understand what Moses epitomizes at the end of his life, two closely related concepts are helpful. The first is Erik Erikson's idea of generativity, the seventh of his eight life stages. Relatively late in life, he argues, many people's perspective changes. They begin thinking about legacy, about what will outlive them. Their focus often shifts from self to others. They may devote more time to family, or community, or care or voluntary work. Some mentor young people who are following in their career path. They make commitments to others. They ask themselves, how can I contribute to the world? What trace will I leave on those who will live on after me? What, in the world, is better because of me?</p>
<p><b>For Shacharit &amp; Slichot Times for Mon. - Wed.</b></p> <p>Thursday 6:35/7:45 am</p> <p>Friday 6:45/7:45 am</p> <p>Mincha 6:45 pm</p>	<p>What will keep you young in spirit even if the body does not always keep pace?</p>	<p>identified the mountain they were going to climb. They had specific aspirations about family and career. They had a vision of the self they wanted to become. By age 70, some had achieved it and were happy. Others had achieved it only to find it not entirely satisfying. Yet others had been knocked off the mountain by misfortune. At a certain age, though, many identified a second mountain they wanted to climb. This mountain was not about achieving but about giving. It was less about external accomplishment (success, fame) than about internal accomplishment. It was spiritual, moral; it was about devoting yourself to a cause or giving back to the community. It is often, he says, a yearning for righteousness, an inner voice that says, "I want to do something really good with my life." This second peak, associated with later life, may well prove more significant to our sense of self-worth than the ego-driven ascent of the first mountain.</p>
<p>Latest Times for Shema/Shemoneh Esrei</p> <p>September 15 9:42/10:44 am</p> <p>September 22 9:44/10:45 am</p>	<p>The biblical case study is Moses, of whom we are told that even at the end of his life, "his eye was undimmed and his natural energy unabated." At the opening of today's parsha he says, "I am now a hundred and twenty years old. I can no longer</p>	<p>The case of Moses sets all this in dramatic perspective. What do you do if you have already achieved what no human being had ever done before or would ever do in the future? Moses had spoken to God face to face. He had become His faithful servant. He had led his</p>
<p>Next Shabbat Ha'azinu</p> <p>Candle Lighting 6:35 pm</p> <p>Mincha 6:35 pm</p>	<p>years old. I can no longer</p>	<p>The second and related idea is David Brook's concept of the second mountain. Speaking to people over 70, he found that early in their lives they had</p>

people from slavery to freedom, put up with their complaints, endured their rebellions and prayed for – and achieved – their forgiveness in the eyes of God. He had been the agent through which God had performed His miracles and delivered His word. What else is left to do after such a life? His closest friends and allies, his sister Miriam and brother Aaron, had already died. He knew that the decree had been sealed that he would not cross the Jordan and lead the people on the last stage of their journey. He would not set foot in the Promised Land. Unlike Aaron, whose children inherited his priesthood to eternity, Moses had to live with the fact that neither of his sons, Gershom and Eliezer, would become his successor. That role would go to his assistant and faithful servant Joshua. These were, surely, huge disappointments to set alongside the momentous achievements.

So, as Moses faced his own life's end, what was there left to do? The book of Devarim contains and constitutes the answer. As it says in its opening chapter: "In the fortieth year, on the first day of the eleventh month, Moses spoke to the Israelites...On the east bank of the Jordan, in the land of Moab, Moses began expounding this law..." No longer the liberator and miracle-worker, Moses became Rabbenu, "our teacher," the man who taught Torah to the next generation. The way he does so in Devarim is stunning. No longer, as before, does he simply articulate the law. He explains the theology behind the law. He speaks about the love of God for Israel and the love Israel should show to God. He speaks with equal power about the past and the future, reviewing the wilderness years and anticipating the challenges ahead.

Above all, coming at the subject from every conceivable direction, he warns the young people who will enter and inherit the land, that the real challenge will not be failure but success; not slavery but freedom; not the bread of

affliction but the temptations of affluence. Remember, he says again and again; listen to the voice of God; rejoice in what He has given you. These are the key verbs of the book, and they remain the most powerful immune-system ever developed against the decadence-and-decline that has affected every civilization since the dawn of time. That last month in Moses' life, which culminates in today's parsha as he finally hands over the reins of leadership to Joshua, is one of the supreme instances in Tanakh of generativity: speaking not to your contemporaries but to those who will live on after you. It was Moses' second mountain.

And perhaps the very things that seemed, at first sight, to have been disappointments, turned out in the end to have played their part in shaping this last chapter in that great life. The fact that he knew he would not accompany the people into the land, and that he would not be succeeded by his sons, meant that he had to turn into a teacher of the next generation. He had to hand on to them his insights into the future. He had to make the people his disciples – and we have all been his disciples ever since.

All of this suggests a powerful and potentially life changing message for all of us. Whatever our life has been thus far, there is another chapter to be written, focused on being a blessing to others, sharing whatever gifts we have with those who have less, handing on our values across the generations, using our experience to help others come through difficult times of their own, doing something that has little to do with personal ambition and much to do with wanting to leave some legacy of kindness that made life better for at least someone on earth. Hence the life-changing idea: Whatever your achievements, there is always a second mountain to climb, and it may turn out to be your greatest legacy to the future.



**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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 All conversations and emails are kept confidential.



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**TEFILLAH SCHEDULE****SLICHOT & TEFILLAH SCHEDULE****Thurs. Sept. 13th**

Sefardi Slichot: 5:30 am (Main Sanctuary)  
Shacharit: 6:45 am

Shacharit: 6:10/7:45 am

Ashkenazi Slichot: 7:05 am (Youth Center)

**Fri. Sept. 14th**

Sefardi Slichot: 5:30 am (Main Sanctuary)  
Shacharit: 6:45 am

Shacharit: 6:25/7:45 am

Ashkenazi Slichot: 7:05 am (Youth Center)

**Sun. Sept. 16th**

Sefardi Slichot: 5:30 am (Main Sanctuary)  
Shacharit: 6:45 am

Shacharit: 7:10/8:30 am

Ashkenazi Slichot: 7:50 am (Beit Midrash)

**Mon. Sept. 17th**

Sefardi Slichot: 5:30 am (Main Sanctuary)  
Shacharit: 6:45 am

Shacharit: 6:10/7:45 am

Ashkenazi Slichot: 7:05 am (Youth Center)

**Tues. Sept. 18th - Erev Yom Kippur**

Shacharit w/ Slichot: 6:30/7:45 am

**YOM KIPPUR SCHEDULE****Tuesday - Erev Yom Kippur - Sept. 18th**

Shacharit w/Slichot: 6:30/7:45 am

Mincha: 3:00/4:00 pm

Kol Nidrei: 6:30 pm

Candle Lighting: 6:40 pm

**Wednesday - Yom Kippur - Sept. 19th**

Shacharit: 8:30 am

Yizkor: approx 12:00 pm

Rabbi Polakoff Shiur: 3:30 pm

Mincha in Ebrahamian Beit Midrash: 4:45 pm

Mincha in Goldwyn Sanctuary & Mender Auditorium: 5:00 pm

Yom Kippur Ends: 7:38 pm

**SHABBAT SHUVAH DRASHA****SHABBAT SHUVAH DRASHA****Next Shabbat, Sept. 15th at 6:40 pm:**

Rabbi Polakoff: "Choosing Lots: Lots of Luck or Divine Direction."

SHABBAT GUEST SPEAKER

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SHABBAT SHUVA  
SEPTEMBER 15TH  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
MORNING SERVICES

Thank You to the  
Great Neck Synagogue  
for Your Hospitality!

*This program is open to both men and women in the  
extended Great Neck community*

## YOUTH SHABBAT LINEUP & BNEI AKIVA SHLICHOT



*CONNECTING  
THE  
GENERATIONS*

GNS Shabbat Shuva  
**Youth Shabbat**

September 15th  
Main Sanctuary  
9:00am

Services will be led by  
our youth!

Great Neck Synagogue

Great Neck Synagogue in partnership with North Shore Hebrew Academy is once again proud to be hosting two Bnei Akiva Shlichot for this year. We are confident these young women will contribute significantly to our community and we count on our members to welcome them wholeheartedly. Below is what they shared with us regarding their inspiration to be a Bnei Akiva Shlichah.

Rivka Fleischman:

Hi, my name is Rivka, I'm 20 years old and I live in Ramat Bet Shemesh. I have 4 brothers. My parents made aliyah from the United States after they got married. The reason I became a shlichah is because I wanted to come and show the students the beauty of Israel and my love for it.

Noa Shpak:

Hi, my name is Noa, I'm 21 years old and I live in Netanya. I have 1 brother and 5 sisters. The reason I became a shlichah is that I heard a lot about the Jewish world in the United States from my family. I want to understand it a little bit better and to get to know a whole other part of "Am Yisrael".

**Rivka Fleischman**



**Noa Shpak**



**CANASTA LESSONS**

**GNS SISTERHOOD**

**-JUST- \$36 FOR GNS MEMBERS**

- Instructor: Ellen Domnitch
- Evening Classes in October: 9th, 23rd & 30th
- Open to men & women  
Possible daytime classes if sufficient enrollment

Contact Farla at [farlafrumkin@gmail.com](mailto:farlafrumkin@gmail.com)



**GNS MEN'S CLUB PRESENTS**

**NY JETS FOOTBALL**

**SUN. OCT. 14TH**  
AT MET LIFE STADIUM, NJ

1:00 PM GAMETIME  
NY JETS VS. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

**LIMITED NUMBER OF GREAT SEATS IN SECTION 204**

- \$50** PER TICKET FOR MEN'S CLUB MEMBERS
- \$70** PER TICKET FOR NON MEN'S CLUB MEMBERS
- LAP POOLING WILL BE ARRANGED  
TALENTING PARTY IS BEING PLANNED

CALL JACK LIPSKY AT 516.384.1482  
OR GNS OFFICE AT 516.487.6100

## Great Neck Synagogue KOL NIDRE FOOD DRIVE

*Please fill a bag with:*  
CHEERIOS, TUNA FISH, PASTA,  
COFFEE, TEA, PEANUT BUTTER,  
DRIED BEANS, GRAPE JUICE,  
SOUP, CRACKERS, DIAPERS

And return it to:  
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ON or BEFORE Kol Nidre Night



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# GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE'S JOURNEY TO POLAND

**MAY 14 - 19, 2019**

with Chazzan Yitzy Spinner  
and historian, Rabbi David Abrahamovitz

For more information contact Chazzan  
Yitzy Spinner

## \* ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Warsaw  
Korczak Orphanage  
Treblinka

### DAY 2

Kotzk  
Yeshiva of Chachmei Lublin  
Majdanek  
Reb Elimelech of Lejansk

### DAY 3

Markowa  
Lancut  
Tarnow  
The Children's Forest  
Paszow

### DAY 4

Birkenau  
Auschwitz  
Oswiecim Synagogue

### DAY 5

Shabbat in Krakow

### DAY 6

Chestachova  
Lodz

\*optional Shabbat in Prague prior to the trip

\*Subject to Change

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

RABBI POLAKOFF'S SHABBOS DRASHA THROUGH 5779 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.**

## 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.

## YOUTH NEWS

- A) Mandatory meeting for parents of youth seeking a position in the youth department tonight from 8-9 pm.  
 B) Youth Shabbat - **Shabbat Shuva Sept. 15th.**

## OU'S WOMEN INITIATIVE/SHABBAT SPEAKER

Join us **Shabbat September 15th** to hear Sivan Rahav-Meir speak in shul after davening on the topic of 21st Century Teshuva: A Synergy of Media and Meaning.

## MEN'S CLUB

**Sun. October 14th:** Jets Game @ Met Life Stadium. Tickets are \$50 for MC members and \$70 for non-MC members. Purchase tickets with Jack Lipsky 516. 384.1482 or GNS office 516.487.6100.

## SISTERHOOD NEWS

Canasta lessons are being offered for \$36 for three evenings in October: **9th, 23rd, & 30th.** Given by Ellen Domnitch. Sign up be emailing [farlafrumkin@gmail.com](mailto:farlafrumkin@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.

## BIKUR CHOLIM THANK YOU

The Bikur Cholim of GNS would like to thank the Sisterhood of GNS for their generous support sponsoring over two dozen beautiful floral arrangements that were delivered to our cholim and elderly homebound members of our shul to wish them a Shana Tova before Rosh Hashanah. We are grateful for the strong support of our Sisterhood and look forward to working together in the future.

## CHANUKAH SCOPE DEADLINE, NEW FEATURE & SPONSORSHIP

Please submit all SCOPE magazine articles, recipes, photos, ads, sponsorships and any other material by **October 15th** to [drein@verizon.net](mailto:drein@verizon.net). We would also like to include a new feature in SCOPE magazine – Letters to the Editor (maximum 150 words per letter) - to express short responses and/or corrections to previously published articles. Thank you very much to our SCOPE sponsors for their strong support by sponsoring 3 issues for a total cost of \$100 for the year. We strongly encourage others who are not currently SCOPE sponsors to have their names added. You can dedicate the sponsorship in honor or in memory of a loved one. Thank you so much!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AT GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE

Sept. 15: Youth Shabbat/Speaker: Sivan Rahav Meir

## MAZAL TOVS & COMMUNITY NEWS

**Mazal Tov** to **Thelma & Emile Kattan** on the birth of a granddaughter born to their children **Shoshana & Elan Kattan.**

**Mazal Tov** to **Sue & Arthur Talansky** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter **Rebecca Talansky.**

**Mazal Tov** to **Bruce & Susan Decter** on the engagement their daughter **Emma** to **Jack Strulowitz** of Evanston, Illinois. **Mazal Tov** to grandparents **Anita & Hal Beretz.**

**Mazal Tov** to **Anida & Edwin Rosman** on the birth of a granddaughter, **Mila Flora**, born to their children **Michael & Lauren Rosman.** **Mazal Tov** as well to great grandmother **Roz Wagner.**

**Mazal Tov** to **Rabbi Sholom & Aksana Jensen** and **Mimi & Chaim Hirsch** on the upcoming marriage of their son **Moshe** to **Sarah Katz.**

## MIKVAH HOURS FOR MEN FOR YOM TOV

The North Shore Mikvah will be open for men only on 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).

## BIMA

After months of meticulous work this uniquely artistic and functional Bima takes its place in the center of our shul. We invite you to look more closely at the Bima and Shulchan after davening to fully appreciate the craftsmanship that went into creating them. We are grateful to the Aryeh family for this generous donation to Great Neck Synagogue.

## Y A H R Z E I T

### Saturday, 6 Tishrei

Martin Hoffman for Ruth Hoffman  
 Klara Brand for Hajnal Sabov  
 Karen Wolff for M. Nelson Tessler

### Sunday, 7 Tishrei

Pearl Ginsburg for Lena Ginsburg  
 Edith Lubin for Henry Goldberg  
 Rivka Rosenberg for Noga Zaharon

### Tuesday, 9 Tishrei

Carl Rosenberg for Walter Muller  
 Phil Hanfling for Fannie Schneider

### Wednesday, 10 Tishrei

Hava Freeman for Meir Bont  
 Liliane Benrimon for Leon Castiel  
 Myles Mittleman for Harry Tischler

### Thursday, 11 Tishrei

Susan Aboaf for Joseph Shahmoon  
 Debbie Feith for Joseph Shahmoon  
 David Smooha for Joseph Shahmoon

### Friday, 12 Tishrei

Hal Beretz for Greta Beretz  
 Israel Freeman for Tzipora Freeman  
 Chaya Gilad for Tzipora Freeman  
 Morris Hodkin for Louis Hodkin  
 Harriet Sherman Schimel for Frances Sherman  
 Linda Glaser for Sadie Tarasuk