



Shabbat Announcements

Shavuot

May 30, 2020 7 Sivan, 5780

The Great Neck Synagogue building is closed due the covid-19 pandemic. To contact the clergy or office staff, please do so using the following information.

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VIRTUAL CLASS/EVENT SCHEDULE

Shacharit M-F 7:45 am/Sunday 8:30 am
 Mincha/Maariv this week 8:00 pm

Sunday

9:00 am: Midrash w/ Rabbi Dale Polakoff
 12:00-1:00 pm: GNS Youth Digital Hangout
 7:00/7:30 pm: GNS Youth Madness Tournament

Monday

9:00 am: Scholars Kollel
 7:45 pm: Mishnayot L'ilui Nishmat w/ Rabbi Dale Polakoff
 8:30 pm: Megillat Ruth Insights w/ Rabbi Ian Lichter
 9:15 pm: Gemara w/Rabbi Dale Polakoff

Tuesday

9:00 am: Scholars Kollel
 6:00-6:30 pm: Parsha n' Pizza w/ Rabbi Ian Lichter
 7:45 pm: Mishnayot L'ilui Nishmat w/ Rabbi Dale Polakoff
 8:30 pm: GNS Annual Meeting

Wednesday

9:00 am: Scholars Kollel
 1:00 pm: Chaverim Wellness Center
 7:00/7:30 pm: GNS Youth Madness Tournament
 7:45 pm: Mishnayot L'ilui Nishmat w/ Rabbi Dale Polakoff
 9:00 pm: WNL w/ Rabbi Ian Lichter

Thursday

9:00 am: Scholars Kollel

Saturday night

15 min. after Shabbat: Havdalah w/Chazzan Yitzy Spinner

Zoom Links are included in GNS Daily Emails

[Click Here for Video of GNS Youth Bereshit Madness](#)

CONDOLENCES TO

To **Judy (and Richard) Lillien** on the passing of her beloved mother Ellen Lebovits.

MAZAL TOVS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mazal Tov to Donna & Joseph Hecht on the marriage of their son **Joshua** to **Rebecca Finkelstein**, daughter of **Shana & David Finkelstein**.

SHAVUOT LUNCH AND LEARN

Back by popular demand, please join Rabbi Polakoff for a Zoom Shavuot Lunch and Learn entitled "*Rabbinic Politics in the story of Rut*" on **Monday, May 25th at noon**. We encourage you to sponsor the lunch in honor, in memory and/or for refuah shelaimah for a loved one at \$18, \$36, \$72 or \$180 levels. Rabbi Polakoff will read out the dedicated names at the luncheon. RSVP to Mark Twersky at mtwersky@gns.org for sponsorship. Zoom ID: 954 867 300 57. PW: 4876100. You can click [HERE](#) to join as well.

SHALOM TASK FORCE

In light of last week's Men's Club Covid Health Seminar, we are happy to share with you the Shalom Task Force hotline 888-883-2323, should anyone be of assistance.

The Helmreich family thanks the Great Neck Synagogue community for all of its help and support following the passing of our beloved Willy z"l.

RABBI JONATHAN SACKS ON SHAVUOT

If you look at the Shalosh Regalim, the three pilgrimage festivals, you find something very remarkable, specifically if you look at the megilla that we read on each.

On Pesach we read Shir HaShirim, the song of songs. On Shavuot we read Megilat Ruth, the book of Ruth. And on Sukkot we read Kohelet, the book of Ecclesiastes. And the fascinating thing about those three megilot is that they're all about love. But they're about different seasons of love. So Shir HaShirim, the Song of Songs, is about love in the springtime, love when you're young. The whole book of Shir HaShirim is a duet between two lovers who are obsessed with one another. There's no mention in the whole book about marriage, children setting up home, responsibilities to the future; all there is is their passion for one another.

Turn to Kohelet, at the other extreme, Kohelet is about the autumn of the year, and it is about the autumn of life. The author of Kohelet is now an old man – Kohelet contains one of the most moving descriptions of old age in all of literature. And he's looking back and he's asking what really was worthwhile. And in the end it wasn't all the houses he built, or the possessions he accumulated. He says, "Re'eh chayim im isha asher ahavta," "See life with the woman you love." This is love grown old, grown serene, but it's still love in the autumn.

Between the two though, at the threshold of summer, is the story of Ruth. Love as chesed, loving-kindness, love as deed. And it is that chesed that, according to the sages, permeates the book from beginning to end. The chesed that Ruth had to her mother-in-law whom she sees as bereaved and bereft, and returning alone to her people, and she says, no, you can't go alone. I will not leave you. And then Boaz, moved by this kindness he sees on the part of Ruth, and that moves him to extraordinary kindness of his own, taking her as his wife, caring for Naomi, and making sure that they will have a marriage, which will have children, which in the end, four generations down the line has David haMelech, the greatest of Israel's kings.

This is love as loyalty. This is love as chessed. When [William] Tyndale in 1535 sat down to write the first full English translation of the Hebrew Bible, he had to coin a new word, loving kindness, to translate that word, chessed, which is the very essence of the book of Ruth. And it is that chessed that epitomises the relationship of Israel and God that happened on Shavuot at Mount Sinai.

What happened on that extraordinary moment when God made a covenant with a people was described by the Prophet Hosea as an erusin, "ve'erastich li", I betroth you to me forever, I betroth you to me in justice and righteousness and kindness and compassion. I betroth you to me in faith, and you will know the Lord." That is faith as marriage, love as loyalty, and that is what Shavuot is all about.

In a world where religion is too often associated with extremism, with harshness, with prejudice, and with violence, we would do well to remember that essential message of Shavuot epitomized in the book of Ruth, that at the heart of faith is that faithfulness that binds us to one another in the love that is loyalty, and the loyalty that is love. We need more of it today; live it and experience it.

HELPFUL WHATSAPP GROUPS TO JOIN

To Join The GNS CHESD WhatsApp Group, Click [HERE](#)
To Join The GNS TORAH WhatsApp Group, Click [HERE](#)
To Join The GNS PARENTS WhatsApp Group, Click [HERE](#)

SHAVUOT SCHEDULE & GUIDELINES

Thursday, May 28 - Erev Shavuot

An Eruv Tavshilin should be made

Candle Lighting: 7:59 pm; Mincha 8:00 pm

Maariv: after 9:07 pm

We say Vayidaber Moshe before Shemoneh Esreh; Yom Tov Shemoneh Esreh for Shalosh Regalim

Kiddush: after 9:07 pm

Tikkun Leil Shavuot at home. We encourage you to learn Torah with your families in honor the Shavuot holiday! We would suggest learning Pirkei Avot.

Friday, May 29 - Shavuot I

Vatikin: 5:27 am (earliest time for Shemoneh Esreh)

Latest times: Shema: 9:09 am; Shemoneh Esreh: 10:24 am

Shacharit: Tefilah for Yom Tov; Shemoneh Esreh for Shalosh Regalim; Full Hallel

There is no requirement to say Akdamut without a minyan.

Kriat HaTorah: Parshat Yitro, Shemot 19:1-20:23 (pg. 400)

Maftir: Parshat Pinchas, Bamidbar 28:26-31 (pg. 892)

Haftara: Yechezkel 1:1-28, 3:12 (pg. 1228)

Mussaf: Kah Keili & Ashrei followed by Shemoneh Esreh for Shalosh Regalim

Mincha - 1:30-8:18 pm: Tefila for Yom Tov, Shemoneh Esreh for Shalosh Regalim

Early Shabbat: One may bring in Shabbat & Yom Tov early starting with Plag HaMincha by completing Mincha before 6:45 pm, proceeded by Mizmor Shir, Hashem Melech, lighting candles and Maariv after 6:45 pm.

Latest Candle Lighting: 8:00 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat: Only Mizmor Shir & Hashem Melech

Maariv: We say V'shamru and Vayidaber Moshe before Shemoneh Esreh, Yom Tov Shemoneh Esreh for Shalosh Regalim with inclusions for Shabbat. After Shemoneh Esreh, we say Vayichulu.

Kiddush: Yom Tov Kiddush with insertions for Shabbat.

Shabbat, May 30 - Shavuot II

Latest times: Shema: 9:09 am; Shemoneh Esreh: 10:24 am

Shacharit: Tefilah for Shabbat & Yom Tov; Shemoneh Esreh for Shalosh Regalim with inclusions for Shabbat; Full Hallel; One can read Megillat Rut but is not obligated.

Kriat HaTorah: Parshat Re'eh, Devarim 14:22-16:17 (pg. 1012)

Maftir: Parshat Pinchas, Bamidbar 28:26-31 (pg. 892)

Haftara: Chavakuk: 2:20-3:19 (pg. 1229) with piut of Yesiv Pisgam after verse 3:1

Mussaf: Yizkor, Av HaRachamim & Ashrei followed by Shemoneh Esreh for Shalosh Regalim with insertions for Shabbat.

Mincha - 1:30-8:19 pm: Tefila for Yom Tov, Shemoneh Esreh for Shalosh Regalim with insertions for Shabbat.

Maariv: Weekday Maariv with Vayehi Noam

Shabbat & Yom Tov End: 9:09; Regular Havdalah



**Memorial Day
Monday May 25th
@ 12 pm**



**LUNCH
&
LEARN**

**Rabbinic Politics in the Story of Rut
with Rabbi Polakoff**

**Join via zoom by
clicking here**

ID: 954 867 300 57; PW 4876100



MEMORIAL DAY!!



WE ARE COMING TO YOU!!!

We will be driving to homes from
3:30–5:00pm to drop off ices!
We look forward to seeing you
from a safe distance!





GNS SISTERHOOD

CHEESECAKE DEMO WITH JESSICA SMOOHA



Ingredients

1 cup (or sleeve) crushed
Graham crackers
1 tablespoon margarine to mix with
crackers for base
1 cup superfine sugar
5 eggs
8 oz Philadelphia original cream cheese
8 oz Philadelphia light cream cheese
8 oz cottage cheese (4% fat)
8 oz sour cream (for topping)
1 teaspoon vanilla
Rind of one lemon
1 springform pan (11" but whatever
you have is fine)
Parchment paper
Cuisinart or hand mixer

The GNS Sisterhood is delighted to announce the second cooking demonstration in our Zoom series.

Please join us next Tuesday, May 26, at 6pm while Jessica Smootha shows us how to make her delicious cheesecake.

Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6324688544>

Meeting ID: 632 468 8544, no password

To Dial in, call: 1 929 205 6099 (New York)

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ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 26, 2020

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ANNUAL MEETING



**GREAT NECK
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ANNUAL RABBINIC DIALOGUE

KAVOD IN THE AGE OF COVID: LEADING SACRED COMMUNITIES THROUGH THIS CRISIS

Sunday, May 31 • 10:30 AM

Virtual event using Zoom

By Smartphone/Tablet/Laptop - Meeting ID: 882 7538 5660/Password: 711208

By Phone (audio only) - (646) 558-8656
then enter the meeting ID and password listed above.



Rabbi Meir Feldman

Rabbi Tara Feldman

Temple Beth-El of Great Neck



Rabbi Yaacov Lerner

Young Israel of Great Neck



Rabbi Dale Polakoff

Great Neck Synagogue



Rabbi Howard Stecker

Temple Israel of Great Neck

Join Rabbis Tara & Meir Feldman, Rabbi Yaacov Lerner,
Rabbi Dale Polakoff and Rabbi Howard Stecker
as they discuss the challenges and unexpected discoveries
emerging from the current crisis.

Open to the entire community

***Co-sponsored by the Men's Club or Brotherhoods of
Temple Israel of Great Neck, Great Neck Synagogue,
Young Israel of Great Neck and Temple Beth-El of Great Neck***

GNS YOUTH PRESENTS
**BERESHIT
MADNESS +**
★★★NEW TIMES★★★

PRE-TOURNAMENT & TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

5TH-8TH GRADES - SUNDAY @ 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY @ 7:00 PM

JOIN 5TH-8TH GRADE
ZOOM LINK

HIGH SCHOOL - SUNDAY @ 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY @ 7:30 PM

JOIN HIGH SCHOOL
ZOOM LINK

Parents & grandparents are encouraged
to join the zoom sessions to watch their children participate!

RAFFLE ENTRIES ARE AWARDED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS
WHO ATTEND ANY & ALL
PRE-TOURNAMENT & TOURNAMENT ZOOM SESSIONS
FOR A GRAND RAFFLE IN JUNE TO WIN A
TRIP TO ISRAEL!

COMPETITION WILL INCLUDE QUESTIONS ON:
SEFER BERESHIT, SPORTS, POLITICS, SHUL TRIVIA,
DISNEY & THE JEWISH CALENDAR

GNS YOUTH PRESENTS

Mother-Daughter Baking with Morah Zehava!



Thursday nights @ 7:00
Grades 1-5

***Ingredients needed
will be posted on GNS Parent
whatsapp chat on Mondays.**

GNS YOUTH PRESENTS

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EREV SHABBAT

**PRESCHOOL TOT SHABBAT WITH
MORAH ZEHAVA**

4:30-5:00 PM

GET READY FOR SHABBAT WITH SONGS AND FRIENDS

CLICK HERE TO JOIN VIA ZOOM

SHABBAT SHALOM!



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PARSHA SWEET OF THE WEEK

Every week, Morah Zehava will send a video of a Parsha themed edible that you can make at home.

We hope these make your Shabbat sweet!



SEND US PICS OF YOUR PARSHA SWEET OF THE WEEK!

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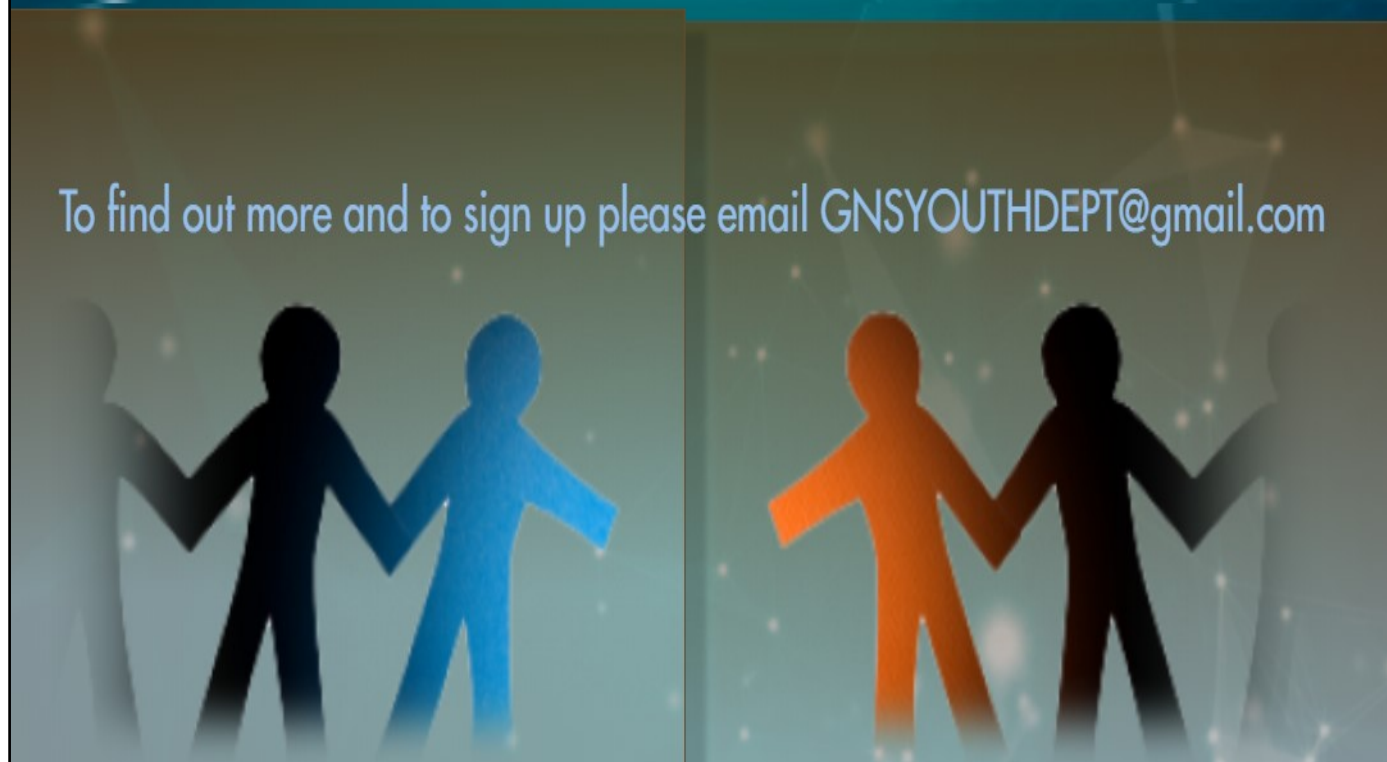
GeNS Connect

Help connect generations "GeNS" of our community!

Have your family join and get set up with an older individual or couple from our shul. Some ideas of how to connect are: write a letter, play a musical instrument, call them on Erev Shabbos.

Get the whole family involved!!

To find out more and to sign up please email GNSYOUTHDEPT@gmail.com



GNS Youth

Digital!

SUNDAY HANGOUTS

Hang out & play games with your GNS friends!

Boys & Girls Grades 1-4

JOIN YOUR FRIENDS FOR GAMES, TICKETS & PRIZES!
W/ DR. MIKE & LEADERS

****New Times****

12:00 Boys grades 1-4

1:00 Girls grades 1-4