

The Conservative Synagogue of the Hamptons

Rabbi Jan Uhrbach

Save the date!

July 31st and August 1st

Scholar in Residence: Zvi Gitelman

Candle Lighting Friday, June 5 7:59pm

Shabbat Dinners at the Rabbi's Home June 12th and June 26th

RSVP by June 8th for next week's dinner

Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm
100 Redwood Road, Sag Harbor

For directions to Rabbi's home go to:

<http://www.synagoguehamptons.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/04/directions-to-100-redwood-road.pdf>

Shabbat Morning, Services 9:30am
Old Whaler's Church
Kiddush sponsored by Arlene Davis

Parashat Naso

Annual: Numbers 4:21 – 7:89 (Etz Hayim, p. 791)

Triennial: Numbers 5:11 – 6:27 (Etz Hayim, p. 796)

Haftarah: Judges 13:2 – 25 (Etz Hayim, p. 813)

Torah Thoughts on Parashat Naso

On the Sotah

By what means might we hold our own society accountable for the jealousy that often claims the lives of women? By what means might we bring before God an "offering of jealousy" that truly reflects and appeases the feelings of the jealous partner without inscribing itself on the body of the victim? Parashat Naso teaches us that only at that time when we can bring women back to full human status, only when each of us can take responsibility for our own actions in the world and not act out our feelings on others, and only when we can see each other and treat each other as full human beings will the name of God cease to be erased from the parchment.

[The Women's Torah Commentary](#) by Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, p. 269

On the Priestly Blessing -- Birchat HaKohanim

May God bless you and keep you – May we always remember that God's creation is much richer than we can comprehend, and when we open ourselves to its blessings and commandments our material wants (Rahsi) are satisfied. *May God's face light you and grace you* – Since we are blessed by God with the capacity to understand Torah, may we use that understanding to attain spiritual fulfillment through "insight in God's management in history and of our own mission and task in life" (S.R. Hirsh), so that we may be "gracious to one another and compassionate to one another" (Numbers Rabbah 11:6). *May God face you and give you peace* – May we always exert ourselves to seek the face of God, the divine Path of Torah, so that we seek peace beyond ourselves, in our family and community, the reward for which is to be enlightened and liberated from our private anxieties and depression.

<http://www.gatherthepeople.org/Downloads/SD35NASO.pdf>

*From **A Navaho Prayer***

Watch over me.

Hold your hand before me in protection.

Stand guard for me, speak in defense of me.

As I speak for you, speak for me.

May it be beautiful before me.

May it be beautiful behind me.

May it be beautiful below me.

May it be beautiful above me.

May it be beautiful all around me.

I am restored in beauty.

Shabbat Shalom

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