



April 11 - 17, 2015 | 22 - 28 Nisan, 5775  
**Shabbat Pesach part deux – CHAG SAMEACH!**

**Torah Notes:** *Pesach Day VIII: Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17 (Etz Hayim pg. 1074) | Maftir Numbers 28:19-28:25 (Etz Hayim pg. 932)*

When Pesach begins on Shabbat it, of course, also ends on Shabbat. So we have two different Shabbat Pesach readings to accommodate this circumstance. The first one came from the Book of Exodus, but the second one is from Deuteronomy.

Our reading begins with the laws concerning tithing. The book of Deuteronomy prescribes a central location for worship – the Temple in Jerusalem. Previously, there were several temples and the required tithes could be brought to the nearest one, so the previous references to tithing in Leviticus, Numbers, and Exodus do not assume a central place to deposit the tithe. Once the required tenth of the produce must be transported to Jerusalem, the Torah recognizes that it would be a hardship to transport all that produce, so it allows for converting it into money. Every third year, though, the tithe is given instead to the needy in one's own geographical area: the Levites (who have no land of their own), as well as orphans and widows.

The reading goes on to detail a variety of practices to protect and provide for the disadvantaged. Included in these are the canceling of debts in the shmita year, requirement to lend money even though the seventh year is approaching, and the requirement to provide what Robert Alter calls "severance pay" to indentured servants at the end of their servitude – providing for the newly freed servant from "your flock and your threshing floor and your wine press."

The main section of the Torah reading ends with the Deuteronomic summary of the shalosh regalim – the three pilgrimage festivals – of which, Pesach is on. The maftir comes from the book of Numbers and specifies both the grain and animal sacrifices for Passover.

**Haftarah Notes:** *Isaiah 10:32-12:6 (Etz Hayim pg. 1315)*

The haftarah for the eighth day of Pesach comes from Isaiah. It provides a prophecy of a day when the people will no longer be ruled by foreign overlords and the Davidic dynasty will be reestablished. It tells of a time when the messianic ruler – the "stump of Jesse" (David's father) – will have the spirit of G-d upon him, leading him to judge wisely and well. The prophet tells us it will be a magical time when "the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard lie down with the kid...the cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together, and the lion like the ox shall eat straw." So, not only will the predatory foreign oppressors no longer afflict the people, even animal predators will turn peaceful. All the dispersed Children of Israel will return to the Holy Land from the four corners of the earth.

The haftarah contains several lines familiar from our liturgy. Among these is a line included in the Havdalah service. *Ushavtem mayim b'sasson mimainei hayeshuah* – and you will draw water joyfully from the wellsprings of deliverance. Because of this haftarah's themes of Return to the Land, some communities also recite it on Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day. (*Dale Rosenberg*)

April 10   21 Nisan				Shabbat Pesach April 11   22 Nisan		
<b>Pesach Day VII</b> Morning Services   10:00AM  <b>Shabbat / Pesach VIII</b> Candle Lighting   7:13PM Kabbalat Shabbat   6:30PM				<b>Pesach Day VIII / Shabbat Morning</b> Morning Services (includes Yizkor)   10:00AM **Pesach ends at 8:13PM** <i>If you sold chametz through PSJC, please remember ownership does not return to you until 9:13PM</i>		
Sunday April 12 23 Nisan	Monday April 13 24 Nisan	Tuesday April 14 25 Nisan	Wednesday April 15 26 Nisan	Thursday April 16 27 Nisan	Friday April 17 28 Nisan	Saturday April 18 29 Nisan
Israeli Film Club 5:00PM		Hebrew School 4:00PM Shir Hadash 7:00PM	Morning Minyan 7:15AM Hebrew School 4:00PM Yom HaShoah @ CBE   7:00PM	Yom HaShoah	Kabbalat Shabbat   6:30PM Candle Lighting   7:20PM ATID Chametz-Fest   7:30PM	<b>Shabbat Services</b> Shacharit   10:00AM Teen Torah   11:00AM Tot + Mini + Jnr   11:15AM Shabbat Schmooze   1:30PM  <b>Milo Kaye Bar Mitzvah</b> Mincha   5:30PM
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**Hamakom Yenachem:** Our condolences go to **Deena** and **Alvin Steinfeld**, **Rebecca Steinfeld** and **Julie Hollar**, **Ari Steinfeld** and **Amanda Gropp-Steinfeld**, and **Djuna** and **Luca** on the death of **Deena's** father **Bernard Kabacoff**, z"l; to **Jeremy**, **Audrey**, **Jonah**, & **Caleb Gruber**, on the death of **Jeremy's** brother-in-law **Danny Silver**, z"l.

**Yahrzeits 22-28 Nisan:** **Aida Kozuch Michalowicz**, grandmother of Diana Duchowny; **Dora Yoffie**, mother of Sharman Yoffie-Sidman; **Doris Powlen**, mother of Noah D. Powlen; **Frank Urban**, observed by the PSJC community; **Harriet Radwell**, mother of Steven Radwell; **Helen Goosay**, aunt of Myron Levine and Gavrielle Levine; **Jack Bursack**, uncle of Michael Snyder; **Jacob Temkin**, grandfather of Diana Duchowny; **Jacob Williams**, grandfather of Emily Blake; **Jean Ellen Anderson**, mother of Richard Anderson; **Jerry Nussbaum**, father of Debra Nussbaum Cohen; **Mac Shapiro** observed by the PSJC community; **Martin Levine**, father of Steven Levine; **Oscar Finger**, grandfather of Deborah Gordon; **Ze'ev Voorhees**, father of Tuvi Voorhees; *May their memories be for a blessing.*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Featured Events: BROOKLYN CELEBRATES ISRAEL | Multiple Events and Locations!

 <p><b>BROOKLYN CELEBRATES ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> #IsraelBKLYN67</p> <p><b>YOM ISRAEL יום 'שׂראל</b> A FESTIVAL FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES Sunday, April 19</p> <p>PACK YOUR BAGS!</p> <p>Travel with us from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv, from the Negev and the Dead Sea to the Gail—without leaving Brooklyn!</p> <p>Enjoy Israeli dancing, food, art, Play Me a Story, the music of Timbaloo, and much more!</p> <p>Park Slope Jewish Center 10am-2pm Free 1320 8th Ave at 14th Street</p> <p><small>This activity is not sponsored or endorsed by the DCC or the City of New York.</small></p> 	 <p><b>BROOKLYN CELEBRATES ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> #IsraelBKLYN67</p> <p><b>YOM HAZIKARON CEREMONY</b> Tuesday, April 21</p>  <p>Congregation Beth Elohim 7pm</p>	 <p><b>BROOKLYN CELEBRATES ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> #IsraelBKLYN67</p> <p><b>CELEBRATING ISRAEL ITS FOUNDING AND ITS VISION</b> Wednesday, April 22</p> <p>Professor Ruth Gavison will speak on A Vision of the State of Israel: Then and Now. The evening includes local community luminaries presenting "In 67 Words," their reflections on Megilat Yom HaAtzma'ut, the founding document of the State of Israel. The evening will conclude with music by Milk and Honey's and cocktails!</p> <p>Kane Street Synagogue 236 Kane Street 7pm RSVP office@kanestreet.org</p> 	 <p><b>BROOKLYN CELEBRATES ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> #IsraelBKLYN67</p> <p><b>HADAG NAHASH</b> WITH SPECIAL GUEST <b>MATT SYAHU</b></p> <p>Sunday, April 26 CBE 7pm Tickets \$28-\$180 Get your tickets at: <a href="http://israelbklyn67.splashthat.com">israelbklyn67.splashthat.com</a></p> 
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For more info: <http://www.israelbklyn.org/>

### MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Israel Film Club

**Sunday, April 12 | 5:00PM**

Enjoyed the Israel Shorts film fest last month? Now we'll be showing an Israeli film every month! Join us! RSVP Required. Admission will be \$5 at the door, or \$36 for an annual club membership. For more details and sign-up information, email Danny Marcu: [danny.marcu@psjc.org](mailto:danny.marcu@psjc.org).

#### Brownstone Brooklyn Yom HaShoah Commemoration:

**70 Years Since Liberation**

**Wednesday, April 15 | 7:00PM | CBE**

For many years now, clergy and congregants from synagogues around the borough have come together to remember and not forget. Join us for an evening of contemplative music, memories, and thought-provoking discussion. Reception to follow.

#### Shabbat Schmooze Potluck

**Saturday, April 18 | 1:30PM**

Calling all visitors, shul-shoppers, long-time and new members, singles, seniors, and families with kids or without! Please join us for a get-together in the home of a PSJC member.

#### Intro to Judaism: An Exploration for Curious Adults

**Mondays beginning April 20 | 7:30PM | Cong. Mt. Sinai**

Join this 20-week course on Jewish life, thought & practice led by Rabbi Sue Oren. Advanced registration required. For more information: [introclass@earthlink.net](mailto:introclass@earthlink.net) / 917.539.1334

#### Lev Tahor: Board Game Shabbat!

**Friday, May 1 | 6:30PM following Kabbalat Shabbat**

Stay after dinner to play board games with friends and family! Sign up here: [www.tinyurl.com/LevTahorMay1](http://www.tinyurl.com/LevTahorMay1) and contact [lev.tahor@psjc.org](mailto:lev.tahor@psjc.org) with questions.

#### PSJC Run, Walk, Schlep FUNdraiser!

**Sunday, May 3 | 12:00PM**

All ages and fitness levels welcome! *Run* the full loop, *walk* the half loop, or *schlep* through the field loop to support PSJC. Register before 4/20 to get your name on the event T-Shirt: \$36 to participate, \$50 to include your name on the sponsor list. Registration & details on the website: [www.psjc.org/2015-run-walk-schlep.html](http://www.psjc.org/2015-run-walk-schlep.html)

### Save the Date: "Guess..." What's Happening May 8?

**Friday, May 8 | Time determined by host**

PSJC's last "Guess Who's Coming to Shabbos?" pre-summer dinner is scheduled and we're hoping that hosts will have recovered from their Seders and step forward to volunteer. While many stalwarts have hosted again and again, we need to grow this program to insure its survival. With more than 200 guests welcomed to the community this year alone, we know it works -- and we need your help. Please think about stepping up on Shabbat, May 8-9 (dinner or lunch both swell) to open your home to new friends and members of the PSJC community. We'll even provide the challah! For details, contact Bella or contact the office for more information.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Ongoing: PSJC at Masbia Soup Kitchen**

**First Sunday of the month | 12:00PM**

Roll up your sleeves with members of the PSJC community at Masbia, the kosher soup kitchen at 1372 Coney Island Avenue, for our regular monthly shift. Contact Helen Zelon for details or to sign up: [hzelon@gmail.com](mailto:hzelon@gmail.com) -- and THANKS for your support.

**Ongoing: G'mach and Hevra Kadisha Welcome new members**

If you have a little time - or lots of time - to cook, deliver meals, visit, attend shiva minyamin, do shmira or tahara for those who have died and support our members in good and bad times - please contact G'mach and Hevra Kadisha to add your name to the distribution list.

**Ongoing: Food Collection**

Bins for collection near Sanctuary and downstairs in the vestibule. Every can counts!

**SPECIAL DONATIONS - white linen table cloths and/or napkins!**

PSJC is collecting high quality white linen table cloths so that our own Merrie Handfinger can make us some new High Holiday covers. Please bring donations to PSJC, labeled with Merrie's name.

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All congregants and visitors 13 years or older (male and female) are requested to wear a head covering in the Sanctuary. During Shabbat, please turn off cell phones and refrain from photography or applause. **PSJC runs on community participation.** If you are interested in: **leading Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv Services**, email [Fredrica.Brooks@psjc.org](mailto:Fredrica.Brooks@psjc.org); **leading Shabbat Morning Services**, email Elizabeth Schnur at [davening@psjc.org](mailto:davening@psjc.org); **chanting Haftarah**, email Alan Palmer at [haftorah@psjc.org](mailto:haftorah@psjc.org); **joining the Hevra Kadisha**, email the coordinators at [hevra.kadisha@psjc.org](mailto:hevra.kadisha@psjc.org). **Got announcements?** Email by Monday 5 PM ([announce@psjc.org](mailto:announce@psjc.org)). **To request an Aliyah or other honor**, email Rabbi Carter a week in advance, or notify the usher if you arrive before the Torah Service begins; we honor requests whenever possible.