



PARK SLOPE JEWISH CENTER

February 24-March 4, 2017 | 28 Shevat-6 Adar, 5777
Parashat Mishpatim/Shabbat Shekalim

Friday, February 24 28 Shevat				Parashat <i>Mishpatim/Shabbat Shekalim</i> Saturday, February 25 29 Shevat		
Candle Lighting 5:24PM Kabbalat Shabbat with Anna Chapman 6:30PM				Shacharit 10:00AM Mini Minyan Tot Shabbat 11:15AM Advanced Talmud 1:30PM		
Sunday February 26 30 Shevat	Monday February 27 1 Adar	Tuesday February 28 2 Adar	Wednesday March 1 3 Adar	Thursday March 2 4 Adar	Friday March 3 5 Adar	Saturday March 4 6 Adar
No Hebrew School Rosh Hodesh Minyan 9:00AM		Hebrew School 4:00PM Board Meeting 7:15PM	Morning Minyan 7:15AM Hebrew School 4:00PM	Mussar Path of the Mensch 7:00PM	Candle Lighting 5:32PM It's Friday! 10:30AM Lev Tahor and Latke-Hamantaschen Debate 6:30PM	Shabbat <i>Terumah</i> Shacharit 10:00AM Jonah Gruber Bar Mitzvah Family Torah 10:30AM Shabbat Kulanu 11:15AM Mishneh Torah – Laws of Teshuvah 1:30PM
Park Slope Jewish Center 1320 Eighth Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11215 (718) 768-1453 Office hours: M-Th 9AM-5PM, F 9AM-2PM www.psjc.org email: office@psjc.org				Rabbi Carie Carter, PSJC's Rabbi (rabbicarie@psjc.org) Ellen Brickman, President (president@psjc.org) Sarah Guthartz, Executive Director (executive.director@psjc.org) Aileen Heiman, Director of Youth Education (aileen.heiman@psjc.org) For questions about Accessibility (inclusion@psjc.org)		

Todah Rabbah!

To **Malkie Grozalsky** for contributing to the Friday Evening Kiddush Fund this Shabbat in memory of her father, **Hirsch Grozalsky**, z"l.
To **Loretta Lurie** for hosting the Shabbat Shmooze last Shabbat.

HaMakom Yenachem

Our condolences go to:

Scott Groom and his entire family on the death of his mother, **Sally Groom**, z"l.

Tyndall Arrasmith and her entire family on the death of her mother, **Anne Arrasmith**, z"l.

Yahrzeits observed 29 Shevat-5 Adar:

Anita Paula Zubres Oren, mother of Sue Oren; **Charles Hollander**, father of Ellen Hollander-Sande; **Dora Kubzansky Cohen**, mother of Paul Cohen; **Dorothy Lane Kerr**, mother of Grace Kerr; **Ella Drucker-Spivak**, cousin of Esther Schwalb; **Geraldine Aaront Simon**, mother of Ellen Simon; **Gertrude Rosen**, mother of David Rosen; **Hannah Abrams Marker**, mother of Rabbi Jeffrey Marker; **Henry Kardeman**, father of Marilyn Kardeman; **Jack Bornstein**, father of Peter Bornstein; **Jack Kamen**, father of Julia Kamen Birnbaum; **Leon Leeds**, father of Ken Leeds; **Lily Cohen**, grandmother of Paul Cohen; **Peggy Potts**, mother of Tori Rosen; **Rose Rosenzweig**, grandmother of Myron Levine and Gavielle Levine; **Rose Sidman**, mother of Alan Sidman; **Sanford Irving Tishcoff**, father of Joel Tishcoff. *May their memories be for a blessing.*

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Fulfill the mitzvah of giving gifts on Purim, while supporting the PSJC community!

Order your Shalach Manot:
<https://www.psjc.org/campaign/mishloach-manot-2017.html>

Deadline is Friday, March 3 by 12:00PM.

Got announcements? Email by Monday 5:00PM (office@PSJC.org)



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Advanced Talmud

Saturday, February 25 | 1:30PM

This class is an on-going self-study group appropriate for people who are proficient in Hebrew and have some prior experience in Gemara study. New students are welcome! Email aronrhalb@gmail.com

No Hebrew School - Sunday, February 26

Rosh Hodesh Adar Minyan

Sunday, February 27 | 9:00AM

Welcome in the new month with us. We will be holding Rosh Hodesh Minyan Sunday only. Happy Adar!

PSJC Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 28 | 7:15PM

PSJC Board meetings are open to members in good standing.

PJ Library Class: It's Friday!

Friday, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 | 10:30AM | \$12 per class

It's Friday! is a series of classes for children 3 and under and their caregivers. Join PSJC Tot Shabbat Leader, Abe, for hands on exploration of Shabbat and holidays. Visit www.psjc.org/event/its-friday.html for more information.

Lev Tahor and Latke-Hamantaschen Debate

Friday, March 3 | 6:30PM

Join us for our somewhat-annual Latke-Hamantaschen debate, following our all-sung lay-led Lev Tahor service (beginning at 6:30PM). First enjoy a delicious "fake treif" potluck dinner (parve, dairy, kosher fish, and vegetarian interpretations of all those forbidden foods). Then sit back and enjoy the scholarship of some of our most illustrious members as they provide exegeses on the relative merits (and flaws) of the lovely latke and the heroic hamantaschen. Past PSJC scholarship explored the archaeological roots of the latke, the psychosocial development of hamantaschen, and a mathematical proof that the two foods are equivalent! RSVP requested: <http://tinyurl.com/LevTahorMar3-PurimDebate>.

Shabbat Kulanu

Saturday, March 4 | 11:15AM

Kulanu means "all together," so join us for our brand new, all-ages, musical service. Abe and Aileen will lead an inclusive Shabbat service that will get you on your feet and in the Shabbat spirit. Shabbat morning services will include a short Torah service and as a community will join with the main service for concluding prayers and kiddush.

Mishneh Torah - Laws of Teshuvah

Saturday, March 4 | 1:30PM

When it was written in the 12th Century, Maimonides' Mishneh Torah changed the landscape of Rabbinic literature, and has since served as one of the great authoritative codes of Jewish Law, is a monthly study session with Rabbi Carter visit <https://www.psjc.org/form/mishneh-torah.html>.

Tzedakah Fair

Sunday, March 5 | 9:30AM-11:00AM

The entire PSJC Community is invited to join the Hebrew School for our annual Tzedakah Fair, led by the Kitah Vav class. Empty your tzedakah box from home and fill your pockets with nickels, quarters and dollars. Come prepared to learn about all of the places near and far where your money can be put to use! Email aileen.heiman@psjc.org with questions or to volunteer.

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HAMANTASCHEN BAKING CONTEST
MUSIC AND MORE!
ALL NEW PURIM CARNIVAL
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Sunday, March 12, 11:30 AM - 2 PM
1320 8th Ave, Brooklyn
For more info visit: www.psjc.org



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Club 1320 needs your help. Everyone has a way to contribute. Donate goods, services/experiences, solicit local businesses and people in your network. Some possible donations: behind-the-scenes tour of a business/museum, tickets to sporting events or theater, a weekend at your vacation home, cooking lessons, or help us discover unique items. Use your imagination and solicit auction items and/or become a sponsor to help raise money for PSJC. And don't forget to buy your tickets for this fresh, fun and festive fundraising fete!

Ticket price \$50.

Visit www.psjc.org/auction or email auction@psjc.org for more information.



Attention lawyers: Would you like to use your legal skills to protect asylum seekers in the New York area?

Sunday, March 5 | 1:30PM - 5:00PM | Kane Street Synagogue

Please join HIAS and our Rodfei Tzedek team to learn how to apply your legal skills pro bono to protect vulnerable asylum seekers seeking protection in our community. Contact Rachel Danzing, rachdanzing@yahoo.com or Laura Wolff, laurarscf@aol.com with questions.

Nazir Magally: Palestinian and Israeli: The complexities of national and cultural identity for today's Israeli Arabs. (Shacharit Institute's Lecture Series on Israeli Diversity and Politics: Out Of Many Voices, A Common Future)

Wednesday, March 8 | 7:00PM | Congregation Beth Elohim

Join us as PSJC co-sponsors a 5-Part Conversation Lecture Series on March 29, April 6, May 10 and May 25.

Purim is coming - Come to hear the Megillah and stay for the party!

Saturday, March 11 | Tot Megillah & Singing - 6:00PM | Services & Megillah Reading - 6:30PM | Community Megillah Reading - 6:30PM

The Purim Megillah will be read and interspersed with musical Purimspeil ripped from the Broadway stage. Following services, we will party with local band, starring Marc Rentzer, Nir Sadovnik, Steve Herskovitz and others! And if that's not enough, come back at 10:00AM Sunday morning, before the Purim Carnival, for Shacharit Services and to hear the Megillah read. Email Elizabeth Schnur to participate: esschnur@gmail.com. Reminder: the 20/20 raffle is ON! Put a \$20 bill in the bucket with your name on it and if you win, half the total goes to you and half to the shul. Bring your \$20 bill to shul!

Potluck dinner and Speaker Gadi Ezra

Friday, March 24 | 6:30PM

Following services stay for a potluck and teaching with Gadi Ezra, Israeli Human Rights Lawyer and Solider.

Remembering Marlene Schwartz זכרון

Sunday, March 26 | 2:00PM

The PSJC community and family and friends are invited to remember and celebrate the life of our wonderful friend Marlene Schwartz z"l, at PSJC. Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 22 to: Necha Sirota nechisw@yahoo.com or Fran Hawthorne franhawthorne@yahoo.com. Also, please let us know if you can bring veggie/kosher/parve light snacks.

G'mach, Hevra Kadisha welcome new members If you are able to cook, deliver meals, visit, attend shiva minyanim, 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: gmach@psjc.org or hevrakadisha@psjc.org



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Triennial (Exodus 21:1-22:3): Etz Hayim p. 456-465; Hertz p. 306-311

Haftarah (2 Kings 12:1-17): Etz Hayim p. 1276-1279; Hertz p. 992-995

If You Afflict Afflict the Widow or the Orphan

Exodus 22:21-22: Do not afflict [t'anun] the widow or the orphan. If you *afflict afflict* [anei t'aneh] (them), if/when [ki im] they *cry cry* [tsa'ok yits'ak] out to me, I will *hear hear* [shamo'a eshmah] their cry. Last year Rabbi Hillel Skolnick explored the meaning of the unusual ki – im (if – if/when) phrase in verse 22. There is additional interesting grammar in this verse – each of the three verbs is repeated in the Hebrew, which challenges the translator. None offers the translation above – the verb translated literally twice. "If you afflict them at all ... I will surely hear their cry" is typical (<http://biblehub.com/exodus/22-23.htm>), but by not repeating the verb, the translator is interpreting. We'll look at anei t'aneh - afflict afflict here.

The Rabbis disagreed over the meaning of the repetition: one said any mistreatment, even trivial, will trigger God's anger; another said one is liable only if he/she repeats the offence. Thus we see that the repeated verb can minimize (e.g. "at all") or it can intensify ("surely"). There are other examples of this in our parasha. Ex. 21:2 entitles the Hebrew slave to go free after six years, but if amor yomar, he says 'I love my master...I will not go free' his ear is pierced and he is a slave for life (Ex 21:5). The rabbis say "he must say so twice." A one-time remark, whether made casually or in jest, is not enough to commit him to servitude for life. On the other hand "one who strikes a parent mot yumat – shall surely be put to death" (Ex. 21:15). The disagreement over "afflict afflict" is substantive. 1500 years ago the rabbis were aware of different ways to deal with bad behavior - whether to have "zero tolerance" or to show patience and indulgence for the first-time offender. Today we debate this question, and much depends on the person and the circumstances.

So what should be our approach to offenses against the weak and defenseless, symbolized by the widow and orphan? The Mekhilta, a halakhic midrash to Sefer Shmot (Exodus), tells of the conversation between two leading rabbis being led out to their deaths by the Romans in the early second century CE. Rabbi Shimon said: "I don't understand what offense I committed that deserves execution." Rabbi Ishmael replied: "Did anyone ever come to you for a lawsuit or to ask a question and you kept them waiting while you finished your coffee ("drink") or getting dressed? The Torah says 'If you afflict afflict,' even if it be minimal." And Rabbi Shimon replied: "Master, you have consoled me." There are persons for whom it is not injustice to keep them waiting, but when we are dealing with "widows and orphans," it's different. The Shulchan Orech says one must be very careful in doing the mitzva of tsdaka (charity for the poor), for if one delays in responding to their request for help, there is the risk of liability for bloodshed, should they die of starvation due to the delay. One reason we do not make a bracha before giving charity (it's a mitzva like lighting Shabbat candles) is that the poor person's suffering may be aggravated even in the short time it takes us to say the blessing. When it comes to those in real need, the Torah's approach is zero tolerance.

This weekly commentary on the Torah portion by Rabbi Daniel Goldfarb, CY Faculty and Coordinator, Torah Sparks. The Conservative Yeshiva, is from the "Torah Sparks" series at <http://learn.conservativeyeshiva.org/torah-sparks/>. A Haftarah commentary by Rabbi Mordechai Silverstein of the Conservative Yeshiva may be found at <http://www.uscj.org.il/learn/commentaries/>

All congregants and visitors (of all genders) are requested to wear a head covering in the Sanctuary. Cell phones and photography are not permitted in the synagogue during Shabbat. Please also refrain from applause during services. **To request an Aliyah or other honor**, email Rabbi Carter a week in advance (rabbicarie@psjc.org), or notify the usher if you arrive before the Torah Service begins; we honor requests whenever possible. **To usher services**, email Ira Drucker at ira.drucker@psjc.org **PSJC runs on community participation.** If you are interested in: **leading Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv Services**, email freddie.brooks@psjc.org; **leading Shabbat Morning Services**, email Elizabeth Schnur at davening@psjc.org; **chanting Haftarah**, email Alan Palmer at haftarah@psjc.org; **joining the Hevra Kadisha**, email the coordinators at hevra.kadisha@psjc.org.