



PARK SLOPE JEWISH CENTER

January 20-28, 2016 | 22 Tevet-1 Shevat, 5777
Parashat Shemot

Friday, January 20 22 Tevet				Parashat Shemot Saturday, January 21 23 Tevet		
Candle Lighting 4:41PM Kabbalat Shabbat with Judy Ribnick 6:30PM				Shabbat <i>Shemot</i> Shacharit 10:00AM Bar Mitzvah of Max Grozalsky-Wernick Tot Shabbat Mini Minyan Junior Congr 11:15AM Shabbat Shmooze 1:15PM		
Sunday January 22 24 Tevet	Monday January 23 25 Tevet	Tuesday January 24 26 Tevet	Wednesday January 25 27 Tevet	Thursday January 26 28 Tevet	Friday January 27 29 Tevet	Saturday January 28 1 Shevat
Hebrew School 9:30AM		Hebrew School 4:00PM Board Meeting 7:15PM	Morning Minyan 7:15AM Hebrew School 4:00PM		Candle Lighting 4:50PM It's Friday! 10:30AM Kabbalat Shabbat Kulanu 6:30PM	Rosh Chodesh Shevat/Shabbat Vaera Shacharit 10:00AM Mini Minyan 11:15AM Tot Shabbat 11:15AM Junior Congr 11:15AM Advanced Talmud 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) Lena Roe, Interim Director of Youth Education (lena.roe@psjc.org) For questions about Accessibility (inclusion@psjc.org)		

Mazal Tov!

To **Max, Mindi, Malkie, Micah** and **Matan** on **Max's** Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat.
To **Peter** and **Elisabeth Siroka** on the birth of their daughter.

Todah Rabbah

To **Mindi Wernick** and **Malkie Grozalsky** for sponsoring the Kiddush this Shabbat in honor of **Max's** Bar Mitzvah.

HaMakom Yenachem

Our condolences go to:
Ilene Rubenstein and her family on the death of her mother, **Charlotte "Cookie" Zazik, z"l.**
David Schwartz and his family on the death of his wife, **Marlene Schwartz, z"l.**



Yahrzeits observed 23-29 Tevet:

Ann Weinfeld Schulman, mother of Amy Schulman; **Bernard Simon**, father-in-law of Merrie Handfinger; **David Koltenuk**, great-uncle of Alan Palmer; **Ellen Kamil**, mother of Seth Kamil; **Erica Glidden**, friend of Eve Blatt; **HB Daffner**, great-grandfather of Stuart Baron; **Howard Horn**, father of Scott Horn; **Irving Samuel Phillips**, father of Rabbi Regina Sandler-Phillips; **Morris Lazarus Steinberg**, father of Sandra Linenschmidt; **Norman Warshawsky**, father of Laura Warshawsky; **Ron Dixon**, observed by the PSJC Community; **Sam Kayman**, friend of Rabbi Jeffrey Marker and godfather of Rena Freedman-Marker; **Willie Marker**, grandfather of Rabbi Jeffrey Marker. *May their memories be for a blessing.*

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



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Shabbat Shmooze

Saturday, January 21 | 1:30PM

Hosted by Andrew Ravin and Samantha Chan located 354 10th Street near 4th Avenue

Shabbat Shmooze is a get-together in the home of a PSJC member. We will walk together over to the Shabbat Shmooze Pot Luck Lunch after the Kiddush. Bring a parve pot luck dish to share. If you are coming for the first time, don't feel like you need to bring anything. Just come!. Actual address will be given at services. Please contact shabbatshmooze@psjc.org if you would like to host a Shabbat Shmooze.

Shir Chadash Community Choir Concert

Sunday, January 22 | 4:00PM

Shir Chadash, the Brooklyn Jewish Community Chorus, is presenting their winter concert, which will feature Cantors Rachel Brook, Natasha Hirschhorn, and Lisa B. Segal. The theme is "B'chol Dor vaDor" ("in every generation"), and shares beautiful music by composers in their 20's to almost 100. PSJC members make up about a fifth of the chorus, so come support your friends! Tickets: Adults \$20 and Children (under 12) \$10.

PSJC Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 24 | 7:15PM

PSJC Board meetings are open to members in good standing.

PJ Library Class: It's Friday!

Friday, January 27, February 3, 10 and 17 | 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.

Kabbalat Shabbat Kulanu

Friday, January 27 | 6:30PM

Join us for a musical Shabbat celebration for all ages! Services begin in the sanctuary with Abe and Lena. Everyone is welcome! Main entrees will be provided. Please bring a substantial salad/veggie side or desert to share. RSVPs are not required <https://www.psjc.org/form/kabbalat-shabbat-kulanu.html>.

Advanced Talmud

Saturday, January 28 | 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 aronhalb@gmail.com

Imagine Jewish Brooklyn: Let's Dream and Build Together | 26 Bridge Street, Brooklyn

Design: Sunday, January 29, 2017 | 9:00AM

North & Brownstone Brooklyn is becoming a hotbed of vibrant, creative, and diverse Jewish life. Imagine Jewish Brooklyn is an opportunity to come together to dream, design and build our Jewish future together. Everyone is welcome! The more voices, the better! Visit www.imaginejewishbrooklyn.org, or contact Michael Vilarello at vilarellom@ujafedny.org or 718.942.6800 to learn more. Dream was held on Sunday, December 4, 2016.

Responding to anti-Semitic sentiment on College Campuses and in the Community

Wednesday, February 1 | 6:30PM

In college? Getting ready to go to college or to send your child off? Struggling to respond to anti-Israel and anti-Semitic sentiment in your community? Students, parents, friends: Join us at PSJC for a conversation with Nadya Drucker, Director of Tanger Hillel at Brooklyn College, about challenges facing Jewish students on campus and elsewhere, especially when they are challenged about their relationship with Israel. Nadya is experienced in helping students and guiding communities through challenging days, and we are thrilled she will be with us to guide this important conversation. Light dinner will be provided, please RSVP of for questions, please email rabbicarie@psjc.org.



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Mishneh Torah - Laws of Teshuvah

Saturday, February 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. This is a monthly study session with Rabbi Carter. Please <https://www.psjc.org/form/mishneh-torah.html> for this study group.

Masbia Needs PSJC!!

Sunday, February 5 | 12:00PM-2:00PM

Join other PSJC volunteers at Masbia, the kosher soup kitchen at 1372 Coney

Island Avenue, near Avenue J. Masbia's meals sustain hundreds of people in need; we have been working with them for five years to peel, chop, schlepp and do whatever's useful, in support of their mission. Children over age 10, teens and adults welcome to roll up their sleeves and help feed our hungry neighbors. Please contact Helen Zelon: hzelon@gmail.com for details or additional information.



Save the Date: Scholar-In-Residence: Rabbi Amy Eilberg

Machlakot L'Shem Shamayim: The Jewish Art of Disagreement

February 10 – 12, 2017

Join us on **Friday night** for PSJC's all-sung, lay-led Lev Tahor Service followed by a sponsored catered **Shabbat Dinner** (meat, with vegetarian options) and study with Rabbi Amy Eilberg. **Saturday morning** services begin will include a **Dvar Torah by Rabbi Eilberg**. Following Kiddush, Rabbi Eilberg will offer a Dialogue Workshop where we can build skills necessary for successful dialogue with those with whom we disagree. **Sunday morning**, Rabbi Eilberg will be present to help us kick off our **Yom Iyyun Tzedek** that leads into our Hebrew School sponsored Tzedakah Fair. RSVP for dinner www.tinyurl.com/scholar2017.

Yom Iyyun Tzedek & Tzedakah Fair

Sunday, February 12 | 9:30AM-12:30PM

The entire PSJC Community is invited to join the Hebrew School for our winter Yom Iyyun Tzedek, a morning of learning and hands-on activities to connect with the Jewish value of Tzedek--Justice. We will be focusing on the Jewish concept of Machlakot L'shem Shamayim: The Jewish Art of Disagreement. This is the final event in PSJC's Scholar In Residence with Rabbi Amy Eilberg. Our Yom Iyyun Tzedek concludes with 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, and come prepared to learn about all of the places near and far where your money can be put to use! Email lena.roe@psjc.org with any questions or to volunteer.



Download the PSJC app Today after Shabbat! It's powered through Shulcloud. When you are signed in, you have access to the member directory, the PSJC calendar and more. Available on Android and iOS smart phones, search for Park Slope Jewish Center.

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

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.

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Triennial (Exodus 1:1-2:25): Etz Hayim p. 317; Hertz p. 206; Plaut p. 382

Haftarah (Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23): Etz Hayim p.343; Hertz p. 224; Plaut p. 692

Position, Power, Perks and Platitudes

How many leaders should write that as their job description? Rashi, the French medieval commentator, uses this Parashah to take us along for a brief study in leadership do's and don'ts.

Moshe was a shepherd before God assigned him the position of leadership at the burning bush. The inspiring nature of the desert, combined with the responsibility of caring for living creatures, might be a good start for a leader who will take a people through the wilderness and deliver them the Divine Torah. But Rashi saw this also as an example of Moshe's ethics. He suggests that Moshe took his flock to the far end of the desert to avoid the slightest risk that they might graze off others' property. It would not be a large embezzlement scandal, only a little 'who will notice?' theft. But even that Moshe went to great lengths, literally, to avoid. Bad ethical habits would be a poor start for a leader.

Moshe then returned to Egypt per God's instructions "I shall send you to Pharaoh and take my people... out of Egypt" (Ex 3:10). Testing the message with his own people, Moshe and Aaron gather the elders (the z'keinim), the leaders of the nation, and deliver God's words. The people believe, the response seems positive (4:31). "After that Moshe and Aaron came and said to Pharaoh: 'So said the Lord, God of Israel, let My people go so they may do a pilgrimage for Me in the desert'" (5:1). This time it is a complete failure. They are booed out of the palace, with the labor conditions of the nation worsened to boot.

Where were the elders at that critical moment? So wonders Rashi. Would the result not have been better if the known leadership of the people had joined Moshe and Aaron, presenting the demand in a unified manner, as God had said they would (3:18)? Rashi answers (Ex 5:1, where no mention is made of the elders): 'the elders dropped away one by one...' (in the vernacular: 'So sorry! I just remembered that I have a previously scheduled appointment.') Leaders, who enjoy their status for the honors and perks, while shirking taking risks to advance change and correct injustice, are not a recent phenomenon. But, Rashi tells us, there were other leaders among the people of Israel: the shotrim, the Israelite officers whom the Egyptian task-masters appointed to supervise the work of the Israelite slave laborers. When the slave laborers fell short of their labor quotas, the shotrim were supposed to penalize them. But, Rashi explains (5:14), the shotrim suffered the penalty from the task-masters themselves, without passing it on to those below them.

What happened to these two groups of leaders? The elders continued enjoying their lofty positions until God's revelation at Sinai (Ex. 24). At the grand ceremony, as Moshe was about to go up the mountain, they were left behind. Those who did not dare face a human king are not welcomed by the King of Kings. And the shotrim, who suffered to protect their brethren? When Moshe feels the loneliness of the burden of leading the people (Num. 11), God tells him to appoint 70 leaders to help him. Rashi suggests that those leaders were the shotrim. They had proven that their dedication was to the interests of their people, not to themselves (Rashi on Num. 11:16).

This weekly Haftarah Commentary by **Vered Hollander-Goldfarb**, Bible Faculty, the Conservative Yeshiva, **Torah Sparks** 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.