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March 3-11, 2017 | 5-13 Adar, 5777
Parashat Terumah

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Candle Lighting 5:32PM Lev Tahor and Latke-Hamantaschen Debate 6:30PM				Shacharit 10:00AM Jonah Gruber Bar Mitzvah Family Torah 10:30AM Shabbat Kulanu 11:15AM Mishneh Torah – Laws of Teshuvah 1:30PM		
Sunday March 5 7 Adar	Monday March 6 8 Adar	Tuesday March 7 9 Adar	Wednesday March 8 10 Adar	Thursday March 9 11 Adar	Friday March 10 12 Adar	Saturday March 11 13 Adar
Hebrew School 9:30AM Tzedakah Fair 9:30AM Kadima 12:30PM HIAS @ Kane Street 1:30PM MASBIA 2:00PM	PSJC Knitters 7:30PM	Hebrew School 4:00PM	Morning Minyan 7:15AM Hebrew School 4:00PM Nazier Magally @ CBE 7:00PM		Candle Lighting 5:39PM It's Friday! 10:30AM Kabbalat Shabbat with Judy Ribnick 6:30PM	Shabbat <i>Tetzaveh</i> Shacharit 10:00AM Mini Minyan Tot Shabbat 11:15AM Tot Megillah 6:00PM Community Megillah Reading 6:30PM Family Megillah Reading 6:30PM
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)		

Mazal Tov!

To **Jonah, Audrey, Jeremy and Caleb** on **Jonah's** Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat.

Todah Rabbah!

To **Audrey and Jeremy Gruber** for contributing to the Kiddush Fund this Shabbat in honor of **Jonah's** Bar Mitzvah.

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 6-12 Adar:

Abraham Murray Jacobson, father of Karen Jacobson; **Albert Krasner**, father of Bonnie Ullman; **Chester Kaczmarczyk**, father of Elizabeth Kaczmarczyk; **Florence Leblanc**, mother of Jacqueline LeBlanc; **Geoffrey Chinn**, father of Sarah Chinn; **Harvey Nachman**, father of David Nachman; **Jonathan Kaye**, brother of Jeffrey Kaye; **Maly Bornstein**, mother of Peter Bornstein; **Marcia Slarskey**, mother of David Slarskey; **Marion Barth**, father of Rabbi Sami Barth; **Maxwell Sellinger**, cousin of Carol Diamond; **Melvin Sasson**, father of Nathaniel Sasson; **Molly Schrager**, aunt of Esther Schwalb; **Murry Powlen**, father of Noah D. Powlen; **Rosalie Lampert**, mother of Betsy Minkin; **Rose Bleifeld**, grandmother of Rachel Danzing; **Salome Louise Sandler**, aunt of Rabbi Regina Sandler-Phillips; **Sherman Tinkelman**, father of Bob Tinkelman; **Syd Steinfeld**, mother of Alvin Steinfeld; **Ursula Sehow Pearson**, great-aunt of Angela Weisl; **Yosef Weiss**, father of Necha Sirota. *May their memories be for a blessing.*



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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. 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.

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.

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.

Masbia Needs PSJC!!

Sunday, March 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. For details or additional information please contact Helen Zelon: hzelon@gmail.com.

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.

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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PJ Library Class: It's Friday!

Friday, March 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.

Kabbalat Shabbat with Judy Ribnick

Friday, March 10 | 6:30PM

Visit www.psjc.org/purim for PURIM activities

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

Saturday, March 11 | Tot Megillah & Singing - 6:00PM | Family Megillah

Reading - 6:30PM | Community Megillah Reading - 6:30PM

The Purim Megillah will be read and interspersed with musical Purimspiel ripped from the Broadway stage. Following services, we will party with local band, starring Marc Rentzer, Nir Sadovnik, Steve Herskovitz and others 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!

Megillah Reading

Sunday, March 12 | 10:00AM

Purim Carnival | PJ Library Storytime

Sunday, March 12 | 11:30AM

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.



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.



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.

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

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Triennial (Exodus 25:1-25:40): Etz Hayim p. 485; Hertz p. 325; Plaut p. 604
Haftarah (1 Kings 5:26-6:13): Etz Hayim p. 499; Hertz p. 336; Plaut p. 717

From Ethics to Objects

Exodus Chapter 25:1. And the Lord spoke to Moshe, saying, 2. Speak to the people of Israel, that they bring me an offering; from every man that gives it willingly with his heart you shall take my offering. 3. And this is the offering which you shall take from them; gold, and silver, and bronze, 4. And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, 5. And rams' skins dyed red, and goats' skins, and shittim wood, 6. Oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil, and for sweet incense, 7. Onyx stones, and stones to be set on the ephod, and on the breastplate. 8. And let them make me a Mikdash (sanctuary); V'Shachanti B'tocham - that I may dwell among them. In the last two Parshiot we were getting on beautifully with the revelation on Mount Sinai; we had the Ten Commandments in Parshat Yitro and some very sensible and practical ethical-legal instructions in Parshat Mishpatim. Now suddenly, in Parshat Terumah, we are thrown into the weird and wonderful world of ornate ritual objects. In this parashah we begin to be told about God's detailed requirements for the building of a Mishkan (Tabernacle) so that God might dwell in the middle of the camp. God says that the Mishkan must be built – "V'Shachanti B'tocham" - "that I may dwell among them" (Exodus 25:8). The rules for the construction of this astonishingly complicated edifice fill chapters and chapters of the Torah up to the end of the book of Exodus.

How might we read this sudden wrenching switch from ethical revelation on a barren mountaintop to reams of material about arcane ritual objects? It appears that once-in-a-lifetime ecstatic experiences of God, like the one on Mount Sinai, are insufficient to sustain an ongoing relationship between humans and God. The Israelites were treated to the biggest and most impressive religious sound and light show in history, but ultimately a people's commitments cannot be sustained by an isolated spiritual high. Even while Moshe stood at the top of the mountain, God told him that the memory of Sinai would not suffice to keep them going on the covenantal path. There would need to be some more permanent and tangible evidence of God's continued presence in the community in order for the high ethical principles of the previous two Parshiot to be properly realized by this nation. The elaborately constructed Mishkan, incorporating many of the strange trappings of sovereignty that the people were familiar with from Egypt, would help them to feel that their relationship with God had been placed on a permanent footing.

There is a price to be paid when a culture embraces a complex life of ritual and religious objects. We are still reaping the benefits and paying the price for that choice now. We gain a sense of permanence and solidarity when the regularity of a life of ritual takes priority over unpredictably fleeting religious experiences. On the flip side we can very easily get lost in the ornate silliness of organized religion, and when the bells and smells of our religious institutions fail to induce any sense of V'Shachanti B'tocham, we are left with an absurd husk of ritual on which to pin our religious identities. Only when, sometimes to our astonishment, our ritual life evokes a whiff of Sinai, can we forget its absurdity and find ourselves yearning for its sanctity.

This weekly commentary on the Torah portion by Rabbi Joel Levy, Rosh Yeshiva, the Conservative Yeshiva, 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.