



**PARK SLOPE JEWISH CENTER**

December 23-30, 2016 | 23 Kislev-1 Tevet, 5777  
Parashat Vayeshev

Friday, December 23   23 Kislev				Parashat Vayeshev Saturday, December 24   24 Kislev		
Candle Lighting   4:15PM Kabbalat Shabbat with <b>Freddie Brooks</b>   6:30PM				Shacharit   10:00AM  Advanced Talmud   1:30PM <i>Chanukkah - 1<sup>st</sup> Candle</i>		
Sunday December 25 25 Kislev 2 <sup>nd</sup> Candle	Monday December 26 26 Kislev 3 <sup>rd</sup> Candle	Tuesday December 27 27 Kislev 4 <sup>th</sup> Candle	Wednesday December 28 28 Kislev 5 <sup>th</sup> Candle	Thursday December 29 29 Kislev 6 <sup>th</sup> Candle	Friday December 30 1 Tevet 7 <sup>th</sup> Candle	Saturday December 31 2 Tevet 8 <sup>th</sup> Candle
	<b>Office Closed</b>		Morning Minyan 7:00AM		Rosh Hodesh Tevet Minyan 7:00AM  <i>Candle Lighting</i> 4:20PM  Kabbalat Shabbat with <b>Mishkan Minyan</b> 7:00PM*	Shabbat <i>Miketz</i>  Shacharit   10:00AM  11:15AM
<b>Park Slope Jewish Center</b> 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)		

**Todah Rabbah!**

To **Sharon Tepper** and **David Lefkowitz** for hosting the Shabbat Shmooze last Shabbat.

**Club 1320 Presents: Live Jazz was a great success!** Many thanks to all who attended and our sponsors: PSJC Rocks - **Lena Katsnelson** and **Eli Wolfhagen**; PSJC is My Jam - **Leslie Salzman**, **Freddie Brooks**. This night wouldn't have been a success without the leadership of: **Adine Schuman Pusey** and **Reba Snyder**, co-chairs. **Stephanie Hochman** for ensuring food and drinks; volunteers **Lisa Altshuler**, **Freddie Brooks**, **Steve Elworth**, **Ray Kosarin** and **Jan Orzeck**.

**HaMakom Yenachem**

Our condolences to

**David Schwartz** and his family on the death of his wife, **Marlene Schwartz**, z"l.

**Mindy Levine** and her family on the death of her mother, **Gerry Levine Mendelsohn**, z"l.

**Alan Palmer** and his entire family on the death of his father, **Samson Edward Palmer**, z"l.

**Yahrzeits: 24 Kislev-1 Tevet:**

**Annette Baron**, mother of Jeffrey Baron; **Asaad Eidi Vejdany**, brother of Suad Noah; **Donald Gallagher**, stepfather of Lori Levine; **Eleanor Honig**, mother of Les Honig; **Gertrude Zalutsky**, grandmother of Stuart Baron; **Hazel Baumann**, aunt of Fredrica Brooks; **Ida Halberstam**, mother of Aron Halberstam; **Irving Drucker**, grandfather of Ira Drucker; **Irwin Lager**, father of Ned Lager; **Libby Kubzansky**, grandmother of Paul Cohen; **Maurice Rahmey**, father of Eileen Rahmey; **Rebecca Carter**, mother of Michael Carter and grandmother of Rabbi Carie Carter; **Shirley Ettlinger**, mother of M. Allan Ettlinger; **Solomon Hopard**, father of Stanley Hopard; **Sophie Dorlester Shore**, mother of Jane Dorlester. *May their memories be for a blessing.*



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### **Chappy Chanukkah!**

First Candle on December 24

### **PSJC Office Closed**

December 26 & January 2

### **Lev Tahor: PSJC's All-Sung, Lay-Led Kabbalat Shabbat**

Friday, January 6 | 6:30PM

Join us for the first Lev Tahor service and program of the (secular) New Year, when our own David Mikics will give a talk on his most recent book, *Bellow's People*, which explores Saul Bellow's relationships with the mostly Jewish real-life friends and acquaintances who were the foundation for many of his fictional characters. Mention PSJC at Community Books or Terrace Books to get a 10% discount on new copies of the book. And please sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/LevTahorJan6> for the dairy/pareve pot luck -- thank you! Everyone is invited to join in the Sheva Brachot after the potluck to celebrate with marriage of Sue and Emily.

### **Book Discussion - Ravelstein**

Saturday, January 7 | 1:30PM

Professor Mikics will lead a discussion of Bellow's last novel *Ravelstein*, based on events in the life of the scholar (and Bellow's colleague at the University of Chicago) Allan Bloom. *Ravelstein* is included in Library of America edition *Novels 1984-2000/Saul Bellow*; James Wood, editor, of which BPL has 11 copies. An audiobook version is available from [audible.com](http://audible.com).

### **Attention B'nai Mitzvah Families of 2019**

Sunday, January 8 | 11:00AM

Calling all families with children turning 13 in 2019. It is time to talk about Bar and Bat Mitzvah! This conversation with Rabbi Carter is an essential first step in the selection of B'nai Mitzvah dates. Let her know you are coming by emailing [rabbicarie@psjc.org](mailto:rabbicarie@psjc.org)

### **MASBIA Needs PSJC!!**

Sunday, January 8 | 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, shlep 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: [helen.zelon@psjc.org](mailto:helen.zelon@psjc.org)

### **PSJC Annual Meeting and Election of Board of Trustees**

Sunday, January 8 | 4:00PM

This meeting is for PSJC members to hear about our year in review, elect our new board of directors, ask questions, and share your thoughts and ideas over wine and a nosh. Hope to see you there. Ballots and agenda will be sent out by mail. If you do not receive yours by next week, please call the office.

### **PJ Library Class: It's Friday!**

Friday, January 13, 20 and 27 | 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](http://www.psjc.org/event/its-friday.html) for more information.

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



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### **Mishneh Torah - Laws of Teshuvah**

Saturday, January 14 | 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.

### **PJ Library Havdallah celebration**

Saturday, January 14 | 6:00PM

Join us for a PJ Library Havdallah celebration! Come in your pj's for stories, songs, games, and more!

### **MLK Day of Service**

Sunday, January 15 | 11:00AM

Members and friends of PSJC are warmly invited to help make our corner of this complicated world a little better, in our 5th Annual MLK Day of Service. We'll be prepping soup kits, packing books and clothing, making PB&J sandwiches and Gorp, knitting, crafting, and taking care of our glorious shul building. For info, or to help organize ahead of the event or on the day, contact Helen Zelon at [hzelon@gmail.com](mailto:hzelon@gmail.com).

### **Shabbat Shmooze**

Saturday, January 21 | 1:30PM

Let's walk together over to the Shabbat Shmooze Potluck Lunch (following Shabbat morning kiddush).

### **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 [aronrhalb@gmail.com](mailto:aronrhalb@gmail.com) for information.

### **PSJC Yom Iyyun Tzedek & Tzedakah Fair**

Sunday, February 12 | 9:30AM

All are welcome to join the Hebrew School for a PSJC Yom Iyyun Tzedek, a morning of learning and hands-on activities to connect with the Jewish value of Tzedek, justice. Bring your coins for the annual Tzedakah Fair!

### **Save the Date! Club 1320 Presents: Spring Fling & Auction**

Saturday, March 25 | 8:00PM

We hope you will join us for another great event together. If you'd like to volunteer, sponsor or donate an item, contact [club1320@psjc.org](mailto:club1320@psjc.org).

**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](mailto:gmach@psjc.org) or [hevradkadisha@psjc.org](mailto:hevradkadisha@psjc.org)



### Parashat Vayeshev | Shabbat Mevarekhim Hahodesh

Triennial (Genesis 37:1-37:36): Etz Hayim p.226-233; Hertz p. 141-145  
Haftarah (Amos 2:6-3:8): Etz Hayim p. 246-249; Hertz p. 152-154

### Who's That Man Walking...

Rabbi Steven Wernick, Executive VP and Chief Executive Officer, USCJ

In his book based on the Joseph stories, *Living a Life that Matters*, Rabbi Harold Kushner asks an interesting question: "Who's the principle character?"

Is it Jacob who favors Joseph such that his brothers conspire to kill him?

Is it Joseph who just had to share his dreams with his brothers, further alienating him from them?

Is it Judah who leads his brothers in their bloodlust?

Is it Reuven who prevents fratricide and instead throws Joseph in a pit to rot?

Potiphar? Or his wife? The Ishmaelites?

If you look closely, the principle character is anonymous.

You know the story, the brothers are tending the flock. Jacob sends Joseph to spy on them. He heads to Schechem when suddenly "a man came upon him wandering in the fields. The man asked him, "What are you looking for?" (Genesis 37:15)

The Torah calls him only Ish — a man.

From where did this person come? Why does he approach Joseph? His question is asked as if he already knows the answer. And then when Joseph replies that he is looking for his brothers, this Ish knows not only where they have gone, but more importantly exactly who his brothers are!

There are certainly minor characters in the Torah, but no superfluous characters.

Kushner devotes a whole chapter to this Ish, "Best Actor in a Supporting Role."

Who is this Ish?

Maimonides suggests that this Ish, like the mysterious being who wrestles with Jacob a generation earlier is an Angel. After all, he knows the answer to the question before the question is even asked!

Ibin Ezra understands him just to be a man, who happens to be in the right place at the right time. A chance encounter, of little significance in and of itself, sets in motion the rest of Jewish history — slavery, redemption, Torah — all of it right up to our own time.

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:ira.drucker@psjc.org) **PSJC runs on community participation.** If you are interested in: **leading Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv Services**, email [freddie.brooks@psjc.org](mailto:freddie.brooks@psjc.org); **leading Shabbat Morning Services**, email Elizabeth Schnur at [davening@psjc.org](mailto:davening@psjc.org); **chanting Haftarah**, email Alan Palmer at [haftarah@psjc.org](mailto:haftarah@psjc.org); **joining the Hevra Kadisha**, email the coordinators at [hevra.kadisha@psjc.org](mailto:hevra.kadisha@psjc.org).