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Lev Tahor with our Shaliach, Noam Willner 6:30PM Candle Lighting 7:39PM				Shabbat Morning Services 10:00AM Delilah Shapiro Bat Mitzvah Mini Minyan Tot Shabbat Jr. Cong. 11:15AM Mishneh Torah Class Laws of Teshuvah 1:30PM		
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 Yom Yisrael 10:00AM		Hebrew School 4:00PM	Morning Minyan 7:15AM Hebrew School 4:00PM Hebrew School Faculty Dinner and Meeting 6:15PM Racheli Ibenboim 7:00PM Union Temple		PJ Library - It's Friday! Music Class 10:30AM Kabbalat Shabbat with Judy Ribnick 6:30PM Candle Lighting 7:46PM	Shabbat <i>Emor</i> Shacharit 10:00AM Family Torah 10:30AM Shabbat Kulanu 11:15AM
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Mazal Tov!

To **Delilah, Peggy, Mike and Nathan** on **Delilah's** Bat Mitzvah this Shabbat.

Todah Rabbah

To **Peggy Stafford** and **Mike Shapiro** for their contribution to the Kiddush Fund in honor of **Delilah's** Bat Mitzvah this Shabbat.

HaMakom Yenachem

Our condolences go to:

Julie Weintraub and her family on the death of her mother, **Greta Levine Tedoff**, z"l.

Iris Sheber and her family on the death of her brother, **Joel Sheber**, z"l.

Yahrzeits observed 10-16 Iyar:

Agnes Herskovits, mother of Steve Herskovits; **Ahuva Wernick**, mother of Mindi Wernick; **Charlotte Zelon**, mother of Helen Zelon; **Daniel Goldreyer**, grandfather of Gregg Barash; **George Greenberg**, father of Dan Greenberg; **Harvey Schwartz**, brother of David Schwartz; **Hindley Mendelsohn**, step-father of Mindy Levine; **Rochelle Schwalb**, mother of Esther Schwalb; **Shirley Meyerson**, mother of Bruce Meyerson; **Tryna Gordon**, mother of Karen Barth. *May their memories be for a blessing.*

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 hevra kadisha@psjc.org

Brooklyn Celebrates Israel

Yom Yisrael

Sunday, May 7 | 10:00AM-1:00PM

Celebrate Israel, "Tour the country", and listen to "Music Talks" musical tour of Israel, enjoy food with Taim and Shnitzi Food Trucks; dance and sing together at this now annual Israel festival for children and those who love children. To help out, contact Rabbi Carter: rabbicarie@psjc.org.



Lev Tahor with our Shaliach, Noam Willner

Friday, May 5 | 6:30PM

Welcome Shabbat with music and community as part of Lev Tahor, followed by a dairy/parve vegetarian potluck dinner and conversation with our Brooklyn community shaliach, Noam Willner. Prior to coming to Brooklyn as our Shaliach, Noam worked as a tour guide, taking hundreds of Israeli teens to Poland to better understand the Shoah. He will share some of his experiences and lead us in a conversation about the "Big Questions We face" from the perspectives of Israeli and American Jews. RSVP for the dinner: <https://tinyurl.com/LevTahorMay5>

Mishneh Torah - Laws of Teshuvah

Saturday, May 6 | 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: Two ways to help, right now

Sunday, May 7 | 12:00PM-2:00PM | 1372 Coney Island Avenue

"Let all who are hungry, come and eat," we read in the Haggadah. Live those words and join friends old and new as a PSJC volunteer at Masbia the first Sunday of the month, the kosher soup kitchen open to ALL. Please find the time to roll up your sleeves and pitch in; for info, contact Helen Zelon hzelon@gmail.com And for those who are able, Masbia is seeking donations meals and groceries to people in need all over NYC; details at www.masbia.org, with sincere thanks for any support - physical or financial - our community can offer.

Volunteers Needed In May | May 11, 18 and 25

PSJC is staffing the Respite Bed Program at Brooklyn Heights Synagogue on four Thursday nights in May. We need people to prepare a meal for 12 and two people each to sleep over on May 11, 18 and 25. Perfect opportunity to get some quality time with a friend or older teen (b'nai mitzvah age or older) after the guests go to sleep! Sign up now: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4aacac2aa57-psjc> or please email with questions to jennifer.bernstein@post.harvard.edu.

PJ Library Class: It's Friday!

Friday, May 12, 19 and 26 | 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.

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. **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.



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PSJC at Brooklyn Cyclones Opening Day with T-Shirt Promo Giveaway!

Tuesday, June 20 | 7:00PM (Gates open at 5:30PM) **Deadline Monday, June 5**

PSJC goes to the Cyclones Opening Day opening game

Brooklyn Cyclones vs Staten Island Yankees. We will be sitting behind home plate.



Tickets are \$15.00 each, and an additional donation to would be appreciated.

It's the Brooklyn Cyclones Opening Day! Buy tickets now!

Visit: <http://www.psjc.org/form/brooklyn-cyclones-2017.html>.

Learn About Engage/Lox and Bagel Brunch

Sunday, May 7 | 11:00AM-1:00PM | BrooklynWorks, 159 20th St, 1st fl, Brooklyn

Are you in your 50s, 60s, or beyond and ready to give back? Join us for brunch and learn about community-building and service opportunities with Holocaust survivors, the elderly, refugees, people living in poverty, and children. Free. RSVP: <http://www.jccmanhattan.org/engage-brooklyn> or call 646.505.5708. Engage Jewish Service Corps is generously supported by UJA-Federation of New York.

Racheli Ibenboim: From Isolationism to Integration: new developments in the Israeli Haredi community that just might change Israeli society as we know it. (of Shohar Institute Series)

Wednesday, May 10 | 7:00PM | Union Temple

We continue the Shohar Institute Series bringing forward different speakers on Israeli life. Racheli Ibenboim lives in Mea Shearim and is a social entrepreneur and activist in the emerging civil society movement in the Ultra-Orthodox sector. PSJC is co-sponsoring this Lecture Series, please join us on the last date May 25.

Kabbalat Shabbat with Judy Ribnick

Friday, May 12 | 6:30PM

We Remember Sholem Aleichem on his 101st Yahrzeit

Saturday, May 13 | 1:30PM

Join us in observing the 101st Yahrzeit of beloved Yiddish writer Sholem Aleichem. As he instructed, we will gather for a reading of his famous ethical will, and "pick out a story, one of the really merry ones." (immediately after the Shabbat Kiddush). The program is free, but please RSVP: jan_huttner@msn.com.

Shabbat Shmooze

Saturday, May 20 | 1:30PM

Shabbat Shmooze is a get-together in the home of a PSJC member. We will walk together over to the Shabbat Shmooze Potluck Lunch after the Kiddush. Bring a parve potluck dish to share. Please contact shabbatshmooze@psjc.org if you would like to host a Shabbat Shmooze.

Balfour at 100, Six-Day War Plus 50, and Trump at 4 months: the Implications for the Jewish community here and worldwide with Cornell Professor, Ross Brann

Sunday, May 21 | 1:00PM

Ross Brann returns to PSJC as part of the ILJB to once again share his impressive insight and understanding of world affairs, particularly of Israel and the Middle East, to help us understand this serious historic moment in which we find ourselves. Suggested Donation \$10.

PSJC Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 23 | 7:15PM

PSJC Board meetings are open to members in good standing.

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



Shabbat Acharei Mot-Kedoshim

Triennial (Leviticus 16:1-17:7): Etz Hayim p. 679; Hertz p. 480; Plaut p. 863

Haftarah (Amos 9:7-15): Etz Hayim p. 705; Hertz p. 509; Plaut p. 999

Wise Sex, Wanton Sex - What Should We Teach?

We are warned: “Do not profane your daughter to make a whore of her, lest the land play the whore and the land be filled with depravity” (Lev. 19:29). This being Leviticus, we may read this as a warning against sending our daughters into cultic prostitution. There is no evidence, though, of sex with strangers as a sacred rite to increase fertility in the ancient Near East. That, then, is not the behavior banned by this verse.

What, then, are we to avoid imposing on our daughters, and presumably discourage them from doing even at their own initiative? The rabbis of classical Judaism needed to interpret the verb here, *le-haznot* (to prostitute someone, make her into a whore), and related verbs, and the noun *zona* (“prostitute”). In a *baraita* [early rabbinic statement not in the Mishnah] in the Talmud (B. Yevamot 61b), the opinion of “the [majority of] Rabbis” is that “the term *zona* applies only to a female convert, a freed maidservant, and one who engages in sexual intercourse of *z’nut*.” That third item, the abstract noun from the same root, makes this a tautological definition, but one whose meaning we can nonetheless suss out. *Z’nut* is licentious, wanton sexuality. That is what the first two categories are concerned with: the freed slave and the convert, having growing up among non-Israelites or having been in a vulnerable subjugated status, might well or presumably have been involved, willingly or unwillingly, in sexual conduct illegitimate by Israelite standards.

But what makes sexual conduct illegitimate? Other rabbis’ views in the same source provide more clues. Rabbi Yehuda says: “A *zona* is a sexually underdeveloped woman.” Rav Huna interprets Rabbi Yehuda as teaching that “any intercourse that does not have the possibility to increase the population because the woman is incapable of having children is nothing other than intercourse of *z’nut*.” Apparently, in this view, the only legitimate purpose of sexual behavior is procreation, and anything else is in the shameful category of licentiousness. The Mishnaic sage Rabbi El’azar adopts a view that seems to be more concerned about human relationships and the social order. He says (in the same discussion): “[Even in the case of] an unmarried man who had intercourse with an unmarried woman not for the purpose of marriage, he has caused her to become a *zona*.” Procreation is not the issue here, but the commitment that might—or might not—accompany the intimacy of sex. As Carole King put it, “Will you still love me tomorrow?” And, concomitantly, will you continue to see that my material and spiritual needs are met? Sex comes with some level of responsibility and commitment.

In several talmudic passages, a principle is evoked that “a man does not engage in sexual intercourse as intercourse of *z’nut*.” The Rabbis impute pure motives to every Jewish man. Maimonides hedges a bit, noting that it is an assumption (*hazaqa*) that “proper” Jewish men have no such improper intentions. About some Jewish men we are apparently not so sure. The implications for our own lives are unclear, but Rabbi El’azar’s view may be pertinent. Even in a world in which many people do indeed indulge in sexual activity without an expectation of commitment, there is a category of out-of-control sexuality that is to be discouraged. We can still draw distinctions between what is permitted and what is forbidden, or at least what is wise and what really is wanton, wasteful and ultimately unwise.

This weekly commentary on the Torah portion is by Rabbi Peretz Rodman, from the “Torah Sparks” series produced by the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem, <http://learn.conservativeyeshiva.org/torah-sparks/>. Rabbi Peretz Rodman is a Jerusalem-based writer and translator. He serves as Av Bet Din of the Masorti Bet Din of Eretz Yisrael. 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.