




PARK SLOPE JEWISH CENTER

May 26-June 3, 2017 | 1-9 Sivan, 5777
Shabbat Bamidbar

Friday, May 26 1 Sivan				Shabbat Bamidbar Saturday, May 27 2 Sivan		
Kabbalat Shabbat with Mishkan Minyan 7:00PM Candle Lighting 7:59PM				Shabbat Morning Services 10:00AM Advanced Talmud 1:30PM		
Sunday May 28 3 Sivan	Monday May 29 4 Sivan	Tuesday May 30 5 Sivan	Wednesday May 31 6 Sivan	Thursday June 1 7 Sivan	Friday June 2 8 Sivan	Saturday June 3 9 Sivan
	 Office Closed	Erev Shavuot Communal Tikkun Leil 8:00PM CBE	Office Closed Shavuot Services 10:00AM	Office Closed Shavuot Services 10:00AM Shavuot Picnic 1:00PM	Kabbalat Shabbat with Alan Palmer 7:00PM Candle Lighting 8:04PM	Shabbat Nasso Shacharit 10:00AM Paloma Jourdes-Ferdman and Ruby Spector B'not Mitzvah Mini Minyan Tot Shabbat Jr. Cong. 11:15AM Mishneh Torah Class Laws of Teshuvah 1:30PM
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Todah Rabbah

To **Torrene Einhorn** for her contribution to the Friday Kiddush Fund in memory of her mother, **Ida Melet Schwartz**, z'l.
To **Susana** and **Les Honig** for hosting the Shabbat Shmooze last Shabbat.

HaMakom Yenachem

Our condolences go to:

Allen Brafman and his family on the death of his wife, **Edith Brafman**, z'l.

Carol Diamond and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, **Ernie Schimel**, z'l.

You're Invited: Community Conversation about PSJC's Future and Status Report on the North Wall

Sunday, June 11 | 11:00AM -1:00PM

Join PSJC friends and members at a **Community Meeting** to hear the recommendations of the Etz Chaim working group, developed over months of conversations with hundreds of PSJC members, and learn about the scope and progress of PSJC's building reinforcement and restoration project and related L'dor V'dor Capital Campaign. We'll provide a light nosh and plenty of coffee: Please save the date to have a voice in the future of our community.



Yahrzeits observed 2-8 Sivan:

Edith Abrams, grandmother of Rabbi Jeffrey Marker; **Golda Handfinger**, aunt of Merrie Handfinger; **James Hammon**, father of Kate Hammon; **Lillian Calem**, aunt of Fran Hawthorne; **May Pollack**, mother of Diane Burhenne; **Michael Wallen**, uncle of Ira Singer; **Ove Erichsen**, father of Karin Ulman; **Rachel Spruchman**, great-grandmother of Jan Orzeck; **Richard Pick**, grandfather of Michele Bonan; **Saul Kravitz Kuperhand**, father of David Kuperhand; **Sylvia Sheber**, mother of Iris Sheber; **William Abramson**, brother of Elaine Elworth and uncle of Steve Elworth. *May their memories be for a blessing.*

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 would be appreciated. It's the Brooklyn Cyclones Opening Day! Buy tickets now! Visit: <http://www.psjc.org/form/brooklyn-cyclones-2017.html>.

We only have a few tickets left!



Advanced Talmud

Saturday, May 27 | 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

Office Closed for Memorial Day and Shavuot

Monday, May 29

Wednesday, May 31

Thursday, June 1

Shavuot - Communal Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Tuesday, May 30 | 8:00PM | CBE

Please join PSJC for Shavuot Across Brooklyn as we come together for an all-night celebration for the holiday of Shavuot commemorating the giving of the Torah. Please RSVP and see the full schedule at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1159039490872508>

Shavuot Services

Wednesday, May 31 | 10:00AM | PSJC

Thursday, June 1 | 10:00AM | PSJC

Shavuot Potluck Picnic

Thursday, June 1 | 1:00PM

After services let's walk together over to Prospect Park and have a picnic. Bring a parve/dairy/veggie pot luck dish to share.

Mishneh Torah - Laws of Teshuvah

Saturday, June 3 | 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.

Israel Film Center Festival

June 8-13 | JCC

Join PSJC at the 5th Annual Israel Film Center Festival which runs June 8-13. Catch the most exciting new films from Israel as part of New York's largest celebration of Israeli cinema. For more information and to purchase tickets click please visit www.israelfilmcenter.org/festival2017.

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.

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

A Back-To-School Ha'Sadnah

August 21-25 | 9:00AM-3:00PM

Ha'Sadnah (Hebrew for "The Workshop") is a boutique children's art program run by designer, Jordyn Jacobs, and artist, Reut Asimini. Ha'Sadnah art programs are designed to spark each child's creativity and to encourage curiosity and a handmade approach. Our winter craft program will focus on textile arts, including sewing, embroidery, and knitting. Registration is required.

Please visit: <https://www.psjc.org/event/a-back-to-school-hasadnah.html#>



PSJC Knitters

Monday, June 5 | 7:30PM

For more information contact marjorie.rothenberg@gmail.com.

Rodfei Tzedek Meeting

Tuesday, June 8 | 7:15PM

Please join us as a community sit down together to consider how we as PSJC can expand our efforts and become a community that truly is RODFEI TZEDEK - Pursuers of Justice. As a community we can define our priorities, areas of interest/passion, and capacity for meaningful, ongoing social action projects and social justice initiatives that involve members of all generations. RSVP to rabbicarie@psjc.org.

Kabbalat Shabbat with Judy Ribnick

Friday, June 9 | 7:00PM

Shaarei Mitzvah 2017-2018 Classes Friday Night Dinner

Saturday, June 9 | 7:30PM

Shabbat Kulanu

Saturday, June 10 | 11:15AM

Kulanu means "all together," so join us for our brand new, all-ages, musical service. We will meet once a month on Shabbat mornings during the school year and approximately eight times a year on Friday evenings. 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.

Book Club: Between Friends

Saturday, June 10 | 1:30PM

We will discuss Amos Oz's *Between Friends* (חברים בין), a book of linked short stories (or a novel in stories) set on a kibbutz in the late 1950s or early 1960s. The 2013 hardcover edition and the 2014 paperback are each 192 pp., so it should not take long to read. BPL has eight copies of the hardcover and six of the paperback as well as an ebook edition. Place separate holds on both the hard cover and paperback editions and take whichever comes in first.

Stoop Shabbat

Friday, June 23 | 4:30PM

Come stop by the stoop for stories, songs, and some ice cream for the summer!

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 (Numbers 1:1-54): Etz Hayim p. 769; Hertz p. 568

Haftarah (Hosea 2:1-22): Etz Hayim p. 786; Hertz p. 581

Jewish Geography by the Numbers

Numbers (Sefer Bemidbar) plays a game familiar to anyone who knows Jews. What is the first thing a Jew does when meeting another Jew? We play Jewish geography. Where are you from? we ask. Do you know so and so?

Some things never change.

The Hebrew Bible is about a lot of things—you could say it's about everything—but one thing that it cares about a great deal is setting up the trusted network of what eventually comes to be known as the Jewish people.

Genesis introduces the families, Exodus sees them enter their purpose as a nation, Leviticus lays out the core of cultic law, and Numbers brings all of these stories back to Jewish geography. It says, "Take a census of the whole Israelite community by the clans of its ancestral houses..." (Num 1:2). Map who knows who and where you are from. Look around, Numbers says. Take stock of this people. It is the web in which all of your history is embedded.

Trusted networks are the power of our age, too. We live in a world where harnessing the power of networks drives our knowledge and economy. Uber, Facebook, Airbnb, Google, YouTube—you know the list—these are all trusted networks leveraged both for profit and the greater good. (We also know, of course, that a network can be turned against itself by people of malice, exposing the most intimate information of its members).

As far as we think technology may have taken us and as new and unpredictable as our engagement with the world seems to have become, our essential infrastructure of communication in every interest, profession, or passion depends upon the same curation of relationships and need which describes the Jewish people in the beginning of the Book of Numbers.

This trusted network and its ancestors are the caretakers of Jewish law—open sourced for generations of debate and review.

Every layer of intimate knowledge lives in this network: who is a Jew, what we eat, how we couple and uncouple, laws of property, how to take care of the poor, and on and on.

As always, in Numbers, it's all about who you know. But just like our networks of today, it's also about knowing that what we know depends on all of us.

This weekly commentary on the Torah portion is by Dr. Stephen Hazan Arnoff. Torah Sparks, from the "Torah Sparks" series produced by the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem, <http://learn.conservativeyeshiva.org/torah-sparks/>. Dr. Stephen Hazan Arnoff is the Executive Director of the Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center. 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.