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October 6-13, 2017 | 16-23 Tishrei 5778  
Chol Hamoed Sukkot

Friday, October 6   16 Tishrei				Chol Hamoed Sukkot Saturday, October 7   17 Tishrei		
<b>Sukkot II</b>						
<b>Office Closed</b> Sukkot Services   10:00AM Candle Lighting   6:11PM Lev Tahor: Come Sing for Your Supper   6:30PM				Shabbat Hol Hamoed Sukkot Services   10:00AM Tot Shabbat/Mini-Minyan   11:15AM		
Sunday October 8 18 Tishrei	Monday October 9 19 Tishrei	Tuesday October 10 20 Tishrei	Wednesday October 11 21 Tishrei	Thursday October 12 22 Tishrei	Friday October 13 23 Tishrei	Saturday October 14 24 Tishrei
Taste Of Other Israel Short Films During Sukkot at PSJC 5:00PM  BKLYN Teen event in the sukkah 7:00PM		PJ Library Sukkah Drop-in 10:30AM  Hebrew School 4:00PM  Progressive Sukkah Dinner 6:15PM	Hoshanah Rabbah Services 7:00AM  Hebrew School 4:00PM  Candle Lighting 6:03PM	<b>Shemini Atzeret</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>  Shemini Atzeret 10:00AM  Simchat Torah Celebrations 6:00PM  Candle Lighting 7:00PM	<b>Simchat Torah</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>  Simchat Torah Services 10:00AM  Kabbalat Shabbat with <b>Alan Palmer</b> 6:30PM  Candle Lighting 6:00PM	<i>Shabbat Bereshit</i> All service times are listed in the newsletter  Havurat Shabbat 9:30AM  Shacharit   10:00AM  Family Torah 10:30AM  Shabbat Kulanu   11:15AM  Mishneh Torah 1:30PM
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### Mazal Tov!

To **Fred Tenzer** and family on the birth of his granddaughter, **Liliana Rose Rumsky**.

### Todah Rabbah

To **Fred Tenzer** and family for their contribution to the Kiddush Fund this Shabbat in honor of his granddaughter's, **Liliana Rose Rumsky** baby naming.

### HaMakom Yenachem

Our condolences go to:

**Ellen Straus** and her family on the death of her mother, **Betty Straus**, z"l.

### Yahrzeits observed 17-23 Tishrei:

**Fred Liff**, uncle of Stuart Baron; **Herman A. Steinberg**, uncle of Sandra Linenschmidt; **Jack Bannett**, grandfather of Miriam Fleischmann; **Joan (Smith) Kaufman**, mother of Mark Schwartz; **Lillian Engleman**, aunt of Bonnie Ullman; **Muriel Brodziak Brooks**, mother of Fredrica Brooks; **Norman Horwitz**, uncle of Angela Weisl; **Norman Minkin**, father of Rabbi Joshua Minkin; **Paul Brooks**, father of Fredrica Brooks; **Racel Ulman**, mother of Abraham Ulman; **Ruth Carol Harlow Berman**, mother of Jean Berman; **Saul Levine**, father of Gavrielle and Myron Levine; **William Hazard Holmes II**, father of Peter Holmes; **Winnie Ozer**, grandmother of Zachary Ozer. *May their memories be for a blessing.*



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### Annual Membership Renewal 2017-2018

Renew your membership today! It's easy and can all be done online. Visit [www.psjc.org](http://www.psjc.org) and log in to your account. We hope you will join us for another great year at PSJC! We would love to get to 100% participation. Please contact Eli Wolfhagen by email [treasurer@psjc.org](mailto:treasurer@psjc.org), if you have to arrange payments or limited income.

#### Lev Tahor: Come Sing for Your Supper

Friday, October 6 | 6:30 PM

PSJC invites the community to join Lev Tahor, PSJC's all-sung, lay led monthly Kabbalat Shabbat service, on October 6th, at 6:30 PM, in the PSJC Sukkah (weather permitting). Because of the holiday, the service will feature even more singing -- and PSJC will host the pareve/dairy dinner. RSVP <http://tinyurl.com/LevTahorOct6>, so we can make sure there's plenty of food on hand.

#### Taste of Other Israel Short Films during Sukkot at PSJC

Sunday, October 8 | 5:00PM

Join us for three Israeli short films in October and then attend the Other Israel Film Festival at the JCC in November. All are welcome! Israel Film Festival at PSJC during Sukkot. Cost \$10, online and at the door. Register now! <https://www.psjc.org/event/israel-film-festival-.html>.

#### First Progressive Sukkah Dinner

Tuesday, October 10 | 8:00PM

In the Talmudic age the holiday of Sukkot was known as The Holiday (Ha-Hag) because of its celebratory and festive magic. Join us in the festivities this year at PSJC's first progressive sukkah dinner. First, appetizers and refreshments in one of the lovely neighborhood sukkot of PSJC members at 7:00PM. Second, we gather together for dinner, celebration and song at PSJC's sukkah. Come together for the magic of Sukkot!

Visit <https://www.psjc.org/event/first-progressive-sukkah-diiner.html> by **Friday, October 6**. \$10 in advance. \$15 at the door.

#### Mishneh Torah - Laws of Teshuvah

Saturday, October 14 | 1:20PM

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 email [rabbicarie@psjc.org](mailto:rabbicarie@psjc.org) for information about this study group.

#### PSJC BBQ - Save the date

Sunday, October 15 | 4:00PM

Hot Dogs. Hamburgers. Veggie Burgers. Camaraderie. After all the holidays end, reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. Check <https://www.psjc.org/event/psjc-annual-community-bbq.html> after Rosh Hashanah for details and to reserve your spot.

#### Shabbat Shmooze

Saturday, October 21 | 1:30PM

Shabbat Shmooze is a get-together for the last time at Prospect Park. We will walk together over to the Shabbat Shmooze Potluck Lunch in the park after the Kiddush. Bring a dairy or pareve potluck dish to share. If anyone would like to host a Shabbat Shmooze for the coming year, the months of 2017 on October 21, November 18, and December 16 and in the year 2018, January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19 and June 16, please email [shabbatshmooze@psjc.org](mailto:shabbatshmooze@psjc.org) with your date of choice.

**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 [hevra kadisha@psjc.org](mailto:hevra kadisha@psjc.org).

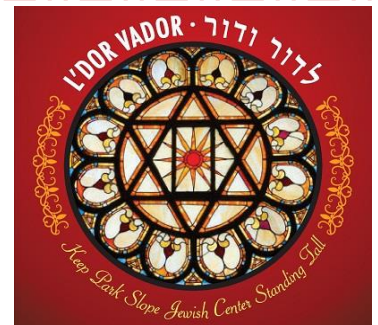


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We are grateful for every donation and pledge!  
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### Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 24 | 7:15PM

PSJC Board meetings are open to members in good standing.

### Older Adults Committee

Sunday, October 29 | 2:00PM

Please join us for the official launch of the Older Adults Committee for all members who are age 50 or better to engage in activities and events. For more information please contact Jan Orzeck, [jkorzeck@gmail.com](mailto:jkorzeck@gmail.com).

**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). **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).

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

### Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot

Torah (Leviticus: 16:1-34) | Maftir (29:7-11)

Haftarah (Isaiah 57:14-58:14) | Minhah - Torah (Leviticus 18:1-30)

Haftarah (Jonah 1:1-4:1; Micah 7:18-20)

### Yom Kippur - From E-goats to Egos

In the good old days of the wilderness the atonement of Yom Kippur was a pretty straight-forward process. Leviticus 16 describes the ritual in detail. Aaron lays his hands on the head of the goat which had been chosen by lot for this purpose (in verses 8-10), confesses over it all the sins of the children of Israel, “puts them upon the head of the goat, and sends it into the wilderness. And the goat shall carry all the people’s sins into the wilderness” (vs 21-22). The sins of the people are collected and discarded, an annual ceremony of spiritual waste removal. At this stage in our history the process was technical, not in small part because, in the ancient view, sinfulness, like ritual impurity, was an external force that somehow had clung to us and could be, and had to be, detached and purged.

Yom Kippur “for the ages,” as prescribed in the chapter’s last six verses, introduces a new element. The atonement process is still carried out by the priest, no goats mentioned, but the people are twice told to do *inu’i nefesh* – some form of self-denial or deprivation, what we observe as fasting today, along with other forms of abstinence. The individual Jew was now involved physically in the process, even if still secondarily.

The scapegoat ceremony apparently continued into Second Temple times. The Mishnah (Yoma 6:8) indicates the concern to get word back to the Temple that the goat bearing the sins had in fact “reached the wilderness,” signaling “mission accomplished.” But a new element was introduced, “a strip of crimson wool was tied to the door of the Sanctuary and when the he-goat reached the wilderness the strip turned white; as it is said, ‘Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as the snow.’” The first Twitter? Perhaps. But more important, while the atonement for the people’s sins was still measured in “technical” terms (when the goat reached the wilderness), a subtle but significant change followed. The Gemara tells that people waited anxiously to see if the crimson wool would turn white or not, rejoicing if it did and getting sullen (depressed?) if it did not. It no longer sounds purely technical.

The Talmud Yerushalmi (Shabbos 9:3) even tells of people actually putting the crimson threads in their windows, “but this was discontinued because of the embarrassment it caused other individuals whose strip did not turn white.” The atonement process has become particularized, for each person, and it is no longer purely administrative or technical. The focus has moved from the wilderness to the heart; each of us, rather than the High Priest or the goat, is the key player. Long before Freud, Judaism identified the source of sin within. And if the fault, dear Brutus, is indeed “in ourselves,” that actually is empowering, because then the potential for *tikun*, the corrective process which we call *tshuva*, is in our hands. Yom Kippur teaches that we need not be stuck in our old ways; we can hope, and work, to do better.

This weekly commentary on the Torah portion is by Rabbi Daniel Goldfarb, from the “Torah Sparks” series produced by the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem, <http://learn.conservativeyeshiva.org/torah-sparks/>. Rabbi Daniel Goldfarb, retired Director and Faculty, CY, Jerusalem. A Haftarah commentary by Rabbi Mordechai Silverstein of the Conservative Yeshiva may be found at <http://www.uscj.org.il/learn/commentaries/>

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