

Friday, July 28 5 Av				Shabbat D'varim Saturday, July 29 6 Av		
Kabbalat Shabbat with Freddie Brooks 7:00PM Candle Lighting 7:57PM				Shabbat Morning Services 10:00AM Advanced Talmud 1:30PM		
Sunday July 30 7 Av	Monday July 31 8 Av	Tuesday August 1 9 Av	Wednesday August 2 10 Av	Thursday August 3 11 Av	Friday August 4 12 Av	Saturday August 5 13 Av
	Erev Tisha B'Av Service 9:00PM	Tisha B'Av Services 7:00AM	Morning Minyan 7:15AM		Kabbalat Shabbat with Mindi Wernick 7:00PM Candle Lighting 7:47PM	<i>Vaetchanan Shabbat Nahamu</i> Shacharit 10:00AM
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HaMakom Yenachem

Our condolences go to:

Erik Lieber, on the death of his cousin, **Jonathan Aubrey**, z"l.

Cheryl Berkowitz on the death of her mother, **Esther Berkowitz**, z"l.

Mo Weissfellner, **Ellen Spilka** and their children, **Charlie**, **Harry** and **Paul** on the death of **Mo's** mother, **Irene Rachel Weissfellner**, z"l.

Yahrzeits observed 6-12 Av:

Anna Elfont, grandmother of Adine Schuman Pusey; **Bernard Klainberg**, father of Joshua Klainberg; **Carl Brandes**, uncle of Rabbi Sami Barth; **Charna Harris**, mother of Eric Harris; **David Effron**, father of Sara Effron; **Edward Hawthorne**, father of Fran Hawthorne; **Fred Thomases**, father of Matt Thomases; **Gertrude Sandgrund**, grandmother of Amy Sandgrund; **Helen Sturman**, sister of Elaine Elworth and aunt of Steve Elworth; **Isaac Snyder**, father of Michael Snyder; **Isidore Grebel**, grandfather of Marla Kessler; **Miriam Gubbay**, mother of Joseph Gubbay; **Mollie Spahn**, grandmother of Fran Hawthorne; **Norman Stanley Smith**, brother of Ann Smith; **Samuel Friedland**, father of Karen Friedland. *May their memories be for a blessing.*

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Shabbat Shmooze

Saturday, August 19 | 1:30PM

Shabbat Shmooze is a get-together at Prospect Park during the summer months. We will walk together over to the Shabbat Shmooze Potluck Lunch after the Kiddush. Bring a dairy or pareve potluck dish to share. If anyone would like to host a Shabbat Shmooze in the coming year, please email shabbatshmooze@psjc.org, with the date they would like to host a Shabbat Shmooze (3rd Shabbat of the month).

PSJC Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 22 | 7:15PM

PSJC Board meetings are open to members in good standing.

Advanced Talmud

Saturday, August 26 | 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 aronrhalf@gmail.com

Hebrew School Registration

Register now for the Hebrew School year 2017-2018
Email aileen.heiman@psjc.org for more information.

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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, if you have to arrange payments or limited income.

Tisha B'Av Services

Monday, July 31 | 9:00PM

Tuesday, August 1 | 7:00AM

Tisha B'Av (the 9th day of Av) is observed this year on Monday evening, July 31st and Tuesday morning August 1st. Please join us for a stirring and evocative service. Tisha B'Av commemorates the destruction of both the first and second Temples, but over time, other Jewish tragedies have become connected to this date. Tisha B'Av, traditionally a fast day (fasting from sunset to the appearance of 3 stars the next night), is observed on Monday night by a relatively brief moving service in which we sit low or on the floor (like mourners) and read Eichah (Lamentations) - which is chanted to a particularly haunting melody. This is followed by the singing of kinot (similarly moving songs and elegies). We dim the lights and read by candles and flashlights. On Tuesday morning we read Torah and chant kinot as well.

Rosh Chodesh Elul Minyan

Wednesday, August 23 | 7:00AM

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 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 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. **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. **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.



Shabbat D'varim

Triennial (Deuteronomy 1:1-2:1): Etz Hayim p. 981; Hertz p. 736

Haftarah (Isaiah 1:1-27): Etz Hayim p. 999; Hertz p. 750

Parting Words and Tough Questions

This Shabbat we begin Sefer Dvarim, Deuteronomy, the last book of the Torah. Sefer Dvarim records Moses' words to the children of Israel in the weeks before he dies. Moses knows his role is almost over - he has been barred from entering the Land and his successor has been appointed. But this is no farewell speech marked by anecdotes or nostalgia; it is more an "ethical will." Moses recounts the events since leaving Egypt 40 years earlier, reviews legal material the people should know upon entry into Eretz Yisrael, and warns them about the dangers to their faith in God, most particularly from material success and the arrogance that can come from that.

The English name Deuteronomy, "second law," comes from the Septuagint (Greek translation), but it is a mistranslation of the Hebrew mishneh haTorah hazoth, "a copy of this law" (Deut 17:18). The Hebrew name Dvarim is more significant - aleh hadvarim, "these are the words Moses spoke to all Israel..." DBR - "to speak, word/s" is a key root, in the Torah and in the story of Moses. It recalls Moses some 40 years ago, when God first summoned him for a "job interview" at the burning bush, and Moses tried every way he could to avoid the task, including "lo ish dvarim anochi, I am not a person of words (a good speaker) (Ex 4:10)." To paraphrase the old Virginia Slims commercial, "You've come a long way, Moses." He has indeed become a person of words and Dvarim is a book of his words.

The prophet Jeremiah, whose connection to this Shabbat we will soon see, had a similar reaction - in content and language - when God first informed him that he was designated to be "a prophet unto the nations." Henei lo yadati daber - "I don't know how to speak" (Jer 1:6).

Parshat Dvarim is read traditionally on the Shabbat before Tisha B'Av, the day that commemorates the destruction of the First and Second Temples. Parshat Dvarim and Tisha B'Av are connected verbally by the word eicha, "How, alas" in the sense of lament. Eicha is the Hebrew title and first word of Lamentations, in which the prophet Jeremiah grieves over the destruction of the Temple. And in line 12 of the first chapter of our Parsha, Moses laments that the burden of leading the children of Israel has become too much for him - Eicha esah levadi - "How can I bear alone your trouble, burden and bickering?" This verse is traditionally read in the sad, plaintive cantillation of Eicha/Lamentations on Tisha B'Av. But the choice of the word eicha, how, rather than madu'a, why, is significant. The Jewish response to trouble and tragedy can be philosophical - Why does this happen to us? Or it can be practical - How do we deal with it?

The work eicha recalls a word written the same way (without vowels) in Genesis 3:9 - Ayecha? "Where are you?" God calls to Adam in the Garden of Eden after he and Eve have eaten from the forbidden Tree of Knowledge. The question is no less apt today. Where are WE, we must ask ourselves, as humans and as Jews. We may not have answers to the why questions of life - Why I am like this? Why did this happen? But if we can address the how questions - how do I deal with it? How can I be a better Jew? - then we are more likely to know where we are when God calls us.

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 is a Coordinator of Torah Sparks of the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem. 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.