

Friday, August 11 19 Av				Shabbat Ekev Saturday, August 12 20 Av		
Kabbalat Shabbat with Freddie Brooks 7:00PM Candle Lighting 7:41PM				Shabbat Morning Services 10:00AM Aufruf of Rachele Bennett & Josh Goldin		
Sunday August 13 21 Av	Monday August 14 22 Av	Tuesday August 15 23 Av	Wednesday August 16 24 Av	Thursday August 17 25 Av	Friday August 18 26 Av	Saturday August 19 27 Av
			Morning Minyan 7:15AM		Kabbalat Shabbat with Erik Lieber 7:00PM Candle Lighting 7:31PM	<i>Parashat Re'eh Shabbat HaChodesh</i> Shacharit 10:00AM Shabbat Shmooze 1:30PM
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Mazal Tov!

To **Rachel Bennett & Joshua Goldin** as they celebrate their Aufruf this Shabbat!

Todah Rabbah!

To **Joyce & Martin Goldin** for sponsoring Kiddush in honor of **Rachel Bennett & Joshua Goldin** Aufruf this Shabbat!

HaMakom Yenachem

Our condolences go to:

Todd Krichmar and his family on the death of his mother, **Marilyn Krichmar**, z"l.

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

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

Yahrzeits observed 20-26 Av:

Harry Levine, grandfather of Myron and Gavrielle Levine; **Jean Cohen**, mother of Neil Cohen; **Lillian Brawer Jacobson**, mother of Karen Jacobson; **Martha Wald**, grandmother of Judith Ullman; **Philip Zinn**, grandfather of Karen Louise Heau; **Randy Geer**, brother of Karen Geer; **Rose Kindler**, mother of Zev Kindler.

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).

Rosh Chodesh Elul Minyan

Wednesday, August 23 | 7:00AM

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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Renew your membership today! It's easy and can all be done online.

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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.

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 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#>



In Search Of A Few PSJCers to Help Organize the Fall Music Concert.

While it's not exactly "plug & play," the concert is not a complicated event to put together. As one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, it can be incredibly fulfilling....and fun to plan. In the past, we've had David Broza and the expert jazz sounds of Yotam Silberstein. Help make this year's concert enjoyable and profitable. Contact rfnyder@gmail.com for more information.

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. **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 hevradkadisha@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 Ekev

Triennial (Deuteronomy 7:12-9:3): Etz Hayim p. 1037; Hertz p. 780

Haftarah (Isaiah 49:14-51:3): Etz Hayim p. 1055; Hertz p. 794

A Zero-Sum Conflict?

In game theory a zero-sum game is one in which each participant's gain or loss is exactly balanced by the losses or gains of the other participants. A person cutting up a cake who takes a larger slice thereby reduces the amount of cake available for others.

I imagine we are all only too familiar in these difficult times with video clips of confrontations connected to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. The current crisis on the mountain blew up after the killing of two Israeli Druze policemen on 14th July, since when at least five Palestinians have been killed in clashes and three Israeli civilians have been stabbed to death. Israel's moves after July 14th to ensure security on the mountain were perceived by many Palestinians as a threat to the status quo. Changes in the status quo are normally viewed by both sides as zero-sum, in other words that one side will gain at the other's expense, and are therefore resisted vigorously. The mountain is a permanent flashpoint for violence since victory for one side is perceived as defeat for the other.

The opening chapter of Parshat Ekev, Deuteronomy chapter 7, reads the fight for ancient Cana'an as a zero-sum conflict too: 14 You shall be blessed above all peoples... 15 And the LORD will take away from you all sickness... but will lay them upon all them that hate you. 16 And you shall consume all the peoples that the Lord your God shall deliver to you; your eye shall not pity them; neither shall you serve their gods; for that will be a snare to you.

How can we Jews and Muslims immunise ourselves culturally from too simple a reading of our zero-sum texts; including this week's parasha with its repeated motifs of dispossession, violence and supremacy? Here in Israel there is a devastating correlation between religious commitment and zero-sum primitive-particularist thinking. The more observant you are as a Jew or Muslim the greater your chances of being opposed to a meaningful accommodation with the other side. Zero-sum primitive-particularist Jews and Muslims are divided by language, history and religion but united by a common vision of their own domination, uniqueness and ultimate victory. Both sides bask in religion-fuelled fantasies of zero-sum cultural supremacy.

The prophet Isaiah had a very different fantasy about our sacred mountain. In Isaiah chapter 2 he dreamt of a time when the mountain that is currently the source of so much fury and grief would eventually become the source of international justice, peace and prosperity: 2 And it shall come to pass in the end of days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. 3 And many peoples shall go and say: 'Come you, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth the law and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 4 And He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

I pray for the day when sophisticated non-zero-sum Muslims will welcome their sophisticated non-zero-sum Jewish brothers and sisters onto our shared Holy Mountain to pray together to our co-Creator for and in peace and tranquility, and when the idolatry of zero-sum primitive-particularism will have passed away from the world.

This weekly commentary on the Torah portion is by Rabbi Joel Levy, from the "Torah Sparks" series produced by the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem, <http://learn.conservativeyeshiva.org/torah-sparks/>. Rabbi Joel Levy, Rosh Yeshiva, the Conservative Yeshiva, Jerusalem. A Haftarah commentary by Rabbi Mordechai Silverstein of the Conservative Yeshiva may be found at <http://www.uscj.org.il/learn/commentaries/>