



**PARK SLOPE JEWISH CENTER**

September 22-30, 2017 | 2-10 Tishrei 5778  
Ha'azinu Shabbat Shuvah

<b>Friday, September 22   2 Tishrei</b>				<b>Shabbat Ki Tavo Saturday, September 23   3 Tishrei</b>		
Kabbalat Shabbat with <b>Alan Palmer</b>   6:30PM Candle Lighting   6:35PM				Shabbat Morning Services   10:00AM Tot Shabbat/Mini-Minyan   11:15AM Jr. Congregation   11:15AM Advanced Talmud   1:30PM		
Sunday September 24 4 Tishrei	Monday September 25 5 Tishrei	Tuesday September 26 6 Tishrei	Wednesday September 27 7 Tishrei	Thursday September 28 8 Tishrei	Friday September 29 9 Tishrei	Saturday September 30 10 Tishrei
Hebrew School 9:30AM  Camp Zeke Program for Hebrew School 10:00AM		Hebrew School 4:00PM	Morning Minyan 7:15AM		<b>Erev Yom Kippur</b> All service times are listed in the newsletter  Kabbalat Shabbat with <b>Alan Palmer</b> 6:30PM  Candle Lighting 6:23PM	<i>Yizkor</i>  <b>Yom Kippur</b> All service times are listed in the newsletter
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**HaMakom Yenachem**



Our condolences go to:

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

**Yahrzeits observed 3-9 Tishrei:**

**Anna Ruben**, grandmother of Harolyn Cohen; **Barbara Shapiro**, observed by the PSJC Community; **Beatrice Warshawsky**, mother of Laura Warshawsky; **Bessie Abramson**, mother of Elaine Elworth and grandmother of Steve Elworth; **David E Saffer**, brother of Robert Saffer; **Elisabeth Pick**, grandmother of Michele Bonan; **Herman Epelbaum**, father of Susana Honig; **Jacqueline Kosarin**, mother of Ray Kosarin; **Joseph Herszkorn**, grandfather of Fran Hawthorne; **Lawrence Kahan**, uncle of Alan Palmer; **Mark Carter**, father of Ruth Carter; **Minnie Jaffe**, mother of Annette Jaffe; **Phil Person**, father of Sarah Person; **Philip Diamond**, father-in-law of Carol Diamond; **Phillip Selig**, father of Gregory Selig. *May their memories be for a blessing.*

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**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.



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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.

### Erev Rosh Hashanah | Wednesday, September 20

Ma'ariv | 6:15PM | Main Sanctuary

### Rosh Hashanah Day 1 | Thursday, September 21

Morning Service | 8:30AM | Main Sanctuary

Tot-Tefillah (ages 2-5, accompanied by an adult) | 10:30AM - 11:15AM | Tent

Mini-Minyan (K-2nd grade, accompanied by an adult) | 11:30AM - 12:15PM | Tent

Jr. Congregation (3rd-6th grade) | 10:45AM - 12:15PM | Lower Sanctuary

Teen Service | 11:00AM - 12:15PM | Lower Sanctuary

Tashlich | 5:45PM | Prospect Park Lake

Maariv | 7:30PM | Main Sanctuary

### Rosh Hashanah Day 2 | Friday, September 22

Morning Service | 8:30AM | Main Sanctuary

Tot-Tefillah (ages 2-5, accompanied by an adult) | 10:30AM - 11:15AM | Tent

Mini-Minyan (K-2nd grade, accompanied by an adult) | 11:30AM - 12:15PM | Tent

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Teen Service | 11:00AM - 12:15PM | Lower Sanctuary

### Advanced Talmud

Saturday, September 23 | 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](mailto:aronrhalb@gmail.com).

### Kol Nidrei | Friday, September 29

PSJC Service (for Members and Ticketed Guests) | 6:10PM | Main Sanctuary

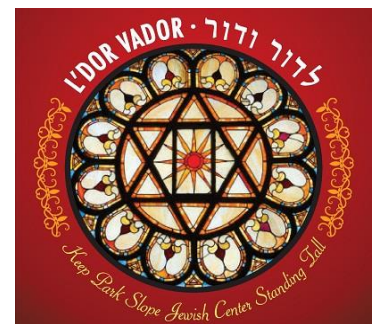
Free Community Service | 6:25PM | Lower Sanctuary

## Please Consider Making Your Contribution Today!

We now call upon all members to join our **\$750,000** Capital Campaign to provide **immediate repairs** and to ensure that PSJC continues to stand strong well into the 21st century! Please stand up and generously donate to maintain and preserve our cherished spiritual home for this and future generations.

We are grateful for every donation and pledge!

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### **Yom Kippur | Saturday, September 30**

Main Service | 8:30AM | Main Sanctuary

Mincha (afternoon service) | 3:40PM | Main Sanctuary

Yizkor (memorial service) | 5:10PM | Main Sanctuary

Neilah (concluding service) | 5:40PM | Main Sanctuary

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### **Sukkah Build Volunteers are needed**

Sunday, October 1 | 8:30AM

If you build it they will come...so please come! Be part of building our bigger and better sukkah this year at PSJC! Please join us on Sunday to build our new sukkah that will be enlarged to spread over many, many more of us. Everyone is welcome to help, but folks with cordless drills are particularly welcome. This is a chance to literally help build our community! Questions?! Contact **Peter Holmes**, [pholmes177@gmail.com](mailto:pholmes177@gmail.com) or **Patrick Francis**, [Patrick.francis@psjc.org](mailto:Patrick.francis@psjc.org)

### **PSJC Knitters**

Monday, October 2 | 7:30PM

For more information contact [marjorie.rothenberg@gmail.com](mailto:marjorie.rothenberg@gmail.com).

### **PSJC BBQ. Save the date for Sunday, October 15**

Hot Dogs. Hamburgers. Veggie Burgers. Camaraderie. After all the holidays end, reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. Check [www.psjc.org](http://www.psjc.org) after Rosh Hashanah for details and to reserve your spot.

### **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 [rfsnyder@gmail.com](mailto:rfsnyder@gmail.com) for more information.

**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).

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## Ha'azinu Shabbat Shuvah

Triennial (Deuteronomy 32:1-52): Etz Hayim p. 1185; Hertz p. 896  
Haftarah (Hosea 14:2-10): Etz Hayim p. 1234; Hertz p. 891

### The Inevitable Decree and Learning to Say Goodbye

Parashat Ha'azinu, read this year between Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur, is the last parashah that we read on Shabbat before completing and restarting the cycle on Simchat Torah. As such, even though it does not end the Torah, it is still a climax in the communal experience of reading and grappling with the text on a weekly basis. The last verse, the one with which we end our Shabbat readings for the year, describes what must surely be the great disappointment of Moses's life. As he stands on Mount Nebo, across from Israel, God first tells Moses that he will die on that day, and then says to him, "You may view the land from a distance, but you shall not enter it—the land that I am giving to the Israelite people" (Deut: 32:52).

Read at a time in which we regularly pray to be written in the Book of Life, the message that ends our parashah is a scary one. Moses has lived a long and fulfilling life—from leading the people out of Egypt to personally speaking to God and receiving the Torah—but he is denied the ultimate prize out of punishment for one sin. One action taken by Moses, in a moment of anger and frustration, and there is no opportunity for repentance. Instead he must accept that he can see his people led into Israel, but he cannot join them there.

Rabbi Bradley Artson, Dean of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, reflects on this last moment in Moses's life in his book, *The Everyday Torah*. There he writes, "Moses resembles each of us—always on the way, never able to reach the final destination, but blessed with the vision to see what we cannot attain ourselves...The ultimate goal is one that we cannot attain as individuals but is a gift to the ages—to our children and to all children." Read this way, Moses's death is not a punishment at all, but rather he lives to see his leadership come to fruition and lives to see the next generation take on the mantle of all that he taught them.

As our High Holiday liturgy focuses on life and death, we have a need to understand how to make meaning of difficult, fatalistic passages. When we sing the haunting "U'ntaneh Tokef," asking who will live and who will die, and for the latter, in what horrible ways, how do we make sense of the knowledge that good people will leave us in the coming year? The end of Ha'azinu gives us a clue. Death is not to be seen as a punishment, for it is the very thing that makes us human. Even Moses, as great and important as he is, cannot live forever. Our prayer instead reminds us of how fleeting life can be and how unexpectedly it could end. In that moment, we are challenged first to think about how we will make the most of every minute we have with the people whom we love. Yet as we inevitably think about the people we have lost, we have an opportunity to remember not what could have been but what was—how those people shaped us to be who we are, how they led us to a promised land that they could not enter. We cannot go back and bring them with us, but we can live the lives they inspired us to live as their memory accompanies us always.

This weekly commentary on the Torah portion is by Rabbi Arie Hasit, from the "Torah Sparks" series produced by the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem, <http://learn.conservativeyeshiva.org/torah-sparks/>. Rabbi Arie Hasit, a CY alum and frequent visitor, is the leader of the Minyan Shivioni in Mazkeret Batya. 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.