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May 10-17, 2019 5-13 Iyyar 5779
Parashat Kedoshim

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Kabbalat Shabbat with Cornelia Dalton 6:30PM Candle Lighting 7:43PM				Parashat Hashavua 9:30AM Shacharit 10:00AM Harel Shahaf Bar Mitzvah Family Torah 10:15AM Shabbat Kulanu 11:00AM Tot Shabbat 11:15AM Hagar and Miriam with Cornelia Dalton 1:30PM		
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Hebrew School 9:30AM		Hebrew School 4:00PM	Morning Minyan 7:15AM Hebrew School 4:00PM Gesher 6:15PM	PAI: Preventing Consumer Fraud 7:00PM	PAI - Walking Group 9:30AM Kabbalat Shabbat with Judy Ribnick 6:30PM Candle Lighting 7:56PM	<i>Shabbat Emor</i> Simcha Shabbat! Shacharit 10:00AM Beth Pearson Bat Mitzvah Anniversary Jr. Congregation 11:00AM Tot Shabbat 11:15AM Kishkush Acharei Kiddush 1:00PM Shabbat Shmooze 1:30PM
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Mazal Tov!

To **Harel, Aura, Dror, Ayala** and **Nadav** on Harel's Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat.

To **Eli Wolfhagen** and **Lena Katsnelson, Yonah** and **Levy** on the birth of their new son and brother.

Todah Rabbah

To **Aura Shahaf Woelfle** and **Dror Shahaf** for sponsoring Kiddush in honor of Harel's Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat!

HaMakom Yenachem

Our condolences go to:

Julie Greenspon and family the death of Julie's father, **Barry Edward Greenspon, z"l**

Joy Messer and family on the death of Joy's father, **Leonard Messer, z"l**.

Marty Moskowitz and family on the death of his aunt, **Frances Rosenfeld, z"l**.

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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“Save-the-Date May 23: PSJC Spring Benefit”

Join us before the event to celebrate. Lag B'Omer in the PSJC Beer Garden! Open to all. No cover charge. Kosher BBQ and beer will be available for sale. Kids are invited to enjoy s'mores and an outdoor movie screening. Kids 8 and up. Bring blankets to sit on! *Movie begins after sundown* \$10 each. Thank you for supporting our PSJC community! RSVP now: <https://www.psjc.org/lag-b-omer-storytelling2.html>



Yahrzeits observed 6-12 Iyyar:

Ahuva Wernick, mother of Mindi Wernick; **Bernando Michalowitz**, uncle of Diana Duchowny; **Bernice Kessler**, mother of Marla Kessler; **Bruno Korn**, family friend of Judy Ribnick and Diane Burhenne; **Charlotte Zelon**, mother of Helen Zelon; **Claire Miller**, grandmother of Reva Grossberg; **Cyril Gurley**, father of Roxella Stapleton-Baron; **Esther Weiss**, mother of Necha Sirota; **Fred Hart**, grandfather of Steven Mazie; **Jacob Kalish**, grandfather of Karen Heau; **Leonard Hollander**, observed by the PSJC community; **Sally Stopnitsky**, mother of Barbara Auslander; **Tryna Gordon**, mother of Karen Barth; **William Schwartz**, grandfather of Rabbi Carie Carter and father of Suzanne Carter. *May their memories be for a blessing.*

Saturday, May 11 | 1:30PM

Parashat Hashavua | 9:30AM

Get a brief taste of the week's Torah portion with Cornelia Dalton, PSJC Rabbinic Intern. It's a great lead into the Shabbat morning services.

Family Torah | 10:30AM

<https://www.psjc.org/event/family-torah3.html>

Shabbat Kulanu | 11:15AM

<https://www.psjc.org/event/shabbat-kulanu1.html>

Hagar and Miriam: Models of Willful Women and Relationship to God in Biblical Narratives | 1:30PM

Join Rabbinic Intern, Cornelia Dalton, on her last Shabbat at PSJC to explore Biblical text, artwork, and midrash surrounding the stories of two women of the Tanakh who are sent out into the desert by God.

PAI: Preventing Consumer Fraud

Thursday, May 16 | 7:00PM

Friday, May 17

PAI Walking Group | 9:30AM

Join us every Friday at the entrance to Prospect Park at 15th Street and Prospect Park West. Please register so we can let you know if a walk must be canceled: <https://www.psjc.org/event/positive-aging-initiative-walking-group.html>

Kabbalat Shabbat with Judy Ribnick | 6:30PM

Saturday, May 18

Simcha Shabbat | 10:00AM

Join us as we will acknowledge our members who are celebrating their May birthdays & anniversaries.

Kishkush Acharei Kiddush | 1:00PM

Are you comfortable speaking Hebrew? Do you want a place to speak with other fluent Hebrew speakers? Join us after services and kiddush where we have a Shulchan Ivrit - a table to sit around, drink coffee and talk with one another in Hebrew. Those who aren't sure if they are "fluent" or not are all welcome! Contact Michal:

Kishkush.at.PSJC@gmail.com for more details.

Shabbat Shmooze | 1:30PM

Home of Marjorie, Joel and Sam Rothenberg

Let's walk together over to the Shabbat Shmooze Potluck Lunch (after the Kiddush following Shabbat morning services). Bring a parve/dairy/veggie pot luck dish to share. The Shabbat Shmooze offers the chance to get to know some of the PSJC community and spend time with those you already know. It is a great way to keep the Shabbat vibe going all afternoon long.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED May 20-23 (Mon-Thurs)!

PSJC partners with Brooklyn Heights Synagogue (BHS) as part of the CAMBA Respite Bed Program. Ten male guests who are homeless stay at BHS four nights a week; all are drug/alcohol-free and working toward finding permanent housing. Volunteers are needed May 20/21/23 to spend the night as chaperones and May 21/22/23 to prepare, deliver, and serve dinner for 12. Many PSJCsers have volunteered in the past with family and friends (children should be at least bar mitzvah age to spend the night, but younger ones can help prepare and serve dinner). To access the sign-up, visit signupgenius.com, click the magnifying glass at upper right to search, and enter the email address jennifer.bernstein@post.harvard.edu. Or write or call Jennifer for more information: 917-648-9370.

End of the Year Hebrew School Celebration

Sunday, May 19 | 9:30AM - 12:30PM

Celebrate with the Hebrew School community as we honor our students, families, and teachers. We begin with an assembly to celebrate our graduating 7th graders and move-up the 2nd graders and Shabbat attendance certificates. We follow with a community picnic in the PSJC yard!

Tuesday, May 21

PAI - Book Club | 9:30AM

Board Meeting | 7:15PM

PSJC Board meetings are open to members in good standing.

Advanced Talmud

Saturday, May 25 | 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.

Shaarei Mitzvah 6&7 - Siyyum Shabbat dinner

Friday, May 31 | 6:30PM

Book Club

Saturday, June 1 | 1:30PM

7th Annual Israel Film Center Festival | June 3 - 12

This year PSJC is partnering with the Israel Film Center Festival at the JCC on the Upper West Side. Purchase your tickets today: <https://jccmanhattan.org/film/israel-film-center-festival/>.

Game Night!

Friday, June 7

Lev Tahor's annual game night! Great fun for all ages.

Save the Date! PSJC goes to the Cyclones

Sunday, June 23 | 4:00PM - **Deadline Monday, June 5**

Brooklyn Cyclones vs Staten Island Yankees. Tickets are \$18.00 each includes a Kosher Hot Dog and soft drink as well as the fashionable Cyclones cap, and an additional donation to would be appreciated. Buy tickets now! Visit: <http://www.psjc.org/event/bklyn-cyclones.html>

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, reading Torah, email Rabbi Sue Oren at leyning@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.



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Triennial: Leviticus 19:15-20:27 | Etz Hayim p.696; Hertz p.500; Plaut p.896

Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15 | Etz Hayim p.706; Hertz p.509; Plaut p.999

D'var Torah: With Him I Cannot Dwell

Parashat Kedoshim starts in the middle of a section of the Torah that scholars refer to as the Holiness Code (H) - chapters 17 to 26. Most scholars treat these chapters as independent from P - what critical Biblical scholars call the Priestly source. Incorporated together into Leviticus, they together profess the conception of holiness as involving both the ritual and the ethical.

Professor Israel Knohl, in his work, "The Sanctuary of Silence: The Priestly Torah and the Holiness School" argues that the "Holiness School," those ancient authors who composed these chapters of Leviticus, is responsible for the idea that mitzvot are the individual and national pathway to holiness.

At the most basic level, holiness is an elevated separateness. But when we look closely there is only one thing that is inherently holy - God - while everything else becomes holy. But among those things that become holy, some of them are only temporarily holy while others remain holy forever.

Knohl points out when God, the source of holiness, is present somewhere, that place becomes holy. And when a place is holy, it is either completely off limits to human beings or only accessible to those who've made the necessary preparations - removing their shoes, bathing, putting on special garments, bringing special offerings, etc. But when God's presence departs, the place reverts to its original status.

God dwelled in the Mishkan, the Tabernacle that first wandered with the Israelites in the wilderness and was later erected in various part of Canaan, but those places were no longer holy after the Mishkan was disassemble and God's presence, departed. In contrast, we treat the Temple Mount, and by extension all of Jerusalem, as eternally holy because the First and Second Temples once stood there.

According to the Priestly source, people can also acquire "elevated separateness." In the case of the kohanim, initially a ritual endowed them with holiness, but henceforth their holiness is eternal, passing through the father's line. That is why, hundreds of years after the destruction of the Temple, kohanim are still prohibited from entering cemeteries. In contrast, the Nazirite is only holy - and must likewise avoid corpses - temporarily. Once a Nazirite shaves his or her head, ending his or her term as a Nazirite, none of the prohibitions apply.

The Jewish people's relationship to holiness seems to reflect both of these notions. God set us apart, gave us a holy Torah whose laws we are to observe, and a holy land in which to dwell. The holiness of both the Torah and the land seem to be permanent, so perhaps our holiness is permanent as well. But the first verse in our parashah says: "You shall be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy." (VaYikra 19:2). God does not say: "You ARE holy." Rather, you shall be holy...as long as you do God's mitzvot. As we say with every blessing we recite before performing a mitzvah: "Asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav" - who made us holy through his commandments. We are not holy because God gave us the mitzvot. We BECOME holy through doing them. And when we do not, we are no longer holy. We become like everyone else.

But whereas the Priest's holiness stems from, and primarily pertains to, the ritual activity in the Mishkan/Mikdash, the holiness of the "Nation of Priests and a Holy People" is ALSO rooted in ethics. That, says Knohl, is the natural byproduct of opening up holiness to the entire nation and not just a particular caste. And this is the unique contribution of the Holiness School, not only to the Priestly source in the Torah, but to the Jewish people, and ultimately the world.

This weekly commentary on the Torah portion is by **Rabbi Andy Shapiro Katz**, *CY Director of North American Engagement* "Torah Sparks" series produced by the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem. A Haftarah commentary by Rabbi Mordechai Silverstein found at <http://www.conservativeyeshiva.org/torahsparks>.

Have announcements? Email by Monday 5:00PM (office@psjc.org)