




PARK SLOPE JEWISH CENTER

November 4-11, 2016 | 3-10 Cheshvan, 5777
Parashat Noach

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Candle Lighting 5:30PM Lev Tahor: Sing, Shmooze and Learn how Communities save Lives 6:30PM				Shacharit 10:00AM Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Levav Mini Minyan Tot Shabbat JC 11:15AM Book Club 1:30PM Mincha 4:00PM Bat Mitzvah of Chay Quigley		
Sunday November 6 5 Cheshvan	Monday November 7 6 Cheshvan	Tuesday November 8 7 Cheshvan	Wednesday November 9 8 Cheshvan	Thursday November 10 9 Cheshvan	Friday November 11 10 Cheshvan	Saturday November 12 11 Cheshvan
Hebrew School 9:30AM Etz Chaim Project: Build Our Shul and Our Community 1:00PM		ELECTION DAY 	Morning Minyan 7:15AM Hebrew School 4:00PM Rodfei Tzedek 7:00PM	Torah Study and Papermaking Class 7:00PM	VETERANS DAY Challah Bake 9:00AM PJ Library Music Class: It's Friday! 10:30AM <i>Candle Lighting</i> 4:23PM Kabbalat Shabbat Kulanu 6:30PM	Shabbat <i>Lech Lecha</i> Shacharit 10:00AM Alex and Ryan Weintraub Bnai Mitzvah Mini Minyan Tot Shabbat JC 11:15AM Mishneh Torah Class - Laws of Teshuvah 1:30PM
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Mazal Tov! To **Aaron, Melanie, Hope** and **Amichai** on **Aaron's** Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat!
To **Chay, Julie** and **Lawrence** on **Chay's** Bat Mitzvah this Shabbat!

Todah Rabbah To **Melanie** and **Hope Levav** for sponsoring Kiddush this Shabbat in honor of **Aaron's** Bar Mitzvah.

To **Julie Greenspon** and **Lawrence Quigley** for their contribution to the Kiddush Fund this Shabbat in honor of **Chay's** Bat Mitzvah.

Yahrzeits: 4-10 Cheshvan:

Abraham Sidman, father of Alan Sidman; **Finn Gregory Baseggio**, great-nephew of Cathy Monblatt; **Flora Latter**, great-aunt of Karen Barth; **Harvey Nightingale**, father of Beryl Nightingale; **Helen Adele (Klein) Fleischmann**, mother of David Fleischmann; **Herman A. Steinberg**, uncle of Sandra Linenschmidt; **Jack Daffner**, great uncle of Stuart Baron; **Jacqueline Ruth Nussbaum**, mother of Debra Nussbaum Cohen; **Judith Ann Sitrin Hurwitz**, mother of Jonathan Hurwitz; **Klara Pick**, grandmother of Michele Bonan; **Leon Weisman**, father of Marlene Weisman-Abadi; **Louis Meyerson**, father of Bruce Meyerson; **Mary Rosenzweig**, aunt of Gavrielle and Myron Levine; **Nettie R. Fishman**, mother of Reba Snyder; **Nicole Anderson**, sister-in-law of Richard Anderson; **Pauline Levine**, mother of Gavrielle and Myron Levine; **Samuel Holzkenner**, father of Bella Holzkenner; **William Korashan**, father of Marc Korashan; **Yelena Berezovskaya**, grandmother of Rita Ratner.
May their memories be for a blessing.

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



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The Plot Against America | PSJC Book Discussion

Saturday, November 5 | 1:30PM (following Services)

The Shabbat before Election Day, we will discuss *The Plot Against America* by Philip Roth, a work of speculative fiction in which Charles Lindbergh runs for president in 1940 as the Republican nominee on an America First isolationist platform and defeats President Roosevelt.

PSJC Etz Chaim Project: Build Our Shul and Our Community



Sunday, November 6 | 1:00PM and Wednesday, November 16 | 7:00PM

PSJC members and friends are invited to join a series of open community conversations this fall to explore how PSJC can **continue to grow**, in number, strength and vigor; **better support** our members and leaders; and develop programs and services to **expand our community's reach**. The meetings will take place at PSJC with additional conversations planned for November and December. Please **make your voice heard** - contact Helen Zelon: hzelon@gmail.com for details and information.

Image-ing The "Ger" - The Stranger | Torah Study and Papermaking around the idea of the "Ger"

Thursdays | 7:00PM-9:30PM | November 10, December 8 and 22

In this class we will explore the theme of the foreigner, in Hebrew "ger", and what this means for all of us, individually, nationally, religiously, and spiritually, in our personal lives and in the broader social context of America and the world. Sketching, drawing, and painting will also be part of the process. Taught by artist Aura Shahaf-Woelfle and Rabbi Carie Carter. Please RSVP <https://www.psjc.org/art-papermaking.html> Cost (includes cost of supplies) \$60.

Challah Bake

Friday, November 11 | 9:00AM

There's nothing more Brooklyn than welcoming Shabbat on the stoop! Stop by to celebrate the start of the new school year and to braid a mini-challah to take home and bake. Come for 5 minutes...come for an hour or two to learn how we can help others through the mitzvah of challah making!

PJ Library Class: It's Friday!

Friday, November 11 and 18 | 10:30AM | \$12 per class

It's Friday! is a series of classes for children 3 and under and their caregivers. Join PSJC Tot Shabbat Leader, Abe, for hands on exploration of Shabbat and holidays. Visit www.psjc.org/event/its-friday.html for more information.

Kabbalat Shabbat Kulanu

Friday, November 11 | 6:30PM

Mishneh Torah - Laws of Teshuvah

Saturday, November 12 | 1:30PM

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. Together, we will explore this text (beginning with Hilchot Teshuvah-the Laws of Repentance), taking a close look at the Hebrew text even as English translations will be available. This is a monthly study session with Rabbi Carter. Please <https://www.psjc.org/form/mishneh-torah.html> for this study group.

Bringing Your Can to Shul: The PSJC Food Drive continues with donations expected in the bins around the building. Send any questions to caroldiamond@optonline.com.

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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Learn About Engage

Sunday, November 13 | 2:00PM

Are you in your 50s, 60s, 70s or beyond, and ready to give back? Would you like to meet volunteers in Brooklyn and learn about community-building and service opportunities with Holocaust survivors, the elderly, refugees, people living in poverty and others in need from diverse communities? Come to lunch and find out more. At the lunch, you can also experience a taste of Nia Wise Moves, led by Caroline Kohles, Senior Director of Health and Wellness at the JCC Manhattan. Lunch will be served - Free. Contact Susan to RSVP skranberg@jccmanhattan.org or call 347.415.0943 or 646.505.4408. Engage Jewish Service Corps is generously supported by UJA-Federation of New York.

PSJC Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 15 | 7:15PM

PSJC Board meetings are open to members in good standing.

Path of the Mensch

November 17 - March 30

The World of Mussar is opening before you and you are invited to enter. Come join in small group study, led by Rabbi Carie Carter, as we embark on a program of study and practice in the Jewish spiritual tradition of Mussar (Jewish Spiritual Ethics). Using Alan Morinis' book, *Everyday Holiness* and a curriculum developed by The 10 session course: Thursdays 7:00PM | Nov 17, Dec 1, 15, Jan 5, 19, Feb 2, 16, Mar 2, 16, and 30.

Registration is closed. If you would still like to register please contact the office: 718-768-1453. This program is appropriate for all.

Parashat Hashavua

Saturday, November 19 | 9:30AM

Get a brief taste of the week's Torah portion with our Rabbinic Intern, Rina Bergman. It's a great lead in to the Shabbat morning services.

Learner's Minyan

Saturday, November 19 | 10:45AM

Exploring the hows and whys of prayer, this is a class for adults who want to know more about the Shabbat morning service, with Rina Bergman.

Shabbat Shmooze

Hosted on Prospect Avenue, between Terrace Place and Seeley Street

Saturday, November 19 | 1:30PM

Let's walk together over to the Shabbat Shmooze Pot Luck 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.

Wedding of Roberta Newman and Daniel Soyer

Sunday, November 20 | 2:45PM Tish | 3:00PM BADEKN | 3:30PM Huppah, followed by a reception in the community room. All are cordially invited.

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 **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; **joining the Hevra Kadisha**, email the coordinators at hevra.kadisha@psjc.org.

Torah Parashat Noach

Triennial (Genesis 6:9-8:14): Hertz p. 26-31; Etz Hayim p. 2641-48

Haftarah (Isaiah 54:1-55:5): Hertz p. 41-44, Etz Hayim p. 2664-68

The Sky is Falling, The Sky is Falling | *Rabbi Mordechai Silverstein, CY Faculty (Talmud, Midrash, Halacha)*

The Tower of Babel story is unusual. We are not quite sure what the sin was in this episode since it is never stated explicitly. This gave interpreters throughout the generations a chance to weigh in with their pet concerns as to what the sins of that wayward generation might be. I have always found one attempt at defining the sin of that generation particularly interesting for what it says about the modern spirit.

I first want to present a little background. The following midrash presumes that the Flood in Noah's generation was the monumental event in history for the people of the generation of the Tower of Babel and that the sin of the people of Babel was related to the Flood. What was their sin according to Rabbi Eleazar in the name of Rabbi Yose ben Zimra? "They said: 'Once in one thousand six hundred and fifty-six years the firmament totters [and another flood occurs], therefore let's go and build supports [for the firmament, one in the north, one in the south, one in the west, and the one here [in Babylonia] will be the eastern support.'" (See Bereishit Rabbah 38:1) The author of this midrash implies that their sin was in thinking that the Flood was an explainable natural phenomenon which was remediable.

Rabbi Eliezer considered this sin to be quite serious despite its not warranting the death penalty. The punishment was the people to be scattered throughout the world and to speak different languages so that they would be unable to complete their project. In addition, or more importantly for Rabbi Eleazar, they serve as an example to remind everyone of the gravity of their sin. But what was so grievous about what they did? It sounds ingenious and not sinful. After all, we expect human beings to innovate solutions for the dangers that face them. What could be sinful about that? The author of this midrash feared the assumption that world events and especially natural events would be considered merely "natural" phenomena which could be tended to as such and not God-determined, providential events granted as reward or punishment for right or wrong behavior. Was the author concerned that such an idea would alter human behavior or was he worried that such a mindset reflected the idea that God was not involved in the world and that the world had its own natural order independent of God's active participation? In either case, these are questions people still ponder to this day.

It seems to me that it is not a bad thing to operate with these two conflicting mindsets. We should always have in mind that our acts are consequential in God's "eyes" and never lose sight of this idea (bad pun intended). On the other hand, God placed us in this world to use our resourcefulness to improve the created world. Neither of these perspectives should overshadow the other.

The weekly Haftarah Commentary by Rabbi Mordechai Silverstein, Senior CY Faculty in Talmud and Midrash, may be found at: <http://www.uscj.org.il/learn/commentaries/>

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