



Friday, September 21 12 Tishrei				Parashat Ha'azinu Saturday, September 22 13 Tishrei		
Erev Sukkot Kabbalat Shabbat with Alan Palmer 6:30PM Candle Lighting 6:37PM				Havurat Shabbat 9:30AM Shacharit 10:00AM Aufruf of Elizabeth Lovinger & Tigist Kassahun Family Torah 10:30AM Tot Shabbat/Mini-Minyan 11:15AM Advanced Talmud 1:30PM		
Sunday September 23 14 Tishrei	Monday September 24 15 Tishrei	Tuesday September 25 16 Tishrei	Wednesday September 26 17 Tishrei	Thursday September 27 18 Tishrei	Friday September 28 19 Tishrei	Saturday September 29 20 Tishrei
Hebrew School 9:30AM Sukkah Build Part II 9:30AM Shaarei Mitzvah 7 Parents Conversation 11:00AM Sukkah Decorating Party 12:30PM	Sukkot I Services 10:00AM Candle Lighting 7:30PM	Sukkot II Services 10:00AM Candle Lighting 7:28PM	Chol Hamoed Sukkot Service 7:00AM Hebrew School 4:00PM HS Family Dinner in Sukkah 6:00PM Geshet 6:15PM Welcome our Shinshinim 7:15PM PAI Book Club 7:30PM	Chol Hamoed Sukkot Service 7:00AM ATID (20s & 30s) Dinner in the Sukkah 7:00PM	Candle Lighting 6:25PM Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Carter & Eden Wofsey 6:30PM Potluck Shabbat Dinner in Sukkah 7:30PM	<i>Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot Services</i> 10:00AM Havurat Shabbat 9:30AM Tot Shabbat Mini-Minyan 11:15AM
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Mazal Tov!

To **Elizabeth Lovinger** and **Tigist Kassahun** as they celebrate their Aufruf this Shabbat.

Todah Rabbah

To **Elizabeth Lovinger** and **Tigist Kassahun** for contributing to the Kiddush in honor of their Aufruf this Shabbat.
 To **Jan Orzeck** for hosting the Shabbat Shmooze last Shabbat.

Yahrzeits observed 13-19 Tishrei:

Fred Liff, uncle of Stuart Baron; **Gary Hartman**, father of Karen Hartman; **Irving Zazik**, father of Ilene Rubenstein; **Israel Goldstein**, father of Leon Goldstein; **Joseph Sholom Ingber**, father of Abby Ingber; **Judith Effron**, mother of Sara Effron; **Lillian Engleman**, aunt of Bonnie Ullman; **Mark Carter**, father of Ruth Carter; **Norman Horwitz**, uncle of Angela Weis; **Oscar Rothenberg**, uncle of Alan Palmer; **Racel Ulman**, mother of Abraham Ulman; **Richard Weintraub**, father of Neil Weintraub; **S. Lester Landau**, father of Lisa Landau; **Sarah Lustig**, mother of Carol Diamond; **Saul Levine**, father of Gavrielle Levine and Myron Levine; **William Hazard Holmes II**, father of Peter Holmes. *May their memories be for a blessing.*



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Kol Nidre Appeal 5779

Our annual Kol Nidre Appeal is an important part of our Shul's major fundraising effort during the course of the year. It is only with your continued support that we are able to maintain a high level of quality programming and services to meet the wide-ranging needs of our congregants.

Make your gift today: <https://www.psjc.org/form/KN2018>

Advanced Talmud

Saturday, September 22 | 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.

Sukkah Build Part 2

Sunday, September 23 | 9:30AM

If you build it, they will come...so please come! Be part of building our bigger and better sukkah this year at PSJC! Everyone is welcome to help. Power screwdrivers welcome. This is a chance to literally build our community! Questions? Contact Peter Holmes: pholmes177@gmail.com or Patrick Francis: patrick.francis@psjc.org.

Sukkah Decorating Party

Sunday, September 23 | 12:30PM

Come decorate the sukkah for the holiday! Paper chains, pumpkins, and social justice themed ushpizin art projects will all be provided, as well as snacks and music!

Sukkot Services

Day 1 | Monday, September 24 | 10:00AM

Day 2 | Tuesday, September 25 | 10:00AM

Chol Hamoed Services

Wednesday, September 26 | 7:00AM

Thursday, September 27 | 7:00AM

Wednesday, September 26

Hebrew School Family Dinner in the Sukkah | 6:00PM

The Hebrew School community will gather in the sukkah to celebrate. RSVPs required through the website calendar.

Welcome our Shinshinim to PSJC with Dessert and Drinks in the Sukkah | 7:15PM

Help us welcome our 6 new Shinshinim (emissaries from Israel) who are here to serve our Brooklyn Jewish community this year. This is a great opportunity to get to know all 6 of these remarkable 18 year old Israelis, and to make sure they feel welcome here at PSJC.

PAI Book Club | 7:30PM

This month we are reading *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee. Sign up: <https://www.psjc.org/event/pai-book-club.html>. There is no charge for this group.

ATID (20s & 30s) Dinner in the Sukkah

Thursday, September 27 | 7:00PM

Join Rabbi Carter for Pizza and Beer in the Sukkah to talk about making PSJC an even better place for people.

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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Supplies Needed for Hurricane Florence Relief

PSJC is a drop off site for Relief for Hurricane Florence. Stop into the Shul to see how you can help.
Make your donation today

To help prepare packages, please sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/hfrelief2018>

Friday, September 28

Sing-a-long in the Sukkah | 10:00AM

Come sing and shake with Abe! Ages 0-3 and a grown-up

Kabbalat Shabbat Services | 6:30PM

Shabbat Dinner under the Stars | 7:30PM

Join us for this Vegetarian, Dairy, and Pareve Potluck Shabbat Dinner in the PSJC Sukkah.

Sunday, September 30

Hoshanah Rabbah Services | 8:00AM

Grab a lulav and etrog and shake, shake, shake!

Community BBQ | 12:00PM-4:00PM

Hot Dogs. Hamburgers. Veggie Burgers. Camaraderie. After all the holidays end, reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. Check <https://www.psjc.org/event/annual-bbq2018.html> after Rosh Hashanah for details and to reserve your spot.

Shemini Atzeret Services

Monday, October 1 | 10:00AM

Simchat Torah

Monday, October 1 | 6:30PM

(followed by community participation in Simchat Torah across Brooklyn)

Come dance and sing with the Torah and join us as we unroll the entire Torah and recent PSJC bnai mitzvah read sections of their parshayot to hear the entire story in one night!

Simchat Torah Services

Tuesday, October 2 | 10:00AM

5779 first Lev Tahor with Fran Hawthorne

Friday, October 5 | 6:30PM

Join us for musical davenning, dining and schmoozing. Lev Tahor services blend the singing of the traditional liturgy with contemporary English readings and reflections. We start off the season with our own Fran Hawthorne, who will be doing a book reading and discussion of her new novel, "The Heirs" (available at Community Bookstore, or on Amazon.)

Have announcements? Email by Monday 5:00PM (office@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, 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

Parashat Ha'azinu

Triennial: Deuteronomy 32:1-52 | Etz Hayim p. 1185; Hertz p. 896

Haftarah: 2 Samuel 22:1-51 | Etz Hayim p. 1234; Hertz p. 891

D'var Torah: Words Like Rain

After commanding the Heavens and Earth "HA'AZINU" - to LISTEN to his words - Moshe makes a request that is quite fitting for this time of year. He says: "May my discourse come down as the rain, my speech distill as the dew, like showers on young growth, like droplets on the grass..." (Devarim 32:2). God spoke from Sinai with fire, but Moses wants his words to be like water.

Why water? Maybe Moses wants his words to be welcomed joyously and absorbed fully. Maybe he wants his words to wash away impurity and bring forth life. For such is the power of water - rain in particular - and nobody knew this as well as the Israelites. After years of wandering in the desert, hunger satisfied only with manna and thirst quenched only by miraculous wells, the Israelites were literally dying to enter a land overflowing with natural abundance made possible by the gift of rain.

But rain was really to be more of a reward than a gift, a blessing contingent on their behavior. This they had been told earlier, in the part of Deuteronomy read twice every day as the second paragraph of the Shema:

If, then, you obey the commandments that I enjoin upon you this day, loving the LORD your God and serving Him with all your heart and soul, I will grant the rain for your land in season...and thus you shall eat your fill. [But] take care not to be lured away to serve other gods and bow to them. For the LORD's anger will flare up against you, and He will shut up the skies so that there will be no rain and the ground will not yield its produce... (Devarim 11:13-17)

So the rain was a sign that God found them worthy. And every year the Israelites would spend the summer in the hot sun, harvesting that which that year's rains had made grow, and steadily consuming the water they stored. By the end of Elul, as the harvest was coming to an end, their thoughts would turn toward the year ahead. It is with this state of mind that they greeted the month of Tishrei - the month to do all they could to be worthy of the rain.

And like all other human beings, they were aware of the different states and capacities of water. When it is deep, it can cover things. When it flows, it can carry things away. Things dissolve in it, and then it can evaporate, leaving those things behind.

And it is perhaps for all of these reason that water imagery features so prominently in the holidays of Tishrei, with each successive holiday from Rosh HaShanah through Shemini Atzeret taking us through the natural water cycle - from the salt-water of the sea through the pure rain from Heaven.

From Elul through Rosh HaShanah, we identify and gather our sins. And then we perform tashlich, casting them away from us into a body of water that will carry them to the sea, acting out the verse from Micah 7:19, "You will...hurl our sins into the depths of the sea." But even after our sins have been cast away, their filth is still upon us; the fabric of our lives is still stained by our misdeeds. So on Yom Kippur we reference the power of water to dissolve impurities. In Mishna Yoma 8:9, Rabbi Akiva says about Yom Kippur:

Happy are you, Israel! Before whom are you purified, and who purifies you [of your transgressions]? Your Father Who is in heaven. For it is said, "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean." (Ezekiel 36:25)

But the water that cleans and purifies us does not stay polluted. Just as we on Yom Kippur transcend ourselves and become spiritual beings who would never (again) sin (thus rendering even our intentional sins as if they were unintentional), so to the water rises. By evaporating, it *also* leaves behind its accumulated impurities and returns to Heaven. What happens next should be obvious...but since that connects to Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret, we'll leave that for the next Torah Sparks! In the meantime, I hope you have a Shabbat shalom!

This weekly commentary on the Torah portion is by **Rabbi Andy Shapiro Katz**, *Conservative Yeshiva Director of N.A. 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>.

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.