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Mazal Tov!

To **Milo, Hana, Steven** and **Mira** on Milo's Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat.

Todah Rabbah

To **Hana Schank** and **Steven Shaklan** for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Milo's Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat.

Yahrzeits observed 4-10 Cheshvan:

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; **Jack Daffner**, great uncle of Stuart Baron; **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 Levine and Myron Levine; **Nettie Fishman**, mother of Reba Snyder; **Nicole Anderson**, sister-in-law of Richard Anderson; **Pauline Levine**, mother of Gavrielle Levine and Myron Levine; **Samuel Holzkenner**, father of Bella Holzkenner; **William Korashan**, father of Marc Korashan. *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>

Saturday, October 13

Parashat Hashavua with Cornelia Dalton, PSJC Rabbinic Intern | 9:30AM

Shabbat Kulanu | 11:00AM

Munch & Learn: Bearing Witness with Cornelia Dalton, PSJC Rabbinic Intern | 1:15PM

Join PSJC's rabbinic intern, Cornelia Dalton, and explore texts touching on "bearing false witness" to think together about what it means to be present to someone else's experience (whether of pain or of joy).

Sukkah Take Down

Sunday, October 14 | 9:30AM

Come one/come all with power tools in hand. Your help is needed to take down our Sukkah.

Hebrew Cooking with our fabulous Shlichim and Shinshinim | 4:00PM-6:00PM

We will use our Hebrew to cook delicious food and then share those treats at a meal. It is a great way to hang out with friends, meet new people, hone your cooking skills, practice your Hebrew and have a great time with our shinshinim. Great for children and adults alike. Contact Rabbi Carie Carter at rabbicarie@psjc.org to let us know you are coming. Future dates: November 4 and February 3.

Friday, October 19

It's Friday Music Class | 10:00AM

Come sing and play with Abe every week for a fun-filled music class that combines your favorite Shabbat and children's songs, with a story, movement and more. Taught by a professional music instructor, our open-space, informal class allows children ages 0 - 3 and their grownups to explore music and Shabbat! Each class ends with a snack and open-play so that caregivers can connect with each other. We look forward to having you join us!

\$15/drop-in class* or \$120 for a 10-class series (paid in advance) RSVP: https://www.psjc.org/sing_play_connect

Kabbalat Shabbat with Judy Ribnick | 6:30PM

Shaarei Mitzvah 7 Friday Night Dinner with Rabbi Carter

Friday, October 19 | 6:30PM

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

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



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Saturday, October 20

Hatan Torah and Kallat Bereshit Honors | 10:00AM

Honor our Hatan Torah (Eli Wolfhagen) and Kallat Bereshit (Ruth Kaufman) at services as we hear a little of their Jewish stories.

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

Hosted by Ruth Kaufman | 113 Sterling Place #7 between 6th & 7th Avenues

Bring a parve potluck dish to share. If you would like to host the Shabbat Shmooze, please email shabbatshmooze@psjc.org. Members hosting homes needs to be walking distance from PSJC.



Café Ivrit is Back at PSJC

Thursday, October 25 | 7:00PM-9:00PM

Are you "moderately fluent" in Hebrew? Do you want to practice your Hebrew in a casual, supportive environment? Do you want a nice kos café with friends at the end of the evening? Join our Shaliach, Noam, for Café Ivrit. For more information email: naomW@jafi.com. Future dates: November 8 and December 13.

Kabbalat Shabbat Kulanu

Friday, October 26 | 6:30PM

Join us for a musical Shabbat celebration for all ages! Services begin in the sanctuary with Abe and Aileen. Then we'll head downstairs for a communal dinner. Everyone is welcome! Main entrees will be provided. **RSVPs are strongly encouraged**, <https://www.psjc.org/event/kabbalat-shabbat-kulanu1.html>. Please bring a generous sized salad/veggie side or dessert to share. **If you have food allergies or dietary needs, please be sure to bring something you can eat, as we are unable to take special food requests for this meal. ** Special invitation to families of 3rd and 4th graders!

Simcha Shabbat

Saturday, October 27 | 10:00AM

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

Advanced Talmud

Saturday, October 27 | 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.

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Triennial: Genesis 11:1-11:32 | Etz Hayim p.58; Hertz p. 38; Plaut p.80

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-55:5 | Etz Hayim p. 64; Hertz p. 41; Plaut p.326

D'var Torah: Liking Beer

Buried in the fiasco of last week's battle over the Supreme Court nomination was an opportunity to discuss an issue that can be one of life and death, and I am not referring to sexual assault or to denial of access to abortion. The issue I am referring to here is also brought up in a foundational myth told in our parsha— alcohol consumption and the consequences of use and abuse.

We all heard the allegations that Judge Kavanaugh's love of beer led him to drink to excess. While I certainly do not know whether he ever blacked out from drinking, if he did, he can trace his pedigree all the way back to humanity's progenitor—Noah. The first act that Noah performs upon leaving the ark is planting a vineyard. Noah immediately gets drunk from the wine, and "his nakedness is uncovered" (Genesis 9:20-21). This leads to disastrous results for his son Ham, and in particular for his grandson Canaan. This is the foundational myth of alcohol in Judaism— drinking leads to loss of control and loss of consciousness which leads to sexual transgression.

But the Book of Jubilees, an ancient expansion on Genesis, adds in a very interesting passage before Noah becomes drunk. In Jubilees, Noah plants the vineyard, but then must wait five years before he can use the wine because it is prohibited to use the fruit of a tree for the first four years of its growth (see Leviticus 19:23-24; rabbinic law is slightly different). At the beginning of the fifth year, Noah offers a series of sacrifices followed by a libation of wine on the altar. Thus, according to Jubilees, Noah is not only the first person to get drunk, but *also* the first person to make ritual use of wine. In other words, the first person to drink wine in history *begins* by making positive use of it, and *only then* goes overboard. Wine is intimately connected here both to blessing and curse.

Those who know me know that I too love beer. I was an avid home-brewer and make sampling and reviewing new beers a part of my travels to any new place. But, as I tell my children whenever the subject comes up, what I especially love about beer is how it brings people together to celebrate, how it breaks down the borders that isolate us from each other, and mildly loosens our inhibitions so that we can form new bonds. When I go to a brewery (and I go to a lot of breweries) I meet people that I would not otherwise meet in my regular bubble. We raise a glass, we talk a bit about the beer we're drinking today, the beers we drank last week, and those we hope to drink in the future. We talk about our dogs (dogs are typically welcome at breweries), our kids, sports—whatever we can find that we have in common. I'm sure we often come from different sides of the political aisle, but as temporary as these friendships are, they make me, and I'm sure the people I talk to, happy. Beer, wine, and other forms of alcohol are an integral part of every human society that has ever come into contact with them, and we should celebrate the good that they bring into our lives.

The Talmud was well aware, of course, how wine (and beer) break down social barriers, and did not regard this as an unadulterated positive. Indeed, one of the most important aspects of the legacy of wine in Jewish legal literature is the prohibition of Jews drinking wine produced by non-Jews. According to a passage found twice in the Bavli (Shabbat 17b; Avodah Zarah 36b) the rabbis prohibited gentile wine because it would lead to Jews marrying "their daughters." Large portions of Tractate Avodah Zarah are dedicated to the discussion of this issue and it remains a halakhah observed in most traditional circles. And while the rules with regard to beer were less stringent, rabbis did refrain from drinking beer in inns owned by gentiles (Avodah Zarah 31b). There are times when breaking down social barriers is a positive, but knowing when and how to maintain borders between cultures is one of the more difficult questions facing Jews to this day.

And finally, there are certain borders that alcohol should never let us cross. As I tell my children every time we talk, alcohol is never an excuse for acts that we know, or should know, are wrong. Alcohol is one of the most dangerous substances known to human beings, and may just cause more suffering in the world than all illegal drugs combined. As adults, we have a responsibility to model for our children both the joys of drinking, and the relaxing of the inhibitions and boundaries that go with it, and the heavy responsibility we assume when we do. This week's parashah is the chance to make up for an important lesson that many did not learn last week.

This weekly commentary on the Torah portion is by **Dr. Joshua Kulp, Conservative Yeshiva Faculty & Rosh Yeshiva** "Torah Sparks" series produced by the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem. A Haftarah commentary by Rabbi Mordechai Silverstein found at <http://www.conservativeyeshiva.org/torahsparks>.