

Friday, March 8   1 Adar II				Parashat Pekudei Saturday, March 9   2 Adar II		
Candle Lighting   5:37PM Kabbalat Shabbat with <b>Elizabeth Schnur</b>   6:30PM				Havurat Shabbat   9:30AM Shacharit   10:00AM <b>Ilan Greenberg Bar Mitzvah</b> Jr. Congregation   11:00AM Tot Shabbat/Mini Minyan   11:15AM		
Sunday March 10 3 Adar II	Monday March 11 4 Adar II	Tuesday March 12 5 Adar II	Wednesday March 13 6 Adar II	Thursday March 14 7 Adar II	Friday March 15 8 Adar II	Saturday March 16 9 Adar II
Hebrew School 9:30AM  Shaarei Mitzvah 6/7 Grade - Art & Jewish Values 11:00AM  Purim Spiel and Newsletter Parodies 2:00PM		Hebrew School 4:00PM	Morning Minyan 7:15AM  Hebrew School 4:00PM  Geshet 6:15PM		It's Friday Music Class 10:00AM  Candle Lighting 6:44PM  Kabbalat Shabbat with <b>Judy Ribnick</b> 6:30PM  Mock Treif Banquet & Purim Jeopardy 7:30PM	<i>Parashat Vayikra</i> <b>Simcha Shabbat</b> Shacharit   10:00AM  Tot Shabbat/Mini Minyan 11:15AM  Kishkush Acharei 1:00PM  Shabbat Shmooze 1:30PM  <b>Jacob Kirmayer Bar Mitzvah</b> <i>Mincha</i>   5:30PM
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**Mazal Tov!**

To **Ilan, Cindy, Dan, Tamar** and **Matan** on Ilan's Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat.

**Todah Rabbah**

To **Cindy** and **Dan Greenberg** for contributing to the Kiddush Fund in honor of Ilan's Bar Mitzvah during this Shabbat.

**Yahrzeits observed 2-8 Adar II:**

**Anita Paula Zubres Oren**, mother of Sue Oren; **Charles Hollander**, father of Ellen Hollander-Sande; **Helen Rosen**, family friend of Jan Orzeck; **Henry Kardeman**, father of Marilyn Kardeman; **Leon Leeds**, father of Ken Leeds; **Maxwell Sellinger**, cousin of Carol Diamond; **Ursula Sehow Pearson**, great-aunt of Angela Weisl.

*May their memories be for a blessing.*

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March 8-16, 2019 | 1 - 9 Adar II 5779  
Parashat Pekudei

### **Purim 2019 is near!**

Get ready to make merry! The Not-Quite-Ready-For-Purim-Time Players welcome singers who want to participate in PSJC's Purim Spiel celebration of Queen (Esther and Freddie M) to join us for a first rehearsal. Contact Elizabeth if you are interested in participating or for more information ([davening@psjc.org](mailto:davening@psjc.org)).

Friday, March 15

**Pre-Purim Kabbalat Shabbat with Judy Ribnick** | 6:30PM

**Mock Treif Banquet & Purim Jeopardy** | 7:30PM

### **Purim Carnival**

Sunday, March 17 | 11:00AM - 2:00PM

Tot event | 10:30AM

Fun for adults and kids, with carnival games, bounce house, BBQ, Beer Garden and more!

### **Main Service & Community Megillah Reading & Purim Spiel**

Wednesday, March 20 | 6:30PM

Join us to celebrate Purim! In addition to services and our main Megillah reading and Purim Spiel, we have Purim fun for all ages.

**Tot Megillah & Sing-a-long** | 6:15PM

**Family Megillah & Puppets** | 6:45PM

**Costume Parade** | 7:30PM

### **Community Megillah Reading**

Thursday, March 21 | 7:00AM

### **Shaarei Mitzvah 6 /7 - Grade Art & Jewish Values**

Sunday, March 10 | 11:00AM-12:30PM

A series exploring Jewish values through fused-glass art with Rabbi Carie and Aura Shahaf Wolfe.

### **Purim Spiel and Newsletter Parodies**

Sunday, March 10 | 2:00PM-5:00PM

Get ready to make merry! The Not-Quite-Ready-For-Purim-Time Players welcome singers who want to participate in PSJC's Purim Spiel celebration of Queen (Esther and Freddie M) to join us for a first rehearsal. One more rehearsal are scheduled: Sunday, March 17, 2:00PM-5PM. Megillah reading with accompanying Purim Spiel starts after 6:00PM on Wednesday, March 20. Contact Elizabeth if you are interested in participating or for more information ([davening@psjc.org](mailto:davening@psjc.org)). AND if you are feeling funny and literary, the Spring Newsletter is happy to receive silly, parody articles and items. Send to [davening@psjc.org](mailto:davening@psjc.org) by the end of March.

### **Hebrew Cooking with our fabulous Shlichim and Shinshinim**

Sunday, March 10 | 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](mailto:rabbicarie@psjc.org) to let us know you are coming.

### **It's Friday Music Class**

Friday, March 15, 22 and 29 | 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](https://www.psjc.org/sing_play_connect)

Saturday, March 16

**Simcha Shabbat** | 10:00AM

Join us as we will acknowledge our members who are celebrating their March 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 Freddie Brooks

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.

**Advanced Talmud**

Saturday, March 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.

**SAVE THE DATES!!!**

A community-building fundraiser that features numerous sumptuous, multi-course dinners in the homes of esteemed Top Chefs of PSJC. Choose from various special themed menus and enjoy amazing food, festive libations, and lively conversation...all to benefit our synagogue.



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



## Parashat Pekudei

Triennial: Exodus 39:22-40:38 | Etz Hayim p.567; Hertz p.387; Plaut p.683

Haftarah: 1 Kings 7:51-8:21 | Etz Hayim, p.580; Hertz p.392; Plaut p.728

## D'var Torah: The Cloud & The Glory

In our parashah we arrive at the dramatic conclusion of the Book of Exodus: The cloud of God's Glory covers the *Mishkan* from without, and the Glory of God fills it from within (Shemot 4:34). It is because God's Glory fills the tabernacle that we call it the *Mishkan* – dwelling place. It would have looked like a rectangular courtyard sounded by a fence and with a tent set up in the middle. It isn't hard to imagine a cloud cloaking the tent from above. But what about the Glory of God? It says that Moshe couldn't enter the tent not only because of the cloud, which obviously he could see, but also because of the presence of the Glory (Shemot 4:35). That suggests that Moshe knew that the Glory was there. But how did he know? Was the Glory like a luminescent gas? Or a bright light? Did it hum like high-voltage electric wires? Or perhaps it was a felt presence, like the presence of a person?

I can't imagine that only Moshe could see or feel the Glory of God. It must be that the rest of us, the people of Israel in the camp, also could feel that it was there. Our whole existence as a people, and the drama of the book of Exodus, leads up to this indwelling of God's Glory. Surely it felt like something to be in the vicinity of that presence. As I imagine it, when the cloud and Glory of God first manifested in the *Mishkan* among the Israelites – a moment captured forever in Shemot 40:34 - the atmosphere must have been electric.

The first thing that would have captured our attention, if we follow the Zohar's interpretation (2:149a), would be the unusual lighting. The Talmud teaches (Bavli Hagiga 12a) that on the first day of creation God created a primordial light enabling a person to see from one side of the Earth to the other. But the light was too powerful for humans, and so God hid it away. Not *completely* away, adds the Zohar. God planted the primordial light like a seed and from it emerge life and abundance that animate all existence to this very day. The Zohar further teaches that in the moment captured in Shemot 40:34, the primordial light shone forth from the divine cloud cloaking the tent of meeting. It must have felt that you were standing at the center of the world, the continents and oceans of the planet stretched out before your eyes as the primordial light curved around the horizon.

In Shemot 40:34-35, the verb used to describe the Glory of God is not *mila* which means *to fill* but rather *male* which can mean *to be full*. The Zohar (1:67a) explains that's because the Glory of God inside the *Mishkan* was like the fullest of moons *filled* with the light of the sun. In another place, the Zohar (2:269a) teaches that a *rucha kadisha* - holy spirit – flowed out from the Glory and (following Isaiah 25:8) washed from the Earth *all death and every tear*. It follows that the Earth - whose four corners were revealed to the eyes of the Israelites because of the primordial light which issued from the cloud - was a world without shadow; pristine, like the first week of creation. For a moment, they saw the world as God intended it to be, abounding in light, life, color, movement, sexuality, creativity, rest, holiness and completion (as described in the first chapter of Bereshit).

Maybe if we put our minds to it when we hear the dramatic words of Shemot 40:34-35 this week, we can catch a glimpse of that vision. I think that the sages of the Zohar shared with us what they saw when they heard those words so that we might see it, too. It is at least worth giving the scene a few moments thought: It must have been a truly amazing thing to stand way back then in the desert around the *Mishkan* – God's dwelling place – when the cloud and the Glory first appeared.

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

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