

| Friday, August 10 29 Av | | | | Parashat Re'eh Shabbat Rosh Chodesh Saturday, August 11 30 Av | | |
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| Kabbalat Shabbat with Daniella Risman 7:00PM Candle Lighting 7:43PM | | | | Rosh Chodesh Elul Service 10:00AM | | |
| Sunday August 12 1 Elul | Monday August 13 2 Elul | Tuesday August 14 3 Elul | Wednesday August 15 4 Elul | Thursday August 16 5 Elul | Friday August 17 6 Elul | Saturday August 18 7 Elul |
| | | | Morning Minyan 7:15AM | | Kabbalat Shabbat with Leora Singer 7:00PM Candle Lighting 7:33PM | <i>Parashat Shoftim</i> Shacharit 10:00AM Kishkush Acharei Kiddush 1:00PM Shabbat Shmooze 1:30PM |
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HaMakom Yenachem

Our condolences go to:

Stan Hopard and family on the death of Stan's brother, **David Hopard**, z"l.


Amy Lowenthal and **Dale Rosenberg** on the death of Amy's mother, **Ellen Louise Lowenthal**, z"l.

Yahrzeits observed 30 Av-6 Elul:


Alan Rothberger, brother of Harriet Baron; **Barbara Stein**, mother of Elyse Meyerson; **Emma Gorelick**, great-aunt of Rabbi Regina Sandler-Phillips; **Harriet Harris Winston**, friend of Carol Diamond; **Helaine Landau**, mother of Lisa Landau; **Hyman Honig**, grandfather of Les Honig; **Ian Michael Yoffie**, brother of Sharman Yoffie-Sidman; **Isaac Halberstam**, father of Aron Halberstam; **Israel Wollin**, grandfather of Les Honig; **Jerome Levine**, uncle of Gavielle Levine and Myron Levine; **Lillian Daffner**, great aunt of Stuart Baron; **Mark Smith**, nephew of Ann Smith; **Michael Pollack**, father of David Pollack; **Morris L. Drucker**, father of Ira Drucker; **Ronald Simon**, uncle of Ellen Simon; **Seymour Altman**, friend of Eve Blatt; **Sylvia Altshuler**, mother of Lisa Altshuler.

May their memories be for a blessing.

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Please contact Peter by email treasurer@psjc.org if you have to arrange payments or limited income.

Rosh Chodesh Elul Minyan

Saturday, August 11 | 10:00AM

Kishkush Acharei Kiddush

Saturday, August 18 | 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

Saturday, August 18 | 1:30PM | Prospect Park

Shabbat Shmooze is a get-together at Prospect Park during the summer months. We will walk together over to the Shabbat Shmooze Potluck Lunch after the Kiddush. Bring a parve potluck dish to share. If anyone would like to host a Shabbat Shmooze in the coming year, please email shabbatshmooze@psjc.org, with the date they would like to host a Shabbat Shmooze (3rd Shabbat of the month).

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August 10-18, 2018 | 29 Av-7 Elul 5778
Parashat Re'eh

Advanced Talmud

Saturday, August 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.

Selichot Service

Saturday, September 1 | 9:00PM

9:30PM | Havdallah

10:00PM | Liturgy

11:30PM | Communal Singing

12:30AM | Conclusion

This poetic and reflective service prepares one's heart, mind, and spirit for the Days of Awe and Repentance. A beautiful beginning to the High Holy Days, the service will begin with Havdalah, followed by prayer, song, and study lead by local Rabbis and Cantors. This event is co-sponsored with other neighborhood synagogues and minyanim.

Rosh Hashanah

Erev Rosh Hashanah | Sunday, September 9

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 | Monday, September 10

Rosh Hashanah Day 2 | Tuesday, September 11

Opening Hebrew School Assembly & Picnic All Families

Sunday, September 16

Join us for the opening of the Hebrew School year!

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidrei | Tuesday, September 18

Yom Kippur Day | Wednesday, September 19

PAI Book Club

Wednesday, September 26 | 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.

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Parashat Re'eh

Shabbat Rosh Chodesh

Triennial: Deuteronomy 12:29-14:29 | Etz Hayim p.1068; Hertz p.804

Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-24 | Etz Hayim p.1085; Hertz p.818

D'var Torah: With Great Power...

To many, Devarim/Deuteronomy does not appear the most engaging book of the Torah. It is too often reduced to a succession of dry laws whose intricacies seldom resonate in our day and age. But seen another way, the parashah is a thrilling and radical story of a nation being born and acquiring an identity, not through the conquest of a foreign land, but by placing itself in a covenant with a transcendent power. And via this covenant, the divine authority not only commands this nation regarding ritual and other forms of divine service, but also bestows upon them a set of rules regulating interpersonal relationships. Those rules, as we will see, are infused with moral values that constitute a pre-modern code of ethics.

In the very beginning of our parashah we read: "Because you're crossing the Jordan to come to *take possession* of the land that Hashem, your God, is giving you; and you should *take possession* of it *and live in it*" (Devarim 11:31). What seems at first to be unnecessary phrases and repetitions is actually a deep wisdom that many modern day governments have trouble learning - namely that conquering territory is not the same as holding it, and holding it is not the same as making it a livable home.

But God's goal for Israel is that we live and flourish in the land. And so, we are commanded not only to destroy, but also to build - to tear down the false idols of idolatry and construct in its place both a Temple AND a model society. And so chapter 15 come to remind us that human possession is not absolute. Every seventh year, the *Shmita* year, land that is sold - often to pay debts - is returned to its original owner. We can acquire land, but only temporarily; all is eventually reset according to God's will. Could there be a more potent symbol of the relativity and superficiality of ownership? The not-so-subtle message is that Israel may conquer the land, but it is ultimately God's - and it is God's will that justice and equity take precedence over "the market."

We see throughout Devarim/Deuteronomy, and Parashat Re'eh in particular, that power is never absolute - it is coupled with, and limited by, responsibility. God says in 15:6 that Israel will become wealthy, and that wealth will give them power: "When Hashem your God, will have blessed you as He spoke to you; then you'll lend to many nations but you won't borrow; and you'll dominate many nations; but they won't dominate you." But lest this power cause Israel to grow arrogant and corrupt, verse 6 is immediately followed by a commandment of compassion in verses 7-8: "When there will be an indigent one among you from one of your brothers within one of your gates in the land that Hashem, your God, has given you, you should not fortify your heart and should not shut your hand from your brother who is indigent. But you should open your hand to him and shall lend him enough for his shortage."

For a land, a society, to be livable, neither power cannot be dissociated from compassion, nor ownership from justice and equity. Ethics is the foundation on which Israel's conquest rests, not a choice left to the whims of future rulers. As I read Parashat Re'eh from the land of Israel, I can only hope we learn from our holy Text that our mastery over this land was never an end in itself, but rather that we are commanded to *live in it* in the highest sense, as a people summoned to open both its heart and its hands.

This weekly commentary on the Torah portion is by **Sophie Bigot-Goldblum**, *Conservative Yeshiva Student & Lishma Fellow* "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.