



Friday, September 14 5 Tishrei				Parashat Vayelech Shabbat Shuvah Saturday, September 15 6 Tishrei		
Kabbalat Shabbat with Freddie Brooks 6:30PM Candle Lighting 6:48PM				Shacharit 10:00AM Leila Dickman Bat Mitzvah Tot Shabbat/Mini-Minyan 11:15AM Kishkush Acharei Kiddush 1:00PM Shabbat Shmooze 1:30PM		
Sunday September 16 7 Tishrei	Monday September 17 8 Tishrei	Tuesday September 18 9 Tishrei	Wednesday September 19 10 Tishrei	Thursday September 20 11 Tishrei	Friday September 21 12 Tishrei	Saturday September 22 13 Tishrei
Opening Hebrew School Assembly & Picnic for all Families 9:30AM Sukkah Build Part 1 12:30PM Madrachim Training 5:30PM		Erev Yom Kippur All service times are listed in the newsletter Kol Nidrei 6:30PM	Yom Kippur All service times are listed in the newsletter	Maariv Minyan 7:00PM	Kabbalat Shabbat with Alan Palmer 6:30PM Candle Lighting 6:37PM	<i>Parashat Ha'azinu</i> 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
Park Slope Jewish Center 1320 Eighth Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11215 (718) 768-1453 Office hours: M-Th 9AM-5PM, F 9AM-2PM www.psjc.org email: office@psjc.org				Rabbi Carie Carter, Rabbi (rabbicarie@psjc.org) Ellen Brickman, President (president@psjc.org) Elana Ayalon, Director of Administration (office@psjc.org) Aileen Heiman, Director of Youth Education (aileen.heiman@psjc.org) For questions about Accessibility (inclusion@psjc.org)		

Mazal Tov!

To **Leila, Elka, Eitan, Yakira** and **Ma'ayan** on **Leila's** Bat Mitzvah this Shabbat.

Todah Rabbah

To **Elka Jacobson-Dickman** and **Eitan Dickman** for contributing to the Kiddush Fund this Shabbat in honor of **Leila's** Bat Mitzvah.

Yahrzeits observed 6-12 Tishrei:

Anna Ruben, grandmother of Harolyn Cohen; **Barbara Shapiro**, observed by the PSJC Community; **Bessie Abramson**, grandmother of Steve Elworth; **Celia Mandel**, grandmother of Jenna Mandel-Ricci; **Doris Sloan**, mother of Sara Sloan; **Edward McGowen**, stepfather of Angela Weisl; **Gilad Desheh**, friend of Elizabeth Schnur; **Jacqueline Kosarin**, mother of Ray Kosarin; **Joseph Lieber**, grandfather of Erik Lieber; **Lawrence Kahan**, uncle of Alan Palmer; **Max Cohen**, father of Paul Cohen; **Minnie Jaffe**, mother of Annette Jaffe; **Nathan Schwalb**, father of Esther Schwalb; **Phil Person**, father of Sarah Person. *May their memories be for a blessing.*

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



September 14-22, 2018 | 5-13 Tishrei 5779
Parashat Vayelech/Shabbat Shuvah

Kol Nidre | Tuesday, September 18

PSJC Service (for Members and Ticketed Guests) | 6:30PM | Sanctuary

Open Community Service | 6:40PM | Lower Sanctuary

Yom Kippur | Wednesday, September 19

Main Service | 8:30AM | Sanctuary

Mincha | 4:00PM

Yizkor | 5:30PM

Neilah | 6:00PM

Tot-Tefillah | 10:30AM - 11:15AM | Tent

Mini-Minyan | 11:30AM - 12:15PM | Tent

Kulanu Service | 10:30AM - 12:15PM | Lower Sanctuary

Tween Service & Lounge | 10:15AM - 11:15AM | Lower Sanctuary

Teen Service & Lounge | 11:30AM - 12:30PM | Lower Sanctuary

Kishkush Acharei Kiddush

Saturday, September 15 | 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, September 15 | 1:30PM

Hosted by Jan Orzeck | 257 15th Street, Apt 204 between 5th and 6th Avenues

Bring a parve potluck dish to share. If anyone would like to host a Shabbat Shmooze in the coming year, please indicate which date(s) you prefer: **November 17, January 19, 2019, February 16** or **March 16**, please email shabbatshmooze@psjc.org, with your preferred date (they occur on the 3rd Shabbat of the month). Members hosting homes needs to be walking distance from PSJC.

Opening Hebrew School Assembly & Picnic for all Families

Sunday, September 16 | 9:30AM

Join us for the opening of the Hebrew School year!

Sukkah Build Part 1 & 2

Sunday, September 16 | 12:30PM

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.

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 aronhalb@gmail.com.

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!

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.



September 14-22, 2018 | 5-13 Tishrei 5779
Parashat Vayelech/Shabbat Shuvah

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 | 7:30PM

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.

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.

Shabbat Morning Services

Saturday, September 29 | 10:00AM

Sunday, September 30

Hoshanah Rabbah Services | 8:00AM

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

Art and Text for 8th Graders and their Parents | 10:00AM -12:00PM

Join Rabbi Carter and artist Aura Shahaf Wolfle to join art and text together.

Community BBQ

Sunday, September 30 | 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 Services

Tuesday, October 2 | 10:00AM

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 Vayelech/Shabbat Shuvah

Triennial: Deuteronomy 31:1-31:30 | Etz Hayim p.1173; Hertz p.887; Plaut p.1546

Haftarah: Hosea 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20; Joel 2:15-27 | Etz Hayim p.1235; Hertz p.891; Plaut p.1634

D'var Torah: Moshe, Israel's Aging Parent

This July I turned 48. Most of my friends are between their late thirties and early 50's; their children are long out of diapers and some of them have begun to move out to go to the army or to college. We are at that age where worries about our children are overshadowed by worries about our parents. This year, this is what is on my mind as I read of Moshe's last days in parshat Vayelech.

There is a *stira*, a contradiction or inconsistency, in the last parshiyot of the Torah, and through three different resolutions of this contradiction, I want to offer three reflections on aging parents. Moshe begins the parsha by acknowledging his old age: "Today I am 120 years old. I can no longer come and go (*Ben meah v'esrim shanah anochi hayom, lo uchal od latzet v'lavo*)" (Deuteronomy 31:2). The commentators are puzzled by his words, "I can no longer come and go." Later, in Deuteronomy 34:7, after his burial, the Torah describes Moshe in a very different way, "Moshe was a hundred and twenty years old when he died; his eyes were undimmed and his vigor unabated." Thus Moshe's own description of himself is not consistent with the description given later. This contradiction requires resolution.

The first resolution is found in a passage in the Talmud (Bavli Sotah 13b): "Rabbi Shmuel bar Nahmani says that Rabbi Yonatan says: 'To go out and come in' with words of Torah. This teaches that the gates of wisdom were closed off to him." In other words, Moshe was physically strong—full of enough vigor to climb Mt. Nevo to get to the place of his own burial—but he was slipping mentally. Moshe Rabbenu, our teacher, could no longer engage in the words of Torah or enter the gates of wisdom. Bodies and minds develop and eventually deteriorate at different rates, and many of us face the difficulties of loved ones with strong bodies and weak minds or weak bodies and strong minds.

The problem with the Talmud's interpretation is that Moshe continues to act with a sound mind up until the very end. He appoints Joshua as his successor, he recites a long poem to the people of Israel and he then gives yet another final exhortation. The Ramban rejects the Talmud's resolution and in place resolves the problem by discounting the veracity of Moshe's words. According to the Rambam, rather than telling the truth, Moshe was comforting the people who did not want to let him go. Moshe still possessed a strong body and mind, and yet he knew that his time had come. To comfort his people, he tells them that he is weak, but that they should not be afraid. They have Joshua and they have God and just as they won victories in the past, so they will win victories in the future. Many of us recognize this scene as well. We fear the future as the older generation passes, and we are comforted knowing that life continues, that we are the "Joshuas" to our parents and that God will be with us as God was with them.

Finally, there may be a difference between the way we remember our parents and the way they actually were when they were alive. Moshe is 120 years old—should we be so surprised that he has aged and that he cannot "come and go" as he used to. The virile young man who murdered the oppressive Egyptian taskmaster (bare-chested Charlton Heston) has aged (Heston with long beard). But when the Torah wants to remember him, it encourages us to remember him as a powerful man who stood up to Pharaoh and led Israel out of slavery. But this is not easy, and I'm sure that Moshe with the long white beard comes most easily to our mind. When we remember our parents, we need to try, as hard as it may be, to remember them in the years of their vigor, when they carried us on their shoulders, when they threw us in the swimming pool, and when they stayed up all night helping us to fall asleep. After all, for all of us at some point, this is all we will have—memories.

Wishing all of you and all of your parents a year of health and happiness. *Gemar chatimah tovah* and *Shabbat Shalom!*

This weekly commentary on the Torah portion is by **Dr. Josh 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>.

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.