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April 26-May 4, 2019 | 21 – 29 Nissan 5779
Shabbat Pesach

Friday, April 26 21 Nissan				Shabbat Pesach Saturday, April 27 22 Nissan		
Passover Day 7 Service 10:00AM Kabbalat Shabbat with Charlie Urich 6:30PM Candle Lighting 7:21PM PSJC Office Closed				Passover Day 8 Service includes Yizkor 10:00AM Advanced Talmud 1:30PM Candle Lighting Ends 8:32PM		
Sunday April 28 23 Nissan	Monday April 29 24 Nissan	Tuesday April 30 25 Nissan	Wednesday May 1 26 Nissan	Thursday May 2 27 Nissan	Friday May 3 28 Nissan	Saturday May 4 29 Nissan
Volunteer at the Bushwick City Farm with Repair the World 1:00PM		Hebrew School 4:00PM Board Meeting 7:15PM	Morning Minyan 7:15AM Hebrew School 4:00PM Communal Yom Hashoah 7:00PM		PAI - Walking Group 9:30AM Lev Tahor welcomes Artist In Residence Eleanor Epstein 6:30PM Candle Lighting 7:36PM	<i>Shabbat HaChodesh Parashat Acharei Mot</i> Shacharit 10:00AM Jr. Congregation 11:00AM Tot Shabbat/Mini Minyan 11:15AM
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***RSVP today* Artist in Residence: Eleanor Epstein | May 3-4**

Tunes That Speak and Words That Sing: Reclaiming the Poetry of the Jewish People

Make this Friday night a special Shabbat of joyous singing with Lev Tahor followed by a sponsored catered **Shabbat Dinner** (meat, with vegetarian options) then reflect on text and music with Eleanor. **Saturday morning** services will include a **D'var Torah by Eleanor**.

At the end of Shabbat, we will explore the music and text used to usher out the Shabbat.

RSVP today for the catered Shabbat Dinner www.tinyurl.com/air2019, **deadline Tuesday, April 30.**



HaMakom Yenachem

Our condolences go to:

Marty Moskowitz and family on the death of his great aunt, **Frances Rosenfeld**, z"l.

Ruth Steinberg and family on the death of her father, **Jerome Steinberg**, z"l.

Sue Harris and family on the death of her mother, **Frances Harris**, z"l.

Neil Jaffee and family on the death of his wife, **Laura Warshawsky**, z"l.

Yahrzeits observed 22-28 Nissan:

Aida Kozuch Michalowitz, grandmother of Diana Duchowny; **Doris Powlen**, mother of Noah Powlen; **Greta Levine Tedoff**, Mother of Julie Weintraub; **Harriet Radwell**, mother of Steven Radwell; **Helen Goosay**, aunt of Myron Levine and aunt of Gavrielle Levine; **Isidore Birnbaum**, father of David Birnbaum; **Jack Bursack**, uncle of Michael Snyder; **Jacob Temkin Duchowny**, grandfather of Diana Duchowny; **Jean Ellen Anderson**, mother of Richard Anderson; **Jerry Nussbaum**, father of Debra Nussbaum Cohen; **Joel Sheber**, brother of Iris Sheber; **Linda Livni**, Aunt of Julie Weintraub; **Oscar Finger**, grandfather of Deborah Gordon; **Thelma Brown**, mother of Sally Brown.
May their memories be for a blessing.



Passover is here...Passover Observances 5779

Join us for services throughout Yom Tov! All you might want to know about Passover at PSJC is in our guide. Just a reminder no outside food is allowed in the building until April 29 - unless authorized by Rabbi Carter.

Services for Passover begin | 10:00AM on the following days:

Friday, April 26 (Day 7), Saturday, April 27 (Day 8 includes Yizkor)

Note: Passover Ends on Saturday night, April 27 | 8:24PM.

Got piles of plastic shopping bags from Pesach shopping?

Bring them to PSJC! Over the coming months our Knitting Group will transform those bags into plarn (a portmanteau combining plastic+yarn) and a Manhattan church will knit the plarn into portable mattresses for the homeless. (It's our MLK, Jr. Day of Service Project, too). A bin will be set up in the back of the shul. If you have any questions, email Marjorie: marjorie.rothenberg@gmail.com.

For more information on Passover visit www.psjc.org/pesach-at-psjc.html#

Advanced Talmud

Saturday, April 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.

Volunteer at the Bushwick City Farm with Repair the World

Sunday, April 28 | 1:00PM - 354 Stockton Street

Are you a family of a 6th-8th grader who is looking to end their April break volunteering in their Brooklyn community? We are partnering with Repair the World and volunteering at the Bushwick City Farm. *Please RSVP:* <https://tinyurl.com/BushwickCityFarm042819>

Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 30 | 7:15PM

PSJC Board meetings are open to members in good standing.

Friday, May 10

Stoop Shabbat | 3:30PM

Kabbalat Shabbat with Cornelia Dalton | 6:30PM

Help us thank Cornelia for a wonderful year at PSJC on her final Shabbat as our Rabbinic intern.

PAI: Preventing Consumer Fraud

Thursday, May 16 | 7:00PM

Kabbalat Shabbat with Judy Ribnick

Friday, May 17 | 6:30PM

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 hevradkadisha@psjc.org

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

Communal Yom Ha Shoah Observance

Wednesday, May 1 | 7:00PM - Kane Street Synagogue

Come together as a Brooklyn community to observe Yom Ha Shoah to remember who died in the holocaust and to honor those who survived.

Brooklyn Celebrates Israel's Remarkable Diversity with a focus on the Moroccan Jewish Community in Israel

Sunday, May 5 | 10:30AM - Kane Street Synagogue

Join us for HAGIGA! With fun for families and children of all ages (food, art, dance, music, games and more).

Don't forget to sign up for special programs for adults: Moroccan Jewish Cooking with Dilka Ben Lulu and Mizrachi Music workshop with Sam Thomases of ASEFA. To top off the day celebrate with a live concert of Moroccan Jewish Music with ASEFA! RSVP: <https://www.psjc.org/event/hagiga-communal-celebration.html#>

Yom Hazikaron Ceremony

Tuesday, May 7 | 7:00PM | Union Temple

Join us as we observe Israel's Memorial Day together as a Brooklyn community. Contact rabbicarie@psjc.org for questions or to let us know you are coming.

Brooklyn Celebrates Israel and Yom HaAtzmaut with Nava Tehila

Wednesday, May 8 | 6:30PM

Join your Brooklyn community and the Nava Tehila Band from Jerusalem, for an evening of delight as they invite us to connect to our roots and celebrate independence as a people and as individuals. Through chanting Psalms and prayers with original melodies and guided intentions, we will travel into the landscape of holiness and joy, connect to the spirit and allow it to fill our hearts and uplift our souls. Food and Drink at "the Shuk" | 6:30PM; Doors open for Concert | 7:30PM; Music begins | 8:00PM. This event is made possible through the generosity of UJA-Federation of NY and the efforts of the Brooklyn Shlichut Initiative and its partners in Brooklyn. Buy your tickets now! <https://www.psjc.org/event/hagiga-communal-celebration.html#>



Saturday, May 18

Simcha Shabbat | 10:00AM

Join us as we will acknowledge our members who are celebrating their May 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 Marjorie, Joel and Sam Rothenberg

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.

PSJC goes to the Cyclones

Sunday, June 23 | 4:00PM **Deadline Monday, June 5**

Brooklyn Cyclones vs Staten Island Yankees. Tickets are \$15.00 each, and an additional donation to would be appreciated. Buy tickets now! Visit: <http://www.psjc.org/event/bklyn-cyclones.html>



Passover

Torah: Exodus 13:17-15:26 | Etz Hayim p. 399; Hertz p. 265

Maftir: Numbers 28:19-25 | Etz Hayim p. 932; Hertz p. 697

Haftarah: 2 Samuel 22:1-51 | Etz Hayim p. 1310; Hertz p. 1017

D'var Torah: The Parashah Eclipse

This Shabbat, synagogues in Israel and those in the Diaspora will part company, as far as the Torah readings are concerned. This is because in Israel Pesach ends on Friday, and thus on Shabbat we will read *Aharei Mot* from the regular Torah cycle. But in the Diaspora Shabbat is *Yom Tov Shenit shel Galuyot*, the second day of *Shevi'i shel Pesach*, so the Torah reading there will be for Hag (Festival), Deut. 14:22-16:17. The regular readings will resume with *Aharei Mot* next week, May 7, when in Israel, we'll already be reading Parashat Kedoshim. Indeed Israel will continue to be a week ahead until all meet again on August 6, when Diaspora synagogues will catch up by combining two *sidras* (readings), Matot and Masei.

Gaps in the Torah readings are fairly common, in fact in most years, but they are usually shorter, namely six weeks. This happens in two cases. The first is when Shavuot falls on a Friday, which means that the next day (Shabbat) is a regular day in Israel but still Yom Tov in the Diaspora, and we rejoin six weeks later when Hukat and Balak are combined in the Diaspora. The goal here is to enable all to read Parashat Ve'etchanan right after Tisha b'Av, as prescribed by Maimonides.

The other six-week gap comes in a regular, twelve-month, year when the 8th day of Pesach (in the Diaspora only, of course) falls on Shabbat, and we come together when Behar and Behukotai are combined in the Diaspora, so that all will be reading Bamidbar before Shavuot. This is based on a ruling in the Talmud (Megilla 31b) that we read the Curses of Behukotai (Lev. 26) **before** Shavuot and those of Ki Tavo (Deut. 28) **before** Rosh Hashana, so we enter the New Year "with the bad things behind us." (Shavuot is also considered a New Year for this purpose, Mishna Rosh Hashana 1:2). Tosafot said we should add another Shabbat as a "buffer" between the portions with the Curses and those holidays, and that has been adopted, which is why Bamidbar generally precedes Shavuot and Nitzavim (or Nitzavim/Vayelech) precedes Rosh Hashana.

But in a leap year (13 months, with a second month of Adar) in which Pesach ends on Friday in Israel and on Shabbat elsewhere, **as the current year**, the gap runs 15 weeks, right up till a week before Shabbat Devarim before 9th Av. This year is notable also because in Israel at least, it has 53 Shabbats available for regular Torah readings, the most that can happen and so there are no combined readings here this year (the 54th parashah, VeZot HaBracha, is read on Simchat Torah, never as a regular Shabbat reading). The extra Shabbats from the "leap" month mean that Naso is read in Israel before Shavuot, while the Diaspora that Shabbat reads Bamidbar, as Tosafot prescribed. It is not clear why the Diaspora does not rejoin the Israeli cycle three weeks earlier by combining Hukat and Balak, as happens in non-leap years with Pesach over on Friday (or Shabbat), but such has been the custom for centuries.

This weekly commentary on the Torah portion is by **Rabbi Daniel Goldfarb**, who served as *CY Director* from 2000-2013 "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.

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.