



PARK SLOPE JEWISH CENTER

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

Friday, April 19 14 Nissan				Shabbat Pesach Saturday, April 20 15 Nissan		
No Kabbalat Shabbat Service Candle Lighting 7:21PM PSJC Office Closed				Passover Day 1 Service includes Yizkor 10:00AM Candle Lighting Ends 8:32PM		
Sunday April 21 16 Nissan	Monday April 22 17 Nissan	Tuesday April 23 18 Nissan	Wednesday April 24 19 Nissan	Thursday April 25 20 Nissan	Friday April 26 21 Nissan	Saturday April 27 22 Nissan
Passover Day 2 Service 10:00AM Candle Lighting 8:25PM	Passover Day 3	Passover Day 4	Passover Day 5 Hol Hamoed Pesach Minyan	Passover Day 6	Passover Day 7 Service 10:00AM Kabbalat Shabbat with Charlie Urich 6:30PM Candle Lighting 7:21PM PSJC Office Closed	<i>Parashat Yizkor</i> Passover Day 8 Service includes Yizkor 10:00AM Advanced Talmud 1:30PM Candle Lighting Ends 8:32PM
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HaMakom Yenachem

Our condolences go to:

Marty Moskowitz and family on the death of his 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 15-21 Nissan:

Abraham Abramson, uncle of Steve Elworth; **Dave Ruben**, grandfather of Harolyn Cohen; **Ed Moch**, father of Yehudit Moch; **Edward Ettlinger**, father of M. Allan Ettlinger; **Embree Potts**, father of Tori Rosen; **Frank Urban**, observed by the PSJC community; **Gerald Green**, father of Gail Green-Anderson; **Irving Mandel**, grandfather of Jenna Mandel-Ricci; **Jack Chernick**, father of Howard Chernick; **Leo Gorenstein**, stepfather of Carrie Sadovnik; **Leontine Friedman**, grandmother of Naomi Schrag; **Martha Kamen**, mother of Julia Kamen Birnbaum; **Paul Rothman**, husband of Kalinka Moudrova-Rothman and father of Benjamin Rothman; **Robert Rosenblum**, father of Michele Siegel; **Sophie Gitlin Berliner**, mother of Sophie Weber; **Suzanne Schepps**, mother of Richard Lefkowitz; **Yaakov Ulman**, father of Abraham Ulman. *May their memories be for a blessing.*

***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, 117 Sterling Place, Apt 3. RSVP today for the catered Shabbat Dinner www.tinyurl.com/air2019, **deadline Monday, April 29, noon.**



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



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.

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 Mizrahi Music workshop with Sam Thomas 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.

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



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“Save-the-Date: PSJC Spring Benefit”

When you open the email, the artwork should appear in the body of the message, not as an attachment. Below the image, we might want one line like, “We hope you will join us on May 23rd for a community Lag B’Omer celebration and our big spring fundraiser. More information soon!”

Brooklyn Celebrates Israel and Yom HaAtzmaut with Nava Tehila

Wednesday, May 8, Shuk | 6:30PM; Concert | 8:00PM

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 begins | 7:45PM. 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#>

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

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 \$18.00 each, and an additional donation to would be appreciated. Buy tickets now! Visit: <http://www.psjc.org/event/bklyn-cyclones.html>

HIAS-Brownstone Brooklyn Project to Support Refugee Family - How you can help

As a HIAS host organization, we have pledged to support a refugee family. We are all working to find housing, vocational training, employment and childcare for a young couple from Chad and their infant son, and provide them with financial counseling. If you are in a position to assist this lovely family in any way, please email lmcover@gmail.com or for more information visit <https://www.psjc.org/rodfeitzedek.html>.



Pesach

Torah: Exodus 12:21-51 | Etz Hayim p. 385; Hertz p. 257

Maftir: Numbers 28:16-25 | Etz Hayim p. 931; Hertz p. 695

Haftarah: Yehoshua 3:5-7, 5:2-6:1, 6:27 | Etz Hayim p. 1299; Hertz p. 1009

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. Roughly 20 years ago, I began to teach and study the origins of the Seder and Haggadah. I was a young, enthusiastic teacher at the Conservative Yeshiva, and every year as soon as Purim was over, I would begin to teach the tenth chapter of Pesachim, the chapter that contains the earliest description of the Seder and Haggadah. As we drew close to Pesach, my students would ask me to write these teachings down, and over the course of the years, I did so, every year writing furiously starting with Purim and finishing a few weeks after Pesach, when the memories of what I had been teaching began to fade. Eventually, with the help of a few students (thanks Rabbi Julia Andelman) I printed these lessons up, bound them with a spiral binding, and gave them to whichever students were interested. I found a cover picture of a hare hunting scene that reminded me of my German-born grandmother, the matriarch at my childhood seder. Hare hunting scenes, “jagen has” in German, appear in German haggadot on the page of the Kiddush as a reminder of the mnemonic “yaknehaz” the order of the blessings when Pesach falls on Saturday night (*yayin, Kiddush, ner, Havdalah, zeman*). Eventually, this commentary came to the attention of Rabbi David Golinkin, and within a few years we published together *The Schechter Haggadah: Art, History and Commentary*.

This story, has now become part of my own Pesach story, a tale I tell when teaching about the Haggadah all across the United States. It is meaningful to me on many levels. First of all, it reminds me of several of the most important people in my life. My students, with whom throughout the course of a year I come to feel very close, and with whom I often form lifelong friendships and bonds (as evidenced by the many I drink a beer with whenever I'm abroad). And it reminds me of my grandmother, who wisely chose to leave Frankfurt, Germany in 1933, without her parents, and eventually made her way to the United States, where she raised my father, who provided me with my love of Jewish ritual. The story also reminds me of my own journey as a scholar, from someone who grew up in a world relatively void of Jewish learning, to someone who discovered a deep passion for learning somewhere in the middle of his life, and finally to the person I've become over the past two decades, one who believes deeply in the mission of bringing Jewish scholarship to a broad audience. Pesach is the richest of holidays because human beings are storytellers. The Haggadah coalesced around the story of the Exodus from Egypt, and it is the fundamental mitzvah of Pesach. But it is also a rich opportunity to trace our observances and customs in order to remind ourselves where Jews have moved over the centuries: from the land of Israel, where reclining was normal banquet behavior, to Europe where it was not. From Babylonia, where lettuce was eaten as marmor, to Europe, where it was not available this early in the season. From the crowded shtetls of Poland and Eastern Europe, to the riches of New York where Jews began to observe communal seders. From Europe where we said only, “מילשוריב האבה הנשל” to the renewed state of Israel where we have the merit of saying, “היונבה מילשוריב האבה הנשל.” The seder is where the family gathers together and talks about seders past, who is new to the table (through birth, marriage or new friendship) and who is no longer around. It is where we form our identities as families and as communities of Jews, remembering the past, and talking about our hopes for the future. So when you get to your seder table this year, ask yourself what story are you telling? Where have you been? What journeys have you undergone? And what stories do you want to tell in the future? Telling these stories, along with the one written down in the Haggadah itself, is what this holiday is all about.

This weekly commentary on the Torah portion is by **Dr. Joshua Kulp**, who served as *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. **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.