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March 23-31, 2018 | 7-15 Nissan 5778  
Shabbat Hagadol Parashat Tzav

Friday, March 23   7 Nissan				Shabbat Hagadol Parashat Tzav Saturday, March 24   8 Nissan		
Candle Lighting   6:46PM Kabbalat Shabbat with <b>Alan Palmer</b>   6:30PM				Havurat Shabbat   9:30AM Parashat Hashavua   9:30AM Shacharit   10:00AM <b>Gabrielle Mollin Bat Mitzvah</b> <b>Roslyn Nanes Baby Naming</b> Tot Shabbat/Mini Minyan   11:15AM Jr. Congregation   11:15AM Advanced Talmud   1:30PM Niggun Share   6:45PM		
Sunday March 25 9 Nissan	Monday March 26 10 Nissan	Tuesday March 27 11 Nissan	Wednesday March 28 12 Nissan	Thursday March 29 13 Nissan	Friday March 30 14 Nissan	Saturday March 31 15 Nissan
Hebrew School 9:30AM  Passover Songs & Nosh with Abe 10:00AM	An Exploration of the Talmud through the Jewish Year 12:00PM	Hebrew School 4:00PM  Board Meeting 7:15PM	Morning Minyan 7:15AM  Hebrew School 4:00PM  Gesher 6:15PM		1st Seder  Services for Siyyum and Hametz Burning 7:00AM  Candle Lighting 7:00PM  No Kabbalat Shabbat Services	1st Day of Pesach 2nd Seder  Shabbat Pesach Services 10:00AM
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**Mazal Tov!**

To **Gabrielle, Stephanie, Daniel and Margot** on Gabrielle's Bat Mitzvah this Shabbat!  
To **Stefanie Nanes** and family on Roslyn's Baby Naming this Shabbat!

**Todah Rabbah**

To **Stephanie Hochman** and **Daniel Mollin** for contributing to the Kiddush Fund this Shabbat in honor of Gabrielle's Bat Mitzvah this Shabbat.  
To **Stefanie Nanes** for contributing to the Kiddush Fund this Shabbat in honor of Roslyn's Baby Naming.  
To **Loretta Lurie** for hosting the Shabbat Shmooze last Shabbat.

**"AN EVENING IN MARGARITAVILLE" ~ SIGN UP TODAY! PSJC Auction & Tropical Party**

Saturday, April 14 | 8:15PM

Slip on your flip flops, pop on your aloha shirt and join us for some tropical fun! Delicious margaritas & sangria, yummy desserts & live music, plus exciting live & silent auctions to benefit PSJC! Supervised kiddie fun available nearby--at Hootenanny play space! Sign up at: [www.psjc.org/form/auction-sponsor-registration-.html](http://www.psjc.org/form/auction-sponsor-registration-.html) for sponsorship, tickets, childcare and/or dessert raffle tickets. Contact us at [auction@psjc.org](mailto:auction@psjc.org) to help with the event. Want to advertise or donate an auction item? Visit: [psjc.org/evening-in-margaritaville](http://psjc.org/evening-in-margaritaville). Hope to see you there. Should be a blast!

**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](mailto:gmach@psjc.org) or [hevrakadisha@psjc.org](mailto:hevrakadisha@psjc.org).

**Got announcements?** Email by Monday 5:00PM ([office@psjc.org](mailto:office@psjc.org))



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### **HaMakom Yenachem**

Our condolences go to:

**Bunny Buxbaum** and her daughter, **Audrey Buxbaum** and family on the death of their sister & aunt, **Sharlene Harris**, z"l.

**Michelle Krochmal** and family on the death of her father, **Frederick Krochmal**, z"l.

**Susan Karwoska** and family on the death of her father, **Robert Karwoska**, z"l.

**Todd Krichmar** and family on the death of his father **Seymour Krichmar**, z"l.

### **Yahrzeits observed 8-14 Nissan:**

**Bernard Philip Lampert**, father of Betsy Minkin; **David Urich**, father of Charles Urich; **Debra Feinstein**, cousin of Roberta Moskowitz; **Florence Arons**, mother of Lenore Arons; **Freda Newcombe**, sister of Brian Newcombe; **Irwin Seigel**, father of Simeon Seigel; **May Barth**, mother of Rabbi Sami Barth; **Norman Jonas**, friend of Fran Hawthorne; **Rachel Klein**, aunt of Tova Klein; **Ruth Schuman**, mother of Adine Schuman Pusey; **Sophia Zinn**, mother of Karen Louise Heau; **Sophie Gitlin Berliner**, mother of Sophie Weber. *May their memories be for a blessing.*

### **Parashat Hashavua**

Saturday, March 24 | 9:30AM

Get a brief taste of the week's Torah portion with our Rabbinic Intern, Leora Kling Perkins.

### **Advanced Talmud**

Saturday, March 24 | 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.

### **Niggun Share**

Saturday, March 24 | 6:45PM

Come savor the last hour of Shabbat by singing melodies, old and new, with PSJC Rabbinic Intern Leora Kling Perkins. We will conclude with havdallah. Snacks will be served.

### **The Rabbi Who Killed His Purim Guest: An Exploration of the Talmud through the Jewish Year**

Monday, March 26, April 9, 16, 23 and 30 | 12:00PM

Join Leora Kling Perkins, as we follow the Jewish year by reading selections of the Talmud related to Jewish holidays. We'll learn about who the rabbis were and what they were doing when they created the Talmud.

### **Board Meeting**

Tuesday, March 27 | 7:15PM

PSJC Board meetings are open to members in good standing.

### **Siyyum for First Borns**

Friday, March 30 | 7:00AM-9:00AM

Services for Siyyum for first borns and hametz burning.

### **Pesach Services**

Saturday, March 31 | 10:00AM - Day 1

Sunday, April 1 | 10:00AM - Day 2

Wednesday, April 4 | 7:00AM

Friday, April 6 | 10:00AM - Day 7

Saturday, April 7 | 10:00AM - Day 8

**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.



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**Book club: *The Man Who Never Stopped Sleeping* (האיִשׁ שלא פסק לישון)**

Saturday, April 7 | 1:30PM

Join us on the Shabbat before Yom Ha Shoah and a week and a half before Israel's Memorial and Independence Days, when we will discuss the late Aharon Appelfeld's semi-autobiographical novel ***The Man Who Never Stopped Sleeping*** (האיִשׁ שלא פסק לישון).

**Mimuna**

Sunday, April 8 | 4:00PM

Our first Post-Passover Moroccan Jewish Celebration! Eat, sing, dance and enjoy! Cook delicious Moroccan pastries. Dance to Moroccan music. Crafts, cooking and fun for kids. For more information or to RSVP, please contact [rabbicarie@psjc.org](mailto:rabbicarie@psjc.org).

**PSJC Knitters**

Monday, April 9 | 7:30PM

For more information contact [marjorie.rothenberg@gmail.com](mailto:marjorie.rothenberg@gmail.com).

**Sing, Shmooze and Play at Lev Tahor**

Friday, April 13 | 6:30PM

Lev Tahor, PSJC's all-sung, lay-led Kabbalat Shabbat, welcomes friends familiar and new! This April 13, an annual favorite: Game Night!! Bring your board games and a dairy/pareve dish to share at a Lev Tahor that's particularly family-friendly (Apples to Apples, anyone?). Thanks in advance for avoiding electronics and mechanics that aren't Shabbos-appropriate. RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/LevTahor-Apr13-18> for dinner and services so our wonderful staff can set up for a song- and game-filled night at PSJC.

**Mishneh Torah - Laws of Teshuvah**

Saturday, April 14 | 1:20PM

When it was written in the 12th Century, Maimonides' Mishneh Torah changed the landscape of Rabbinic literature, and has since served as one of the great authoritative codes of Jewish Law. This is a monthly study session with Rabbi Carter, please email [rabbicarie@psjc.org](mailto:rabbicarie@psjc.org) for information about this study group.

**Communal Yom Ha Shoah**

Wednesday, April 11 | 7:00PM | Brooklyn Heights Synagogue - 131 Remsen Street

Join us for the Brownstone Brooklyn Holocaust Remembrance Day Service. A Contemporary *Yom Ha Shoah* Evening Service & *Musical Reflections on Loss and Hope*.

**Yom Hazikaron Ceremony**

Tuesday, April 17 | 7:00PM | PSJC

Join us as we observe Israel's Memorial Day together as a community.

**Shuk Machaneh Yehudah – Yom HaAtzmaut Communal Celebration**

Wednesday, April 18 | 6:30PM | Kane Street Synagogue - 236 Kane Street

**Yom Israel**

Sunday, April 22 | 10:00AM | Hannah Senesh Community Day School – 342 Smith Street

A festival for the whole family tour Israel, see live performances, enjoy great food and help us celebrate Israel as a community.

**Hadag Nahash in Concert**

Wednesday, May 2 | 8:00PM | For ticket information and more visit our website during Passover.

**To request an Aliyah or other honor**, email Rabbi Carter a week in advance ([rabbicarie@psjc.org](mailto: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](mailto:ira.drucker@psjc.org).

## Shabbat Hagadol Parashat Tzav

Triennial: Leviticus 7:11-7:38 | Etz Hayim p.617; Hertz p.432; Plaut p.785

Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-24, 23 | Etz Hayim p.1295; Hertz p.1005; Plaut p.1654

### D'var Torah: Language of Sacrifice

In a Jewish movement that has removed prayers for the reinstatement of korbanot (sacrifices), these last two parshiot are challenging. But properly understood, korbanot can give us insight into the human experience. This week's parasha, Tzav, describes the same korbanot as last week's parasha, VaYikra. But due to its focus on the kohanim, it lists the korbanot in order of their holiness, as expressed in how much of the korban is consumed, and by whom:

- **Olah / Burnt Offering** (ox, sheep, goat, dove, or pigeon - entirely burned on the altar)
- **Minchah / Gift Offering** (grain - part burned on the altar and part eaten by the kohen)
- **Chatat / Sin Offering** (ox, sheep, goat, dove, pigeon, or grain - part burned on the altar, part eaten by the kohen, and part destroyed)
- **Asham / Guilt Offering** (same as Chatat)
- **Shlamim / Well-Being Offering** (ox, sheep, goat - part burned on the altar, part eaten by the kohen, and most eaten by the owner)

One might think that this menu of sacrifices originates with the Book of Leviticus, but in fact there are references to Olah, Minchah and Shlamim (often called Zevach) throughout Genesis and Exodus. Although not referred to by the term korbanot until Leviticus, these three offerings were made by Israelites and non-Israelites alike long before the Torah was given. In other words, Olah, Minchah, and Shlamim are just an earlier (and arguably more primitive) symbolic language for certain timeless and universal human-spiritual feelings. By considering both their specific characteristics, and the stories in which they appear, we can understand what each one seeks to express. The Olah - fully consumed on the altar - acknowledges our fundamental imperfection and lack of standing: that if God's judgement was not tempered with mercy, or held in check by covenant, or if God did not find us pleasing, we would not, and should not, exist. When Noah makes such an offering after exiting the Ark, he is acknowledging that though he may have been the most righteous in his generation, he still has the same flawed nature that prompted God to destroy the world. And when God commands Avraham to offer up Yitzhak as an Olah, it is to emphasize that sparing "the righteous" was more about God's choice to be merciful than the strength of Avraham's argument.

The Minchah is similar, but without the same degree of self-negation Yaakov sends a Minchah to Esau to dissuade him from seeking vengeance. And years later, Yaakov and his sons send one to Yosef in the hope that he will spare Binyamin. A Minchah is therefore less an act of surrender, and more a way to curry favor with a more powerful, and potentially angry party. But whereas the Olah and Minchah come from a place of yirah (fear/awe), Zevach/Shlamim is rooted in ahava (love). It is a recognition of the wholeness and well-being that comes from being in relationship. One makes an offering, but much of it is returned to the owner to enjoy and share with others. Thus Yaakov does a zevach with Lavan, essentially saying: "I took advantage of you, but you took advantage of me. Let's acknowledge that we benefit each other." This brings us to Har Sinai. In Exodus 24:5, as part of the Naaseh V'Nishma ceremony of accepting the covenant with God, Moshe and Bnei Yisrael offer up **both** Olot and Zevachim. And Yitro, when he comes to Moses after Har Sinai, also offers both! They grasp the powerful dichotomy of the Sinai experience: that the power and fury of that moment produced **not only** a recognition of our nothingness vis-a-vis God, **but also** the empowering dignity of being in covenant with a God who wants us as partners. In life, all of us move between these two extremes - the sense that our existence means nothing, and the sense that it is deeply important. It is our blessing as Jews to have inherited a tradition that provides us with the symbolic language we need to grasp this, wrestle with it, and find the meaning within it.

This weekly commentary on the Torah portion is by **Rabbi Andy Shapiro Katz**, Director of North American Engagement from the "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.