



PARK SLOPE JEWISH CENTER

October 21-28, 2016 | 19-26 Tishrei, 5777
Shabbat Hol Hamoed Sukkot

Friday, October 21 19 Tishrei				Shabbat Hol Hamoed Sukkot Saturday, October 22 20 Tishrei		
Candle Lighting 5:48PM Kabbalat Shabbat with Andrés Spokoiny 6:30PM Rodfei Tzedek Shabbat Sukkot Services and Dinner				Shacharit 10:00AM Bar Mitzvah of Dan Spokoiny Mini Minyan Tot Shabbat JC 11:15AM Sukkah Hop after Services 1:30PM		
Sunday October 23 21 Tishrei	Monday October 24 22 Tishrei	Tuesday October 25 23 Tishrei	Wednesday October 26 24 Tishrei	Thursday October 27 25 Tishrei	Friday October 28 26 Tishrei	Saturday October 29 27 Tishrei
Hoshanah Rabbah Services 8:00AM Hebrew School 9:30AM	Shemini Atzeret Services 10:00AM Simchat Torah Services 6:30PM	Simchat Torah 10:00AM Hatán Torah Matthew Eilenberg Kallat Bereshit Helene Santo	Minyan 7:15AM Hebrew School 4:00PM		PJ Library Music Class: It's Friday! 10:30AM <i>Candle Lighting</i> 5:38PM Kabbalat Shabbat Kulanu 6:30PM	Shabbat <i>Bereshit</i> Parashat Hashavua 9:30AM Shacharit 10:00AM Bat Mitzvah of Frayda Lieber Learners Minyan 10:45AM Mini Minyan Tot Shabbat JC 11:15AM Judaism & Art with Rina 1:00PM
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, PSJC's Rabbi (rabbicarie@psjc.org) Ellen Brickman, President (president@psjc.org) Sarah Guthartz, Executive Director (executive.director@psjc.org) Aileen Heiman, Director of Youth Education & Family Programming (Aileen.Heiman@psjc.org) For questions about Accessibility (inclusion@psjc.org)		

Mazal Tov! To **Dan, Erica Mirochnik, Andrés** and **Gabriel Spokoiny** on **Dan's** Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat!

Todah Rabbah

To **Erica Mirochnik** and **Andrés Spokoiny** for sponsoring Kiddush this Shabbat in honor of **Dan's** Bat Mitzvah.

HaMakom Yenachem:

Our condolences to **Susana Honig** and her family on the death of her father, **Herman Epelbaum**, z"l.

Our condolences to **Tori Rosen** and her family on the death of her sister, **Maggie Potts**, z"l.

Yahrzeits: 20-26 Tishrei:

Benjamin Einhorn, husband of Torrene Einhorn; **Edwin L. Weisl, Jr.**, father of Angela Weisl; **Faygel Kahanowitch**, grandmother of Alan Palmer; **Goodman Rubin**, grandfather of Harolyn Cohen; **Jack Bannett**, grandfather of Miriam Fleischmann; **Joan (Smith) Kaufman**, mother of Mark Schwartz; **Muriel Brodziak Brooks**, mother of Fredrica Brooks; **Norman Minkin**, father of Rabbi Joshua Minkin; **Paul Brooks**, father of Fredrica Brooks; **Ruth Carol Harlow Berman**, mother of Jean Berman. *May their memories be for a blessing.*

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

Got announcements? Email by Monday 5:00PM (office@PSJC.org)



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Sukkah Hop after Services

Saturday, October 22 | 1:30PM

Visit five sukkot in Park Slope and Windsor Terrace for great conversation, food, and a little bit of learning about the beautiful holiday of Sukkot. A fun way to meet people, tour the neighborhood's great temporary architectural wonders, and fulfill the mitzvah of dwelling in a sukkah. We will meet after Shabbat services and walk to the sukkot together. For more information see attached.

Hoshanah Rabbah Services

Sunday, October 23 | 8:00AM

Shemini Atzeret Services

Monday, October 24 | 10:00AM

Simchat Torah Services

Monday, October 24 | 6:30PM | PSJC then to Grand Army Plaza

We begin at PSJC, then around 8:30PM we will walk together to Grand Army Plaza to join Jews all over Brooklyn in rejoicing, singing, and dancing with our sacred scrolls as we go back to the beginning!

Tuesday, October 25 | 10:00AM

The fun and celebration continues. Help us honor our Hatan Torah and Kallat Bereshit: Matthew Eilenberg and Helene Santo as we start the Torah anew!

PJ Library Class: It's Friday!

Friday, October 28, November 4, 11 and 18 | 10:30AM | \$12 per class

It's Friday! is a series of classes for children 3 and under and their caregivers. Join PSJC Tot Shabbat Leader, Abe, for hands on exploration of Shabbat and holidays. Visit www.psjc.org/event/its-friday.html for more information.

Kabbalat Shabbat Kulanu

Friday, October 28 | 6:30PM

Join us for a musical Shabbat celebration for all ages! Services begin in the sanctuary with Abe and Aileen. Then we'll head downstairs for a communal dinner. Everyone is welcome! We are especially encouraging students in Shorashim, Gan, Aleph, and Bet to join us this month so that you can connect with your classmates! Main Entrees will be provided. **Please bring a substantial salad/veggie side or desert to share.** If you have specific food allergies or needs, please make sure you bring something you can eat, as we are unable to take special food requests for this meal. RSVPs are not required, but are strongly encouraged via the (<https://www.psjc.org/form/kabbalat-shabbat-kulanu.html>)

Parashat Hashavua

Saturday, October 29 | 9:30AM

Get a brief taste of the week's Torah portion with our Rabbinic Intern, Rina Bergman. It's a great lead in to the Shabbat morning services.

Learner's Minyan

Saturday, October 29 | 10:45AM

Exploring the hows and whys of prayer, this is a class for adults who want to know more about the Shabbat morning service, with Rina Bergman.

Judaism and Art

Saturday, October 29 | 1:00PM

Join our rabbinic intern Rina for the first of a number of sessions throughout the year on the world of Jewish art and the people who make it. The class will explore religious artworks grounded in Jewish texts, modern and contemporary Jewish art, Israeli art and more. For more information, please contact rinabergman@gmail.com.

Bringing Your Can to Shul: The PSJC Food Drive continues with donations expected in the bins around the building. Send any questions to caroldiamond@optonline.com.



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Border Crossers: Conversation About Race Training

Sunday, October 30 | 1:00PM-5:00PM

Please join us for this very special opportunity! Through a grant from the UJA-Federation of NY, we are able to offer this training for FREE.

Border Crossers' mission is to train and empower people to dismantle patterns of racism and injustice in our schools and communities. We are so excited to have PSJC members take part in this very special event. Open to the entire community and including a focus on talking with children, the training will help people gain:

- Tools to address misconceptions about race and reverse unconscious racial bias
- Skills for approaching age-appropriate conversations using a racial equity lens
- Deeper understanding for how children see race

Please RSVP <https://www.psjc.org/form/border-crossers.html>. There will be a potluck dinner after the meeting.

Path of the Mensch RSVP required by November 1, 2016!

November 9 - April 5

The World of Mussar is opening before you and you are invited to enter. Come join in small group study, led by Rabbi Carie Carter, as we embark on a program of study and practice in the Jewish spiritual tradition of Mussar (Jewish Spiritual Ethics). Using Alan Morinis' book, *Everyday Holiness* and a curriculum developed by The Mussar Institute, we will explore what Jewish tradition has to teach us about the traits of humility, gratitude, and patience, among others, and discover how we can improve these qualities in our own lives. In between group sessions, you will meet with your chevruta (study partner). The 10 session course has two sections available: Wednesdays | 1:00PM | Nov 9, 30, Dec 14, Jan 4, 18, Feb 1, 15, Mar 8, 22, Apr 5 and Thursdays | 7:00PM | Nov 17, Dec 1, 15, Jan 5, 19, Feb 2, 16, Mar 2, 16, 30. This program is appropriate for all. Please register here by **November 1, 2016**. Cost: \$90/Members \$100/Non-Members

Lev Tahor: Sing, Shmooze and Learn How Communities Save Lives

Friday, November 4 | 6:30PM

Join PSJC's Lev Tahor, all-sung, lay led Kabbalat Shabbat service, and raise your voice in song and celebration - of one dear member's milestone birthday (details soon!) and the role of JACS, a support group for Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons and Significant Others, in the lives of many in our community. Community life means none of us have to struggle alone; come and learn how JACS makes its vital, life-saving difference. A festive catered meal will follow services; please book ahead for fish or vegetarian options (**November 2 deadline**, \$20/adult; for children, \$1/year of age) at www.psjc.org/forms/levtahornov4

The Plot Against America | PSJC Book Discussion

Saturday, November 5 | 12:30PM (following Services)

The Shabbat before Election Day, we will discuss *The Plot Against America* by Philip Roth, a work of speculative fiction in which Charles Lindbergh runs for president in 1940 as the Republican nominee on an America First isolationist platform and defeats President Roosevelt.

PSJC Etz Chaim Project: Build Our Shul and Our Community

Sunday, November 6 | 1:00PM and Wednesday, November 16 | 7:00PM

PSJC members and friends are invited to join a series of open community conversations this fall to explore how PSJC can **continue to grow**, in number, strength and vigor; **better support** our members and leaders; and develop programs and services to **expand our community's reach**. The meetings will take place at PSJC with additional conversations planned for November and December. Please **make your voice heard** - contact Helen Zelon for details and information.

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; **joining the Hevra Kadisha**, email the coordinators at hevra.kadisha@PSJC.org.



Torah Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot

Exodus 33:12-34:26 and Number 29:26-31

Etz Hayim p.538, Hertz p.362, Plaut p.657

Etz Hayim p.935, Hertz p.696, Plaut p.1214

We will finish our lectionary cycle for the year and start the new one on Simchat Torah. On holidays we step out of the regular triennial cycle and read a Torah section chosen by the rabbis for the particular holiday. This Shabbat during Chol Hamoed Sukkot, we read a section from Exodus that focuses on the relationship between G-d and Moses.

Moses asks in verse 33:18 “*Hareini na et k’vodecha*” – “Please show me your glory.” G-d replies that Moses cannot see G-d’s face because no man can do that and live, but that G-d will show Moses G-d’s back. How can he see G-d’s back? G-d will place him in a cleft in the rock and cover him with G-d’s hand as G-d passes by, so then Moses will see G-d’s back as G-d leaves. The anthropomorphic description is striking. The suggestion is that G-d has a human form (face, back, hand) but that it’s not possible for humans to withstand seeing that form.

This reading includes, in verses 34:6-7, the “Thirteen Attributes of G-d” that are read at the start of the holiday Torah service (except on Shabbat). Those who have tried unsuccessfully to count to 13 during the chanting at the beginning of the Torah service will notice that two attributes have been left out of the liturgy. This week’s reading includes them all, even the two punitive ones. The Exodus portion of the Torah reading goes on to describe the festivals. The *maftir* comes from the book of Numbers and states the specific sacrificial requirements for the fifth and sixth days of Sukkot. (**Dale Rosenberg**)

Haftarah

Ezekiel 38:18- 39:16

Etz Hayim p.1260, Hertz p.979, Plaut p.1640

The *haftarah* comes from the book of Ezekiel, the third of the Major Prophets. The prophets are divided into Major and Minor not by importance but by volume of output. At the time of the canonization of the Hebrew Bible, the work of each of the Major Prophets was considered to be one book. The Minor Prophets all fit onto one scroll and were considered one book.

Ezekiel prophesized during the Babylonian exile and his book of prophesies is a series of visions of an often dream-like quality. In this section he tells of a future war in which Gog, ruler of the land of Magog, will attack Israel. With G-d’s help, Israel will triumph and all the nations of the world will consequently recognize G-d’s sovereignty.

Shabbat Chol Hamoed Pesach also has a *haftarah* from Ezekiel. In that case it is the “dry bones” vision. Hai Gaon, a medieval sage, claimed that the reason we read these particular portions on these holidays is that bodily resurrection of the dead will occur on Pesach and victory over Gog will occur on Sukkot.

(**Dale Rosenberg**)

We Are Moving!

Not really, only our email platform is moving, PSJC will still be strong at 1320 8th Avenue. We will be using ShulCloud for all of our email communications starting around **November 1**. Please be sure you are on our **PSJC News** mailing list to get our weekly emails.

To do this, you can log-in to your ShulCloud account and manage your subscriptions under the My Account tab. Don't have an account? Don't worry, you can add yourself on the front page of our website.

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. **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