



**PARK SLOPE JEWISH CENTER**

June 16-24, 2017 | 22-30 Sivan, 5777  
Shabbat Shelach Lecha

Friday, June 16   22 Sivan				Shabbat Shelach Lecha Saturday, June 17   23 Sivan		
Kabbalat Shabbat with <b>Anna Chapman</b>   7:00PM Candle Lighting   8:12PM				Shabbat Morning Services   10:00AM Shabbat Shmooze   1:30PM		
Sunday June 18 24 Sivan	Monday June 19 25 Sivan	Tuesday June 20 26 Sivan	Wednesday June 21 27 Sivan	Thursday June 22 28 Sivan	Friday June 23 29 Sivan	Saturday June 24 30 Sivan
		Shinshinim Farewell Party   6:00PM Union Temple  World Refugee Day Rally 6:00PM   from 59th Street  Brooklyn Cyclones 7:00PM Gate opens 5:30PM	Morning Minyan 7:15AM	Board Meeting 7:15PM	Stoop Shabbat 4:30PM  Kabbalat Shabbat Kulanu 6:30PM  Candle Lighting 8:13PM	Rosh Chodesh Tammuz  Shabbat <i>Korach</i>  Shacharit   10:00AM
<b>Park Slope Jewish Center</b> 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) Aileen Heiman, Director of Youth Education (aileen.heiman@psjc.org) Marsha Stanley, Administrative Assistant (office@psjc.org) For questions about Accessibility (inclusion@psjc.org)		

**Todah Rabbah**

To **Torrene Einhorn** for contributing to the Friday Evening Kiddush Fund in memory of Torrene's father's yahrzeit, David Schwartz, z"l.

To **Malkie Grozalsky** and **Mindi Wernick** for contributing to the Kiddush Fund in memory of Mindi's mother's yahrzeit, **Ahuva Wernick**, z"l.

**HaMakom Yenachem**

Our condolences go to:

**Carol Diamond** and her family on the death of her friend, **Stuart Winston**, z"l.

**Allen Brafman** and his family on the death of his wife, **Edith Brafman**, z"l.

**Yahrzeits observed 23-29 Sivan:**

**Benjamin Sieradzki**, father of Michael Sarid; **Erwin Herskovits**, father of Steve Herskovits; **Frances Schnur**, grandmother of Elizabeth Schnur and Rosanne Milic; **Jean Thomases**, wife of Matt Thomases; **Joseph Schulkin**, father of Pauline Friedland; **Julius Reiss**, observed by the PSJC community; **Louis Schwartz**, father of Barbara Wollman; **Nettie Hopard**, mother of Stanley Hopard; **Rolla Carrel**, father of Carrie Sadovnik; **Rose Siniawer**, cousin of Myron and Gavrielle Levine; **Susan Nutes**, observed by the PSJC community. *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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### Hebrew School Registration

Register now for the Hebrew School year 2017-2018  
Email [aileen.heiman@psjc.org](mailto:aileen.heiman@psjc.org) for more information.

### Annual Membership Renewal 2017-2018

Renew your membership today! It's easy and can all be done online.

Visit [www.psjc.org](http://www.psjc.org) and log in to your account.

That means we have already begun planning for 5778!

We hope you will join us for another great year at PSJC!

We would love to get to 100% participation. No amount is too big or too small.

Please contact Eli by email [treasurer@psjc.org](mailto:treasurer@psjc.org) if you have to arrange payments or limited income.

### Shabbat Shmooze

Saturday, June 17 | 1:30PM | 177 Windsor Place near 10th Avenue

Hosted by Peter Holmes and Elizabeth Schnur

Shabbat Shmooze is a get-together in the home of a PSJC member. We will walk together over to the Shabbat Shmooze Potluck Lunch after the Kiddush. Bring a parve potluck dish to share. Please contact [shabbatshmooze@psjc.org](mailto:shabbatshmooze@psjc.org) if you would like to host a Shabbat Shmooze.

### Shinshinim Farewell Party

Tuesday, June 20 | 6:00PM | Union Temple - 17 Eastern Parkway

Join us as we celebrate and appreciate the incredible work of our community's Shinshinim! Kosher dinner will be served. RSVP to [noamw@jafi.org](mailto:noamw@jafi.org)

### World Refugee Day Rally

Tuesday, June 20 | 6:00PM-9:30PM | from 59th Street and Fifth Avenue (in Manhattan) to Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (47th and 1st Avenue)

Join our PSJC Rodfei Tzedek, the Brooklyn Synagogue Coalition for Refugees, HIAS, and the City of New York Refugee Coalition for an interfaith rally, march, and Interfaith Iftar celebration to Stop the Refugee Ban, Save Asylum and Defend Temporary Protected Status (TPS).

Event Schedule:

6:00PM: Assemble East 58th-60th Streets & 5th Avenue

6:30PM-7:30PM: March to Trump Tower and on to Dag Hammarskjold Plaza

7:30PM- 8:30PM: Rally across from United Nations

8:30PM- 9:30PM: Interfaith Iftar (breaking of fast for Ramadan)

### PSJC at Brooklyn Cyclones Opening Day with T-Shirt Promo Giveaway!

Tuesday, June 20 | 7:00PM (Gates open at 5:30PM)

PSJC goes to the Cyclones Opening Day opening game. Brooklyn Cyclones vs Staten Island Yankees. We will be sitting behind home plate. It's the Brooklyn Cyclones Opening Day!

### Stoop Shabbat

Friday, June 23 | 4:30PM

Come stop by the stoop for stories, songs, and some ice cream for the summer!

**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).



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### A Back-To-School Ha'Sadnah

August 21-25 | 9:00AM-3:00PM

Ha'Sadnah (Hebrew for "The Workshop") is a boutique children's art program run by designer, Jordyn Jacobs, and artist, Reut Asimini. Ha'Sadnah art programs are designed to spark each child's creativity and to encourage curiosity and a handmade approach. Our winter craft program will focus on textile arts, including sewing, embroidery, and knitting. Registration is required. Please visit: <https://www.psjc.org/event/a-back-to-school-hasadnah.html#>



### Kabbalat Shabbat Kulanu

Friday, June 23 | 6:30PM (\*\*note that we are moving back to earlier time for this week)

Come in your favorite camp t-shirt and get ready to celebrate summer! We'll join together for services with Aileen downstairs at PSJC, followed by dinner and a "campfire" sing-a-long. You provide the vegetable sides and dessert, we'll provide the entree. RSVPs are not required, but are helpful to ensure enough food. Visit here: <https://www.psjc.org/form/kabbalat-shabbat-kulanu.html>.

### Rosh Chodesh Tammuz Minyan

Saturday, June 24 | 10:00AM

Rosh Chodesh will be at Shabbat morning Services. We will not hold morning minyan on Sunday, June 25.

### Advanced Talmud

Saturday, June 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](mailto:aronrhalb@gmail.com)

### Pro bono Legal Training: Lawyers interested in learning how to help asylum seeker seeking protection in our community

Thursday, June 29 | 5:30PM-9:00PM

Please attend this training on the Upper West Side. Sign up here: <http://preview.tinyurl.com/lawyerslegaltraining>

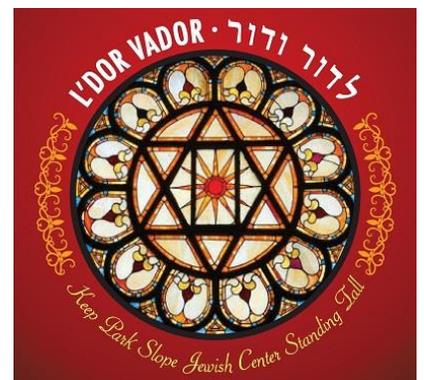
**PSJC Knitters** is on hiatus during July and August and will resume in September. For more information contact [marjorie.rothenberg@gmail.com](mailto:marjorie.rothenberg@gmail.com)

## Please Consider Making Your Contribution Today!

We now call upon all members to join our **\$750,000** capital campaign to provide **immediate repairs** and to ensure that PSJC continues to stand strong well into the 21st century!

Please stand up and generously donate to maintain and preserve our cherished spiritual home for this and future generations.

We are grateful for every donation and pledge!  
Visit <https://www.psjc.org/capitalcampaign>



**PSJC runs on community participation.** If you are interested in: **leading Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv Services**, email [freddie.brooks@psjc.org](mailto:freddie.brooks@psjc.org); **leading Shabbat Morning Services**, email Elizabeth Schnur at [davening@psjc.org](mailto:davening@psjc.org); **chanting Haftarah**, email Alan Palmer at [haftarah@psjc.org](mailto:haftarah@psjc.org); **joining the Hevra Kadisha**, email the coordinators at [hevra.kadisha@psjc.org](mailto:hevra.kadisha@psjc.org). **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).  
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Triennial (Numbers 13:1-14:7): Etz Hayim p. 840; Hertz p. 623  
Haftarah (Joshua 2:1-24): Etz Hayim p. 856; Hertz p. 635

### **It Happened On the Night of Tisha B'Av – Some Literary Archeology**

The Mishna (2nd century) in Ta'anit 4:6 tells that the sin of the spies took place on Tisha B'Av. The Talmud (Ta'anit 29a) makes the calendrical connection, using verses. The discussion ends as follows: And it is written, "And the congregation raised its voice, and wept; and the people wept that night (Num. 14:1)." Rabbah said in the name of R. Johanan: That night was the night of the ninth of Av. The Holy One said to them: "You have wept without cause, therefore I will set [this day] aside for weeping throughout the generations to come."

The ominous tone is expanded upon in the rabbinic Midrash Tanhuma (5th century), which shows the identity of dates (9th Av) of the story of the spies and the destruction of a temple not to be built for several centuries. The Midrash (Tanhuma Parashat Shlah, 12) begins the same as the Talmud statement quoted above, and goes on: And at that moment it was decreed that the Temple will be destroyed and [the people of] Israel will be exiled to among the nations. For so it says: "He raised His hand concerning them that He would fell them in the desert and fell their offspring among the nations and scatter them through the lands (Psalm 106:26-27)." A "raising of the hand" for a "raising of the voice."

Reading carefully, we realize that Midrash Tanhuma developed ideas already embryonic in the Tanakh. The poet in Psalms 106:24 summarizes the sins to be punished as quoted in verses 26-27 above: "They scorned the desired land/ they did not believe His word." Understanding that the sins were scorning the land and of lack of faith in the Lord was not new; that can be seen already in our parashah (14:3, 11). The *hidush* (new insight) of the Psalmist comes in the 'consequences': the sin was so grave that it effected generations to come with a decree of a future exile from the land.

God's oath to carry out the decree is indicated by a "raised hand," much like the gesture commonly used today when an oath is taken. The image first appears in Shmot 6 and is recalled in our story (Num 14:30), where God tells Moshe that He will save the Israelite people from Egypt and "bring you to the land which I raised My hand to give to Abraham, ... and I shall give it to you... (Ex. 6:8)." An examination of the instances of this oath imagery reveals that it is almost exclusively related to the Land of Israel. In Ezekiel 20 it is used seven times. It indicates God's determination to bring the Jewish people into the land or to exile them from the land if they reject Him or His laws (cf. Ezek. 20:15,23).

The message of Midrash Tanhuma is embedded in Biblical text a millennium before the rabbinic Midrash was recorded. By the [late?] biblical period (Ps 106 and Ez 20), possibly as a reaction to the destruction of Jerusalem, the notion of the sin of the spies as a watershed point in Jewish history had been established. The rejection of the land and the Lord before entering the land became viewed, in retrospect, as creating a looming decree that we would be thrown out of the land that we had refused to enter. Not only would one generation fall in the desert, but future generations would be exiled from the land, as marked by Tisha B'Av, and fall among the nations.

This weekly commentary on the Torah portion is by Vered Hollander-Goldfarb, from the "Torah Sparks" series produced by the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem, <http://learn.conservativeyeshiva.org/torah-sparks/>. Vered Hollander-Goldfarb is a Bible Faculty of the Conservative Yeshiva. A Haftarah commentary by Rabbi Mordechai Silverstein of the Conservative Yeshiva may be found at <http://www.uscj.org.il/learn/commentaries/>

**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.