



PARK SLOPE JEWISH CENTER

February 16-24, 2018 | 1 Adar-9 Adar 5778
Parashat Terumah

Friday, February 16 1 Adar				Parashat Terumah Saturday, February 17 2 Adar		
Rosh Chodesh Adar Minyan 7:00AM Candle Lighting 5:14PM Kabbalat Shabbat with Susana Honig 6:30PM				Shacharit 10:00AM Kishkush Acharei Kiddush 1:00PM Shabbat Shmooze 1:30PM		
Sunday February 18 3 Adar	Monday February 19 4 Adar	Tuesday February 20 5 Adar	Wednesday February 21 6 Adar	Thursday February 22 7 Adar	Friday February 23 8 Adar	Saturday February 24 9 Adar
	Office Closed		Morning Minyan 7:15AM		Candle Lighting 5:22PM Kabbalat Shabbat with Judy Ribnick 6:30PM Mock Treif Banquet and Purim parodies with Judy Ribnick 7:30PM	<i>Tetzaveh Shabbat Zachor</i> Shacharit 10:00AM Tot Shabbat/Mini Minyan 11:15AM Advanced Talmud 1:30PM
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) Elana Ayalon, Director of Administration (office@psjc.org) Aileen Heiman, Director of Youth Education (aileen.heiman@psjc.org) For questions about Accessibility (inclusion@psjc.org)		

HaMakom Yenachem

Our condolences go to:

Steven Marks and family on the death of his father, **Leroy Nelson Marks**, z"l.

Eli Wolfhagen and family on the death of his grandmother, **Adele Youdin**, z"l.

Miriam Fleischmann and family on the death of her mother, **Florence B. Sinow**, z"l.

Yahrzeits observed 2 Adar-8 Adar:

Anita Paula Zubres Oren, mother of Sue Oren; **Abraham Murray Jacobson**, father of Karen Jacobson; **Charles Hollander**, father of Ellen Hollander-Sande; **Chester Kaczmarczyk**, father of Elizabeth Kaczmarczyk; **Dora Kubzansky Cohen**, mother of Paul Cohen; **Edwin Huttner**, father of Jan Lisa Huttner; **Ella Drucker-Spivak**, cousin of Esther Schwalb; **Henry Kardeman**, father of Marilyn Kardeman; **Jack Kamen**, father of Julia Kamen Birnbaum; **Joseph Schweitzer**, father of Harry Schweitzer; **Leon Leeds**, father of Ken Leeds; **Lillian Hawthorne**, mother of Fran Hawthorne; **Marion Barth**, father of Rabbi Sami Barth; **Maxwell Sellinger**, cousin of Carol Diamond; **Molly Schragar**, aunt of Esther Schwalb; **Murry Powlen**, father of Noah D. Powlen; **Rose Rosenzweig**, grandmother of Myron Levine and Gavrielle Levine; **Shirley Lewis Harari**, mother of Roland Lewis; **Ursula Sehow Pearson**, great-aunt of Angela Weisl. *May their memories be for a blessing.*

Shalach Manot Campaign

Jewish tradition commands us to fulfill the mitzvah of Shalach Manot on Purim. At PSJC we make it easy for you, while at the same time supporting the growth and success of our community. Fulfilling a mitzvah, sweet treats, and a fundraiser for PSJC all in one! Why wait? To order yours today, visit <https://www.psjc.org/campaign/shalach-manot-2018.html>! **Order Deadline: Monday, February 26**



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.



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Purim 2018 is near!

Can you chant Megillah? Would you like to chant at PSJC this year? Purim will be here sooner than you think - Erev Purim Megillah reading is on the evening of February 28! If you would like to participate in chanting Megillah or if you want to be involved in this year's Purim Shpiel, please contact Elizabeth Schnur: esschnur@gmail.com.

Kabbalat Shabbat with Judy Ribnick

Friday, February 23 | 6:30PM

Mock Treif Banquet & Purim Vision Song Contest with Judy Ribnick | 7:30PM

Join us for our annual Mock Treif Banquet following Services. Bring your favorite dairy, pareve, vegetarian "TREIF" Dishes to share...and be prepared to sing the night away with Judy and her Purim Parodies. To enter your own Purim songs in our first ever "Purim Vision" Song Contest, please send the words of your song office@psjc.org by noon on **Tuesday, February 20**, so copies can be made for all.

Main Service & Community Megillah Reading & Purim Shpiel

Wednesday, February 28 | 6:30PM

Join us to celebrate Purim! In addition to services and our main Megillah reading and Purim Shpiel, we have Purim fun for all ages.

Tot Megillah & Sing-a-long | 6:15PM

Family Megillah & Puppets | 6:45PM

Costume Parade | 7:30PM

Community Megillah Reading

Thursday, March 1 | 7:00AM

Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 4 | 11:00AM - 2:00PM

Fun for adults and kids, with carnival games, bounce house, BBQ, and more!

Tot event | 11:30AM

Kishkush Acharei Kiddush

Saturday, February 17 | 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 will have a Shulchan Ivrit - a table to sit around, drink coffee and talk with one another in Hebrew. Contact Kishkush.at.PSJC@gmail.com for more details.

Shabbat Shmooze

Saturday, February 17 | 1:30PM

Hosted by Bruce and Elyse Meyerson and their children | 86 Prospect Park West between 4th and 5th Streets
Our community is invited to a vegetarian pot-luck lunch following service and Kiddush. This is a child-friendly home. The kish-kush Hebrew conversation can continue at the Shmooze. Please join us!

Advanced Talmud

Saturday, February 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.

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

Monday, February 26 | 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. This class will be taught primarily using English translations and is aimed at beginning to advanced learners.



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Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 27 | 7:15PM

PSJC Board meetings are open to members in good standing.

PJ Library Class: It's Friday!

Friday, March 9, 16 and 23 | 10:00AM | \$12 per class (\$10 per members)

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. For more information, www.psjc.org/event/its-friday.html

Author Talk following Lev Tahor: Pamela Laskin will discuss her novel *Ronit and Jamil*

Lev Tahor Services followed by Potluck Dinner and Talk

Friday, March 2 | 6:30 PM

Come out and sing during services. Following a dairy/pareve potluck dinner, we will listen to Pam lead a discussion of Ronit and Jamil. If you have questions, please lev.tahor@psjc.org. You can sign up for the dinner, <https://tinyurl.com/LevTahor-Mar-2-2018>.

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the Hevra Kadisha But Were Afraid to Ask: An Informal Discussion

Saturday, March 3 | 1:20PM

Would you like to learn more about PSJC's Hevra Kadisha ("Holy Society"), whether you plan to volunteer with us or not? We understand--we are often so busy working under the veil of anonymity that we don't always get the chance to gauge your interest or answer your questions! Please join us (in the Kiddush Room of PSJC) for a casual roundtable discussion featuring some of our newer shmira and tahara volunteers; members of the Hevra organizing team will be on hand as well. Please stop by and visit with us!

Parashat Hashavua

Saturday, March 10 | 9:30AM

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

Café Ivrit - Mid-Level Hebrew with our Community Shaliach Noam Willner

Thursday, March 1 and 15 | 7:00PM

Would you like to practice speaking Hebrew over coffee with other Brownstone Brooklyn friends? Café Ivrit is the right place for you! The group discusses different issues in Hebrew and practice new words and ways to express yourself better in Hebrew. All this in a non-judgmental and safe environment. Perfect for someone who can communicate in Hebrew, but is not yet fluent. To determine if this is the class for you, or to RSVP, please contact Noam at NoamW@jafi.org.

SAVE THE DATE! PSJC Auction & Tropical Party | Saturday, April 14

Slip on your flip flops, pop on your aloha shirt and join us for some tropical fun! Delicious margaritas, yummy desserts & funky music, plus exciting live & silent auction to benefit PSJC! More info to come regarding soliciting goods & services, ads, and sponsorship, so keep your eyes peeled! Please contact auction@psjc.org to help with this fun event.

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. **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.

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

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Triennial: Exodus 26:1-26:30 | Etz Hayim p.491; Hertz p.330

Haftarah: 1 Kings 5:26-6:13 | Etz Hayim p.499; Hertz p.336

Dvar Torah: The Living Mishkan

Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them. The length of one curtain shall be eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and every one of the curtains shall have one measure ... Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that is in the coupling of the second; that the loops may take hold one of another...and it shall be one mishkan (tabernacle).

- **Shemot: 26:1-11**

After weeks of powerful narrative (Burning Bush, Plagues, Crossing the Sea, Sinai) and profound laws (10 Commandments and Parshat Mishpatim), Parashat Terumah drops like a stone in our midst with its repetitious detail that only an architect or interior designer might appreciate. The curtain in the Mishkan has to have fifty loops. Fifty loops?! So what! Who cares?!

While generations of Bar Mitzvah kids would probably not agree, the authors of the classic work of Jewish mysticism, The Zohar, found in Parashat Terumah's detailed account of the mishkan's structure an interpreter's paradise. The intricacies of the construction of this holy space, in which God's presence on earth would manifest, fired their imaginations. They were perhaps most struck by the combination of **multiplicity** and **unity** in the mishkan's construction: There are myriad curtains, boards and sockets (and don't forget the fifty loops!), but they all come together, "and it shall be **one** mishkan" (Shemot 26:11). For in the unity that emerges from the multiplicity, the spirit of God is manifest: "...and the glory of Y-H-V-H filled the mishkan" (Shemot 40:34).

The Zohar immediately sees a parallel. For what else is composed of intricate systems, and systems inside of systems, but when they come together in one unity, a unique spirit becomes manifest? The human being! "In a human being there are many members, higher and lower; some internal, within; others outside, revealed. Yet they are all considered one body, one person in a single bond. So too, is the mishkan ... when its members all join together as one, then it is written, 'the mishkan shall be one', like a human being." (Zohar 2:162b).

Both the human body and the mishkan are complex structures composed of many parts. But when they are properly constructed, a unity prevails, and in that unity emerges a higher and more sublime dimension of reality: the human spirit and the presence of God.

And yet, simply having a body or constructing a building is not sufficient. We, like the devotees of all humanity's spiritual traditions, seek a higher way. We call that way the Torah. And is the Torah not also an intricate system, with systems inside of systems, from which emerges a higher unity? The Zohar tells us: "The commandments of the Torah are all members and limbs...when they all come together, they amount to **one** mystery. And this is the secret of the mishkan that it is all limbs and members, and they all amount to the mystery of *humanity*."

And thus, for the Zohar, the **mishkan**, the **human being** and the **Torah** all manifest "the mystery of unity". In this mystery, different disparate parts join together into a living whole. And in that whole is manifest a higher, spiritual, dimension of reality.

May we all find that higher spirit in our practice of Torah. And may you live to see the glory of God fill the holy of holies, wherever that space be for you.

This weekly commentary on the Torah portion is by **Dr. Shaiya Rothberg**, *Conservative Yeshiva Faculty* 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.