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March 10-18, 2017 | 12-20 Adar, 5777
Parashat Tetzaveh/Shabbat Zachor

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Candle Lighting 5:39PM Kabbalat Shabbat with Judy Ribnick 6:30PM				Shacharit 10:00AM Mini Minyan Tot Shabbat 11:15AM Tot Megillah 6:00PM Community Megillah Reading 6:30PM Family Megillah Reading 6:30PM		
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Megillah Reading 10:00AM Purim Carnival 11:30AM PJ Library Purim Adventure 11:30AM		Hebrew School 4:00PM	Morning Minyan 7:15AM Hebrew School 4:00PM	Mussar Path of the Mensch 7:00PM	Candle Lighting 6:47PM It's Friday! 10:30AM Kabbalat Shabbat Kulanu 6:30PM	Shabbat <i>Parah/Ki Tissa</i> Shacharit 10:00AM Mini Minyan Tot Shabbat JC 11:15AM Shabbat Shmooze 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) Sarah Guthartz, Executive Director (executive.director@psjc.org) Aileen Heiman, Director of Youth Education (aileen.heiman@psjc.org) For questions about Accessibility (inclusion@psjc.org)		

Todah Rabbah!

To **Howard Chernick** and **June Zeitlin** for their contribution to the Flower Fund in memory of **Anne Chernick, z"l** and **Shirley Zeitlin, z"l**.

HaMakom Yenachem

Our condolences go to:

Scott Groom and his entire family on the death of his mother, **Sally Groom, z"l**.

Yahrzeits observed 13-19 Adar:

Abram Joel Snyder, brother of Michael Snyder; **Bob Weinstein**, friend of Sara Sloan; **Ernest Jules Briefel**, father of Gary Briefel; **Fred Carter**, father of Michael Carter and grandfather of Rabbi Carie Carter; **Fred Pozarik**, uncle of Rabbi Sami Barth; **Giovanni Foppa Pedretti**, father of Claudia Foppa Pedretti; **Helen Hochman**, great aunt of Ellen Hollander-Sande; **Henrietta Fox**, observed by the PSJC community; **Herman Hollander**, observed by the PSJC community; **Jerome Solomon**, father of Seth Solomon; **Joel Gordon**, father of Karen Barth; **Leona Abramson**, aunt of Steve Elworth; **Max Elworth**, husband of Elaine Elworth and father of Steve Elworth; **Michael Ryvicker**, father of Miriam Ryvicker; **Moshe Marcu**, father of Daniel Marcu; **Murray Lehrer**, father of Susan Lehrer; **Myra Bleifeld Danzing**, mother of Rachel Danzing; **Ralph Robins**, father of Susan Robins; **Roberto Ferdman**, father of Bertie Ferdman; **Rose Feiman**, sister of Elaine Elworth and aunt of Steve Elworth; **Rubin Sandler**, grandfather of Rabbi Regina Sandler-Phillips; **Sidney I. Roberts**, father of Russell Roberts; **Valerie Marrero**, sister of Matthew Septimus; **Ze'ev Koznbluth**, father of Hanna Ulman. *May their memories be for a blessing.*

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



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Kabbalat Shabbat with Judy Ribnick
Friday, March 10 | 6:30PM

Visit www.psjc.org/purim for PURIM activities

Purim is here - Come to hear the Megillah and stay for the party!

Saturday, March 11 | Tot Megillah & Singing - 6:00PM | Family Megillah Reading - 6:30PM | Community Megillah Reading - 6:30PM

The Purim Megillah will be read and interspersed with musical Purimspeil ripped from the Broadway stage. Following services, we will party with local band, starring Marc Rentzer, Nir Sadovnik, Steve Herskovitz and others. Reminder: the 20/20 raffle is ON! Put a \$20 bill in the bucket with your name on it and if you win, half the total goes to you and half to the shul. Bring your \$20 bill to shul!

Megillah Reading
Sunday, March 12 | 10:00AM

Purim Carnival & PJ Library Storytime
Sunday, March 12 | 11:30AM

PJ Library Class: It's Friday!

Friday, March 17, 24 and 31 | 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, March 17 | 6:30PM

Join us for a musical Shabbat celebration for all ages! Services begin in the sanctuary with Abe and Lena. Everyone is welcome! Main entrees will be provided. Please bring a substantial salad/veggie side or desert to share. RSVPs are encouraged but not required <https://www.psjc.org/form/kabbalat-shabbat-kulanu.html>.

Shabbat Shmooze

Saturday, March 18 | 1:30PM

Let's walk together over to the Shabbat Shmooze Pot Luck 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.

Potluck dinner and Speaker Gadi Ezra

Friday, March 24 | 6:30PM

Following services stay for a potluck and teaching with Gadi Ezra, Israeli Human Rights Lawyer and Soldier.

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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CARNIVAL GAMES
HAMANTASCHEN BAKING CONTEST
MUSIC AND MORE!
ALL NEW PURIM CARNIVAL
KOSHER
BBQ + BEER GARDEN
FUN FOR ALL AGES!
Sunday, March 12, 11:30 AM - 2 PM
1320 8th Ave, Brooklyn
For more info visit: www.psjc.org

Advanced Talmud

Saturday, March 25 | 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 aronhalb@gmail.com

It's nearly time for the spring fling and auction.

Get a babysitter and buy tickets now! It's going to be so much fun - open bar for the first hour of the evening, great snacks and delicious desserts all evening! Invite your friends to socialize and to bid on amazing items! Live and Silent Auction! And it's all to help support PSJC. We still need donations of good and services, and volunteers to help the night of the party and you can still become an event sponsor. Check us out at www.psjc.org/auction and get ready to have a great night at our fresh, fun and festive fundraising fete! **Ticket price \$50.**



Remembering Marlene Schwartz זכרון

Sunday, March 26 | 2:00PM

The PSJC community and family and friends are invited to remember and celebrate the life of our wonderful friend Marlene Schwartz z"l, at PSJC. Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 22 to: Necha Sirota nechisw@yahoo.com or Fran Hawthorne franhawthorne@yahoo.com. Also, please let us know if you can bring veggie/kosher/parve light snacks.

PSJC Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 28 | 7:15PM

PSJC Board meetings are open to members in good standing.

Tehila Nachalon Friedman: The Struggle for the Soul of Religious Zionism.

(Shacharit Institute's Lecture Series on Israeli Diversity and Politics: Out Of Many Voices, A Common Future)

Wednesday, March 29 | 7:00PM | Kane Street Synagogue

Tehila Nachalon Friedman is a long-time activist in the National Religious community. She is director of the Center for Jewish Leadership at Kolot, co-founder of the Yerushalmim movement, formerly Chair of the Board of Ne'emanei Torah Va'Avodah for a moderate religious Zionist voice. PSJC is co-sponsoring this Lecture Series; please join us on these future dates: April 6, May 10 and May 25.

Rodfei Tzedek Committee

If anyone is interested in the Rodfei Tzedek Committee's events and/or related issues and opportunities, please contact send an email to rodfei.tzedek@psjc.org to get on the Committee's new Google email group. The group will post information and related opportunities to participate in community service and social justice activities.

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 **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.



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Triennial (Exodus 27:20-28:30): Etz Hayim p. 503; Hertz p. 339

Maftir (Deut. 25:17-19): Etz Hayim p. 1135; Hertz p. 856

Haftarah (I Samuel 15:2-34): Etz Hayim p. 1280; Hertz p. 995

Do Clothes Make the Person?

This year Parashat Tetzaveh is read on Shabbat Zachor, and in fact Purim will begin when Shabbat goes out (except for Jerusalem and several other historically "walled cities"). Clothing is a theme common to both the parashah and the holiday. In Tetzaveh we read of the special clothing given to the kohanim (priests); in the evening we will dress up. When I studied in Israel many years ago, our daily minyan had a kohen, who, in accordance with the custom there, *duhaned* each morning. His Purim costume was to dress as the kohen gadol, the High Priest.

In the parashah we are told that all the priests are to wear four garments - linen breeches, tunics, sashes and turbans. In addition, Aaron, the High Priest, is to wear: - A special robe [me'il] of pure blue, decorated at the hem with pomegranates and golden bells; - Over this robe, the ephod - an apron-like layer woven of gold, blue, purple and crimson; - The *hoshen*, a breastplate with twelve gems with the names of the tribes engraved on them; - A gold plate on the turban inscribed with the words: "Holiness unto YHWH." Parashat Tetzaveh devotes more than 40 verses to *bigdei ha'kodesh*, the 'ritual garments' for the High Priest. Moses is told that they should be made for Aaron his brother, *l'chavod u'l'tifaret*, for dignity and splendour.

In our time, it is the Sifrei Torah that 'wear' these garments, or a modification of them. Rabbis and cantors generally now dress like the other Jews at the service. Our young people would be surprised to see their religious leaders wearing gowns or indeed full 'canonicals' of the style familiar to earlier generations. When I first became a rabbi, there was an expectation that I would wear a gown, and, while in some ways I disliked it intensely, I was at the same time grateful. It was difficult enough being a woman rabbi, and wearing a gown sharply reduced the focus on what I was wearing.

In last week's portion Terumah, we were told that the Aron Ha'Kodesh, the holy ark, should be made of pure gold, inside and out, and commentators remind us that what is on the inside is as important as that which is visible. We may learn from this also about how we dress for synagogue. There was a time when no man would go to Shul without a tie. That is very different today. Attitudes have also changed regarding women wearing pants, again reflecting the changes in the general society. However, even if styles have changed, it still seems appropriate to come to Shul dressed *b'hiddur mitzvah*, to honour the mitzvah, to show that as part of our efforts to make Shabbat holy, we take extra care in our dress and behaviour. Like the Ark, we need to strive to make our inner world also reflect that 'glory and beauty,' and that is surely a much harder task.

On Purim, of course, many will come to Shul costumed, purposely disguising what is our usual dress and identity, and this is consistent with the theme of costume and hidden identities in Megillat Esther, where, like in Parashat Tetzaveh, clothing plays a central role. We need also to be conscious of both our inner and outer lives, and do our best so that they match up in the best possible way. Shabbat Shalom and Hag Purim sameach.

This weekly commentary on the Torah portion by Rabbi Amanda Golby provides rabbinic pastoral support at New North London Synagogue. The Conservative Yeshiva, is from the "Torah Sparks" series at <http://learn.conservativeyeshiva.org/torah-sparks/>. 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.