



PARK SLOPE JEWISH CENTER

February 23-March 3, 2018 | 8 Adar-16 Adar 5778
Parashat Tetzaveh/Shabbat Zachor

Friday, February 23 8 Adar				Parashat Tetzaveh/Shabbat Zachor Saturday, February 24 9 Adar		
Candle Lighting 5:22PM Kabbalat Shabbat with Judy Ribnick 6:30PM Mock Treif Banquet and Purim Parodies with Judy Ribnick 7:30PM				Shacharit 10:00AM Tot Shabbat/Mini Minyan 11:15AM Advanced Talmud 1:30PM		
Sunday February 25 10 Adar	Monday February 26 11 Adar	Tuesday February 27 12 Adar	Wednesday February 28 13 Adar	Thursday March 1 14 Adar	Friday March 2 15 Adar	Saturday March 3 16 Adar
Purim Shpiel Rehearsal 12:30PM	Support our Shalach Manot Campaign Deadline is today Purim Shpiel Dress Rehearsal	Hebrew School 4:00PM Board Meeting 7:15PM	Minyan (ta'anit Esther) 7:00AM Hebrew School 4:00PM Tot Megillah & Sing-a-long 6:15PM Megillah Reading & Purim Shpiel 6:30PM Family Megillah & Puppets 6:45PM Costume Parade 7:30PM	Purim! Megillah Reading 7:00AM Café Ivrit 7:00PM	Candle Lighting 5:30PM Lev Tahor with Pamela Laskin 6:30PM	<i>Shabbat Ki Tisa</i> Shacharit 10:00AM Asher Josephson Bar Mitzvah Tot Shabbat/Mini Minyan 11:15AM Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the Hevra Kadisha But Were Afraid to Ask 1:20PM Teen Purim Carnival Decorating 8:30PM
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)		

Today Rabbah

To **Bruce and Elyse Meyerson** and their children for hosting the Shabbat Shmooze last Shabbat.

Yahrzeits observed 9-15 Adar:

Albert Krasner, father of Bonnie Ullman; **Ernest Jules Briefel**, father of Gary Briefel; **Florence Leblanc**, mother of Jacqueline LeBlanc; **Fred Carter**, father of Michael Carter and grandfather of Rabbi Carie Carter; **Fred Pozarik**, uncle of Rabbi Sami Barth; **Geoffrey Chinn**, father of Sarah Chinn; **Giovanni Foppa Pedretti**, father of Claudia Foppa Pedretti; **Harvey Nachman**, father of David Nachman; **Jerome Schnur**, uncle of Elizabeth Schnur; **Jerome Solomon**, father of Seth Solomon; **Joel Gordon**, father of Karen Barth; **Jonathan Kaye**, brother of Jeffrey Kaye; **Leona Abramson**, aunt of Steve Elworth; **Maly Bornstein**, mother of Peter Bornstein; **Marcia Slarskey**, mother of David Slarskey; **Melvin Sasson**, father of Nathaniel Sasson; **Moshe Marcu**, father of Daniel Marcu; **Myra Bleifeld Danzing**, mother of Rachel Danzing; **Rosalie Lampert**, mother of Betsy Minkin; **Rose Bleifeld**, grandmother of Rachel Danzing; **Rose Feiman**, aunt of Steve Elworth; **Roz Miller**, grandmother of Rachel Goldstein; **Salome Louise Sandler**, aunt of Rabbi Regina Sandler-Phillips; **Sherman Tinkelman**, father of Bob and Dan Tinkelman; **Syd Steinfeld**, mother of Alvin Steinfeld; **Valerie Marrero**, sister of Matthew Septimus; **Yosef Weiss**, father of Necha Sirota. *May their memories be for a blessing.*

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



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Purim 2018 is almost here!

Purim is just around the corner - Erev Purim Megillah reading is on the evening of Wednesday, February 28! If you would like to help with Megillah or 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.

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

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.

Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 27 | 7:15PM

PSJC Board meetings are open to members in good standing.

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



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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. To determine if this is the class for you, or to RSVP, please contact Noam at NoamW@jafi.org.

Lev Tahor Services followed by Potluck Dinner and Talk Author Pamela Laskin will discuss her novel *Ronit and Jamil*

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 contact 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 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!

PSJC Knitters

Monday, March 5 | 7:30PM

For more information contact marjorie.rothenberg@gmail.com.

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

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.

Kishkush Acharei Kiddush

Saturday, March 17 | 1:00PM

Join other fluent Hebrew Speaker 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, March 17 | 1:30PM

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!

SAVE THE DATE! 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, 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.



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Triennial: Exodus 28:31-29:18 | Etz Hayim p. 508; Hertz p.342
Maftir: Deuteronomy 25: 17-19 | Etz Hayim p.1135; Hertz p.856
Haftarah: 1 Samuel 15:2-34 | Etz Hayim p.1280; Hertz p.995

Dvar Torah: The Living Mishkan

In this week's parasha the children of Israel are commanded to make clothing for the priests who will serve in the *Mishkan* (Tabernacle). Several times we are reminded that the priest is a representative of the people of Israel when he does his holy work. To make sure the priest keeps this in mind when he is doing his work, the tribes of Israel are represented on two separate pieces of his clothing: the *hoshen mishpat* (breastplate) who's 12 precious inlaid stones were each inscribed with a tribe's name, and the *ephod*, the apron-like garment the priest wears as an outer layer, which was held together at the shoulders by two precious *shoham* stones, each inscribed with the names of six tribes.

The Torah describes in verses 28:9-10 how the names are written on these two stones, and the language is a bit odd. Rather than stating explicitly which tribes appear on which stone, it says that six go on one, and the six "leftovers" (*hanotarim*) go on the other. One might infer from and Isaac each had one good son and one bad one, and only the good ones truly walked in their father's footsteps, worshiped God, and inherited the blessing and birthright.

In fact, according to the Midrash in Sifrei Devarim on Parashat Ve'etchanan Yaakov spent his whole life anxious about which of his sons would continue his path, and which would not. Based on their behavior, Yaakov had good reason to discriminate between them. His first son, Reuven, slept with Bilha, Yaakov's concubine, and his second and third sons, Shimon and Levi, massacred the men of Shechem. And, of course, all of his sons apart from Binyamin were guilty of plotting to murder Yosef, and selling him into slavery.

Of the sinning sons, the only one explicitly vindicated within the story is Yehuda, when he puts himself on the line in Egypt. But according to the midrash, it isn't clear at all that the others have been forgiven, even after everything is resolved with Yosef and the family is resettled in Goshen. Some argue that it is only when Yaakov blesses them in Parashat Vayehi that we know they have been welcomed back, and others argue that Reuven's status remained questionable until Moshe, in *Vezot HaBracha* affirmed "Reuven will live and not die" (Dev. 33:6). The great medieval commentator, Rashi, seems to be bothered by the idea that the Tabernacle, both an agent and symbol of inclusion and unity, would establish a hierarchy among the tribes of Israel. Rejecting the implied hierarchy of "*hanotarim*" (the leftovers) as well as other hierarchies suggested in the Babylonian Talmud, Tractate Sotah 31a-b, Rashi interprets the verse according to the simple meaning of its last word, "*k'toldotam*" (according to their birth). He writes that tribes will be inscribed on the two stones "in the order in which they were born: Reuven, Shimon, Levi, Yehuda, Dan, Naphtali on one, and upon the other Gad, Asher, Yissachar, Zevulun, Yosef and Binyamin." In Rashi's view, the most problematic sons - Reuven, Shimon, Levi - are even represented first!

The message is clear: everyone, no matter who they are or what they have done, will be equally represented in the *Mishkan*. And so the stones, whose explicit function is to remind the priest that he is a representative of the people of Israel, ALSO communicate the imperative for inclusion and equal representation.

This weekly commentary on the Torah portion is by **Rabbi Shoshana Cohen**, *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. **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.