



PARK SLOPE JEWISH CENTER

April 7-15, 2017 | 11-19 Nissan, 5777
Shabbat Hagadol/Parashat Tzav

Friday, April 7 11 Nissan				Shabbat Hagadol/Parashat Tzav Saturday, April 8 12 Nissan		
Lev Tahor Services, with Games and Hametz-Fest! 6:30PM Candle Lighting 7:09PM				Shacharit 10:00AM Marty Radwell Bar Mitzvah Mini Minyan Tot Shabbat 11:15AM		
Sunday April 9 13 Nissan	Monday April 10 14 Nissan	Tuesday April 11 15 Nissan	Wednesday April 12 16 Nissan	Thursday April 13 17 Nissan	Friday April 14 18 Nissan	Saturday April 15 19 Nissan
Bedikat Hametz	Minyan & Siyum for first born & Hametz Burning 7:00AM Office Closed 1:00PM First Night Seder 6:00PM Candle Lighting 7:12PM	Office Closed Services Pesach 1 10:00AM Second Seder Candle Lighting 8:14PM	Office Closed Services Pesach 2 10:00AM		Kabbalat Shabbat with Charlie Urich 6:30PM Candle Lighting 7:17PM	<i>Shabbat Hol Hamoed Pesach</i> Shacharit 10:00AM
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)		

Mazal Tov!

To **Marty, Louise, Steve and Molly** on **Marty's Bar Mitzvah** this Shabbat.

Todah Rabbah!

To **Louise Heit-Radwell** and **Steven Radwell** for their contribution to the Kiddush Fund in honor of **Marty's Bar Mitzvah**.

HaMakom Yenachem

Our condolences go to:

Karen Louise Heau and her family on the death of her mother, **Sophia Zinn, z"l**.

Yahrzeits observed 12-18 Nissan:

Abraham Abramson, brother of Elaine and uncle of Steve Elworth; **Dave Ruben**, grandfather of Harolyn Cohen; **David Urich**, father of Charles Urich; **Debra Feinstein**, cousin of Roberta Moskowitz; **Embree Potts**, father of Tori Rosen; **Florence Arons**, mother of Lenore Arons; **Freda Newcombe**, sister of Brian Newcombe; **Harold Schreiber**, father of of Sally Schreiber; **Jack Chernick**, father of Howard Chernick; **Leontine Friedman**, grandmother of Naomi Schrag; **Martha Kamen**, mother of Julia Kamen Birnbaum; **Ruth Schuman**, mother of Adine Schuman Pusey; **Sophie Gitlin Berliner**, mother of Sophie Weber; **Yaakov Ulman**, father of Abraham Ulman. *May their memories be for a blessing.*

<p>First Night Seder at PSJC – Don't miss out! Purchase now! Monday, April 10 6:00PM For the second year and in collaboration with Ohel Ayalah and Kings Bay Y of Windsor Terrace, we will be hosting a first night seder in the Lower Sanctuary of PSJC. For more information and to register visit http://ohelayalah.org/events/seders#toggle-id-2. Passover begins on the night of Monday, April 10. Please check www.psjc.org/pesach-at-psjc.html for details.</p>	
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If you missed the fantastic Spring Fling & Auction - don't worry!

There's more for you to see. You can preview the online auction right now at 32auctions.com/PSJC2017Auction. Summer camps, art, museums, babysitting, gym membership, professional services...there's something for everyone and every bid supports PSJC.

Lev Tahor Services, with Games and Hametz-Fest!

Friday, April 7 | 6:30PM

Join PSJC's lay-led, all sung Kabbalat Shabbat service, Lev Tahor, for an evening of singing, board games, conversation and wholesale hametz-consumption, a week ahead of Seders! Clean out your pantries and bring the rice, lentils, pasta and anything else you crave. The pot luck is dairy/pareve. All voices welcome! Don't be shy...

Passover Service Times

Monday, April 10 (Minyan & Siyum for first born & Hametz Burning) | 7:00AM

Monday, April 10 (**First Seder**) | (*Community Seder at PSJC begins at 6:00PM)

Tuesday, April 11 (Day 1) | 10:00AM

Wednesday, April 12 (Day 2) | 10:00AM

Friday, April 14 (**Kabbalat Shabbat Services**) | 6:30PM

Saturday, April 15 (Shabbat) | 10:00AM

Monday, April 17 (Day 7) | 10:00AM

Tuesday, April 18 (Day 8 includes Yizkor) | 10:00AM

Shabbat Shoah

Saturday, April 22 | 10:00AM

Within our Shabbat service, we acknowledge the tragedy of the Shoah on this Shabbat closest to Yom Hashoa V'hag'vurah.

Advanced Talmud

Saturday, April 22 | 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

Communal Yom Hashoa Observance

Sunday, April 23 | 7:00PM | Union Temple

Kabbalat Shabbat Kulanu

Friday, April 28 | 6:30PM

Join us for a musical Shabbat celebration for all ages! Services begin in the sanctuary with Abe and Aileen. 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>.

Rodfei Tzedek Committee

If anyone is interested in the Rodfei Tzedek Committee's events and/or related issues and opportunities, please 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.

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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Book Club: The Sound of Our Steps

Saturday, April 29 | 1:30PM

Join us half an hour after the end of kiddush when we discuss Alexis Landau's cinematically descriptive, character-driven debut novel *The Empire of the Senses*, which explores ethnic identity via an interfaith family in WWI and Weimar era Germany, i.e. before anti-Semitism became official state policy legally codifying ethnic definitions.

People's Climate March/Brooklyn Synagogue Contingent

Friday, April 28-Saturday, April 29

Remember the huge People's Climate March in NYC in 2014? This year we will march in Washington DC, to show our lawmakers the importance of saving our planet. Hazon is organizing buses to DC on Friday **before Shabbat**, and sponsor housing in the DC area will also be available. For more information, please contact: jeff@hazon.org; jeff@hazon.org. Bus details and general info at www.hazon.org; for housing email jessica.p.haller@gmail.com. PSJC friends and members may also join the weekly Jewish Hub conference call every Wednesday, 8:00PM, Dial-in: 1-605-475-2090 Access Code: 860304

Brooklyn Celebrates Israel

Mark your calendars. Join us as we celebrate Israel in Brooklyn!

Yom Hazikaron Ceremony | April 30 | 6:30PM

Idan Raichel in Concert | May 1 | 7:45PM | Promo code for discounted tickets: ISR1

Yom Yisrael | May 7 | 10:00AM - An Israel festival for children and those who love children. To volunteer at Yom Yisrael please contact **Rabbi Carter**.

Introduction to Judaism: An Exploration for Curious Adults

Tuesdays from 7:30PM-9:30PM | **First session: April 25**

Brooklyn Heights Synagogue | Rabbi Sue Oren, *Instructor and Coordinator*.

\$400 course tuition *plus* \$25 materials fee

Join this 20-session course on Jewish life, thought and practice

- Discover Judaism from an adult perspective
- Become a more confident parent of Jewish children
- Explore long-standing questions that you haven't yet asked

In a warm and open environment, explore Jewish thought, prayer and practice, learn about Jewish history and holidays, wrestle with inherited texts and contemporary issues, discuss Jewish views of God, ethics, life and death. The curriculum is designed to give you access to concepts, vocabulary and observances that are central to Judaism. Explore the holy and the historical, inherited texts and contemporary issues, rhythms of the calendar and of our lives in this seminar-style course.

For registration & questions, contact Rabbi Sue Oren at introclass@earthlink.net or 917.539.1334

This class is co-sponsored by: Brooklyn Heights Synagogue, Congregation Mount Sinai, East Midwood Jewish Center, Kane Street Synagogue, Kolot Chayeinu/Voices of Our Lives, Park Slope Jewish Center, Progressive Temple Beth Ahavath Sholom, Temple Beth Emeth v'Ohr Progressive Shaarei Zedek, Union Temple

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. **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 (Leviticus 6:1-7:10): Etz Hayim p. 613; Hertz p. 429; Plaut p. 781
Haftarah (Malachi 3:4-24, 23): Etz Hayim p. 1295; Hertz p. 1005; Plaut p. 1654

Matzah All Year Long

With Seder a few days away, the cadence of those four questions comes into focus. “What makes tonight different from other nights, such that on all other nights we eat hametz (leavened bread) or matzah, but tonight only matzah?” It has always struck me as odd: other than the extra boxes of Streit’s I try to finish by mid-May, matzah is not a fixture in my year-round diet. Though its consumption is not forbidden by Jewish law, other than just prior to Passover, it is by definition the bread of a certain season.

The haggadah begins with the proclamation: “Ha laḥma anya - This is the bread of poverty, which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt!” and it concludes by explaining that this matzah “is because the dough which our ancestors prepared did not have sufficient time to rise...” (Ex. 12:39). With a bread so symbolic as to conjure the paradox of both captivity and liberation, why would the opening question of the haggadah refer to this so Positively-Passover bread as a food consumed year-round? How appropriate a question to ask on this Shabbat HaGadol, as it aligns with parashat Tsav! God’s instructions for Aaron and his sons regarding their sacrificial rites include an oft-overlooked appearance of this bread of poverty:

Ha'Noteret mimena - What is left of [the mincha offering] shall be eaten by Aaron and his sons; it shall be eaten as unleavened cakes [matzah], in the sacred precinct; they shall eat it in the enclosure of the Tent of Meeting. It shall not be baked with leaven [hametz]. I have given it as their portion from My offerings by fire; it is most holy, like the sin offering and the guilt offering. (Lev. 6:9-10).

We learn here that the priests "kept Passover" for one of their frequent meals, the mincha offering, all year long. Rashi emphasizes the prohibition against mixing this flour-cake with hametz, and Ralbag attributes this prohibition to the general ritual avoidance of mixtures that were of common concern in the rabbinic tradition. If matzah was in fact eaten - and hametz avoided - on occasion all year round, what distinguishes the Passover matzah as a unique spiritual experience of redemption?

R' Isaac Abravanel (15th C., Spain) suggested that the key to understanding this lies in the description of the leftover (noteret) as “My offering,” as in “from My table.” He compared this to a King who rewards his servants with food from his own table. What happens to be on God’s table, in this case, is matzah. After all, we learned last week that the mincha offering is made of flour and oil packed into unleavened cakes (Lev. 2:3), so of course the leftovers will be unleavened. The distinction of this priestly meal is that it makes it to God’s table at all, whereas the other portions of a priest’s diet are made up of unburned tithes (Abravanel).

There is a difference between food that comes from the tables of people and food from the table of God. Food from God’s table retains the properties of that table and transforms a meal into a Divine experience. To eat matzah is to transport oneself to that special place, to sit at God’s table and be nourished by the Source of Life. How different is this night, indeed, that we should all receive nourishment from the Master of the Universe, and share together in that portion of redemption.

This weekly commentary on the Torah portion is by Rabbi Rami Schwartz, from the “Torah Sparks” series produced by the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem, <http://learn.conservativeyeshiva.org/torah-sparks/>. Rabbi Rami Schwartz is the founding director of Ramah Day Camp of Greater Washington, DC, and the rabbi of a new Jewish community of 20s and 30s in the greater DC area. 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.