



May 20th 2017 • 24th of Iyar 5777

THIS MORNING

COMMUNITY LEARNING: Introducing the Five Books of the Torah led by Rabbi Ain at 12:30 pm

Stay for this final session to understand the meaning of Numbers & Deuteronomy.

UPCOMING SHABBAT SPEAKER

KALMAN SAMUELS, Founder and Chairman of Shalva Children's Center in Jerusalem

Saturday, June 17, Services begin at 9:15 am



Kalman will share his personal story of what he and his wife have built in Jerusalem. Shalva leads the way the world understands, cares for, and embraces disability.



Rabbi Rachel Ain | Cantor Dov Keren | Shari Pochapin, President
Minna Schneider, Executive Director | Harriet Janover, Director, Programming
and Member Services | Lesley Goldenberg, Education Director
Lindsay Bennett, Kaplan Nursery School Director

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Parashat Behar & Behukkotai

Torah: (Leviticus 25:1-27:34): Etz Hayim p. 738-757

Haftarah (Jeremiah 16:19-17:14): Etz Hayim p. 762-765

TORAH READING SUMMARY

Once they enter the Promised Land, the Israelites must allow the land to go untouched once every seven years, during which they eat what the earth naturally produces. Once every fifty years is the Jubilee year, in which all people are allowed to return to their land they originally held but later sold. The overriding idea is that the land belongs to God, and its residents must allow the land to be redeemed, even if that means allowing the original land-owner to pay a reduced rate to reclaim his/her land. Additionally, a fellow Israelite with financial difficulties can be an indentured servant but not a slave. An Israelite who becomes indentured to a non-Israelite retains the right to redemption, and can certainly be emancipated during the Jubilee Year. The portion ends with an exhortation to avoid idolatry and observe God's Sabbaths. If the Israelites follow God's commandments, they will have unmatched peace and prosperity. But if they do not follow the commandments, a litany of suffering will befall them, with conditions worsening each time the Israelites turn their backs on God's words. The Israelites are required to maintain the Tabernacle; the amount of money each person must commit depends on his/her gender and age. It is possible for to pay by providing an animal or one's house; later, the initial owner can retain ownership with payment plus 20 percent interest. A firstborn animal or proscribed property cannot be redeemed. Tithes can be redeemed with payment plus 20 percent interest.

TRIBUTE, BOOK REVIEW & DISCUSSION WITH AUTHOR DAN EPHRON

In honor of **Linda Sitnick** of blessed memory

Tuesday, May 23, Wine & Cheese reception: 7 pm
Program begins promptly at 7:30 pm

Thanks to the generosity of Vice President Irving Sitnick, SPS members received a copy of the book

Killing a King: The Assassination of Yitzchak Rabin and the Remaking of Israel.

Twenty years after the assassination, author Dan Ephron will engage in dialogue with our community about the making of the book and the impact the death of Rabin has had on Israeli society and the world.

Everyone is invited to share this exceptional evening ... whether you read the book or not!



CELEBRATE SHAVUOT

EREV SHAVUOT

Tuesday, May 30 at 6:15 pm

Join us for services, a traditional dairy dinner plus learning with Rabbi Ain. Dinner is complimentary for members and \$36 for guests. Reservations for dinner are required. Please call or email the synagogue office.

SHAVUOT DAY 1 MORNING SERVICE

Wednesday, May 31 at 9:15 am

FAMILY PROGRAM & DINNER

Wednesday, May 31 at 5:30 pm

Parents & children will enjoy a light supper and go on a tour of the torah. All this to be followed by a make your own sundae dessert bar. Complimentary for SPS families but reservations are required. For additional information and to let us know your family will be attending contact Lesley via phone or email.

Shavout Evening Services follow at 6:15 pm.

SHAVUOT DAY 2 MORNING & YIZKOR SERVICE

Thursday, June 1 at 9:15 am, Yizkor at 11 am

SPS Adult Rinah Choir will participate in the Yizkor Service.



Lois Weaver Film Series - Doors open 7 pm; Film begins 7:15 pm Wednesday, June 7: THE HUNT FOR THE WILDERPEOPLE

A defiant city kid Ricky gets a fresh start in the New Zealand countryside and quickly finds himself at home with his new foster family. When a tragedy strikes, both he and his foster father go on the run in the bush. As a national manhunt ensues, the newly branded outlaws must face their options: go out in a blaze of glory or overcome their differences and survive as a family.



Discussion led by SPS member **Anthony J. Selvitella**, CSW, psychotherapist and social worker at the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). *Refreshments follow.*

Made possible by the generosity of the Coopersmith Family in memory of Martha's beloved mother.

Complimentary Admission

The following members are celebrating birthdays and/or anniversaries this week. (May 20 – May 26)

Birthdays

Judith Davis • Theodore Drucker • Andrew Eisenson • Jonas El Hioum
 Brooke Goldman • Samuel Jackness • Peter Kahn • Barbara Katz
 Jacob Liss • Emilia Marin • Frederick Molod • Irina Petrenko
 Paisley Popper • Vivian Tuorto • Stephanie Weissberg • Tyler Zimmer

Anniversaries

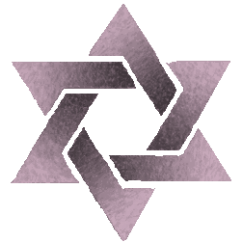
David Lipschitz & Kathi Mintzer • Howard Weitzman & Arlene Blatt
The following members will be observing Yahrzeit this week. (May 20 – May 26)

	<i>May</i>	<i>Iyar</i>
Svetlana Reznick	20	24
Harvey Gladstein	20	24
Susan Mickel	20	24
Gertrude Pilzer	20	24
Sheila Edelman	20	24
Michael Gottlieb	21	25
Lawrence Lieberman	21	25
Michael Palin	23	27
Dennis Strom	23	27
Maynard Engel	24	28
Allen Erdheim	24	28
Judy Agata	24	28
Fara Satin	24	28
Debra Forma	25	29
Jason Shulman	25	29
		<i>Sivan</i>
Andrew Fechter	26	1
Allen Fergang	26	1
Susan Cohen	26	1

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Wednesday, June 14 at 7pm

- *Annual Reports*
- *Presentation of Budget for New Fiscal Year*
- *Election of Officers and Trustees*



Refreshments will be served

YAFAC CONCERT “SHPIL, KLEZMERL, SHPIL”

Monday, June 19, 7:30 pm; Tickets \$25 (Reserved Seating)

Call Ruth Harris at (516) 569-1678 or e-mail YAFAC18aol.com.

Flyers in the lobby.