

## **THIS MORNING**

**SHABBAT ME'VARCHIM HACHODESH (ANNOUNCING THE NEW MONTH) with the**

**KOL RINAH ADULT CHOIR**  
**Conducted by Meir Briskman**



### **Soprano**

Martha Coopersmith  
Deborah Model  
Ann Brown  
Nadia Reisfeld  
Shirel Meital Gidekel

### **Alto**

Lauren Orenstein  
Beverly Richman Prutkin  
Rebecca Grande  
Cantor Barbara Haimowitz  
Elizabeth Picker

### **Tenor**

Marie De Corse  
Gil Ezring  
Cantor Dov Keren  
Antonio Abate

### **Bass**

Harold Fishman  
Bud Rosenthal  
Joel Arthur  
Black Boroughs

*The synagogue offices, school, and building will be closed on Monday in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. There will be no morning or evening minyan.*

*Minyan on Wednesday morning will be at 7:45 am in observance of Rosh Chodesh.*



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

## Parashat Vaera

Torah (Exodus 6:2 - 9:35): Etz Hayim p. 351 - 368

Haftarah (Ezekiel 28:25 - 29:21): Etz Hayim p. 369 - 373

### TORAH READING SUMMARY

In this portion, God tells Moses and Aaron to go to Pharaoh to demand freedom for the Israelites. Pharaoh refuses, and God unleashes plagues on the Egyptians. Pharaoh promises to free the Israelites, but God hardens Pharaoh's heart. The portion ends with the plague of hail stopping and Pharaoh changing his mind once again.



### CRASH COURSE IN JEWISH HISTORY

*PART TWO: MEDIEVAL JEWISH HISTORY*

**Thursday, January 18 at 7:30 pm**



**DR. BENJAMIN GAMPEL**, renowned scholar from the Jewish Theological Seminary will teach the second class of a four session course on Jewish history.

We will continue to explore important periods in Jewish history and how the culture and context were catalysts for Jewish growth, innovation, and survival.

### TEENAGER SHABBAT DINNER

**Friday, January 19, following services at 6:15 pm**

All 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders and their families are invited to join us for Shabbat services and dinner. Teenagers will have the opportunity to hear from their peers about ways to become involved in the Jewish community both within SPS and in the greater Jewish community.

Advance reservations requested. [212-593-3300/sps@spsnyc.org](mailto:212-593-3300/sps@spsnyc.org)

Make the right call! Join the SPS Men's Club for the Annual **AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

**Sunday, January 21 at 3 pm on the Big Screen at SPS**



Everyone is welcome to attend – bring the kids & all your family friends. Of course we'll feed you – the menu includes deli, beer, soda & snacks! **Adults: \$18 pp, Under 13: \$8 pp**

Please let us know you'll be there – RSVP: [mensclub@spsnyc.org](mailto:mensclub@spsnyc.org)

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM

### TASTE OF ISRAEL SHABBAT DINNER

Friday, January 26, following services at 6:15 pm



We encourage you to join us whenever you can at Friday night services, but especially for this program. Following services, there'll be a Shabbat Dinner featuring a "Taste of Israel" theme. Join us to try some authentic Israeli cuisine as we welcome in Shabbat together. Enjoy the flavors, sights and recipes of the most unique place on earth!

To submit the \$25 payment, go to the SPS donate page and select "young professional programming."

## COMMUNITY READ

### GUEST SPEAKER, AUTHOR ABIGAIL POGREBIN

Saturday, January 27, services begin at 9:15 am



Each SPS member family received a copy of ***My Jewish Year: 18 Holidays, One Wondering Jew***. This is the second year Irving Sitnick has sponsored a "Community Read" in memory of his beloved wife *Linda*.

Ms. Pogrebin will discuss her latest book, which chronicles her experience researching and observing every holiday in the Jewish Calendar.

### Following services, join us for the ANNUAL TU B'SHEVAT SEDER



Don't miss celebrating the New Year of the Trees at our annual Seder. The Seder features many different fruits and nuts, lively singing, four cups of wine or juice and thoughtful readings.

*Our thanks and gratitude to Irving Sitnick for sponsoring the Kiddush following the Seder.*

## VOLUNTEER FOR DOROT'S WINTER PACKAGE DELIVERY

Sunday, January 28, 10 am – 12 pm at Park Avenue Synagogue

Brighten the day of a senior! Volunteer to deliver a package and visit with an older person. All volunteers must bring a photo ID.

Register online today to volunteer! [www.dorotusa.org/winter](http://www.dorotusa.org/winter)



*The following members are celebrating birthdays and/or anniversaries this week. (January 13 – January 19)*

**Birthdays**

Ruth Brod • Ann Brown • Jenai Davis • Mira Goldin • Aren Gottlieb  
Alexander Judd • Harold Klein • Asher Lissman • Hattie Lynton

**Anniversaries**

Gregory & Sarah Messer • Jonathan & Talia Spiegel

*The following members will be observing Yahrzeit this week. (January 13 – January 19)*

	<i>January</i>	<i>Tevet</i>
Michael Arum	14	27
Philip Cohen	14	27
Martin Boorstein	14	27
Wendy Bass	14	27
Martin Edelman	15	28
		<i>Shevat</i>
Janey Pilzer	17	1
Anthony Selvitella	17	1
Barbara Katz	17	1
Evelyn Gomer	17	1
Richard Coopersmith	18	2
Elizabeth Gittman	18	2
Jonathan Sack	18	2
Lawrence Wilens	18	2

**SPS December 2018 Family Trip to Israel!**

We are planning a trip to Israel for **December 2018**. This trip is great, whether you have been to Israel already or not and will be guided by David Keren, an excellent guide who has lead an SPS trip in the past. We will explore the past, engage with the present, and dream about the future!

We will be booking flights in the coming weeks but before doing so, we need to know how many families are planning to go. If you plan to join the SPS trip this coming December to Israel, please let Rabbi Ain know and register ASAP.

Register at:

[www.daatravel.com/Sutton-Place-Synagogue-Family-Trip-to-Israel](http://www.daatravel.com/Sutton-Place-Synagogue-Family-Trip-to-Israel)