



April 14 2018 • 29 of Nissan 5778

## TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE BAT MITZVAH OF ELLA GURFEIN



Ella Gurfein is the daughter of Melissa Wexler Gurfein and Jared Gurfein. Ella has been looking forward to this day for as long as we can remember. It is with great joy and pride that Ella will share this day surrounded by family, friends and members of the congregation.

Ella is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Trevor Day School where her favorite subjects are English, French and Photography. Ella participates in her school chorus and recently performed as a part of Young Voices at the O2 Arena in the United Kingdom as the first school from the United States. Ella enjoys being in school plays which have included Aladdin, Annie, Shrek and Mary Poppins. Ella's passion for theater and singing have played a significant part in her love for camp for the past three summers at French Woods Festival of the Performing Arts in Hancock, NY. Ella's top activities include musical theater, video and hanging out with her friends. Many of her camp friends will join her to celebrate her special day.

Ella's connection to the Jewish community started at the young age of 2 as a student at the Kaplan Nursery School at Sutton Place Synagogue. She continued her studies with a taste of religious school at age 4 and then transitioned into the Jackson Religious School at age 5 in the Kitah Gan class. She is presently a student in the Kitah Zayin class and participates in Kadima. In addition, Ella was in several SPS Purim Shpiels starting at age 6 and in her most recent shpiel she played the part of Queen Esther.

**מזל טוב!**

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 Shmini – Shabbat Machar Chodesh

Torah: (Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47): Etz Hayim p. 630 – 642

Haftarah: (Samuel I 20:18-42): Etz Hayim p. 1215 - 1218

The *kiddush* and the flowers adorning the *bima* are provided by Rhona & Arthur Wexler and Lonnie & Jeffrey Garber in happy celebration of their granddaughter Ella Gurfein's Bat Mitzvah

### TORAH READING SUMMARY

In this Torah portion, God commands Aaron and his sons to make the burnt and sin offerings at the Tabernacle. When God accepts the offerings, the people shout with joy. God describes to Moses the laws of kashrut.

PLEASE NOTE: This Monday morning is Rosh Chodesh - morning minyan will begin at 7:45 am.

### THIS DAY IN JEWISH HISTORY

3 TALKS ON "SELECTED" MOMENTS

#### First Talk, Monday, April 16, 7:30 pm – MOMENTS OF DARKNESS



**JOE BARATZ** talks about Pogroms – the definition- its history – its impact on future generations – its effect on present day worldwide events.



**FRED MOLOD** talks about the 1903 Pogrom in Kishinev, Russia and how it changed the face of 20<sup>th</sup> century Judaism in Europe and America.

#### Wednesday, May 9, 7:30 pm – MOMENTS OF RESILIENCE

#### Monday, June 11, 7:30 pm – MOMENTS OF STRENGTH

### CELEBRATE YOM HA'ATZMAUT & ISRAEL'S 70<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY

**BENJI LOVITT, Comedian – Educator**

Wednesday, April 25 beginning at 7:30 pm

***“Because The Middle East Is Funny”:  
Explore Israeli History Through Its Comedy***

Admission: Complimentary

Israeli refreshments



*Benji Lovitt's appearance has been made possible by the generosity of Martha and Richard Coopersmith in loving memory of Martha's mother Lois Weaver.*

## **FROM THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

### **WOMEN'S LEAGUE SHABBAT**

**Friday Night Service on April 27 at 6:15 pm** followed by a special Oneg Shabbat sponsored by our Women's League.

Worship with us on **Saturday morning April 28 at 9:15 am**  
Join us for a festive Shabbat luncheon immediately following services.

### **TORAH FUND DINNER: HONORING MARIAN SALTZMAN**

**Thursday, May 10 at 6:30 pm**

*See flyers in the lobby for more details on these and other events.*

**RABBI RACHEL AIN** will receive the Tikun Olam Award from the Jewish Council for Public Affairs at a dinner at the Sheraton Times Square on **Sunday, April 22.**

### **SPS HOSTS ITS VERY OWN CHALLAH BAKE**

**Monday, April 30 at 7 pm**



Come to SPS to bake challah, make new friends, and learn together about the power of Jewish celebrations! The cost is only \$10.

RSVP; [sps@spsnyc.org](mailto:sps@spsnyc.org) or by calling the office at 212-593-3300

**DEADLINE DATE FOR RESERVATIONS: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25**

### **CELEBRATING LESLEY GOLDENBERG**

We invite the congregation to join us for the Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv service on **Friday, May 4**, followed by a reception to honor Lesley Goldenberg's tenure as the JRS Director. Lesley has served in this role for the past 13 years, and we will gather to wish her well as she begins a new chapter in her home town of St. Louis, MO.

## **FROM THE MEN'S CLUB**

### **How the Jewish Community Helps Individuals and Families Struggling with Mental Illness and Addiction**

**Tuesday, May 1 from 7 – 8:30 pm**



The event will feature three speakers, followed by a panel discussion:

**Alan Manevitz, MD**, Psychiatrist *Mental Illness*

**Gayatri Devi, MD**, Neurologist, *Alzheimer's and Brain Health*

**Jonathan Katz, LCSW**, Director of Jewish Community Services of The Jewish Board, *Substance Abuse and Addiction*

*See flyer in the lobby for more details*

*The following members are celebrating birthdays and/or anniversaries this week. (April 14 – April 20)*

**Birthdays**

Matthew Abramowitz • Madeline Breslaw • Randi Cannata  
Lauren Feldon • Susan Gitelson • Michelle Gross • Janine Heller  
Benjamin Isaacson • Jonathan Judd • Lillian Litvack • Jeffrey Passick  
Sarah Passick • Nathan Roth • Evan Roth  
Sara Saltzman • Edward Sassower • Vicki Shanker  
Shaina Stern • Bernard Strauss • Ester Szechtman

*The following members will be observing Yahrzeit this week. (April 14 – April 20)*

|                  | <i>April</i> | <i>Nissan</i> |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Ira Haimowitz    | 14           | 29            |
| Leah Gordon      | 14           | 29            |
| Madeline Breslaw | 14           | 29            |
| Fara Satin       | 14           | 29            |
| Helen Wrobel     | 14           | 29            |
| Roger Cohen      | 15           | 30            |
| Annette Foster   | 15           | 30            |
| Vera Winitch     | 15           | 30            |
|                  |              | <i>Iyar</i>   |
| Burton Krull     | 16           | 1             |
| Steven Schurkman | 16           | 1             |
| Barbara Klein    | 17           | 2             |
| Marshall Wise    | 19           | 4             |
| Richard Satin    | 20           | 5             |

***SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER***

**RABBI NAOMI LEVY**

**Monday May 14; Refreshments: 7 pm, Talk: 7:30 pm**



Rabbi Levy will discuss her latest book *Einstein and the Rabbi*. She will help us understand how Jewish tradition can have an impact on our souls, and how everyone can go through a journey to feel more spiritual.

Admission is complimentary. *Einstein and the Rabbi* will be available for purchase and signing.

*See April/May/June Bulletin for more details*

**SHABBAT SHALOM!**