

THE BULLETIN



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**SUTTON
PLACE
SYNAGOGUE**

SELICHOT

*Prepare yourself
for the
Days of Awe
by coming together
with your SPS
friends
and family on*

**Saturday,
September 21**



Selichot marks the beginning of the High Holiday season. It is a time of renewal, hope, and introspection.

**Dessert reception:
8pm
Program 8:30pm**

We will celebrate the renewal of our spiritual home and dedicate our sanctuary, by praying together and honoring those who made it possible.

The beautiful Selichot service, led by Rabbi Rachel Ain, Cantor Dov Keren and the Shirah Choir under the direction of Richard Slade will follow the dedication.

Please join us.

FROM THE RABBI



Adapted from Rabbi Ain's message presented at the June 12, 2019 Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

I recently learned a lesson about geese.

Consider the following:

When you see geese heading south for the winter, flying in V formation, you might consider what science has discovered as to why they fly that way: as each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in V formation the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going more quickly and easily because they are traveling on

the thrust of one another. When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front. When the head goose gets tired, it rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point. It is sensible to take turns doing demanding jobs with people or with geese flying South. Finally, geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

And so what do we learn from the geese:

When we have a sense of community and focus, we create trust and can help each other achieve our goals.

If we had as much sense as geese, we would stay in formation with those headed where we want to go. We are willing to accept their help and give

our help to others.

It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks.

If we have as much sense as geese, we will stand by each other in difficult times, as well as when we are strong.

We need to make sure our honking is encouraging.

What incredible leadership lessons these are as we look backwards and ahead.

It has been a year of growth and transition, forward movement, and lots of reflection. We know from where we come and we are pointed in a direction of greatness, especially when we fly together and when, at different moments, different members of our community fly in front to ensure success.

As we prepare for this new year we can think about the many "geese" in

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SUTTON PLACE SYNAGOGUE

A Conservative Synagogue affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

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FROM THE RABBI

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our congregation who have helped us fly further, for longer, and together. And I want to do it by using three themes that emerged from our strategic plan of 2014 - it is hard to believe it has been 5 years since we wrote it!

In that plan we said we wanted to set up 5 pillars (tefillah, learning, community, governance, and fundraising) as organizational constructs, that would accomplish three overarching goals. They are:

- Building stronger community connections
- Engagement of congregants and prospective congregants in Jewish living
- Development of a robust volunteer structure

It is clear to me that this past year, we accomplished this, with many geese, flying in formation. How did we build more stronger community connections? One example is our B'yachad initiative; we conscientiously tried to get more people to invite one another to shabbat dinners, we had individuals deliver purim packages and visit with seniors in their homes, and we created a more streamlined welcome program to people who joined our community by asking our current members to make phone calls to our newest members. Another example was our gala. It was an unbelievable celebration of our community, through the honoring of our beloved Cantor. These initiatives couldn't have happened without the help of our lay and professional team – thinking together about how to engage people of all ages, backgrounds, and stages in their own journey at SPS. Like the geese who are flying, we still have a ways to go, but I know that it was the fact that people held each other up - honking along the way, that we were able to make this happen.

Second, we certainly engaged congregants in Jewish living. How did we do this? Through learning, through worship, and through

experiences. A few moments that I would like to highlight: Our Judaism and Genetics conference engaged over 100 people on a Sunday as we thought about what it means to be Jewish. In March, a dozen of us went to the Woodloch Pines resort where women allowed themselves to grow spiritually and Jewishly at the retreat. Our men's club, women's league, and teen communities all put on incredible shabbatot where they ran the services, read Torah, and spoke. This is not to mention the members that read Torah on the high holiday, Megillah at Purim, or gave divre torah when I was not on the bimah. We engaged congregants in Jewish living through study-over 8 members of our synagogue presented a variety of topics at our Jewish NY nights and #SPSTalks, we had new teen programs such as "shabbat at the rabbis," and we introduced a special program for our Pre-K students called Shabbat and Share.

And we continued to develop a robust volunteer structure-through the addition of new board members or those who became very involved in the life of the synagogue by joining the real estate committee and campaign committee to begin this first phase of our very exciting capital project. We also continued to develop a robust volunteer structure by calling either on the expertise of people to help us in areas of law, graphic design, and finance. Lastly, but not least-being able to call on volunteers to come to the office to help answer the phones, stuff envelopes, deliver new member welcome bags, and more, made a true difference to all of us, and it didn't go unnoticed.

There are so many people who have been involved this year-so many different geese who have taken time leading, honking, flying, all to bring us to where we need to be since none of these initiatives would have taken place without the passion and commitment of you, our members. So as we prepare to usher in 5780 together, please know that we want you to fly with us - be on our journey as we fly farther and stronger, together. Shana Tova!

CANDLELIGHTING

September 6	7:01 pm
September 13	6:50 pm
September 20	6:38 pm
September 27	6:26 pm

October 4	6:14 pm
October 11	6:03 pm
October 18	5:52 pm
October 25	5:42 pm

DAILY SERVICES

Monday – Thursday
 8:00 am & 5:45 pm
Friday 8:00 am & 6:15 pm
Saturday 9:15 am & 12:45 pm

FROM THE PRESIDENT



I am pleased to welcome Hunter Gold as SPS Executive Director. Hunter is originally from Long Island and moved to Florida for college. After

finishing at the University of Florida, where he was a member of AEPI, Hunter started his professional career at the Walt Disney Company as a Finance Analyst. While at Walt Disney World Hunter completed his MBA at UCF, where he was a USY advisor. He then moved on to work at Universal Studios Florida, before relocating to Washington DC and working in Mergers and Acquisitions at MCI Worldcom.

Hunter left the corporate world and entered work in the Jewish Communal sector. He served as the Executive Vice President of Capital Camps and Retreat Center (CCRC) for 12 years. CCRC is an independent JCC camp and retreat center. At Capital Camps he was responsible for the budget, building maintenance, supporting development and managing a summer staff of over 200 people. Of note, our own Rabbi Ain, Alyssa Schwager and David Frankel all either attended or worked at Capital Camps in the past.

Hunter and his wife Fara relocated to New Jersey when presented with the opportunity to own their own camp. This was a lifelong dream for both of them. After several years of owning and operating Harbor Hills Day Camp, both Hunter and Fara felt the pull to go back to work in the Jewish community. Fara currently works at the Jewish Federation of MetroWest, and Hunter was thrilled



to join the Sutton Place Synagogue family on July 29th.

Hunter and Fara have two daughters, Marin, 16 and Riley, 12. They both attend Golda Och Academy, the Solomon Schechter Day School in West Orange, NJ. Marin is a competitive dancer and Riley plays volleyball and tennis. They are looking forward to getting to know all of the wonderful families and staff that are part of the Sutton Place Synagogue community.

My personal thanks go to Jeff Jacob for his leadership and to the entire Executive Committee for expertly finding our new Executive Director. We know that Hunter's professional experience and personal warmth will be the perfect combination to help lead us in the future.

Shana Tova from my family to yours,

— **Shari Pochapin**, *President*

TOT SHABBAT

September 14 & 21; October 5 (10:45 – 11:45 am)

Hallie Silverson, KNS PreK teacher, will be our Tot Shabbat leader! Join us!

KABBALTOT SHABBAT

Friday, September 6: 5:30 – 6:15 pm

Our KabbalTot program introduces our youngest members to Shabbat, complete with music, dancing, challah and grape juice, led by performer, songwriter, & career Jewish song-leader, Landon Braverman. Following each KabbalTot, parents and children are invited as our guests for an informal Shabbat dinner. Make new friends while the little ones have fun!

STUDENT-LED KABBALAT SHABBAT

Friday, October 18 beginning at 6:15 pm

PERSONALS

ENGAGED

Congratulations to **Evelyn Rappoport & Joseph Baratz** on the engagement of their son **Steven to Jessica Kovler**.

MARRIED

Congratulations to **Sandy & David Nussbaum** on the forthcoming marriage of their son **Jonathan Max Nussbaum to Rebecca Esther Zukowsky**.

BIRTHS

Mazal tov to: **Mallory & Scott Jakalow** on the birth of **Margaret (Maggie) Ruth; Barbara & Jim Kahn** on the birth of granddaughter **Fay Willow Kahn; Marnie & Michael Schwartz** on the birth of **Ezra's** baby brother **Eitan Henry**.

WISHING WELL

To: **Elinor Ceresney; Sonia Elisha; Judith Jay, Maggie Kaminer & Helen Zadeh**. We wish them all a complete and speedy recovery.

CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt sympathies to: **Adrienne Cosner** on the passing of her dear mother, *Ruth Cosner*; **Tammy Farago & her son Ryan** on the death of their father/grandfather *Seymour Joseph Harrison*; **Anne Hilton** on the death of her dear brother *Daniel Taback* and **Judith Jay** on the loss of her beloved brother, *Allen Jay*. We grieve with the families and pray they will know no further sorrow.

HIGH HOLIDAYS at SUTTON PLACE SYNAGOGUE

Main Sanctuary Service: led by Rabbi Rachel Ain and Cantor Dov Keren with the Shirah Choir under the direction of Richard Slade. This service is available only to Synagogue members and their immediate families. Assigned seating.

High Holidays Parallel Service in the Sassower-Schneider Auditorium led by Rabbi Irving Spielman and Cantor Marshall Wise with the Shirah Quartet. Available to Synagogue members and non-members. Open seating.

Young Professional Services for people in their 20's & 30's led by Rabbi Dave Levy & Rabbinic Intern David Chapman. Held at PS 59 (E. 56 Street between 2nd & 3rd Avenues) Tickets available at spsnyc.org/young_professionals. Synagogue membership not required.

Children's High Holiday Programs (Registration requested for all services.)

1. **Tot Service @ P.S. 59** (Geared towards families with children ages birth-4 yrs). Parent(s) attendance required:

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 & Yom Kippur: 9:00 am – 9:45 am
Rosh Hashanah Day 2: 10:00 am – 10:45 am

2. **Family Service @ P.S. 59:** (Geared towards families with children ages 4 – 8 yrs.) Parent(s) attendance required:

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 & Yom Kippur:
10:00 am – 10:45 am
Rosh Hashanah Day 2: 10:00 am – 10:45 am

3. **Children's Program (grades K – 7):** Children will be divided into same-grade groups and rotate between holiday activity rooms.

Rosh Hashanah Days 1 & 2: 10:30 am – 1:00 pm
Yom Kippur: 10:30 am – end of Yizkor

4. **Teen Program** (grades 8 – 12):

Rosh Hashanah Day 1, 2 & Yom Kippur 10:30 am – 1:00 pm

NOTE: Professional baby-sitters will be available to ticket-holders during all morning services from 10:30 am until the services conclude.

SCHEDULE of SERVICES

ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, September 29
Evening Service 6:15pm

ROSH HASHANAH (First Day)

Monday, September 30
Morning Service 8:30am

- Tot Rosh Hashanah Service @ P.S. 59 (Geared towards families with children ages birth-4 yrs) 9 – 9:45 am
- Family Service @ P.S. 59: (Geared towards families with children ages 4 – 8 yrs.) 10 – 10:45am
- Children's Program: K – 7th grade 10:30 am – 1pm
- Teen Program: 8th – 12th grade 10:30 am – 1pm
- *Young Professionals Service 11am – 1pm***
- Tashlich Service (E. 55 Street & East River) 5 – 5:30 pm
- Minchah/Ma'ariv Service 5:45 pm

ROSH HASHANAH (Second Day)

Tuesday, October 1
Morning Service 8:30 am

- Family Service @ P.S 59: (Geared toward families with children ages birth – 8 yrs.) 10 – 10:45am
- Children's Program: K – 7th grade 10:30 am – 1pm
- Teen Program: 8th – 12th^h grade 10:30 am – 1pm
- *Young Professionals Service 11am – 1pm***
- Minchah/Ma'ariv Service 5:45pm

YOM KIPPUR

KOL NIDRE

Tuesday, October 8, 6:15 pm

- *Young Professionals Service 6:15 pm***

Wednesday, October 9
Morning Service 9:30 am

- Tot Yom Kippur Service @ P.S 59 (Geared towards families with children ages birth – 4 yrs.) 9 – 9:45am
- Family Service @ P.S 59: (Geared towards families with children ages 4 – 8 yrs.) 10 – 10:45am
- Children's Program: K – 7th grade 10:30 am – end of Yizkor
- Teen Program: 8th – 12th grade 10:30 am – 1:00 pm
- *Young Professionals Service 11 am – 1:30 pm***
- Rabbi's sermon followed by Yizkor service 12:15 pm
- Recess 3:00 – 4:30 pm
- Minchah Service 4:30 – 5:45pm
- Neilah/ Ma'ariv/ Havdallah Services 5:45 pm
- **Blowing of the Shofar 7:25 pm**

We begin and conclude these holy days as one community, as the Auditorium Parallel Service and Young Professionals Service congregation join with the Main Sanctuary Service congregants in the SPS Main Sanctuary for Rosh Hashanah evening services (September 29 & 30) and Yom Kippur concluding (Neilah) services October 9.

**** PS 59 (56 Street between 2nd & 3rd Avenues)**

COOPERATION

Seats in the Main Sanctuary are assigned. To avoid embarrassment, please occupy your designated seat(s).

Please do not engage in unnecessary conversation. It is distracting to those conducting the service and to your neighbors.

The Synagogue provides prayer books, prayer shawls and head coverings.

Services will follow the time schedule printed on the back of your ticket.

Doors will be closed during the Rabbi's sermons.

SECURITY

The Synagogue leaders have taken prudent measures to protect our congregants. **Please note:** Tickets must be shown before entering the building and at the entrance to each service.

Trained and armed security operatives, will be at the entrance door of the Synagogue building during the Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur Services.

Limit the items you carry with you to the Synagogue.

Time your arrival at the Synagogue (**especially on Kol Nidre**) to allow for the delay that may be caused by these security procedures.

Reminder: The entire community joins together in the sanctuary for the Mincha, Ma'ariv, and Neilah service at the end of Yom Kippur. We recognize that there are people who have assigned seats and there are people who are there without assigned seats. We do our best to designate which seats are reserved with signs left on the seats. If you are not in your assigned seat by 5:45 pm, it is possible that someone else will be in it. Given that the entire service is standing, we ask for everyone's patience, flexibility, and cooperation as we celebrate our entire community together, at the end of the holiest day in the Jewish year.

SUKKOT at SPS

Sunday October 13: Evening Service 6:15 pm, then

DINE IN OUR BEAUTIFUL ROOFTOP SUKKAH (rain or shine)

Enjoy the company of old friends and make new ones

Members & their guests: \$50

Child(ren) under 10: \$18

Advance reservations required 212-593-3300 or sps@spsnyc.org

Monday, October 14:

Services 9:15 am & 5:45 pm

Tuesday, October 15:

Services 9:15 am & 5:45 pm

Wednesday, October 16, 7 - 9 pm

Young Professional's Comedy Night & Pizza in the Hut with Comedian Talia Reese

Get together with old friends and make new ones under the stars in our beautiful Rooftop Sukkah! Comedian Talia Reese will have us shaking (like lulavs) in laughter. Enjoy pizza & drinks and celebrate this popular Jewish festival. Suggested donations \$10. *Register at www.spsnyc.org/ypsukkotcomed*

Friday, October 18:

Evening Service 6:15 pm

followed by

JRS FAMILIES' SHABBAT DINNER IN THE SUKKAH

Complimentary for families

Guests: \$20 per adult

\$12 per child 6-12

Reservations requested: call Alyssa Schwager 212-593-3300 ext. 101 or aschwager@psnyc.org

HOSHANAH RABBAH

Sunday, October 20:

Morning Service 9:15 am

Sunday, October 20, 10:00 am

TOT SUKOT

Dance, Sing, Eat in our beautiful rooftop Sukkah! All families including parents, grandparents and friends are invited

SHEMINI ATZERET

Sunday, October 20:

Evening Service 5:45 pm

Monday, October 21,

Morning Service 9:15 am

Yizkor Service approximately 11:00 am

SIMCHAT TORAH

Monday, October 21, 5:45 pm

Dance with the Torah! Bring the whole family for this joyous event as we celebrate the completion of the annual reading of the Torah. Fun for all ages, tots - seniors

Tuesday, October 22, 9:15 am

Gala fun-filled Torah Celebration of Leadership honoring **Hatan Torah Joel Arthur and Kallat Bereshit Anita Horowitz.**

BROWN BAG IT! **OPERATION ISAIAH at SPS** **SPS HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE**

Beginning SEPTEMBER 1 (Selichot) and as you leave the synagogue on Rosh Hashanah, you will be given an empty brown bag. Please fill it with NON-PERISHABLE food items and return it to SPS by SEPTEMBER 20.

Kosher food collected will be donated to CITY HARVEST and distributed to needy Jewish families. Non-kosher food will be donated to our local food pantry.

We appreciate your participation.

– Gaby Alper, Chair Social Action Committee

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

This September we will again partner with our Kaplan Nursery School in our BACK 2 SCHOOL project, providing school supplies to needy neighborhood children. On Sunday, September 8 we will join Or Olam Synagogue in our annual SHARSHERET March against Breast Cancer. We appreciate your participation in these events.

More information to follow.

Wishing you and your loved ones a healthy, joyous New Year.

Gaby Alper, chair

-Social Action Committee

HATAN TORAH JOEL ARTHUR



The rituals of Simchat Torah revolve around the completion and the beginning of the cycle of Torah readings. It is a special honor to receive the last aliyah of the Book of Deuteronomy. This

year, Sutton Place Synagogue is proud to announce that Joel Arthur has been designated as HatanTorah (Groom of the Torah).

Joel writes: "I am deeply honored to be designated as Hatan Torah for Simchat Torah this year. I came to SPS following the passing of my dear mother in June of 2013. I had been to SPS previously when my father, who was a survivor of Bergen - Belsen passed away in 1996 and I came to say Kaddish for him.

I grew up with a fairly religious background. My parents believed it was important that my brother and I have a Jewish education. My brother was sent to a *Yeshiva*, but my parents decided to send me to the local Hebrew School. We had class Monday through Thursday after regular school and a class on Sunday morning. The most important part of my Jewish education was attending junior congregation services every Saturday morning and all holidays. It was there I learned how to *daven*. Mrs. Kalb ran junior congregation and made it her mission to see that the next generation of Jews learned about prayer and how to participate in a service. If you paid attention you learned a lot. When she found a talented child with a desire to learn, she would also teach them how to lead a service. All services were led by the children. Usually the older children and some who had already been *Bar Mitzvah* were the ones who led. I was an exception, because I started to learn to lead at a very early age. I even learned how to lead High Holiday services. For Yom Kippur I led Kol Nidre services. Most of the members of the adult congregation knew me and knew about me. When they heard I was doing Kol Nidre services, there were more adults at junior congregation services than there were at the main sanctuary.

After my *Bar Mitzvah*, I was still

obligated to attend Hebrew school classes until graduation. Rabbi Freidman knew I would only be there for a few more months, so he had me work with the kids in the *Bar Mitzvah* classes to help them learn the *barochot* when called to the *torah* and after chanting their *haftarah*. My parents are gone now and our old neighborhood no longer has a thriving Jewish community, but when I moved to Manhattan, I found a new home at SPS.

From the first day I walked into the synagogue to say *kaddish* for my dear mother, I found a warm inviting and compassionate atmosphere at SPS; a community that understands the importance of what it means to be a Jew. It was very important after my loss to find a Synagogue that had daily *minyanim* to recite the mourner's *kaddish*. SPS was there for me. I stayed and became a member. I attend every *minyan* morning and evening and of course every *Shabbat* and holidays. I've made many good friends and we even have an evening *minyan* group we call the 164 group since *mincha* begins on page 164. We all go out to dinner together after services. I continue to lend my talents to this synagogue either in leading services, reading *torah*, chanting a *haftarah* or even lead services for shiva when asked by Rabbi Ain. I've also joined the religious observance committee and the committee for continued adult education and have been asked to serve on the Cantor Search Committee.

My regular day job is as controller of a company that locally and internationally ships and stores fine art. We deal with private collectors, galleries, and museums. My real love is music, which my parents discovered I had a talent for at the age of 3. I learned to play the accordion and played for many of my public school's events and for some of the events run by Hadassah. At 11 years old I showed an interest and talent for the violin. I still play violin and I play for SPS' monthly musical Kabbalah Shabbat. I also sang in the SPS volunteer choir and helped the cantor organize rehearsals and maintained the sheet music for the events held for *Shabbat Mevorchim*, some of the *Yizkor* holiday services, *Yom Hashoah* and *Yom Ha'atzmaut*. This honor is very important to me and I am truly touched.

KALLAT BERESHIT ANITA HOROWITZ



After the concluding honor, we immediately begin the new cycle of Torah readings in the Book of Genesis. The individual given the honor of the first aliyah is called Kallat

Bereshit (Bride of Genesis). We are pleased to bestow this honor on Anita Horowitz.

Anita grew up *Conservadox*. Her parents were Holocaust Survivors whose sensibilities reflected the gratitude, maturity and promise with which they'd start life anew in a free country. Anita's mother was the heart of the family who created a loving Jewish home steeped in old world traditions and warm, wonderful aromas. When Anita's father regaled listeners, his eyes twinkled. His audience was in for either one of his playfully embellished *mayses* (tales) or a scholarly discourse on a perplexing *Talmud* tractate he'd studied with the *Gerer Rebbe* in Poland.

When the family left Williamsburg, they practically moved into Rego Park Jewish Center. The plan was to blend in with *Conservadox* American Jews! Anita learned to *daven* like the boys, sing in a mixed choir and become a *Bat Mitzvah*. Instead of attending *beis yaakov* (girls' *yeshiva*) – she graduated from Forest Hills HS (and Queens Hebrew High). Anita recalls, "Our parents held Rabbi Derby and Cantor Lowy in great esteem. 'Modern' Hebrew was taught in school while *Ashkenazi* still ruled in *shul*. At home, everybody spoke English. *Yiddish* was reserved for times when English needed further explanation or for a little more *tam* (flavor)! Some rituals were modified while others became 'special never-to-be-forgotten memories'. Through triumph, disappointment, uncertainty, my brothers and I had 'our devoted constants'. Our loving parents never failed to champion the academic achievements and creative pursuits of their *Amerikaner kinder!*"

Anita aspired to support her students similarly. She expanded her teaching skills every five years by electing to explore a

new grade or new subject matter. Her master's thesis came to life when she persuaded one principal to create a unique position for her as an elementary school 'Creative Dramatics Teacher'! Anita also got to initiate an all-day Kindergarten and develop enriched programs for both gifted and remedial learners. Concurrently, Anita was a steadfast union activist, successful Chapter Leader and an effective advocate for members who had grievances. She helped organize and launch the 'UFT Breast Cancer Helpline'. Anita enjoyed her nearly-forty-year career and hopes she touched the lives of children, parents and teachers as much as they touched hers.

Anita's lived near the synagogue for most of her adult life. Over the years, she popped in so often that SPS became her second home. And the many dear friends she made have become her synagogue family. Anita's always been about full engagement - attending services, ushering, being counted in morning minyanim, participating in classes, lectures, special events and lots of committee work. She's been involved behind-the-scenes and she's spoken before the congregation. "But the time that's most special," says Anita, "is when I'm invited up to the *bimah* during a service. I look up and smile knowing my parents share the honor with me."

Anita was part of the triad that played a significant role in re-invigorating the once-defunct Women's League. She was instrumental in re-establishing WL *Shabbat*. After many years of serving as Executive VP of WL at SPS - she was honored at the Metro North WL Torah Fund Dinner in 2012. Currently, she divides her time between NYC, Florida and California. That said, Anita continues to be a Trustee, member of the Religious Observance Committee, developer of Holocaust Remembrance programs and Chair of the Main Sanctuary Ushers on High Holy Days. "It's a privilege just to be part of the SPS community," adds Anita. "To be honored this way is most unexpected... yet, very much appreciated!"

Please join us at the Kiddush following the service sponsored by Joel Arthur and Anita Horowitz.

COMMUNITY LEARNING

American Jews & Israel – Can the Relationship be Saved?

Presented by the Jewish Week in partnership with UJA-Federation of NY & The Temple Emanu-El Streicker Center. **Dr. Daniel Gordis**, author, Senior VP at Shalem College in Jerusalem in conversation with **Thomas Friedman**, 3-time Pulitzer Prize winner, American political commentator & NYTimes columnist. Moderated by author & journalist **Abigail Pogrebin**. (Monday, September 16, 7pm at the Temple Emanu-El Streicker Center, 10 East 66 Street. Seats \$30 online/\$40 at door. For seats go to emanuelnyc.org/JW.

The Great Debates: A JTS curriculum taught by Rabbi Ain.

Sign up for this exciting class where we will contemplate questions such as: Are religion and reason compatible? Can we change the siddur as our worldview evolves? The nature of *brit*: Is our relationship with God based on law or love? Does the Holocaust play an outsized role in Jewish identity today? How do we teach about Israel? Love, loyalty, nuance and complexity). (Monday afternoons: October 28, November 25, January 27, February 24, March 23 at 4:30 pm) RSVP to sps@spsnyc.org

Intro to Mussar with Rabbi Rachel Ain. Looking inward and our own characteristics, this class will delve into how Judaism helps us understand various character traits and how we can better engage in the world in which we live. This is a perfect follow up to the self-introspection that is kicked off during the High Holiday season.

Classes will be held on shabbat following Kiddush (Saturdays: October 19, November 23, December 14, January 25, March 7, April 4),

"Are Jews Really Protected by the American Constitution?"

American Jews have always wanted to be treated on EQUAL TERMS, both legally and socially, with all other Americans. This "course" will examine whether current Supreme Court interpretations of the Constitution are promoting or inhibiting that objective. Taught by SPS Member Marty Edelman on Thursday afternoons October 24, October 31, November 7, November 14, November 21. RSVP to sps@spsnyc.org

"Short Story Aloud" led by Sylvia Slatin Katz

Read and discuss a hand-picked selection of short stories. September 9 (not in October) and on the second Monday of each month at 12:30 pm. Light lunch served. Sylvia writes:

"Now that we are safely back to our usual fall routine and the beginning of the new year 5780, let us hope that you are enjoying the mystical magical spirit of the current holiday in addition to the resumption of our "Short Story Aloud" program.

Our first meeting, September 9 introduces an author, descended from the Bene Israel Jews of India, who sketches a distinctive story of an unfamiliar ethnic group.

Many of you are already familiar with our discussions which prove to be not only educational but also fun! You need not take my partisan view of the afternoon; ask anyone who attends. To the new among you who are joining for the first time, I look forward with pleasure to greeting you together with the many stalwarts who have attended these many years. See you then."

ANNABELLE MAKAYLA ABRAMOWITZ

Bat Mitzvah



On September 14, 2019, Annabelle Abramowitz will be called to the *Torah* and become a *Bat Mitzvah*.

She will be joined by her parents Vicki & Matthew, grandparents, and other family members on this most special day.

Annabelle has just started 7th grade at Solomon Schechter School of Manhattan where her favorite subject last year was Humanities. Annabelle is an avid dancer and has most recently trained in the pre-professional dance program at Steps on Broadway. She has performed on many stages and at several events including performances for the American Girl Store and at the opening parties for last year's production of *Angelina Ballerina*. She had a small appearance in the recent film, *John Wick 3*. She has spent her summers at Usdan where she has performed in several musical theater productions and most recently created an original dance piece as part of a choreographic workshop.

As a Schechter student, Annabelle is able to study Judaic law and Jewish history on a regular basis. She looks forward to her class trip to Israel in the 8th grade. Annabelle and her family would like to offer their sincere gratitude and appreciation to Cantor Keren and Rabbi Ain for helping Annabelle to prepare for this special day.

We wish this very talented young lady and her family a hearty *mazal tov* and know that she will have a bright future.

EDWARD FISHER (FISHER) ANGRIST

Bar Mitzvah

On September 21, 2019, Fisher

Angrist will be called to the *Torah* and become a *Bar Mitzvah*. B'Ezrat Hashem, he will be joined by his parents Greg and Sara, siblings Alex and Jonah, grandparents, his 100-year-old great-grandmother, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Fisher is an 8th grade student at the Ramaz Middle School where he excels at Math and Hebrew. He is a passionate member of the middle school ultimate frisbee team and enjoys tennis, flag football, wakeboarding, golf, skiing and (of course!!) Fortnite, Madden and 2K in his free time.



Fisher has been part of the SPS community since he was born. Rabbi Schranz, of blessed memory, conducted his *bris* at our home.

He attended the Kaplan Nursery School where he started developing his Jewish identity, which has further blossomed at Ramaz, Sutton Place Synagogue and Camp Ramah Berkshires, where he spends the summer. Fisher is at home here in synagogue, whether that is playing with his friends, greeting everyone at kiddish after Shabbat services, bragging about his team to the synagogue fantasy football league, or leading Yigdal on Friday night with the kids. He is excited to become a *Bar Mitzvah*, and has undertaken his preparation with devotion, under the wonderful direction of Cantor Dov and Barak Levy. Rabbi Ain has influenced Fisher throughout his years here and guided him in preparation for his *d'var torah*, for which Fisher extends a special thank you.

Fisher wouldn't be Fisher without his special smile, his warm personality and love and devotion to his family and friends. We wish Fisher and his whole family a hearty *mazal tov* on this special day.

SIMON LEE KAMINER

Bar Mitzvah



On September 28, 2019, Simon Kaminer will be called to the *Torah* and become a *Bar Mitzvah*. He will be joined by his

parents Maggie & Matt and his brother Ethan along with his grandparents, extended family and friends.

Simon attended the Kaplan Nursery School and has been a student in the Jackson Religious school since Kindergarten. He is currently in the eighth grade at NEST+M where his favorite subjects are Math and Robotics. Simon also plays the bass clarinet in the school band.

Outside of school, Simon loves to hang out with his dog Bailey; play video games, snorkel and ski. He is also learning how to speak French.

Simon has gained a deep connection to the Jewish community and to developing his sense of Jewish identity through his experiences at Sutton Place Synagogue where he has participated in services and the Yom Hashoah service each year.

Simon has been devoted to his *Bar Mitzvah* studies under the direction of Cantor Dov. Simon's *parsha*, *Nitzavim*, is the same one his dad read from in 1986! Luckily Cantor Dov was here to teach him what Matt couldn't remember.

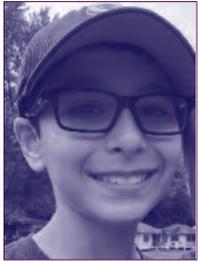
Everyone at SPS wishes Simon and his family "mazal tov" on this milestone day. We know that he will bring much joy and pride to his family.

ZAVIER JULIUS GAFFIN

Bar Mitzvah

Zavier Julius Gaffin will be called to the *Torah* on Saturday, October 26, surrounded by his loving family and friends. He will be joined by his

younger sister, Lilia and his parents, Bryan and Elyssa. Joining the celebration are his grandparents, Herb and Joyce Cohen, Alan and Ruth Gaffin; his uncles, Derek and Brent; his aunts Robin, Angela and Dana; his four cousins, Julie, Sammy, Zoe and Theo; and well as his many friends and other members of his extended family.



Zavier is an eighth grader at The Lang School, where he excels in all academic areas. Some of his favorite subjects include civics, coding and science. Zavier plays guitar and bass in the school band and is a member of the Student Council. Zavier loves the study of animals and he hopes to someday become a zoologist. He is a huge sports fan, both playing and watching, as he cheers on and follows his beloved Mets, and he plays a mean first base and pitcher in local rec leagues.

The entire Gaffin family would like to thank Barak Levy for his guidance and leadership in helping Zavier become ready for this special day. Barak is an endlessly patient, kind and empathetic teacher. We are so grateful that Zavier got to study with such an extraordinary role model. We would also like to thank Cantor Keren and Rabbi Ain for their support. Zavier has a deep connection to his Jewish roots, thanks to the loving and nurturing community at Sutton Place Synagogue as well as the many years he has spent at Camp Ramah in New England, and we thank them for being here on his special day.

This is just the beginning for Zavier, and we know that the kindness, wisdom, and love that he has received from everyone in his life will help carry him forward and help him make a powerful and positive impact on the universe. And the entire congregation echoes those good wishes!

FROM THE CANTOR

My dear brothers and sisters, members of Sutton Place Synagogue.

The coming High Holydays will be the 36th time that I will be leading the High Holiday services and it will be the last before my retirement.

Throughout my years in our community, I have met thousands of members, men, women and children at brissim, baby-namings, Bar/Bat Mitzvot, weddings, holidays, parties, concerts, dinners and much more. Also at times of sadness

In my 57 years as a Cantor, it's the first time that I'm so excited before my last High Holydays in SPS. I appeal to all of our members and their families to join Rabbi Ain and myself at the services of Selichot, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. I hope that our new and magnificent sanctuary will be filled with our members and their families

***I wish you all Shana Tovah, health and peace,
With love,
Cantor Dov Keren***



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Wendy Baker in memory of her beloved parents *Hilda & George Baker*; in honor of Alan Herman

SPECIAL SHABBATOT

September 7

During services, Rabbi Ain will introduce us to *Mahzor Lev Shalem* – the new *mahzor* we will be using during the High Holidays. We will look at core texts in order to get ourselves in the spiritual mindset for the holidays.

Services begin at 9:15 am

October 12



Donna Dunn, a national advocate for organ donation, will share her personal story about how this issue impacted her family and the role communities can play moving forward. Rabbi Ain will follow the presentation with a conversation about why this is a Jewish value, especially in the midst of the High Holiday season.

Evelyn Gomer in loving memory of her father *Harry Teichler*.

SHABBAT KIDDUSH & FLOWERS

September 14: (Kiddush) Vicki & Matt Abramowitz in joyous celebration of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Annabelle; (Flowers) The Zadeh family** in loving memory of their parents **Toria Songori & Moussa Alaghaband Zadeh**.

September 21: Sara & Greg Angrist in happy celebration of their son **Fisher's** Bar Mitzvah.

September 28: Maggie & Matt Kaminer in joyous celebration of the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Simon**.

October 5: Sandy & David Nussbaum in celebration of the aufruf of their son **Joshua** and **Rebecca Zukowsky**

prior to their wedding.

KIDDUSH FUND

Helen Zadeh in appreciation of the Shabbat Kiddush.

FLOWER FUND

Shirley Wagner in loving memory of her mother *Ethel Peterman*.

DONATIONS TO THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Gaby & Harold Alper in memory of **Cila Keren's** beloved sister, **Iris Drelich**.

Barbara Zinn Moore in honor of the marriage of **Debby & Charlie Eisenon's** son, in memory of **Linda Klempner's** beloved mother: In memory of Cila Keren's beloved sister **Iris Drelich**; in memory of **Adrienne Cosner's** mother Ruth.

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HAPPENINGS IN THE MARVIN & DAVID SACHS FAMILY EDUCATIONAL CENTER

KAPLAN NURSERY SCHOOL

Lindsay Bennett, *Director*

Parents, children and teachers have had a terrific start to the school year. We are excited that our enrollment is maxed out at 65 children in the nursery school, and 8 in the Bridge program (a Sutton Place Family Center Program). At Kaplan Nursery School we believe that separation, socialization and learning to be a member of a group, away from home, are key components of an early childhood program. Through our developmental approach, we believe that children learn through the “hands-on” experiences we provide them with. When building in the block area, the children are developing pre-math skills of balance, equality, size and share; while cutting slime or lacing cards, they are working on their fine motor skills for later writing; when painting at the easel, they are learning about mixing and creating new colors; and when playing at the water table or baking, they are beginning to understand concepts such as full and empty, wet and dry. It’s amazing to think young children can develop all these skills while playing, socializing, having fun, and most importantly developing a love for learning.

This year the children have the opportunity to acclimate to school, prior to

the arrival of the holidays. When the calendar falls this way, it allows the children to learn through music, art, storytelling, cooking, dancing and dramatic play. All of our children will have the opportunity to meet with Rabbi Ain, and explore the holidays in an age appropriate manner. Some of the exploration will include: our two’s shaking the lulav and etrog, our three’s eating and learning about a round challah and our Pre-K children learning about tashlich. I always love to see the discussions that ensue, while they symbolically participate in drawing their “sorrys” on coffee filters and watching them disappear off the paper in a bucket of water.

The “Shabbat and Share” program will continue for the second year. This year the Pre-K children will learn together with Alyssa Schwager, the Jackson Religious School Director and Rabbi Ain. It is always exciting for them to celebrate in the sanctuary (we can’t wait for them to see the new renovation) and learn about a new Judaic object (kippah, candlesticks, honey pot, mezuzah, etc) each week. What the children learn in the sanctuary they often bring back to their classroom, and incorporate into their dramatic play experiences. In conjunction with the classroom learning, Alyssa sends home materials that teach about the “Shabbat

and Share” item and ways of incorporating this into the home.

We are excited this year to be introducing a new movement program, along with our music, library and yoga program weekly. Our children freely move throughout the building, while attending specials, and it is exciting to see them develop a comfort and confidence that Sutton Place Synagogue/ Kaplan Nursery School is a second home.

As you can tell, the nursery school is a busy place with creative, energetic teachers, actively involved students and a fabulous Parent’s Association. When you walk through the nursery school, you see not only happy smiling faces, but also very busy children. Please reach out to schedule a time to come see us in action.

Finally, I want to remind all families with children born prior to October 31, 2018 that the admissions process for the 2020-2021 school year is underway. You can visit spsnyc.org/kaplan-nursery-school/admissions/application to complete an application. If your children are too young for the program, please visit spsnyc.org/familycenter to learn more about the Bridge Program, Toddler Program, After School Programs as well as Affiliate Programs (Kids in Sports, Little Maestros, Active Arts, Cheflings, and SPFC Science).

JACKSON RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Alyssa Schwager, *Director of Education & Engagement*

Bruchim Haba'im (welcome back!) to another school year with us in the Jackson Religious School! I am both honored and excited to begin my second school year as the Director of Education and Engagement, and I can’t wait to continue to learn and grow with our SPS community!

Some exciting changes for next year include:

- **Launching N’siyah: Jewish Journeys for our Teens** as a hybrid of our Hebrew High and USY teen

programming. Led by KNS and JRS teacher, Hannah Levin, our Teens will get to learn and explore Judaism and NYC together. For more information about N’siyah, please see page 13 and/or the website!

- **Launching Geshet: the Bridge to Religious School** for our JRS students.

This transitional program will run from 3:15-4 pm on Wednesdays. Geshet will be a safe, warm, educational, Jewish space for our students as they transition from their secular schools to our religious school.

- **Incorporating more Tikkun Olam** moments as we work together to make our world a better place. Through sandwich-making for those who need meals, to expressing gratitude to community helpers and veterans (and

more!), our JRS students and families will be to give back to our community.

- **Student Shabbat:** Four times this year, our JRS students will help lead the congregation in prayer. Our students will lead two Friday night and two Saturday morning services, spaced throughout the year, to share their *Tefillah* (prayer) learning with the congregation!

If any parents are interested in joining the Jackson Religious School Education Committee, please reach out to Committee Chair, Erica Levine at ericarosslevine@gmail.com.

Thank you for all of your support as we continue growing together!
B’Shalom, Alyssa

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**TEEN UPDATE:
LAUNCHING N'SIYAH**

We are launching N'Siyah: Jewish Journeys for our Teens as a hybrid of our Hebrew High and USY teen programming. Led by KNS and JRS teacher, Hannah Levin, our Teens will get to learn and explore Judaism and NYC together.

Hannah has been part of our SPS community for several years, as a nursery school teacher and in teaching religious school.

N'siyah is designed to allow our Teens to pick their own Jewish journeys while developing leadership skills and enhancing their Jewish knowledge. We have multiple tracks available:

JRS Parent Orientation on Monday, September 9, 5:15-6pm in the sanctuary

Come join us to learn more about this year in JRS! We are making many changes, and we want a chance to share them with you, as well as go over some important information and policies! We will be livestreaming the event for those who are unable to attend.

8 th -12 th grades	8 th -10 th grades Wednesdays with Hannah (monthly)	11 th -12 th grades Upperclassmen Seminars (5 Wednesdays)	9 th -12 th grades
<p>Explore NY Weekend field trips and adventures around NYC</p> <p>Teen Advisory Council Help plan Teen and congregational programming (great leadership training!)</p> <p>Shabbat @ the Rabbis' Join Rabbi Ain and Rabbi Dave as we learn from guest speakers and interesting discussions together!</p>	<p>Year 1 Jewish History & Culture</p> <p>Year 2 Exploring Jewish Values</p> <p>Year 3 Jews & The Greater Community</p>	<p>Year 1 All About Israel</p> <p>Year 2 Jewish College Prep</p>	<p>Madrich Track Be a madrich (teacher's assistant) in JRS classes on Wednesdays and/or Mondays</p>

Explore NY
Sundays:
September. 15
October. 27
November. 10
December. 8
February. 9
April. 5.

Shabbat @ the Rabbis' Saturdays
4-5:30pm:
October. 12
November. 16
December. 14
February. 1
March. 14
April. 25.

Wednesdays with Hannah;
7-8:30pm
(includes dinner)
September. 18
October. 16
November. 13
January. 15
December. 11
February. 9
March. 11
April. 22 or 29
May 6

Congregational Programming:
Simchat Torah: M, 1/21
Teen Dinner: F, 1/24
Purim Carnival: Su, 3/8
Megillah reading: M, 4/20
Teen Shabbat: Sa, 5/9
Yom HaShoah: M, 4/20
Yom Ha'Atzmaut: T, 4/28

Upperclassmen Seminars
5 Wednesdays;
7:30-8:30pm
October. 23
December. 11
February. 1
March. 14
April. 25.

DOROT ROSH HASHANAH PACKAGE DELIVERY & MORE!

Sunday, September 22: 10 am - noon

Bring warmth & companionship to an older neighbor with a Sunday morning visit.

Pick up a package at

Central Synagogue -

Community House

(123 East 55 Street,

Between Park & Lexington)

Register online - www.dorotusa.org/rosh.

SENIOR PORTRAIT DAY

(must be 18+ to volunteer)

Sunday, Oct. 6; 3 shifts available
(9am -12pm; 11:30 am-2:30pm;
1:30 - 4pm)

at the DOROT office -
171 West 85 Street

Older adults will be coming to have professional pictures taken of themselves. DOROT needs volunteers to greet them & offer tech coaching in conjunction with this program. To register: contact Sharon Stahl at sstahl@dorotusa.org

Friday, October 25 at 9 am

You are invited to come hear practical parenting advice from



REBECCA SCHRAG HERSHBERG, PhD

author of

The Tantrum Survival Guide

Join other SPS parents for a

morning to learn how to tune in to your toddler's mind (and your own) to calm the craziness and make family fun again.

This program is presented in partnership with the Jewish Book Council.

The Tantrum Survival Guide will be available for purchase and signing.

FROM THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE



It is hard to believe that summer is slowly winding down, and we are all starting to plan for the fall season, with the holidays and bustle and all the events the fall has to offer. It is also the time to renew your membership in the Women's League of Sutton Place Synagogue. I hope you will all rejoin or join for the first time and come to our many events. And you won't want to miss our November 14 special event for members!

We truly are an organization of multigenerational women, with spiritual, intellectual and philanthropic interests. We strive to offer events for all women. This year, some of our events included a docent tour at the Museum of Jewish Heritage for the incredibly moving exhibit on Auschwitz, the enjoyable Movie Matinee, author events such as Jamie Bernstein or our Fall Fashion Fete. We have fun, learn and unite as we get together

with both new and old friends.

We also give back. As an example, our Women's League Simcha Fund collected \$300 this year, which was donated to BLUE CARD, an organization that supports indigent Holocaust survivors in New York.

What has been most special to me are the lasting friendships I have made since joining the organization. The Women's League at SPS has enabled me to meet very special women who truly have become friends and for that, I am very, very grateful.

Women's League is a great way to feel connected to Sutton Place Synagogue, learn, do, and have fun! You may have a lot of time and want to get involved, or you may have limited time and will come to one or two events. In any case, I look forward to meeting you and having you part of our dynamic organization. I wish you and your loved ones a very Happy New Year.

– Barbara Zinn Moore, WLSPS President

The Women's League wants to send Nosh Packages to your kids in college!

Before Rosh Hashanah, Purim and Final Exams, we will pack up lots of goodies and mail them out to your hard-working, hungry college kids as a complimentary gift from the Women's League! If you have grandchildren or nieces, nephews or friends who are away at school, we will add them to our list for a nominal charge of \$54 for all 3 packages. Please email Judy Agata @ judyagata11@gmail.com by September 10th with your student's complete address.

TORAH YOGA

Thursday, September 26
at 7:00pm

Both Yoga practice and Torah study provide us a map to a more meaningful and spiritual existence. When combined, the effect is a profound and powerful shift in both our bodies as we stretch, strengthen and open, and in our hearts, as we connect with a something bigger than ourselves.

Join Rachel Dewan on
Thursday, September 26 at SPS

to begin your own journey of embodied Torah Study through poses, breath work, conversation and contemplation. No previous experience necessary and all levels are welcome, options will be offered for all. **If you have your own yoga mat, bring it – if not, they will be supplied.) Everyone is welcome.**

Class: \$10 : For questions & reservations, contact Barbara Zinn Moore at bzinnmoore@gmail.com. Mail check payable to WLSPS to Barbara at 310 East 53rd Street #18B, NYC 10022.

Every woman has the opportunity to participate in preserving, promoting and perpetuating Conservative/Masorti Judaism throughout the world.

CHESED Torah Fund Pin for 5780 (2019-2020)

Chesed means "kindness" in Hebrew. The word can also be translated as "lovingkindness," to convey the deep love that animates Jewish acts of kindness, done



without thought of reward.

The 5780 (2019-2020) Torah Fund pin depicts a heart surrounded by three circles, one larger than the next. This symbolizes the heart of kindness, which Jews enact in ever-widening realms of generosity: from family, to community, to the larger world; from North America, to Israel, to the world; or from sisterhood, to region, to the larger world of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. And as it is said in Psalm 89, may we build a world of kindness.

To proudly wear your Chesed pin during the High Holidays and show your support of the Torah Fund, contact WLSPS Torah Fund Chair Carol Mazin at SPS of 917-881-9409.

SAVE the DATE!
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14
FOR A
LITTLE NIGHT MAGIC
Complimentary for WL members!
Details to follow



Lilith magazine: independent, Jewish & frankly feminist

SPS is Kicking off a partnership with **Lilith magazine** with an exciting Women's League program on:

Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00 pm
Wine & cheese will be served

Ripped from the headlines, the Women's League & Lilith magazine will confront the way the #MeToo movement has impacted journalism and the Jewish community

Stories about #MeToo: On the Page- and Off

When does gossip become a useful warning signal? What are journalists' responsibilities when hearing #MeToo stories? **Susan Weidman Schneider**, editor-in-chief of Lilith magazine & other writers will share insights on current #MeToo stories affecting people in the Jewish community.

Join us for a lively conversation about this critical topic - and what you can do when overwhelmed by the news of the day. Then stay tuned for more programs throughout the year, including a Lilith Salon.

Copies of the latest issue of Lilith will be available. For more information: www.lilith.com

BoCo goes to Barbra!

Join us for a docent-led tour of the newest show at Temple Emanu-El's Bernard Museum

BARBRA! THE EXHIBIT
November 19 at 7 pm

The arc of Barbra Streisand's story will unfold on the gallery's walls, providing a behind-the-scenes retrospective of her entire life.

Join us as we view photos, original costumes worn by Barbra, and interactive displays. (Yes, you can sing with Barbra!)

Wine & hors d'oeuvres will be served. RSVPs are a must for this limited capacity event. \$20 for SPS members, \$30 for non-members. Email boco@spsnyc.org to RSVP. Payment accepted online www.sps@spsnyc.org/BocoBabs or at the door.

(BoCo is our Boomer's Community. If you were born between 1946 and 1964, you're a Boomer - but we never check!)

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ACTIVITIES

Monday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 pm

#SPSTalks – Young Professionals Style: What do the Israeli Elections have to do with me?

On September 17, Israelis head to the polls for the second time this year. How does this election affect us as Diaspora Jews? How can we understand the role Zionism plays in our Jewish identities when politics in and about Israel are so divisive? And how might we be able to apply these lessons to our own contentious politics in the US? Please RSVP to David Frankel at dfrankel@spsnyc.org

Wednesday, October 16 from 7 – 9pm

Young Professional's Comedy Night & Pizza in the Hut with Comedian Talia Reese

Get together with old friends and make new ones under the stars in our beautiful Rooftop Sukkah! Comedian Talia Reese will have us shaking (like lulavs) in laughter. Enjoy pizza & drinks and celebrate this popular Jewish festival. Suggested donations \$10.

Register at www.spsnyc.org/ypsukkotcomedy

Save the Date
BoCo end-of-Summer Movie Night!

Monday, September 9 at 7 pm

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