THIS MORNING WE CELEBRATE THE BAR MITZVAH OF

ZAVIER JULIUS GAFFIN

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This morning, Zavier is 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!

The flowers and kiddush following the service are sponsored by Bryan and Elyssa Gaffin in happy celebration of Zavier’s Bar Mitzvah.

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**SHABBAT MEVARCHIM HACHODESH | PARASHAT BERESHIT**

Torah (Genesis 1:1 - 6:8): Etz Hayim p. 3 - 34
Haftarah (Isaiah 42:5 - 43:10): Etz Hayim p. 35 - 40

**TORAH PORTION SUMMARY**

In this Torah portion, God creates the world. After Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they are banished from the Garden of Eden. Later Cain kills Abel. God then considers destroying all of Creation.
Please note: Minyan on Tuesday and Wednesday morning will be at 7:45 am because of Rosh Chodesh.

DAY OF ACTION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM
Sunday, October 27, 10 - 11 am at Central Synagogue

WOMEN’S LEAGUE

WOMEN’S LEAGUE AND MEN’S CLUB BINGO
Wednesday, October 30 from 7-9 pm
Calling all Bingo lovers! Join us for a night of great prizes and lots of fun. Bring your friends (including non-members). David Pochapin will be the caller! $10 for 5 cards, and $20 for 12 cards.

Please join us for our Annual Women’s League Members Event

A Magical Evening
Thursday, November 14th at 7:00pm
☆ Cocktails, wine, hors d’oeuvres & dessert
☆ Fabulous raffle prizes

World-renowned mentalist Marc Salem will perform (As seen on Broadway and 60 Minutes, he promises to captivate us with his astounding mind games!)

RSVP by November 5th: womensleague@spsnyc.org or call the SPS office, 212-593-3300
All SPS Men’s Club members, friends and family are welcome to join us for

ISLANDERS/PENGUINS HOCKEY GAME

Join the Men’s Club for a great night of hockey!

Date: Thursday, November 7
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: Barclays Center, Brooklyn

Tickets: $45.00

RSVP to mensclub@spsnyc.org or call Jeffrey Lipitz 917-885-9811

HELP US HELP OUT
SPS CARES DAY
SUNDAY 11.10.2019

In honor of Veterans Day, join us and give back to our community! Activities for all ages!

★ RECORD VIDEOS FOR VETERANS
★ DONATE OLD SHOES FOR SOLES4SOULS
★ COLLECT TOILETRIES FOR MET COUNCIL RESIDENTS
★ LEARN ABOUT VOTER REGISTRATION
★ MAKE BLANKETS FOR PET SHELTERS
★ JOIN GIFT OF LIFE’S BONE MARROW REGISTRY
★ COLLECT WARM WINTER GEAR FOR THE HOMELESS

Please bring gently used shoes, sneakers & boots, all sizes, unopened toiletries, and gently used hats, gloves & scarves. To purchase bulk toiletries to donate, go to www.tinyurl.com/spscaresday2019

12 - 3 PM
Sutton Place Synagogue
225 East 51st Street, NYC 212.593.3300 www.spsnyc.org
Capital Campaign and Master Plan Sessions

SPS Capital Project Community Conversations with our architects, MBB.

Please come and share your thoughts as we plan the continued enhancements and improvements to our Sanctuary, Security and Program Space

Monday, November 11 at 7 pm
Tuesday, November 12 at 9:15 am
Wednesday, November 13 at 5 pm

All members of Sutton Place Synagogue are encouraged to join us for these important conversations. Whether you are dropping off your children at KNS, getting ready to pick students up before the conclusion of JRS, or have time at the end of a work day, we invite you to add your voice to our collective effort.

RSVPs appreciated to OurTime@spsnyc.org

Sutton Place Synagogue
invites Patrons Society members to a

Dinner Reception
Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30 pm

At 8 pm, following the dinner, we will join the community in the sanctuary as we welcome

AVI ISSACHAROFF
Journalist & Co-Creator of Netflix’s Award Winning Show

FAUDA

(This program is made possible by the generosity of Gary Kahn, in memory of his beloved father, Stanley.)

Dinner RSVP: hjanover@spsnyc.org or 212-593-3300, by November 5th

Patrons Society members are those contributors who pledged/donated a minimum of $1,800 to the 2019 Yom Kippur Appeal. There is still time to become a Patron - please call the office, 212-593-3300.
COMMUNITY LEARNING

“ARE JEWS REALLY PROTECTED BY THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION?” TAUGHT BY SPS MEMBER DR. MARTY EDELMAN

Thursdays, October 31; November 7, 14, 21 from 4:30 - 5:30 pm

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. RSVP to sps@spsnyc.org

THE ETHICAL WILLS PROJECT WITH RABBI AIN

Mondays October 28, November 25 from 4:30-5:45 pm

Rabbi Ain will facilitate the The Jewish Ethical Wills Project at SPS. The two-session curriculum explores ethical wills as an authentic Jewish practice that helps to articulate values, look at issues of legacy, and navigate liminal moments. The Ethical Wills Project is an initiative of JTS’s Center for Pastoral Education and the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan and is supported by a generous grant from the Charles H. Revson Foundation. RSVP to sps@spsnyc.org

SHAKESPEARE AND TORAH WITH RABBINIC INTERN DAVID CHAPMAN

Saturdays, November 9 following Kiddush

Fie on him, Jezebel! (Twelfth Night, Act II). This course will explore connections between William Shakespeare and one of his most important influences, the Hebrew Bible. Together we will look at similarities in language, style, theme, and theology between the two canons. No acting experience necessary! RSVP to sps@spsnyc.org

SHORT STORY ALOUD LED BY SYLVIA SLATIN KATZ

Mondays, November 11 at 12:30 pm

Read and discuss a hand-picked selection of short stories. Arrive 15 minutes early to enjoy a light lunch. Class is free. Register by calling the office or emailing sps@spsnyc.org
JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL KABBALAT SHABBAT
Friday, November 1st at 6:15 pm
We welcome everyone to sing with us at our third Musical Service of the new season!

Rabbi Ain, Cantor Keren & pianist Gon Halevi, guitarist David Kochavi, vocalist Inbar Goldmann, percussionist David Silliman and violinist Joel Arthur

Festive Oneg Shabbat to follow

The Night of Broken Glass
KRISTALLNACHT OBSERVANCE
Wednesday, November 6 at 7 pm

Hosted by Sutton Place Synagogue in partnership with Christ Church & St. James Episcopal Church

In the spirit of interfaith unity and respect, Rabbi Rachel Ain (Sutton Place Synagogue), The Reverend Stephen Baumann (Christ Church), and The Reverend Brenda Husson (St. James Episcopal Church) and their respective congregations, invite you to attend an evening of remembrance of the Holocaust pogrom that occurred in November 1938.

Keynote Speaker:
Storyteller
Marty Brounstein
Author of Two Among the Righteous Few

Amidst the horrific tragedy of the Holocaust comes an interfaith story of courage, compassion, and rescue. Marty tells the story of a Christian couple in Holland who saved the lives of over two dozen Jews in World War II and the Holocaust, including a few German Jews who survived Kristallnacht. Marty also has a meaningful personal connection to this story which he reveals in his engaging storytelling presentation.

Two Among the Righteous Few will be available for sale and signing at the conclusion of the program.
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