THIS MORNING WE CELEBRATE THE BAT MITZVAH OF
ELIZA GRACE HOROWITZ
This morning, Eliza will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. Eliza, the daughter of Amy and Steven, is joined in this simchah by her sister Melissa and her brother Drew.

She attends the seventh grade at The Birch Wathen Lenox School and is an accomplished student who is the youngest student to compete on the Varsity Tennis Team. She also attends Camp Birchmont in New Hampshire.

Eliza’s pedigree is however common to so many Bat Mitzvah. Ironically, Eliza shines because she is very much a typical tween in tune with the pressures and drama typical of her age. She, however, steadfastly refuses to yield to those pressures. When a classmate is in need or time can be better spent charitably, she answers the call and makes the right, albeit hard decision. It is Eliza’s altruistic nature which is her most impressive quality. Whether it is dedicating weekends to her community service work with The Pampered Pillowcase and the Yorkville Common Pantry or by simply being supportive of those beyond her social circle, Eliza strives to make the world more positive by placing the needs of others ahead of her own. She does so despite the fact that she is keenly aware of the superficial pressures so common of her age group.

It is therefore fitting that Eliza chant Vayeira. Parshat Vayeira focuses on Abraham, our forefather, who dedicated his life to bringing Hashem’s light to a pagan world through an utter disregard for his own corporeal needs. While the challenges faced by Eliza cannot be properly likened to those faced by Abraham, which were, literally, biblical in stature, Eliza has proven herself to be selfless in her efforts to transform her world into a better place by helping one person at a time without regard to the difficulties that such help may impose upon her.

In preparation for her Bat Mitzvah, Eliza has gained an even deeper understanding of the significance of taking joy from sacrificing one’s own needs at the altar of a world, or a peer in need. Those are the Torah values epitomized in Parshat Vayeira and those are the values by which Eliza lives her life. We must therefore thank Rabbi Rachel Ain, and Cantor Dov Keren and the entire Sutton Place community for their commitment to Eliza’s learning. Join us in wishing Eliza and her family Mazel Tov on this milestone.
PARASHAT VAYEIRA


TORAH PORTION SUMMARY
In this Torah portion, three guests arrive at Abraham and Sarah’s tent. They inform Abraham that God will give the elderly Sarah a child. The prophesy comes true, and they name their son Isaac. God informs Abraham that Sodom and Gomorrah will be destroyed, though Abraham attempts to convince God otherwise. God tells Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. Abraham obliges but is told that it was a test of faith and offers a ram to sacrifice instead.

The flowers adorning the bima and kiddush following the service are sponsored by Amy and Steven Horowitz in happy celebration of Eliza’s Bat Mitzvah.

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In a thoughtful, facilitated manner, we invite members of SPS to join together to discuss issues that are near and dear to us but might place us in opposition to one another.

The only way to learn and to grow is through listening.

SHOULD AMERICAN JEWS GET INVOLVED IN ISRAELI POLITICS?
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 7:30 PM

RSVP to Jeremy Reiss at Jeremy_reiss@msn.com so he can send you reading materials in advance.
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
DINNER & PROGRAM

Friday, November 22, following 6:15 PM Services

SPS members are invited to Kabbalat Shabbat services, dinner, and a special program during which we will welcome our new members.

Featuring authors Liel Leibovitz and Stephanie Butnick, hosts of Tablet's "Unorthodox" podcast, discussing their book:

"The Newish Jewish Encyclopedia: From Abraham to Zabar's and Everything in Between"

Copies will be available for purchase prior to November 22.

New Members who have joined SPS since July 2018 are our guests. "Seasoned" Members: $25 PP. Children 8 & Under: $15. Reservations Required: sps@spsnyc.org or 212-593-3300

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VISITING CANTORIAL STUDENT SHABBAT

JACOB SANDLER

Friday, November 22 at 6:15 pm
Saturday, November 23 at 9:15 am

JACOB is a singer and multi-instrumentalist in his penultimate year of cantorial school at JTS. He has a long history at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires as a camper, counselor, and music specialist. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in K-12 Music Education from SUNY Buffalo State and is currently the Resnick Intern at New City Jewish Center in Rockland County, NY. Come and sing along with him during the November 22 & 23 Shabbat services.
BoCo Goes to Barbra! The Exhibit  
Join us for a docent led tour of the newest show at  
Temple Emanu-el’s Bernard Museum  
Tuesday evening, 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 at www.spsnyc.org or at the door.  
Temple Emanu-el is located at One East 65th Street.

The Women’s League of Sutton Place Synagogue is making sure everyone can attend “Hello Gorgeous” at Temple Emanu-el. Join them on Thursday afternoon, December 5 at 2 pm

There will be a one-hour discussion with the curator, followed by light refreshments.

Cost: $20

Please complete the form on the lobby table. Reservations must be received by Monday, December 2.

For questions, please contact Barbara Zinn Moore at 646-246-2767 or bzinnmoore@gmail.com.
COMMUNITY LEARNING

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

INTRO TO MUSSAR WITH RABBI RACHEL AIN
Next Saturday, November 23 and December 1 following Kiddush
Looking inward and at 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.

THE ETHICAL WILLS PROJECT WITH RABBI AIN
Second Session: Monday, 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
Second Session - Saturday, December 7 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
Monday, December 9 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
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