This morning
David Bergenfield and Abbey Lepor
will be reading from the Torah

Herb Lepor will deliver the Dvar Torah
PARASHAT TOLDOT

Torah (Genesis 25:19 - 28:9: Etz Hayim p. 146 - 161
Haftarah (Malachi 1:1 - 2:7): Etz Hayim p. 162 - 165

TORAH PORTION SUMMARY
Rebecca and Isaac have twins, the smooth-skinned Jacob, whom Rebecca favors, and the hairy Esau, who Isaac favors. After returning from a hunting trip, Esau asks his brother for some lentil soup, but Jacob tells him he must trade him his birthright. Years later, when Isaac is old and blind, Jacob tricks their father into giving him the firstborn blessing. Jacob leaves home, fearing his brother will retaliate, and finds a wife at his uncle Laban’s house.

The kiddush following the service is sponsored by Ellen Shapiro and Herb Lepor in honor of the 9th anniversary of Abbey’s Bat Mitzvah.

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION – PURIM SHPIEL 5780!

Calling all SPS actors, singers, musicians, artists, writers, dancers, directors, designers, and technicians! The SPS Purim Shpiel needs YOU! Join Rabbinic Intern David Chapman on Wednesday, December 4 at 6 pm for a workshop/meeting/casting session as we start putting together our Purim Shpiel extravaganza! All ages welcome – dinner provided. RSVP to dchapman@spsnyc.org if you are interested–whether you can attend the meeting or not!
JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL KABBALAT SHABBAT
Friday, December 6th at 6:15 pm

We welcome everyone to sing with us at our Musical Service!

Rabbi Ain, Cantor Keren & pianist Ron Halevi, guitarist Omer Berger, vocalist Inbar Goldmann, percussionist Eran Fink and violinist Joel Arthur

Festive Oneg Shabbat to follow

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.

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The SPS Women’s League invites you to our first ever Lilith salon event on
Tuesday, December 10th from 6:30-8:30 pm at the home of Barbara Zinn
Moore at 310 East 53rd Street. Lilith Magazine is a quarterly, non-profit
magazine that’s “independent, Jewish, and frankly feminist.” After each issue,
readers all over the world gather together in different salons to discuss themes
and topics raised by articles in the issue.

What is a Lilith Salon?

It’s an informal get-together for a lively conversation spurred by each new issue
of Lilith magazine. The magazine is a stimulus for encounters with new ideas and
new people. Just as in the magazine’s pages, you’ll encounter women like and
unlike yourself; the same is often true for the connections forged at Lilith salons.

What is it like?

The conversations are more free-flowing than a book group (with fewer pages to
read) and are more participatory than a lecture (with enough food and drink to
keep the conversation flowing). Lilith salons meet every three months or so.

What will we discuss?

Our first salon will address the various questions, issues, and concerns involving
Jewish women and cancer. You can read the article “Jewish Women – Cancer” in
the Fall 2019 edition of Lilith magazine.

* This is a members-only event. There is no charge, but please RSVP to either
Barbara Zinn Moore at 646-246-2767/bzinnmoore@gmail.com or Ellen Barnett
at 917-539-2961/ebbarn100@gmail.com.

* If you are not already a subscriber to Lilith, please subscribe at lilith.org in order
to receive the upcoming issue and join our discussion!

Space is limited to 14 people and reservations are required
Understanding AIPAC:
An evening to explore the mission and strategy of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee

Join Rabbi Ain, David Chapman, and professionals from AIPAC as we delve into what this organization is all about and how we can get involved in strengthening the US-Israel Relationship.

The meeting will take place at SPS at 7 pm on December 11. Please rsvp to sps@spsnyc.org

There will be information about joining the Sutton Place Synagogue delegation to AIPAC’s Policy Conference in Washington March 1-3, 2020. Policy Conference is the largest and most diverse gathering of the pro-Israel community. Learn from experts, experience Israeli innovation, hear from world leaders and American and Israeli leaders from across the political spectrum, and lobby your representative. You can sign up for Policy Conference at www.policyconference.com

Please let Rabbi Ain know if you are planning on attending the conference.
Shabbaton of Gratitude
A Community-Wide Celebration of One Another!

Friday, December 13 at 5:30 pm
KabaiTOT Shabbat & Lite Bites

Saturday, December 14
Men’s Club Shabbat
Morning Services at 9:15 am

Study Mussar with Rabbi Ain
Shabbat Afternoon following kiddush

Time for Teens at 4 pm
8th-12th graders will meet at the Rabbis’ house to think about the blessings in their lives and join the larger community at 5 pm.

Saturday, December 14 at 5 pm
Community-Wide Havdalah of Gratitude

Let’s celebrate all who have given their time, talent, or treasure to SPS over the past several months. Your presence and commitment have made a difference.

We’ll begin with a moving Havdalah service followed by special opportunities to express our gratitude. The celebration will continue with Latkes and champagne to get us in the Chanukah mood.

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COMMUNITY LEARNING

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

INTRO TO MUSSAR WITH RABBI RACHEL AIN
Saturday, December 14 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.

Sutton Place Synagogue Young Professionals

Auschwitz
Not long ago. Not far away.

At The Museum of Jewish Heritage
Sunday, December 8, 2019 | 4 - 6 pm

Meet at 3:45 pm @ the museum
Cost: $25 | Purchase tickets at spsny.org/ypmuseum
## BIRTHDAYS

Beatrice Birnbaum • Cara Birnbaum • Philip Cohen • Rachel Demeny
Mark Elowsky • Maynard Engel • Elana Eyal • Annette Hanson
Mason Hilton • Stacey Lipschitz • Jesse Low • Sara Miggins • Ian Rayman
Micah Reiss • Caitlin Teitelbaum • Ethan Drew Waiser • Michael Weiss

## ANNIVERSARIES

Maynard & Sally Engel • Jake Musiker & Tara Blackman
Daniel & Ellie Hurwitz

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