This morning we welcome Guest Speaker
SENIOR PASTOR OF SAINT PETER’S CHURCH
AMANDUS J. DERR
There’s No Reason To Ask Why Christians and Jews Should Stand in Solidarity

This afternoon following Kiddush
SHAKESPEARE AND TORAH
WITH RABBINIC INTERN DAVID CHAPMAN
PARASHAT VAYECHI

Torah (Genesis 47:28 - 50:26): Etz Hayim p. 293 – 311

TORAH PORTION SUMMARY
In this Torah portion, Joseph promises Jacob that he will bury him in Canaan. On his deathbed, Jacob blesses his grandchildren, Ephraim and Menashe, and then blesses each of his sons. Jacob dies and is embalmed. Joseph affirms to his brothers that he has forgiven them for their misdeeds. Ending the Book of Genesis, Joseph dies.

COMMUNITY LEARNING

THE GREAT DEBATES: A JTS CURRICULUM TAUGHT BY RABBI AIN
Mondays, January 27, February 24, March 23, April 27 & May 18 at 4:30 pm

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?

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SUTTON PLACE SYNAGOGUE PROUDLY PRESENTS
A SUNDAY SYMPOSIUM

A MODERN LOOK AT TRADITIONAL JEWISH SOURCES: HOW JUDAISM SPEAKS TO OUR CONTEMPORARY EXPERIENCES

Sunday, January 26
10 am\n10:30 am\n11 am - 1 pm\n1 - 2 pm
Registration\nWelcome\nKeynote Talks\nFacilitated lunch with Rabbi Ain and Rabbinic Intern David Chapman

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We welcome Dr. JOY LADIN and Rabbi DANNY NEVINS. Dr. Ladin holds the Gottesman Chair in English at Yeshiva University, and, in 2007, became the first (and still only) openly transgender employee of an Orthodox Jewish institution. Rabbi Nevins in the Dean of the Rabbinical School at JTS.

Dr. Ladin’s recent book, ‘The Soul of the Stranger: Reading God and Torah from a Transgender Perspective’, was a Lambda Literary Award and Triangle Award finalist. The book will be available for purchase.

Rabbi Nevins, who serves on the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards, will explore how Jewish Law develops today and share his thoughts on Artificial Intelligence.

Chaired by SPS Past President, Bob Berend.
To register, visit www.spsnyc.org/sundaysymposium
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Sutton Place Synagogue
Second Annual Gala

THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd

An Evening of Celebration
Honoring our Past Presidents:
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Robert Berend
Mark Wiener z"l
Roger Cohen
Rick Kaminer

6:30 PM @ RAVEL
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ANTI-SEMITISM AND THE HOLOCAUST
Monday, January 27 from 7:30-9 pm

Join fellow SPS Young Professionals and Rabbi Ain on International Holocaust Remembrance Day for an open dialogue about the legacy of the Holocaust, the resurgence of global anti-Semitism, and our moral responsibility as Jews to respond to both.

RSVP at spsny.org/ypspstalks
JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL KABBALAT SHABBAT
Friday, January 31st at 6:15 pm

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

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

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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.

ANTI-SEMITISM: WHAT IS THE ESSENCE OF OUR OUTRAGE AND HOW SHOULD WE BE RESPONDING?
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 7:30 PM

ZOOMING IN: WHAT IS TAKING PLACE ON THE GROUND BETWEEN “ORDINARY” ISRAELIS/PALESTINIANS...HOW DO WE MAKE TODAY BETTER?
MONDAY, MAY 18, 7:30 PM

RSVP to Jeremy Reiss at Jeremy_reiss@msn.com so he can send you reading materials in advance.

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Join us for an Original Off-Broadway Production
HELLO GORGEOUS: THE PLAY
BUYER AND CELLAR
Starring Michael Urie

In a one-man comedy for which he won a Drama Desk Award, Michael Urie takes audiences inside this fascinating wonderland of a woman who grew up in a tiny Brooklyn apartment with only one doll. Playing a down-on-his-luck actor who lands a job as the mall clerk, as well as his agent, boyfriend, Barbra, her husband and housekeeper, Urie creates a poignant friendship with a superstar still scarred by a troubled childhood.

**Date/Time:** Sunday, February 2\(^{nd}\) from 3-6 pm

**Place:** Temple Emanu-El, 10 E 66\(^{th}\) Street

**Cost/RSVP:** $45. Please complete the bottom portion of this form and send your check made payable to WL of SPS, to Gabrielle Alper at 50 Sutton Place South, Apt. 10F, NY, NY 10022. Your check must be received by Monday, January 27\(^{th}\).

For any questions, please contact Gabrielle Alper at 212-751-2180 or gabyharold@aol.com.

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