Shabbat Shalom

January 4th, 2020 | 7th of Tevet 5780

Shabbat Service | Parashat Vayiggash

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Torah (Genesis 44:18 - 47:27): Etz Hayim p. 274
Haftarah (Ezekiel 37:15 - 37:28): Etz Hayim p. 290

Torah Portion Summary

Joseph’s brothers refuse to return to Canaan without Benjamin, whom Joseph has falsely accused of theft. Joseph reveals his true identity and invites his brothers to return for their father, Jacob, and bring him and their families to Egypt to live. When they return, Joseph introduces his father to Pharaoh, and, at Pharaoh’s suggestion, the family settles in Goshen, a particularly fertile region of Egypt.
**WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

**Thursday, January 9 at 2 pm**
Join the WL for a private docent-led tour of a special exhibit at the American Jewish Historical Society (15 West 16th Street)

“RUSS & DAUGHTERS: AN APPETIZING STORY”
The cost is $20 which includes the tour, coffee, and light snacks afterwards. See flyer on lobby table for more information.

**Sunday, February 2 from 3 - 6 pm at Temple Emanu-El (10 E. 66th St.)**
Join the WL for an Original Off-Broadway Production HELLO GORGEOUS: THE PLAY BUYER AND CELLAR STARRING MICHAEL URIE
The cost is $45. See flyer on lobby table for more information

**COMMUNITY LEARNING**

**SHAKESPEARE AND TORAH WITH RABBINIC INTERN DAVID CHAPMAN**

**Saturday, January 11 following services**
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!

**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?

RSVP to sps@spsnyc.org

**#SPS TALKS: YOUNG PROFESSIONALS STYLE**

**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 spsnyc.org/ypspstalks
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  Registration
10:30 am Welcome
11 am - 1 pm Keynote Talks
1 - 2 pm Facilitated lunch with Rabbi Ain and Rabbinic Intern David Chapman

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
The Following Members Will Be Observing Yahrzeit This Week

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BIRTHDAYS
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Max Gershberg • Gina LaVersa-Zeitlin • David Levy • Victoria Lucero
Jacob Marder • Philip Orbuch • Jason Popper • Michael Ripka
H. Jay Rosenblatt • Rita Schneider • Marvin Shulsky

ANNIVERSARIES
Corey & Rose Breier • Philip & Susan Cohen
Lawrence & Elyse Gray • Gabriel & Polina Starr