This morning is
MEN’S CLUB SHABBAT
Our Men’s Club will lead us in the morning service and share their love of Torah with the community!

COMMUNITY-WIDE HAVDALAH OF GRATITUDE
A CELEBRATION OF OUR SPS COMMUNITY
Today at 5 pm
As we prepare to celebrate Chanukah, the holiday of dedication, let’s celebrate our collective dedication to SPS with a program for people of all ages! We’ll begin with a moving Havdalah service followed by special opportunities to express our gratitude. The festive celebration will continue with latkes, gelt, and more to get us in the Chanukah mood.
PARASHAT VAYISHLACH

Torah (Genesis 32:4 - 36:43): Etz Hayim p. 198
Haftarah (Hosea 12:13 - 14:10): Etz Hayim p. 221

TORAH PORTION SUMMARY
God tells Jacob to return home. Worried that his brother Esau will kill him, Jacob divides his clan into two camps, so at least some will survive in case of a fight. Jacob sleeps alone in the desert and is awoken by an angel who wrestles him through the night. Jacob survives and is blessed by the angel and renamed Israel. Jacob meets his brother and, surprisingly, they embrace. Dinah, Jacob’s daughter, is raped by Shekhem, who then proposes to Jacob that he marry her. Shimeon and Levi brutally murder Shekhem and his clan. Rachel has another child, whom she and Jacob name Benjamin.

COMMUNITY LEARNING

This afternoon following Kiddush
STUDY MUSSAR WITH RABBI AIN
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.

TORAH FUND - WOMEN’S LEAGUE OF CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

5770 Torah Fund pins are out now. For information, please contact WLSPS Torah Fund Chair Carol Mazin at amazincm@yahoo.com or (917)881-9409.

SPECIAL SHABBAT

PAST PRESIDENT D’VAR TORAH
Saturday, December 28, during services
Sutton Place Synagogue’s esteemed past president ROBERT W. BEREND will deliver the final d’var torah of the 2019 calendar year. We thank Bob and his wife Shelley for sponsoring the Kiddush in honor of Bob’s birthday.
SUTTON PLACE SYNAGOGUE PROUDLY PRESENTS
A SUNDAY SYMPOSIUM

A MODERN LOOK AT TRADITIONAL JEWISH SOURCES: HOW JUDAISMS 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

Sutton Place Synagogue
225 E 51st Street, NYC 10022

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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