This morning is Student Shabbat:
JRS STUDENTS LEAD FROM THE BIMAH!
Each grade will have the opportunity to lead from the bimah as we share our Tefillah (prayer) skills and enthusiasm with the community!

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

Torah (Genesis 28:10 - 32:3): Etz Hayim p. 166
Haftarah (Hosea 12:13 - 14:10): Etz Hayim p. 189

TORAH PORTION SUMMARY
Jacob has a dream in which angels go up and down a ladder connecting earth to heaven. God appears before Jacob and renews the covenant that God had made with Abraham. Jacob sees Rachel, Laban’s daughter, tending sheep and wishes to marry her. Laban tricks Jacob into marrying his eldest daughter, Leah, after seven years of labor. In exchange for another seven years of work, Jacob is allowed to marry Rachel. Jacob has many sons with Leah, but Rachel is unable to conceive. Finally, God blesses Rachel, and she has a son, whom she names Joseph.
**COMMUNITY LEARNING**

**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 RACHELAIN**  
**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.

**CALL FOR PARTICIPATION – PURIM SHPIEL 5780!**

**WE WANT ADULT AND CHILDREN’S PARTICIPATION**  
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 11 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!

**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.
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.
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.


Reservations Required: sps@spsnyc.org or 212-593-3300

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Shabbaton of Gratitude

A Community-Wide Celebration of One Another!

Friday, December 13 at 5:30 pm
KabbalTOT 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.

RSVP to sps@spsnyc.org

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Sutton Place Synagogue presents

Tot Chanukah

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LOU GALLO
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Sunday, December 15 from 10—11:30 am
$30 per family
For ages birth-6, plus an adult

✧ Latkes, donuts, dreidels galore!
✧ Chanukah concert with Lou Gallo (KNS Music Teacher) and the Very Hungry Band
✧ Chanukah-themed brunch
✧ Crafts & activities

Open to the community—bring your friends!
RSVP’s appreciated: aschwager@spsnyc.org

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