SHABBAT SHALOM | שבת שלום
FEBRUARY 1ST, 2020 | 6TH OF SHEVAT 5780
SHABBAT SERVICE | PARASHAT BO

THIS MORNING WE CELEBRATE THE BAT MITZVAH OF
JULIA CATE WEISSMAN

Rabbi Rachel Ain | Cantor Dov Keren | Shari Pochapin, President
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This morning, Julia will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. Julia is joined by her parents Judy and David, grandparents, family members, friends, and the SPS congregation on this special day.

Julia is a seventh grade student at East Side Middle School where she enjoys learning math, humanities, and science. Additionally, Julia volunteers for Reading Buddies where she helps local elementary students at PS 527.

Outside of school, Julia participates in softball and dance, and she looks forward to summers at Camp Lokanda in upstate New York. Her interest in helping animals has led Julia to Bideawee, where she spends time caring for animals in a shelter. This responsibility provides Julia with a strong sense of purpose and commitment.

Julia loves getting together with friends, and her friends and family play an important role in her life. This is reflected in the strong, meaningful relationships Julia has developed over the years. Julia is kindhearted, and her wise discernment and considerate nature often serve as a compass for those around her.

Julia and her family would like to thank Rabbi Rachel Ain and Cantor Dov Keren for their support in preparing Julia for this milestone. Julia is elated to share this occasion with family, friends and the Sutton Place Synagogue community. Please join us in wishing Julia Mazal Tov.

### COMMUNITY LEARNING

**#SPSTALKS FACILITATED BY SPS BOARD MEMBER JEREMY REISS**

**Monday, February 3 at 7:30 pm**

Anti-semitism: What is the essence of our outrage and how should we be responding? 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. RSVP to Jeremy Reiss at Jeremy_Reiss@msn.com so he can send you reading materials in advance.

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

**Saturday, February 8 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.
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TORAH PORTION SUMMARY
In this Torah portion, God sends the eighth and ninth plagues, locusts and darkness, but Pharaoh still refuses to free the Israelite slaves. God tells Moses that the 10th plague will be killing all the firstborn Egyptians. God commands each Israelite home to slaughter a lamb and spread the blood on their doorposts, in order to protect their firstborns. After the death of the firstborns, Pharaoh demands that the Israelites leave.

The SPS Cantorial Search Committee is excited to present Cantor Malachi Kanfer to our community.
Cantor Kanfer will lead us in services on Friday night, February 14 & Saturday morning, February 15.

Friday night services begin at 6:15 pm.
Saturday morning services begin at 9:15 am, followed by a kiddush lunch during which Cantor Kanfer will be available to meet and greet our congregation. Please join us!

Can't be there in person? You can live stream both services from our website, www.spsnyc.org

Cantor Kanfer is currently the Cantor at Congregation B'nai Jacob, a Conservative Synagogue in Woodbridge, Ct.
Sutton Place Synagogue Presents:

**Shabbat Guest Speakers**

who enliven and enlighten our congregation about meaningful events and issues surrounding the greater community.

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

9:15 am services

**Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM)**

**AVNET KLEINER, Jewish National Fund (JNF)**

As ALEH Negev’s Director of Development in the USA, Avnet Kleiner works to promote JNF’s pioneering rehabilitation village in Israel’s Negev that provides medical and therapeutic care to residents with severe cognitive and physical disabilities, as well as outpatient rehabilitative services to children and young adults. ALEH Negev-Nahalat Eran, a 25-acre, state-of-the-art rehabilitative village in Israel’s Negev Desert offers unparalleled care for people with severe disabilities, empowering residents and outpatients to help them reach their potential for communication and development.

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 21**

9:15 am services

**HEBREW ROOTS: JEWISH ROUTES**

**DR. JEREMY BENSTEIN**

In partnership with the Jewish Book Council, SPS members will hear from esteemed environmental educator Dr. Jeremy Benstein. Dr. Benstein is a co-founder of the Heschel Center and former director of its Environmental Fellows program. He holds a PhD in environmental anthropology from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Jeremy’s interests focus on the interplay of religion, culture and values with the environment, topics he has explored in his book “The Way into Judaism and the Environment.” The book will be available for purchase from the synagogue.

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

9:15 am services

**ISRAELI SHALIACH FROM THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR ISRAEL**

**KARIN LAGZIEL**

As a representative of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Karen will share her personal story of growing up in Israel and what it has been like working in NYC as she strengthens the bonds between Israeli and American Jews.
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 the 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 23rd at 7 pm

**Place:** Temple Emanu-El, 10 E 66th 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 Sunday, February 9th.

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

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**Learn CPR and Save a Life!**

Back by popular demand:
CPR training with distinguished doctor

Women’s League invites the entire SPS community to join this important, interactive session on life-saving techniques, taught by a Certified Trainer and Assistant Faculty member of the American Heart Association.

In an entertaining, instructive and engaging manner, learn how to:
- perform CPR on adults and children
- recognize and respond to breathing and choking emergencies
- administer an EpiPen for allergic reactions

**Date:** Monday, February 24th  
**Time:** 6:30pm  
**Place:** Sutton Place Synagogue, 225 East 51 Street

Participation is free but class size is limited, so sign up early!  
**RSVP:** Barbara Zinn Moore, bzinnmoore@gmail.com
PARTY LIKE IT’S 5780
A TOTALLY AWESOME PURIM CELEBRATION

Young Professionals Hamantaschen Bake-Off
Wednesday, March 4 at 7:00 PM

Purim Carnival
Sunday, March 8 at 10:45 AM - 1:30 PM

Purim Shpiel, Megillah Reading, & Celebration
Monday, March 9 at 6:00 PM

Traditional Megillah Reading
Tuesday, March 10 at 7:45 AM

Costumes are encouraged at any or all events

For more info visit www.spsnyc.org/purim5780

Please bring unopened boxes of pasta to be used as groggers during the Megillah reading. These will be donated to a local food pantry after the holiday.

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“Why is this night different from all other nights?”

THE WOMEN OF CONGREGATION HABONIM, OR OLAM,
SUTTON PLACE SYNAGOGUE AND TOWN & VILLAGE SYNAGOGUE
INVITE YOU TO TAKE A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY CELEBRATING WOMEN!

Women’s Passover Seder & Dinner
LED BY RABBI RACHEL AIN (SUTTON PLACE SYNAGOGUE), RABBI LISA GELBER (CONGREGATION HABONIM)
& CANTOR SHIREE KIDRON (OR OLAM) & CANTOR SHAYNA POSTMAN (TOWN & VILLAGE SYNAGOGUE)

THURSDAY MARCH 19, 2020
“MEET & GREET” AT 6:30 PM - SEDER BEGINS AT 7:00 PM
SUTTON PLACE SYNAGOGUE - 225 EAST 51ST STREET (BETWEEN 2ND & 3RD AVENUES) - NYC
$50 PER FEMALE GUEST
(PLUS $1.50 IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD)

Questions? Call Harriet Gussin 212-682-4714 or email Evelyn Gomer eviegomer@gmail.com
Advance paid reservations required & must be received prior to March 13.
Please complete and tear-off reservation form below, and mail with check, payable to:
Sutton Place Synagogue, New York, NY 10022, or provide your credit card # with
payment in the amount of $51.50 per person

PLEASE PRINT
I (We) will attend the Women’s Seder on March 19. Enclosed is $ ______ for ______ female guests.

Name______________________________
Address________________________________________________________
Telephone (day)_________________________(eve.)________________________
Email address________________________________________________________
Synagogue affiliation:________________________________________________

If you prefer a VEGETARIAN meal, please circle the word VEGETARIAN and you will be given a colored card
when you check in. Your payment is your reservation.
The Following Members Will Be Observing Yahrzeit This Week

February  | Shvat  
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Scott Jakalow | 1 | 6  
Phylis Katz | 1 | 6  
Marcia Renert | 1/5 | 6/10  
Dana Renert | 1/5 | 6/10  
Philip Schatten | 1 | 6  
Gabriele Levy | 2 | 7  
Harold Wilshinsky | 2 | 7  
Sylvia Johann | 4 | 9  
Sara Miggins | 4 | 9  
Sandra Assael | 5 | 10  
Irving Sitnick | 6 | 11  
Sylvia Slatin-Katz | 6 | 11  
Lawrence Kramer | 6 | 11  
Anita Hock | 6 | 11  
Brent Ain | 7 | 12  
Rabbi Rachel Ain | 7 | 12  
Annette Foster | 7 | 12  

SAVE THE DATE
Sutton Place Synagogue
Second Annual Gala
THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd
An Evening of Celebration
Honoring our Past Presidents:
Philip Sassower
Robert Berend
Mark Wiener z”l
Roger Cohen
Rick Kaminer
6:30 PM @ RAVEL
Long Island City