SHABBAT SHALOM | שבת שלום
FEBRUARY 8TH, 2020 | 13TH OF SHEVAT 5780
SHABBAT SERVICE | PARASHAT BESHALLAH
SHABBAT SHIRAH

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

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PARASHAT BESHALLAH

Torah (Exodus 13:17 - 17:16): Etz Hayim p. 399 - 422

TORAH PORTION SUMMARY

In this Torah portion, God tells Moses to have the Israelites set up camp at the Sea of Reeds, but then Pharaoh changes his mind about freeing the Israelites and chases his former slaves. With the Egyptians on the Israelites' tail, God splits the sea and Moses leads the Israelites through it. When the Egyptians enter, God closes the waters, and the Egyptians drown. Miriam leads all the Israelite women in song and dance to celebrate. Soon after, the Israelites begin to complain about life in the desert. God provides quail and manna to feed them. The Israelites battle the Amalekites and win.

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.
COMMUNITY LEARNING

THE GREAT DEBATES: A JTS CURRICULUM TAUGHT BY RABBI AIN
Mondays, February 24 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

INTRO TO MUSSAR WITH RABBI RACHEL AIN
Saturday, March 7 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.

EXPLORING THE HISTORY OF HATE

Thursday, March 5 at 7 pm
PROFESSOR STEPHEN BERK presents: OLD WINE: NEW BOTTLE
A HISTORY OF ANTI-SEMITISM, IT’S CURRENT MANIFESTATIONS
SPS will host DR. STEPHEN BERK, the Henry and Sally Schaffer Professor of Holocaust and Jewish studies at Union College in Schenectady, New York. Professor Berk will guide us through a harrowing history of hatred and violence aimed at the Jewish people. Coffee & cake will be served. Sponsored by Drs. Shari and Mark Pochapin

Thursday, March 26 at 7 pm
CHERYL FISHBEIN, PRESIDENT OF THE JCPA
CONFLICT AND COOPERATION: COMMUNAL RESPONSES TO ANTI-SEMITISM IN NYC
A panel of experts from the Jewish Council for Public Affairs & the NY Board of Rabbis, discuss the best strategies to combat anti-semitism. Event will feature CHERYL FISHBEIN and will be moderated by Rabbi Ain. Coffee & cake will be served.
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.
**WOMEN’S LEAGUE PROGRAMS**

**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
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

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

For more info visit www.spsnyc.org/purim5780

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“TEHRAN CHILDREN” WITH AUTHOR MIKHAL DEKEL, INTRODUCED BY SPS TRUSTEE MICHAEL GOTTlieB
Monday, March 16 at 2 pm
“Tehran Children” is the true story of Polish-Jewish child refugees who escaped the Nazis and found refuge in Iran. MIKHAL DEKEL, the daughter of one of these children, spent eight years extensively researching and traveling around the world to write a far-reaching account of Jews who found asylum in Muslim lands.

HEBREW ROOTS: JEWISH ROUTES WITH DR. JEREMY BENSTEIN, INTRODUCED BY SPS TRUSTEE FRED MOLOD
Saturday, March 21, during morning services beginning at 9:15 am
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.”

“KUGEL AND FRIOJES: LATINO JEWS IN THE UNITED STATES” WITH AUTHOR DR. LAURA LIMONIC, INTRODUCED BY SPS MEMBER ALEXIS AZRIA
Monday, March 23 at 2 pm
“Kugel and Frijoles” analyzes the changing construction of race and ethnicity in the U.S. through the lens of contemporary Jewish immigrants from Latin America. Since Latino Jews are not easily classified within the U.S. racial and ethnic schema, their ethnic identity and group affiliation challenge existing paradigms. DR. LIMONIC will be discussing: What countries are Latino Jews emigrating from? Why are they leaving? Where are they settling in the U.S? How are their customs, foods, languages, and religious observances different from that of Ashkenazi & Sephardic Jews?

“MIXED MESSAGES: REFLECTIONS ON AN ITALIAN JEWISH FAMILY AND EXILE” WITH AUTHOR ELEANOR FOA, INTRODUCED BY SPS MEMBER JOSEPH BARATZ
Monday, March 30 at 2 pm
In post-World War II America, who ever heard of an Italian Jew? Author ELEANOR FOA, born in Italy raised in America, daughter of a brilliant father, whose Italian-Jewish roots trace back to 16th-century printers, was proud of her exotic roots yet knew little about her lineage. In 2006, accompanied by her sister, she retraces the footsteps of their ancestors through northern Italy and reconnects with relatives in Turin, Naples, and Rome. It’s both a physical and psychological journey during which the past illuminates the present.

ALL AUTHORS’ BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.
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