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for **CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM**

Metropolitan Area
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Award Recipients

May 16, 2016

Sutton Place Synagogue

New York City

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Many thanks to **Lisa Segal**, MetroNorth Public Policy and Advocacy Chair and Immediate Past Torah Fund VP, for serving as raffle chair extraordinaire!



Raffle proceeds will benefit
"She Plants a Seed for the Future"
Torah Fund Special Project

Susan was born in Orange, New Jersey; her family belonged to the only synagogue in the town. She often walked a mile by herself to attend Hebrew school; she and her sister were the only Jewish students in her public school. "I liked going to Hebrew school and services very much. I had an excellent education in Hebrew reading, speaking, prayers, holiday and customs," she said. She completed Hebrew school but chose not to have a Bat Mitzvah. "I was way too shy to even think about performing solo or in a small group," she said.

Susan graduated from Douglass College, Rutgers University, in New Jersey with a degree in Chemistry, Foods and Nutrition. Three weeks after graduation, she married her college sweetheart, Steven Goodman, a student at Rutgers. Their two sons attended Hebrew school and were Bar Mitzvah. The family took part in a special Bar Mitzvah ceremony on Masada; each family was given an Aliyah. She remembers her older son urging her to take the Aliyah because she was never going to have another opportunity, given she was a woman. It is 32 years later and on WL Shabbat, Susan read from the Torah and was honored with the Levy Aliyah.

In her professional life, Susan earned a Masters in Nutrition Education and worked as a Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator. She taught college courses in foods and nutrition; served as a faculty member of a Family Medicine residency program; and taught Home Health Aides about foods and nutrition as part of their certification. For several years, Susan volunteered with the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers (CMSC), writing articles and providing nutrition information on their web site.

Susan has supported Torah Fund for many years. Last fall she visited The Jewish Theological Seminary, attending a lunch and learn in the Sukkah, followed by a tour led by Rabbi Lilly Kaufman, Executive Director of Torah Fund. "It was a very moving and spiritual experience," she said.

Despite Susan's quiet demeanor, she is a powerhouse of information, resources and experience. More essential, Susan is caring and compassionate, gentle and sincere in all she does. We, Women's League of Sutton Place Synagogue, applaud our honoree Susan Goodman and gently advise her to be comfortable with our accolades.



SUSAN GOODMAN
WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF SUTTON PLACE SYNAGOGUE



Susan Goodman's goodness and graciousness shine on the people, projects, and pursuits she undertakes. Her quiet strengths and ideals, creativity and compassion, have strengthened Sutton Place Synagogue and its Women's League. Upon joining SPS with her husband Steven 20 years ago, she initially served as a Shabbat greeter and usher in the Sanctuary. Soon her participation grew; she became co-president of WL. In the retelling of the story of Purim, Susan joined the Purim Shpiel family, playing outrageous characters and wearing outrageous costumes, which she designed. Nothing was too ridiculous or silly for her.

When WL became revitalized a decade ago, Susan became a board member and currently serves as executive vice president, responsible for WL Shabbat, which has grown to include more than 40 women participants who do the entire Service, each woman in a role that is meaningful and comfortable for her. She has fulfilled many responsibilities in WL and will become president next month. Susan attends the short story class given by a congregant, I-Engage class with Rabbi Ain and prayer study with Rabbi Ain. "I am a lifetime learner," says Susan.

PROGRAM

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| Welcome..... | Mindy Steinholz <i>President MetroNorth Region</i> |
| Remarks..... | Linda Klempner <i>Torah Fund Vice President MetroNorth Region</i> |
| HaMotzi..... | Sandy Koppell <i>President Women's League of Or Olam</i> |
| Dinner..... | Served family style |
| Speaker..... | Paula Rose <i>5th year Rabbinical Student Jewish Theological Seminary</i> |

**Presentation to our
 Woman of Achievement Award Recipients**

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| | Vera Winitch <i>Torah Fund Director Metropolitan Area</i> | |
| <i>Synagogue</i> | <i>Presenter</i> | <i>Honoree</i> |
| Or Olam | Harriet Gussin | Florence Diller |
| Habonim | Amy Kargauer | Linda Salomon |
| Sutton Place | Judy Agata | Susan Goodman |

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| Closing remarks..... | Linda Klempner |
| Dessert..... | Sweets for the sweet |
| Birkat Hamazon..... | Rabbi Rachel Ain <i>Sutton Place Synagogue</i> |

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Linda continued this physical training even after retirement; she began to teach, and still does, a weekly aerobics and strength-training class at the neighborhood senior center, located in the YWHA of Washington Heights.

In addition, Linda derives great satisfaction and much pleasure from singing with the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale Community Choir. Their repertoire includes music in English, Hebrew, Ladino, Italian, and of course, Yiddish! Linda participates in weekly rehearsals (we can't have a Sisterhood Board meeting on a Wednesday night if we want Linda to attend!) with that Choir, which culminate in bi-annual performances at neighborhood assisted living and nursing home facilities in the Riverdale area.

The volunteer work that began for Linda in high school has continued to this day. Linda observed her parents' strong Jewish values, as well as their commitment and loyalty to Congregation Habonim. This was the impetus for her own involvement, including joining the Sisterhood Board. She followed her mother's footsteps into the Sisterhood, and has been our Treasurer for several years. When the Sisterhoods of Habonim, Or Olam, and Sutton Place Synagogue joined to create a Women's Pre-Passover Seder several years ago, Linda graciously did the treasurer's job for 3 years. You might also recognize her because she sat at the greeting table, checking us in as we came to that event!

Sisterhood of Congregation Habonim is proud to honor Linda as our Torah Fund honoree for this year!



Women's League and Torah Fund are proud to support the education of the future rabbis, cantors, educators, and scholars who will serve as the gifted leaders and innovators of the Conservative Movement.

LINDA SALOMON
SISTERHOOD OF CONGREGATION HABONIM



Linda Salomon grew up as a child of two worlds - Germany pre-war, and New York City post-war. Her parents, born in Germany, were part of the group of the founding members of the synagogue referred to as Habonim ~ “the builders” ~ which was established in New York City exactly one year after Kristallnacht.

They lived in Washington Heights, where Linda attended George Washington High School. During her high school years, she volunteered at an afternoon program that had activities for physically challenged children. Then, for two summers, Linda worked at a sleep-away camp for severely handicapped children and young adults. She assisted those people with their activities of daily living, which gave her terrific experience and the perfect lead-in to her 30-year career as a physical therapist, earning her B.S. in PT at Sargent College at Boston University. She worked at the Orthopedic Institute at Hospital for Joint Diseases in NYC. These days, Linda can often be seen assisting many of our elderly Habonim members when they attend Shabbat services and need help to sit, stand, or navigate with their walkers.

METROPOLITAN AREA TORAH FUND DINNER
SPEAKER – PAULA ROSE



Paula Rose is entering her fifth and final year of rabbinical school at the Jewish Theological Seminary, where she is also pursuing a master's degree in Talmud. Paula was raised in Caldwell, New Jersey until her family moved to Cleveland, Ohio, when she was in high school. She decided to stick around in the Midwest to study Jewish, Islamic, and Near Eastern Studies at Washington University in St. Louis. Paula's love of Torah was instilled in her during her childhood as a shul-goer, day school student, and active USYer, but she really discovered her passion for Jewish communal leadership in her many summers working as a counselor and *rosh edah* (unit head) at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires. Though she remains passionate about Jewish camping and experiential education, Paula fell in love with congregational work while interning at the Orangetown Jewish Center in Rockland County this past year. When she isn't working or studying, Paula enjoys Israeli folk dancing, listening to the Hamilton soundtrack, reading, and racking up steps on her pedometer by walking in Riverside Park with her husband, Jeremy. After ordination, Paula hopes to serve a synagogue community, teaching Torah that is personally relevant and eternally meaningful, and inspiring others towards living engaged Jewish lives, guided, challenged, and comforted by the wisdom of our tradition.

2016 WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

**FLORENCE DILLER
WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF OR OLAM,
THE EAST 55TH STREET SYNAGOGUE**



Florence Diller was born and educated in New York City at a time when the city schools enjoyed a stellar reputation as one of the best school systems in the country. Her parents were refugees from Nazi Germany, having come to this country with very limited resources. They were among the first members of the newly formed Congregation Habonim. Florence's parents were regular synagogue attendees and her mother, especially, was very active in synagogue life.

Florence was not a regular synagogue goer while growing up, but after she had children, Florence became active in synagogue life in New Jersey; attending services regularly, serving on the synagogue board and on numerous committees. Since she is a part-time New Yorker, Florence and her husband belong to two Conservative synagogues - Or Olam in New York City and B'nai Israel in New Jersey. Florence and Bill attend services fairly regularly and Florence serves on the Adult Education Committee in New Jersey and she is active in Women's League at Or Olam. At least once a year, Florence leads the book club, an activity which she finds to be very enjoyable. For the last several years, Florence has attended courses at the Women's League Institute at the Jewish Theological Seminary, which she finds stimulating and thought-provoking.

Florence and Bill divide their time between New York and New Jersey. They have a combined family of four wonderful and accomplished children and they have seven adorable grandchildren. Florence is still working part time as a children's librarian in New Jersey. She had been a teacher for many years but was not satisfied with full retirement and decided to embark on a second career.

Florence is a great admirer of the Torah Fund's efforts to perpetuate and support the Conservative Movement and she says that she is grateful and humbled to be selected as this year's honoree from Or Olam.

Women's League of Or Olam is proud to count Florence among its members and delighted to be able to recognize her tonight as a Woman of Achievement.



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