

**TILDA LANDOVITZ  
SISTERHOOD OF CSAIR – CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUE  
ADATH ISRAEL OF RIVERDALE**

**Tilda Landovitz** was born and raised on Staten Island. In 1947 an ice clogged harbor delayed the docking of a Manhattan bound ferry. Late for her class at CCNY, with no empty seat in sight, an obliging young man rescued her by removing coats from a chair next to his. She married Jack Landovitz in 1950. After graduating as retailing majors, Tilda went to work at Orbachs and Jack at Macys. Later, as a stay-at-home-mom to Steven and Karen, Tilda devoted spare time to serving on the Sisterhood Board in several capacities including many times as Program VP. Her request to Rabbi Pearl for a study group for Sisterhood members evolved into the Sisterhood sponsored Rabbi's Tuesday morning class. With a second career as secretary at the Fieldston Lower School and Jack serving as treasurer of the shul, Tilda also attended Torah Fund events and Women's League conferences and conventions. She assumed the presidency of Sisterhood in 1994.

With Rabbi Balter's sanction and advice she organized a Sisterhood Bat Mitzvah program culminating in the first B'not Mitvah of 14 adult women in the shul's history, in May of 1996.

From 2010 – 2012 Tilda shared the presidency with Sharon Hyman. Tilda has proudly worn a Torah Fund pin for the past 20 years.



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Director from March 1977 through February 2006, "retiring" to her current position as Director, Programming & Member Services.

Talents not as well known: From 1962-1982, Harriet co-owned Jana Cosmetics Ltd, with her beloved Sam. Jana was a direct sales cosmetic company with demonstrators in beauty salons, spas and department stores. She designed products, trained demonstrators, created a mail order department and managed the business affairs. After leaving the B'nai B'rith and synagogue offices, you could often find her in select salons making women beautiful for their simchas.

In her spare time, Harriet enjoys traveling, dining, theater, mah-jongg, and just being with friends and family. She feels blessed to be a part of the SPS community. Without their support and love after her Sam passed in 2007, her life today would not be what it is. She is grateful and touched that the Women's League Board of SPS selected her as their Torah Fund honoree.



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**HARRIET JANOVER**  
**WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF SUTTON PLACE SYNAGOGUE**



**Harriet Janover** is a unique woman of many talents, interests and experiences, standing high above the crowd despite her diminutive figure. No need for her red hair to proclaim, "this is a special lady"; it's known by all who seek her out. Harriet actually lived another life before becoming a professional staff member of Sutton Place Synagogue some 38 years ago. As a young mother of two (Robin and Neil), living in Forest Hills, she was invited to a meeting to form a new B'nai B'rith Chapter and was immediately hooked. She became president of this chapter, moved up in the ranks of B'nai B'rith and was slated to become president of the Eastern Region. However, she was so successful when filling in temporarily as the Membership Director that when she questioned why no candidates were being interviewed for the position, the Executive Director said she was hoping Harriet would accept the position.

And so Harriet became a professional, traveling the East Coast, organizing new chapters and training leadership. When she organized the first singles B'nai B'rith Unit in the country, which received wide coverage in *New York Magazine*, she came to the attention of Rabbi David Kahane of Sutton Place Synagogue and the rest is history. Harriet served as Executive

**PROGRAM**

Welcome.....	Claire Gondelman <i>President MetroNorth Region</i>
Remarks & HaMotzi.....	Lisa Siegal <i>Torah Fund Vice President MetroNorth Region</i>
Dinner	
Speaker.....	Emily Barton <i>JTS 4<sup>th</sup> year rabbinical student</i>

**Presentation**  
**to our *Mishpachah* Award Recipients**

Sue Press  
*Metropolitan Area  
Torah Fund Director*

Closing remarks.....	Lisa Siegal
Dessert	
Birkat Hamazon.....	on our own

## **WOMEN'S LEAGUE for CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM**

**Debbi Goldich,  
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**Rabbi Lilly Kaufman  
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Or Olam – The East 55th Street Synagogue	Sandy Koppell
Congregation Habonim	Amy Kargauer
Sutton Place Synagogue	Judy Agata
CSAIR – Conservative Synagogue Adath	Dianne Meranus
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### **METROPOLITAN AREA TORAH FUND CHAIRS**

Or Olam – The East 55 <sup>th</sup> Street Synagogue	Harriet Gussin
Congregation Habonim	Janet Schwartz
Sutton Place Synagogue	Vera Winitch
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Israel of Riverdale	

### **METROPOLITAN AREA HONOREES**

Or Olam – The East 55 <sup>th</sup> Street Synagogue	Cantor Bonnie Streigold
Congregation Habonim	Vicki Brown
Sutton Place Synagogue	Harriet Janover
CSAIR – Conservative Synagogue Adath	Tilda Landovitz
Israel of Riverdale	

Life changed from being a professional architect, to becoming a homemaker and busy school volunteer, and a keen observer of her children's development. When the children were in high school, Vicki began to reconnect with an old hobby: pottery. She joined a studio, and she continues to work there a couple days a week. Most of her work is influenced by her family's visits to the Pacific Northwest's rugged coast line, and the magnificent tidal pools.

Elliot and Vicki joined Habonim a few years ago, and shortly after she became a member of Sisterhood. First she volunteered to make hamantachen. Then she volunteered to work on the Sisterhood cookbook. Then she volunteered to organize a craft activity. And next thing she knew, Vicki was the Sisterhood's VP in charge of programs!

Vicki says Sisterhood has been wonderful for her. From developing new friends, to working on charitable projects, it has been a very rewarding experience. Vicki would like to thank everyone for this honor, and especially the Board of Sisterhood of Congregation Habonim, and our devoted President, Amy, for their support and encouragement.

**VICKI BROWN**  
**SISTERHOOD OF CONGREGATION HABONIM**



**Vicki Brown** was born and raised in Seattle, the youngest of three children. She went to the University of Washington there, and after graduation joined the Peace Corps (1970), and lived in Barcelona, Venezuela for two years. She worked in their city administration as the town's architect.

Upon returning to Seattle, and finding the architectural offices there not conducive to women professionals, Vicki moved to Washington D.C., where she earned her professional license to practice architecture. Eventually, she specialized in hospital design.

Then Vicki met Elliot. He introduced her to the theater, lox and bagels, matzo ball soup and home made gefilte fish. Vicki introduced him to flying buttresses, megina, yaprakes, and borekas. They were married and Vicki moved to join Elliot in New York after an 11 month courtship. That was 35 1/2 years ago.

After their son was born in February of 1983, Vicki continued to work. The last project she worked on and completed was Sloan Kettering's first MRI complex. Then their daughter was born in December 1985, and Vicki became a stay-at-home mom, which she has never regretted.

**OUR SPEAKER - EMILY BARTON**  
**JTS 4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR RABBINICAL STUDENT**



**Emily Barton** is a fourth year rabbinical student and Gladstein Fellow in Entrepreneurial Rabbinics at the Jewish Theological Seminary, where she is pursuing a Masters in Sacred Music. A pastry chef who worked for several years on both coasts of the United States, she also served as a chaplain for a year and half in a Seattle trauma hospital shortly before rabbinical school. Emily holds a B.Com in International Business, and a B.A. in English Literature from McGill University, as well as a Baking and Pastry A.O.S. from The Culinary Institute of America. She has taught classes on Jewish food in synagogues, at JCCs and Hillel and at the Hazon Food Conference. Emily has served communities in Manhattan, upstate New York, Seattle and Beersheva, Israel. A former Rabbis without Borders Student Fellow and Encounter Davar Acher Fellow, this year Emily is a Leffell Fellow with AIPAC and a Global Justice Fellow with AJWS. Beginning later this summer, Emily will be the rabbinic intern at the Conservative Synagogue Aduv Israel of Riverdale (CSAIR) and the rabbi at Chevrei Tzedek in Baltimore, Maryland. In addition to becoming a congregational rabbi, Emily would like to be a Jewish mindfulness and meditation instructor. She loves teaching 7th grade Hebrew school and singing and learning in the JTS Cantorial School. In her spare time she enjoys reading and doing fine needlework.



# ***MISHPACHAH*** **AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**CANTOR BONNIE STREIGOLD**  
**WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF OR OLAM,**  
**THE EAST 55<sup>TH</sup> STREET SYNAGOGUE**



**Hazzan Bonnie Streigold** grew up in Long Island, New York and at a very young age enjoyed singing and being on stage. She attended James A Dever Elementary School in Valley Stream. Her first appearance on stage was in kindergarten on parent's day where she played Tinker bell in Peter Pan. She composed her first song in third grade during a Middle Ages play; she played a troubadour and wrote 4 bars of music called "the prince has gone away". From that point on she was involved in school choirs and select choirs as well as performing in every musical theater production that was available to her. In Valley Stream North High School, Bonnie was able to excel as a lead role in most of her school productions and obtained many solos in the Women's chorus. She felt most comfortable in the choir room or on stage.

At the age of 12, Bonnie went to an overnight camp experience with the United Synagogue Youth (USY). This 9-day trip changed her life. While in USY, Bonnie was able to learn what it meant to be Jewish and how that could affect her life in a positive way. She met amazing Jewish teenagers from all over the Metropolitan region of New York. This is where she met a friend whose family has had a profound impact on her. She learned what it was like to have a family that lived their lives as observant Conservative Jews. The summer before her senior year of high school she went to Israel for the first time. She led services for the first time in front of her peers and she experienced an adrenaline rush and knew this was what she wanted to do for the rest of her life. Music, Judaism and teaching were what she loved, it was at this point she was on a mission to become a Cantor and realize her goal.

Her musical career continued at SUNY Binghamton where she was able to take private voice lessons and participate in three different choirs. She received a BA in Judaic Studies and spent a lot of time studying Jewish philosophy and history. After Binghamton, Bonnie was blessed by being accepted into the H.L. Miller Cantorial School at the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) in Manhattan. This journey took her back to Jerusalem for a year followed by 4 years in New York.

She graduated JTS in 2012 and began her career at two different synagogues in two different capacities. She is the Cantor at Or Olam - East 55th Street Synagogue in midtown Manhattan and is the Director of Education at The New Shul which is located downtown. Working in both a Conservative and a progressive non-denominational synagogue has helped her to be innovative, experimental and original in her programming.

She is looking forward to the opportunity to use all of her skills, talents and passions under one roof and in one community.