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JTS in the Berkshires 2022

Experience inspiring learning with respected scholars

JTS in the Berkshires brings extraordinary Jewish Theological Seminary scholars to teach live classes in the Berkshires each summer. Often attracting 80-100 or more participants, the classes take place at the Elayne P. Bernstein Theatre of Shakespeare & Co., 70 Kemble Street, Lenox.

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**“Get Thee to a Nunnery:”
Shakespeare and the Talmudic Rabbis
in Conversation**
Friday, July 29, 2022
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
**Dr. Marjorie Lehman, JTS professor of
Talmud and Rabbinics**

How can Hamlet’s famous words to Ophelia help us think about the rabbis’ use of the term zonah (harlot)? We will explore which women the rabbis considered to be “harlots” and how the legal framework the rabbis developed relates to anxiety about the integrity of the rabbinic household and the Jewish community in a post-Temple era.

About Dr. Marjorie Lehman: Dr. Marjorie Lehman is professor of Talmud and Rabbinics at JTS and the Area Coordinator of Rabbinic Literatures and Cultures. She teaches a wide range of courses, including courses on gender in Talmudic literature, aggadah, halakhah, the history

of the Jewish book, and pedagogy. Her scholarly journey reflects a commitment to balancing the historical and intellectual aspects of Jewish texts while focusing on the ways they help us to understand our place in the contemporary moment.

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Spiritual Leadership for a New Era
Friday, August 12, 2022
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Rabbi Ayelet S. Cohen, Pearl Resnick
Dean of the Rabbinical School, JTS

What kinds of challenges and opportunities confront religious leaders today? Through an exploration of rabbinic, liturgical, and contemporary poetic texts, JTS’ newly appointed Dean of the Rabbinical School and Division of Religious Leadership will share her vision for the future.

About Rabbi Ayelet S. Cohen: Rabbi Cohen brings extensive qualifications to her role as Pearl Res-



Jewish Theological Seminary

nick Dean of the Rabbinical School. For a decade she provided spiritual leadership at Congregation Beit Simchat Torah, the world’s largest LGBTQ synagogue, serving Jews of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Most recently she was the senior director for the New York/ Tri-State Region at the New Israel Fund. Rabbi Cohen earned her rabbinical ordination at JTS and her BA with honors from Brown University.

JTS in the Berkshires is a partnership between the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and Knesset Israel, supported by a grant from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and cosponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires.

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**Tickets are \$15. You may pre-register at
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Member Mitzvahs & Mazel Tovs

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New Members



Welcome all who come ברוכים הבאים

The KI Membership Committee has the pleasure of introducing the following new members. The entire congregation and staff extend a sincere welcome. We look forward to praying, studying, socializing, and working together to strengthen our community.

■ Ellen and Steven Weitzler - Traditional Membership

Ellen and Steven are year-round residents who recently moved to Pittsfield. They have 2 adult children who live in New York and Italy. Ellen is an environmental engineer and Steven is a teacher. They are looking forward to becoming a part of the Jewish Community here. They are interested in the film festival, cultural programming, Rosh Chodesh group, and Social Justice and Action. Ellen and Steven learned about KI through our website.

■ Cindy Kaplan - Chaver Membership

Cindy is a producer/actor. Cindy has 2 adult children living in New York and Bangkok. She was raised in New Rochelle, New York and attended Beth El Synagogue. Cindy is interested in the Film Festival, Social Action and Justice, Adult Education, learning Hebrew, and synagogue skills. She is now a Kiddush Duty volunteer. She learned about KI through Ellen Masters.

■ David and Judy Gilberg - Chaver Membership

David is an attorney and Judy is a social worker. They have 2 grown children who live out of the area. David and Judy are members of a synagogue in Westchester County, NY. They joined KI to be supportive of the community and because of the partnership between KI and the Berkshire Minyan, of which they are a part.

Blessed are you, Eternal our G-d, Ruler
of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us,
and for enabling us to reach this season.

*Barukh ata Adonai, Eloheinu Mel ekh ha-olam, shehecheyanu, v'kiymanu,
v'higyanu lazman hazeh.*

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From the Rabbi

Ascending the Heights

Searching for a broader perspective

Every summer, we study the chapters of the Torah that recount our ancestors' wilderness journey and Moses' final message to his people. Involving participants with a wide range of education, experience, and perspectives, Torah discussions during Shabbat morning services at this time of year are often especially engaging.

Getting there from here

If I had to choose one verse out of all the summer readings as a favorite, it might well be one from early in Parashat Vaethanan. The curtain rises almost in midsentence: Moses knows that death is imminent and that he will not be permitted to enter the Promised Land, and he responds by bargaining: "If I can't go in," he asks, "maybe I can just see the Land?" G-d responds firmly, "Climb the summit

own Promised Land. Still, perhaps our children, grandchildren, and students will get there. Just as we have fulfilled some of our ancestors' dreams, we can visualize how a next generation may yet succeed where we have fallen short.

Sacrifice and leadership

A strong connection between Moses and Abraham enriches the theme. G-d calls both ancestors to lift their eyes and see. Are these not the two most important aspects of visionary leadership? Both Moses and Abraham must get the lay of the Land, in all directions. And both Abraham and Moses are invited to climb the mountain and offer a sacrifice. Abraham, ostensibly, will be asked to offer his son, although that story is more complicated than it looks. And Moses will offer up not only his last breath, but also his



Rabbi David Weiner

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of Pisgah and raise your eyes, west and north and south and east. See with your own eyes. But you, Moses, won't cross this here Jordan." G-d's words presage the timeless New England idiom we lob at tourists who ask for directions: "Sorry, Moses. You can't get there from here."

But read deeply, these verses push us to contemplate mortality and its implications. They encourage us to keep a broad perspective even as we age, to continue to ascend to a high enough vista. From that peak, we might just see the Promised Land in our mind's eye. The moment is poignant but not hopeless. The Torah insists that no one, not even Moses, makes it all the way to his or her

dream of feeling the soil of the Promised Land under his feet.

I take these verses literally. I used to travel for hours every August to visit a retreat center outside Asheville, on North Carolina's Pisgah Ridge, in part to stand as if in Moses' shoes and gaze out over the land. I even once dragged an entire tour group to the upper reaches of Mt. Nebo, the very hilltop in today's Jordan from which Moses gazed over the Land. Those who wish to make the best choices must climb to the heights, lift their eyes, and attain a broad perspective.

I have lived in the Berkshires for thirteen years, and I am crazy about the

mountains. Although I will slog for hours through the woods primarily for exercise, fresh air, time with friends or family, and an opportunity to think, I also cherish the view from the top. Physically drinking in the landscape and grasping its enormity reminds me to seek a broad perspective in general. Personal, professional, and leadership choices demand breadth and depth of vision, as well as profound humility. Like most people, I do not live on top of the mountain. I live in town and work in an office, where the demands of everyday life limit my view. But, following in the steps of Moses and Abraham, I do visit the summit, the Pisgah, and I lift my eyes, west and north and south and east, and I try to see in a different way.

Climb with me

Literal ascent teaches us in profound ways, so I am leading a few moderate hikes this summer, for an opportunity to enjoy the Berkshires together, study a little bit of Torah, and build relationships. During "Ramblin' with the Rav," small groups will join me to climb Perry's Peak and Stony Ledge. Later in August, we will explore the Keystone Arch Bridges, where there is no panoramic view, but good fun nonetheless. Advance

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Susan Miller
Two summer art exhibits



Shadow of My Shadow by Susan Miller

During the early Covid years KI member Susan Miller made a body of artwork consisting of her self portraits. One piece will be shown at the Berkshire Museum in Pittsfield, Massachusetts as part of an exhibit entitled **Art of the Hills—Berkshire Based Artists**. The show runs June 4 through September 11. Many more pieces from the series will be on exhibit at the Becket Art Center, 7 Booker Hill Road, Becket, Mass. from July 15 through August 1. Susan hopes to see many of us there.

Susan is a renowned sculptor and artist, working in marble, oil, pastel, fabric, resin, and other media. Her work is widely exhibited, and her subjects range from the lives of women in the Hebrew Bible to her anguish over continuous death throughout the world. And, as you'll see if you check her website—susanmillerarts.com—she is also a poet.

On the back cover of this issue you can find an image of Susan's self portrait that hangs in the Berkshire Museum show. You may also want to read Phil Coleman's "Spotlight On" profile of Susan in the May 2019 issue of Kol K.I., available on the KI website. Susan is a former editor of Kol K.I.



Hachnasat Orchim Welcoming Guests

Engage in Summer Hospitality

Some ways to express this fundamental Jewish value

The Big Tent is open once again!

We are looking forward to services, kiddushes, classes, and other programs held outdoors and indoors all summer long. Hospitality and welcoming are critical parts of the congregation's purpose. Throughout the year, but especially in the summer months, we focus on encouraging people—year-round residents, summer residents, occasional visitors—to find their way into the Knesset Israel community through exciting programming, shared meals, and inclusive services. Last summer we welcomed more than 20 new households who joined the congregation and many more who just dipped their toes in the water. A warm welcome goes a long way.

Here's how you can support KI's summer hospitality program:

Participate. Come to services on Friday night in the tent or on Shabbat morning indoors. Stay for the kiddush luncheons Chef Chris Goetze will be preparing throughout July and August. Although we'll be serving from the social hall, you may eat indoors or outdoors.

Connect. While you are at services reconnecting with old friends, please make the effort to meet new people and welcome them warmly.

Sponsor a Kiddush. KI has invested in many ways to make the summer a time to create community. We hope you will support the tent and kiddush luncheons with a generous gift. A donation of at least \$500 sponsors a kiddush luncheon. Gifts of any amount help.

Help meet the "Kiddush Challenge:" An anonymous donor has promised a matching gift—the first \$4000 we raise will earn us a \$4000 match!

Let's reconnect—in person, in community.

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Hospitality is one form of worship.—Jewish Proverb

You must build your life as if it were a work of art.

—Abraham Joshua Heschel

Jewish success is due to a culture that promotes excellence, blessed with self discipline, education, dedication and a quest for leaving this world a better place.—Nonie Darwish

Tisha B'av Services

A haunting service of remembrance

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 9:00 p.m.

Tisha B'Av late night service. An evocative late night service marks the anniversary of the destruction of the Temple. We will chant the Book of Lamentations and recite ancient and contemporary elegies as we remember. Visitors are welcome to attend and participate, whether it's their first time at Tisha B'Av services or they attend every year. Those who may wish to chant part of Eicha should contact the synagogue office in advance.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 5:45 a.m.

Tisha B'Av Morning Service. The somber, reserved Tisha B'Av morning service includes Torah reading and a Haftara for the fast day, which marks the destruction of the Temple.

The Seventeenth of Tammuz is a Jewish fast day commemorating the breach of the walls of Jerusalem before the destruction of the Second Temple. It falls on the 17th day of the 4th Hebrew month of Tammuz and marks the beginning of the three-week mourning period leading up to Tisha B'Av.



Tisha B'Av ("the Ninth of Av") is an annual fast day in Judaism, named for the ninth day (Tisha) of the month of Av in the Hebrew calendar. The fast commemorates the destruction of both the First Temple and Second Temple in Jerusalem, which occurred about 655 years apart, but on the same Hebrew calendar date. • Above is a photo of the frieze from the Arch of Titus in Rome, depicting the pillage after the destruction of the Second Temple. Most observant Jews will not walk through the arch to this day.

From the Rabbi

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registration for each of these hikes is required, and there are rain dates—see knessetisrael.org/rsvp for details. [See article on page 8.]

Seeking our future

Ramblin' with the Rav is about literal ascent and perspective. However, Knesset Israel's leaders are also seeking perspective in a more figurative sense. This summer we are embarking on a yearlong Strategic Planning process that will gather information, explore the state of Jewish life in the Berkshires, and set a sensible, sustainable, and inspiring course forward for our congregation. Please stay tuned for more information about how to participate in focus groups and other conversations.

This summer, ascend. Lift your eyes. See. Rediscover awe and possibility.



► Need to Say Kaddish?

We encourage people who are looking to say kaddish to:

- (a) attend services in person
- (b) watch a livestream service and say kaddish along with the assembled minyan that can be seen and heard on screen.
- (c) participate in our Zoom services—Tuesday or Thursday evenings on a day close to the Yahrzeit—and say kaddish.

Please keep in mind that if there is no minyan in the sanctuary for a livestream service, mourner's kaddish will not be recited.

The pursuit of knowledge for its own sake, an almost fanatical love of justice, and the desire for personal independence—these are the features of Jewish tradition that make me thank my stars that I belong to it.

—Albert Einstein

Candle Lighting

Friday, July 18:15 p.m.
 Friday, July 88:14 p.m.
 Friday, July 15.....8:10 p.m.
 Friday, July 22.....8:05 p.m.
 Friday, July 29.....7:58 p.m.

Friday, August 57:50 p.m.
 Friday, August 127:40 p.m.
 Friday, August 197:30 p.m.
 Friday, August 267:19 p.m.

Services

■ SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN / IN PERSON

..... 8:45 a.m.

■ TUESDAY & THURSDAY EVENING DAVENING

ON ZOOM..... 7:00 p.m.
 ZOOM ID # 934-910-554

■ FRIDAY KABBALAT SHABBAT5:45 p.m. IN PERSON—BA’OHEL (NO LIVESTREAM)

• July 1—No Friday night service (public holiday weekend)

• July 8—Musical Minyan

A small acoustic ensemble provides the backdrop for the traditional Kabbalat Shabbat service, with both meditative and spirited melodies to welcome the Sabbath Bride. Weather permitting, the service will be held under the tent in the backyard.

• July 15, July 29, August 12

Traditional Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 p.m.

A variety of lay shlihei tzibbur—sometimes one, sometimes two—help set a peaceful mood to welcome Shabbat. Weather permitting, the service will be held under the tent in the backyard.

• July 22—Shirei Shabbat with dinner

Join the Knesset Israel Band for an upbeat musical Friday night service including many contemporary melodies. Weather permitting, the service will be held under the tent in the backyard. Register in advance for the community dinner following the service: knessetisrael.org/rsvp
 Reservations required for dinner by July 18.

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• July 29—Traditional Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 p.m.

A variety of lay shlihei tzibbur—sometimes one, sometimes two—help set a peaceful mood to welcome Shabbat. Weather permitting, the service will be held under the tent in the backyard.

• August 19—Musical Minyan with Dinner

Minyan and dinner! A small acoustic ensemble provides the backdrop for the traditional Kabbalat Shabbat service, with both meditative and spirited melodies to welcome the Sabbath Bride. Weather permitting, the service will be held under the tent in the backyard. Register by August 15 for the community dinner following the service: knessetisrael.org/rsvp

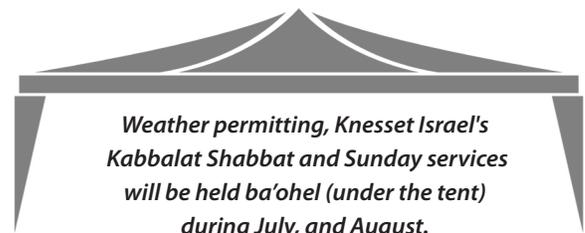
• August 26—Shirei Shabbat

Join the Knesset Israel Band for an upbeat musical Friday night service including many contemporary melodies. Weather permitting, services will be held under the tent in the backyard.

■ SATURDAY SHABBAT SHAHARIT

IN PERSON & LIVESTREAM 9:30 a.m.

Followed by a kiddush luncheon (July 9 – August 26) served in the social hall; tables are indoors and ba’ohel.



In compliance with United Synagogue standards, it is requested that you refrain from conducting synagogue business via email, text, and/or phone calls on Shabbat. Thank you.

Volunteer

We Need Help on the High Holidays.

KI needs people to usher for High Holiday services. If you are looking to volunteer, this is the perfect opportunity.



We will offer a training and safety session ahead of time.

If interested please contact Joan Grossman at 413-445-7848 or jcg8874@msn.com

Events

Membership Appreciation Bagel Brunch

Boiled or baked, bagels are great!

Please join us for a highlight of summer at KI, the free Membership Appreciation Bagel Brunch.

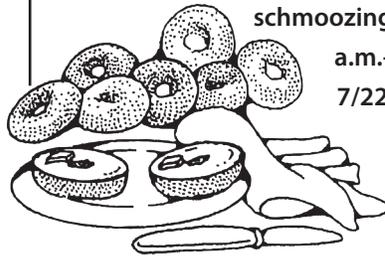
We'll enjoy a bagel and a schmear, with some easy-going live music as the soundtrack for our schmoozing.

Sunday 7/31/2022, 10

a.m.- noon. Please RSVP by

7/22 by calling the office at

413-445-4872.



Adult Education

- **FRIDAY, JULY 29 & AUGUST 12— JTS IN THE BERKSHIRES—11:00 a.m.** at the Elayne P. Bernstein Theatre at Shakespeare & Co., 70 Kemble St., Lenox.

Learn from top-notch scholars from the Jewish Theological Seminary. Sponsored by KI and the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires with a grant from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. See full page ad on page 11 and article on page 1.

Details on cost and registration are available at knesetisrael.org.

- **HEBREW CLASS WITH RABBI DAVID WEINER**
We are studying the Amidah and building Hebrew vocabulary. Class meets in person.
Tuesdays, July 19 & 26 and August 2, 9,* 16, 23, & 30
..... 10:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
*August 9 class will meet from 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Meetings

- **KI ROSH CHODESH WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP**
There will be no meeting in July or August. We will return to the usual 3rd Sunday of the month in September. Members will be notified of any changes. The ZOOM link and the topic will be included in the K.I. E-News each month. Bring your friends...new members always welcome!
SEPTEMBER 18 1:00 p.m.
ZOOM Link: us02web.zoom.us/j/83944892240
ID: 839 4489 2249

- **KIDDUSH LUNCHES**
Shabbat morning: July 9—August 27 after services. One of our favorite community-building activities—the kiddush lunch. We thank Chef Chris Goetze for preparing these delicious and nutritious meals. The free lunches are only possible because of your generous contributions; please consider donating or sponsoring Shabbat lunch.
- **RAMBLIN' WITH THE RAV**
Wednesdays, July 20, August 3, & August 178:30 a.m. A series of early morning hikes with Rabbi David Weiner. Details for the specific hikes are on page 4.
- **THURSDAY, AUGUST 22—RICK RECHT CONCERT**
Jewish Federation of the Berkshires Summer Concert—Rick Recht and the Berkshire Jewish Musicians Collective. 7:00 p.m. at Kneset Israel. See ad on page 13.

► **Safety Protocols**

Please read the weekly K.I. E-News for KI's up-to-date COVID safety protocols. Attend services and programs only when you are feeling well, and should you be exposed to Covid-19, please follow the rules prescribed by the CDC and your physician.

Summer Programming

Ramblin' with the Rav

Upcoming hikes with Rabbi Weiner



On a beautiful Berkshires summer morning, Knesset Israel's Rabbi David Weiner enjoys little more than a hearty hike—and you can join him.

Wednesday, July 20 at 8:30 a.m. / Richmond, Mass. Join the Rav for some Torah, good company, and a sweet loop hike in the woods and meadows above a bucolic pasture. We'll hike the 4 miles at a relaxed pace and stop to enjoy the spectacular views of Lebanon Valley, Richmond, and Yokun Ridge.

Wednesday, August 3 at 8:30 a.m. / Stony Ledge via Williamstown's Hopper and Haley Farm Trails. One of the Berkshires' premier hikes, along the rim of Mt. Greylock's unique Hopper. We'll stop at a spectacular viewpoint before descending steeply to the parking lot. Only for the strong of knee and heart, as there's some strenuous terrain and the occasional bear in the area.

Wednesday, August 17 at 8:30 a.m. / Keystone Arch Bridges of Chester and Middlefield. A lovely out-and-back trail alongside the first railroad to cross the Berkshires. The river burbles, the cascades impress, and the handmade rock cuts and ingenious keystone bridges are models of not-quite-modern engineering. A low intensity hike with a spot to wade in the cool river.

Group size is limited. Please come prepared for hiking, with appropriate footwear, hat, water, snacks, bug spray, poles if you use them, etc. Rain or heat delays are possible. Most trails have no bathroom facilities.

Our party will convene at the KI parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Advance registration is required: knessetisrael.org/rsvp.

The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely,
or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where
they can be quite alone with the
heavens, nature, and G-d.

—Diary of Anne Frank

BJFF Notes

How to buy tickets

Underwriter acknowledgments

Visit berkshirejewishfilmfestival.org to buy tickets, watch trailers, and peruse the festival program. You can also sign up for the BJFF e-newsletter, which will include the Zoom talkback schedule and information about our presenters.

BJFF Underwriters

- *John Bergman Charitable Trust*
- *MountainOne*
- *Spitz-Tuchman Charitable Trust*
- *Greylock Federal Credit Union*
- *Berkshire Bank*
- *The Harold Grinspoon Foundation*

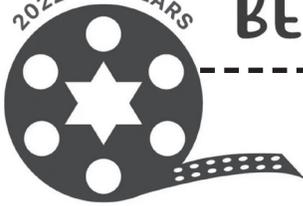


Director of Education & Programming.

This year-round position is for an experienced Jewish educator who will oversee the Hebrew School, family programming, our very popular adult education offerings, and other programs for adults.

In the event that we find the right candidate, with the energy and vision but not the years of experience to lead all these areas of synagogue life alone, we have also posted the position of **Coordinator of Education and Programming.** (We would only fill one of the jobs, not both.)

More information at knessetisrael.org/employment.html.



Week 1—July 11

■ **4:00 p.m.** • *Song Searcher* • Traveling throughout Ukraine, Moyshe Beregovsky, a musician and scholar, recorded and studied the traditional music of Ukrainian Jewry during the most dramatic years of Soviet history. Beginning in the 1920s, he succeeded in saving the musical heritage of the centuries-old Yiddish civilization.

■ **8:00 p.m.** • *Rose* • At age seventy-eight, Rose, an orthodox Jewish woman, redefines herself as an independent woman after the loss of her devoted, loving husband upsets the balance of her family.

Week 2—July 18

■ **4:00 p.m.** • *The Adventures of Saul Bellow* • The documentary traces Saul Bellow's rise to eminence and examines his many identities: reluctant public intellectual, "serial husband," father, Chicagoan, Jew, and American. Interviews with the novelist's family and friends shed light on Bellow's personality and the way he turned life into art.

■ **8:00 p.m.** • *The Automat* • Once upon a nickel, before fast food, one American restaurant empire was unstoppable. Experience the untold story of the Automat in a documentary featuring Mel Brooks, Elliot Gould, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Colin Powell, and other notables.

Week 3—July 25

■ **4:00 p.m.** • *Ronnie's* • This documentary explores the journey of saxophonist Ronnie Scott from poor Jewish kid in the East End of London to owner of Ronnie's, his world-famous jazz club. Features Oscar Peterson, Dizzy Gillespie, Buddy Rich, Sarah Vaughan, Miles Davis, Jimi Hendrix, Ella Fitzgerald, Van Morrison, Chet Baker, Nina Simone, Sonny Rollins, and others.

■ **8:00 p.m.** • *More Than I Deserve* • Newly arrived in Israel, a single immigrant mother from Ukraine and her son are deeply affected by their relationship with a religious neighbor in this finely textured coming-of-age drama. Nominated for seven Israeli Academy Awards, the film reflects emotional depth in its nuanced portrayal of the plight of immigrants to Israel.

Week 4—August 1

■ **4:00 p.m.** • *The Lost Film of Nuremberg* • Film director John Ford, head of the OSS Field Photographic Branch, assigned brothers Budd and Stuart Schulberg the mission of tracking down and assembling archival footage and photographs of the crimes of the Nazi regime to be used as evidence against the 24 leading Nazis scheduled to stand trial in Nuremberg. The film takes an inside look at this mission and asks questions about collective memory and the process of writing history.

■ **8:00 p.m.** • *Here We Are* • Aharon has devoted his life to his autistic son Uri. They live together in a gentle routine away from the real world. But the time comes for Uri, now a young adult, to live in a specialized home. En route, Aharon decides to run away with his son, believing that Uri is not ready for this separation. Or is it his father who is not ready?

Week 5—August 8

■ 4:00 p.m. • SHORTS PROGRAM

Becoming Nakuset • As a small child, Nakuset was taken from her home in Thompson, Manitoba and adopted into a Jewish family in Montreal. The film tells the story of how Nakuset reclaimed her Indigenous identity with help from her Bubbe and became a powerful advocate for her people.

Pops • Before his death, a Jewish father requests that when he dies, his ashes be sent to space. After his death, his grown

children disagree about whether to follow their father's wishes. Should he be given a traditional Jewish burial or be sent to space?

In the Image of God • Rabbi Levi was born intersexual and, like his grandmother and great-grandmother, who were also born intersexual, had the female gender imposed on him. The director states that "Levi's story challenges not only our certainties about gender but also the way the political debate is framed: tradition versus progressivism, religion versus individual freedom, old generations versus the new ones."

The Inspection • A short narrative film that explores how one courageous educator stands fast when she is challenged about her teaching of the Holocaust.

Petit Rat • A Jewish girl's dream of becoming a ballerina is destroyed by the Nazi invasion of Paris. Decades later, she and her two daughters confront the impact as they dance together for the very first time, towards reconciliation and forgiveness.

Week 6—August 15

■ **4:00 p.m.** • *Cinema Sabaya* • In this heartfelt ode to the unifying power of art, nine women register for a video workshop hoping to learn basic filmmaking techniques. As the strangers, both Arab and Jewish, share the raw footage they shoot each week, they are confronted not only by the vast differences in their circumstances but also by striking points of connection.

■ **8:00 p.m.** • *The Last Chapter of A.B. Yehoshua* • A documentary about A.B. Yehoshua, one of the most widely read authors in Israel, whose works are deeply rooted in Jewish culture and the Israeli way of life. *The New York Times* has called him the Israeli Faulkner. Although dealing with serious illness, widowhood, and loneliness, the writer affectionately known as Boolie chooses love and embarks on his final journey.



Our personal experiences with anti-Semitism

Approximately 15 members of the KI Rosh Chodesh Women's Discussion Group gathered in person on May 22 in the KI library. The group was formed 6 years ago to help KI women connect and feel a sense of belonging. The topic was a continuation of April's meeting: "your personal experiences with anti-Semitism and how it affected your life." Discussion was so animated last month that the group wanted to carry it over.

Members reported a wide range of life experiences, from those who did not encounter anything in their childhoods to those who have confronted incidents throughout their lives. Women who lived in urban areas (aka larger Jewish communities) reported being spared this distress; while for those in more rural areas anti-Semitism was a part of life. Some reported never having faced anti-Semitism until they moved to the Berkshires.

Childhood experiences were especially seared into the memories of some, and those women described how it affected their lives. The group also touched on assimilation and interfaith support in the Conservative movement.

This was Susan Colton's first Rosh Chodesh meeting. A new KI member, she generously shared her original poem, *Some Things I Don't Forget*, poignantly documenting an awakening childhood shock.

The meeting closed with the usual ritual: each member lights a candle (or uses the candle app), says her Hebrew name and the Hebrew names of her mother and grandmothers and, if so moved, mentions a takeaway from the meeting. Dee Griswold shared, "I really appreciate these meetings. It is one of the few places I feel at home."

The next Rosh Chodesh meeting will be Sunday, September 18 at 1:00 p.m. Watch the weekly K.I. E-News for location and topic. All women who are KI members are invited to join. Contact Maxine Bookless: maxbookless@gmail.com or Jan Zimler: jan-wz@aol.com with any questions.

Some Things I Don't Forget

by Susan Colton

Chalked hopscotch patterns faded from my driveway
Tomato plants still bursting with Jerseys my father would pick
Mulberries fell around its tree, but it didn't matter...
No one ate them
They would soon be buried
The sun was still warm, yet leaves covered the grass
I raked them to burn at the curb

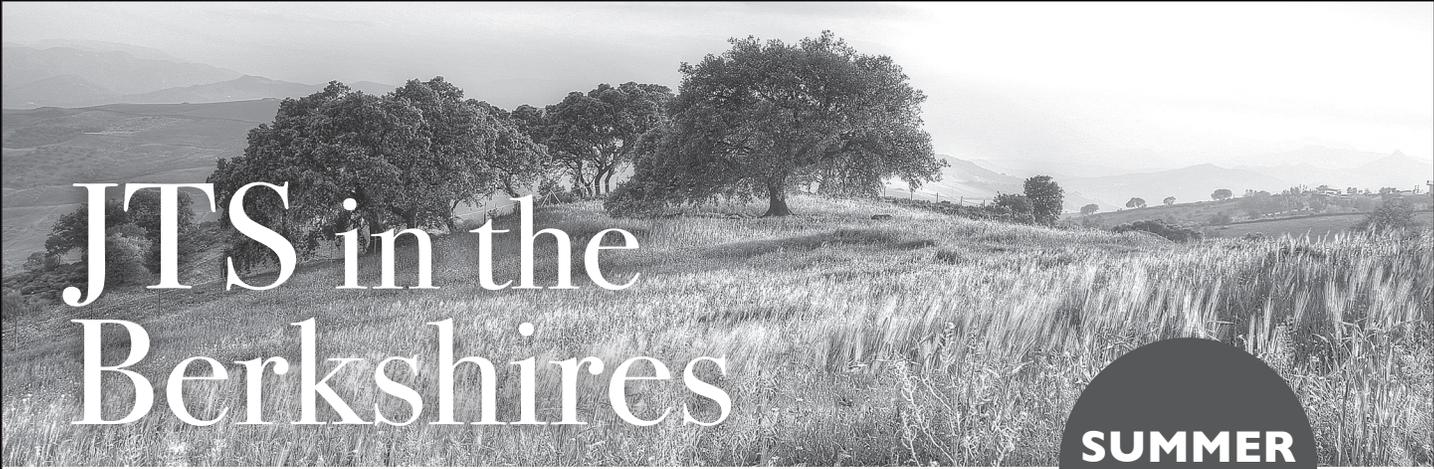
I looked across the backyards of the neighbors
Past the Ziegler's house next door
Joan Peters was walking up their driveway
She lived two houses down and across the street
We weren't friends, though she was in my grade
Waist high hedges separated us

I don't remember what was said
Until I heard her say
You're a dirty Jew
As she ran away
I wanted the hedges to grow higher
I burned the leaves the next day



Deep down I know I could never be
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yom huledet sameach

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- Jeremy Merrin July 31

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yom nisuyim sameach

- Murray and Barbara Akresh July 1
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- Jerome Socolof and Kate Gigliotti July 3
- Harold and Harriet Shair July 5
- Colin Ovitsky and Sopheap Nhim July 7
- Michael and Alison Rosenthal July 14

Every blade of grass has its angel
that bends over it and whispers, grow, grow.

—the Talmud

August Birthdays *yom huledet sameach*

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Spotlight On

Spotlight On: Richie Simons—submitted by Phil Coleman

A life of service



Richie Simons

(This article is published unedited to present the authors' exact words to the reader.)

This month I had the real privilege of interviewing a dear old friend, and all around great guy, Richie Simons. Read on for his fascinating story!

Hey Richie, so great to have you as my guest this month! Mentoring through the J2J program is high on your list of priorities. First of all, what does J2J mean, and what can you tell me about this program and your involvement in it?

RS: The term "J2J Program" is a peer mentoring program in the Massachusetts Trial Court. Mentor coaches are selected by the Chief Justice to

mentor newly appointed judges. It is a highly structured program to assist new judges as they transition from lawyering to judging. It also provides an opportunity for mentees to receive individualized support and feedback in order to continue to grow professionally.

I have been a mentor for several years and a couple of years ago became a member of the J2J Advisory Committee, which is the group that develops and presents educational and training programs for all judicial mentors.

Several years ago, I attended training for a program called, "Changing Lives Through Literature." This was a program conceived and designed by a District Court Judge to be an alternative sentencing program. In exchange for receiving a more favorable disposition in a criminal case, a defendant could opt to participate and complete this program which essentially was a literature class facilitated by a college professor. The only difference was that a Judge and Probation Officer attended alongside the probationers. Through the study of literature, people were able to gain different insights into their lives and decisions they were making. I left that training so inspired and wanted to adapt the program for use in the Probate and Family Court.

The challenge to make this program work in the Probate Court was significant. Our litigants are not on probation. However, I knew the premise of using literature as a tool to help disputing parents was worthy of a try. We expanded the program to involve not only disput-

Literature allows us to see the world through a different perspective.
The hope is that it allows participants to open their minds
to perhaps hear or see the world differently.

What I treasure about the program is that it recognizes that no matter where we are in our careers, we all need to continue to develop and grow.

Literature is a theme that runs through your service work. This is particularly interesting to me as I was a Journalism major and English minor. Reading has always been a big part of my life and it looks like it is for you as well. What does this part of your service work entail?

RS: That's such a great question, Phil. We are often influenced by those around us. I am the son, husband, father, grandson and brother of a teacher. In addition, for many years Marcie was Director of the PJ Library, a Jewish literacy program. The importance of literature was all around me.

ing parents, but their children as well.

The result was a twelve week program called "Enhancing Families Through Literature." One component is a literature class facilitated by a BCC professor. Both my Chief Probation Officer and I take part in each class. Literature allows us to see the world through a different perspective. The hope is that it allows participants to open their minds to perhaps hear or see the world differently.

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Listening leads to tolerance. Tolerance leads to meaningful dispute resolution. Meaningful dispute resolution keeps disputing parents out of court. While we are studying with parents, the children are engaged in their own literature based program led by certified Head Start teachers. We also have a segment of the program where parents work with the childhood educators and their children on literature based activities.

It has been an incredibly inspiring and wonderful program to offer. I have grown as a judge being able to participate with litigants in a different environment.

I also sit on the Changing Lives Through Literature Advisory Committee, which provides all sorts of training resources to courts that maintain such a program or that are looking to develop one.

Listening is key. Empathetic listening leads to tolerance. Tolerance leads to constructive solutions.

Your involvement at Knesset Israel and in the broader Jewish community is legendary around these parts. What can you tell us that you love most about KI, and possibly something that might need improvement as well?

RS: That's an easy question as I love our shul. What I treasure the most is that it is a cross generational community steeped in Jewish values and culture that supports its members during times of need and celebrates with members in times of joy. Pressures and problems in the world can lead us to question life's meaning and create anxiety and fear about the future. Being part of a Jewish community provides structure and perspective. There is so much wisdom in our tradition that serves to help us navigate the challenges of life.

KI has always been home for me. I have had the good fortune to have grown up in this community. It is truly a family for me.

In terms of what we can improve upon, I think we do not always realize what a jewel KI is. I think we can be better with spreading the word and bringing more people into our community.

Your service in law and now the Judiciary for the past 14 years is the centerpiece of your professional life. Can you reflect on some of the high points or complex cases that have challenged you over the years?

RS: I have been so lucky to be involved in a career that is interesting, challenging and works to enhance the public good. It is such a privilege.



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The Honorable Richard A. Simons embraces a graduate of the "Enhancing Families through Literature" program

One career highlight as an attorney was representing a 16 year old Jehovah's Witness who was refusing a life saving blood transfusion after a snowboarding accident. I was able to successfully argue the case before our appellate courts to create a new doctrine wherein the preference of a "mature minor" would need to be taken into account in decisions about life sustaining treatment. The good news was that my client recovered on her own without any need for a blood transfusion and the case was resolved successfully.

As a Probate and Family court judge, I see all sorts of issues from "womb to tomb." We deal with cutting edge issues in our society like assisted reproductive technology and de facto parenthood. It used to be quite simple to adjudicate parenthood. Now, a court may be asked to adjudicate the rights of a gestational carrier, a sperm donor, an "intended" parent, de facto parents and biological parents. It is always interesting!

On the Probate side of the court, we deal with guardianships of both minors and incapacitated adults. These cases can be quite humbling and compelling as the court is asked to make major decisions for these individuals. While the cases may be gut wrenching, they are also quite rewarding.

What advice can you give to young people who are contemplating careers in public service, given that we have such di-

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Spotlight On

Richie Simons *(continued from page 17)*

visions in our society as a whole with very difficult problems to solve? How do we shape constructive solutions in the future?

RS: This is another great question, Phil.

I recently read that those who indicate satisfaction with their jobs are those individuals who feel they are doing something positive. Careers in public service have broad missions to improve the public good. Though there are frustrations in public sector work, the existence of a mission leads to tremendous job satisfaction.

In thinking about the balance of your question, I am reminded of a teaching from the Pirke Avot which states, "It is not your duty to finish the work, but neither are you at liberty to neglect it." The issues facing society along with the divisiveness can lead us to feel overwhelmed. Individually, we do not need to solve all of the problems, but we can contribute toward solutions. As I talked about earlier in dealing with disputing parents, listening is key. Empathetic listening leads to tolerance. Tolerance leads to constructive solutions. We all have to start somewhere.

You must have a personal side and you know I was going to ask you! Do you have hobbies, outside interests, or maybe something to tell us that we don't know about you?



Biking by Wheatleigh during the Josh Billings Runaground.

Nine years ago, I committed to ride the Pan Mass Challenge, a fundraiser for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The PMC is a 192 mile bicycle ride from Sturbridge to Provincetown. I had not ridden a bike since childhood. This commitment gave me the gift of cycling, which has become a passion of mine. I love cycling the hills of the Berkshires. It provides me with tremendous peace and enjoyment.

Outside of cycling, I love music, theater and of course spending time with my children and grandchildren!

One thing people might not know is that in the late 60s, I appeared in the JCC's production of *Sleeping Beauty* starring Bobbi Cohn as Sleeping Beauty. I had the illustrious part of the Woodcutter's grandson (not many people knew there was a woodcutter in the play—let alone his grandson!).

Richie, this was great, thanks so much!

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