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## Musical Purim Costume 2020

*The British invasion lands at Kneset Israel!*

Year after year, Kneset Israel has built a reputation for its fun and festive Purim concerts. Can you believe we have been rocking in the holiday with creative music riffs for twelve years now? And this year's theme is—drum roll please—the Best of British Rock!

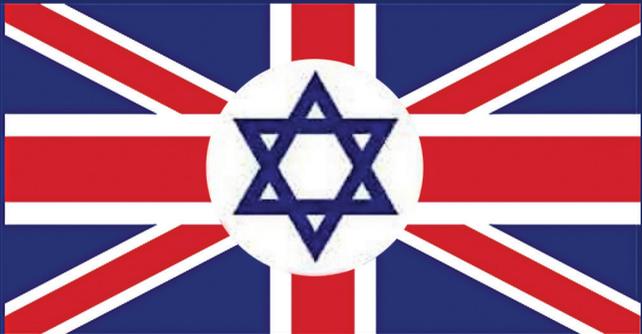
An incredible history of rock and roll has emerged from the United Kingdom in the past 60 years. From the British Invasion through the Punk 1980s and up until today, this small island has produced some of the most memorable music in history. We will tap into this musical history for our Purim celebration.

Our song titles this year are varied and fun—and we know everyone will recognize the melodies. We will be covering the Beatles, the Who, Queen, Led Zeppelin, Eric Clapton, and others. With a loving tongue in cheek, the band's songwriters are really "rewriters." We take the theme of Purim and create lyrics to fit the meter and the sounds of the original song. That's how we come up with zany titles like Lounge Lizard (Pinball Wizard) and Shushan Afternoon (Sunny Afternoon).



It's all in good fun. The band practices both vocally and instrumentally for two months to try to get the exact sound of

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Kneset Israel Presents  
**PURIM 2020**  
**BEST OF BRITISH ROCK!**

JOIN US FOR OUR 12TH ANNUAL PURIM CONCERT, FEATURING ORIGINAL SONGS BASED ON THE MUSIC OF BRITISH ROCK LEGENDS THE BEATLES, THE WHO, QUEEN, LED ZEPPELIN, ERIC CLAPTON AND MORE!

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# Member Mitzvahs & Mazel Tovs

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David Dahari

■ **David Dahari**, K.I. member and Physics & Chemistry Teacher at Wahconah High School, has been awarded a NASA ambassadorship through the fall of 2020. The NASA Airborne Astronomy Ambassador (AAA) program selects approximately 20 educators nationally to participate in STEM based science education webinars, workshops, and research with the ultimate goal of supporting teachers in research-based science education and NGSS best practices.

NASA will provide funding for David to attend a summer workshop in Palmdale, California as well as a week of flight school where he will participate in two missions aboard SOFIA, the Stratospheric

Infrared Observatory, which is a converted 747 with a built-in 106 inch telescope. David's main research interest is observing star forming regions and proto-planets and answering questions like, "How common are habitable star systems?" and "What is the nature of young star forming regions in our galaxy?"

David is extremely excited to work with these scientists and science educators and to bring what he learns into his science classrooms.

■ **Phoebe and Don Sugarman** are excited to welcome a new grandson, **Judah Kieran Dweck Sugarman.**, born February 7 to son Adam Sugarman and his wife Emma Dweck, of Housatonic.

■ Mazel tov to **Alex Lederman** on his graduation from Yale University this past December. Alex graduated with a degree in Near Eastern Studies and is currently interning at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C. where he is a research assistant in Middle East political economy.

## Mazel Tov!

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Did you know a summary of the weekly Parshah is at the bottom of every K.I. e-News?

# From the Rabbi

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## New Year...New Kiddush Challenge

*Kiddush luncheons are a unique opportunity to build community*

The summer season is Knesset Israel's key time for hospitality and relationship development. Dozens of visitors pass through our programs and our building every week in July and August. Some are visiting for the first time, while others come every year for a few weeks or even months. Many choose to drop by for a specific program—a lecture that sounds interesting, a joyous concert, a service that transforms Saturday morning into the Shabbat experience they desire. Our challenge is to shape the experience into something so engaging that, over time, people who come as visitors find meaning, make connections, and begin to feel a part of the community.

While extraordinary programming brings people in, our hospitality is what really makes the difference. Greeting people warmly, remembering a name or a story from a previous season or finding a "Jewish Geography" connection communicates a sense of welcome and belonging. Building relationships in this way requires time, focus, and a context.

Because one important context for relationship development over the summer is shabbat morning, K.I. has committed to serve lunch every week during the peak tourism season. Full kiddush luncheons, with a variety of delicious menus, give summer visitors the opportunity to get to know each other, as well as full-time residents of the Berkshires. Relationships begun at these luncheons deepen from week to week and year to



*Rabbi David Weiner*

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Every dollar contributed toward the "kiddush challenge", up to \$5,000 will earn a dollar-for-dollar match!

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year. There is nothing like breaking bread together to build connection and community.

I am pleased to announce that Knesset Israel has once again received an

anonymous matching challenge in support of kiddush luncheons for the summer of 2020. Every dollar contributed toward the "kiddush challenge", up to \$5,000, will earn a dollar-for-dollar match! That means that a gift of \$100 will enable K.I. to spend \$200 on a summer kiddush. These gifts will set a kiddush luncheon on our tables for approximately 100 people each shabbat, July 11–August 29.

There are two ways to give toward the kiddush challenge and activate this match:

- A gift of any amount that will be acknowledged in the pages of Kol K.I. when it is received.
- A gift of at least \$500 that will offer the donor the opportunity to sponsor one kiddush. The sponsorship will be noted in the shabbat booklet that week.

Wouldn't this be a great way to celebrate a birthday or anniversary? Although the chef sets the menu for lunch, it is sometimes possible to increase the volume of food we prepare to accommodate a larger crowd.

### Increased capacity

When we achieve our fundraising goal, K.I. will have the capacity to serve kiddush luncheons on at least four shabbat mornings, and maybe more, at intervals during the school year. We'll need to work out details—seek volunteer cooks, set a schedule—but those are wonderful challenges to face.

Please join our thoughtful anonymous donor in strengthening the Knesset Israel community through a warm welcome every shabbat of the summer and in reintroducing periodic kiddush luncheons throughout the school year.

### Purim!

Celebrating Purim is a highlight of the year at Knesset Israel. Our celebration kicks off with the annual Purim Concert. This year the Knesset Israel Music Committee adopts the style and tunes of British Rock to tell the story of Esther. Please see our cover story for more about the concert.

We read megillah on the night of the 14th of Adar, Monday, March 9. Turn to page 5 of this Kol K.I. for a cut out box with times and details for services, dinner, ice cream reception, and more!

See page 4 for dates and times to pick up your hamantashen bags, given by fellow congregants, as well as your own "by-the-dozen" orders.

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# From the President

## Celebrate!

*Be it quiet appreciation or a raucous Purim party... choose joy*



*Richard Simons*

The Talmud teaches that when the month of Adar (coinciding with the period between February 26, 2020 and March 25, 2020) arrives, we increase joy! To me, it is interesting to note that for a people whose history includes heavy doses of slavery, persecution, and discrimination, we are instructed to increase joy. What does that say about our values as Jews?

Joy does not always come from without, but on the contrary comes from within. We can experience joy when we see and appreciate life's multitude of blessings, which are not always readily observable. How many of us can experience a sense of contentment or peace by seeing a beautiful sunset over the Berkshire Hills; or hearing the belly laugh of a baby; or receiving a bear hug from a dear friend or family member? These are among the blessings in each of our lives.

Precisely because life is harsh and is filled with injustice, comes the need to seek and increase our joy. This theme permeates the life of the Jew. We have Shabbat and the holidays to provide a framework for us to experience blessings and to increase joy.

This month, as a shul community, we increase our joy with wonderful Purim celebrations. Through the hard work of Cindy Helitzer and Susan Gordon and the countless volunteers who knead, pinch, bake and package hamantashen, we have the opportunity to give delectable gifts to our friends and neighbors. Receiving a caring package of mishloach manot is a sure way to spread joy!

We'll also gather on March 7th to hear and dance to the music provided by the talented K.I. Purim Band! These folks practice for months taking familiar tunes and substituting humorous lyrics that absolutely make us smile. Of course, on March 9th, we'll assemble to hear the words of Megilath Esther (The Book of Esther). Come in costume and enjoy what is usually a raucous evening!

So in the spirit of Adar, come to K.I. and spread the joy!

### Knesset Israel Statement of Purpose

**Welcome.**

**We are here to nourish mind, heart, and soul.**

**We are here to inspire through word and deed.**

**We are here to accompany each other on life's journey.**

**We are here to celebrate in community.**

**We are here to bring life to the wisdom and values of Torah.**

**We are here to transform our world.**

## Hamantashen Pick-up Times...

A bag of hamantashen gifted to you by fellow members, will be waiting for you with your name on it. Personal orders, too...

**March 2 - 9  
10am-12pm & 2pm-4pm**

**You may also pick them up the evening of Sat., March 7 at the Purim concert!**



## Rabbi's Class Schedule Winter/Spring 2020

### Arguing as Jews

Thursday mornings, 10:45-noon:

March 5, 12, 19, 26;

April 2, 23, 30;

May 7, 14, 21;

June 4, 11;

then break until Labor Day.

### Mincha, Study Session & Maariv

Saturday afternoons/evenings

March 14, 21, 28;

April 4;

then break until Labor Day.

Times for each date are listed on [knessetisrael.org](http://knessetisrael.org) calendar.

### Chanting Torah

Tuesday evenings, 7:15-8:15 p.m.;

March 10, 17, 24, 31;

April 21, 28 (if needed).

# February Calendar




**\*SHIREI SHABBAT**  
 Fri., March 27..... 5:30 PM  
 18-33 minutes before sunset

## FALL/WINTER SERVICES

Sunday..... 8:45 AM & 7:00 PM  
 Tuesday..... 7:00 PM  
 Friday..... 5:45 PM\*  
 Saturday..... 9:30 AM

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICES

Sat., March 7..... NO Service,  
 Purim Concert instead  
 March 14..... 6:30 PM  
 March 21..... 6:45 PM  
 March 28..... 6:45 PM

## CLASSES

- Meditation with Jane Rosen..... Tues., March 10, 17, 24, 31..... 8:30–9:30 AM
- Torah Portion of the Week..... Tues., March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31..... 10:00–11:30 AM
- Hebrew School..... Wed., March 4, 11, 18, 25..... 4:00–6:00 PM
- Enhanced Prayer Study..... Wed., March 4, 11, 18, 25..... 10:00–11:30 AM
- Hebrew School..... Sat., March 7, 14, 21, 28,..... 9:00 AM
- Intro to Judaism..... Sun., March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29..... 10AM–12PM
- Mussar w/ Rabbi Pamela Wax..... Sun., March 15..... 9:45 AM
- Class dates & times for Arguing as Jews; Mincha Study Sessions; and Chanting Torah appear in the box to the left

## MEETINGS

Cemetery Committee Meeting..... Tues., March 10..... 7:30 PM  
 Social Action..... Tues., March 17..... 7:30 PM  
 K.I. Board Meeting..... Wed., March 18..... 7:30 PM

## TOT SHABBAT

Saturday..... March 14..... 10:30-11:30AM

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## CANDLE LIGHTING

Friday..... March 6..... 5:31 PM  
 Friday..... March 13..... 6:40 PM  
 Friday..... March 20..... 6:48 PM  
 Friday..... March 27..... 6:56 PM

## MINYAN

Sunday morning..... 8:45 AM /sanctuary  
 Sunday evening..... 7:00 PM / chapel  
 Tuesday evening..... 7:00 PM / chapel  
 Friday evening..... 5:45 PM / sanctuary\*

## SATURDAY EVENING MINYAN

March 14..... 6:30 PM  
 March 21..... 6:45 PM  
 March 28..... 6:45 PM



## PURIM CONCERT

Saturday, March 7,  
 at Kneset Israel • 7:30 PM

## PURIM Dinner community MESILLAH readings

Monday, March 9,  
 at Kneset Israel

Dinner • 5:30 PM  
 Reservation required

Maariv & Megillah Reading  
 6:15 PM

## ICE CREAM & Hamantaschen RECEPTION

7:30 PM

## Need a minyan?

A minyan can be requested for other days by contacting Diana Macfarlane in the K.I. office. All Jewish people 13 and older count toward a minyan (10 people). Plan to bring as many family and friends as are available, to better ensure a minyan, then let Diana know requested date, how many additional people will be needed, and whether someone is needed to lead the service. Diana will contact regular minyan attendees.

# Hebrew School / Families Together

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## From film-making to theater...

*Learning through creativity*

### The Story of Three Angels

Hebrew School students participated in the annual collaborative project with Knesset Israel's Berkshire Jewish Film Festival this winter by producing their own video. *The Story of Three Angels* premiered on January 15 and was definitely the "critic's choice."

Students created storyboards from the script, directed and filmed, as well edited the entire project. It was a learning experience that stressed collaboration and learning new skills.

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### Next up...Passover Theater!

Theater educator Amy Brentano will lead students in a workshop that encourages ensemble building, teaches performance skills, and culminates in the students creating an original short piece of theater exploring the relevant social justice themes of Passover.

On Wednesdays, February 26 through April 15, from 5-6 p.m., we will meet in the social hall to have fun on our feet— playing theater games, and sharing thoughts and material about the themes of Passover. Our work will generate a brief presentation for the community on April 15 at 5:54 p.m. Watch for more information!

Amy Brentano has been a theater educator for forty years, and has worked in the Berkshires with WAM Theater, Barrington Stage Co., Berkshire Theater Group, and Richmond Consolidated School directing, creating and teaching. She currently owns and manages The Foundry, a new performance and visual arts venue in West Stockbridge, MA.



## Something for Everyone!

*Tot Shabbat, Passover Mitzvah Project & more*

### Mark Your Calendars

March is a busy and exciting month for families at Knesset Israel. In addition to Purim we have several programs for parents and children of all ages:

**Calling All Teens—Shabbat Dinner for You and Your Family!** Our second dinner for teens and their families will take place on March 13. A Musical Kabbalat Shabbat will be led by Jesse Cook-Dubin accompanied by our teens. Discussion will follow dinner.

*Friday, March 13 • 5:45 p.m.*

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**Tot Shabbat**—Join us for a special family experience with songs, games, and activities for preschool children and their families, led by Noah Cook-Dubin.

*Saturday, March 14 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.*

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**Families Together Bagels & Bags**—Join us for the next event in our series for the whole family, centered on Jewish learning & service. There will be a light lox and bagel brunch following the programs.

■ **Annual Passover Mitzvah Project**—Children will connect tzedakah to Passover by making reusable bags through The Bag Share Project, led by Lisa Udel. The bags will be donated to local food pantries. We will also learn about Miriam's Cup—a new ritual object that some place on the seder table. Miriam's cup is filled with water and serves as a symbol of Miriam's Well, which was the source of water for the Israelites in the desert.

Please bring a reusable water bottle to donate with the bags.

■ **Workshop** for parents delving into facets of Jewish parenting.

*Sunday, March 22 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.*

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*Photos: Making Nature Webs for Tu'Bishvat with guest teacher, Tibor Flothmann, and Teen Ceramics Workshop with Brandi Dahari.*

# Hebrew School / Families Together

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K.I. families are so talented! On page 6, read about the Passover theater they are creating with Amy Brentano. The premier is set for Wed., April 15—Save the Date!

## Federation Opportunities Abound!

*Visit an elder, bake 70 challahs, apply for a scholarship*

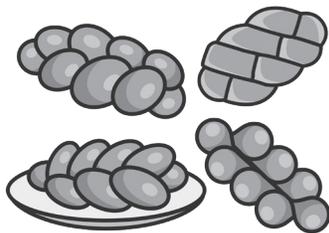
The Jewish Federation of the Berkshires unites our varied Jewish congregations in projects and opportunities that benefit us all. Here are a few ways you can volunteer or spread the word to others.



### New Friendly Visitors Program

The federation is seeking compassionate volunteers to be matched with at-home elders. Since many of our volunteers head south for the winter, we are looking for a few more to help out. We are observing that isolation and loneliness is an increasing problem for local community members. A simple one hour a week friendly visit can make all the difference in bringing connection and a feeling of belonging. Training and support are provided in partnership with Elder Services and the Federation's social worker.

For more information, call or email Susan Frisch Lehrer [lehrer@jewishberkshires.org](mailto:lehrer@jewishberkshires.org) /413-442-4360, x14.



### Fun Family Activity—Bake a Difference

Join Federation families and the Williams College Jewish Association (WCJA) for a Challah Bake. K.L. member, Emma Lezberg (a Williams College senior and Tzedek Director for WCJA) tells us that "once or twice each semester, we bake about 72 miniature challot and sell them in our student center to raise money to combat food insecurity. Monies raised will be donated to Mazon (a Jewish Response to Hunger) and the Berkshire Food Project."

Participants will learn about food insecurity in Berkshire County, participate in a mitzvah, and have fun! After baking, join us for a PJ Library story for the younger kids—and, of course snacks will be included.

Sunday, March 8 at 10 a.m. Free. RSVP required by March 2, 413-442-4360 x10 or [federation@jewishberkshires.org](mailto:federation@jewishberkshires.org) at Williams College Jewish Center.

### College Scholarship Opportunity

From the Henry Simkin and Frances Simkin Schiller and Dr. Stanley and Faye Simkin Scholarship Fund. Any graduating high school senior who has demonstrated high academic scholarship as well as leadership and participation in the Berkshire Jewish Community may apply. Deadline April 14. Find the application at [jewishberkshires.org](http://jewishberkshires.org)



### Day Camp Scholarship Opportunity

The Jewish Federation of the Berkshires believes in the power of Jewish summer camp and the transformative impact it has on youth, which is why we put great emphasis on raising the necessary funds to make scholarships possible. Our scholarship monies are limited and available on a first come, first serve basis. Children must be year-round Berkshire residents between the ages of 4 and rising 2nd graders. (Child must be 4 by July 1, 2020). Families are also entitled to an additional \$100 per week discount for each child attending. You can find detailed eligibility guidelines and applications on the federation site ([jewishberkshires.org](http://jewishberkshires.org)). Deadline May 7.

For more information about scholarships call the Federation front desk at 413-442-4360, x10 or email [federation@jewishberkshires.org](mailto:federation@jewishberkshires.org).

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Rosh Chodesh

## Help Our Garden Grow!

*Update: Bobby Braun Memorial Garden*

The Rosh Chodesh garden sub-committee met in January to create an ongoing plan for revitalizing the Bobby Braun Memorial Garden. Thanks to our hard-working volunteers, initial cleaning, clearing, garden design, and some planting was completed in the fall of 2019. We are currently developing a budget for added plantings, a universal access ramp, signage, a storage shed, and portable chairs and tables. Once a budget is in place, we will publish a full plan—with illustrations—to share with the larger congregation.

Our group is looking for several more members with project planning experience to help make the garden revitalization a reality. It is going to be a beautiful and exciting addition to Knesset Israel, offering members a place to pray, think, gather, or meditate surrounded by nature. This is a great opportunity to help create at lasting amenity to our community.

Please call, or email Ev Bastow (evbas714@gmail.com / 413-464-9828) or email Nan Bookless at nan.2194@icloud.com if you would like to add your help and expertise to this effort.

As humans and Jews we have a responsibility to take care of the earth. —Rabbi Yonatan Neril

### Birthdays

■ Ezra Sutter ..... March 2	■ Naomi Schwartz.....March 19
■ Richard Woller ..... March 3	■ Phyllis Lieberman.....March 19
■ Dana Siegel ..... March 3	■ Lawrence Kaplan .....March 20
■ Carol Silverman..... March 3	■ Lindsey Helitzer .....March 20
■ Lorenzo Cook-Dubin..... March 4	■ Julia Boms .....March 20
■ Donald Simon..... March 6	■ Michael Helitzer.....March 22
■ James Fingerroth ..... March 7	■ David Bell-Deane.....March 24
■ Susan Gordon ..... March 8	■ Andrew Geller.....March 24
■ Steven Skoblow ..... March 8	■ Sopheap Nhim.....March 25
■ Mona Lanzer..... March 9	■ Benjamin Cook-Dubin.....March 25
■ Lesley Oransky .....March 11	■ Bonnie Edelstein.....March 26
■ Ellen Lebowitz .....March 11	■ Joel Radsken .....March 26
■ Robert Bildner .....March 14	■ William Wright.....March 26
■ Edwin Kolodny .....March 15	■ Luis A. Cruz.....March 29
■ John Huffaker .....March 16	■ Harold Shair.....March 31
■ Jane Rosen .....March 17	■ Barbara Akresh.....March 31
■ Cynthia Helitzer .....March 17	

### Purim Concert

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the song as it was originally sung. We call this our “Musical Purim Costume.” The writers are Jonathan Denmark, Phil Coleman, Steven Skoblow, Noah Cook-Dubin, Laura Rosenthal, and Matt Mozian.

The K.I. Band is comprised of the following members:

- Laura Rosenthal, vocals
- Carol Link, vocals
- Steven Skoblow, vocals
- Jonathan Denmark, guitars, keyboards, banjo, and vocals
- Noah Cook-Dubin, guitar and vocals
- Phil Coleman, acoustic guitar
- Matt Mozian, electric guitar and keyboards
- Colin Ovitsky, bass
- Colby Lederman, drums

The concert will take place Saturday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Knesset Israel social hall. Come in costume if you wish! Beer and wine, as well as snacks will be available.

A modest cover charge of \$15 will guarantee a wonderful night and a terrific concert. You can reserve in advance with office manager Diana Macfarlane at 445-4872, extension 10, or by email at office@knessetisrael.org...or just show up and pay at the door! Come out and join the fun!



### Anniversaries

- Richard & Sharon Sutter ..... March 6
- Marty & Glenna Bloom .....March 23
- Howard & Amy Herman.....March 29
- Steven & Ruth Rosenthal .....March 19

# Spotlight On

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## Mitch Greenwald

*Equine photographer extraordinaire*



Mitch Greenwald

*Hello again readers. Just because the Berkshires are quieter in winter, doesn't mean that I have slowed down. Check out this wonderful interview with Mitch Greenwald where we explore his amazing talent as an equine photographer—read on!*  
—Phil Coleman

Welcome Mitch, to my column, "Spotlight On." We have so many gifted and creative members of the synagogue and it is a pleasure to have you. Let me begin by asking what was the background that started you off in your special photography career?

**Mitch:** I started photographing horses at work and at play shortly after I took up riding (about ten years ago). Some of my images are from formal events (races, coaching or sleighing, other competitions), and some from more casual settings. To me, the grace and balance of the equine, both in motion and at rest, are highly evocative.

From reviewing the incredible diversity of the equine photos you sent me, you seem to have evolved an oeuvre and a style all your own. Can you elaborate on this?

**Mitch:** I admire their grace, balance, and energy, in motion and at rest, at work and at play, and I find the images highly evocative. I've photographed horses running and resting, with or without human intervention; my work has included thoroughbred racing, coaching and sleighing, hunter/jumper shows, and other forms of competition.

As I did this work, I was often reminded of the persistent role of equines in our history and our culture. And in the last two or three years, as I've been doing more casual photography, I've been attracted to urban and rural scenes that similarly remind me, sometimes dreamlike, of the past—sometimes what I saw (or remember seeing) when I was a kid. And through it all, it's ultimately about light, which can change the perception of a scene from humdrum to special.

**What are some of your techniques and tools of the trade so to speak?**

**Mitch:** About the prints, I do my own fine art printing to give me maximum control over the final image. The prints are pigment ink on cotton rag or alpha-cellulose paper (no OBAs, lignin- and acid-free). Although the term "archival" is relative, these combinations of ink and paper are very high on that scale, and pigment-on-cotton prints are in many museums and galleries. Matting and backing are also acid-free.

**The Berkshires seem an idyllic and classic setting for much of what you do. The coaching weekends, for instance, are always a huge hit for me. I see the whole display every year in Stockbridge coming right down Main Street! How important is this background and context to your work?**

**Mitch:** Background is always important, but particularly so for events like Berkshire Coaching Weekend, and the Lenox Tub Parade for which the venue is the roads, hills, and skies of the Berkshires! I get the routes in advance, and spend time (sometimes



# Spotlight On



hours!) scouting—driving the routes, sometimes in reverse so I can see what will be visible as they come at me, looking for just the right spots that stimulate my imagination. I like best the backgrounds that look like they may have a century ago—sometimes hills and skies, sometimes stone walls or older structures. On a typical day of Berkshire Coaching Weekend, I will probably photograph from six or seven different locations, using back roads to jump ahead of the procession to get from one to the next.

Some other events, because they are in a paddock or ring, have more limited choices, but even then there are “best” spots with pleasing background and no distractions.

## What’s coming up for this year?

**Mitch:** Well, this is a year for Berkshire Coaching Weekend (every second year), and hopefully the Tub Parade. And I’m hoping for a Sleigh Rally, though there are fewer of them than there used to be, and I might need to travel to find one. I’ve cut back on hunter/jumper shows, though I still do some farm shoots. And I still love to go to the flat track (usually Saratoga), though I’m focusing more on mornings (workouts and track people) and less on race shots. I’m also doing more personal, non-horse work. Two of my interests include the canals of eastern New York State (there are more than you think!) and buildings/landscapes that remind me of the way things looked in the fifties and sixties.

**Mitch, this was super. Thank for a terrific interview!**

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.  
And God saw the light, and it was good; and God  
divided the light from the darkness. —Genesis 1

## Security Update

### *What to do with a found fob*



The K.I. Security Committee initiated a locked-building policy two years ago as a primary means of ensuring only people who should be in our building would be able to enter. As such, the committee made fobs or card keys available at no cost to all adult members, staff, and teenagers with driver’s licenses.

To maximize the effectiveness of this policy, the committee chose to replace lost fobs and card keys at no charge. This practice allows us to de-authorize fobs and card keys that are reported as lost. We have had to replace many.

Facilities invites anyone who finds their lost fob or card key under the seat in the car, between the cushions of the couch, in the pocket of jacket, etc., to please return them to the synagogue office, so they can be reused.

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Voting for MERCAZ is the best and most direct way to send a message to leaders in Israel that pluralism, democracy and equality are critical to creating a strong and vibrant Israel.

Voting requires a donation of \$7.50 to fund the election process and ends March 11.

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- Anne Frank

## Tzedakah Quiz

*How much do you know about tzedakah?*

Tzedakah, or righteousness, is often interpreted as charity, because Judaism views giving as the ultimate act of righteousness. As in most areas of life, here too Jewish tradition makes practical demands and specifies expectations.

### QUESTION 1

*In the Bible, giving tzedakah mainly takes what form?*

- A financial donation
- A business lesson
- A heart-to-heart talk
- An agrarian contribution



### QUESTION 2

*According to the “Ladder of Tzedakah,” what is the highest level of tzedakah?*

- Giving a poor person some money
- Giving a poor person an interest-free loan to become independent of charity
- Teaching a person some Torah
- Teaching a person about peaceful coexistence



### QUESTION 3

*According to the Talmud, which of the following is not a difference between charity and benevolence?*

- Charity can only be carried out by giving money, whereas benevolence involves giving of one’s person
- Charity is directed to the poor, whereas benevolence involves the expression of goodwill to all
- Charity is given to the living, whereas benevolence can be extended to the dead
- Charity is not required of those who are less fortunate, whereas benevolence is required of everyone



### QUESTION 4

*According to Jewish law, which of these organizations should you be giving money to first?*

- An independent local recycling plant
- A local food pantry
- A fund for disaster relief in China
- A hospital in Israel

QUESTION 5

According to the Torah, if a farmer or his workers missed a section of the field during harvesting

- He cannot go back and pick it
- He must go back and pick it
- He must go back and pick it and then bring it to the poor
- He must go back and pick it and store it up for the future



QUESTION 6

Who is required to give tzedakah?

- Everyone, according to his or her means
- Only the breadwinner from every family
- Only families who never have to take tzedakah from others
- All who are greedy

QUESTION 7

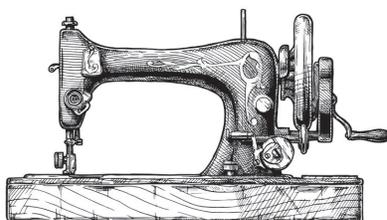
The rabbis of classical Judaism said tzedakah is

- Less important than other mitzvot
- Just as important as any other one mitzvah
- Equal in value to all other mitzvot combined
- Not important if you don't know any other mitzvot

QUESTION 8

True or false: Jews traditionally give tzedakah just before Shabbat and festivals.

- True
- False



QUESTION 9

Which of the following is not a loan regulation found in the Torah??

- A creditor was forbidden from seizing as collateral tools necessary for the debtor's livelihood
- A garment pledged against a loan was to be returned for the night
- A creditor was forbidden to enter a debtor's home to take a pledge
- Interest must be charged on loans of money and food

QUESTION 10

The prohibition against humiliating a beggar comes from which Jewish text?

- The Torah
- The Talmud
- The Mishnah
- Proverbs



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Tzedakah Quiz Answers

1. An agrarian contribution.
2. Giving a poor person an interest-free loan to become independent of charity.
3. Charity is not required of those who are less fortunate, whereas benevolence is required of everyone.
4. A local food pantry.
5. He cannot go back and pick it.
6. Everyone, according to his or her means.
7. Equal in value to all other mitzvot combined.
8. True
9. Interest must be charged on loans of money and food.
10. The Talmud

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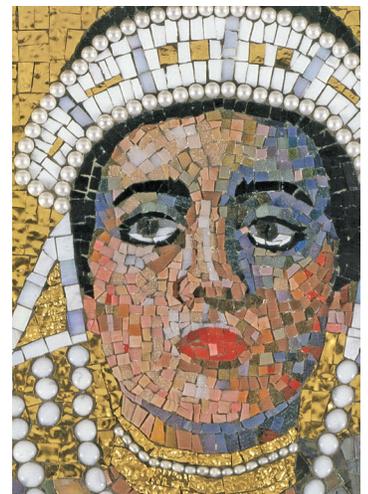
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