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## Rabbi Weiner Reflects and Reports

*Excerpts from rabbi's remarks at Knesset Israel's Annual Meeting, June 2023*

For centuries nearly every synagogue has called itself a Kehilla Kedosha—a holy congregation. That's not because we are full of ourselves, believing that only we are holy. Rather we call ourselves holy congregations because we convene to help each of us, and all of us aim to make our lives and society more just, wondrous, and sacred. I am grateful for the people whose efforts make our work possible—to Jesse Cook-Dubin, Knesset Israel's board president, members of the board, committee chairs, and lay leaders; to Rabbi Pam Wax, who serves as our interim director of adult education; to KI's staff—Diana, Chris, and Ken.

### Return to Normalcy

This year has been challenging and satisfying. Last summer brought a return of normalcy—hundreds of visitors over the course of the summer, the return of JTS in the Berkshires, kiddush luncheons in the social hall, and several new members. Only a few years removed from the disruptions of the pandemic, and KI was hopping!

Hebrew School and Families Together are thriving.

Attendance is up, the students are learning, and the parents are enjoying each other's company and strong, relevant programming. Two families with school-age children, recruited through Families Together events, have joined the synagogue in the last year,

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### What's Inside...

#### *KI Summer—so much to do!*

As we put the Knesset Israel summer calendar to page, we couldn't help but get excited about everything being offered. We wonder how we can possibly squeeze it all into our personal schedules, but guaranteed we'll try!

Along with the 37th Annual Berkshire Jewish Film Festival (see page 9) there are a bounty of other things to do. Where else can you choose to go hiking and talk Torah with a rabbi one morning and study with a guest scholar-in-residence for an entire weekend?

Turn to pages 6 and 7 and begin to fill your days. Whether you attend one event, a few, or every service, class, workshop, and lecture—this summer is the opportunity to, as KI's tag line says...learn. inspire. grow. together. Thank you to those who pulled together this stimulating calendar. Please participate, see old friends, and meet a few new ones in the process.



We call ourselves holy congregations because we convene to help each of us, and because we all aim to make our lives and society more just, wondrous, and sacred.

# Member Mitzvahs & Mazel Tovs

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## Kaetah Klein's Bat Mitzvah

*Celebrate as a community: attend or tune in August 5*



*Kaetah Zivia Klein*

**Kaetah Zivia Klein** will ascend the bima for her Bat Mitzvah on August 5th, 2023. The service will also be livestreamed for family and friends that want to attend in spirit. We will be a very proud and happy congregation. Kaetah is the daughter of Sarah and Lawrence Klein and the sister of Jacob. Kaetah has two rescue cats: Ginger and Wasabi.

Kaetah will be returning to Herberg Middle school in the fall as an eighth grader. In 7th and 8th grade she was part of a writing contest, has been part of an art club, and was on the Pittsfield Public Virtual Academy student counsel. Kaetah has a good sense of

humor. She enjoys spending time with family and friends. Kaetah loves listening to music and dancing. She likes to make videos and take photos too. In school Kaetah's favorite subjects are gym and art. She likes biking, gymnastics, basketball, and swimming. Kaetah plans to join more clubs in eighth grade. She also enjoys movies and television programs as well as acting.

Another interest of Kaetah's is doing manicures for herself and others with very intricate and interesting colorful designs. She likes receiving them, too. She enjoys shopping, clothes, fashion, jewelry, hairstyling, and make up. She considers herself a fashionista, as do her parents. Kaetah also has a sweet tooth especially for vanilla cake and cupcakes without frosting, kosher gummy candy and gum.

When Kaetah grows older she would like to be a lawyer like her dad. She would also like to own and operate beauty salons for people and animals. Some of her extracurricular activities have included The Berkshire Theater Group camp, The Berkshire Museum film camp, gymnastics camp, and The Becket Day Camp where she enjoyed interacting with live chickens.

Her formal Jewish education in preparation for her Bat Mitzvah was at the KI Hebrew School where she had wonderful teachers and amazingly talented tutors for whom she is greatly appreciative. Kaetah's favorite part of Hebrew school is interacting with friends. In the past Kaetah also attended The Ramah Family Camp.

Kaetah's Mitzvah project is no surprise given her love and empathy for animals. It is to raise community involvement (through donations, adoption, and awareness) specifically for disabled animals in need of medical care for the Berkshire Humane Society. Their website is BerkshireHumane.org also at 413-447-7878 at 214 Barker Road in Pittsfield, MA 01201

Any donations should specify "Kaetah's Mitzvah." Todah Rabah.

# From the Rabbi

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## Rabbi Weiner Reflects

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and I am hoping that a few more will follow. I am grateful to our Hebrew School teachers, several of whom assumed administrative tasks and special projects, to our Families Together Committee, and especially to Marcie Greenfield Simons who, in the absence of a program director, filled the position all year as a volunteer. The Harold Grinspoon Foundation and the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires continue to support our education program generously. This year the Federation changed how it funds Jewish education, which has proven to be encouraging and inspiring for Kl.

### Torah, Music, Inclusion

Services for Shabbat and holidays have been humming along all year. A few of our newer Torah readers have gotten markedly stronger and emerged as teachers and gabbaim. Several shlihei tzibbur tried new things.

Buoyed by the purchase of new equipment, Kl's musicians have continued to learn from each other and play together. Shirei Shabbat, Musical Minyan, and the Purim Band are sounding better than ever.



The gabbaim should be commended for negotiating changes to the Torah Service liturgy and synagogue signage, to be more welcoming to people who identify as transgender and gender-queer.

*The Meeting OWL has been a success in adult education classes. It provides a panoramic view of the room and is motion and voice activated.*



*Rabbi David Weiner*

### Adult Education

Adult education remains vibrant. The "OWL" is a great success. This camera-microphone & speaker allows us to hold classes in the synagogue library that are also broadcast on Zoom, allowing students from other parts of the country to participate. Many students have enjoyed Rabbi Wax's

classes, and many more will be registering for the wide-ranging programming that will take place all summer. (see Calendar, pages 6 and 7). My classes have also been engaging. The Tuesday Hebrew class has completed an exhaustive study of the Amidah, and the Thursday class—about 20-30 individuals each week—used materials from Hadar's Proj-



ect Zug to study a wide variety of topics. We are also more than halfway through an Intro to Judaism course taught by learned Kl members to a group of about a dozen people who are just beginning or continuing their journey of Jewish education.

### Lifecycle

Lifecycle commemoration remains a fundamental part of congregational life. We celebrate one bar mitzvah and one bat mitzvah this year. The Hevra Kadisha, shomrim, and Cemetery Committee continue to serve. All three groups need more participants—people who are physically able can perform mitzvahs with Hevra Kadisha and the Cemetery Committee. Those with free time during the work week are especially welcome. Shomrim are needed daytime and nighttime hours.

### Good Neighbors



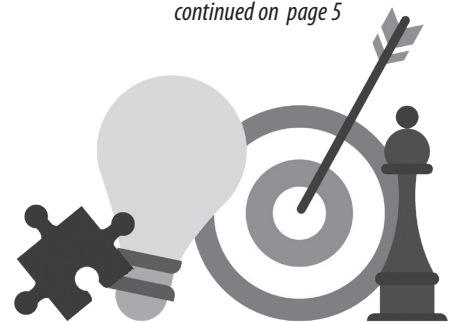
We engage with our neighborhood. Kl's partnership with the South Community Food Pantry is still going strong. Our effort to support resettlement of a household from Afghanistan ended when the family moved to California to be closer to extended family. My term as president of the Pittsfield Area Council of Congregations is complete, but I will continue to be involved as the organization rebuilds, post-pandemic. Kl has continued to support Berkshire Interfaith Organizing as it continues to try to reinvent itself with a new organizer, as a part of the Massachusetts Community Action Network.

But at Kl we are always compelled to go beyond just the basics. A surprisingly complex process led, last summer, to a stronger partnership between Knesset Israel and the Berkshire Minyan. I look forward to that relationship continuing to grow.

### Planning and Implementing

This year, the Strategic Planning Committee collected data, explored our context, and worked together to discern what we should do differently. Change is hard, especially when, in a post-pandemic world, you can't figure out where you are, never mind where you're going. But the

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*Strategic Planning*

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## *July Birthdays*     *July Anniversaries*

- Dee Griswold..... July 1
- Noah Palmer..... July 1
- Jan Zimble..... July 3
- Dawn Shamber-Schechter..... July 3
- Sanford Gordon ..... July 4
- Edwin Helitzer..... July 5
- Michael Geller..... July 6
- Yefim Kogan ..... July 6
- Ilana Albert ..... July 7
- Judith Weiner..... July 7
- Elisabeth Berger..... July 7
- Hannah Nhim Ovitsky..... July 8
- Samson Nhim Ovitsky ..... July 8
- Barbara Hertzberg..... July 10
- Dee Dee Acquisto..... July 10
- Carolyn Kaplan ..... July 12
- Mory Brenner ..... July 12
- Yvette Bastow ..... July 14
- Janet Rothstein ..... July 14
- Lesley Campbell Herzberg ..... July 14
- Parker Wright ..... July 15
- Gerald Link ..... July 15
- Ethan Lipson ..... July 16
- Phil Halpern..... July 19
- Lara Denmark ..... July 19
- Stephanie Ilberg-Lamm ..... July 21
- Gayle Rotenberg..... July 22
- Suellen Havs ..... July 23
- Sheila Goldlust ..... July 24
- Steven Winter..... July 25
- Jenny Gitlitz..... July 25
- Roberta Cohn..... July 27
- Lynne Goodman-Leary..... July 27
- Eleanor Geller ..... July 28
- Judy Usow..... July 28
- Ira Lieberman..... July 29
- Lauren Spitz..... July 31
- Roy Kozupsky..... July 31
- Jeremy Merrin..... July 31

- Murray and Barbara Akresh..... July 1
- David and Kyneret Albert..... July 2
- Jerome Socoloff and Kate Gigliotti..... July 3
- Harold and Harriet Shair..... July 5
- Colin Ovitsky and Sopheap Nhim..... July 7
- Michael and Alison Rosenthal ..... July 14
- Bruce and Terri Ettinger ..... July 15

Ba-ruch A-tah A-do-noi E-loi-hei-nu  
Me-lech ha-o-lam she-he-chee-ya-nu v'ki-yi-ma-nu  
vi-hi-gi-ya-nu liz-man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the Universe, who has granted us life,  
sustained us, and enabled us to reach this moment.

## *August Birthdays*

- Renee Robbins ..... August 1
- Stephen Feingold..... August 3
- Daniel Leary..... August 4
- David Dahari..... August 4
- Howard Lerner..... August 5
- Kathleen Todd..... August 7
- Nina Snowise ..... August 8
- Yael Snowise..... August 8
- Brett Goldberg..... August 9
- Jacob Herzberg ..... August 12
- Colin Ovitsky ..... August 12
- Aleksey Berezkin..... August 13
- Joel Friedman ..... August 13
- Richard Ferren ..... August 14
- Natalya Yantovsky ..... August 15
- Michael Albert ..... August 16
- Harvey Zimble..... August 16
- Leatrice Finck ..... August 17
- Patricia Salkin..... August 18
- Michael Edwards..... August 18
- Ruth Lebovitz Markovits.... August 19

- Kay Lerner ..... August 20
- Shira Rodriguez..... August 20
- Rose Sutter..... August 21
- Robin Fleet..... August 21
- James Frank..... August 22
- Cindy Mann ..... August 22
- Ellen Weitzler..... August 22
- Catherine Louise May ..... August 23
- Norman Klein..... August 24
- Joel Wolk..... August 24
- Sarah Klein ..... August 26
- Carol Link ..... August 27
- Charles Raser..... August 28
- Jacob Klein..... August 28
- Rhonda Sattin ..... August 28
- Irving (Dave) Krawet..... August 28
- Michael Shocket..... August 28
- Eliot Stern..... August 29
- Phoebe Sugarman ..... August 30
- Ely Hochfelder ..... August 31
- Galina Sirota ..... August 31

# From the Rabbi

## Rabbi Weiner Reflects

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planning process highlighted very good ideas, some of which are already being implemented. We are bringing the best of our culture as a synagogue to the fore and removing barriers to involvement. The Board of Directors has been asked to move beyond maintaining synagogue operations, to consider our vision for Jewish life, and to act boldly to bring it to fruition.

### Recruitment and engagement

Strategic planning also highlighted a challenge for KI in turning members into volunteers and volunteers into leaders. We are starting to rebuild habits of recruitment and encouragement. For instance, the hamantashen project is important because of the cookies, the tradition, the fundraising, and its potential to get people new to KI involved in synagogue life. Ramblin' with the Rav is a good workout and a way to welcome newcomers to KI. When a group prepares a meal for Shirei Shabbat, they cook safely and keep things kosher, but in addition could recruit at least one or two new people to cook with them. The same is true for adult education, the film festival, and other projects. Recruitment,

engagement, and inspiration require our attention.

### Welcome Rabbi Walker

Last week, Rabbi Becca Walker began work as Director of Lifelong Learning. We are incredibly excited to welcome her as she assumes leadership of congregational programming and Families Together, as well as helping in many other areas. In addition to bringing her scholarship and breadth of expertise to our community, Rabbi Becca works from an engagement and community organizing perspective—a powerful combination that will add a whole new dimension to the work we do at KI.

### Looking forward to seeing you

I hope you'll participate in our summer of incredible programming—services, kiddush every week starting July 8, JTS in the Berkshires, the Berkshire Jewish Film Festival, Friday nights in the tent and beyond. Please attend, and please keep an eye out for new people to welcome. As you are inspired, please continue to support Kneset Israel as we continue to work together to serve and develop the Jewish community of the Berkshires.

## member appreciation lunch

saturday / july 8  
12-2pm / free



Let's kick off our summer of chef prepared Kiddush Luncheons and meet up with old and new KI friends! Attend services beforehand or just come for lunch...

**Everyone is Welcome!**

RSVP by July 5 to

[knesetisrael.org/rsvp](http://knesetisrael.org/rsvp)

*AND please come say hi to our Membership Ambassador at the Welcome Table*

## August Anniversaries

- Joel and Fran Wolk ..... August 9
- Richard Simons and Marcie Greenfield Simons ..... August 11
- Helen and Stephen Radin ..... August 12
- Elisa and Mark Snowise ..... August 16
- Patricia Salkin and Howard Gross ..... August 17
- Allen and Rosalind Kopfstein ..... August 18
- Noah and Kika Cook-Dubin ..... August 20
- Ellen and Steven Weitzler ..... August 24
- Kathleen and Bill Todd ..... August 24
- Susan and Joel Friedman ..... August 29
- Andrew and Sandra Snyder ..... August 30

## Help our Congregation 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](mailto:jcg8874@msn.com)

# KI Services, Classes & Events / Summer 2023

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## Special Summer Services

**Musical Minyan**—mellow, meditative, acoustic.  
Fridays at 5:45 p.m.— July 21 and August 25

**Shirei Shabbat**—upbeat, contemporary, family friendly.  
Fridays at 5:45 p.m.—July 21 and August 11

**Tisha B'av: Wednesday, July 26 at 8 p.m. and Thursday, July 27 at 8 a.m.**  
Details below...

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## Tisha B'av Services... a haunting service of remembrance

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 ..... 8:00 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.

**THURSDAY, JULY 27 ..... 8:00 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.*

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## Shabbat Candle Lighting

Friday, July 7 ..... 8:14 p.m.  
Friday, July 14 ..... 8:11 p.m.  
Friday, July 21 ..... 8:06 p.m.  
Friday, July 28 ..... 7:59 p.m.

Friday, August 4 ..... 7:51 p.m.  
Friday, August 11 ..... 7:42 p.m.  
Friday, August 18 ..... 7:32 p.m.  
Friday, August 25 ..... 7:21 p.m.

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## Weekly 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 SHABBAT

IN PERSON (under the tent weather permitting)

..... 5:45 p.m.

### ■ SATURDAY SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

IN PERSON & LIVESTREAM

..... 9:30 a.m.

followed by kiddush.

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*In summer months, livestreaming of Saturday Shabbat services and special events will continue. Friday evening services will be under the tent so NOT livestreamed. Indoor funerals may also be streamed at the discretion of the family.*



*Weather permitting, Kneset Israel's Kabbalat Shabbat will be held ba'ohel during July and August.*

# KI Services, Classes & Events / Summer 2023



## Hike the Trails

### Ramblin' with the Rav

Join Rabbi David Weiner for a moderately paced walk, a little Torah, and good company.

**Registration for all hikes required:**

[knessetisrael.org/rsvp](https://knessetisrael.org/rsvp)

More information upon registration.

**Wednesday, August 2 • 9-11 a.m.**

— **Boulders**

*This is a scenic stroll through a nature preserve in a surprising location.*

*Wetlands, forest, and a hill with enormous erratic boulders and a commanding viewpoint over Pittsfield. Be prepared for some uphill walking on uneven trails.*

*Dogs on leash are welcome.*

**Wednesday, August 16 • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

— **Hopkins Memorial Forest**

*The Hopkins Memorial Forest is a reserve with hiking trails spread out over an extensive 2,600 acres. The Williams College Center for Environmental Studies manages the area.*

**Wednesday, August 30 • 9 am-12 p.m.**

— **Arches**

*It's the last day before the start of school! Come on your own or bring sure-footed children and grandchildren for an easy hike along a scenic section of the Westfield River that is crossed by several early 20th century keystone arch bridges.*

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

—Diary of Anne Frank

## Lectures & Learning



## In the Berkshires

**Important**—Register for these sessions at [inspired.jtsa.edu/Berkshires2023](https://inspired.jtsa.edu/Berkshires2023). **Registration required.**

*\$15 per lecture. Sessions take place from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in-person only at Shakespeare & Co., Bernstein Theater, Lenox, Massachusetts.*

**Friday, July 7—Dr. Arnold M. Eisen:**

*Revisiting Zionist Thought: Charting a Path Forward*

**Friday, July 21—**

**Rabbi Gordon Tucker:** *In the Narrow Places: Visions of Destruction in the Mind of Jeremiah and in the Mind of his Artistic Interpreters*

**Friday, August 4—Dr. Shira Billet:**

*Law in Context: Uncovering the Mother's Perspective in Traditional Sources on Abortion*

Presented in partnership with Knesset Israel and in cooperation with The Jewish Federation of the Berkshires  
Also supported by:  
Valerie Ann and Allen I. Hyman, MD  
Brenda and Fred Landes, MD,  
in memory of Harold Landes  
The Harold Grinspoon Foundation

## Klezmer Concert

**Klezmer Company Jazz Orchestra** with director, Aaron Kula, is a genre-bending group, performing traditional and jazz Klezmer music.

**Monday, August 21 • 7:15 p.m.**

**Registration required:**  
[knessetisrael.org/rsvp](https://knessetisrael.org/rsvp)

## Book Talks

**Sunday, July 30 • 10 a.m. and Saturday, August 26 • 12 p.m.**

**Rabbi Pam Wax discusses Rabbi Michael Strassfeld's book:**

*Judaism Disrupted, a Spiritual Manifesto of the 21st Century.* Limited copies for discounted price of \$20 at KI office.

**Registration required for July 30 only:**  
[knessetisrael.org/rsvp](https://knessetisrael.org/rsvp)

**Sunday, August 27 • 10 a.m.**

**Author Margery Metzger** discusses her book: *Hidden Demons: Evil Visits a Small New England Town*

## Community Meals

**Kiddush Luncheons** after morning service, chef prepared kosher meal  
**Saturdays • 12:00 p.m.**

**July 8 through August 19**

**Friday night Shabbat Dinners**—kosher meal following Shirei Shabbat services.

**July 21, August 11 • 6:45 p.m.**

**Registration required:**

[knessetisrael.org/rsvp](https://knessetisrael.org/rsvp)

**Special Lunch and Learns...**

See the *Berkshire Jewish Voice* for more details on the following events:

**Saturday, July 15: Rabbi Michael Strassfeld**, author of *Judaism Disrupted: A Spiritual Manifesto for the 21st Century* in conversation with Rabbi Pamela Wax following Shabbat morning services. On July 30, Rabbi Wax will lead a discussion of his book. (see Book Talks above).

**Saturday, August 12:** After services **Rabbi Marc Margolius** will address the topic of Jewish mindfulness and how it can help us experience greater meaning in traditional Jewish practices.

**Saturday, August 19: Dr. Ruth Messinger** The Berkshire community's shared scholar-in-residence will offer the d'var Torah at KI. At lunch she will speak on "Immigrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers Then and Now."



## Tikkun Olam ~ Heal the World

### *KI Cares*

Volunteer with the KI Cares Committee. Members phone other members who are in need of a sincere connection. They also rally around others in our congregation who are experiencing illness and help when they can. If interested, contact Fran Wolk at [fwolk@att.net](mailto:fwolk@att.net).

### *Become a Shomer*

Shomrim, 'watchers,' fulfill an important Jewish burial tradition by sitting with a person's aron (coffin) until the funeral. Shomrim work in shifts. Please call Alexandra Warshaw at 413-443-1434 for more information.

### *Feed the Hungry*

Donate to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund for the South Community Food Pantry. You may donate at [knesetisrael.org](http://knesetisrael.org) or send a check to the KI office. Designate the church food pantry in the memo.

### *Make Food Deliveries / Pack Cartons*

Members of the KI Food Pantry Team are currently distributing food cartons to families in Pittsfield. Volunteer drivers and carton packers are needed. For information, email Nancy Cook at [splynter100@gmail.com](mailto:splynter100@gmail.com).

### *Drive People to Health Care Appointments*

One of the great injustices in our community is widely unequal access to transportation. Wheels for Wellness connects volunteer drivers with neighbors who need a ride to health-related activities, including vaccination. Please call Wheels for Wellness at 413-395-0109 to learn more or to sign up.

### *Donate to Kneset Israel*

Supporting our synagogue financially is an act of tzedakah. These donations are the foundation of all that KI can offer, including unforeseen expenses for security and service options. Donate to a Fund or Endowment in honor or memory of family, friends, and occasions. These donations sustain us all.

### *Create a Legacy Gift*

Consider including a legacy gift to KI in your estate plan. If you would like to know more about how you might make such a commitment, email Arlene Schiff at [arlenedschiff@icloud.com](mailto:arlenedschiff@icloud.com).

Trust yourself. Create the kind of self that you will be happy to live with all your life. Make the most of yourself by fanning the inner sparks of possibility...

—Golda Meir

## Film Festival

### More from the **BERKSHIRE JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL**

Please visit [knesetisrael.org/filmfestival](http://knesetisrael.org/filmfestival) to purchase your Season Pass or make a much-appreciated donation.

Please visit [berkshirejewishfilmfestival.org](http://berkshirejewishfilmfestival.org) to peruse the festival program and sign up for the BJFF e-newsletter for our talkback schedule

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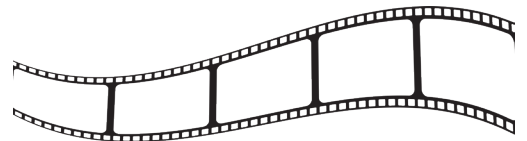
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*Marcia & Albert Schmier*

*Spitz-Tuchman Charitable Trust*

*Jessie & Bernard Wolfson Family*

*Foundation, in memory of Bernard Wolfson*

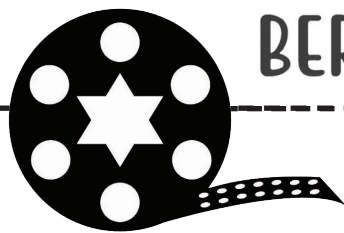


I grew up in a tradition where having ideas and contributing to the community and creating art that had an impact on the world mattered. That's part of the Jewish tradition.

— Eve Ensler



# BERKSHIRE JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL



## Week 1—July 10

■ **4:00 p.m.** • *Our (Almost Completely True) Story* • Making an unlikely couple, both Jerry Sroka's and Mariette Hartley's characters bond over the indignities of being out-of-work actors of a certain age, while navigating the seniors' singles scene. A life-affirming dramedy that "sparkles" with wit and depth as it celebrates love and romance while reflecting on the challenges of growing older.

■ **8:00 p.m.** • *Four Winters* • Against extraordinary odds, over 25,000 Jewish partisans fought back against the Nazis and their collaborators from deep within the forests of Eastern Europe, Ukraine and Belarus. Along with stunning archival footage, the surviving partisans relive their journey, sharing their stories. Transformed from young innocents to fierce partisan soldiers they exhibited magnificent courage and deep humanity.

## Week 2—July 17

■ **4:00 p.m.** • *The Muses of Isaac Bashevis Singer* • In the mid 1960's Bashevis Singer established an army of female translators—more than forty women—who helped spread his work. He chose his translators carefully, was inspired by their presence, often falling in love with them. Nine of the women who were intimately familiar with the man and work are still here. Theirs will be the only voices heard in the film, as they allow us a glimpse into his complex personality and persona.

■ **8:00 p.m.** • *Reckonings* is the first documentary feature to chronicle the process of negotiating German reparations for the Jewish people. It captures the anger on one side, the shame on the other, and the anguish for all as talks broke down. By confronting the past, German and Jewish leaders charted a better future for a desperate and traumatized people.

## Week 3—July 24

■ **4:00 p.m.** • *Shtetl* is the story of the inhabitants of a Yiddish Ukrainian village at the border of Poland, 24 hours before the Nazi invasion, known as Operation Barbarossa. In one unflinching shot, this film presents a day in the life of a Jewish village before it disappears.

■ **8:00 p.m.** • *Karaoke* • Sleepwalking through marriage, an older couple beset with unspoken regret get a much-needed spark with the arrival of Itzik (the effortlessly magnetic Lior Ashkenazi), a sexy, middle-aged hedonist who loves hosting karaoke parties in his posh penthouse.

## Week 4—July 31

■ **4:00 p.m.** • (2 FILMS)—*Grossman* • David Grossman, one of Israel's most notable authors, shares the rare and captivating connections between his life and his novels. The film follows the writer up close and takes the viewers on a personal journey into the soul and work of an exceptional human being.

■ **2ND FILM** • *Castles in the Sky* • Filmmaker/professor Pearl Gluck's provocative short film centers on Malke, a Holocaust survivor and sex-ed teacher who has been leading a secret life for decades: performing slam poetry on the Lower East Side. *Castles in the Sky* features commanding performances from actor Lynn Cohen, who died in 2020, and poet Venus Thrash, who died in 2021.

■ **8:00 p.m.** • *Where Life Begins* • Each summer Esther travels with her French Ultra-Orthodox family to a farm in Calabria to harvest etrogs for Sukkot. Trapped by the suffocating rituals of her faith, the despairing and curious Esther captures the attention of the farm owner. Their brief encounters help Esther find her path. In this visually sumptuous and deeply moving film there is a subtle portrayal of self realization.

## Week 5—August 7

■ **4:00 p.m.** • *Queen of the Deuce* • Born in Salonika, Greece, Chelly Wilson came from a religious Sephardic family. At the start of WWII, leaving her family and children behind, she emigrated to America and built a business that ultimately turned to the dark yet lucrative world of pornographic film theaters located alongside the X-rated shops on 8th Avenue, known as the Deuce.

■ **8:00 p.m.** • *March '68* • Hania and Janek are students in Warsaw in 1968. When the government's persecution of Jews gains strength, Janek, whose father is a government official, and Hania, who is Jewish and whose parents have lost their prominent jobs, join other university students protesting the government's actions changing their lives forever.

## Week 6—August 14

■ **4:00 p.m.** • *The City Without Jews* • H.K. Breslauer's 1924 silent masterpiece is the tragi-comic story of the fictional Austrian city of Utopia. The story follows consequences of an anti-Semitic law forcing all Jews to leave the country. The citizens of Utopia must come to terms with the loss of the Jewish population and the resulting economic decline, and decide whether to invite them back. The film will be accompanied by live original music composed and performed by renowned klezmer violinist Alicia Svigals and silent film music legend, pianist Donald Sosin.

■ **8:00 p.m.** • *Farewell Mr. Haffmann* • In this gripping wartime thriller, a French-Jewish jeweler is caught in a Faustian pact that will change the fate of all involved. When the Nazis occupy Paris, Joseph Haffmann arranges for his family's escape and signs over his shop to trusted right-hand man François. As fortunes reverse, Haffmann is now at his employee-turned-collaborator's mercy, hiding in the basement to avoid deportation. Unpredictable twists mark this superbly crafted morality tale.

# Of Interest

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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.*

### ■ Jeff and Bonnie Stevens - Traditional Membership

Jeff and Bonnie were former members. Jeff is a hospital administrator and Bonnie works in development.

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### ■ Susan and Joel Friedman - Chaver Membership

Susan and Joel winter in New Jersey and are in the Berkshires for the summer. Susan is a planning board development consultant. Joel is a research scientist.

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### ■ Nathan and Sherri Lebowhl - Traditional Membership

Nathan and Sherri live in Lenox and winter in Florida. Nathan is a retired physician. Nathan and Sherri have attended services on several occasions and joined the synagogue to show their support.

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### ■ Marc Rudoltz and Lisa Hochman - Traditional Membership

Marc and Lisa live in Pittsfield. They are both physicians. They enjoy adult education and chanting Torah. Marc and Lisa joined the synagogue to be a part of the Jewish community.

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### ■ Nancy and Jack Cook- Chaver Membership

Nancy and Jack are summer residents and reside in Florida. They are both retired.

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### ■ Noah Lauzon - Traditional Membership

Noah Lauzon and his children, Sam, Solomon, and Coyote, recently returned to the Berkshires and have joined KI as 3rd and 4th generation members in order to reconnect to their family's synagogue and the local Jewish community. Their interests include learning to chant Torah, cooking, family and youth programming, film festival, music, and learning Hebrew. Noah and his family are in the process of meeting congregation members and families.

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### ■ Noah Palmer and Hana Askren - Traditional Membership

Noah Palmer and Hana Askren and their 2 young children have joined KI. Hana, Noah, and their school-aged children live in East Chatham, NY. Noah is a musician and Hana is a firefighter. They are interested in chanting Torah/Haftorah, family and youth programming, and leading services. This family attended services for a while and is very excited about joining.

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## Preserve & Maintain

### *A new appeal to honor the departed*

Knesset Israel is proud to be one of the few Conservative synagogues in the United States to own and maintain its own cemetery entirely through member volunteers and donations.

As years pass, beyond the usual maintenance of the grounds, headstones need to be cleaned, adjusted, or straightened to keep the integrity and beauty of this holy place.

The Cemetery Committee, in an effort to make sure all this work is done with equity, is appealing to the congregation to donate to the Cemetery Fund with a the memo line "Headstone." You can donate \$5, \$500, multiples of chai—or more! Your contribution will make sure KI's cemetery reflects the honor and respect we give to those who came before us. It's a mitzvah! Eventually the committee hopes to have all stones cleaned, and then will provide—through your continued contributions—ongoing cleaning and maintenance.

If you want a specific family stone or "orphan" stone attended to, indicate the name with your check, and it will be on the list when we raise enough funds to provide the contractor with a full day's work.

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## 12 TAMMUZ - JULY 1

Barbara Rose  
Bass Snyder  
Herman Fink  
Milton Flashner  
Harry Singer  
Annie Shapiro  
Gertrude Smith  
Jennie Abrahms  
Joshua Louis Weinstein  
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## 13 TAMMUZ - JULY 2

Liya Berlin  
Samuel Shapiro  
Seymour Leppo

## 14 TAMMUZ - JULY 3

Robert Markowitz  
Denese Mann  
Samuel Landa  
Joseph Loveman  
Benjamin Slaminsky  
Milton H. Zimble  
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## 15 TAMMUZ - JULY 4

Edward Merrin  
Sophie Goldner  
Lewis Edward Levinson  
Joan Bildner  
Margaret Lanzer  
Lillian Kahn  
Ella Esterman

## 16 TAMMUZ - JULY 5

Rita Wortman  
Rebecca Gold

## 17 TAMMUZ - JULY 6

Mitchell Stevens  
Ida Kaufman Adelson  
Henry Kowler  
Sarah Kriger

## 18 TAMMUZ - JULY 7

Marcia Rosenthal  
Michael Lippe  
Estelle Kammel  
Ida Milstein  
Louis Wiederkehr  
Ruth Morganstein

## 19 TAMMUZ - JULY 8

Geraldine Weinstein  
Dr. George Grossman  
Sarah Gruberg

## 20 TAMMUZ - JULY 9

J. Philip Cook  
Leo Drimmer  
Irene Baer  
Saul J. Cohen

## 22 TAMMUZ - JULY 11

Esther G. Kriger  
Archie Newman  
Abraham J. Reder  
Sidney Ginsberg

## 23 TAMMUZ - JULY 12

Mary Aronovitz  
Clara Mindlin Margolin  
Francis Wainhouse  
Rabinovitz  
Pearl Goodman  
Walter Epstein  
Dale Gelber  
Max Lenhoff

*Ner Adonai  
Nishmat  
Adam*

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God's light is  
the soul of  
every person.



## 24 TAMMUZ - JULY 13

Audrey Schlanger  
Judith Sellner  
Rachel Felds  
Pauline Feldstein  
Sidney Metzger  
Lois London  
Jacob Geller  
Sidney Goodman  
Arthur Kriger  
Julius Lampert

## 26 TAMMUZ - JULY 15

David Katz  
Regina Sason  
Mendel Aldersheim  
Rose C. Rife  
Benjamin L. Swirsky

## 27 TAMMUZ - JULY 16

Elie Hammerling  
Emil Metropole  
Henry Simkin  
Edward Bass

## 28 TAMMUZ - JULY 17

Elsie Ettinger  
Miriam Helitzer  
Beatrice Drimmer  
Alvin Kass  
Sarah Moskowitz  
Ida Block

## 29 TAMMUZ - JULY 18

Ralph Goodman  
Ethel Martin Brown  
Joseph Rod  
Morris Wolfe

## 1 AV - JULY 19

Sylvia Geller  
Max Alimansky  
Milton Bergman  
Minnie Cotton  
Neil Radsken  
Doris Soman  
Ida Gibner  
Philip Abel

## 2 AV - JULY 20

Arthur K. Fried  
Bernard Poretz  
Louis Green  
Priscilla Less Wood  
Fredric Meyers  
Bernard Schulman  
Ernest Blank  
Michael  
Nathaniel Shute  
Abraham L. Ginsberg  
Regina Siegel

## 3 AV - JULY 21

Gladys Zahavah Novick  
Beatrice Kopfstein  
Elizabeth Zaslavskaya  
Joe Weiss

## 4 AV - JULY 22

Lee Robinson  
Samuel Yantovsky

## 5 AV - JULY 23

Shirley Halperin  
Bertha Zimmel Samuels  
Shirlee Robbins  
Herman Abramson  
Morris Lubin

## 6 AV - JULY 24

David Bashevkin  
Benjamin Sidransky  
Ethel Ferber  
Alfred Fellner  
Rose Libby Marvin

## 7 AV - JULY 25

Richard Amron  
Ira Siegel

## 8 AV - JULY 26TH

Benjamin Bookless  
Norman Moskowitz  
Helen Tallen  
Mote Blank  
Susan Margulies  
Dora Goodman  
Samuel Cohen  
Nathan Pinsky  
Rose P. Bass

## 9 AV - JULY 27

Eileen Goldman  
David Lipshitz

## 10 AV - JULY 28

Eve Lipman  
Maximilian Kowler

## 11 AV - JULY 29

Eva Aronson Greenfeld  
Barbara Nadler  
Dorothy Haims

## 12 AV - JULY 30

Gladys Wilansky  
Samuel Aronstein  
Shirley Dolinger  
Fannie Feldman  
Roney Weis  
Jesse Ginsberg  
Eleanor Liss  
Madelyne Goldin  
Bessie Adelson

## 13 AV - JULY 31

Meyer David Graubard  
Joseph Stern  
Beatrice A. Epstein

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## 14 AV - AUGUST

Eli Hochman  
Miriam Levinson  
Barry E. Alper  
Max Raser  
Merrill Silverstein

## 15 AV - AUGUST 2

Bruce Rossomando  
Herman Weitzen  
Beatrice Dichner  
David Gold  
Samuel Novick  
Pincus Herzl  
Auslander

## 16 AV - AUGUST 3

Philip Baron  
Esther Halpern Freed  
Sydney Berg

## 17 AV - AUGUST 4

Hilda Betten  
Robert R. Fingeroth  
L. George Reder  
Claira Tauber  
Boris Berlin

## 18 AV - AUGUST 5

Nathan Milikowsky  
Winifred Bell  
Frederick Lezberg  
Milton Selkowitz  
Irving Singer

## 19 AV - AUGUST 6

Barbara Gordon  
Ethel Shusterman  
Irving Bikofsky  
Isadore Davidoff  
Harry Gitelman

## 20 AV - AUGUST 7

Helen Masters  
Elbert Kaplan

## 20 AV - AUGUST 7

Anna Garbowit  
Edith Friedman  
Jennie Swirsky  
Anna B. Goodheartz  
Jennie Lipson  
Lena Louzin  
Liebe Bikofsky  
Jacob Joseph Nelson  
Eva Rife  
Lucille Grossman

## 21 AV - AUGUST 8

James Burgone  
Frances Simkin  
Meyer Gilner  
Benjamin Hurewitz  
Lipman Arnold  
Katzman  
Dorothy Smith  
Ahron Frommer  
Rebecca Rachel Klein  
Rita Toscher  
Isidore Schlanger

## 22 AV - AUGUST 9

Edith Kaufman Cohen  
Margaret Goodman  
Max Katz  
Joyce Kaufman

## 23 AV - AUGUST 10

Freda Perlmutter  
Koppel Shusterman  
Gertrude Lusthaus  
Finger  
Linda Posell  
Zalman Kominiar

## 24 AV - AUGUST 11

Howard H. Braun  
Morris Horelly  
Adeline Schortz

## 25 AV - AUGUST 12

Margie Rosenthal  
Alexander Mason  
Rubin Oringer  
Albert Shindler  
Miriam Cohen  
Henry Kamm  
Solomon Lipson

## 26 AV - AUGUST 13

Harold Herman  
Schreiber  
Florence Simon  
Lebovitz

## 27 AV - AUGUST 14

Leona Green  
Annie Feder Ba-  
shevkin  
Celia Lerman

## 28 AV - AUGUST 15

Kenneth Schwartz  
Benjamin Rosen  
Sydney Kanter

## 29 AV - AUGUST 16

Leo Solomon  
Marjorie Garber  
Rappoport  
Shirle Stahl

Birth is a beginning,  
and death a destination.  
And life is a journey,  
a sacred pilgrimage—  
to life everlasting.

—Alvin Fine, Gates of Repentance

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## 30 AV - AUGUST 17

Alfred S.J. Goldin  
Sarah Blasberg  
Auslander

## 1 ELUL - AUGUST 18

Albert Cohen  
Dora Kanter  
Joseph Plotsky  
Fred Goetz

## 2 ELUL - AUGUST 19

Florence Hazen  
David H. Shair  
Nathan Pines  
Ann Pomerantz  
Muriel M. Gersh

## 3 ELUL - AUGUST 20

Benjamin Gross  
Hedy Kamm  
Harry Rudich  
Ruth Rosen  
Milton Aronstein  
Phil M. Frankel

## 4 ELUL - AUGUST 21

Helene Brado  
Hyman Rosenthal  
Isadore Block  
Elsie Markowitz  
Frank Ptashkin  
Benjamin Drate  
Milton A. Kolodkin  
Henry Raphan

## 5 ELUL - AUGUST 22

Israel Manny Cohen  
Israel Cutler  
Abraham Lipson

## 6 ELUL - AUGUST 23

Shirley Yanofski  
Samuel Perlmutter  
Irving Kay  
Helen Davidoff

## 7 ELUL - AUGUST 24

Eva Smicker  
Rose Schlingbaum  
Morris H. Lubin  
Joyce Stein  
Stanley Leeper  
Lena Ginsberg  
Sol Raphan

## 8 ELUL - AUGUST 25

Ida Teitelbaum  
Esther Freadman  
Benjamin Lehrer  
Max Smith  
Ruth Waller

## 9 ELUL - AUGUST 26

Evelyn Zwerner  
Dora Goldberg  
Ethel Haft  
Laura Stoskin  
Blanche Handelman  
Max C. Kaye

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We can endure much more  
than we think we can;  
all human experience  
testifies to that.

—Rabbi Harold S. Kushner

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## 10 ELUL - AUGUST 27

Harry Hertzberg  
Marvin Gersh  
Henry Voremberg  
Philip Turetsky  
Chaim Witkowski  
Nathan Kaplan

## 13 ELUL - AUGUST 30

Tillie Cohen  
Anna Chesney  
Harry Albert  
Vincent Acquisto  
Henry Golub  
Eliezer Samel

## 11 ELUL - AUGUST 28

Irving Siegel  
Kenneth Gogel  
Robert Berend  
Samuel Akresh  
Samuel Gold

## 14 ELUL - AUGUST 31

Sarah Altmann  
Saul Nulman  
Arno Altmann  
Carol Cohen  
Tillie Sandler  
Bernard Bressler  
David Marks

## 12 ELUL - AUGUST 29

Jim Orlow  
Louis Zimmel

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We are here to celebrate in community.

We are here to bring life  
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— Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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## Need to Say Kaddish?

We encourage people who want to say Kaddish to either:

- (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.

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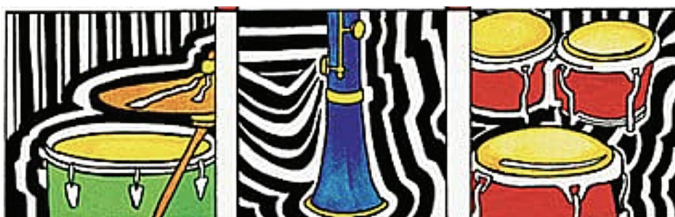
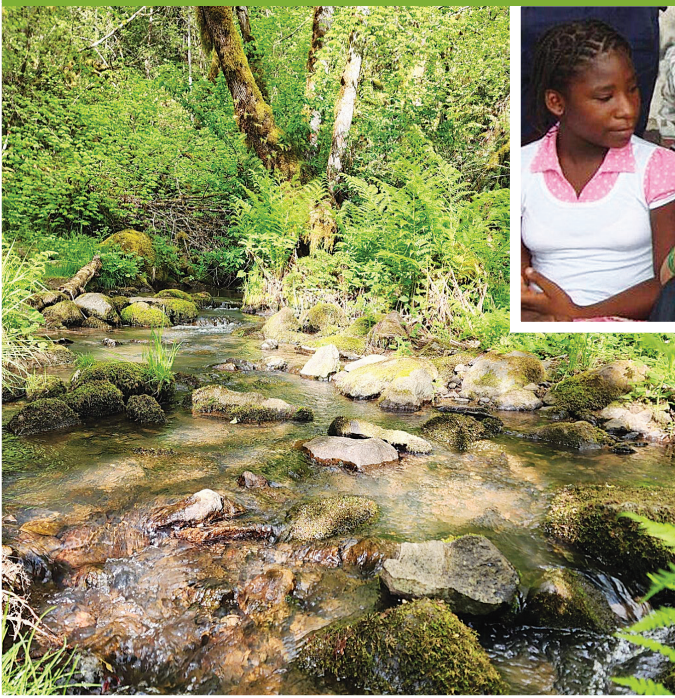
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