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From the Rabbi: Welcome Back Summer

Participate! Classes, films, lectures, concerts, meals, and more. . .

Welcome back to summer in the Berkshires! Over the last six months, Rabbi Pam Wax, the Berkshire Jewish Film Festival Committee, the Service Assignment Committee, the Music Committee, and several other volunteers have joined me in planning an amazing season of celebration and community for Knesset Israel.

I am especially grateful to KI's staff, Diana Macfarlane, Chris Goetze, and Ken Conlow, for their support. Special thanks, as well, to Nan Bookless, Ben Heyman, and Ellen Rosenblatt for the teamwork that led to the publication of this edition of *Kol K.I.*

Welcome Rabbi Becca Walker, Director of Lifelong Learning

On June 15, Rabbi Becca Walker assumes her new responsibilities as Knesset Israel's Director of Lifelong Learning. Rabbi Becca is a dynamic teacher with a strong foun-



Rabbi Becca Walker

dation in engagement, spiritual caregiving, Talmud, and community organizing. An alumna of Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary's List College, she attended rabbinical school at Hebrew Union College before completing her ordination at the American Jewish University in Los Angeles. Noted for her creativity and ability to connect with people of all ages and backgrounds, Rabbi Becca has worked at the Hillel Campus Alliance of Michigan and at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am in Toronto.

Rabbi Becca will be working part-time at Knesset Israel. Though she will be present

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We're back in person!

After three years of presenting KI's Berkshire Jewish Film Festival in a virtual format, we are hugely happy (and relieved) that this summer we will be presenting films in person. We can't wait to see you!

Screenings will be in the Duffin Theater at Lenox Memorial Middle and High School, Lenox, Mass. The festival runs six Mondays from July 10 through August 14, with two films to be shown each week—one at 4 p.m. and another at 8 p.m. Individual tickets and Season Passes are available. All proceeds benefit Knesset Israel Hebrew School.

Check your mail for the BJFF brochure. Sign up for our e-newsletter on—berkshirjewishfilmfestivalorg. Listings will be repeated in the July/August issue. The K.I. E-News will also send you weekly updates. Welcome back!

2023 BJFF's film listings are on page 8

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Hineni Ayeka Here I am. Where are you?

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Member Mitzvahs & Mazel Tovs

Birthdays

■ Joan Grossman June 1	■ Linda BlumJune 14
■ Inna Saltanovich June 1	■ Gordon SmithJune 15
■ Nancy Cook June 3	■ Terri EttingerJune 15
■ Anna Snyde June 4	■ Brenda LandesJune 17
■ Richard Holland June5	■ Karen KowgiosJune 17
■ Ed UdelJune 6	■ Nancy CookJune 18
■ Paul Cohen June 6	■ Harriet I. SamuelsJune 20
■ Helene BerkeJune 7	■ Susan FriedmanJune 22
Joel LessJune 7	■ Albert SternJune 22
■ William Ackerman June 8	■ Rick RobbinsJune 22
■ Gerald Hayden June 8	■ Ileen CohenJune 23
■ Nancy Stoll June 8	Judith KahnJune 23
■ Scott Hochfelder June 10	■ Henry HerzbergJune 24
■ Brandi DahariJune 10	Jan KaufmanJune 24
■ Paige L. E. WrightJune 11	■ Dvorah GitlitzJune 28
■ Vivian KasenJune 12	Joseph FinkelsteinJune 28
■ Howard BrennerJune 13	■ Lisa UdelJune 28
■ Paula KormanJune 13	■ Merle FerberJune 29
James EberhartJune 13	■ Allison RosenthalJune 30
■ Joel BalizerJune 14	

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■ David and Brandi Dahar	June 1
■ Gary and Dawn Schecter	June 6
■ Carol Silverman and Shlomo Silman	June 6
■ Richard and Dale Charkow	June 8
■ Ann and Dave Krawet	June 10
■ Marc Rudoltz and Lisa Hochman	June 14
■ Eric and Joyce Glaberson	June 15
■ Herman and Gayle Rotenberg	June 17
Susan Kosowitz and Richard Gertner	June 19
■ Irving and Carol Smokler	June 19
■ Ileen and Leonard Cohen	June 23
■ Cindy Mann and Brian Acker	June 25
■ Serge Lippe and Deborah Speyer	June 27

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at KI for approximately ten Shabbats each year, her job focuses on aspects of congregational life that take place primarily during the week. Rabbi Becca's responsibilities include shaping the future of the congregation's adult education program, supporting and growing KI Families Together, planning KI's



Rabbi Becca lives in Northampton with her wife, Rabbi Ariella Rosen, and their dog Neffi. Members are welcome to schedule a conversation with her this summer—Please reach out to Diana in the synagogue office.

June Highlights

I am especially excited about KI's broad summer program this year. It includes opportunities for uplift, edification, recreation, and community-building.

A good book [or bulletin] is like a beautiful garden which you can carry in your hand.

—Chananya Reichman



Rabbi David Weiner

On June 16, folks from across the county gather for Shabbat Across the Berkshires in North Adams. On June 24, we'll celebrate Ev Bastow's special birthday in synagogue; she has been working on a Torah reading and a D'var Torah for many months. And June 30 is the first community Shabbat Dinner of the

summer. Once our ohel goes up in the backyard, Friday night services will take place outside every week. In general, please feel free to enjoy the tent during daylight hours—it's a great place to sit, study, read, snack, or spend time with friends.

For that matter, I hope you will consider joining me on one of our Ramblin' with the Rav hikes. Although they vary in length, day of the week, and intensity, the company and conversation are always good. Find details that will help you determine whether a specific excursion is right for you at knessetisrael.org/rsvp. Weather permitting, we will hike on Sunday mornings, June 4 and 25.

Upcoming Events

Keep an eye out for KI events in July and August:

- The Berkshire Jewish Film Festival, in-person on Monday afternoons and evenings
- JTS in the Berkshires, in-person on three Friday mornings, with esteemed JTS professors: Arnie Eisen, Gordon Tucker, and Shira Billet
- Berkshire County Jewish Community Scholar-in-Residence Weekend with Ruth Messinger. Ruth will be teaching at KI on Shabbat morning, August 19
- Weekly Kiddush Luncheons after Shabbat morning services beginning July 8 through the end of August
- Outdoor Friday night services
- Community Shabbat Dinners on July 21 and August 11
- A klezmer concert and fundraiser on August 21
- Shabbat Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Michael Strassfeld and Marc Margolius
- Ramblin' with the Rav, light hikes on Wednesday mornings in August

Thank you for making Knesset Israel part of your summer plans in the Berkshires. I look forward to reconnecting on the trail, at classes, and on Shabbat.



Urgently Wanted: KOL K.I. staff! Having a KI bulletin depends on you or someone you know

We are thrilled to bring you a very basic KOL K.I. for the summer months. To keep up this momentum, we must have an editor and designer! If you are interested in either position, please contact Nan Bookless at chama2194@gmail. com. Graphic designer does not have to be a KI member. If a friend or family member knows Photoshop and InDesign, we'll talk freelance.

Plan Your Summer the Knesset Israel Community

Ramblin with the Rav:

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

Sunday, June 4 at 10am: Pittsfield State Forest, azaleas Sunday, June 25 at 10am: Berkshire High Road Wednesday, August 2 at 9am: Boulders

Wednesday, August 16 at 9am: Hopkins Memorial Forest

Wednesday, August 30 at 9am: Arches

★ REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Shabbat Across the Berkshires

A musical, family-friendly service that brings Jewish community together.

Friday, June 16 at 6pm

at Congregation Beth Israel in North Adams

★ REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Shabbat Cardle Lighting

8:06 p.m.
8:10 p.m.
8:14 p.m.
8:15 p.m.
8:16 p.m.

Weekly Services

■ SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN

IN PERSON8:45 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 AND LIVESTREAM

■ SATURDAY SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

IN PERSON & LIVESTREAM......9:30 a.m. followed by kiddush



Visit knessetisrael.org/rsvp to register for events

Special Summer Services

Musical Minyan: mellow, meditative, acoustic. Fridays at 5:45pm: June 2, July 21, August 25

Shirei Shabbat: upbeat, contemporary, family friendly. Fridays at 5:45pm: June 30, July 21, August 11

Tisha B'av: Evening services include the chanting of the book of Lamentations by candlelight. Morning services include the traditional Torah and Haftarah readings. **Wednesday, July 26 at 8pm & Thursday, July 27 at 8am**

JTS in the Berkshires

Fridays at 11:00am Shakespeare & Co., Bernstein Theater, Lenox

July 7: Dr. Arnold M. Eisen: *Revisiting Zionist Thought:* Charting a Path Forward

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*

August 4: Dr. Shira Billet: Law in Context: *Uncovering the Mother's Perspective in Traditional Sources on Abortion*

★ REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Book Talks

Sunday, July 23 at 10am & Saturday, Aug 26 at 12pm:

Rabbi Pam Wax discusses Rabbi Michael Strassfeld's book: Judaism Disrupted, a Spiritual Manifesto of the 21st Century.

★ REGISTRATION REQUIRED for Sun, July 23 only

Sunday, August 27 at 10am

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

Kl Services, Classes & Events / Summer 2023

Ethical Wills with Rabbi Pam Wax

A 3 part workshop. Learn the history of ethical wills, read some examples and begin to write your own.

Mondays, June 12, 19 & 26 at 3pm

★ REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Discussion of My So-Called Jewish Life

Challenging the social taboo of a childless life. Rabbi Pam Wax will convene a follow-up conversation and text study of both secular and Jewish sources.

Monday, June 19 at 7pm

★ REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Community Meals

Kiddush Luncheons after morning service, chef prepared kosher meal

> Saturdays at 12:00pm June 24 & July 8 thru August 19

Special Lunch and Learns:

July 15: Rabbi Michael Strassfeld August 12: Rabbi Marc Margolius

August 19: Ruth Messinger August 26: Rabbi Pam Wax

Shabbat Dinners kosher meal following Shirei Shabbat

Fridays at 6:45pm June 30, July 21, August 11

★ REGISTRATION REQUIRED for Dinners only

Klezmer Company Jazz Orchestra

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

Monday, August 21 at 7:15pm

★ REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Berkshire Jewish Film Festival

Mondays, July 10-August 14 / 4 & 8 pm showings See pages 6 and 7 in this issue of KOL K.I.



Any changes in KI's health and safety protocols will be updated in the K.I. E-News.

Get all the weekly announcements

in the K.I. E-News. To submit, write a short paragraph with the what, where, and when and email it to Diana at office@knessetisrael.org. Include an image if you have one. Deadline: Tuesdays for Thursday E-News.

Prayers for Healing. Submit prayer requests to Diana by email at office@knessetisrael.org before 11:00 a.m. Friday mornings.

The Book of Life. K.I.'s guide to everything, including burial and lifecycle policies, is on the KI website: knessetisrael.org.

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.

Did you know that Knesset Israel has a Facebook page?

If you are on Facebook please "friend" our page and comment on, like, and share our posts.

A summary of the weekly parsha

appears at the bottom of the weekly K.I. E-News.

K.I. Cares

If you or another K.I. member you know is experiencing serious illness requiring support, please contact the Care Committee by emailing Diana at office@knessetisrael.com. We will be in touch with you.

BERKSHIRE JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

■ JULY 10

4 PM—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 PM—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 last surviving partisans relive their journey, sharing their stories of resistance. Transformed from young innocents raised in closely knit Jewish communities and families to fierce partisan soldiers with enduring hope and grit, they exhibited magnificent courage and deep humanity.



Our (Almost Completely True) Story / Director Don Scardino and Menemsha Films

■ JULY 17

4 PM—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 personal.

The Muses of Isaac Bashevis Singer / Directors Asaf Galay and Shaul Betse

8 PM—RECKONINGS

Reckonings is the first documentary feature to chronicle the harrowing process of egotiating 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 and failure seemed imminent. By confronting the past, German and Jewish leaders charted a better future for a desperate and traumatized people.

■ JULY 24

4 PM -SHTTL

Shttl 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 PM-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.

Berkshire Jewish Film Festival

■ JULY 31

4 PM (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 and professor Pearl Gluck's provocative dramatic short film centers on Malke, a Holocaust survivor and sexed 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 PM—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.



Farewell Mr. Haffmann / Director Fred Cavaye and Menemsha Films

■ AUGUST 14

4 PM—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 the political and personal consequences of an anti-Semitic law forcing all Jews to leave the country. When the citizens of Utopia come to terms with the loss of the Jewish population and the resulting economic decline, they must decide whether to invite them back. The satirical events transformed into all-too-horrific reality. The silent film will be accompanied by live original music composed by renowned klezmer violinist Alicia Svigals and silent film music legend, pianist Donald Sosin.

8 PM—FAREWELL MR. HAFFMANN

In this gripping wartime thriller probing issues of conscience and character, 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 (Daniel Auteuil) arranges for his family's escape and hastily signs over his humble shop to trusted right-hand man François (Gilles Lellouche). As fortunes reverse, Haffmann is now at his employee-turned-collaborator's mercy, trapped hiding in the basement to avoid deportation. Impeccable performances and unpredictable twists mark this superbly crafted morality tale based on an award-winning play by Jean-Philippe Daguerr.

■ AUGUST 7

4 PM—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 a dark yet lucrative corner when she entered the world of pornographic film theaters located alongside the X-rated shops on 8th Avenue, known as the Deuce.

8 PM-MARCH '68

Hania, and Janek are students in Warsaw in 1968. When the government's persecution of Jews starts to gain 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.



March '68 / Director Krzysztof Lang and Menemsha Films

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KOL K.I. Past & Present

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To our outgoing editor, Dee Griswold—thank you for your eagle eye editing. Having Kol K.I.'s commas in the correct place, and it's grammar impeccable, made our readers' experience so much more pleasant! You are truly a master.

We also sadly note the passing of former editor Susan Miller (z'l). Susan did an impeccable job making sure KOL K.I. was skillfully edited and very informative. KI was a very important part of Susan's life—she contributed her time, her art, and her love of Judaism enriching the entire community. Susan, we will all miss you dearly!

And so, dear readers, we forge ahead into what looks to be an exciting and stimulating summer. We hope you take advantage of the many opportinities to volunteer and participate!

So as long as we live, they too shall live; for they are a part of us. We Remember Them.

---Sylvan Kamens & Rabbi Jack Riemer

Emergency Contacts

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If you need emergency pastoral care for any reason, please contact Rabbi Weiner, 413-445-4872, ext. 10.

FUNERALS

Knesset Israel's funeral arrangements are handled with Flynn-Dagnoli Funeral Home. Please call 413-663-6523 or 413-442-1733. You can also email flynndagnoli@albany.twbc.com.

12 SIVAN - JUNE 1

Chaina Gold Ira Milstein **Ethel Bergman** Rebecca Stern

13 SIVAN - JUNE 2

Richard Halperin Herman Mindlin Bertha Jacobs Jacob Shalett

14 SIVAN - JUNE 3

Albert Bashevkin Israel Boxer **David Minsky Beatrice Safran** Fannie Abramowitz

15 SIVAN - JUNE 4

Larissa Lippe Benjamin Rosenthal Rose Freeman Isabelle Kosberg Rose Kauderer

16 SIVAN - JUNE 5

Arthur Zuckerman Samuel Adelson Abraham Samuel Flashner Pauline Weinstein Lillian Schechter

17 SIVAN - JUNE 6

August Robert Rossomando Herbert Lebowitz **Roslyn Weiss** Jerome Frank Etta Stoll Gertrude Wiederkehr

18 SIVAN - JUNE 7

Marian Liverman Adelle Goldblum



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20 SIVAN - JUNE 9

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26 SIVAN - JUNE 15

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28 SIVAN - JUNE 17

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29 SIVAN - JUNE 18

Bertha Charkow Jennie Aronstein Abram Khalfina Celia Weiner Rose Siegel

30 SIVAN - JUNE 19

Leon Carman Connie Lister

1 TAMMUZ - JUNE 20

Pearl Sutter Tillie Friedland Minna Schlanger

2 TAMMUZ - JUNE 21

Samuel Jaffee Ben Kravetz Sarah Weltman **David Fass** Benjamin Borke Fanny Tryster Charles Flaster David Ackerman

3 TAMMUZ - JUNE 22

Martha Rothstein Jacob Skole Shlomo Bril Sidney Landes David Jacobson Reba Wiesen Marks

4 TAMMUZ - JUNE 23

Samuel Spitzberg Irving Kaplan Eugene Shusterman Shirley Wynne Rubin Louis Galanter Robert Draymore Willy Gutmann

5 TAMMUZ - JUNE 24

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6 TAMMUZ - JUNE 25

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7 TAMMUZ - JUNE 26

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8 TAMMUZ - JUNE 27

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9 TAMMUZ - JUNE 28

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10 TAMMUZ - JUNE 29

Seymour Rosenberg Diane Spinrad **Esther Rubin** Rose Flashner

11 TAMMUZ - JUNE 30

Dr. David B. Greengold Irma Claire Smith Louis Haims Corporal Albert Jaffe



There are stars whose light reaches the earth only after they themselves have disintegrated. And there are individuals whose memory lights the world after they have passed from it. These lights shine in the darkest night and illumine our path....—Hannah Senesh



▶ 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.



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Call Naomi Schwartz at 413-841-0006.

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—Hillel the Elder

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—Jonathan Sacksn, From Optimism to Hope

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