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Above: The Jewish National Fund headquarters in Jerusalem is illuminated each night with photos of the hostages.
Right: Rabbi Weiner and Rabbi Andrew Pepperstone, of Wichita, Kansas, visit with their teacher, Rabbi Ed Romm of Jerusalem.



Listen, Support, Comfort

Reflections on my mission to Israel

— by Rabbi David Weiner

In mid-December, I traveled on a three-day Rabbinical Assembly mission to Israel with about twenty North American colleagues. The goal of the trip was to support Israeli Masorti (Conservative) rabbis and their communities by showing up from overseas, listening to their stories, and offering our compassionate presence. Though the trip was physically and emotionally exhausting, I am glad I was there, personally and to represent Kneset Israel, the Jewish community of the Berkshires, and Conservative rabbis from North America.

I am grateful that Kneset Israel supported and sent me on this mission. Concretely, when I asked Jesse if it would be feasible for me to go, his only question was whether he could join me on the trip. Then, when I gave you five days to fill a duffel bag with high quality socks for soldiers, you filled three. And throughout the trip, I felt the congregation's good wishes and worries giving me strength and propelling me forward.

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From the Rabbi



Above left: The sprawling headquarters of "Brothers in Arms," an all-volunteer nonprofit group that collects and distributes supplies to soldiers and displaced residents of Israel, is located in a parking garage under the Tel Aviv Convention Center. Above right: A small home in K'far Aza that was destroyed by Hamas terrorists on October 7. Below: At 'Hostages Square' in Tel Aviv, the group joins in a nightly prayer circle for the families of those taken captive that is organized by our Israeli colleagues.

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You showed great generosity and trust by sending me to care for my colleagues, bear witness, and facilitate healing.

Though the primary purpose of the trip was to listen and support, rather than watch and learn, I could nevertheless write a book about the two days I spent in Israel — about what has happened, all that has changed, what it might mean, and what it feels like. The journey was an experience of spiritual whiplash — unfathomable stories of violence, loss, and trauma alternated with inspiring accounts of taking care of others in a time of need. I was repeatedly overwhelmed by the suffering, then amazed by speakers' reservoirs of strength.

The nature of the attacks on October 7 and their aftermath brought about a crisis of trust for Israelis. Betrayed by their neighbors, abandoned by the army, organizing for mutual support despite gov-



ernment intransigence, in some ways isolated on the world stage, many no longer believe that anyone can be trusted.

The undertone was heartbreaking: Are you really my colleague, my ally, my friend? Do you actually care? Can I trust

you to hold the story of what has happened to me, to us? Do you have my back, or will you also betray me? The visit was like an extended shiva call, where just dropping in with a warm hug brought a bit of healing and hope.



The Rabbinical Assembly mission visits Neve Hannah, a residential school in Kiryat Gat for children from troubled homes in the south of Israel. Also pictured here are several young people who work as counselors in the program.

Together with a dozen Israeli colleagues, the group visited Kfar Aza, one of the kibbutzim in the Gaza Envelope destroyed by Hamas terrorists on October 7. Walking on the lanes of the town, able to see the fences dividing Israel from Gaza — both the one that was knocked down during the attack and the new one that has been built — and plumes of smoke over Gaza City, we learned how Hamas invaders not only murdered and kidnapped and raped and terrorized, but how they did so with precise planning, intending to trigger every aspect of inherited Jewish trauma. The morning was devastating, more intense for me than visiting sites of Nazi atrocities in Europe or racial violence in the American South.

The afternoon brought two stories of hope, volunteerism, and resilience. Neve Hanna, a youth village in Kiryat Gat, provides a refuge for children with difficult home lives. There we spoke with the rabbi and several counselors, eighteen- and nineteen-year-old Israelis who had opted to serve as role models during a year of service after high school. We learned how the work had changed during the war and how the center had gone above and beyond to serve its children and their families. Then we visited an enormous Refreshment Center near Be'er Sheva built from scratch and staffed by volunteers for troops on break from the war.

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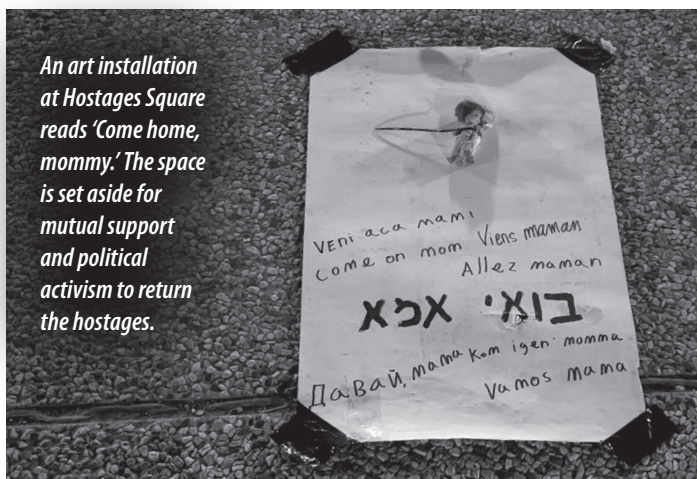
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An art installation at Hostages Square reads 'Come home, mommy.' The space is set aside for mutual support and political activism to return the hostages.

From the Rabbi

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There were outdoor kitchens, dining areas, and several tent dormitories lovingly filled with bunk beds, home mattresses, and donated linens – all a palpable expression of hesed, of caring and love for soldiers tasked with risking their lives to make southern Israel a place that is once again safe to live in.

Later, at a synagogue that has been repurposed as a school — because its bomb shelter is large enough to accommodate a large number of children — we heard harrowing testimony from a member who coordinates the city department of mental health and a rabbi who has officiated at several funerals for those murdered on October 7. Other congregants wanted to speak with North American rabbis about the pressures they face, their loved ones in the IDF, and their worries and fears for the future. It was complicated to listen — so much raw pain and grief, anger so close to the surface, and yet so much courage and perseverance.

Throughout the day, I was sitting on the bus with an Israeli colleague, Rabbi Gustavo from our sister synagogue in Ra'anana. When I made it clear that I had come to Israel to listen to him, he shared stories of supporting the family of a hostage who grew up in his town; how he cares for his congregation and its eighty soldiers on active duty; the ways he has come to serve several nonprofit and volunteer relief groups; how his synagogue coordinates youth outreach for 700 internally displaced people living in a hotel temporarily; what it was like to travel on behalf of the Israeli government to speak on its behalf in Europe; and what he believes American Jews and their rabbis should be doing. I was too exhausted for jetlag that night. I fell into bed in Jerusalem and slept soundly until my alarm rang, six hours later.

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Hamantashen Mania

Thousands of cookies made & gifted

— by *Cindy Helitzer and Susan Gordon*

This past January and February, our baking volunteers were very busy prepping and baking thousands of delicious apricot and raspberry hamantashen for our annual Kneset Israel hamantashen fundraiser.

These traditional Purim cookies are purchased, gifted, and enjoyed by many people both in our K.I. congregation, the larger Jewish community, and beyond. The Jewish Federation of the Berkshires uses our hamantashen for "Joe's Project" in which volunteers deliver hamantashen to homebound seniors. Hamantashen are also provided for the Purim band concert and Megilla reading events, for Shabbat Kiddush, and included in senior meals delivered throughout the county. In addition they are gifted to our Hebrew School students and staff.

While the ordering deadline has passed, and once all orders are filled, any extra hamantashen will be available for purchase. Watch for details on how to order. Cost: \$16 per dozen. We will publish a final tally for this project—including all the volunteers, the final numbers, etc. in a future issue of Kol K.I. Thank you to all who assisted with this winter fundraiser project which supports Kneset Israel, its programs, classes, and services.



Volunteers assemble and bake hamantashen for K.I.'s annual fundraiser.



Above: Members of the K.I. Band pose in their tie-dyed costumes last year. For more photos of the band and other Purim treats, turn to page 16.

The Soundtrack of Purim

A little bawdy, a little funny, a little serious ...

The K.I. Band is pleased to announce our 15th annual Purim concert! On Saturday, March 16, please join us in the social hall at 8:30 p.m. for Purim 2024: K.I. Unplugged.

Always creative and striving to bring you new themes, the band will explore its favorite MTV Unplugged songs representing the wide variety of artists who performed on the popular concert series between 1989 and 2014. Groundbreaking artists such as 10,000 Maniacs, Bruce Springsteen, Indigo Girls, Allman Brothers Band, Eric Clapton, Paul Simon, Jay-Z, and many others will be represented, while our “house band” will feature a rotating cast of special guests. We recreate and perform the original songs, but with parody lyrics that tell the Purim story. A little bawdy, a little funny, and a little serious, our tribute both to great music

and the holiday of Purim is always a huge hit at K.I.

Don't let the title and theme fool you... while the instrumentation will be more “acoustic” than previous years, there will still be plenty of opportunities to dance and celebrate. This year is especially momentous, as we will be joined by guest musicians from both Temple Anshe Amunim and Hevreh.

The evening will be a total blast, so please RSVP as soon as possible! Tickets are \$15 (\$5 for ages 13-20, and kids 12 and under are free) and can be reserved online at knessetisrael.org/event/purim-concert-2024.html or by contacting Diana (office@knessetisrael.org, 413-445-4872). Snacks and drinks will be available and are included with your ticket purchase.

We can't wait to see you on March 16!

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.

Member Mitzvahs & Mazel Tovs

■ It's an honor to report that Kneset Israel members, and co-founders of Foundation for Jewish Camp (FJC), **Elisa Spungen Bildner** and **Robert "Rob" Bildner**, have been awarded the distinguished Hedley S. Dimock Award by the American Camp Association (ACA). The Hedley S. Dimock Award holds a legacy of honoring trailblazers and their impact on camping

The couple were recognized for their extraordinary leadership, generous philanthropy, and significant impact on the field through the establishment of FJC, which now supports over 300 nonprofit day and overnight camps serving over 180,000 campers and young adults each summer. The award ceremony took place February 6 at ACA's National Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

In 1988, Elisa and Rob established the Foundation for Jewish Camp with a mission to unify and galvanize the field and transform Jewish summer experiences. The couple have been recognized with



Robert "Rob" Bildner and Elisa Spungen Bildner

several awards over the years for their longtime advocacy for Jewish camp.

Elisa and Rob are also authors of "The Berkshires Farm Table Cookbook: 125 Homegrown Recipes from the Hills of New England," a heartfelt tribute to local farmers and farm-to-table chefs.

■ Yom Huledet Sameach to **Beth Radskin** on her recent special birthday. We hope it was not only a happy day, but will be a happy year too!

■ **Steve Miller** was featured in the February *Berkshire Eagle* article "Miller Supply has been selling paint, art supplies and framing art for 75 years. What's next?" The piece, by Jane Kaufman, takes us on a journey through the lives of Steve's parents **George and Sally Ruth Miller** (z"l) and the history of Miller Supply. The paint, and then art supply store is an iconic part of Pittsfield's history — including Mr. Miller's prescient agreement to preserve the original Colonial Theater. Steve's life — his education, his marriage to **Amy (Ortenberg) Miller** (z"l) and his rise through the ranks of the business are also documented. What's next? — Steve still seems to be contemplating. Find the full article at berkshireeagle.com/business.

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Hannah Schiff

■ Mazel tov to **Hannah Schiff**, daughter of **Arlene and Gary Schiff**, who recently joined the staff of Congregation Beth Israel in Houston, Texas, as the Director of Marketing and Communications. As the oldest Jewish congregation in Texas, Beth Israel is an active and vibrant Reform congregation with 1,600 member households and a rich history and legacy.



Rose May

■ Congratulations to **Rose May**, who was recently inducted into the Alpha Honor Medical Society at UMass Chan Medical School, where she is currently a fourth year medical student. The honor recognizes high academic achievement, the ideals of humanism and service to others, and dedication to their profession and the art of healing. Rose is the daughter of K.I. members **Kara Thornton and Jeff May** (z"l).



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inspire.

Connect with each generation
Share through leadership
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Seek guides to the unfamiliar
Nourish mind, heart, and soul

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the "Mitzvah Maven"
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gmail.com](mailto:chama2194@gmail.com).
Anything retroactive
is welcome —
photos too.

■ K.I.'s **Rabbi David Weiner** went on Rabbinical Assembly mission to Israel in mid-December. He has been processing and relating his reflections at services, and has written a moving and thought-provoking essay about his experience in this month's Kol K.I. We thank Rabbi Weiner for representing us and sharing the difficult realities this war is having on our Israeli family.

■ **Rabbi Pamela Wax** traveled to Israel in late January on a Solidarity Mission with Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), the Reform rabbinical group. She has been posting almost daily entries—with powerful images—to her blog. Entries include her meetings; travels; interactions with friends, survivors, and Israeli officials and citizens; emotional experiences; art; inevitable questioning; working at a kibbutz, and the entire gamut of what a mission to Israel entails today. We hope to hear more from Rabbi Pam when she returns.

K.I. Services, Classes & Events

Shabbat Candle Lighting

MARCH

Friday, March 1	5:25 p.m.
Friday, March 8	5:34 p.m.
Friday, March 15.....	6:42 p.m.
Friday, March 22.....	6:50 p.m.
Friday, March 29.....	6:58 p.m.

Weekly Services

■ SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN

IN PERSON..... 8:45 a.m.

■ TUESDAY EVENING DAVENING

ON ZOOM..... 7:00 p.m.

■ THURSDAY EVENING DAVENING

ON ZOOM..... 7:00 p.m.

■ FRIDAY KABBALAT SHABBAT

IN PERSON AND LIVESTREAM..... 5:45 p.m.

• March 29 — Musical Minyan

■ SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICE

IN PERSON AND LIVESTREAM..... 9:30 a.m.

LIVESTREAM: knessetisrael.org/livestream

ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/934910554>

MEETING ID: 934 910 554

Special Services

■ FAMILIES TOGETHER HAVDALAH

Saturday, March 2

6:45-8 p.m. in the K.I. Sanctuary

Join our K.I. parents and children for a heartwarming evening as we mark the end of Shabbat and welcome the new week. The celebration includes a musical Havdalah, hot chocolate, and a special Havdalah craft. There will be Havdalah stories and activities for kids and adults. It will be an evening of warmth and togetherness. For more information and to register, go to knessetisrael.org/RSVP.



Families Together

Families Together is K.I.'s community initiative for adults and their children. Program events are a mix of social, educational, and experiential, and are free and open to members and non-members alike!

Families Together is made possible through the generous support of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

■ TOT SHABBAT

Saturday, March 2

10-10:45 a.m. in the K.I. chapel (downstairs)

Knesset Israel is thrilled to invite everyone to a Tot Shabbat led by Mike Duffy — dedicated song leader and Jewish educator. This monthly event promises a fun way to welcome Shabbat for children in grades K-1 and younger, their parents, grandparents, or guardians. All are welcome — members and non-members alike. We look forward to celebrating Shabbat with you. **Save the date:** Tot Shabbats are also scheduled for April 6 and May 4.

SHARE THE LIGHT

Community Havdalah and Concert

Featuring the Cantelina Chamber Choir

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 | 7:15 P.M.
Anshe Amunim, 26 Broad St, Pittsfield

Join our Berkshire Rabbis and community members from across the county for an inspirational evening of light and song.

Cosponsored by the Jewish Federation and Berkshire Congregations and Organizations

Free Havdalah candle and spice kits while supplies last

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K.I. Services, Classes & Events

Events

■ GAMES SHABBAT

Saturday, March 2
In the K.I. Social Hall

After Shabbat services there will be a Kiddush lunch followed by intergenerational, Shabbat-friendly board and tabletop games. We hope you will stay and play.

■ COMMUNITY HAVDALAH & CONCERT

Saturday, March 9
7:15 p.m. at Temple Anshe Amunim,
26 Broad St., Pittsfield

Join Berkshire Rabbis and the Cantelina Chamber Choir for an inspirational evening of light and song. Cosponsored by K.I., the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires and fellow Jewish organizations. See poster on page 8.

■ PURIM CONCERT

Saturday, March 16
8:30 p.m. in the K.I. Social Hall

The K.I. Band presents the 15th Annual Purim concert! This year's theme is Purim 2024: K.I. Unplugged — an acoustic night through the lens of the creative, fun, and sometimes naughty K.I. band members. See page 5 for more information.

■ ANTISEMITISM IN SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIA

Sunday, March 17
12:45 p.m. at Hevreh of Southern Berkshire,
270 State Road, Great Barrington

A conversation with Rabbi Ron Fish, ADL Northeast Division Director of Antisemitism Advocacy and Education, to discuss the climate in schools and on campuses and how to respond. This program is for students, parents, and families in middle school through college. Vegetarian pizza lunch provided. Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. Register: tinyurl.com/ADLSchools.

■ THE STATE OF JEWISH HATE 2024

Sunday, March 17
4 p.m. at Knesset Israel

Rabbi Ron Fish, ADL Northeast Division Director of Antisemitism Advocacy and Education, will share what the ADL is seeing in terms of antisemitism locally, regionally, and nationally and how you can respond. Presentation followed by Q&A. Register: tinyurl.com/StateOfHate.

■ PURIM DINNER & MEGILLAH READING

Saturday, March 23
6:30 p.m. in the K.I. Social Hall
& Sanctuary

Free! Join us for a no-cost, family-friendly Purim dinner followed by a full Megillah reading. Hear the story of Purim and be ready with groggers to “boo” Haman. Costumes are encouraged! Purim begins the evening of Saturday, March 23, and ends the evening of Sunday, March 24. **Reserve your space at knessetisrael.org/rsvp.**

Adult Education

■ WISE AGING

with Rabbi Pamela Wax

Mondays, March 4, 11 and 25;
April 1 and 15; May 6 and 20; June 3
12:30-2 p.m., either hybrid (at K.I.
and on Zoom) or via Zoom, to be
determined depending on students'
locations

As we age, we may wish to re-assess our core values and priorities and honor the transitions we are experiencing physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Through study, discussion, and experiential exercises, we'll explore our life's purpose and passions, discern next steps for work and personal life, and identify possibilities this stage of life offers. Our primary text, “Wise Aging: Living with Joy, Resilience, and Spirit” by Rabbi Rachel Cowan and

Dr. Linda Thal, provides a roadmap for the journey, along with supplemental materials by Rabbi Wax. Cost: \$250 for members of K.I., \$300 for non-members. For more information, contact Pam at pwax@bcn.net. If there is interest, this course will continue beyond the initial eight weeks.

■ ANOTHER ANGLE: PURIM AND PASSOVER

with Rabbi Becca Walker

Wednesdays, March 6, 20 and 27;
April 3, 10 and 17
In the K.I. Library

Get into the Purim and Passover spirit early, and deepen your holiday practice by immersing in study before the holidays. Each week we will look at a different aspect of Purim or Passover leading up to their celebration. We will do a deep dive into a particular practice, appreciate the varied viewpoints across texts and commentaries, and add our own insights. The class is discussion-based and appropriate for all levels. We will cover Purim, March 6 and 20; Passover, March 27 and April 3, 10, 17.

■ INTERMEDIATE HEBREW

with Rabbi David Weiner

Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20 and 27
10-11:15 a.m. in the K.I. Library

This class is not currently accepting new students.

■ RABBI WEINER'S ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21 and 28
10:45 a.m.-noon

This class, which is ongoing, is currently exploring Process Theology using Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson's book, “God of Relationship and Becoming.” Watch the weekly email for an announcement of the new topic, beginning in March. Classes will be held through early June.

Youth & Families Update

Synagogue Skills, Singing, and Shows!

All the happenings at K.I.'s Hebrew School

—by Rabbi Becca Walker

As Spring approaches so much learning is happening at the K.I. Hebrew School! Our expert teachers continue to teach students Hebrew, synagogue skills, Jewish history and heroes, Tanakh, holidays, and more. In our experiential learning block on Wednesdays we recently finished a unit on Havdalah, where we learned about the ceremony, when to do it, and also how to sing the blessings—all in preparation for the Families Together Havdalah happening this month.

Speaking of singing, we have added more music to our programming. We are so lucky to have Mike Duffy, a Jewish educator from Temple Anshe Amunim, assist us at the Hebrew School this year. We have been starting off each Shabbat morning session with music, led by Mike on guitar. It has been a great way to start learning more prayers and important Jewish melodies that will serve students throughout their Jewish lives. We are fortunate to welcome Joe Weiner, a talented keyboardist, who helped us in learning the Havdalah blessings. Joe will join us on Wednesdays, in teaching us new songs and fun interactive activities. We are planning to learn some Passover melodies for the Seder.

This month, Regina Mason of Little Puppet Studio will teach the students the skills to produce a Purim Marionette show. If all goes according to plan, the production will



Above: Joe Weiner teaches Havdalah blessings and songs.



Rabbi Becca Walker

Music has been a great way to start learning more prayers and important Jewish melodies that will serve students throughout their Jewish lives.

be part of the March 23 K.I. Purim celebrations. This is a novel opportunity for students to engage in learning in a new and

creative way. As always if you have questions, or would like to be in touch, please reach out at RabbiB@knessetIsrael.org

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We encourage people who want 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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Above: The sun rises over Jerusalem. Below: Dawn at the Families Section of the Western Wall.



Baruch hanotein laya'eif koach.

Praised be the One who
gives strength to the weary.

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By 6 a.m. Wednesday, though, I was crossing the bridge near the Jaffa Gate at sunrise, on my way to the families section of the Kotel. There we lay tefillin and prayed the morning service.

A verse from Psalm 30 jumped out at me — Tears may linger for the night, but joy comes with the dawn. There had been a lot of tears the day before. I could hardly take in what I was seeing and hearing. And still the new morning dawning over the holy city gave me a fresh reserve of strength.

It would be another hard day, as we learned about the sexual violence of October 7, then delivered socks and underwear donated by our congregations for soldiers on the northern front. We would also visit with a survivor of the music festival, families of hostages, and the retired diplomats who are helping them advocate for their loved ones on the world stage. But for the moment, at a time of unfathomable pain, we were able to breathe the air of Jerusalem, express gratitude for a new day, and celebrate our capacity to care for each other. Baruch hanotein laya'eif koach — Praised be the One who gives strength to the weary.



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The K.I. Purim Band, seen at left performing at the "Very Jerry Purim" show last year, will offer its 15th annual concert on Saturday, March 16, at 8:30 p.m. This year's theme is "K.I. Unplugged," with a logo shown at bottom left under a LEGO representation of the band. The band will explore its favorite MTV Unplugged songs representing the wide variety of artists who performed on the popular concert series between 1989 and 2014. This includes artists such as 10,000 Maniacs, Bruce Springsteen, Indigo Girls, Allman Brothers Band, Eric Clapton, Paul Simon, Jay-Z, and many others.

For more on the concert, see page 5.



Above: Volunteers prepare hamantashen for K.I.'s annual fundraiser. These traditional Purim cookies are purchased, gifted, and enjoyed by many people in our K.I. and beyond.

For more on the effort, see page 4.