“Bob Dylan: Prophet Mystic Poet,” with Seth Rogovoy

“American Jewry’s greatest Dylan scholar” concludes his “Great Jewish Rock Poets” series

On Thursday, September 30 at 6:45 p.m., nationally renowned (but still our favorite local) rock poet’s familiarity with Torah, Talmud, and Kabbalah has worked its way into his songs and public utterances, along with his embrace of Israel and the Jewish outreach organization Chabad. Participants will be encouraged to reflect on and discuss how Dylan can best be seen and appreciated as a Jewish artist.

Termed “American Jewry’s greatest Dylan scholar” by Religion News Service, Seth Rogovoy is the author of Bob Dylan: Prophet Mystic Poet (Scribner, 2009), a full-length analysis of Dylan’s life and work. He is the recipient of a 2016 Simon Rockower Award from the American Jewish Press Association for excellence in arts and criticism for his portrait of musician Leonard Cohen published in Hadassah Magazine in its April/May 2015 issue.

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Soar Into the High Holy Days!

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, and peaceful 5782

The Jewish Federation of the Berkshires wishes our community a joyous and meaningful holiday season. This circa 1915 Shana Tovah was printed in Germany and sold in the US by the Williamsburg Postcard Company, one of several holiday cards of the day featuring that then-newfangled contraption, the airplane.

The Yiddish inscription in the upper right corner reads: We bring you good tidings/ a wonderful time is approaching/ of light and radiance, of happiness and joy/ the world will be renewed. May it come true!
Putting the Most Important Themes of the Jewish New Year Into Action

By Elisa Schindler Frankel

The Yamini Nora-im (High Holy Days) from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur is the sacred cycle in the Jewish calendar I most welcome. While I consider Shabbat to be equally holy to Yom Kippur and relish in the weekly rituals of Sabbath observance, these ten Days of Awe give me a rare and special gift – time set aside to turn within.

I rejoice, reflect, and take responsibility for my actions on Rosh Hashanah, but it is the solemnness of Yom Kippur that resonates with me most, as I truly repent, forgive others, and atone. For me, it is always important to worship through Neilah (closing service), which I do each year with a great sense of urgency. The Gates of Heaven have been kept open to receive my final prayers and supplications. My fear is always that the Gates will close before I have truly repented and that I will not be inscribed and sealed into the Book of Life, even though I have been taught that the Gates do not close until the seventh day of Sukkot and that the Gates are always open to the truly repentant.

People come together as a community to observe the High Holy Days for a wide variety of reasons. We pray together not just as individuals, but as Jews. For me, it is not only my deep belief in the precepts of Judaism that draw me in, but also the three pillars of this cycle: Teshuva (Turning), Tefilla (Prayer) and Tzedakah (Righteousness). One of the most meaningful ways we mark this cycle is through the Yom Kippur fast, which I consider to be a spiritual act of atonement. By fasting, I strive to be mindful of my body and mind, and to reflect on the actions that I can take to improve myself.

The celebration of Sukkot is a time of joy and thanksgiving, as we remember the exodus from Egypt and the period of wandering in the desert. During Sukkot, we build temporary shelters, or sukkot, to recall the hardships of our ancestors and to reflect on our own experiences.

The Tashlich ceremony is a tradition in which we symbolically “throw away” our sins by scattering bread crumbs or other food into a body of water, often performed on the afternoon before Yom Kippur.

Shabbat is a time for rest, reflection, and community. It is a time to connect with family and friends, and to recharge our spirits after the High Holy Days.

The Days of Awe offer a time for introspection, reflection, and action. They are a time to reckon with our actions and to make amends. They are a time to renew our commitments to our community and to our own personal growth.

I feel honored and privileged that, through my service as president of the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires, I can contribute to the strength and vibrancy of our community. By supporting our organizations and agencies, we can ensure that our community has the resources it needs to thrive.

We are a strong and thriving organization today in no small measure because we are an organization that is deeply rooted in the community. We are a community that is deeply rooted in the values of tzedakah (justice) and tefilla (prayer). We are a community that is deeply rooted in the values of love and kindness.

The strength of our community is a result of the strength of our individuals. It is the power of our individuals that gives our community its strength.

I encourage you to join me in this work. To support our community, we need your participation and your support.

Thank you for your leadership and for your commitment to our community. Together, we can make a difference.

I look forward to seeing you at our events and hearing your stories. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your president.

Elisa Schindler Frankel
President, Jewish Federation of the Berkshires

CORRECTION: In our last Editor’s Note, we referred to Carol Goodman Kaufman’s book by the wrong title. It is Once in a Full Moon. We regret the error.
Rabbi Reflection

Let the Shofar’s Sound Be Our Clarion Call in Returning to a Mindful, Productive, Focused, Purposeful Life

By Rabbi David Weiner

There’s an old joke about a rabbit who was riding in a taxicab that drove off a bridge. No one survived. Moments later, the rabbit and the cab driver found themselves in line at the gates of heaven. They approached the podium together. "You," the angel said to the cab driver, "you come right in. But you," and here he frowned at the rabbit. "You, not so much."

“What do you mean? How come he gets in, and I don’t?” asked the rabbit.

“Well,” said the angel, “When you spoke to your congregation week after week, many of them just dozed off, but when people got in his cab and he started driving, every one of them prayed.”

The sound of the shofar is a response to the phenomenon that makes us smile at this well-worn joke. Its cry is an alarm that we've run out of time. It is a wake-up call, a reminder to consider where we are going and whether we are moving in the direction we desire.

There is no time for complacency. We must be vigilant and proactive in our actions. Each of us has the power to make a difference, to carry each other and all of us towards the next best possible outcome. Let’s make sure we wake up this Rosh Hashana and stay awake throughout the year.

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Better paths and behaviors. Leave your selfish choices and wrong thoughts behind.” (Laws of Repentance 3:4)

So much has changed for so many of us in the last 18 months. A pandemic, illnesses, deaths, face masks, social distancing, travel restrictions, vaccinations and re-emergence. Guidelines that keep us safe continue to evolve as we develop new scientific research as well as local circumstances. Last year at this time, we were so scared of contagion that we could barely sound the shofar at all. My congregation blew the ram’s horn outside, near the sanctuary, rather than inside the school. While many have developed beneficial new routines because of the pandemic, more frequent handwashing, some of us have grown used to new habits that were necessary but are not serving us well right now. This year the shofar sounded indoors to resonate once again in each of our souls, which might inspire us to reconsider our choices and habits, to return to a mindful, productive, focused, purposeful life. It is hard to know what tomorrow may demand of us; still, opportunities for mitzvot abound each and every day.

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Senior Artisans Back at Work in Jerusalem – Thanks In Part to Your Campaign Contributions

Dear Jewish Federation of the Berkshires,

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of the generous grant given by the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires that we just received via The Jewish Agency For Israel.

As daily activity resumes in Israel, we are happy to share that over 230 artisans are arriving daily to a meaningful, productive routine in the workshops. With the lifting of restrictions, they have moved back to their pre-COVID workstations with a renewed sense of purpose and vitality.

Anticipating a Sweet Year – Even After Finding Out That Ice Cream Can Also Leave a Bitter Taste

Israel’s Consul General for New England reflects on a challenging year and its bright spots

By Meron Reuben

Summer was exceptionally wet this year in New England. In fact, it was the wettest in recorded history. As an Israeli, I enjoyed the rain and soaked up the magnificently greenery that it left behind. September, October, and even into November have been quite wet, with Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and other holidays taking place under a blanket of rain.

Despite this challenge, there are many positive developments to celebrate as the year draws to a close. A year ago, we were living under a cloud of a global pandemic that constricted every aspect of our lives and caused the death of millions across the globe. Israel has been a leader in vaccinating its population, and we are now in a drive to give booster shots to the population over 60 years old.

Restrictions on travel have been lifted, and the Israeli athletes who were victims of terror in the Munich Olympics of 1972. May their memories be blessed.

Another positive note was struck recently when the Olympic Committee publicly memorialized the Olympic gold in our sporting history! Our efforts to push back on the decision are vital to defending the very legitimacy of the State of Israel, unfairly singled out for alleged human rights abuses.

The “2020 Olympics” in Tokyo offered another reason to rejoice. Israel sent its largest delegation ever, some 90 athletes, including baseball Team Israel, that included many American olim. We even had a chance to see them play in Hartford before they left for Japan. In Tokyo, Team Israel kept hope alive by defeating Mexico and advancing into the second round of the Olympics. Defying expectations and serving as emissaries for baseball in Israel.

Israelian Olympian Artem Dolgopyat made us all proud by winning a gold medal in gymnastics for the men’s floor exercise. This was only the second Olympic gold in our sporting history!

Avishag Semberg received a bronze medal in tae kwon do, and Israel’s judo team won a bronze medal, as well.

But the most important thing of all for us was that for the first time, after ignoring the fact for 49 years, the Olympic Committee publicly memorialized the Israeli athletes who were victims of terror in the Munich Olympics of 1972. May their memories be blessed.

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Israel regained its observer status to the African Union after a nearly 20-year hiatus. The irony of this is not lost on us in light of the massive media coverage of the Ben & Jerry’s debacle. I presume that positive news about Israel does not sell.

So, all in all, we have a lot to be grateful for as we leave 5781 and go into 5782. I have had a very challenging, yet exciting, nine months in New England, and hope to meet many more members of the Jewish community in person (and not on Zoom) this coming year.

May the new year bless us all with peace and good health.

Shana Tova U Metuka – a good and sweet New Year to everyone.

Based in Boston, Meron Reuben is Israel’s Consul General for New England, covering five states – Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont. Ambassador Reuben has a diplomatic career spanning over three decades, during which he has served in various positions, including roles at the Israeli embassies in Chile and Mexico, and as ambassador to Paraguay, Bolivia, and Colombia. Ambassador Reuben served as Israel’s ambassador to the UN between 2010-2011, and as Israel’s Chief of State Protocol from 2015 to 2020.

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Your Federation Presents

Volunteers Are Vital!

Rosh Hashanah Care Packages For Our Seniors

By Susan Frisch Lehrer / Coordinator of Volunteers and PJ Library

The Jewish Federation of the Berkshires is committed to ensuring the well-being and continuity of the Jewish people both in our community and beyond. We know that many of our seniors are still isolated and we want to bring them a special treat before the High Holy Days.

Volunteers are needed to deliver Rosh Hashanah gift bags to our seniors at home and in facilities across the Berkshires. Please let us know if you can assist with this important project.

The bags may be picked up at our Federation office, 196 South Street, Pittsfield, on the following dates and times:

- Tuesday, August 31; Wednesday, September 1; and Thursday, September 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Friday, September 3 from 9 a.m. to noon.

We ask that all volunteers wear masks (during pickup and delivery) and ring the front door bell of our office. You may deliver at your convenience.

For more information, contact Susan Frisch Lehrer, Coordinator of Volunteers and PJ Library, (413) 442-4360, ext. 14 or slehrer@jewishberkshires.org.

About Joe’s Project

Joe, a year volunteers bake, pack, and deliver challot (and honey) before Rosh Hashanah and hamantaschen (shalach manos) before Purim to Jewish seniors who reside at home and in senior residences, to folks in the hospital, and to those with special needs – reaching 250 individuals in Berkshire County, Southern Vermont, and New York’s Columbia County.

Known as Joe’s Project in memory of the late Joe Madison, who started this program with a group of his hiking buddies, this is a community-wide program engaging 100+ volunteers of all ages. Many of our local kids and campers from Eisner Camp help decorate the bags that, once filled, are delivered by numerous volunteers, including some of our PJ Library and Federation families.

This program is more than just a gift bag delivery; it is a personal visit to someone who may not get many of them.

Donate ~ Volunteer ~ Make a Difference

Jewish Women’s Foundation to Pack Meals of Hope for Area Food Pantries

Member volunteers to pack 25,000 meals in one morning

GREAT BARRINGTON – On Sunday, September 19 from 9 a.m. to noon, the Jewish Women’s Foundation of the Berkshires (JWF) will partner with Meals of Hope for a food-packing event at Berkshire South Regional Community Center, during which volunteers will pack 25,000 meals. These meals will be transported to the Western Massachusetts Food Bank, which will in turn deliver the meals to food pantries throughout the county.

For further information, contact Toby Levine at tobylevine412@gmail.com

Donate to this worthy cause!

A donation will go a long way to support food insecurity programs in the Berkshires.

- $18 = 72 meals
- $36 = 144 meals
- $72 = 288 meals

You can donate online at jewishberkshires.org/jewish-womens-foundation. You can also mail a check payable to the Jewish Women’s Foundation to the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires, 196 South Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201. Write ‘food insecurity event’ in the memo line.

The Jewish Women’s Foundation of the Berkshires, a constituent organization of the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires, is dedicated to sharing Jewish values by addressing needs in the community and supporting social action.

Each member pledges $500 annually, enabling JWF to provide local organizations with funds to address unmet needs. Now in its twelfth year, JWF has granted more than $400,000 to community organizations. In 2021-22, JWF will provide grants totaling close to $60,000 to 18 local non-profit organizations.

The mission of Meals of Hope, a Naples, FL, based organization, is to inspire and empower communities to come together to end hunger. Organizations throughout the Berkshires will be providing volunteers to staff this event.

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**JFNA Convened its National Young Leadership Cabinet to Mobilize Against the Growing Threat of Anti-Semitism in North America**

Deborah Lipstadt selected by President Biden to serve as the nation’s Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism

By Ted Merwin, Senior Writer / JFNA

WASHINGTON, DC – In one of the first in-person gatherings in the Jewish world since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) convened its National Young Leadership Cabinet on July 20 to mobilize against the growing threat of anti-Semitism in North America. The 230 lay leaders, who came from fifty different communities, explored a variety of ways to cope with the crisis on both the national and local levels.

In particular, the conference marked the launch of the Jewish Federations’ Advocacy Corps, an initiative that will enable Federations to respond during crises and advocate for policies that will strengthen and defend the Jewish community.

Among those urging action without delay were almost a dozen lawmakers, including Representatives Ted Deutch (D-FL), Kathy Manning (D-NC), and Brad Schneider (D-IL), all of whom are themselves Cabinet alumni. Other Members of the House who joined the gathering were Troy Balderson (R-OH), Brian Mast (R-FL), Marc Veasey (D-TX), and Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL). Melissa Rogers, the executive director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, advised that President Biden would shortly name a State Department ambassador-at-large to monitor and combat anti-Semitism, which JFNA and other Jewish organizations had requested in their letter to the president after the Virtual Rally Against Anti-Semitism in May.

[On July 30, President Deborah Lipstadt of Emory University, a former member of JFNA’s National Young Leadership Cabinet, was selected by President Biden to serve as the nation’s Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism. For JFNA reactions to her appointment, see below.]

“Yesterday, in the surge of domestic anti-Semitism reached record highs, prompting rallies and condemnation, but this fly-in had a laser-focused goal: to galvanize JFNA’s National Young Leadership Cabinet to shape policy and change history in the critical fight to protect North American Jews from the wave of abhorrent anti-Semitism,” said Eric Fingerhut, JFNA CEO. He announced that the 2020 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP), which enables nonprofit organizations to protect themselves from violent attacks, yielded $115 million in security funding to the Jewish community, out of a total budget of $180 million. JFNA is lobbying for this total budget to be doubled in the next round of appropriations.

Anti-Semitic incidents have surged in the last few years, with a particularly dramatic uptick during, and in the wake of, the recent conflict between Israel and Hamas. This has led to calls for the federal government to expand its role in safeguarding the Jewish community. Senator Jacky Rosen (D-NV) spoke about the bipartisan resolution that she and Senator James Lankford (R-OK) introduced in May – and which was co-sponsored by three-quarters of the entire U.S. Senate – which condemned the global surge in anti-Semitism, it demanded that steps be taken to stem the tide by, for example, boosting Holocaust education and heightening security at synagogues. Former Senator Norm Coleman, national chairman of the Republican Jewish Coalition, encouraged Cabinet members to take leadership roles in their home communities to push back against all those who vilify Jews.

Also highlighted at the conference were Jewish college students who are taking the lead on their campuses to stand up to the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanction (BDS) Movement, experts on anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism in the media (with a particular focus on the growing use of social media platforms both to spread hatred and to oppose it); and activists like Daryl Davis, a celebrated African-American blues pianist who has convinced a number of Ku Klux Klan leaders to renounce racism and intolerance.

To learn more about the National Young Leadership Cabinet of JFNA, the Jewish Federations’ Advocacy Corps, and the other ways that you can join the urgent fight against anti-Semitism, please contact the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires and make your voice heard.

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Explore the Work of Two Famous Jewish Artists with Professor J. Carol Salus

Roy Lichtenstein (September 13) and Barbara Kruger (October 4)

J. Carol Salus, who teaches art history at Kent State University, will present two online programs this fall on major Jewish American artists.

On Monday, September 13 at 6:45 p.m., Salus’s talk will be “Roy Lichtenstein: Early Pop Works and Fascination for Masters of Art History.” She writes: “Lichtenstein was one of the most influential and innovative artists of the second half of the twentieth century. He is preeminently identified with Pop Art, a movement he helped originate, and his first fully achieved paintings, rendered in a style mimicking the crude printing processes of newspaper reproduction, were based on imagery from comic strips and advertisements. These paintings lasted some three years and he is typically associated with these by many. There are exuberant canvases inspired by the masters he admired, such as Picasso, Monet, and Matisse. Among his more than 5000 works is a mural for The Tel Aviv Museum of Art. As a teen-ager Lichtenstein’s grandmother rented a house on Lake Huel near Great Barrington, and we will see a photo of him there and learn about his disciplined art.”

On Monday, October 4 at 6:45 p.m., the topic will be “Barbara Kruger: Thought-Provoking Photographic Works.” Writes Salus: “Kruger is known for her bold photographs to which thought-provoking messages have been added. These short texts, white inscriptions on black backgrounds, have appeared in galleries, museums, billboards, department stores, buses, train stations, and parks around the world. Such rigorously composed works as, ‘I Shop Therefore I Am,’ have been widely distributed and are exhibited in museums and public places. Such rigorously composed works as, ‘I Shop Therefore I Am,’ have been widely distributed and are exhibited in museums and public places. These Jewish Federation of the Berkshires programs will be presented via Zoom. Please visit our calendar of events at jewisberkshires.org for links to these programs.”

J. Carol Salus earned her PhD from Ohio State University. She taught throughout her career at Kent State University. She has published in Jewish Art and wrote a notable essay on “Memorial to the Murdered European Jews” in Berlin after interviewing its architect, Peter Eisenman.

In Person Program: “Aging: A Lifelong Process,” with Maggie Bittman

On Monday, September 20 at 10:45 a.m., we welcome back Maggie Bittman for an in person program, “Aging: A Lifelong process.” This free program at Knesset Israel, 16 Colt Road in Pittsfield is part of the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires’ Connecting With Community series. Kosher lunch will follow this program – please see the menu on page 15.

This program will meet in-person under the tent at Knesset Israel. See Federation’s website for up-to-date COVID-19 protocols. “Aging: A Lifelong Process” is a program created and facilitated by Maggie Bittman, a Licensed Mental Health Counselor who has practiced for more than 40 years.

 Writes Bittman: “Throughout Life’s journey, we confront four existential truths:
• The search to find meaning and purpose
• Facing mortality
• Experiencing aloneness
• Engaging self will

We will highlight how this is a lifelong process, and that we return to these existential truths at each stage of life with the added wisdom that comes along with aging.”

This conversation format provides an opportunity to be a part of a group dialogue. Participants will discuss, share, and offer support to one another. It is a program designed for people of all ages to allow for intergenerational dialogue.

We look forward to seeing you there!
**The Jewish Federation of the Berkshires wishes all a happy, healthy, and peaceful 5782**

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Welcome to the Jewish Berkshires
Everyone is welcome to attend services and events at any of the organizations listed here.

Please call the organizations directly to confirm service times or to inquire about membership.

Learn more about our Jewish community and find great events on the community calendar at:
JEWISHBERKSHIRES.ORG

Shalom

BERKSHIRE JEWISH CONGREGATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

Berkshire Minyan

Lay-led egalitarian minyan
held at Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Rd., Great Barrington, MA
(413) 229-3618, berkshireminyan.org

Berkshire Hills Hadassah
P.O. Box 187, Pittsfield, MA
(413) 443-4386

B’nai Brith Lodge, No. 326
Great Barrington
270 State Rd., Great Barrington, MA
(413) 499-8989, berkshireberkshires.com

Congregation Ahavath Sholom

High Holy Day worship with the Reconstructionist Congregation Ahavath Sholom community is an inclusive experience. Rabbi Barbara Cohen creates an atmosphere of intimacy with the congregation, the prayers, the music, and the spiritual atmosphere of this awe-filled time.

This year, Ahavath Sholom will conduct all services online. Registration is required to attend any of the services below. To register, please go to the CAS website at www.ahavathsholom.com. Click the green button that says High Holy Day Registration. Both registration and payment must be made on the website. There is also an opportunity to remember your loved ones during the Yizkor service on Yom Kippur Day.

SERVICES

Erev Rosh Hashanah – Online service at 7 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah 1st Day – Online service at 10 a.m.
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Chabad of the Berkshires

Now in its 17th year, Chabad of the Berkshires invites the community to what co-director Sara Volovik says will be “warm, friendly, traditional, and inspirational services.”

Services will be held outdoors under a tent at the Chabad House in Pittsfield. Membership is not required to join Chabad’s services. However, an RSVP is required to participate. All are welcome, regardless of background or affiliation.

Due to COVID-19 precautions, space is limited, and seats will be arranged according to social distancing recommendations. Families from the same household can sit together – others will be spaced 3 feet apart. Prayers will combine the original Hebrew and English translations.

“According to Tradition, at the New Year the Doors of Heaven are open: G-d accepts all prayers, from anyone,” explains co-director Rabbi Levi Volovik. “The least we can do is open our doors as well, to the entire community.”

Please reserve online at jewisberkshires.com, or call (413) 499-8989. Donation and sponsorship opportunities are available – please call Chabad for more information.

SERVICES

Selichot – Call for information.
Erev Rosh Hashanah – Service at 6:45 p.m. Dinner will follow the service at 7 p.m. – contact Chabad for details on price and menu.
Rosh Hashanah 1st Day – Service at 10 a.m. Shofar at approximately 11 a.m.
Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day – Same as Rosh Hashanah 1st Day.
Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre – Service at 6:45 p.m.
Yom Kippur – Service at 10 a.m. (Yizkor at 11:30 a.m.). Afternoon service and Ne’ilah at 5 p.m., followed by break-the-fast.

Knesset Israel - Pittsfield

Knesset Israel, an innovative congregation known for tremendous lay participation and leadership, deep spiritual experiences, opportunities for lifelong learning, social action, and inclusivity, is delighted to announce its plans for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

All services at this Conservative synagogue will take place in the main sanctuary and will also be available for viewing at knessetisrael.org/livestream or on the Knesset Israel channel on the Boxcast App ( Roku, Rindle FireTV, Apple TV).

Tickets for High Holiday services are included with Knesset Israel membership and also available for purchase by non-members. Please contact KI for up-to-date COVID-19 protocols.

To find out about attending services please call the Knesset Israel office at (413) 445-4872 or email office@knessetisrael.org.

All children’s programs and babysitting will take place “BA’OHEL,” in the KI tent and on the playground (weather permitting). Unvaccinated children and adults must wear masks. For RSVP and questions about babysitting and children’s programming, please contact Judith Weiner at jewinser@knessetisrael.org.

SERVICES

Selichot – Mincha/study session at 7:15 p.m. Rabbi Weiner will teach a class titled “Thy Rod and Thy Staff.” Using the techniques of Soulful Education, participants will read Psalm 23 and explore the imagery of this liturgy in preparation of the season of compassion and forgiveness.

Maariv, Havdalah, and Selichot follow in the sanctuary at approximately 8:30 p.m. (also available on Livestream).

Yom Rosh Hashanah – Service at 6:15 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah 1st Day – Service at 8:30 a.m., Torah/Shofar at 9:30 a.m. approximately. Families Together programming 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. for grades K-6, and Junior Congregation/families from 11a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Babysitting (please RSVP) 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Yachid at 4:30 p.m. (at Pomeroy Avenue Bridge, in-person only).

Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day – Same as Rosh Hashanah 1st Day.

Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre – Mincha and the Max Bruch violin concerto at 6:30 p.m., followed by Kol Nidre and Maariv at 6:45 p.m.

Yom Kippur – Service at 9 a.m. Torah service and Yizkor after 10:30 a.m. Families Together programming 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. for grades K-6, and Junior Congregation/families from 11a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Babysitting (please RSVP) 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Afternoon service at 5 p.m. and Ne’ilah at 6:20 p.m.

Sukkot Yom Tov – Services (Elul and etrog) both days at 9:30.

Sukkot Chol HaMoed – See KI calendar for service times.

Shemini Atzeret – Service (with Yizkor) at 9:30 a.m. Festive Erev Simchat Torah dinner at 5:30 p.m.; service (with music by The KI Klezmer Band), with hakafot at 6:30 p.m., followed by ice cream reception.

Simchat Torah – Service at 9:30 a.m.

Other Events: Cemetery memorial service, August 29 at 10 a.m. at Knesset Israel Cemetery, 484浦s Road, Pittsfield.

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Dr. Nicholas Christakis to Speak at 54th Annual Feigenbaum Lecture at Temple Anshe Amunim

PITTSFIELD - The 54th Annual Hilda Vallin Feigenbaum Memorial Foundation Lecture will be held on Sunday, October 17 at 7:30 p.m. as a hybrid lecture, both in person and virtually, at Temple Anshe Amunim, 26 Broadway.

The speaker will be Dr. Nicholas Christakis, director of the Human Nature Lab at Yale University and co-director of the Yale Institute for Network Science.

The lecture, organized by the Temple Anshe Amunim Hilda Vallin Feigenbaum Memorial Lecture Committee, is free and open to the public. A limited number of guests will join the lecture in person, while it will be available to all virtually. Registration and sign-on details will be available on the Temple website (www.ansheamunim.org) in September.

“We are delighted to welcome Dr. Christakis for this first hybrid Feigenbaum Lecture at Anshe Amunim,” said Andy Hochberg, lecture committee co-chairman. “I believe our speaker is particularly well suited to speak to the Berkshire community about the events and circumstances we have and will face as we live through this extraordinary time. His visit again presents an opportunity to emphasize the civic and spiritual legacy of Hilda Vallin Feigenbaum. The series would not be possible without her sons Dr. Armand Feigenbaum and Dr. Donald Feigenbaum, of blessed memory, who established the Hilda Vallin Feigenbaum Lecture Series in perpetuity as a living memorial to their mother’s spirit.”

About the Speaker

Nicholas A. Christakis, MD, PhD, MPH, is a social scientist and physician at Yale University who conducts research in the fields of network science, behavioral science, behavior genetics, public health, and epidemiology. His current work focuses on how human biology and health affect, and are affected by, social interactions and social networks. He is the Sterling Professor of Social and Natural Science at Yale University, where he is appointed in the Departments of Sociology, Medicine, Data Science, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Biomedical Engineering, and the School of Management.

Dr. Christakis has an important new bestseller, *Apollo’s Arrow: The Profound Impact of Pandemics on the Way We Live*, which discusses three phases of the world’s recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Christakis argues that the recovery will not bring us back to our pre-pandemic world, but instead to a world in which geopolitics, healthcare, communities, and the economy are radically altered. Businesses, universities and governments are seeking Christakis’ insights as predictive guidance for the path ahead, and he’s been recently sought out by thought leaders including Harvard Business Review, Amoreau & Company on CNN, and *JAMA (The Journal of the American Medical Association)*.

Dr. Christakis is part of the team at Yale which developed Hunala, a coronavirus predictive app to help forecast future risk. Just as the Waze app relies on crowd-sourced data to provide real-time updates of traffic conditions in order to redirect drivers to less congested routes, Hunala relies on daily inputs from users to provide a real-time look at coronavirus risk based on individuals’ associations, activities, and health status. The app’s effectiveness at assessing COVID-19-related risks improves as the number of users grows.

Dr. Christakis is the author of over 200 articles and several books, including *Connected: The Surprising Power of Our Social Networks and How They Shape Our Lives*. It was translated into twenty foreign languages. His 2019 book, *Blueprint: The Evolutionary Origins of a Good Society*, was a New York Times bestseller. In 2009, Christakis was named by *Time* Magazine to their annual list of the 100 most influential people in the world. In 2009 and in 2010, Foreign Policy magazine named him to their annual list of Top 100 Global Thinkers.

Heralded for balancing bold, macro ideas with tangible takeaways, and for breaking down complex concepts with clarity, Christakis takes audiences on a journey to the forefront of innovation and understanding.

About the Hilda Vallin Feigenbaum Lecture Series

The Hilda Vallin Feigenbaum Memorial Foundation continues to enhance the spiritual and intellectual life of Temple Anshe Amunim and the larger community. The Foundation has sponsored lectures by leaders in American government, literature, theology, and journalism, hosting such personalities as Julian Bond, Representative Barney Frank, Isaac Bashevis Singer, Bernard Kalb, Ambassadors Daniel Kurtzer and Martin Indyk, Steven Emerson, Howard Dean, Bret Stephens and David Gergen.

For more information, please call the Temple office at: (413) 442-5910 or visit the website at www.ansheamunim.org. Temple Anshe Amunim is an accessible building.

A VERY ISRAELI ROSH HASHANAH, continued from page 1

of Israel’s extraordinarily diverse and vibrant culinary landscape. Along with Zahav in Philadelphia, Solomonov’s village of restaurants include Federal Donuts, Dizengoff, Abe Fisher, and Goldie. His bestselling cookbooks include *Zahav* and *Israel*.

Adina Sussman is the author of *Sababa: Fresh, Sunny Flavors From My Israeli Kitchen*, which was named a Best Fall 2019 cookbook by *The New York Times*, *Bon Appetit*, and *Food & Wine*. She is currently working on her follow-up to *Sababa*, all about the foods of Shabbat.

This Jewish Federation of the Berkshires program will be presented via Zoom. Please visit our calendar of events at jewishberkshires.org for a link to this program.

MIDDLE EAST UPDATE 2021: Threats and Opportunities

David Makovsky & Dennis Ross
Sunday, October 31
7:30 pm via Zoom

Two of America’s most experienced Middle East experts will share their analysis and insights on Israel’s political future and the implications for the region. **Q&A follows.**

Register: www.tinyurl.com/MiddleEastUpdate2021
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Knesset Israel Families Together Kicks Off Fall Programming

PITTSFIELD - Knesset Israel Families Together is a program offering social and informal educational events for families of all ages. All programs have a social action or awareness component, and this year there will be a focus on the diversity within our Jewish universe.

On Sunday, August 29, Families Together will gather for the Fourth Annual Family Fun Day. Friends, old and new, are invited to gather from 3-7 p.m. under the KI tent for a BBQ, games, and crafts. Members and non-members are welcome.

Fun continues on Sunday, October 3, at Bartlett’s Orchard in Richmond when Families Together meets for a pirate-themed apple picking event beginning at 2 p.m. Pick apples for your family, as well as for donations to the South Congregational Food Pantry – plus, learn a little about Jewish pirates along the way.

Direct RSVPs and questions about both events to Families Together’s director, Judith Weiner, at jweiner@knessetisrael.org. Thanks to generous support from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation there is no cost for Families Together programs.

Congregation Ahavath Sholom Reopens Its Doors

GREAT BARRINGTON - On the morning of June 19, Congregation Ahavath Sholom opened its doors for the first in-person service since the pandemic struck.

About 30 people, congregation members as well as a number of guests, attended the gathering. At the service, masks were not required for vaccinated individuals, but masks were required for non-vaccinated individuals. Writes Rabbi Barbara Cohen: “There was a heightened atmosphere to the wonderful service and a generally grateful feeling as we welcomed ‘old faces as well as new ones’ in the beautiful, jewel-like space of our sanctuary.”

As one attendee commented, “The sense of community was wonderful.”

Ongoing Events

Ahavath Sholom will also continue to offer worship, learning and social opportunities on Zoom, understanding that not everyone is comfortable returning to in-person events at this time. They will continue to offer Friday candle lighting services, Wednesday Coffee and Conversation, Sunday Study Sessions, and Creative Arts programs on Zoom.

For more information, please visit ahavathsholom.com.

The Marketplace at Ahavath Sholom

The CAS community has a wealth of creative talent. Since last winter, congregants who are artisans and writers have had an opportunity to show and sell their creations. The online marketplace also benefits those looking for special gifts for birthdays, get-well, and cheer-up wishes. Without going into stores or wearing masks, shoppers can support this local creative community. A portion of each item sold will be donated to the People’s Pantry in Great Barrington.

The art and books for sale are posted on the CAS website at ahavathsholom.com. In order to make a purchase, please contact the seller directly, and he/she will take care of the entire transaction.

Bound by Creativity, by Hannah Wohl, daughter of Alba Passerini and Charles Wohl, reveals how artists develop conceptions of their distinctive creative visions through experimentations and social interactions with gallerists, collectors, curators, and others. Her study of the creative process will be of interest to anyone interested in art.

Hannah will have a book reading and will sign copies of her book at:

Lenox Library Reading Lawn
September 14, 5:30 - 6:30 PM

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You help young families in the Berkshires embrace Jewish values and traditions while building a supportive community with Jewish peers through family programming, PJ Library, and volunteer opportunities.

RESOURCES TO FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM
You help young people stand up against hate through anti-bias education in our public schools. You also combat anti-Semitism and the BDS movement through community programming, national advocacy, and security resources.

DIGNITY & COMPASSION
You provide older adults and homebound individuals with nutritious meals and stimulating programming served up with a side of companionship and compassion through our Connecting with Community program and Kosher Meals on Wheels.

JEWS EDUCATION & VALUES
You nurture a strong Jewish future by providing a high-quality, meaningful and affordable Jewish education for hundreds of children through critical grants to all of our local Jewish religious schools.

A STRONG JEWISH IDENTITY
You help young people across the Berkshires and at UMASS Hillel build strong Jewish identities and become future leaders through scholarships for Jewish camp and Israel experiences, as well as leadership development and holiday meals on campus.

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT & EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
You help individuals facing unexpected challenges and life transitions receive the support they need through the Federation’s social worker. You also provide a safety net of emergency assistance due to COVID-19.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS & ADVOCACY
You help provide a proactive voice in our community, public schools, media, and government, addressing anti-Semitism, social justice, Israel, and other issues important to our community.

A SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME
You help tens of thousands of new immigrants, who are fleeing anti-Semitism in Europe and fighting in the Ukraine, build better lives for themselves and their families in Israel through job training and support services that ease their transition.

CARING IN TIMES OF CRISIS
When crisis hits, in the Berkshires or around the world, you help mobilize local resources to respond with immediate relief and longer-term recovery. From support through COVID-19 to whatever the future holds, you help deliver an SOS response.

A CLOSE & CARING RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL
You help connect the Berkshire Jewish Community with Israel and you also help provide programs for at-risk students, shelter for abused women, and support services for disabled youth.

FOOD SECURITY, HEALTHCARE, & WINTER RELIEF
Winters are long and cold in the Ukraine, but you help the most vulnerable prepare with warm clothes, blankets, and heaters. You also bring food cards, home health aids, and medicine to those who need it most.

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16 Colt Road, Pittsfield

ONGOING MINYANS
Sunday 8:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Tuesday 7 p.m.
Thursday 7 p.m.
Friday 7 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m. and evenings approximately 30 minutes before sunset

CANDLE-LIGHTING
Candle Times
Holiday candle lighting times and Havdalah are on page 8.
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Friday, September 24 ........6:25 p.m.
Friday, October 1 .............6:12 p.m.
Friday, October 8 .............6:00 p.m.

MAZEL TOV!
Bea Selig on her birthday.

Emma Lezberg on her recent designation by the US Department of Justice as an accredited immigration representative. Emma is a case worker for the Berkshire Immigrant Center in Pittsfield.

Harold Grinspoon, whose sculpture “Effervescent” won best in show at the Norman Rockwell Museum’s juried exhibitions “Land of Enchantment” in July.

Connecting with Community
Nourish Your Body, Mind, and Soul!

As we move to fully re-opening...
At press time, in-person lunches have resumed on Thursdays at noon only – come catch up with your friends and community! However, be sure to read “Re-Opening and Safety Protocols” at jewishberkshires.org/neo-announcements/safety. Also as of press time, most Connecting With Community programming is still online. For the most up-to-date information and details on virtual and in-person programming, please visit our website www.jewishberkshires.org. Sign up for our eblasts to receive a weekly listing of online opportunities.

Meals-on-Wheels & Meals to Go – Advance Reservation Required
Kosher lunch will be prepared on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Meals to go will be ready by noon for pickup at the Knesset Israel kitchen door, 16 Colt Road in Pittsfield. All meals-on-wheels will be delivered by Federation volunteers in the early afternoon.

Please call (413) 442-2300 no later than 9 a.m. to reserve your meal for pickup and to arrange delivery if standing instructions are not in place. All are welcome to reserve meals for pick-up, although delivery may be limited in certain circumstances.

The menus listed below are planned, but may be modified depending on availability of ingredients. When making a reservation, please inform us if a person in your party has a food allergy. Adults 60 and over: $2 suggested donation. Adults under 60: $7 per person.

Volunteers are Vital! Volunteer drivers who can deliver meals-on-wheels are always appreciated. Please call Susan Frisch Lehrer at (413) 442-4360, ext. 14. The Federation’s kosher hot lunch program is offered in collaboration with Elder Services of Berkshire County.

What’s for Lunch?

For more information on specific programs please see “Your Federation Presents” section of this paper.

AUGUST
Monday, 23 ...........Salisbury steak **#, salad, hash browns, mixed vegetables, pumpernickel bread, and peaches.
Tuesday, 24 ...........Pomegranate glazed chicken **#, tomato, cantaloupe, and red onion salad, mixed vegetable, brown rice, oat bread, and tropical fruit salad.
Thursday, 26 ...........Fresh fish **# borscht & potato, stewed tomatoes, broccoli, dinner rolls, and baklava.
Monday, 30 ............Chicken Marsala **#, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, salad, whole wheat bread, and Mandarin oranges.
Tuesday, 31 ...........Make your own ground turkey tacos **#, passion fruit juice, Mexican corn, yellow rice, taco shells, and tropical fruit salad.

SEPTEMBER
Thursday, 2 ..........Hot dogs and hamburgers **#, potato chips, sauerkraut, vegetarian beans, hot dog and hamburger rolls, and melon.
Monday, 6 ............Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday, 7 .............Closed for Rosh Hashanah
Thursday, 9 ..........Tuna salad platter **#, vegetable soup; green salad, Challah bun, and Ken’s choice of cookie.
Monday, 13 ..........Meat loaf **#, celery rice soup, salad, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, rye bread, and applesauce.

OCTOBER
Monday, 4 ..........Meat loaf **#, broccoli, mashed potatoes, salad, pumpernickel bread, and apricots.
Tuesday, 5 ..........Stir fried chicken **#, egg drop soup, white rice, Oriental blend vegetables, whole wheat bread, and pineapple.
Thursday, 7 ..........Chef’s pleasure of pizza, salad, green beans, and fruit cocktail.
Monday, 11 ..........Beef stew **#, noodles, salad, white bread, and applesauce.
Tuesday, 12 ..........Turkey piccata, zucchini rice soup, brown rice, roasted Brussels sprouts, salad, dinner roll, and pears.

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Mandatory volunteer drivers are needed to deliver meals-on-wheels and meals-to-go. Volunteers are Vital! Those who can deliver meals-on-wheels are always appreciated. Please call Susan Frisch Leehr at (413) 442-4360, ext. 14.

Meals to go will be ready by noon for pickup at the Knesset Israel kitchen door, 16 Colt Road in Pittsfield. Meals to go will be delivered by Federation volunteers in the early afternoon.

Please call (413) 442-2300 no later than 9 a.m. to reserve your meal for pickup and to arrange delivery if standing instructions are not in place. All are welcome to reserve meals for pick-up, although delivery may be limited in certain circumstances.

The menus listed below are planned, but may be modified depending on availability of ingredients. When making a reservation, please inform us if a person in your party has a food allergy. Adults 60 and over: $2 suggested donation. Adults under 60: $7 per person.

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What’s for Lunch?

For more information on specific programs please see “Your Federation Presents” section of this paper.

AUGUST
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Homebound or recovering from an illness or injury?
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July 10. With his family by his side, Howard Norman Kudler, 68, passed away peacefully on Sunday, evening. July 5. Born on March 13, 1953, in Brooklyn, Howard was the beloved son of Leo Kudler and Sondra (nee Schweitzer), beloved wife of Robert E. “Eric” Kudler. Married for over 61 years, Howard was called up to the Great Barrenton. Contributions may be made to The Guthrie Family Foundation (www.lifeline.org.il), an organization that provides work opportunities, community, and support services to needy individuals and families. Funeral services were held on Sunday, July 11 at Berkshire Performing Arts Center. A memorial service in the home of natural causes on Wednesday, July 7.

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The joys and accomplishments of her life and the grace by which she moved through the world are some of the lasting memories she has given us.

Lola and Ed were extremely active in social and political causes. Their family and friends have been deeply affected by this sudden and unexpected loss.

A cat may have nine lives, but Angela had more. She passed away peacefully at home in Lenox on Monday, June 21, 2021. She leaves behind her loving family.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at the Great Barrington. Contributions may be made to the Oshrat Foundation and received The King Solomon Award. On Monday, November 29, 2010, Angela received the 2007 Citizen of the Year Award. Angela was active for many years as a founder of Tanglewood, as music was her passion. In her waning days, as her body grew tired, she kept on dancing to the music. She was a true believer in the power of music. Angela's work had a permanent mark on their lives.

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Helen Fink, 95, lifelong learner, keen sense of fairness and justice
LENEX - Helen Fink, of Kimball Farms Life Care, died at Berkshire Medical Center on July 28 after a sudden illness. Helen's peaceful passing followed two significant events in her life – she lost Milt Fink, her husband of 72 years, on June 16 and she celebrated her 95th birthday on July 17. Her family was constantly by her side for her final week, and she was comforted by the compassionate and quiet care of the hospital staff, especially the physical therapy and hospice care teams.

Helen was a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1934 to Ben Klein and Sadie (Horowitz) Klein. Growing up in Far Rockaway, N.Y., he attended Far Rockaway High School. A methodical thinker with a keen zest for learning, Larry became an Eagle Scout. After graduating from high school, Larry enlisted in the US Navy and served during the Korean War, from 1953 until his honorable discharge in 1957. He then joined a Grumman S2F submarine tracker aboard the aircraft carrier USS Philippine Sea. Larry studied electrical engineering at the RCA Institute and New York Institute of Technology. He received a master's degree in finance from CW Post University. An avid pilot, Larry and a friend flew a private plane across the Atlantic: Ocean, following the northern “Blue Spruce Route” to Europe in 1964.

At the age of forty-eight, after working for Sperry Rand for twenty-two years, Larry, along with two partners, started Robocom Systems, a robotics engineering firm, which automated warehouses for clients such as AT&T, Boeing, and NASA. His business travels took him around the world. When he retired, he and Sondra moved full time to their beach home in Monterey, while also spending the winter month of February in Coronado, CA, where he loved to watch the Navy Seals train along the shore.

Larry did not slow down in retirement. He spent his time fostering his passions. He loved cooking, baking, reading, astronomy, and carpentry. He shared his vast knowledge while serving on the Planning Board of Monterey. Larry was also a member of the boards of Gould Farm and Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome. He enjoyed enriching his life by taking classes and lecturing as a member of OLLI, spending mornings with the Monterey Coffee Club, attending the opera, Tanglewood, and theatre with Sondra. His labor of love was building his RV-10 single-engine airplane. He is survived by his wife, his two children Nancy (husband Arthur) and Brad, two grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Dr. Lester H. Friedman, 89, husband, father, grandfather
GREAT BARRINGTON - Dr. Lester H. Friedman, 89, died Thursday, July 22 at Fairview Hospital.
Born March 22, 1932 in Morningside, son of Martin and Edith (Lazar) Friedman, he married his wife, Diana (Bortkowitz) Friedman on October 13, 1951 in New York, N.Y.
Dr. Friedman was a dedicated member of both the New York Psychoanalytic Institute and the Berkshire Psychoanalytic Institute. He was also a former member of the Throckmorton Golf Club.

Lester is survived by his wife Diana Gittelsohn-Friedman, daughter, Deborah Klein; three granddaughters, Sarah Klein, Pajita Klein, and Alexa Klein; two grandsons, Henry Perry Friedman and Joseph Perry Friedman; step-children, Lisa Gittelsohn-Udi and husband Amnon, Craig Gittelsohn and wife Susanne, and Kevin Gittelsohn; step-grandchildren, Adam Udi and wife Maya, Jordan Udi, Sarah Gittelsohn, and Zachary Ellis, sister-in-law, Shirley Friedman, and daughter-in-law Dianne Perry-Friedman.
Lester Friedman was preceded in death by his son, Michael Steven Friedman and his brother, David Friedman.

Services for Lester H. Friedman were private. Please consider donations to the American Cancer Society in care of the Fennig & Stevens Funeral Home, 426 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230.

Albert Abraham Rothman, 91, loved and cherished by many
AVENTURA, FL - Albert Abraham Rothman, 91, passed away Thursday, July 22. He was born February 17, 1930 in Brooklyn, N.Y.
He was loved and cherished by many members of his family, wife, Frances Arlene Rothman; son David Scott Rothman (Sherry); daughter Lori Susan Snyder; step-daughter Kimberly Nan Rosenberg (Ari); and step-son Landon Rosenfarb; brother Herbert Rothman, sisters Béatrice Fadaski and Rose Kruh; and 6 grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Friday, July 23 at Bailey Memorial, North Lauderdale, FL.

Nathan Milikovsky, kind heart, sharp mind, and fighting spirit
NEW YORK CITY - Nathan Milikovsky passed away after a long illness on July 27.
Born in Tel Aviv, Israel, Nathan graduated from Yale University, studied at NYU School of Law, and served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was in the steel business for more than 50 years, in partnership with his brother, and he built and nurtured many successful businesses.

The patriarch of his family, Nathan was widely loved, a surrogate father and brother to so many who knew him. His kind heart, sharp mind, and fighting spirit will be remembered by all.

He is survived by his loving wife, Rebecca Gold; his daughters Brina and Shira; his sister, Michelle Harman; and his brother Daniel Milikovsky.

A service was held Thursday, July 29 at Riverside Memorial Chapel, New York, N.Y. Donations in Nathan’s name can be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, the Prostate Cancer Foundation, and B’nai Jeshurun.

Janice Selkowitz, 96, knew almost everyone in Pittsfield
PITTSFIELD - Janice Selkowitz was born, raised, and lived in Pittsfield, the city she loved, her entire 96 years. She was a graduate of Pittsfield High class of 1944 and trained at the House of Mercy (later Pittsfield General Hospital) before becoming Berkshire Medical Center as a nurse’s aide and worked for local dentists and pediatricians. In the 1960s, Janice decided to change careers and began selling real estate, joining Inland Realty. Where she was among the most successful agents. That was no surprise since not only was her fighting spirit beyond repair, that even things that are badly damaged are worth fighting for. A passionate anti-war activist during the Vietnam era, she volunteered her skills to counsel young men to avoid the draft. On landing that idyllic post-war adventure together - they traveled the world, filled their homes with art, and volunteered in their communities. Together they ushered at B’nai Jeshurun, attended B’nai Jeshurun (Swords) Congregational broadcasts on the radio in the comfort of their home.

Above all of her interests and intellectual curiosity, Helen’s family was her biggest priority. She and Milt traveled the world together and found great pleasure in the strong bonds the children formed as adults. She respected and adored her grandchildren and the memories they shared with her sons David (Rann) and Jesse (Betsy), her daughter Judy (Rob), and her grandchildren Nathan, Drew (Dani), and Carly, who miss her dearly. The family will celebrate Helen’s life privately. Donations may be made to the Helen and Milton Fink Scholarship Fund at the Berkshire Music School, 30 Wendell Avenue, Pittsfield, MA 01201.
"Bound by Creativity: How Contemporary Art is Created and Judged"

Sociologist and Berkshire native Hannah Wohl dissects the New York art world and its creative process.

"The idea of creative visions is not only attached to the work that artists produce, but also to the people who create them, because people see creative visions as an authentic expression of artists' identities. One of the reasons that collectors want to get to know artists is because they will help them better understand artists' creative visions, and this is what they value when they purchase art. Artists often display eccentric and unruly behavior, such as dressing in unconventional ways or making inconvenient demands on their dealers. Dealers manage their behavior from going too far, but also cater to artists both because it appeals to collectors and because to be "good dealers," they need to create the kind of personal contact with their peers, dealers, curators, collectors, and others in the art market meant that they could not seal themselves off from boredom. They are the ones who tell the stories and craft the narratives about the creative visions in their own words and manner of inhabiting them."

The first is "post-modernist," which doesn't appear at all, even though the second word is "beauty," which appears just once in the text (although "beautiful" appears several times in varying contexts). The term you use that most closely matches your expectations is "creative vision," but this term is not commonly used in the context of the art world. Instead, the term "signature style" is often used to describe the unique characteristics of an artist's work. However, the concept of creative visions is also closely related to the idea of authenticity, which is a central concern in the art world. An artist's creative vision is not only a description of the current art marketplace and the people who inhabit it, but also to artists themselves, because they perceive continuities among the works that they select and believe that their paths do not cross. How did your immersion in these divergent worlds as a sociologist shape your narrative and your point of view about how contemporary art is created and judged?"
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approaches the concept of beauty as "aesthetic value," which you variously characterize as "not objective," "radically uncertain," a quality "anything can have." It's also a term that holds an intrinsic monetary contamination. My question – is the "beauty" of an art object something that is much considered in the contemporary art world? Each artist identifies formal and conceptual elements that are relevant to their creative visions, and others judge work based on what they think appears to be a distinctive creative vision and based on what is relevant to their own creative visions.

Life Can Present Challenges

Sometimes, a little help along the way can make things easier.

Our community social worker, Jill Goldstein, LICSW, offers case management, information/referral and consultation to help Jewish community members find support and access to services to help with such needs as:

- Coping with life's transitions
- Aging and caregiving issues
- Relationship difficulties
- Adjustment to new living situation
- Living with illness
- Grief and loss
- Depression or anxiety

If you are struggling with one of these or other issues, Jill can help you find community resources to assist you. Jill has a Master's degree in social work (MSW) and is licensed as an independent clinical social worker (LICSW).

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Yiddish for Onheybers and Mavens

An occasional feature about the Yiddish language for beginners and experts. Our word this time is:

tsereysn  verb
   fse·reyts'·n

Definition

1. tear up
2. exasperate

Infinitive: tsereysn (can be used as a noun)  Past participle: tsereyfs (can be used as an adjective)

Notes

Curiously, there seem to be few Yiddish words that directly denote “exasperation.” Instead, seemingly innumerable adages exist that convey the experience of strongly felt annoyance or irritation (e.g., Dos gantse yor iz zi leydik, gezesn un erev yom-kiper hot zi a zak ongehoybn – “She sits idle all year, and on the eve of Yom Kippur she starts to knit a sock”). As one word on its own holds less capacity for drama, nuance, and exaggeration than a saying, adages are the preferred means by which to express exasperation, an emotion so central to Yiddish thought.

Tsereysnheit has a moodier German equivalent – Zerrissenheit. [Note: ‘-heit’ in both German and Yiddish is a suffix that converts an adjective into a noun and usually denotes an abstract quality of the adjectival root, equivalent to the English suffixes -ness, -th, -ty, or -hood.] This malady afflicted American philosopher-psychologist William James, who wrote: “The constitutional disease from which I suffer is what the Germans call Zerrissenheit or ‘torn-to-pieces-ness’ ... The days are broken in pure zig-zag and interruption.”

A Yiddish speaker could conceivably use ‘tsereysnheit’ to convey the ‘torn-to-pieces-ness’ described by William James. In most cases, however, for the typical Yiddish speaker, tsereyhteit is more situational than existential, less an abstract manifestation of spiritual angst than a palpable reaction to the outrageous provocations of family members, friends, business associates, and total strangers. When tsereyst, it is altogether appropriate to address the source of one’s exasperation in Yiddish with either of the following entreaties (which presumably were not available to William James):

“Hock mir nisht keyn chaynik”
Lit.: “Don’t bang a tea kettle at me”
Fig.: “Don’t bust my chops.” “Leave me alone.” Per Michael Wex in Born to Kvetch: “You don’t have to shut up completely, but I’d really appreciate it if you’d stop rattling on about the same damned thing all the time.”

“Drey mir nisht keyn kopf”
Lit.: “Don’t screw with my head”
Fig.: “You’re twisting my melon, man.” “Quit making my teeth itch.”

CULTURE & ARTS

Catch The Hevreh Ensemble in Performance on August 28

WEST CORNWALL, CT –

The last issue of the Berkshire Jewish Voice we put together before the pandemic featured a cover story about a Knosh & Knowledge (remember those?) featuring two members of The Hevreh Ensemble, an innovative chamber music group based in New York City.

As we wrote at the time: “The Hevreh Ensembles orchestration is nothing if not eclectic – Cherokee flutes, oboe, English horn, clarinet, bass clarinet, percussion, keyboards, and shofar, augmented in the studio (on their latest recording, 2019’s A Path of Light) by a string quartet, tabla, double bass, and percussion instruments like the djembe, dundun, ocean drum, kalimba, rain stick, and log drum played by a Silk Road Ensemble member. The music is hard to categorize – the instrumentation suggests the ‘World Music’ genre, but the melodies are inflected with jazz and contemporary classical ideas...and also with Jewish musical themes.”

In addition to Dansker and Friedman, The Hevreh Ensemble includes composer and bass clarinetist Jeff Adler and keyboardist Adam Morrisson. It’s not a Federation event, but it will be nice to have a chance to hear them play – what’s more, the group announced in July that it has a new album in the works.

The Prentice Barn is at 129 Lake Road, West Cornwall, CT. For more information, reservations, and ticketing, visit hevrehensemble.com.

Exploring Senior Housing Options?

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Hazon and Pearlstone Center’s Merger Will Raise the Profile of Jewish Environmentalism in Our Area

Hazon’s outgoing chair on new synergies affecting the Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center

By Richard Slutzky / Special to the BJV

Hazon, the largest faith-based environ-
mental organization in the United
States, just announced its intention to
merge with another strong Jewish
environmental organization, Pearlstone
Center, headquartered outside
Baltimore. Until June 30, I had the
privilege of being chair of Hazon for the
last two years.

Well known for its annual bike rides
in Israel (that’s how I got involved),
Hazon promotes a diner menu of
environmentally sustainable food.
It’s sort of an environmental Good
Housekeeping Seal to encourage Jewish
institutions to initiate steps to become
more sustainable, like using solar panels,
building efficient structures and
windmills, and making sure that served
food is not wasted or over-purchased. We
were building upon our active presence
in Detroit, where Hazon sponsored a
major Jewish food conference and built
its Seal of Sustainability program.

Hazon’s CEO (as well as Pearlstone’s
CEO) while both organizations
were well-positioned to accomplish
our Seal of Sustainability program in
local synagogues. We also began
adding new board members from across
the country to reflect our national
ambitions and commitment.

The Isabella Freedman Jewish
Retreat Center in Falls Village, CT
is not wasted or over-purchased. We
were building upon our active presence
in Detroit, where Hazon sponsored a
major Jewish food conference and built
its Seal of Sustainability program.

Before finalizing with our boards,
we quietly talked to our major donors
and foundations about this possibility.
What appeared to us as a great way
to hire a new charismatic CEO while
combining two strong, like-minded
organizations into one definitely reso-
nated with our funders.

As of August 1, Jakir will be
Hazon’s CEO (as well as Pearlstone’s
CEO) while both organizations
work on legally merging, combining
finances and databases, organizing
staff, building up staff core teams,
and the merged entity will be
known nationally as Hazon and in the
Baltimore area, the Pearlstone name
will remain prominent.

The new Hazon will have a
$12 million budget and will employ over
100 employees. Our new home office
will be at Pearlstone, but we will
continue to operate Isabella Freedman
and our Detroit offices.

As we witness the horrific drought
conditions in the West and the
immense impact of catastrophic
flooding in Europe, plus other climate
aberrations on a more frequent
basis due to climate change, we are
reminded of the fragility of our small
planet and our responsibility as Jews
to participate in tikkun olam – to
literally heal the world. Even though
the American Jewish community is
proportionately small, we CAN make
a difference, and we are compelled by
our faith to make every effort to do so.
And if not now, when?

Richard Slutzky, an Egremont resident,
is a member of the board of Hazon,
Construct Inc. of Great Barrington, and
the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires.
Traveling With Jewish Taste: Italy: Pasta and Future
By Carol Goodman Kaufman / Special to the BJV

Silvery green olive trees shimmer under a blazing Tuscan sun. Vines laden with pendulous bunches of grapes climb rocky terraces. Flocks of sandhill cranes, paintings, sculpture, and sumptuous hill churches and museums to the brim. Trattorias, osterias, ristorantes, and gelaterias line the streets of every city. And the wine? Italy is the only place on earth where I can drink the wine without fear of a migraine to follow.

Despite Italy’s fine reputation for art, food, and wine, the country has had a mixed relationship with its Jews. Tribespeople have risen to high levels of business, the arts, government, and the military in one era but confined to ghettos in another. They’re mixed at the highest levels of society but persisted in concentration camps in the next.

Although Italy has never home to a large Jewish population, our folks from both Spain and Portugal into Rome, stating publicly that they were in Naples, while others found safety in Tuscany. Pope Alexander VI welcomed of the various popes nor the leaders of the various city-states in Italy bothered the Jews.

Interesting factoid: Rome claims to be the site of the longest continuous Jewish presence in the world after Jerusalem.

By the turn of the 6th century, however, Jewish life flourished in cities from Milan in the north to Naples in the south, and Rome in between. Notice the various popes nor the leaders of the various city-states in Italy bothered the Jews. In fact, they chose to take advantage of their business acumen and even provided a bit of protection to the community. But, as the roller coaster that is our collective story goes, the Jews suffered sanctions ranging from special taxes to expulsion, and the situation changed depending on which pope sat in power. For example, Pope Alexander III in the 11th century vetoed anti-Jewish laws proposed by anti-Semitic cardinals. But Pope Innocent III in the 12th wasn’t so innocent. He not only threatened to excommunicate anyone who helped Jews in the empire. This was a particularly bone-chilling act for devout Jews as it took the money meant for the maintenance of the Temple in Jerusalem to support the idolatrous Temple of Jupiter in Rome.

A couple of centuries later, while Christianity grew as the official religion of the Roman Empire, our status in Italy declined even further. The Emperor Constantine established onerous restrictions on the Jews. We did enjoy a brief reprieve under his successor, Julian the Apostate, who even encouraged the Jews to build a new Temple in Jerusalem. Unfortunately, his death cut the interlude short and just two years after his ascent, his successor, Jovian, rescinded Julian’s liberal policies toward the Jews. Oppression began again.

As if slavery wasn’t bad enough, the Romans then forced a tax upon every Jew in the empire. This was a particularly bone-chilling act for devout Jews as it took the money meant for the maintenance of the Temple in Jerusalem to support the idolatrous Temple of Jupiter in Rome.

One of the families that stopped in Italy on its way from the Iberian Peninsula to ultimate freedom in the Ottoman Empire was that of conversa Beatrice Mendes. Famous for helping fellow conversos escape the clutches of the Inquisition, she stayed for a while in Venice before fleeing to Ferrara, where Duke Ercole II welcomed her to the city and promised freedom to practice her religion. It was in Ferrara that Beatrice openly declared her Judaism and reclaimed the Jewish name by which she is known even today: Doña Gracia Nasi.

Unfortunately, other areas of Italy were not so welcoming. Throughout the 16th century, conditions deteriorated. Venice established the world’s first ghetto in 1516, building walls to contain the Jews in the neighborhood in the shadow of the foundry to contain the Jews. And in Rome, conditions of poverty and hunger worsened so that the Jews were forced to accept baptism simply to survive. In response to increasingly worse circumstances, the community gradually moved northward, ultimately migrating to Poland and Lithuania.

By the 20th century, things went from amazing heights to calamity. Rome had a Jewish mayor, the country elected a Jewish prime minister, and over a dozen Jews served in the Senate. During World War II, Jews were sent in the military as officers and many hundreds of them were decorated for valor.

Then fascism arose in the 1930s and, despite the movement’s blatant anti-Semitism, many Jews stayed. Pope Pius XI even openly declared his anti-Semitic views.

Interestingly, Italy took in many Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany, but despite the Fascist government’s original refusal to deport Jews to the death camps, about 15% of Italy’s Jews perished in concentration camps.

Permits in alienation for its behavior toward its Jews, Italy has erected monuments to commemorate the Holocaust. And in Rome and Genoa, communal synagogues honor those thousands of Italian Jews who perished. But unlike most countries, Italy has included Jewish history in its public school curriculum.

Italy’s Jewish population has gradually declined since the end of the war, and now makes up less than one half of one percent of the nation’s 61 million people. But most Jews in Italy today are native, but immigrants and children of immigrants, and they congregate mainly in Rome and Milan.

Spinaci con Pinoli e Passerine: Spinach with Pine Nuts and Raisins

Serves 6
Recipe adapted from Joyce Goldstein’s Cucina Ebraica: Flavors of the Italian Jewish Kitchen. This recipe, a combination of sweet and savory flavors, can be used by itself as a side dish, or encased in a phyllo dough pocket or pie.

Ingredients:
2 poblous spinach, stems removed and leaves rinsed well
2 to 3 tablespoons olive oil
2 small yellow onions or
6 green onions, minced
4 tablespoons raisins, soaked in hot water 15 minutes, then drained
4 tablespoons pine nuts, toasted
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Grated zest of 1 lemon

Directions:
Heat a teaspoon of olive oil in a large skillet. Add rinsed spinach and sauté quickly, turning spinach frequently, just until wilted. Transfer spinach to a colander to drain. Meanwhile, heat 1½ tablespoons olive oil in the pan. Add onions and cook over medium heat until they are translucent, but not browned, 5-8 minutes. Add drained spinach, raisins, and pine nuts and toss lightly to combine. Add salt and pepper to taste. Just before serving, sprinkle with lemon zest. Serve warm or at room temperature.
Booze and Jews: A History (Presented in Moderation)
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Outside on a beautiful late spring Shabbat (Shelosh Lekha) in the Berkshires, we slowly walked through the deck and were greeted taking small steps towards normalcy. Wine and packaged snacks were carefully passed around. Unfortunately, a bottle of Milk & Honey Israeli whisky appeared and shots were (a bit reluctantly) consumed. Some of the kvevros, passing a flippant remark about how alcohol was becoming a staple of Jewish life. Another quickly chimed in that alcohol has long been such a staple, citing a passage from the Talmud as a reason not to be so quick to comment on function of prayer.

Pausing to finish my drink, I then pointed out that alcohol has indeed been an integral part of our Jewish history from biblical times up to the present. At various whisky tastings in New York and here in Berkshires, my statement is usually challenged by the members of the audience. After all, Jews as alcoholics — shukrs? Can’t be! Not us,

But proper use as prescribed by our Torah, prophets, rabbis, and our tradition of temperance has made alcohol an important religious, social, and economic part of Jewish life through five millennia. Making kiddush every Friday evening and on certainHoly days has made it a part of our people into drunkards. The joy and importance of making a special toast — a l'chaim — is a significant tradition to happily acknowledge special events and occasions and has not made us into drunks. And for those of whose last name incorporates “shevle” (tavern), “kitchener” (runkeeper) or the more common “uevin” (wine), be assured that at some time in the last few hundred years, somewhere in Eastern Europe, we had a family member involved in a business in which involved making, supplying, or making in a tavern, or inn, and/or engaging in bookkeeping, or money-lending services that were usually based at a tavern or inn when provided by Jews.

When I explain those connections to descendents of Eastern European Jews, inevitably someone from the crowd other than a self-critical Jew) will claim that he or she remembers stories from parents and grandparents about a family association to some form of the liquor industry. (For example, as I prepared this story, the person asked me if my great-grandfather was a distiller; I bought a book of folklore concerning the father of my family opened a distillery and tavern in the town of Kozhanhorodok, then in Poland, now in Belarus.)

The guidelines, uses, and abuses of wine and strong wine (shoket) is found in over 50 passages of our Torah. Wine is a gift from God to be used joyously, guiltless enjoyment of which was praised by prophets, rabbis, and among our two older sons. What's more, the modern wine industry in the United States is in the hands of Jews.

During the Crusades period until the end of enlightenment period, Jews had moved and/or been forced out of Western Europe — England, Germanic kingdoms, and the Iberian Peninsula. Many settled in central and eastern Europe, which was ruled by the Ottoman Empire. By the 18th century, most of the world Jewry lived in the lands that would become the Austria-Hungarian Empire, the Polish Empire, Ukraine, and the lands between Ukraine and Russia that would become the “Pale” of Russia. As the aristocracy became more powerful and richer in these kingdoms, they realized that the grain grown in their vast estates could produce twice the profits if, instead of it being used to make bread and animal feed, it was distilled into alcohol for consumption by the masses. A conspicuous involvement in the liquor trade was not something with which these aristocrats wished to sully their hands, however, and they devised ways to operate taverns and inns as absentee landlords. To help them preserve their reputations, the aristocracy turned to the Jews.

Jews in Eastern Europe were not allowed to own land. Many had turned to trading and peddling, so they often had networks of connections in other towns and cities. The aristocrats tended to view the Jews in their towns and cities as well-educated, reliable, and good businessmen. Not only that, Jews had the reputation of being temperate in their alcohol usage — Jews were not going to drink up the merchant's! The 18th century, incidentally, also saw the birth of Hasidism, with its goal of achieving ecstasy by approaching God more closely. Hasidim soon gained a reputation for being “robust” drinkers — but the personal self-restraint with alcohol of achieving ecstasy by approaching God more closely. Hasidim soon gained a reputation for being “robust” drinkers — but the personal self-restraint with alcohol of achieving ecstasy by approaching God more closely. Hasidim soon gained a reputation for being “robust” drinkers — but the personal self-restraint with alcohol of achieving ecstasy by approaching God more closely. Hasidim soon gained a reputation for being “robust” drinkers — but the personal self-restraint of Jewish immigrants were too busy just trying to survive. As pointed out by one historian and independently verified at our occasional gatherings and gatherings, many people remember a zehut making wine from grapes or plums in the base- ment or in the closet. Alcohol prohibition or not, almost every Jew had access to wine for Kiddush.

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This American preoccupation with temperance was not of particular Jewish concern. Simply put, Jews were not prone to join a “Christian organization,” alcoholism was not a Jewish problem, and the newly arriving hundreds of thousands of Jewish immigrants were too busy just trying to survive. As pointed out by one historian and independently verified at our occasional gatherings and gatherings, many people remember a zehut making wine from grapes or plums in the basement or in the closet. Alcohol prohibition or not, almost every Jew had access to wine for Kiddush.

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