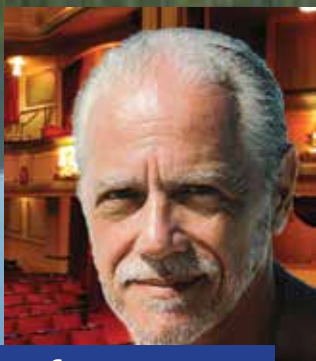


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*2014 Guide to Cultural and Educational Programming*



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Dr. Amy Kalmanofsky, Assistant Professor of Bible

**“Speaking Truth to Power: Jeremiah and God”**



**JULY 25**

Rabbi David Hoffman, Assistant Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics

**“The War Over Spirituality: The Ba’al Shem Tov and the Vilna Gaon”**



**AUGUST 8**

Dr. Marjorie Lehman, Associate Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics

**“Who Speaks for Judaism?: The Rabbis and the Priests”**



**AUGUST 22**

Rabbi Eliezer Diamond, Rabbi Judah A. Nadich Associate Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics

**“Assimilation or Independence?: Hellenizers and Hasmoneans”**

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# BERKSHIRE JEWISH SUMMER 2014

## Welcome & Shalom

The Jewish Federation of the Berkshires is pleased to present the 2014 Berkshire Jewish Summer. Whether you are a full time resident or just joining our community for the summer, we hope you will take some time to explore our Jewish communities and engage in many of the wonderful Jewish programs and events happening throughout the season.



## Programming & Events

The programs in this publication are presented by the **Jewish Federation of the Berkshires** and our network of community partners:

### Chabad of the Berkshires

*jewishberkshires.com*

### Congregation Ahavath Sholom

*Reconstructionist – ahavathsholom.com*

### Congregation Beth Israel

*Reform – cbiweb.org*

### Congregation Knesset Israel

*Conservative – knesetisrael.org*

### Hevreh of Southern Berkshire

*Reform – hevreh.org*

### Rimon: Resource Center for Jewish Spirituality

*rimonberkshires.org*

### Temple Anshe Amunim

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Please call ahead to confirm dates, times and program details. For more events and a full list of partner organizations, please visit:

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Shabbat Services are available at all Berkshire County Congregations. Please check with the congregations directly regarding times. For daily minyan information please visit [jewishberkshires.com](http://jewishberkshires.com) and [knessetIsrael.org](http://knessetIsrael.org).

### **Mondays, May 26 to August 25 — 6:45 p.m.**

*Temple Anshe Amunim, 26 Broad St., Pittsfield, MA*

### **Reading Hebrew from the Siddur**

This course will improve your fluency in reading Hebrew. Special emphasis will be given to words and prayers from the Siddur. Knowledge of and comfort with Hebrew letters (and vowels) is required. Open to all members of the community. Instructor: Esther Benari-Altmann, Director of Education. Free for TAA members, \$50 fee for non-members. Sponsored by Temple Anshe Amunim. More info at: [ansheamunim.org](http://ansheamunim.org) or (413) 442-5910.

### **Tuesdays, May 27 to August 26 — 5 p.m.**

*Temple Anshe Amunim, 26 Broad St., Pittsfield, MA*

### **Conversational Hebrew**

Learn to speak Hebrew from a native Israeli, expand your vocabulary and improve your conversational skills. Topics will include: weather, food, directions, shopping, restaurants, recipes and much more. The ability to read Hebrew is required. Free for TAA members, \$50 fee for non-members. Sponsored by Temple Anshe Amunim. More info at: [ansheamunim.org](http://ansheamunim.org) or (413) 442-5910.

### **Wednesdays throughout the summer —**

*12 p.m.*

*Congregation Ahavath Sholom, 7 North St., Great Barrington*



### **Nosh and Drosh with Spiritual Leader Barbara Cohen**

Each of us is entitled to access our sacred literary tradition and to offer our insights in an open, respectful and non-hierarchical forum. Ahavath Sholom encourages personal and communal learning and

growth by providing opportunities for all people, at any point on their life path, to partake of the myriad riches of the Jewish civilization. Bring a vegetarian lunch and a willingness to listen and to share in the age-old act

of interpreting our ancient texts. Free. Sponsored by Congregation Ahavath Sholom. More info at: [ahavathsholom.com](http://ahavathsholom.com) or (413) 528-4197.

### **Fridays, May 30 to August 29 — 3:45 p.m.**

*Temple Anshe Amunim, 26 Broad St., Pittsfield, MA*

### **Kids Kabbalat Shabbat**

Let us welcome Shabbat with delight! Join Esther Benari-Altmann and members of the Temple Anshe Amunim community for a joyous celebration of Shabbat, geared for children aged 2 to 7 and their caregivers. Together, we'll read stories, sing and dance, light candles, share kiddush and ha-motzei. All sessions close with time for free play to allow kids and adults a space to socialize. Free. Sponsored by Temple Anshe Amunim. More info at: [ansheamunim.org](http://ansheamunim.org) or (413) 442-5910.

### **Saturdays, May 31 to August 30 — 9:30 a.m.**

*Temple Anshe Amunim, 26 Broad St., Pittsfield, MA*

### **Torah Plus: Texts and Tales of Judaism**

You are warmly invited to join Rabbi Josh and the TAA community for an informative and enriching exploration of Torah, spirituality and Jewish philosophy. Together, we'll discuss stories from Judaism's holy texts and discover their timeless beauty and ongoing relevance. All materials will be provided in English. People from all backgrounds and levels of knowledge are most welcome not only for this experience but also for Shabbat morning services (beginning at 10:45 AM). Free. Sponsored by Temple Anshe Amunim. More info at: [ansheamunim.org](http://ansheamunim.org) or (413) 442-5910.



*Rabbi Josh Breindel*

### **Saturdays, May 31 through August 30 — 10 a.m.**

*Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Rd., Great Barrington, MA*

### **Weekly Shabbat Torah Study**

Hevreh's Shabbat morning service includes a lively and interactive discussion of the week's parasha (weekly Torah portion). Come be part of a centuries-old conversation. Free. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: [hevreh.org](http://hevreh.org) or (413) 528-6378.

**Mondays, June 2 and 9 — 7 p.m.**

*Congregation Ahavath Sholom, 15 North St., Great Barrington*

**M4M : A Glimpse Behind the Veil with Spiritual Leader Barbara Cohen**

Not a gathering to learn “about” mysticism, these sessions will be an opportunity to begin to develop the perceptions that deepen and enrich our connection to our world. Through the exploration of Nature and her inhabitants, Hebrew letters and their form and sounds and engagement with our daily realities, an expanding field of awareness might begin to present itself. Participants only need good will and a willingness to rediscover skills of intuition and imagination. Attend one or both sessions. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Congregation Ahavath Sholom. More info at: ahavathsholom.com or (413) 528-4197.

**Fridays, June 6 to August 29 — 12 p.m.**

*Temple Anshe Amunim, 26 Broad St., Pittsfield, MA*

**Living Our Heritage: An Exploration of Jewish Belief and Practice**

Join Rabbi Josh and Esther Benari-Altmann in an ongoing conversation about the mysteries and joys of Jewish life and culture. Participants from all backgrounds and of all levels of knowledge are welcome! Together, we will discuss topics including: Shabbat and Jewish holidays, Jewish history and spirituality, lifecycle events and maintaining interfaith relationships. Please feel free to bring a lunch. Free for TAA members, \$30 for non-members. Sponsored by Temple Anshe Amunim. More info at: ansheamunim.org or (413) 442-5910.



*Billy Crystal*

*Mel Brooks*

*Jerry Seinfeld*

**Mondays, June 16, 23, 30 — 7 p.m.**

*Congregation Knesset Israel, 16 Colt Rd, Pittsfield, MA*

**The Kings of Comedy**

Film Historian Phillip Harwood will entertain us with film clips and vignettes of 3 of our favorite comedians; June 16; The Wit of Mel Brooks. June 23; The Wit of Billy Crystal. June 30; The Wit of Jerry Seinfeld. \$12 each or

\$30 series. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: knessetisrael.org or (413)445-4872, ext. 10.

**Fridays, June 20, July 18, August 22 —**

*5:30 p.m. Service, 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Dinner*

*Congregation Knesset Israel, 16 Colt Rd., Pittsfield, MA*

**Shirei Shabbat**

Monthly family Shabbat service is followed by dinner prepared by synagogue volunteers on-site. The service is family-friendly with rhythm instruments for children. Prayers are accompanied by talented musicians and lovely singing voices in an abbreviated version of the traditional Friday night service. Warmth, ruach and babysitting are provided. Visitors are welcome. Pre-register, please. \$18 per adult, \$15 for ages 13-21 and free for children under 13. Family maximum of \$54. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: knessetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872.



*Rabbi Pamela Wax*

**Fridays, June 27, July 11, 25, Aug 1 —**

*10:30 a.m.*

*Congregation Beth Israel, 53 Lois St., North Adams, MA*

**Rabbi Pamela Wax presents: Jewish Themes, Jewish Stories**

Much of contemporary American Jewish fiction seeks to address Jewish themes such as spirituality, family, repentance, bereavement and death, and the legacy of the Holocaust. We'll read a number of contemporary Jewish authors to eke out these themes and find out

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what, if anything, is “new” in their understandings of contemporary Judaism. The authors will include Joanne Greenberg, Aimee Bender, John Clayton, Nathan Englander, and Thane Rosenbaum, among others. Expect 20-40 pages of reading per session. Registration by June 18. Full series: \$18 for members; \$36 for non-members. Sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel. More info at: [cbiweb.org](http://cbiweb.org) or (413) 663-5830.

**June 29, July 6, July 28, Aug. 24 — 9:30 a.m.**

*Diane's Trail, Gould Farm Rd., Monterey, MA 01245*



*Rabbi Kaya Stern-Kaufman*

### **Eco-Tefilah: Morning Prayer Hike**

Welcome the day through this alternative morning-prayer experience that will include chanting, walking meditation, davening and a gentle hike. All Eco-Tefila prayer hikes are led by Rabbi Kaya Stern-Kaufman. An alternative siddur designed for this hike is provided. Please bring bug

spray, water and if you like — a tallit. Location for June 29 and July 6 hikes is Diane's Trail — Gould Farm, Monterey. July 28 and Aug 24 locations will be announced on the Rimon website. Free. Sponsored by Rimon Resource Center for Jewish Spirituality. More info at: [rimonberkshires.org](http://rimonberkshires.org) or (413) 274-1034.

**Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 — 10:30 a.m.**

*Temple Anshe Amunim, 26 Broad St., Pittsfield, MA*

### **When a Jew Plays the Villain**

An exploration of the Jew in Marlowe's *The Jew of Malta*, Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice* and in a recent portrait of Bernard Madoff, Deb Margolin's *Imagining Madoff* (2010). Led by Dr. Barbara Waldinger, Professor of Theatre and Artistic Director of the HRC Showcase Theatre in Hudson, NY. \$40.00 for 4 sessions for TAA members, \$45 for non-members; \$13 for any individual session. Sponsored by Temple Anshe Amunim. More info at: [ansheamunim.org](http://ansheamunim.org) or (413) 442-5910.



*Dr. Barbara Waldinger*

**Wednesdays, July 9, 16, 23, 30 — 11:45 a.m.**

*Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Rd., Great Barrington, MA*

### **The Genesis Project: Taking a Look At Some of The Bible's Most Compelling Characters**

Referencing Self, Struggle and Change: Family Conflict Stories in Genesis and Their Healing Insights for our Lives by Norman J. Cohen, Rabbi Ourach will invite participants to consider the leading characters in the Book of Genesis as archetypes for all people. Our Biblical “heroes” were people, people who made choices and people who made and lived with their mistakes. We can learn a great deal about our own lives from an examination of the lives of our patriarchs and matriarchs. Free. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: [hevreh.org](http://hevreh.org) or (413) 528-6378.

**Saturdays, July and August — 9:30 a.m.**

*Lenox Community Center, 65 Walker St., Lenox, MA*

### **Home Away from Home Minyan: Kabbala, Chassidut and Services**

Begin Shabbat morning by exploring the mystical teachings of kabbala and Chassidut at 9 a.m. with Rabbi Levi Volovik, followed by Shabbat morning services at 9:30 a.m. Join us after services for a delicious Shabbat Kiddush and delightful conversations. Free. Please RSVP for class. Sponsored by Chabad of the Berkshires. More info at: [jewishberkshires.com](http://jewishberkshires.com) or (413) 499-9899.

**Mondays, July 7, 14, 21, 28 — 1:30 p.m.**

*Chabad of the Berkshires, 450 South St. Pittsfield, MA*

### **Health and Wellness**

Are you ready to take action and live a vibrant life? There are thousands of resources that provide information on nutrition, self-care and stress management. How

do you know what is right for you? Join Holistic Health Coach Jodi Krizer Graber at Chabad Mondays in July to get inspired, educated and empowered to live your best life. Jodi, founder of Bravo! Wellness, specializes in stress management examined through the food-mood connection. \$30 single workshop. \$99 for the series; \$150/couple. Sponsored by Chabad of the Berkshires. More info at: [jewishberkshires.com](http://jewishberkshires.com) or (413) 499-9899.

**Thursdays, July 10, 17, 24, 31 — 5 p.m.**  
Chabad of the Berkshires, 450 South St., Pittsfield, MA

**Exploring the Yiddish World with Alex Rosenblum**

The son of Holocaust survivors from Poland, Alex's first language was Yiddish. Alex's love for Yiddish and efforts to keep the language relevant include lectures at various Jewish organizations and Yiddish Vinkls. Alex will touch upon diverse topics from Yiddish films (English subtitles), Yiddish songs, stories and poetry of Yiddish writers (English and Yiddish) — transliterated and translated for the Yiddish-challenged. The discussions and materials will be in English. Yiddish is not a necessity, "ober ess ken takeh nit shatn". \$59 per person, \$49 a couple. Sponsored by Chabad of the Berkshires. More info at: [jewishberkshires.com](http://jewishberkshires.com) or (413) 499-9899.

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**Tuesdays, August 5, 12, 19 and 26 —**  
10:30 a.m.

*Temple Anshe Amunim, 26 Broad St., Pittsfield, MA*

## **Scene Study with Dr. Barbara Waldinger**

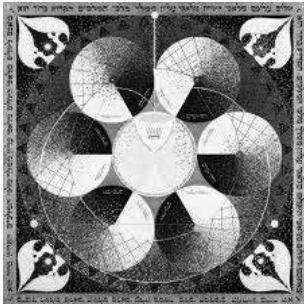
Join us for another great session of TAA's summer Scene Study class. Dr. Barbara Waldinger, Professor of Theatre and Artistic Director of HRC Showcase Theatre will be teaching. Students will have the opportunity to prepare and perform scenes from both well-known and new plays in a supportive atmosphere that encourages creativity and individual interpretation. Both new and experienced actors are welcome. \$40.00 for 4 sessions for TAA members, \$45 for non-members; \$15 for any individual session. Sponsored by Temple Anshe Amunim. More info at: [ansheamunim.org](http://ansheamunim.org) or (413) 442-5910.

## **MAY 2014**

**May 27, 2014 — 7 p.m.**

*Chapel of the Church on the Hill, 55 Main St., Lenox, MA*

### **A Sanctuary in Time**



This is the third class of a three part mini-series on Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m. exploring the foundational concepts that underlie the practice of Shabbat. Class will draw on Biblical, Rabbinic, Hasidic and Mystical texts to deepen an awareness of the beauty

and sanctity of Shabbat practice. Classes taught by Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman. This class can be attended as an individual class. \$25. Sponsored by Rimon Resource Center for Jewish Spirituality. More info at: [rimonberkshires.org](http://rimonberkshires.org) or (413) 274-1034.

**May 30, 2014 — 7:30 p.m.**

*Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Rd., Great Barrington, MA*

### **Shabbat across the Berkshires**

Join us for our latest opportunity to gather all the Berkshire congregations and communities together for a music-filled celebration of Shabbat. The service will include members of all our congregations, and together we will welcome Shabbat and make a joyful noise to



*Misfit Farm – June 1*

the Eternal! Free. Sponsored by Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: [jewishberkshires.org](http://jewishberkshires.org) or (413) 528-6378.

**May 31, 2014 — 2 p.m.**

*Congregation Ahavath Sholom, 7 North St., Great Barrington*

### **Musical Concert "Music for Winds"**

"Exodus", an original musical composition by Joy Robin Dronge tells the story of Passover. The program also includes a piece entitled "Wild Nights" which will be performed by a trio with flutist Norman Thibodeau, clarinetist David Ciucevich and bassoonist Gerald Lanoue. Ms. Dronge is a composer and flutist, trained at Juilliard and founder of the Stockbridge Sinfonia Orchestra. Her musical composition "Yom Kippur," a Shofar and Brass Quintet, was performed at Tanglewood, the Peabody conservatory and Boston University. Free. Sponsored by Congregation Ahavath Sholom. Funded in part by the Great Barrington Cultural Council. More info at: [joydronge@yahoo.com](mailto:joydronge@yahoo.com) or (413) 298-3124.

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## JUNE 2014

**June 1, 2014** — 10 a.m.

*Misfit Farm, 93 Hillsdale Rd., South Egremont, MA*

### **PJ Library at Misfit Farm — Federation Family Funday!**

Come explore a working family farm, pet the goats, rabbits, pigs, bunnies, chicks and more. Join us as we learn about the mitzvah of tzar bale chayim — taking care of the animals — with veterinarian Dr. Hanan Caine. Free! All ages welcome. Free. Sponsored by The Jewish Federation of the Berkshires and PJ Library. More info at: [jewishberkshires.org](http://jewishberkshires.org) or (413) 442-4360, ext. 14.

**June 1, 2014** — 11 a.m.

*Congregation Beth Israel, 53 Lois St., North Adams, MA*

### **Jewish-French Film Series — Mr. Klein**

Join us on Sunday, June 1st for a nosh and the first of four films in our Jewish-French Film Series. Our first film, Mr. Klein, is a film noir on identity in Vichy France. Refreshments and a chance to schmooze will precede the start of the film. Free. Sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel. More info at: [cbiweb.org](http://cbiweb.org) or (413) 663-5830.



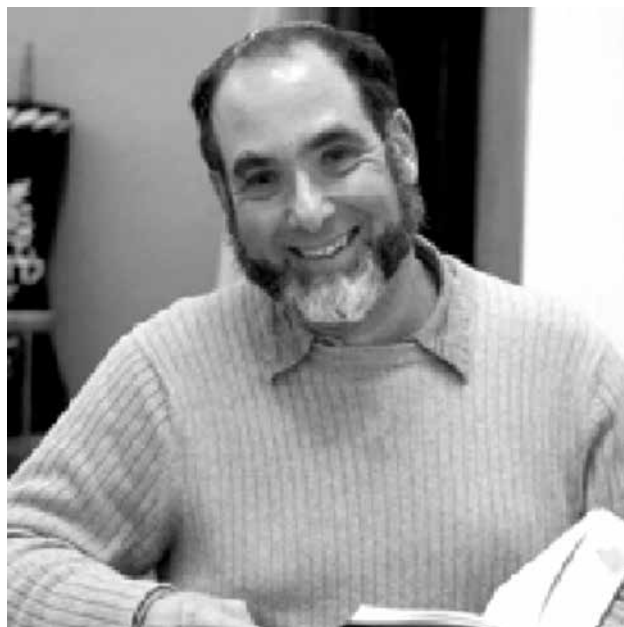
**June 1, 2014** — 3 p.m.

*Camp Eisner, 53 Brookside Rd., Great Barrington, MA*

### **Kickoff to Summer Camp Blast! — Federation Family Funday**

Summer camp is almost here and all campers (at day,

overnight, Jewish and non Jewish camps) are invited to CELEBRATE! We'll gather 'round a bonfire with a professional song leader and enjoy some camp games and fun including a baked potato bar and s'mores! All ages welcome. Free. Sponsored by Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: [jewishberkshires.org](http://jewishberkshires.org) or (413) 442-4360, ext. 10.



*Cantor Robert Scherr*

**June 1, 2014** — 3 p.m.

*Berkshire Music School, Taft Recital Hall, 30 Wendell Ave., Pittsfield, MA.*

### **The Summer Celebration of Jewish Music presents: Jewish Romanticism: A Queen, Korngold, Copland and Klezmer**

The Celebration's opening concert offers Jewish songs of love by Oscar-winning film and classical music composer Erich Korngold, delightful songs in Hebrew and Yiddish sung by Cantor Bob Scherr, a brilliant Clarinet Sonata by the Dean of American Music, Aaron Copland, and a delightful klezmer/chamber depiction of the Esther story in "Vashti, or the Whole Megillah". Featuring Grammy nominated mezzo-soprano D'Anna Fortunato; clarinetist Paul Green, Cantor Robert Scherr, pianist Doris Stevenson. \$18 at the door. Co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: [jewishberkshires.org](http://jewishberkshires.org) or (561) 302-5816.

**June 1, 2014** — 4 p.m.

*Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Rd., Great Barrington, MA*

### **Berkshira Concert – Give My Regards To Broadway**

Hevreh's very own community music makers, Berkshira presents "Give My Regards To Broadway". A joyful and music-filled salute to Broadway led by Berkshira founder and music director Arlene Symons. Songs from Fiddler On The Roof, West Side Story, Damn Yankees, Music Man, Hello Dolly and many more – what more could you possibly want?!! Dessert reception follows the show. \$15, \$5 for children. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: [hevreh.org](http://hevreh.org) or (413) 528-6378.

**June 2, 2014** — 1 p.m.

*Congregation Knesset Israel, 16 Colt Rd., Pittsfield, MA*

### **Jerusalem: Songs and Stories of Love and Joy**

For 3,000 years, Jewish hearts have beaten to the rhythm of Jerusalem. This center of Jewish consciousness is where Abraham brought Isaac, King David built his capitol, the site of our Holy Temple, and the re-establishment of the modern State of Israel. Jerusalem is also a central city in Christian and Muslim tradition. With songs, stories, and poetry, Cantor Scherr will transport us to Jerusalem and to the modern meaning as the capitol city of a 21st Century nation. \$3. Sponsored by Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: [jewishberkshires.org](http://jewishberkshires.org) or (413) 442-4360.

**June 4, 2014** — 10:30 a.m.

*Chabad of the Berkshires, 450 South St., Pittsfield MA*

### **Shavuot Luncheon and ice cream party for Adults and Children**

Adults and children alike are invited to celebrate Shavuot by hearing the Ten Commandments read from the Torah followed by a delicious luncheon with delectable desserts and an ice cream party. FREE but reservations are required. Sponsored by Chabad of the Berkshires. More info at: [jewishberkshires.com](http://jewishberkshires.com) or (413) 499-9899.

**June 5, 2014** — 11 a.m.

*Chabad of the Berkshires, 450 South St., Pittsfield, MA*

### **Yizkor Memorial Service Shavuot Morning**

Please join us during this auspicious time to recite the yizkor in memory of your loved ones. All are welcome, regardless of background or affiliation. Free. Sponsored by Chabad of the Berkshires. More info at: [jewishberkshires.com](http://jewishberkshires.com) or (413) 499-9899.

**June 6, 2014** — 10:45 a.m.

*Knosh and Knowledge at Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Rd., Great Barrington, MA*

### **Luis Moses Gomez — Merchant Pioneer of Colonial New York and Patriarch of the Early American Jewish dynasty**



*Ruth Abrahams*

This program presents a portrait of the patriarch of the early American Jewish dynasty, the Gomez family of New York. Through business, civic, and religious leadership, and entrepreneurial enterprise, the impact of Luis Moses Gomez on Colonial and Early America was far-reaching and significant, from building the first Synagogue in America to expanding business opportunities into the Hudson Valley where his trading post, the oldest original Jewish dwelling

in North America now known as the Gomez Mill House still stands. \$11 for lunch and program, \$5 for program only. Sponsored by Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: [jewishberkshires.org](http://jewishberkshires.org) or (413) 442-4360.

**June 6, 2014** — 7:30 p.m.

*Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Rd., Great Barrington, MA*

### **Scholars in Residence with Rabbi Michael Latz, Rabbi Andrew Klein, and Rabbi Debra Kassoff**

Rabbi Andrew Klein is a former associate rabbi at Hevreh while Rabbi Michael Latz and Rabbi Debra Kassoff are former interns. We are delighted to welcome them back to Hevreh. As part of our Shabbat service Rabbis Latz, Klein and Kassoff will talk about their rabbinic work through the prism of a Jewish text that inspires them. They will also have an opportunity to reflect on the current state of the American Jewish community and their hopes for our future. Free. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: [hevreh.org](http://hevreh.org) or (413) 528-6378.

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**June 7, 2014** — 9 a.m.

*Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Rd., Great Barrington, MA*

**Scholars in Residence with Rabbi Michael Latz, Rabbi Andrew Klein, and Rabbi Debra Kassoff**

Rabbi Klein is a former associate rabbi at Hevreh while Rabbis Latz and Kassoff are former interns. We are delighted to welcome them back to Hevreh. As part of our Shabbat morning service beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing through the morning which will also include a Shabbat service at 10 AM, each of our guest scholars will teach a 50 minute session on a subject that animates their work. Lunch will be included. Please contact Hevreh for the specific schedule. Free. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: [hevreh.org](http://hevreh.org) or (413) 528-6378.



*Dr. William Moomaw*

**June 7, 2014** — 12 p.m.

*Congregation Knesset Israel, 16 Colt Rd., Pittsfield, MA*

**Living Deliberately to Confront Climate Change: Personal Actions for a Global Problem**

Scientific evidence and extreme weather have convinced most of us that climate change is impacted by how we live our lives. We are fortunate to welcome Dr. William Moomaw, one of the foremost experts of international environmental policy. What can/must individuals do to prevent or reverse further damage to our planet? Free but reserve for lunch. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: [knessetisrael.org](http://knessetisrael.org) or (413) 445-4872.

**June 10, 2014** — 6:30 p.m.

*Castle Street Café, 10 Castle St., Great Barrington, MA*

**Jewlicious: A New Food Series exploring Jewish Food Traditions with the Berkshires top Jewish chefs**

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires,

this Jewlicious three course dinner with wine will explore the cuisine of traditional Eastern European Jewry. Chef Michael Ballon will join us at the table to discuss Jewish influences on his cooking and participants will receive recipes to take home. Choice of brisket, fish or vegetarian. Reservations and payment required by June 2. \$60 per person. Space is limited. More information and reservations at: 413-442-4360, ext. 10.



**June 11, 2014** — 7 p.m.

*Congregation Knesset Israel, 16 Colt Rd., Pittsfield, MA*

**Sharpening Our Kitchen Skills: 2 sessions with Anna Gershensen**

Anna Gershensen is a gourmet caterer, educator and food consultant. She's an advocate of locally grown foods and pasture-fed meats and poultry. This, her first class of two, (see June 25) will teach about KNIFE SKILLS. Participants will learn various techniques for cutting common vegetables and fruits, the way to differentiate between knives and their respective features, and how to treat unusually shaped foods. Classes will end with tastings of demonstrated preparations. \$15 for one class; \$25 for both. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: [knessetisrael.org](http://knessetisrael.org) or (413) 445-4872, ext. 16.

**June 16, 2014** — 1 p.m.

*Congregation Knesset Israel, 16 Colt Rd., Pittsfield, MA*

**Aliyah at 86! A Brave New World**

Connie Rakity, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, made Aliyah at 86 to start life anew in Jerusalem and to join her eldest daughter and her family. Connie, a photographer, had numerous shows in Florida before taking the step to immigrate. Connie's daughter Leslie Elias and her family attend Hevreh, and

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her third daughter lives in New Hampshire. Connie's grandfather, Moses Feldstein, was the mayor of the Jewish community of Warsaw and he worked with Herzl in supporting the Zionist movement. \$3. Sponsored by Jewish Federation of the Berkshires.

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**June 17, 2014** — 11 a.m.

*Elayne Bernstein Theater lobby at Shakespeare and Co., 70 Kemble St., Lenox*

### **Wisdom of the Rabbis Who Love the Berkshires: Seven Hundred New Benches**

Facing a perfect storm of demographic crisis and existential anxiety, the great sages Rabban Gamliel and Rabbi Joshua disagreed over how best to rebound from the destruction of the Temple and adapt Judaism to a new context. Come and learn about this clash of intellectual titans...and the largest furniture order of the first century... and be amazed at how contemporary American Jews, worlds away from the ancient conversation, continue to debate the same questions. \$20 suggested donation. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: [knessetisrael.org](http://knessetisrael.org) or (413) 445-4872, ext. 16.



*Rabbi David Weiner*

**June 17, 2014** — 7:30 p.m.

*Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Rd., Great Barrington, MA*

### **Sermon in a Song: Wit, Wonder and Wisdom from the American Songbook with Rabbi Deborah Zecher**



*Rabbi Debbie Zecher*

What if the message of a sermon could be conveyed in a song? From Rodgers and Hammerstein to Gershwin to Stephen Schwartz and Stephen Sondheim, we'll share songs that delight the heart and uplift the spirit. In June, Rabbi Deborah Zecher will complete 22 years as Hevreh's rabbi and leader of music. An accomplished cabaret singer, she specializes in the music of Jewish composers and lyricists and has created programs based on their lives and their work for ten years. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: [hevreh.org](http://hevreh.org) or (413) 528-6378.

**June 18, 2014** — 7 p.m.

*Congregation Ahavath Sholom, 15 North St., Great Barrington*

### **Welcome Spring with a Laugh: Dick Macht on Jewish Humor**

Dick Macht, raconteur and professor extraordinaire will talk with us about the history of Jewish humor. Where did it come from? What makes it special? Who were the early comedians? This is not your everyday history class! Expect to laugh until you cry! Join us and enjoy. \$10. Sponsored by Congregation Ahavath Sholom. More info at: [ahavathsholom.com](http://ahavathsholom.com) or (413) 528-4197.

**June 20, 2014** — 6:30 p.m.

*Chapel of the Church on the Hill, 55 Main St., Lenox, MA*

### **Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbis Shir Yaakov Feinstein-Feit, Kaya Stern-Kaufman and Jill Hammer**

An inspiring and uplifting musical and contemplative kabbalat shabbat service led by Rabbis Shir Yaakov Feinstein-Feit and Kaya Stern-Kaufman. The evening's teaching will be given by our special guest, Rabbi Jill Hammer. Community pot-luck shabbat dinner to follow the service. Please bring a vegetarian dish or desert to share. Free but RSVP is necessary: [info@rimonberkshires.org](mailto:info@rimonberkshires.org).



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**June 20, 2014** — 7:30 p.m.

*Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Rd., Great Barrington, MA*

**Rabbi Everett Gendler and Al Vorspan in Conversation**



*Rabbi Everett Gendler*

Hevreh members Everett Gendler and Al Vorspan have participated in some of the most important events of the mid-twentieth century. They were on the front lines of the civil rights movements and have been active participants in the most significant

social justice issues of our day. We are delighted to have this opportunity to hear about their compelling lives and invite you to join us! Free. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: [hevreh.org](http://hevreh.org) or (413) 528-6378.

**June 22, 2014** — 10 a.m.

*Chapel of the Church on the Hill, 55 Main St., Lenox, MA*

**Faces of the Shekhinah: Meeting the Divine Feminine in Jewish Texts**

Relationship with the Divine Feminine has always been a part of Jewish story and spiritual practice. During this workshop, we will encounter a variety of female images of God in the Bible, rabbinic literature, and Jewish mystical text. We will discover and use these images in meditation to discover their potential for healing and transformation. Rabbi Jill Hammer, Ph.D., is the Direc-



*Rabbi Jill Hammer*

tor of Spiritual Education at the Academy for Jewish Religion. She is the author of five books. \$30. Sponsored by Rimon Resource Center for Jewish Spirituality. More info at: [rimonberkshires.org](http://rimonberkshires.org) or (413) 274-1034.

**June 22, 2014** — 3 p.m.

*Congregation Beth Israel, 53 Lois St., North Adams, MA*

**A Summer Celebration of Jewish Music: My Heart is in the East, a concert of songs, stories, and dance interpretation, celebrating the land of Israel**

A special, multidisciplinary performance with stories, music and dance! Stories by Cantor Robert Scherr and others will be intertwined with Jewish music and modern dance. The storytellers will be joined by clarinetist Paul Green, keyboardist Alan Gold, and modern dancer/choreographer Ellen Gorman. \$15 at the door. Co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: [jewishberkshires.org](http://jewishberkshires.org) or (561) 302-5816.

**June 22, 2014** — 5 p.m.

*Shakespeare & Company, 70 Kemble St., Lenox, MA*

**'Tis a Night of Revels**

Welcome summer with wine, food and theater at Shakespeare & Company. Elegant hors d'oeuvres and delectable food stations catered by Jae Chung of Jae's Asian Bistro, followed by a performance of a Midsummer Night's Dream. \$155 per person. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: [knessetisrael.org](http://knessetisrael.org) or (413) 445-4872, ext. 10.

**June 25, 2014** — 7 p.m.

*Congregation Knesset Israel, 16 Colt Rd., Pittsfield, MA*

**Sharpening our Kitchen Skills: 2 sessions with Anna Gershensen**

Anna Gershensen is a gourmet caterer, educator and

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food consultant. She is an advocate of locally grown produce and pasture-fed meats and poultry. In her second class (see June 11), Anne will teach how to use herbs and spices to bring out sophisticated tastes. She may introduce new ingredients and kitchen techniques as well. The class ends with tastings of the wonderful new flavors you can then recreate at home. \$15 for 1 class; \$25 for both. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: [knessetisrael.org](http://knessetisrael.org) or (413) 445-4872, ext. 16.

**June 27, 2014** — 7:30 p.m.

*Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Rd., Great Barrington, MA*

## **A Shabbat Service to Honor Rabbi Deborah Zecher as She Completes Her Tenure at Hevreh**



*Rabbi Debbie Zecher*

For 22 years, Rabbi Deborah Zecher has led Hevreh as rabbi and leader of music. During her tenure, Hevreh has experienced tremendous growth and vitality as a center of Jewish life and culture in South Berkshire County. She has been active in the greater Jewish community as well. At this special Shabbat Service, we will honor and thank Rabbi Deborah Zecher for her contribution to Hevreh and to the Jewish community of Berkshire County. Free. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: [hevreh.org](http://hevreh.org) or (413) 528-6378.

**June 29, 2014** — 11 a.m.

*Congregation Beth Israel, 53 Lois St., North Adams, MA*

## **Jewish-French Film Series —G-d is Great and I'm Not**

Join us on Sunday, June 29th for a nosh and the second of four films in our Jewish-French film series. Our second film is "G-d is Great and I'm Not." It's a romantic comedy about relationships, identity and heritage. Refreshments and a chance to schmooze will precede the start of the film. Free. Sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel. More info at: [cbiweb.org](http://cbiweb.org) or (413) 663-5830.

**June 29, 2014** — 2 p.m.

*Berkshire Museum Little Cinema, 39 South St., Pittsfield, MA*

## **Anshe at the Cinema: Nicky's Family**

The documentary film *Nicky's Family* tells the story of Nicholas Winton, an Englishman who organized the rescue of 669 Czech and Slovak children just before the outbreak of World War II. Winton did not speak about these events for more than half a century. His exploits would have probably been forgotten if his wife hadn't found a suitcase full of documents and transport plans. Today the story of the rescue is known all over the world. \$7.50, \$5 for Berkshire Museum Members. Sponsored by Temple Anshe Amunim. More info at: [ansheamunim.org](http://ansheamunim.org) or (413) 442-5910.

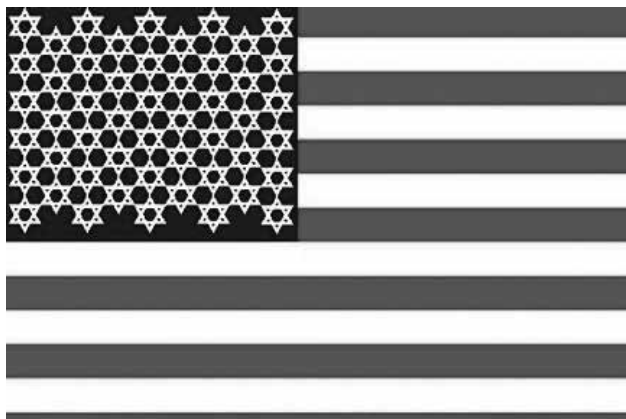
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**July 3, 2014** — 12 p.m.

*Temple Anshe Amunim, 26 Broad St., Pittsfield, MA*

## **A Slice of Life, Part I, Eat & Be Satisfied: The History and Folklore of Jewish Ritual Foods**

In case you haven't heard, Judaism has a deep love of food. The unique flavors of our holidays spring from the foods that are associated with them. Join Rabbi Josh for an engaging, informative and inspiring conversation about the role of food in many of our rituals and festivals. From challah to matzah, from hamentashen to wine, don't miss this savory treat! Please bring a lunch — light refreshments, dessert and beverages will be served. \$5 for TAA members; \$10 for non-members. Sponsored by Temple Anshe Amunim. More info at: [ansheamunim.org](http://ansheamunim.org) or (413) 442-5910.



**July 4, 2014** — 5 p.m.

*Temple Anshe Amunim, 26 Broad St., Pittsfield, MA*

## **The Fourth of July Shabbat Celebration**

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**July 6, 2014** — 11 a.m.

*Temple Anshe Amunim, 26 Broad St., Pittsfield, MA*

## **For the Love of Three Brothers — A Story of Immigration and Family Ties**

Jewish Genealogy reveals the close ties between three brothers who lived through revolution and war to establish their families in the U.S. Join Genealogist Keren Weiner as she uses standard and singular methods to locate the three men and connect their great-grandchildren. Goosebumps guaranteed. Lunch, followed by presentation and Q & A. \$12 with registration by July 1; \$18 if registering after July 1. Sponsored by Temple Anshe Amunim. More info at: [ansheamunim.org](http://ansheamunim.org) or (413) 442-5910.



*Keren Weiner*



*Barbara Vinnick*

**July 7, 2014** — 1 p.m.

*Congregation Knesset Israel, 16 Colt Rd., Pittsfield, MA*

## **Jews in Places You Never Thought of**

Through photos and discussions, Barbara Vinnick will

illuminate for us those isolated and emerging Jewish communities in Africa (Uganda, Cameroon, Zimbabwe), India, China, Latin America, and Poland. Kulanu, meaning "All of Us" in Hebrew, is a non-profit organization based in New York, that helps these far-off communities and others around the world to find and maintain their identities. \$3. Sponsored by Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: [jewishberkshires.org](http://jewishberkshires.org) or (413) 442-4360.

**July 7, 2014** — 4 p.m.

*Duffin Theater, Lenox Memorial High School, 197 East St., Lenox, MA*

## **Berkshire Jewish Film Festival: The Sturgeon Queens & The Lady in Number 6: Music Saved MY Life**

\$5. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: [knessetisrael.org](http://knessetisrael.org) or (413) 445-4872, ext. 25.

**July 7, 2014** — 8 p.m.

*Duffin Theater, Lenox Memorial High School, 197 East St., Lenox, MA*

## **Berkshire Jewish Film Festival: Igor and the Crane's Journey**

\$10. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: [knessetisrael.org](http://knessetisrael.org) or (413) 445-4872, ext. 25.

**July 10, 2014** — 12 p.m.

*Ventfort Hall, 104 Walker St., Lenox, MA*

## **Appraisal Day**

Found some treasures in the attic and wondering what they are worth? Come to Ventfort Hall for a verbal appraisal of art, silver, jewelry, china, books, judaica, porcelain, glass and more by Skinner, one of the country's top 4 auction houses. (For larger items like rugs and furniture please provide photos.) Entrance fee includes one appraisal, museum, tea and dessert reception. Additional appraisals \$10 each. \$25. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel and Ventfort Hall. More info at: [GildedAge.org](http://GildedAge.org) or (413) 637-3206.

**July 11, 2014** — 11 a.m.

*Elayne Bernstein Theater lobby at Shakespeare and Co., 70 Kemble St., Lenox*

## **JTS in the Berkshires: Great Debates in Judaism**

Amy Kalmanofsky, assistant professor of Bible at the Jewish Theological Seminary, will tackle the the passionate sides of the issues involved in "Speaking Truth

to Power: Jeremiah and God" \$25. Sponsored by JTS, KI and the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: knesetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 16.



*Jon Greenberg*

**July 14, 2014 — 1 p.m.**

*Congregation Knesset Israel, 16 Colt Rd., Pittsfield, MA*

**Apples, Milk and Honey: Moses' Blessing, Isaiah's Curse, and the R-rated Story of the Bay Leaf and the Rhododendron.**

Jon Greenberg, biblical and Talmudic botanist will present his unique blend of science and Torah. He earned his Ph.D. in agronomy at Cornell University, studied at Yeshivat HaMivtar in Jerusalem, and has conducted research at the US Dept. of Agriculture and University of Pennsylvania. Jon will have on hand samples of botanicals that will bring to light the same stories that we have shared over history together. \$3. Sponsored by Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.org or (413) 442-4360.

**July 14, 2014 — 4 p.m.**

*Duffin Theater, Lenox Memorial High School, 197 East St., Lenox, MA*

**Berkshire Jewish Film Festival: Sukkah City**

\$5. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: knesetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 25.

**July 14, 2014 — 8 p.m.**

*Duffin Theater, Lenox Memorial High School, 197 East St., Lenox, MA*

**Berkshire Jewish Film Festival: Under the Same Sun**

\$10. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: knesetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 25.

**July 18, 2014 — 10:45 a.m.**

*Knosh and Knowledge at Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Rd., Great Barrington, MA*

**Letty Cottin Pogrebin: Navigating the Challenges Of Friendship Through Illness, Grief, and Sickness of Heart**

Illness is friendship's proving ground, writes Letty Cottin Pogrebin in her most recent book, *How To Be A Friend To A Friend Who's Sick*. The reactions of her friends during her recent bout with breast cancer inspired Letty to interview people to learn what those who are hurting, wished friends or relatives had said or done to provide help and comfort. Pogrebin will talk about a new etiquette of illness based on honesty, empathy, and a large dose of humor. \$11 for lunch and program, \$5 for program only. Sponsored by Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.org or (413) 442-4360.



*Letty Cottin Pogrebin*

**July 20, 2014 — 1 p.m.**

**Pre-Show "Conversations with" featuring Rabbi Josh Breindel**

*Barrington Stage Company, St. Germain Stage, 36 Linden St., Pittsfield, MA*

**The Golem of Havana at Barrington Stage Company — 3 p.m. Performance**

The Golem of Havana tells the story of a Hungarian-Jewish family living in Havana on the brink of the Cuban Revolution. When their maid's son, a guerilla fighter, is injured, they must choose between protecting him and guarding their fragile prosperity. The show weaves together the music and traditions of two worlds, asking questions about family,

community, religion and politics. Before the show, there will be a conversation with Rabbi Josh and the writers (at 1 PM). \$40.00 for group rate tickets. Sponsored by Temple Anshe Amunim. More info at: [ansheamunim.org](http://ansheamunim.org) or (413) 442-5910.

**July 21, 2014** — 4 p.m.

*Duffin Theater, Lenox Memorial High School, 197 East St., Lenox, MA*

### **Berkshire Jewish Film Festival: The Real Inglorious Bastards**

\$5. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: [knessetisrael.org](http://knessetisrael.org) or (413) 445-4872, ext. 25.

**July 21, 2014** — 8 p.m.

*Duffin Theater, Lenox Memorial High School, 197 East St., Lenox, MA*

### **Berkshire Jewish Film Festival: The Return of the Violin**

\$10. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: [knessetisrael.org](http://knessetisrael.org) or (413) 445-4872, ext. 25.

**July 22, 2014** — 7:30 p.m.

*Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Rd., Great Barrington, MA*

### **My Anne with Sarah Schaeffer**

Actress Sarah Schaeffer brings Anne Frank's world and words to life in a lively and inspiring one woman show called *My Anne*. Directed by Carol Rusoff, *My Anne* uses Anne Frank's own words to evoke the world of a young Jewish girl growing up in Nazi-



occupied Amsterdam as she moves from childhood innocence to a young adulthood suffused with anxiety, oppression and ultimately, wisdom. Ideal for children and adults. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: [hevreh.org](http://hevreh.org) or (413) 528-6378.



*Rabbi David Hoffman*

**July 25, 2014** — 11 a.m.

*Elayne Bernstein Theater lobby at Shakespeare and Co., 70 Kemble St., Lenox*

### **JTS in the Berkshires: Great Debates in Judaism**

In this second of four programs, Rabbi David Hoffman, assistant professor of Talmud and Rabbinics, will explore a strategic battle of ideas: *The War Over Spirituality: The Ba'al Shem Tov and the Vilna Gaon* \$25. Sponsored by JTS, KI and the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: [knessetisrael.org](http://knessetisrael.org) or (413) 445-4872, ext. 16.

**July 25, 2014** — 6 p.m.

*Tanglewood, 45 West St., Lenox, MA*

### **Tanglewood Shabbat**

The Board of the Union for Reform Judaism and Hevreh join together once again to celebrate Shabbat at Tanglewood. Enjoy your picnic dinner on the lawn, join our rabbis and URJ VP, Rabbi Dan Frelander for a brief Kabbalat Shabbat service and then sit back and enjoy a stellar concert by the BSO. We hope you will join us for a special Shabbat under the stars. Price of lawn or shed ticket. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: [hevreh.org](http://hevreh.org) or (413) 528-6378.

**July 27, 2014** — 7:30 p.m.

*Congregation Knesset Israel, 16 Colt Rd., Pittsfield, MA*

### **A Summer Celebration of Jewish Music: Give Me a Song and Dance**

The talented musicians and vocalists of Temple Anshe Amunim and Congregation Knesset Israel will combine to create a special evening of song and dance. The program will include a Cabaret featuring the Berkshires' favorite vocalist Sherri James Buxton, clarinetist Paul Green and keyboardist Alan Gold as well as additional

musicians from both congregations. The audience will then be invited to dance the night away and enjoy cold beer, wine and soft drinks as well as delicious seasonal fruit and baked goods. \$20. Co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: [jewishberkshires.org](http://jewishberkshires.org) or (413) 445-4872, ext. 16.

**July 28, 2014** — 4 p.m.

*Duffin Theater, Lenox Memorial High School, 197 East St., Lenox, MA*

**Berkshire Jewish Film Festival: Brave Miss World**

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**July 28, 2014** — 8 p.m.

*Duffin Theater, Lenox Memorial High School, 197 East St., Lenox, MA*


**Berkshire Jewish Film Festival: Hunting Elephants**

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*"The Two of Us," at Jewish-French Film Series, Aug 3 (See p. 24)*

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# {July & August 2014}

**July 31, 2014** — 7:30 p.m.

*Barrington Stage Company, 30 Union St., Pittsfield, MA*

## **Hevreh at the Theater: BSC: The Golem of Havana**

Join Hevreh at Barrington Stage Company to see *The Golem of Havana*. The show weaves together the music and traditions of two worlds, asking questions about family, community, religion and politics. A talk-back with members of the cast follows the show. Reservations can be made by calling Hevreh before July 10. \$50. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: [hevreh.org](http://hevreh.org) or (413) 528-6378.

## **AUGUST, 2014**



**August 1, 2014** — 10:45 a.m.

*Knosh and Knowledge at Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Rd., Great Barrington, MA*

## **Beyond Genocide: A Manuscript Illuminator's Digest**

Ami Fagin will share her art of the illuminated manuscript through an artistic journey into the heart of genocide around the world and throughout history. She will describe the history of manuscript illumination, its interpretation and use today. This will orient the audience into the objectives and politics of looking at artwork depicting the nature of genocide. Individual illuminations will be explored relating to the history and nature of genocide in society, as well as the role of creative expression. \$11 for lunch and program, \$5 for program only. Sponsored by Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: [jewishberkshires.org](http://jewishberkshires.org) or (413) 442-4360.



*Rabbi Nathalie Lastreger*

**August 1, 2014** — 11 a.m.

*Elayne Bernstein Theater lobby at Shakespeare and Co., 70 Kemble St., Lenox*

## **Wisdom of the Rabbis Who Love the Berkshires: Jewish Pluralism in Israel — A Courageous Journey**

Rabbi Nathalie Lastreger lived in an Orthodox Zionist community in Haifa. But her earliest childhood years were spent in more pluralistic Paris. As she matured, the limitations of women in her community created an internal dissonance. Her story is one of courage and commitment. She will share it first-hand with us. \$20 suggested donation. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: [knessetisrael.org](http://knessetisrael.org) or (413) 445-4872 x.16.

**August 3, 2014** — 11 a.m.

*Congregation Beth Israel, 53 Lois St., North Adams, MA*

## **Jewish-French Film Series — The Two of Us**

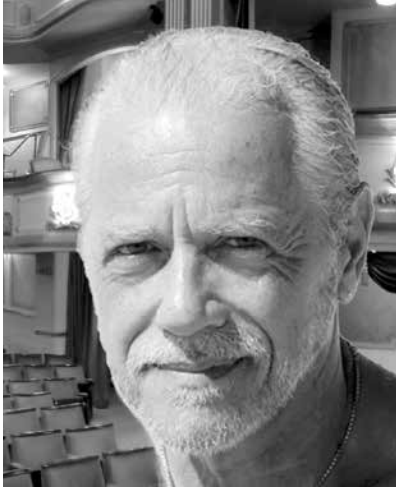
Our third film is *The Two of Us*. The film takes place during W.W.II in Vichy France. A young boy is sent to the countryside to escape Paris where he forms a strong attachment to the man he comes to view as a grandfather. The boy must hide his Jewish identity because the man he comes to adore is an anti-semitic and has no knowledge of the boy's background. Refreshments and a chance to schmooze will precede the start of the film. Free. Sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel. More info at: [cbiweb.org](http://cbiweb.org) or (413) 663-5830.

**August 3, 2014** — 7:30 p.m.

*Duffin Theater, Lenox Memorial High School, 197 East St., Lenox, MA*

## **"An Evening with the Phantom"**

"An Evening with the Phantom" will feature award



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winning Broadway singer Jeff Keller, an original Phantom of the Opera, singing his title role and will showcase additional works of the nation's pre-eminent creators of Broadway's musical theatre. Accompaniment by Ned Paul Ginsburg, composer and

orchestrator. All proceeds to benefit the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires' Youth Initiatives. Honoring the Jewish Women's Foundation of Berkshire County. \$36. Sponsored by Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.org or (413) 442-4360.

**August 4, 2014 — 4 p.m.**

*Duffin Theater, Lenox Memorial High School, 197 East St., Lenox, MA*

**Berkshire Jewish Film Festival: Aftermath**

\$5. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: knesetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 25.

**August 4, 2014 — 7:45 p.m.**

*Congregation Knesset Israel, 16 Colt Rd., Pittsfield, MA*

**Tisha B'Av Service**

Traditional candle-lit ceremony with complete reading of Aicha (Lamentations). Community is welcome. You are invited to return the following morning at 8 a.m. Both gatherings will take place in the downstairs chapel. Please enter from staircase at rear of building to reach lower level. Free. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: knesetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 10.

**August 4, 2014 — 8:30 p.m.**

*Congregation Ahavath Sholom, 15 North St., Great Barrington*

**Tisha B'Av: Loss and Memory**

Join together, by candlelight, in remembrance of some of the darkest moments in Jewish history. Chanting from Eicha, the Book of Lamentations, poetry and si-

lence create the opportunity to focus on both personal and communal loss and memory. Remembering our history honors the past and strengthens our commitment to a better future. Free. Sponsored by Congregation Ahavath Sholom. More info at: ahavathsholom.com or (413) 528-4197.

**August 7, 2014 — 12 p.m.**

*Temple Anshe Amunim, 26 Broad St., Pittsfield, MA*

**A Slice of Life, Part II, From Famine to Feast: How the Foods of the Shtetl Became a Symbol of Jewish Pride**

Jewish culture is defined, in large part, by our food. Our menus offer a rich and tasty history of the places in which we've settled. Join Rabbi Josh for an intriguing and informative discussion on the folklore and customs of Jews and food. Together, we'll explore bagels and brisket, chopped liver and cholent as we celebrate this love story that spans generations and continents! Please bring a lunch — light refreshments, dessert and beverages will be served. \$5 for TAA members; \$10 for non-members. Sponsored by Temple Anshe Amunim. More info at: ansheamunim.org or (413) 442-5910.

**August 7, 2014 — 1 p.m.**

*Congregation Knesset Israel, 16 Colt Rd., Pittsfield, MA*

**The Unlikely Tale of Amelia Bassano: Shakespeare's "Dark Lady"**

This program, presented by award-winning journalist, author and lecturer Andrée Aelion Brooks, will bring to light the unlikely tale of Amelia Bassano, the alluring and brilliant woman from a northern Italian Jewish background who in Tudor times became Shakespeare's Dark Lady, and probably collaborated on his plays. How this might change our image of Shylock and what "Merchant of Venice" had really intend-



Andrée Aelion Brooks

ed to tell us. \$3. Sponsored by The Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: [jewishberkshires.org](http://jewishberkshires.org) or (413) 442-4360.

**August 8, 2014 — 11 a.m.**

*Elayne Bernstein Theater lobby at Shakespeare and Co., 70 Kemble St., Lenox*

**JTS in the Berkshires: Great Debates in Judaism**

Dr. Marjorie Lehman, associate professor of Talmud and Rabbinics, takes on a debate that continues today. "Who Speaks for Judaism?: The Rabbis and the Priests" \$25. Sponsored by JTS, KI and the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: [knessetisrael.org](http://knessetisrael.org) or (413) 445-4872, ext. 16.



**August 8, 2014 — 7 p.m.**

*Temple Anshe Amunim, 26 Broad St., Pittsfield, MA*

**Shabbat Ahavah: A Sabbath of Love**

Join Rabbi Josh and the Temple Anshe Amunim community for a romantic and thrilling celebration of Shabbat! To prepare for Tu B'Av (the "Jewish Valentines Day"), we'll welcome Shabbat and give thanks for the blessing of close friendships and enduring love. Our service will be enhanced by poetry, dramatic readings and a few surprises. You're most welcome to join us for this unique experience! Free. Sponsored by Temple Anshe Amunim. More info at: [ansheamunim.org](http://ansheamunim.org) or (413) 442-5910.

**August 11, 2014 — 4 p.m.**

*Duffin Theater, Lenox Memorial High School, 197 East St., Lenox, MA*

**Berkshire Jewish Film Festival: Marvin Hamlisch: What He Did for Love**

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**August 11, 2014 — 8 p.m.**

*Duffin Theater, Lenox Memorial High School, 197 East St., Lenox, MA.*

**Berkshire Jewish Film Festival: The Jewish Cardinal**

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*Richard Freund*

**August 13, 2014 — 11:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.**

*Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Rd., Great Barrington, MA*

**Digging Through History: A Day with Archeologist Richard Freund, Two Part Series Did the Exodus Really Happen? — 11:45 a.m. Religion and Archeology from Atlantis to the Holocaust — 7:30 p.m.**

Richard Freund is the Director of the Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies and Greenberg Professor of Jewish History at the University of Hartford. He has directed six archaeological projects in Israel and three projects in Europe including Qumran, the Cave of Letters, Nazareth, Yavne as well as projects in Burgos and Cadiz, Spain and the extermination camp at Sobibor. Dr. Freund is the author of many books and article on archeology and has appeared on several documentaries. Both presentations \$18 for members/\$25 for non-members, single presentation \$10 for members/\$15 for non-members. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: [hevreh.org](http://hevreh.org) or (413) 528-6378.

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**August 15, 2014** — 11 a.m.

*Elayne Bernstein Theater lobby at Shakespeare and Co., 70 Kemble St., Lenox*

**Wisdom of the Rabbis/Scholars Who Love the Berkshires**

Program to be announced; not available at time of publication. \$20 suggested donation. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: knesetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 16.

**August 16, 2014** — 5 p.m.

*Tanglewood, 45 West St., Lenox, MA*

**The Best of All Possible Worlds: Havdallah and Candide at Tanglewood with Temple Anshe Amunim**

Join Temple Anshe Amunim at Tanglewood for havdallah and a performance of Leonard Bernstein's Candide! Before the show, Rabbi Josh Breindel will lead a brief service and offer an engaging overview of the philosophical and historical contexts for Bernstein's masterwork. Bring a picnic and join in the fun! Look for the blue and white balloons on the back lawn. Please contact Tanglewood for ticket prices and purchasing information. Children under 17 are free of charge. Sponsored

by Temple Anshe Amunim. More info at: ansheamunim.org or (413) 442-5910.

**August 18, 2014** — 11 a.m.

*Elayne Bernstein lobby at Shakespeare and Co., 70 Kemble St., Lenox*

**Wisdom of the Rabbis Who Love the Berkshires: The Art of Prayer in the 21st Century: Not Your Zayde's Chazzen**

Cantor Robert Scherr, Jewish Chaplain at Williams College, will explore how prayer has evolved and note a variety of texts and melodies which have been the framework for Jewish worship and celebration for centuries. \$20 suggested donation. For more info: knesetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 16.

**August 18, 2014** — 4 p.m.

*Duffin Theater, Lenox Memorial High School, 197 East St., Lenox, MA*

**Berkshire Jewish Film Festival: Alive Inside: A Story of Music and Memory**

\$5. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: knesetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 25.



*Tanglewood, Lenox, MA*

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**August 18, 2014** — 8 p.m.

*Duffin Theater, Lenox Memorial High School, 197 East St., Lenox, MA*

### **Berkshire Jewish Film Festival: Zaytoun**

\$10. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: [knessetisrael.org](http://knessetisrael.org) or (413) 445-4872, ext. 25.



*Judith Schumer*

**August 20, 2014** — 7:30 p.m.

*Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Rd., Great Barrington, MA*

### **A Family's Journey to Freedom**

Judith Schumer was born in Shanghai, China two months after the end of the war with Japan. Her parents survived the Holocaust by getting a special visa which enabled them to travel first to Japan and then to China. They spent the war under Japanese occupation in Shanghai and were finally able to get visas to the United States in 1948. In 2012, Judith published a book about her family's escape and survival titled *Esther's Journey — A Holocaust Memoir*. \$10 members/\$15 non-members. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: [hevreh.org](http://hevreh.org) or (413) 528-6378.

**August 21, 2014** — 7 p.m.

*Duffin Theater, Lenox Memorial High School, 197 East St., Lenox, MA*

### **Meet Israeli Commandos Who Intercepted Ship Carrying Iranian Weapons**

Friends of the IDF and Jewish Federation of the Berkshires invite you to meet Israeli Navy Commandos who intercepted a cargo ship in the Red Sea bound for the Gaza Strip. The ship was carrying a large shipment of



*Commando Boats*

concealed Iranian weapons including powerful rockets that would have been capable of reaching Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Yehuda Yaakov, new Consul General of Israel to New England, will present a briefing on the current diplomatic situation. Free. Sponsored by Friends of the IDF. More info at: [jewishberkshires.org](http://jewishberkshires.org), [fidf.org](http://fidf.org) or (617) 559-3600.



*Rabbi Eliezer Diamond*

**August 22, 2014** — 11 a.m.


*Elayne Bernstein Theater lobby at Shakespeare and Co., 70 Kemble St., Lenox*

### **JTS in the Berkshires: Great Debates in Judaism**


Rabbi Eliezer Diamond takes on a great debate we see reflected in the dramatic story of Hellenizers and Hasmoneans. Rabbi Diamond is the Rabbi Judah A. Nadish associate professor of Talmud and Rabbinics at the Jewish Theological Seminary. \$25. Sponsored by JTS, KI and the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: [knessetisrael.org](http://knessetisrael.org) or (413) 445-4872, ext. 16.

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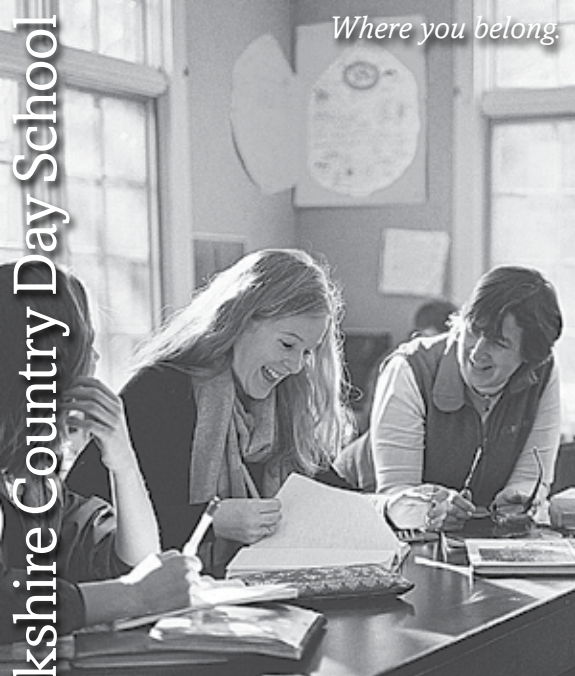
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**August 22, 2014** — 5:30 p.m.  
*Tanglewood, 45 West St., Lenox, MA*

## **Tanglewood Shabbat**

Hevreh welcomes Shabbat at Tanglewood. Bring your picnic dinner and join us anytime after 5:30 p.m. (look for the blue and white balloons). A brief Kabbalat Shabbat led by Rabbi Jodie Gordon follows at around 7 p.m. and then we all sit back to enjoy the Boston Pops as they accompany a screening of the Wizard of Oz. Shabbat under the stars! We hope you will join us. Price of lawn or shed ticket. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: [hevreh.org](http://hevreh.org) or (413) 528-6378.



*Sarah Aroeste*

**August 27, 2014** — 11:45 a.m.

*Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Rd., Great Barrington, MA*

## **AM Ladino 101: Introduction to Ladino Culture through Folksongs (and more...) with Sarah Aroeste**

Join international Ladino singer Sarah Aroeste as she gives you the 101 on the beautiful Judeo-Spanish culture of Sephardic Jews. By looking at a series of Ladino folksongs, get a taste of Ladino history, pronunciation, rhythms, melodies, and more in this interactive workshop. Determined to help bring Ladino music back to life for a new generation, Sarah Aroeste travels the globe fusing both original and 15th-century Ladino (Judeo-Spanish) folk songs with her unique blend of rock, pop and jazz. Free. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: [hevreh.org](http://hevreh.org) or (413) 528-6378.

**August 28, 2014** — 7:30 p.m.

*Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Rd., Great Barrington, MA*

## **Rimon Presents: The Epichorus – In Concert**

Back by popular demand: The Epichorus, founded by Rabbi Zach Fredman, brings together Jewish sacred text with North African and Arabic music. "The Epichorus was one of the great surprise performances at the 2013 Boston Jewish Music Festival. Their music somehow manages to be comforting yet moving, Jewish yet universal, heavenly yet incredibly human. The



*Katty Kay*

**August 24, 2014** — 7 p.m.

*Temple Anshe Amunim, 26 Broad St., Pittsfield, MA*

## **Washington, 2014: A Unique Perspective**

The 47th Annual Hilda Vallin Feigenbaum Lecture presents Guest Speaker, Katty Kay, Lead Anchor, BBC World News America. She will discuss what's really going on in Washington and in the country as we approach November's elections. Having covered Washington since 1996, Katty Kay has the experience and contacts to talk about the events behind today's headlines. She reveals the politics behind the posturing and provides a clear picture of what's likely to happen with challenges facing the President and Congress. Free. Sponsored by The Hilda Vallin Feigenbaum Lecture Series. More info at: [ansheamunim.org](http://ansheamunim.org) or (413) 442-5910.

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exceptional musicianship and very intent of the group is nothing less than inspiring.” – Joey Baron, Director, Boston Jewish Music Festival. Visit: TheEpichorus.com. \$35. Sponsored by Rimon Resource Center for Jewish Spirituality and the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: rimonberkshires.org or (413) 274-1034.

**August 29, 2014 — 11 a.m.**

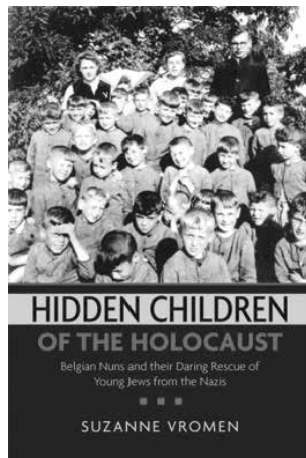
*Elayne Bernstein Theater lobby at Shakespeare and Co., 70 Kemble St., Lenox*

**Wisdom of the Rabbis/Scholars Who Love the Berkshires: Righteous Among the Nations: Who Are They? What Are Their Stories? How Were They Honored?**

Suzanne Vromen fled Europe via a harrowing journey with her family to the Belgian Congo in 1941. Professor Emeritus of Bard College, sociologist focusing on



*Susan Vromen*



women’s studies, she also researched extensively those courageous non-Jews who helped to rescue Jews in Nazi-dominated countries. She recently published a book detailing how Belgian nuns protected young Jewish children (like herself) in convents. She has many dramatic stories to share! \$20 suggested donation. Sponsored by Congregation Kneset Israel. More info at: knesetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 16.

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