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The Hidden History of Jezebel: The Making and Unmaking of the Bible’s Greatest Villain
Dr. Amy Kalmanofsky, associate professor of Bible, JTS

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Dr. David Kraemer, Joseph J. and Dora Abbell Librarian and professor of Talmud and Rabbinics, JTS

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Dr. Benjamin Gampel, Dina and Eli Field Family Chair in Jewish History, JTS

AUGUST 21, 2015
The Hidden History of Masada: How a Forgotten Fortress Became a National Symbol
Dr. Avinoam Patt, JTS Fellow and Philip D. Feltman Professor of Modern Jewish History at the University of Hartford

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Programming & Events

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

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Tuesdays, June 2 to July 28 — 11:30 a.m.
Temple Anshe Amunim, 26 Broad Street, 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 Temple members; $50 for non-members. Sponsored by Temple Anshe Amunim. More info at: ansheamunim.org or (413) 442-5910.

Wednesdays, June 3 to August 26 — 12 p.m.
Congregation Ahavath Sholom, 15 North Street, Great Barrington, MA

Nosh & Drosh
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 or (413) 528-4197.

Wednesdays, June 3, 10, 17, 24 — 7:30 p.m.
Chabad of the Berkshires, 450 South Street, Pittsfield, MA

Talmud with Rabbi Levi — It’s your heritage, learn it, live it, and love it!
Delve into the Talmud and discover a trove of priceless rabbinic lore. The class will be conducted in English and will be studying the ninth chapter of Brachot pertaining the laws of blessing that we make for different occasions in our lives. The class will be a wonderful opportunity to feel like you are in Yeshiva for one hour a week! No previous experience is necessary. Refreshments will be served. Please call to reserve a space in the class. Free. Sponsored by Chabad of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.com or (413) 499-9899.

Fridays, June 5, 19, July 3, 17, August 7, 21, September 4 — 9:30 a.m.
Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Road, Great Barrington, MA

Ideas in Finance with Stu Schweitzer and Jay Weintraub
We will discuss a broad variety of financial issues including personal finance. Group interaction will be encouraged to share experiences. Free. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: hevreh.org or (413) 528-6378.

Saturdays, June 6 to September 5 — 9:30 a.m.
Temple Anshe Amunim, 26 Broad Street, Pittsfield, MA

Torah Plus: Exploring Jewish Text and Culture
Join Rabbi Josh Breindel for a conversation based on the texts of the Jewish people. Starting with a discussion of traditional sources (ranging from the Torah to Rabbinic writings), we’ll reflect on the eternally relevant question: what does it mean to be Jewish? All texts will be offered in English. All are welcome; bring your curiosity and your insights! Free. Sponsored by Temple Anshe Amunim. More info at: ansheamunim.org or (413) 442-5910.

Wednesdays, June 10 to July 29 — 2 p.m.
Temple Anshe Amunim, 26 Broad Street, 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 Temple members; $50 for non-members. Sponsored by Temple Anshe Amunim. More info at: ansheamunim.org or (413) 442-5910.

Fridays, June 12, 26, July 10, 24, August 14, 28 — 9:30 a.m.
Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Road, Great Barrington, MA
Talmud Study: Bava Metzia with Sid Freund
We will read the Talmud (Steinsaltz ed.) and engage in spirited debate on the merit of cases. Knowledge of Hebrew is not a prerequisite. Free. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: hevreh.org or (413) 528-6378.

Fridays, June 12, July 17, August 14 — 5:30 p.m. service, 6:30 p.m. Shabbat dinner
Congregation Knesset Israel, 16 Colt Road, Pittsfield, MA

Shirei Shabbat
Monthly family service accompanied by talented musicians on piano, guitar and vocals. Rhythm instruments provided for the children. This abbreviated version of the traditional Friday night service is followed by a kosher Shabbat dinner. Warmth, ruach and babysitting are provided. Visitors welcome! Pre-registration is required. $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.

Fridays, June 26, July 10, 24, August 7, 28 — 7 p.m.
First Congregational Church of Stockbridge, 4 Main Street, Stockbridge, MA

Musical and Contemplative Kabbalat Shabbat
Join Rabbi Kaya Stern-Kaufman for an inspirational and musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service including meditation and niggunim. Special guest Reb Shir Yaakov joins us on June 26, July 24 and Aug. 7. World Class Harpist Carol Emmanuel joins us on June 26, July 10 and July 24. All services are followed by a community vegetarian potluck Shabbat dinner. All are welcome to attend. If you plan to stay for the dinner, please bring a vegetarian dish to share. Donations are appreciated. Free. Sponsored by Rimon Resource Center for Jewish Spirituality. More info at: rimonberkshires.org or (413) 274-1034.

Tuesdays, June 30, July 7, 14, 21 — 10 a.m.
Temple Anshe Amunim, 26 Broad Street, Pittsfield, MA

Play Analysis: L’Dor Va’Dor — Momma on Stage
Four class series. The class will read and discuss Lost in Yonkers by Neil Simon, and view the performance of the play at Barrington Stage. We’ll then analyze Wendy Wasserstein’s Isn’t It Romantic, focusing in both plays on the relationship between mothers and their daughters. Led by Dr. Barbara Waldinger, Professor of Theatre, OLLI Instructor, and Artistic Director of HRC Showcase Theatre in Hudson, NY. Members $40; Non-members $45 for 4 sessions, or $15 per session. Sponsored by Temple Anshe Amunim. More info at: ansheamunim.org or (413) 442-5910.

Saturdays, July 4 to August 29 — 9:30 a.m.
Lenox Community Center, 65 Walker Street, Lenox, MA

Home Away from Home Minyan
Shabbat morning services in Lenox, MA. Begin Shabbat morning by exploring the teachings of the Rabbis and learning the mystical teachings of Kabbalah and Chasidut at 9 a.m. with Rabbi Levi Volovik. Shabbat Morning service begins at 9:30 a.m. after Kabbalah and Chassidut. Join us for a delicious Shabbat Kiddush and delightful conversations! All affiliations and backgrounds are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Chabad of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.com or (413) 499-9899.

Sundays, July 5, August 16, 30 — 9:30 a.m.
Diane’s Trail, Curtis Road, Gould Farm, Monterey, MA
Eco-Tefilah Prayer Hikes
Rimon offers opportunities to welcome the morning through prayer — hikes in the beautiful Berkshire hills led by Rabbi Kaya Stern-Kaufman. This alternative morning prayer experience will include chanting and walking meditation through the woods. An alternative siddur designed for this hike will be provided. Please bring bug spray and water. The first hike, on July 5th, will be at Diane’s Trail at Gould Farm in Monterey. Donations are appreciated to support our programs. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Rimon Resource Center for Jewish Spirituality. More info at: rimonberkshires.org or (413) 274-1034.

Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28 — 1 p.m.
Chabad of the Berkshires, 450 South Street, Pittsfield, MA

Yiddish — Mama Loshon Crash Course
Have you always wanted to speak Mama Loshen? Rabbi Levi Volovik, Director of Chabad of the Berkshires will be leading a four week crash course of learning, reminiscing and singing songs in Yiddish! Rabbi Levi who grew up in Crown Heights, Brooklyn a predominantly Yiddish speaking neighborhood, will inspire and rekindle the Yiddish spark within all participants. $49. Sponsored by Chabad of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.com or (413) 499-9899.

Wednesdays, July 8, 15, 22, 29 — 11:45 a.m.
Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Road, Great Barrington, MA

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Gordon: Jane Evans and the Women Who Would Have Been Rabbis
Women have officially been ordained as rabbis since 1972, when Hebrew Union College first ordained Rabbi Sally Priesand. Join Rabbi Jodie Gordon as she introduces the women who paved the way through their advocacy, activism and teaching. This series will profile Jane Evans, Lily Montagu, Ray Frank, and Paula Ackerman, drawing heavily on Rabbi Gordon’s rabbinic thesis research, and Pamela S. Nadell’s volume, *The Women Who Would Have Been Rabbis*. Free. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: hevreh.org or (413) 528-6378.

Wednesdays, July 8 to August 26 — 12 p.m.
Chapel of the Church on the Hill, 55 Main Street Lenox, MA 01240

Weekly Torah Study with the Hasidic Masters
Join Rabbi Kaya Stern-Kaufman for a class on the weekly Torah portion guided by the commentaries of the Hasidic Masters. These deeply psychological and spiritual teachings will expand mind and heart and uplift the spirit. Rabbi Kaya Stern-Kaufman has been recognized as “One of the Most Inspiring Rabbis of 2015” by *The Forward*. Free. Sponsored by Rimon Resource Center for Jewish Spirituality. More info at: rimonberkshires.org or (413) 274-1034.

Wednesdays, July 15, 22, 29 — 7:30 p.m.
Temple Anshe Amunim, 26 Broad Street, Pittsfield, MA

Signs and Wonders: Religious and Spiritual Fiction
Join Rabbi Josh Breindel for an inspiring exploration of the human condition through fiction and film. Each session will feature several short stories and multimedia clips — authors will range from I. B. Singer to C. S. Lewis, from Isaac Asimov to Steven Spielberg. Participants may attend one or all of the sessions. A wine and dessert reception will be served at each session. $30 for 3 sessions; $10 per session. Sponsored by Temple Anshe Amunim. More info at: ansheamunim.org or (413) 442-5910.

Tuesdays, August 4, 11, 18, 25 — 10 a.m.
Temple Anshe Amunim, 26 Broad Street, Pittsfield, MA

Scene Study with Dr. Barbara Waldinger
Four class series. Join us for another great session of
Temple Anshe Amunim’s summer Scene Study class. Dr. Barbara Waldinger, Professor of Theatre, Director, 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. Members $40; Non-members $45 for 4 sessions, or $15 per session. Sponsored by Temple Anshe Amunim. More info at: ansheamunim.org or (413) 442-5910.

Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19, 26 — 11:45 a.m. Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Road, Great Barrington, MA

Lunch and Learn series with Rabbi Hirsch: Four Tremendous Texts
As the People of the Book, our lives are reflected through our sacred texts and the conversation that surround them. Join Rabbi Hirsch to study four tremendous texts from our tradition. In the four sessions, we will trace through the major periods of Jewish thought, focusing on one text and one period each week: biblical, rabbinic, medieval, and modern. Free. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: hevreh.org or (413) 528-6378.

Saturdays August 8, 15, 22, 29 — 10:30 a.m. Lenox Community Center, 65 Walker Street

Children’s Shabbat program
Children of all ages are invited to celebrate Shabbat at the Lenox Community Center with songs, prayer, refreshments and inspiring stories. Free. Sponsored by Chabad of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.com or (413) 499-9899.
**June 2015**

**August, 24, 31 and September 5 — 7 p.m.**

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

**Prepare Your Soul for the High Holidays — 3 Part Series**

Along with facilitator Rabbi David Weiner, explore new ways to mine the series and imagery of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for meaning and renewal. Geared especially for adult students, like the facilitator, who struggle with the words in the Mahzor. Free. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: knessetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 16.

**JUNE 2015**

**June 1, 2015 — 7 p.m.**

*Congregation Beth Israel, 53 Lois Street, North Adams, MA*

**Jewish Book Discussion Group at CBI**

This month’s book discussion group will be on *Badenheim 1939* by Aharon Appelfeld. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Chaim Bronstein at chaim@bcn.net. Free. Sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel. More info at: cbiweb.org or (413) 663-5830.

**June 3, 2015 — 11:45 a.m.**

*Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Road, Great Barrington, MA*

**Lunch and Learn with Sharon Strassfeld: “The Things We Hand Down”**

What is our real legacy? Beyond the heirlooms and albums, what do we really want to pass on to our children? Join Sharon Strassfeld for an interactive conversation as we explore answers to these questions together. Sharon Strassfeld is the writer and editor of *The Jewish Catalogs* and three other books, the last of which was *Everything I Know*. She is also the mother of three children (the hardest work she’s ever done). Free. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: hevreh.org or (413) 528-6378.

**June 7, 2015 — 10 a.m.**

*Eisner Camp, 53 Brookside Road, Great Barrington, MA*

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

Summer is almost here and children of all ages and their families are invited to celebrate with this taste of Jewish Summer camp fun! We’ll gather ‘round a campfire with a professional song leader and enjoy a variety of arts and crafts, camp games, baked potato bar and s’mores! Special crafts, bouncy house, and story time for our littlest participants. Grandparents are welcome too! Free. Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires and PJ Library. More info at: jewishberkshires.org or (413) 442-4360, ext. 14.

**June 7, 2015 — 11:11 a.m.**

*Congregation Beth Israel, 53 Lois Street, North Adams, MA*

**Summer Film Series**

The movie, “Prime” — “Cute comedy has funny and romantic moments” – Malton. Free. Sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel. More info at: cbiweb.org or (413) 663-5830.

**June 7, 2015 — 3 p.m.**

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

**A Summer Celebration of Jewish Music — The Artist’s Torah**

Members of Congregation Knesset Israel present their artistic responses to a portion of the creation story in the Book of Genesis. The displays will be accompanied by live Klezmer music, performed by clarinetist Paul Green and keyboardist Alan Gold, to create an organic, multimedia interpretation. $18. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: knessetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872.
June 10, 2015 — 7:30 p.m.  
Congregation Beth Israel, 53 Lois St., North Adams, MA

A Summer Celebration of Jewish Music — What is Jewish Music?  
Clarinetist Paul Green will present a lecture/performance that explores the history and development of Jewish music from biblical times to the present. Recorded examples will be included, as well as live performance. $10. Sponsored by A Summer Celebration of Jewish Music and the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: cbiweb.org, paulgreenmusic.com or (413) 663-5830.

June 11, 2015 — 10:45 a.m.  
Federation program at Congregation Knesset Israel, 16 Colt Road, Pittsfield, MA

Leisureville: Adventures in a World Without Children  
Author Andrew D. Blechman’s award-winning journalism has appeared in Smithsonian Magazine, The New York Times, and the International Herald Tribune, among others. His first book, Pigeons: The Fascinating Saga of the World’s Most Revered and Reviled Bird, was featured on CBS Sunday Morning. Leisureville is part investigative journalism, humor and social critique, explores the attraction of what it’s really like behind gated community walls and what the phenomenon means for America at large. Blechman is the Managing Editor of Orion Magazine. Program free. $2 suggested donation for Kosher Lunch following the program. Advance lunch reservations are required and can be made up to 9 a.m. on the day of program by calling (413) 442-2200. Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.org or (413) 442-4360, ext. 10.

June 11, 2015 — 7 p.m.  
Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Road, Great Barrington, MA

The Cottoncrest Curse: Book Talk with Author Michael H. Rubin  
The Cottoncrest Curse explores the universal question of what sacrifices and compromises, if any, a Jew should make to survive in a harsh and unyielding world. A multi-generational epic novel, The Cottoncrest Curse takes us from Bialystok Russia, to the post-Reconstruction South. The story provides a serious basis for discussion about the immigrant experience and cultural identity. Read more about Michael Rubin and his work at mrubinbooks.com and join us for this engaging evening at Hevreh. Free. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: hevreh.org or (413) 528-6378.

June 12, 2015 — 10:45 a.m.  
Federation program at Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Road, Great Barrington, MA

IMPACT: Jewish Boxers in America  
Presented by documentary filmmaker, James Ford Nussbaum, this film tells the story of many great Jews in the sport of professional boxing during the early 1920’s, 30’s and 40’s as well as profiling some of the most current Jewish boxers that are arriving in this country and fulfilling the American Dream by making vast accomplishments in the sport of professional boxing. This project captures the unique and fascinating stories of a generation of Jewish boxers that laid down the framework of the professional boxing industry. $11 includes the program and a farm fresh buffet lunch. Advance lunch reservations are required and can be made by calling the Federation. Program only is $5. Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.org or (413) 442-4360, ext. 10.
June 13, 2015 — 12:30 p.m.
Congregation Knesset Israel, 16 Colt Road, Pittsfield, MA

Lunch and Learn with Author Sarah Wildman

Author Sarah Wildman is the grand-daughter of Carl and Dorothy Wildman, of blessed memory. She has researched and commented upon a family secret. Her acclaimed book is entitled: Paper Love: Searching for the Girl My Grandfather Left Behind. Reviews include words like “a poignant and humane memoir” and “spell-binding prose.” After the morning Shabbat service and noon lunch, Sarah will discuss her work and process. The public is welcome; reservations for lunch call (413) 445-4872. Free. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel’s Wildman Lecture Series. More info at: knessetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 16.

June 13, 2015 — 6 p.m.
First Congregational Church of Stockbridge, 4 Main Street, Stockbridge, MA

Seudah Sh’lishit with Rabbi Jill Hammer and Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman

Please join Rabba Kaya and Rabbi Jill Hammer for seudah sh’lishit — a festive meal in the waning hours of shabbat accompanied by singing and teaching. Rabbi Jill Hammer will teach on Sefer Yetzirah — a foundational text in Jewish Mysticism. All are welcome. Please contribute to this vegetarian pot-luck meal. Donations welcome. Co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. Free. Sponsored by Rimon Resource Center for Jewish Spirituality and the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: rimonberkshires.org or (413) 274-1034.

June 14, 2015 — 10:15 a.m.
Congregation Ahavath Sholom, 15 North Street, Great Barrington, MA

Do You Love Discussing Books? Come and Share your Analysis

Come and engage in a thought provoking book discussion of A Bride for One Night: Talmud Tales by Ruth Calderon. Coffee is provided so bring a nosh. Meetings are usually at the synagogue but occasionally a member will host at their home so contact Diana Richter at drpajama@verizon.net to check on the location. Free. Sponsored by Congregation Ahavath Sholom. More info at: ahavathsholom.com or (413) 528-4197.

June 14, 2015 — 3 p.m.
Berkshire Music School, Taft Recital Hall, 30 Wendell Avenue, Pittsfield, MA

A Summer Celebration of Jewish Music — A Klezmer Sonatina, Songs without Words, and More

Renowned flautist Eugenia Zukerman, and Emily and Erik Peterson, members of the dynamic Voxare String Quartet, join the Summer Celebration along with Cantor Robert Scherr, pianist Doris Stevenson, cellist Ronald Feldman and clarinetist Paul Green. The program features works by Paul Schoenfeld, Ernst Bloch, Paul Ben-Haim and David Schiff. $25. Sponsored by A Summer Celebration of Jewish Music and the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: berkshiremusicschool.org, paulgreenmusic.com or (413) 442-1411.

June 15, 2015 — 10:45 a.m.
Federation program at Congregation Knesset Israel, 16 Colt Road, Pittsfield, MA

Kosher Food and Kavanah: How They Meet

Angus Johnson, who recently started Just Good Kosher, will explore aspects of Kashrut that sometime get left...
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out of teachings and discuss what kosher is about. Environmental issues such as water, soil, and air, as well as the labor involved, how employees are treated, and animal welfare will be discussed. How do these ideas outwardly manifest in our Jewish lives? Is Kashrut different from meat to fruit and vegetables? Does Kashrut set us apart from others and why? These topics with Q&A will be discussed. Program free. $2 suggested donation for Kosher Lunch following the program. Advance lunch reservations are required and can be made up to 9 a.m. on the day of program by calling (413) 442-2200. Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.org or (413) 442-4360, ext. 10.

June 17, 2015 — 11:45 a.m.
Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Road, Great Barrington, MA

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Richard Address:
Embracing a New Jewish Future
A look at the demographics of the new Jewish older adult. The multi-generational cohorts that now are impacting our community and the implications for programming. A look at some of the issues that are now emerging: health care and entitlements, the growth and use of “spiritual capital” and the changes in Jewish life and practice being created by these cohorts. Free. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: hevreh.org or (413) 528-6378.

June 17, 2015 — 7 p.m.
Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Road, Great Barrington, MA

The “Art” of Care-Giving with Rabbi Richard Address
What are the pressures and implications of being in the “club-sandwich” generation? An examination of traditional interpretations of the Commandment to “honor and respect” our parents. A look at how the texts and tradition can be understood in light of the contemporary challenges of our new expanded life stage called “care-giver.” Free. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: hevreh.org or (413) 528-6378.

June 20, 2015 — 5:30 p.m.
Tanglewood, 297 West Street Lenox, MA

Havdallah Service at Tanglewood — Simply Sondheim Program
Join Rabbi Josh Breindel for a discussion of Stephen Sondheim’s Jewish legacy, followed by a Havdallah service and evening at Tanglewood! The Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra presents a tribute to Sondheim with selections ranging from “West Side Story” and “Gypsy” through “Follies”, “Sweeney Todd”, and “Into the Woods”. Broadway stars and Tanglewood Music Center fellows join the orchestra to bring Sondheim’s music to life. Bring a picnic and look for people gathered on the Lawn by blue and white balloons! Purchase your own
tickets at bso.org. Sponsored by Temple Anshe Amunim. More info at: bso.org or (413) 442-5910.

June 23, 2015 — 7 p.m.
Seven Hills Inn, 40 Plunkett Street, Lenox

2015: The State of Anti-Semitism
Centuries of antisemitism continues to impact Jewish communities around the world. How can we stop attacks facing the Jewish people and who can we rely on to help? Robert Trestan, New England Regional Director of the Anti Defamation League will be the guest speaker at the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires’ 75th Annual Meeting. Join us for a celebratory dessert reception and a brief annual meeting preceding Trestan’s talk. This event is free and open to all in the Berkshire Jewish Community. Free. Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.org or (413) 442-4360, ext. 10.

Robert Trestan

June 28, 2015 — 2 p.m.
Temple Anshe Amunim, 26 Broad Street, Pittsfield, MA

The Imam and the Rabbi: Finding Shalom
In contrast to many of today’s headlines, Rabbi Josh Breindel and Imam Salim Chishti (Abode of the Mes-
sage) offer a conversation about the shared spiritual values of Judaism and Islam. Just as “salaam” and “sha-
lom” are related words for peace, so will the rabbi and the imam share a vision for understanding and openness between traditions. All are welcome to join in this powerful experience of learning and hope. Light refreshments will be served. $5 for members; $10 for non-members. Sponsored by Temple Anshe Amunim. More info at: ansheamunim.org or (413) 442-5910.

July 2015

July 3, 2015 — 5:30 p.m.
Temple Anshe Amunim, 26 Broad Street, Pittsfield, MA

Fourth of July Shabbat Celebration
Join Rabbi Josh and the Temple Anshe Amunim community as we welcome Shabbat and celebrate the Fourth of July! As part of our Sabbaths of Study series (the first Friday of every month), we’ll explore the Jewish connection to American independence and our ongoing commitment to religious liberty. A scrumptious BBQ to honor the anniversary of our country’s birth will follow the service. We look forward to celebrating with you! Please RSVP by June 30. Non-members: $18 adults, $9 kids, $45 max per family. Sponsored by Temple Anshe Amunim. More info at: ansheamunim.org or (413) 442-5910.

July 6, 2015 — 1 p.m.
Chabad of the Berkshires, 450 South Street, Pittsfield, MA

Holocaust Survivors’ Book of Recipes from around the World with Joanne Caras
Join author and TV star Joanne Caras for an inspirational afternoon. Joanne’s two cookbooks, The Holocaust Survivor Cookbook and its sequel, Miracles & Meals, are

Joanne Caras
a collection of many stories and recipes collected from Holocaust survivors. Joanne will relate moving and miraculous stories that appear in her books. Joanne has appeared on Fox-TV, CBS, NBC, and national radio in the US, Canada, and Israel. The cookbooks can be purchased at the event. Refreshments will be served. $10. Sponsored by Chabad of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.com or (413) 499-9899.

July 7, 2015 — 2 p.m.
Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Road, Great Barrington, MA

Coping with Demons of War Book Talk and Signing with Dr. Ari DeLevie

Hevreh member Ari DeLevie’s novel about Israeli soldiers and combat PTSD, tells the story of Israeli soldiers and their life after combat based on Dr. DeLevie’s groundbreaking work. “Millions of soldiers around the world experience combat related PTSD. Troubled, anxious, and depressed, they have difficulty returning to everyday life”. The book focuses on nine Israeli veterans and their therapeutic sessions. It speaks not only to sufferers of PTSD, but to anyone who has ever struggled with depression and survived. Free. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: hevreh.org or (413) 528-6378.

July 9, 2015 — 1 p.m.
Chabad of the Berkshires, 450 South Street, Pittsfield, MA

The Spiritual Origins of Liberalism and Conservatism: The Redemptive Marriage of the Future

Kabbalah Workshop Series: The level of political tension between liberals and conservatives seems to be continually intensifying. Which side is the Torah on or is there even a side? How can we heal this rift? In this session we will strive to uncover the roots of an authentically Jewish view of political science while simultaneously contemplating its extreme relevance to the modern world. Presented by Rabbi Asher Crispe. Refreshments will be served. $15 per class, or $49 for series of 7. Sponsored by Chabad of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.com or (413) 499-9899.

July 9, 2015 — 2 p.m.
Chabad of the Berkshires, 450 South Street, Pittsfield, MA

Mind Control: The Power of Our Thought, Speech and Actions

Kabbalah Workshop Series: Does it really matter what we think if we don’t ever speak those thoughts, let alone act on them? Isn’t daydreaming harmless? Aren’t our actions all that really count? Join Sara Esther Crispe as we delve into the inner dimensions of our foundational characteristics, learn how they are the basis for how we interact with the world around us, and discover just how much power they have, and more importantly, how much power we have over them. $15 per class, or $49 for series of 7. Sponsored by Chabad of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.com or (413) 499-9899.

July 10, 2015 — 11 a.m.
Bernstein Theater at Shakespeare and Co., 70 Kemble Street, Lenox, MA

The Hidden History of Jezebel: The Making and Unmaking of the Bible’s Greatest Villain

Presented by Amy Kalmanofsky, associate professor of Bible. JTS in the Berkshires: Hidden Histories. Four part series. Join Jewish Theological Seminary scholars as they explore the roots of common Jewish practices and offer unexpected readings of familiar heroes and villains. Each session will uncover the hidden contexts and conflicts that have shaped the things we know (or think we know) about Jewish tradition. $25 per session or 4 sessions for $75. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel and the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: knessetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 16.

July 10, 2015 — 7:30 p.m.
Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Road, Great Barrington, MA

Welcome Shabbat for Rabbi Hirsch

July 11, 2015 — 7 p.m.
Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Road, Great Barrington, MA

Young Family Havdalah and Ice Cream Party at Hevreh
It’s summertime and the living is easy! Families with school-aged children are invited to join Rabbis Jodie Gordon and Neil Hirsch for Havdalah (the ceremony that marks the end of Shabbat) and an ice cream party. Free. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: hevreh.org or (413) 528-6378.

July 12, 2015 — 11:11 a.m.
Congregation Beth Israel, 53 Lois Street, North Adams, MA.

Summer Film Series
The movie “Keeping the Faith” (2000) — a Rabbi and Priest who are friends, fight over a woman. Free. Sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel. More info at: cbiweb.org or (413) 663-5830.

July 13, 2015 — 10:45 a.m.
Federation program at Congregation Knesset Israel, 16 Colt Road, Pittsfield, MA

In the Unlikeliest of Places: How Nachman Libeskind Survived the Nazis, Gulags, and Soviet Communism
Annette Libeskind Berkovits grew up in post war Poland and the fledgling state of Israel before coming to America at age sixteen. In 2004, three years after her father’s death, she found a box of tapes recounting his life’s triumphs and tragedies. Nachman Libeskind’s story is an odyssey through crucial events of the twentieth century. Annette Libeskind Berkovits builds an uncommon family saga and in the process uncovers a stubborn optimism that flourished in the unlikeliest of places. Program free. $2 suggested donation for Kosher Lunch following the program. Advance lunch reservations are required and can be made up to 9 a.m. on the day of program by calling (413) 442-2200. Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.org or (413) 442-4360 ext. 10.

July 13, 2015 — 4 p.m.
Lenox Memorial High School’s Duffin Theater, 197 East Street, Lenox, MA

Berkshire Jewish Film Festival
“Raise the Roof” — An international team chases an improbable dream to reconstruct one of the magnificent lost wooden synagogues of Poland $5. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: knessetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 25.

July 13, 2015 — 7 p.m.
Congregation Beth Israel, 53 Lois Street, North Adams, MA.

Jewish Book Discussion Group at CBI
This month’s book discussion group is on Judaism and Justice (the Jewish Passion to Repair the World) (2006). Author is Rabbi Sidney Schwartz. Free. Sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel. More info at: cbiweb.org or (413) 663-5830.
July 13, 2015 — 8 p.m.
Lenox Memorial High School’s Duffin Theater, 197
East Street, Lenox, MA

Berkshire Jewish Film Festival
“Frank vs. God” — After his house is destroyed by a tornado (which the insurance company deems an “act of God”) lawyer David Frank decides to serve God...with a lawsuit. $10. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: knessetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 25.

July 16, 2015 — 1 p.m.
Chabad of the Berkshires, 450 South Street, Pittsfield, MA

A Psychological Understanding of the Ten Commandments
Kabbalah workshop series: The Ten Commandments are the most foundational laws we have. And yet, it is normal to think that only some apply. How many of us think we struggle with “Do Not Murder” or how can “Don’t Commit Adultery” be relevant for people who are not in a relationship? Join Mrs. Sara Esther Crispe, world renowned lecturer for an inspiring and fascinating workshop on the Ten Commandments and how each one has absolute meaning and relevance for us all. $15 per class, or $49 for series of 7. Sponsored by Chabad of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.com or (413) 499-9899.

July 16, 2015 — 2 p.m.
Chabad of the Berkshires, 450 South Street, Pittsfield, MA

The Body 2.0: Jewish Visions of the End of Aging, Radical Life Extension and the Medical Marvels of Today and Tomorrow – With Rabbi Asher Crispe
Kabbalah workshop series: We are in the nascent stage of a new era of personalized medicine and regenerative therapies. Medical breakthroughs in the world of genetics, stem cells and nanotechnology are starting to produce far-reaching changes to how we think about our health. What does Judaism say about the elimination of disease, the arresting and reversing of aging and prospects for human immortality? The class will cast issues of longevity, health, healing and redemption from aging and death in light of Jewish perspectives. $15 per class, or $49 for series of 7. Sponsored by Chabad of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.com or (413) 499-9899.

July 19, 2015 — 10:15 a.m.
Congregation Ahavath Sholom, 15 North Street, Great Barrington, MA

Do You Love Discussing Books? Come and Share your Analysis
Come and engage in a thought provoking book discussion of The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics by Daniel James Brown. Coffee is provided so bring a nosh. Meetings are usually at the synagogue but occasionally a member will host at their home so contact Diana Richter at drpajama@verizon.net to check on the location. Free. Sponsored by Congregation Ahavath Sholom. More info at: ahavathsholom.com or (413) 528-4197.

July 20, 2015 — 4 p.m.
Lenox Memorial High School’s Duffin Theater, 197
East Street, Lenox, MA

Berkshire Jewish Film Festival
“Forbidden Films” — Felix Moeller’s documentary explores the issue of whether films produced by the Third Reich should receive public exposure. $5. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: knessetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 25.

July 20, 2015 — 8 p.m.
Lenox Memorial High School’s Duffin Theater, 197
East Street, Lenox, MA

Berkshire Jewish Film Festival
“Belle and Sebastian” — This lavish adaptation of the beloved 1963 children’s book is the inspiring story of an unshakeable bond between a boy and his dog set amidst the snowy French Alps during WWII. $10. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: knessetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 25.
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July 22, 2015 — 7:30 p.m.
Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Road, Great Barrington, MA

Sarah Aroeste in Concert
Sarah Aroeste, inspired by her family’s Sephardic roots in Greece and Macedonia, has spent the last 10 years bringing her contemporary style of original and traditional Ladino music to audiences around the world. Her style combines traditional Mediterranean Sephardic sounds with contemporary influences such as rock, funk, pop, and blues. She is also one of the few Ladino artists today who writes her own music. Sarah will perform with her trio. Don’t miss this exciting concert! $18 in advance, $20 at the door. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: hevreh.org or (413) 528-6378.

July 23, 2015 — 2 p.m.
Chabad of the Berkshires, 450 South Street, Pittsfield, MA

Transforming Darkness Into Light: Dealing with Challenge and Tragedy according to Kabbalah
Kabbalah workshop series: Every time we turn on the news, another disaster is being reported. We constantly hear of death and destruction from terrorism, hurricanes, earthquakes or illness. How does one remain positive with so many terrible things happening around us? Learn how the Kabbalah teaches us to maintain our faith and not only endure difficult times, but transform them. $15 per class, or $49 for series of 7. Sponsored by Chabad of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.com or (413) 499-9899.

July 23, 2015 — 1 p.m.
Chabad of the Berkshires, 450 South Street, Pittsfield, MA

Life and Afterlife According to Kabbalah
Kabbalah workshop series: Human life chronicled from birth, ends at death. Many wonder about our “reality” prior to this world or the location of real-estate that we inhabit once we’ve left. There are no shortage of questions about the afterlife—whether its temperature controlled or permanent, boring or blissful? Rabbi Asher Crispe will map out an extended biography of the soul prior to first descending into a body and about the resurrection of the dead and the world to come. $15 per class, or $49 for series of 7. Sponsored by Chabad of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.com or (413) 499-9899.

July 24, 2015 — 10:45 a.m.
Federation program at Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Road, Great Barrington, MA

Talmudic Rabbis and Jewish Sorceresses: Strange Bedfellows. Maggie Anton discusses the research behind her latest historical novels.
Maggie Anton, award-winning author of the historical fiction trilogy Rashi’s Daughters and new series Rav Hisda’s Daughter, will talk about the research for Enchantress: A Novel of Rav Hisda’s Daughter. Set in Babylonia and Roman Palestine during the fourth century, it focuses on rabbinic families in the aftermath of the destruction of Jerusalem’s Holy Temple. In this backdrop, women excluded from their religion’s hierarchy find power as sorceresses. Surprisingly, some of the spells they used have become part of today’s Jewish liturgy. $11 includes the programs and a farm fresh buffet lunch from Freund Farm. Program only $5. Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.org or (413) 442-4360, ext. 10.
July 24, 2015 — 11 a.m.
Bernstein Theater at Shakespeare and Co., 70 Kemble Street, Lenox, MA

The Hidden History of Jewish Marriage: Why Isn’t Polygamy a Jewish Value?
Presented by Dr. David Kraemer, Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics. JTS in the Berkshires: Hidden Histories. Four part series. Join Jewish Theological Seminary Scholars as they explore the roots of common Jewish practices and offer unexpected readings of familiar heroes and villains. Each session will uncover the hidden contexts and conflicts that have shaped the things we know (of think we know) about Jewish tradition. $25 per session or 4 sessions for $75. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel and the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: knessetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 16.

July 24, 2015 — 5 p.m.
Tanglewood, 297 West Street, Lenox, MA

Tanglewood Shabbat
Join us for a special evening on the lawn at Tanglewood. Look for the Hevreh gathering in the middle of the lawn with the blue and white balloons to set up your picnic
dinner, and bring a dessert to share. We’ll gather for Kabbalat Shabbat at the back of the lawn at approximately 7 p.m. Purchase your own Tanglewood tickets. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: hevreh.org or (413) 528-6378.

**July 25, 2015 — 8:30 p.m.**
*Congregation Ahavath Sholom, 15 North Street, Great Barrington, MA*

**Ahavath Sholom Candlelight Observance of Tisha B’Av**
On Tisha B’Av we come together as a community to remember the many tragedies that have befallen the Jewish People on this date. Those who choose, can sit on the floor as we read poetry and listen to chanting from the Book of Lamentations by candlelight. Spiritual Leader Barbara Cohen leads the observance. Tisha B’Av is also a communal opportunity to contemplate the darkest side of human behavior and to examine our role in the healing of the world. Free. Sponsored by Congregation Ahavath Sholom. More info at: ahavathsholom.com or (413) 528-4197.

**July 25, 2015 — 9:30 p.m.**
*Lenox Community Center, 65 Walker Street, Lenox, MA*

**Tisha B’Av Service**
Tisha B’Av commemorates the destruction of the First Temple in 586 b.c.e. and the Second Temple in 70 c.e. To mark this darkest day of the Jewish year we will read the book of Lamentations and reflect on prayer and other experiences of great suffering in the past for the Jewish people. Free. Sponsored by Chabad of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.com or (413) 499-9899.

**July 26, 2015 — 9:30 a.m.**
*Chabad of the Berkshires, 450 South Street, Pittsfield, MA*

**Tisha B’Av Morning Services**
Please join the Shacharit services on Tisha B’Av morning for prayers and lamentations. It is considered the saddest day in the Jewish Calendar, commemorated as a 25 hour fast from sunset of the previous evening. Free. Sponsored by Chabad of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.com or (413) 499-9899.

**July 26, 2015 — 11:30 a.m.**
*Chabad of the Berkshires, 450 South Street, Pittsfield, MA*

**Holocaust Survivor Recounts a Unique Story**
Join Enrico Lamet on Tisha B’Av for a compelling story of WWII as seen through the eyes of an adventurous young boy during a period when his mother fears the Nazi hunt and is concerned about putting food on the table for her and her son. All are invited regardless of background or affiliation. Free. Sponsored by Chabad of the Berkshires. More info and to RSVP: jewishberkshires.com or (413) 499-9899.

**July 26, 2015 — 4:30 p.m.**
*Barrington Stage Co., Boyd-Quinson Main Stage, 30 Union Street, Pittsfield, MA*

**“Lost in Yonkers” by Neil Simon — Theatre Party at Barrington Stage Co.**
Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize winner, “Lost in Yonkers”, is a heartfelt and hilarious coming-of-age story drawn from Simon’s experiences growing up in New York City. Set during World War II, two young brothers are sent to live with their formidable German Jewish immigrant grandmother, the sweet but mentally challenged Aunt Bella, and Uncle Louie, a small-time hoodlum running away from gangsters. 5:00 show. Pre-show talk with Rabbi Josh Breindel at 4:30. Group rate tickets. Seating is limited. $42 through Temple Office. Sponsored by Temple Anshe Amunim. More info at: ansheamunim.org or (413) 442-5910.

**July 27, 2015 — 10:45 a.m.**
*Federation program at Congregation Knesset Israel, 16 Colt Road, Pittsfield, MA*

**Through the Tree of Life: Where T’ai Chi meets Kabalah**
Sue Gurland, retired acupuncturist, t’ai chi teacher, master teacher and spiritual director created “Moving Through the Tree of Life” for students to connect to the divine through their bodies in a Jewish context. The movements, drawn from t’ai chi, qigong and yoga, are combined with Jewish imagery and include deep breathing and meditation. Gurland has integrated her lifelong experiences of movement, meditation and visualization with authentic Jewish practices to support energetic aliveness, relaxation and spiritual connection to the source of all being. Program free. $2 suggested donation for Kosher Lunch following the program. Advance lunch
reservations are required and can be made up to 9 am on the day of program by calling (413) 442-2200. Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.org or (413) 442-4360 ext. 10.

July 27, 2015 — 4 p.m.
Lenox Memorial High School’s Duffin Theater, 197 East Street, Lenox, MA

Berkshire Jewish Film Festival
“Victor Young Perez” — The true story of a Tunisian Jewish World Flyweight boxing champion in 1931 & 1932 who was transported to Auschwitz and forced to participate in boxing matches for the amusement of the Nazis. $5. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: knessetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 25.

July 27, 2015 — 8 p.m.
Lenox Memorial High School’s Duffin Theater, 197 East Street, Lenox, MA

Berkshire Jewish Film Festival
“Above and Beyond” — A ragtag band of volunteer airmen mobilize in the skies above Israel to fight for the fledgling nation’s survival, turning the tide of Israel’s War of Independence and laying the foundation for its Air Force. $10. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: knessetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 25.

July 29, 2015 — 7:30 p.m.
Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Road, Great Barrington, MA

Regina Jonas: A Documentary Screening
Diana Groó’s documentary tells the story of Regina Jonas (1902-1944), a strong woman, who made history by becoming the first properly ordained woman rabbi in the world. The daughter of an Orthodox Jewish peddler, Jonas grew up in Berlin’s slum, studied at the liberal Hochschulefür die Wissenschaft des Judentums (College for the Scientific Study of Judaism) beginning in 1924, and was ordained in 1935. During WWII her sermons and dedication provided German Jews with unparalleled support. $7 at the door. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: hevreh.org or (413) 528-6378.

July 30, 2015 — 1 p.m.
Chabad of the Berkshires, 450 South Street, Pittsfield, MA

Redefining Love according to Kabbalah
Kabbalah workshop series: We all need it. Most of us want it. But how do we get and keep it? Learn the Kabbalistic approach to healthy relationships by exploring what it means to give and receive and how a marriage is not about two halves coming together but two wholes, who create a new entity while remaining individuals. $15 per class, or $49 for series of 7. Sponsored by Chabad of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.com or (413) 499-9899.

July 31, 2015 — 7 p.m.
Temple Anshe Amunim, 26 Broad Street, Pittsfield, MA

Shabbat Ahavah (Shabbat of Love)
Join Rabbi Josh and the Temple Anshe Amunim community for a romantic and thrilling celebration of Shabbat! To honor Tu B’Av (the “Jewish Valentine’s Day”), we’ll infuse our Shabbat service with love songs and ballads that complement our prayers. Please join us for this uniquely moving and uplifting celebration! Dessert reception to follow. Free. Sponsored by Temple Anshe Amunim. More info at: ansheamunim.org or (413) 442-5910.

AUGUST 2015

August 1, 2015 — 10:30 a.m.
Tanglewood, 297 West Street, Lenox, MA

Family Shabbat Morning Picnic at Tanglewood
Join other families with young children for the Saturday morning rehearsal at Tanglewood. Bring a Shabbat breakfast picnic and look for the group in the middle with blue and white balloons. RSVP to Rabbi Gordon at jgordon@hevreh.org. Free. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: hevreh.org or (413) 528-6378.
August 1, 2015 — 12:30 p.m.
Congregation Knesset Israel, 16 Colt Road, Pittsfield, MA

The Magic of Jerusalem in the Writings of Nobel Prize Laureate S.Y. Agnon
At a Lunch and Learn after the morning Shabbat service, Dr. Avraham Horowitz, a scholar visiting the Berkshires from Florida, will share his expertise in Modern Hebrew Literature. Highly experienced and reviewed by southern audiences, he is happy to regale the Berkshire audience with his wit and wisdom. Lunch reservations required. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: knessetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 16.

August 2, 2015 — 11:11 a.m.
Congregation Beth Israel, 53 Lois Street, North Adams, MA.

Summer Film Series

August 2, 2015 — 7 p.m.
Lenox Memorial High School’s Duffin Theater, 197 East Street, Lenox, MA

The Maccabeats in Concert — Premier A Cappella Sensation!
The Maccabeats have emerged as a Jewish music and a cappella phenomena with over 20 million views of their YouTube videos and numerous national TV appearances. The Maccabeats integration of traditional and secular Jewish wisdom plays out in an eclectic array of Jewish, American, and Israeli songs. Join the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires for this annual benefit concert, with all proceeds to benefit the Jewish Agency for Israel’s Fund for Victims of Terror. General admission $25. Young adults under 30 years of age, $20. Children under 10 are free. Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.org or (413) 442-4360, ext. 10.

August 3, 2015 — 10:45 a.m.
Federation program at Congregation Knesset Israel, 16 Colt Road, Pittsfield, MA

A Sense of Wonder: Journeying with Rabbi Heschel and Rachel Carson
Maggid David Arfa (Maggid means storyteller) will honor two giants who were filled with wonder, Rabbi Heschel and Rachel Carson, as respective pillars in the Jewish and environmental communities. Through textual reading, we will explore their nuanced understandings about wonder and awe and find relevance today. By taking the time to remember and share wondrous encounters with the natural world, we will place wonder in Jewish context and deepen our personal sense of awe. Program free. $2 suggested donation for Kosher Lunch following the program. Advance lunch reservations are required and can be made up to 9 am on the day of program by calling (413) 442-2200. Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.org or (413) 442-4360, ext. 10.

August 3, 2015 — 4 p.m.
Lenox Memorial High School’s Duffin Theater, 197 East Street, Lenox, MA

Berkshire Jewish Film Festival
“Secrets of War” — During WWII the friendship of two boys is at risk when a girl tells a very personal secret to only one of them. $5. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: knessetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 25.

August 3, 2015 — 8 p.m.
Lenox Memorial High School’s Duffin Theater, 197 East Street, Lenox, MA

Berkshire Jewish Film Festival
“The Green Prince” — The true story of Mosab Hassan Youssef (son of a Hamas leader) who emerged as one of Israel’s prized informants; and the Shin Bet agent who risked his career to protect him. $10. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: knessetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 25.
August 6, 2015 — 1 p.m.
Chabad of the Berkshires, 450 South Street, Pittsfield, MA

Rugelach Workshop in the Berkshires
Rugelach Workshop in the Berkshires! Have you ever wondered how your grandmother made the most delicious rugelach? Can you remember the aroma of the rugelach baking? Are rugelach part of Jewish traditional foods? Would you like to learn the art of rugelach making? Join the Rugelach Baking Workshop. All participants will be treated to tasting a large variety of rugalach. $20. Registration is required by July 15th. Sponsored by Chabad of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.com or (413) 499-9899.

August 7, 2015 — 11 a.m.
Bernstein Theater at Shakespeare and Co., 70 Kemble Street, Lenox, MA

The Hidden History of Candlelighting: Rabbis, Karaites, Christians and the Evolution of a Sabbath Ritual
Presented by Dr. Benjamin Gampel, associate professor of History at JTS. JTS in the Berkshires: Hidden Histories. Four part series. Join Jewish Theological Seminary scholars as they explore the roots of common Jewish practices and offer unexpected readings of familiar heroes and villains. Each session will uncover the hidden contexts and conflicts that have shaped the things we know (or think we know) about Jewish tradition. $25 per session or 4 sessions for $75. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel and the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: knessetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 16.

August 7, 2015 — 3-6:30 p.m.
Congregation Knesset Israel, 16 Colt Road, Pittsfield, MA

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Information: (413) 445-4872, ext. 10

August 7, 2015 — 6 p.m.
URJ Eisner Camp, 53 Brookside Road, Great Barrington, MA

Hevreh Goes to Camp!
Hevreh will celebrate Kabbalat Shabbat at URJ Eisner Camp. Following services, we’ll join for a spirited song session and Israeli folk dancing. Please note: there will not be services at Hevreh that night. Free. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: hevreh.org or (413) 528-6378.

August 8, 2015 — 8 p.m.
Unitarian Universalist Meeting House, 1089 Main Street, Housatonic, MA

Anthony Mordechai Tzvi Russell Performs: Convergence
Spirituals from the Shtetl, Davening from the Delta: A concert blending Yiddish Art Songs and Negro Spirituals. As a convert to Judaism, Russell, a former professional opera singer, discovered the soul-deep connections between 19th-century black music, Yiddish art songs and cantorial music. Graced with a stunning bass voice reminiscent of Paul Robeson, Russell explores these connections in his unique show: Convergence. This is a benefit concert for Rimon Resource Center for Jewish Spirituality. $30, $50. Sponsored by Rimon Resource Center for Jewish Spirituality. More info at: rimonberkshires.org or (413) 274-1034.
August 9, 2015 — 10:30 a.m.
Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Road, Great Barrington, MA

Great Ideas in the Jewish World: A Conversation with Rabbi Daniel Freelander
Where is Jewish institutional life heading? Join Rabbi Daniel Freelander for an engaging conversation on the most pressing questions in Jewish life today. Rabbi Daniel Freelander serves as president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. Rabbi Freelander leads the coordinating body of over 1.8 million Jews, representing almost 1000 congregations around the world. A gifted musician and keen observer of the North American Jewish scene, Freelander is well known for lecturing on trends in Reform synagogue life. Free. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: hevreh.org or (413) 528-6378.

August 10, 2015 — 4 p.m.
Lenox Memorial High School’s Duffin Theater, 197 East Street, Lenox, MA

Berkshire Jewish Film Festival
“Theodore Bikel: In the Shoes of Sholom Aleichem” — This joyous extravaganza of Jewish storytelling and song immortalizes two beloved cultural icons. $5. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: knessetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 25.

August 10, 2015 — 8 p.m.
Lenox Memorial High School’s Duffin Theater, 197 East Street, Lenox, MA

Berkshire Jewish Film Festival
“Dough” — An old Jewish baker’s faltering business is inadvertently saved by his young Muslim apprentice in this British dramedy. $10. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: knessetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 25.

August 11, 2015 — 7 p.m.
Lenox Memorial High School’s Duffin Theater, 197 East Street, Lenox, MA

Israel Briefing with Yehuda Yaakov, Consul General of Israel to New England, and IDF Soldiers.
Friends of the IDF invite you to a special event to meet IDF soldiers who fought in the 2014 Gaza Operation. Learn about the challenges the IDF continues to confront including: fighting inside urban areas, finding rebuilt tunnels, losing the element of surprise. Yehuda Yaakov, Consul General of Israel to New England, will present a briefing on current diplomatic challenges. Sponsored by the Friends of the IDF and the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. Free. More info at: newengland@fidf.org or (617) 559-3600.

August 13, 2015 — 7 p.m.
Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Road, Great Barrington, MA

Great Ideas in Pursuing Justice and Transforming Community: An Evening with Rabbi Jonah Pesner
Rabbi Jonah Pesner is the director of the Religious Action Center. He also currently serves as Senior Vice President of the Union for Reform Judaism. Named one of the most influential rabbis in America by Newsweek magazine, he has been an inspirational leader, creative entrepreneur, and tireless advocate for social justice. He is a founder and visionary leader of the Campaign for Youth Engagement, a bold strategy to mobilize tens of thousands of young people in the Jewish community. Free. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: hevreh.org or (413) 528-6378.

August 14, 2015 — 10:45 a.m.
Federation program at Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Road, Great Barrington, MA

H.G. Adler’s Shoah Trilogy
Presented by Peter Filkins, Professor of Literature at Bard College at Simon’s Rock and an award winning poet and translator. H.G. Adler, survivor of Theresienstadt and three other concentration camps, wrote one of the most important works of Holocaust scholarship; Theresienstadt 1941-1945 The Face of a Coerced Community. His other novels, Panorama, The Journey, and The Wall, form
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August 17, 2015 — 4 p.m.
Lenox Memorial High School’s Duffin Theater, 197 East Street, Lenox, MA

Berkshire Jewish Film Festival
“A Borrowed Identity” — A young Palestinian outsider struggles to find his place in Israeli society in this coming of age drama. $5. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: knessetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 25.

August 17, 2015 — 8 p.m.
Lenox Memorial High School’s Duffin Theater, 197 East Street, Lenox, MA

Berkshire Jewish Film Festival
“Apples From the Desert” — In this adaptation of the award-winning Israeli play that poignantly explores themes of love and reconciliation, the rebellious teenage daughter of ultra-Orthodox Jewish parents journeys into the secular. $10. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel. More info at: knessetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 25.

August 21, 2015 — 11 a.m.
Bernstein Theater at Shakespeare and Co., 70 Kemble Street, Lenox, MA

The Hidden History of Masada: How A Forgotten Fortress Became a Zionist Symbol
Presented by Dr. Avinoam Patt, JTS Fellow and Professor of Jewish History at University of Hartford. JTS in the Berkshires: Hidden Histories. Four part series. Join Jewish Theological Seminary scholars as they explore the roots of common Jewish practices and offer unexpected reading of familiar heroes and villains. Each session will uncover the hidden contexts and conflicts that have shaped the things we know (or think we know) about Jewish tradition. $25 per session or 4 sessions for $75. Sponsored by Congregation Knesset Israel and the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. More info at: knessetisrael.org or (413) 445-4872, ext. 16.

August 22, 2015 — 6 p.m.
Location to be announced

Family Lake Havdalah and Campfire
Kids back from camp? Join other families with school-aged kids for an evening by the lake with havdalah, smores, and a singalong. Bring your own picnic dinner. Call Hevreh to RSVP and get location details. Free. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: hevreh.org or (413) 528-6378.

August 23, 2015 — 11 a.m.
Triplex Cinema, 70 Railroad Street, Great Barrington, MA

The Sturgeon Queens — film screening at Triplex Cinema
Mention the name “Russ and Daughters” and the mouth of any native New Yorker will start to water. This engaging and heart-warming documentary looks at the history of this beloved Lower East Side institution. Advance tickets on sale through Hevreh. $10. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: hevreh.org or (413) 528-6378.

August 23, 2015 — 7:30 p.m.
Temple Anshe Amunim, 26 Broad Street, Pittsfield, MA

Changing Horizons: Living in a Violent World
The 48th Annual Hilda Vallin Feigenbaum Lecture presents guest speaker, Eugene Robinson, Pulitzer Prize winner, author and contributor to The Washington Post. Eugene Robinson has won wide acclaim for his story-telling ability during his three-decade career at The Washington Post. He writes a column on politics and culture, contributes to the
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August 24, 2015 — 7 p.m.
Congregation Beth Israel, 53 Lois Street, North Adams, MA.

Jewish Book Discussion Group at CBI
This book discussion is on Brothers Ashkenazi by Israel Joseph Singer. Written in Yiddish in 1936, this book has multi-layered plots and a large cast of characters. Everyone is welcome! Contact Chaim Bronstein for more information at chaim@bcn.net Free. Sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel. More info at: cbiweb.org or (413) 663-5830.

August 30, 2015 — 10:15 a.m.
Congregation Ahavath Sholom, 15 North Street, Great Barrington, MA

Do You Love Discussing Books? Come and Share your Analysis
Come and engage in a thought provoking book discussion of All I Love and Know by Judith Frank. Coffee is provided so bring a nosh. Meetings are usually at the synagogue but occasionally a member will host at their home so contact Diana Richter at drpajama@verizon.net to check on the location. Free. Sponsored by Congregation Ahavath Sholom. More info at: aha-vathsholom.com or (413) 528-4197.

August 30, 2015 — 11:11 a.m.
Congregation Beth Israel, 53 Lois Street, North Adams, MA.

Summer Film Series
Showing of the movie “The Way We Were” (1973) — a love story about a political activist played by Barbra Streisand. Free. Sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel. More info at: cbiweb.org or (413) 663-5830.

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September 4, 2015 — 6 p.m.
Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Road, Great Barrington, MA

Hot Shabbat
End the summer with a bang! Celebrate Shabbat outdoors with a potluck dinner, games for kids and a lively, musical Kabbalat Shabbat service. Free. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: hevreh.org or (413) 528-6378.

September 5, 2015 — 8 p.m.
Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Road, Great Barrington, MA

Selichot
Selichot is a foretaste of the High Holidays. The service is the first opportunity to encounter the words and the music that make the High Holiday experience unique. It is an opportunity to set one’s kavanah (intention)
for this intensive period of prayer. Join Rabbis Hirsch and Gordon to explore the spiritual heights of some of the most significant moments of our Jewish year. Free. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. More info at: hevreh.org or (413) 528-6378.

September 5, 2015 — 9:30 p.m.
Chabad of the Berkshires, 450 South Street, Pittsfield, MA

Havdalah and Selichot Service

We will prepare for the Days of Awe with an inspiring Havdalah service and Melavah Malkah prior to the traditional Selichot services. All are invited regardless of background or affiliation! Free. Sponsored by Chabad of the Berkshires. More info at: jewishberkshires.com or (413) 499-9899.

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