

# Life at HEVREH

May 1 – June 30, 2019



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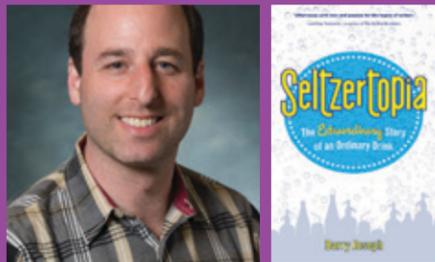




A Celebration of Jewish Literature

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

Barry Joseph  
Thursday, July 18



*Seltzeropia: The Extraordinary Story of an Ordinary Drink*  
7:00 pm Lecture - \$20

Angela Himsel  
Friday, July 19



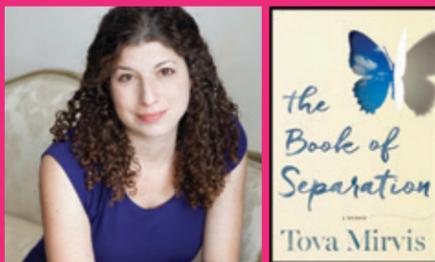
*A River Could Be A Tree*  
Shabbat Service 6:15 pm  
Talk and festive oneg to follow

Saturday, July 20



*Two Journeys: Tova Mirvis & Angela Himsel in Conversation with Judith Rosenbaum*  
10 am shabbat services

Tova Mirvis  
Saturday, July 20



*The Book of Separation*  
Shabbat Service 10:00 am  
Lecture & Lunch 12:00 pm - \$25

Rabbi Leah Rachel Berkowitz  
Saturday, July 20



*The World Needs Beautiful Things*  
Havdalah 4:00 pm

Chef Rossi  
Sunday, July 21



*The Raging Skillet*  
Lecture and Lunch 10:00 am - \$30

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FROM THE RABBI

RABBI NEIL P.G. HIRSCH

**The Jewish tradition pays attention to lineage.**

Genesis traces the line from Adam and Eve to Abram and Sarai. Numbers is all about a census of the People of Israel, who was able-bodied and ready to fight. At the end of the Hebrew Bible, Chronicles I and II retell our People's story in the context of leadership succession, recording all the various kings and other leaders, the original Game of Thrones. And in Pirkei Avot, our Sages outline the sacred chain of Torah from Moses at Sinai to the Rabbis of their age. We seem obsessed with retelling who was in charge, and who passed their power onto the next generation.

The more time one spends in the context of our tradition and community, the importance of leadership stands out. In fact, when one looks at what makes for a healthy congregation, quality board leadership is one of the keys. Evaluating our impact at Hevreh, we would not be able to be who we are were it not for the dedicated leadership of so many board members, committee members, and volunteers. Living by the adage that we should not do for someone else that which they can do by themselves, so many leaders at Hevreh step up and take ownership of our congregation. Hevreh would not be who we are without our hevreh, our community of people, who show dedication and resolve to make this congregation thrive. The effort each Hevreh volunteer and leader puts into his or her time at Hevreh is not lost on me. On behalf of our Hevreh staff team, let me thank each and every person who has given your time and energy to make our congregation thrive. To this point, I am personally looking forward to Friday evening, May 17, when we get to celebrate all of you, who have given your time and energy to Hevreh in this past year.

This month, Hevreh marks a transition in board leadership. For the past four years, Suzanne Sawyer has served as President of our Board of Trustees. Suzanne leads with her heart, and we are grateful for her dedication to the congregation over these last several years. I am grateful to Suzanne for all that she has done for Hevreh, and look forward to other ways that she will continue to serve this congregation as one of our active past presidents. Suzanne passes the baton to Rik Kabel. In his time on the board at Hevreh, Rik has proven himself a thoughtful leader. I look forward to working in partnership with Rik during this next term, as well as all of the new members of our Board of Trustees.

When Rabbi Dan Frelander, President of the World Union of Progressive Judaism, spoke at Hevreh several years ago, in the context of his presentation, he asked everyone present, "Who among you has served on a synagogue board?" Of the 80 people in the room, most hands went up. He went on to ask who had served as a president of a board, and still many hands remained up. Apparently, Hevreh is not only a destination for Jewish life, learning, and community, but a landing pad for past presidents of Northeast congregations. We are a congregation that thrives because of the ways that people give constantly. As we continue to work to make Hevreh the congregation we imagine it can be, the message is clear: leadership matters for spiritual reasons. We are inheritors of a sacred trust, passed intentionally from generation to generation. Thank you to each and every person in this congregation who does what you can to continue to not only be a link in that holy chain, but to also strengthen it.

Rabbi Neil P.G. Hirsch

# SHABBAT at HEVREH

<b>Friday, May 3</b>	Shabbat Service 5:45 pm, New Member Welcome Shabbat
<b>Saturday, May 4</b>	Shabbat Service and B'not Mitzvah of Ella & Mia Cohen 10:00 am Parashat Achrei Mot, Leviticus 16:1-18:30
<b>Friday, May 10</b>	Shabbat Service 5:45 pm, HOTY and Teacher Appreciation Shabbat
<b>Saturday, May 11</b>	Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of Makayla Wax 10:00 am Parashat Kedoshim, Leviticus 19:1-20:27
<b>Friday, May 17</b>	Shabbat Shalom & Pot Luck Dinner 5:45 pm
<b>Saturday, May 18</b>	Tot Shabbat 9 am Shabbat Service and Torah Study 10:00 am Parashat Emor, Leviticus 21:1-24:23
<b>Friday, May 24</b>	Shabbat Service 5:45 pm
<b>Saturday, May 25</b>	Shabbat Service and Torah Study 10:00 am Parashat Behar, Leviticus 25:1-26:2
<b>Friday, May 31</b>	Shabbat Service 5:45 pm
<b>Saturday, June 1</b>	Shabbat Service and Torah Study 10:00 am Parashat B'chukotai, Leviticus 26:3-27:34
<b>Friday, June 7</b>	Shabbat Service 5:45 pm, Thank you to Student Cantor Shani Cohen
<b>Saturday, June 8</b>	Shabbat Service and Torah Study 10:00 am Parashat Bamidbar, Numbers 1:1-4:20 Shavuot and Confirmation, 6 pm
<b>Friday, June 14</b>	Shabbat Across the Berkshires at Temple Anshe Amunim, Pittsfield 6:00 pm
<b>Saturday, June 15</b>	Shabbat Service and Torah Study 10:00 am Parashat Naso, Numbers 4:21-7:89
<b>Friday, June 21</b>	Shabbat Service 5:45 pm
<b>Saturday, June 22</b>	Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Beckwith 10:00 am Parashat B'haalot'cha, Numbers 8:1-12:16
<b>Friday, June 28</b>	Shabbat Service 5:45 pm, Scholar-in-Residence Yiscah Smith
<b>Saturday, June 29</b>	Shabbat Service and Torah Study 10 am Parashat Sh'lach L'cha, Numbers 13:1-15:41 Berkshire Minyan meets weekly at Hevreh on Saturday mornings for Shabbat Services at 9:30 am

## RABBINIC STAFF

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# SPECIAL SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

**Friday Night Shabbat Services will begin at 5:45 pm starting May 3**



FRIDAY  
MAY 3  
5:45pm

## SING IT! GUEST SERMON FROM REV. ERIK KARAS

### Shabbat Service

Hevreh is an ever growing community. This Shabbat, we invite you to help us welcome families and friends who have joined our congregation over the last year. New members will be called to the bema for a special prayer and welcome gift. A festive oneg will be sponsored by our weEngage committee to celebrate our newest congregants.

FRIDAY  
MAY 10  
5:45pm

## HOTY SHABBAT AND TEACHER APPRECIATION

This Shabbat, we will be led by our senior youth group and take some time to recognize and appreciate our wonderful religious school teachers who guide our children every Sunday and Wednesday during the school year.

FRIDAY  
MAY 17  
5:45pm

## SHABBAT SHALOM: OUR SUMMER BEGINS

Join Hevreh for a festive Vegetarian Pot-Luck Dinner following Shabbat Services where we will celebrate three Smichot; welcoming home our members who has been away this winter, honoring all those who has helped Hevreh to be the welcoming home for our community and installing our next year's Board of Trustees who will guide us into our 40th year as Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. Please RSVP online at Hevreh.org.

FRIDAY  
JUNE 7  
5:45pm

## L'HITRAOT AND TODA RABA TO STUDENT CANTOR SHANI COHEN

For the last two years, Shani Cohen has served as our student cantor. We are so grateful for the gifts she has brought our congregation and wish her well as she continues her studies at HUC. As we say l'hitraot, we celebrate and thank her for all she has brought us. Enjoy a special musical Shabbat, a beautiful tribute, and a festive oneg.

SATURDAY  
JUNE 8  
6:00pm

## SHAVUOT & CONFIRMATION

Shavuot, also called Z'man Matan Torah, is the festival when our tradition teaches the People of Israel received Torah at Sinai. As we are taught, all were present at Sinai, including all future generations.

Join us for Shavuot and help honor our Confirmation students and their families as we celebrate with words of Torah, prayer and music. Confirmation is a service that affirms a young person's commitment and dedication to Jewish life, learning, and community. It also marks the important milestone of graduating from high school, and moving on to new adventures. Following our service, all are invited to stay for a festive reception.

FRIDAY  
JUNE 22  
5:45pm

## SUMMER CAMP SEND-OFF SHABBAT

Are you heading off to camp this summer? Whether you're packing up your trunk for two months at sleepaway camp, or getting ready to load your backpack for your first time at day camp, we invite all of our campers to come for a special pre-camp blessing!



## What I learned at Hevreh

Every few weeks for the past two years, I have had the unique experience of leaving my busy life in New York City and escaping to the Berkshires, where I spend three incredible days celebrating Shabbat, soaking in the fresh air, and learning from a warm and

my music classroom at Hevreh's religious school, teaching holidays and liturgical music covering the scope of the Jewish year. I remembered my many meals with congregants, where I formed personal connections and friendships with beloved community members.

I have come to savor my Shabbatot at Hevreh, and they have become part of what Shabbat means to me. I have not only learned how to be a cantorial presence, but what it means to be a member of the Jewish community in the Berkshires, to experience first-hand a spiritual environment where the surroundings parallel the beauty of our Jewish ritual.

I take my Hevreh memories with me wherever I go, and they help me remember how far I have come in my cantorial journey.

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I started working at Hevreh in the fall of 2017, having just returned from my year in Israel and still settling into life in New York City. Today, almost two years later, I am finishing my third year of cantorial school, and feel much more experienced in my clergy role. Yet if I have learned anything in my time at school so far, it is that my cantorial identity is far from set. Cultural theorist Stuart Hall posits that, "instead of thinking of identity as an

already accomplished fact," we can rather imagine "identity as a 'production,' which is never complete, always in process." With every personal interaction, every song session, every Shabbat experience, Hevreh has become an integral part of my continuing identity production. There is no doubt in my mind that my formative experiences at Hevreh will continue to inform my cantorate for the rest of my life.

welcoming Jewish community. I feel so lucky to have had my formative student experiences at such a dedicated, thriving congregation that takes such care of and pride in their student clergy.

Last week, I attended a funeral for a friend's mother, an emotional day for all involved and clearly a challenging time in my friend's life. As he sang the beautifully comforting notes of Gerald Cohen's "Adonai Roi" (Psalm 23), I could not help but flashback to singing the same Psalm 23 setting at a funeral in Great Barrington this past September. I remembered choking back tears as I nervously sang through the funeral liturgy by Rabbi Hirsch's side, my first funeral as a student cantor. My mind wandered to memories of standing on the bima on Shabbat, whether guiding the congregation through the Mi Shebeirach prayer for healing, or lending my voice in joyous prayer to the tunes of Debbie Friedman's "Mi Chamocha" or Elana Arian's "Hinei Mah Tov". I thought of



I grew up at Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley, MA. My experiences at TBE as well as at Eisner Camp, NFTY-Northeast, NFTY in Israel, and Genesis at Brandeis University gave me a passion for an academic study of Judaism and religion. I earned my Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies in 2018 from Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY. During college, I participated in a wide variety of both Jewish and musical activities, serving on the board of Skidmore Hillel and working

in admissions as a leader in the tour guide community and in the music department as the assistant to the choral director. I took part in several operatic productions, including Handel's *Serse* and Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro*. Outside of school, I worked as the music educator at Temple Sinai of Saratoga Springs. In 2016, I was chosen to be a member of the inaugural cohort of the Founders' Fellowship at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

I am now living in Jerusalem for the year, starting the journey of pursuing cantorial ordination at the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at HUC-JIR. I am grateful to begin this process of learning and introspection.

I am so excited for the opportunity to serve as the student cantor at Hevreh next year. It is clear that this is a that aims to touch every aspect of Jewish living in a creative and meaningful way. I cannot wait to be a part of it!

Sunday, May 5, 12:45 PM-2:45 pm at Hevreh

Thursday, June 13 & 20, 12:30-1:30 pm - Online Webinar

## THE SANDWICH GENERATION CRASH COURSE: CARING FOR YOUR PARENTS & KIDS

There comes a point when caregiving happens both up and down the family tree. One is called upon to care for aging parents, as commitments to children remain. In this workshop, join with Rabbi Hirsch and Hevreh member, Adam Stofsky, to explore the ins, outs, ups, and downs, of being in the sandwich generation. What do you need to know, and how can you prepare, when you find yourself in this position and role? This workshop will equip you both with practical legal training as well as the Jewish perspective.

Adam is the founder of Briefly, a start-up focused on providing legal education and training addressing the key issues at different stages of life. Childcare is available for the Sunday program. Please reach out to Rabbi Hirsch (nhirsch@hevreh.org) for more information.

Thursday, May 30, 2019, 7:30-9:30 pm

## JEWISH PERSPECTIVES ON DEATH WITH DIGNITY

Currently, the Massachusetts legislature is exploring a bill that would allow Massachusetts licensed physicians to prescribe medication, at a terminally ill patient's request, and that patient's life. Jewish tradition gives guidance, not absolutes, regarding end-of-life decisions. Individuals may interpret Jewish teachings in a variety of ways in a number of different circumstances, and each circumstance brings different considerations. Join Rabbi Hirsch for an exploration the various texts that our tradition provides to consider the Jewish values involved in the debate regarding Death with Dignity.

Tuesday, June 4, 7 pm

## SUMMER ROSH CHODESH GATHERING

Rosh Chodesh will come together at the home of Beth Laster Nathan in Stockbridge. Everyone is invited and we look forward to reconnecting with members returning to the Berkshires or new memfor the summer. Our gatherings are open to anyone interested in experiencing a Hevreh Rosh Chodesh. For more information or to RSVP, email Michele Krieg Bauer at talktome8887@gmail.com.

Friday, June 21, 4 pm

## SHABBAT AT THE MARKET

Sheffield Farmer's Market (125 S. Main St. Sheffield)

Come on down to the Sheffield Farmer's Market for a sweet Shabbat experience with Hevreh. It's a wonderful place to gather everything you need for a delicious, locally grown Shabbat meal, and we'll be there to share blessings and enjoy the sunshine together.

Sunday, June 23 10:30 am

## HEADING HOME: THE STORY OF TEAM ISRAEL

Film Screening at the Triplex

Join us at the Triplex for our annual summer movie morning! "Heading Home" is a stirring story of sports, patriotism and personal growth. Heading Home charts the underdog journey of Israel's national baseball team competing for the first time in the World Baseball Classic. After years of defeat, Team Israel is finally ranked among the world's best in 2017, eligible to compete in the prestigious international tournament. Their odyssey takes them from Tel Aviv and Jerusalem where they are greeted as heroes, to Seoul where they must debunk their has-been, wannabe reputations. With their Mensch on the Bench mascot by their side, the team laughs, cries, and does much soul-searching, discovering the pride of representing Israel on the world stage. Tickets available at the door for \$10.

Tuesday, June 25, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

## THE GAME OF LIFE—AND DEATH

"Hello" is a conversation game about living and dying and what matters most. Hevreh is sponsoring two opportunities to play "Hello", a game designed to open doors of exploration and help identify what is most important to you. You will laugh, cry, and discover new things about yourself and the people you care about. Our first evening event will include pizza and soft drinks. The second opportunity to play will be on Tuesday, August 6, 9:30-11:30 am and will include muffins and coffee.

We request that you RSVP in advance but walk-ins are welcome.

Come to one or both of these events, sponsored by our Hevra Kadisha

As we wrap up another wonderful school year at Hevreh, we want to thank everyone who helps make our school community so warm and filled with love and learning. Thank you to our terrific teachers, Pat Fire, Arielle Pink-Ithete, Jamie Minacci, Dave Halley, Avi Dresner, Rob Fire and Terri Sash for all you do. Big thanks to our marvelous madrikhim: Ella Novick, Jacob Munch, Liat Friedman, Emma Adelson, Aidan Burns, Mira Webber, Ruby Citrin, Evie Grossman, Aria Grossman, Sam Drucker, Jacob Shron, Sarah Drucker and Daniel Munch for the love and energy you bring each week. To Bill Litchfield, Jacob Kerswell, and Mary Shook— thank you for the warmth you bring to work each week.

An extra big stretchy thank you to Nerissa Bardfield for teaching Parent Yoga this year. Finally, many thanks to our student cantor, Shani Cohen, for bringing her considerable musical talents to bear on our religious school program throughout the year.

We wish you all a relaxing and sweet summer, and can't wait to see you back for the first day of school on Sunday, September 8th!

Fondly,

Rabbi Jodie Gordon & Jodie Friedman

Sunday, April 7, at 10:15 am

## SUMMER CAMP SEND-OFF SHABBAT

Are you heading off to camp this summer? Whether you're packing up your trunk for two months at sleepaway camp, or getting ready to load your backpack for your first time at day camp, we invite all of our campers to come for a special pre-camp blessing!

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 & MAY 12, 10:15 AM

## TINY TALMIDIM

Tiny Talmidim are invited to help close out another great school year with teacher Terri at this wonderful, interactive grown-up/child program. Each month, we explore a different Jewish holiday or value through storytelling, food, and crafts. If you would like to know more about Tiny Talmidim for the 2019-2020 school year, please be in touch! Please note: we'll be celebrating Purim together on March 24th, and the day will conclude with a visit to the Purim Carnival. Please feel free to wear a costume!

Sunday, March 3, at 0:00 am

## Yachad Yom Ha'atzmaut: Happy Birthday, Israel!

It's Israel's birthday, and we're celebrating with a special outdoor Yachad celebration, open to the entire community!

- Climb Masada at our rock climbing wall
- Practice your Israeli cooking skills with guest chef Jenny
- Get your Dead Sea spa on with mud masks
- Make your own Hebrew name necklace (Don't have a name? Don't worry, we can help!)
- Meet David Ben-Gurion and hear the Declaration of Independence read out loud
- Learn how you can advocate for equal rights in Israel through the Reform Movement's Israel Religious Action Center
- Celebrate in true Israeli style, with Israeli dancing!

Tot Shabbat

SATURDAY, MAY 18 & JUNE 8, 9 AM

Start your Saturday with Join the rabbis and student cantor Cohen for our last two installments of Tot Shabbat before we take a *hafsakah* (break) for the summer. Tot Shabbat is an energetic and sweet way to celebrate Shabbat as a family, with singing, dancing, stories, crafts, and of course-- Shabbat snacks! As always, we welcome interfaith families, GLBTQ families, nursing moms, babies and siblings of all ages, grandparents and special people, new members, first timers, neighbors, and friends.



### mia COHEN

Hi my name is Mia Cohen and have been a part of the Hevreh community for 7 years. I live in NYC on the weekdays and in Great Barrington Mass. on the weekend. I go to the Windward school, a school which specializes in helping kids with language based learning disabilities and/or dyslexia. My favorite activities are basketball, lacrosse and hanging out with my friends. For my mitzvah project I chose to work with DOROT. DOROT is an organization that helps senior citizens by delivering food and providing companionship. I had so much fun getting to meet and talking to some of the people during my visits. I loved hearing their life stories and getting to know them. I will certainly continue to work with the organization after my bat mitzvah. My Torah portion is about rules for how to continue to engage with G-d through animal sacrifice. I am excited to become a bat mitzvah and become more involved in the Hevreh Community when we move in July.



### eLLa COHEN

Hi my name is Ella Cohen and I am a seventh grader at The Computer School (MS 245). I live in NYC but will be moving to Great Barrington at the end of the school year with my parents Rob Cohen and Lori Thaler-Cohen, my older sister Ava, my twin sister Mia, and our dog Scooter. I love to run, and am on my school's track team. I also enjoy swimming, rock climbing, hanging out with friends, and going to sleep-away camp (Camp Romaca). For my mitzvah project I have been helping out at Stephen Wise Synagogue on Saturday mornings packing and passing out food bags to homeless and other people who need them. This has taught me not to take things for granted, and to try not to waste things because there are people in the world who don't even have enough food and other necessary things to survive. My Torah portion is Achrei Mot which deals with the idea of unburdening your sins and giving them to a scapegoat. I'm looking forward to becoming a bat mitzvah at Hevreh and learning more about our religion.

### makayLa wax

Hi! My name is Makayla Wax, and I live in Sheffield with my mom, dad, younger sister, Effie, and my dogs, Millie and Simon. I am in seventh grade at Monument Valley Regional Middle School. I am an avid and accomplished tennis player. I am lucky enough to work with coaches from all over the world and travel the globe for tournaments. Next spring, I plan to play in the International Tennis Foundation in India and the Caribbean, Traveling is a huge part of my family's life. In addition to traveling for tennis and for my dad's marathons, I am also a huge Disney fanatic (some may say nerd). I love experiencing all the new and exciting adventures Disney offers us - both on land and sea. My Torah portion, Kedoshim, explains the commandments, or mitzvot's Jews have to follow. For my Mitzvah project, I decided to host a tennis tournament, where all the money earned goes to Broadway Cares Equity Fights AIDS, the leading HIV/AIDS fundraising organization. Broadway holds a special place in my heart, and has been part of my life ever since I was six years old. I am very excited for my Bat Mitzvah, and celebrating with my family and friends.



### JOSHUA BECKWITH

Shalom! My name is Joshua Beckwith, and I am in 7th grade at the Montessori School of the Berkshires. I live in Pittsfield with my parents, Rachel and Andrew. My oldest brother, Noah, goes to school at Tulane University. My other brother, Max, goes to school at Hotchkiss. I play guitar, trumpet, and piano and have a love for music. Another one of my passions is food, both cooking and eating, and I will try something new every chance I get. I also enjoy riding my bike and taking walks around my neighborhood. My favorite class in school is social studies because I love learning and hearing about different people and cultures, as well as their history.

My portion is Beha'alotcha in the book of Numbers. My portion is an anthology of stories and instructions regarding Moses, Aaron, Miriam and the exodus out of Egypt. For my mitzvah project I have decided to donate to the One Acre Fund, a non-profit organization that helps farmers in East Africa. This is important to me because I love food and it has led me to be interested in farming and how I can help impoverished communities through sustainable farming. Because I love food, I want to know where food comes from and how I can help the people who grow it. I am planning on doing a food-related fundraiser to raise money for the One Acre Fund.



Pursuant to Article XI Section 1 of Hevreh's Bylaws, candidates for the positions of Officers and Trustees are presented by a Nominating Committee appointed by the President and approved by a majority of the Board of Trustees. The 2019 Nominating Committee was comprised of Betsy Gross, Brian Grossman, Jan Kabel, Mark Lefenfeld, and Ilana Steinhauer. The slate set out below is presented for approval by the congregation. **All positions to be voted upon are highlighted in bold.**

**OFFICERS (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)**

POSITION	NAME	TERM EXPIRES
<b>President</b>	<b>Rik Kabel</b>	<b>1st term 2021</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Julie Gale - 1</b>	<b>1st term 2021</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Michele Krieg Bauer - 2</b>	<b>1st term 2021</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>John Lipkowitz - 3</b>	<b>1st term 2021</b>
Vice President	Matt Mozian	1st term 2020
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Alan Kaufman - 4</b>	<b>1st term 2021</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Rebecca Wolin - 5</b>	<b>1st term 2021</b>
<b>Immed. Past Pres.</b>	<b>Suzanne Sawyer</b>	<b>1st term 2021</b>

**BOARD MEMBERS**

NAME	TERM EXPIRES
<b>Nerissa Bardfeld - 6</b>	<b>1st term 2022</b>
<b>Carol Beyer - 7</b>	<b>1st term 2022</b>
<b>Rob Cohen - 8</b>	<b>1st term 2022</b>
<b>Betsy Gross - 8</b>	<b>1st term 2022</b>
<b>Jeffrey Lazarus - 8</b>	<b>1st term 2022</b>
<b>Lisa Sloane - 9</b>	<b>1st term 2022</b>

**CONTINUING BOARD MEMBERS**

NAME	TERM EXPIRES
Hinda Bodinger	1st term 2020
Larry Frankel	1st term 2021
Brian Grossman	2nd term 2021
Deborah Harris	2nd term 2021
Elihu Katzman	2nd term 2021
Terri Sash	1st term 2020

- 1 – Beginning her own 1st term after completing unexpired term of Carol Beyer.
- 2 – Beginning her own 1st term after completing unexpired term of Rik Kabel.
- 3 – Beginning his own 1st term after being appointed during middle of last fiscal year.
- 4 – Beginning 1st term as Secretary.
- 5 – Beginning 1st term as Treasurer.
- 6 – Beginning her own 1st term after completing unexpired term of Phyllis Weiss, Z"L.
- 7 – Beginning her own 1st term after completing unexpired term of Steve Pyenson.
- 8 – Beginning 1st term as new Board member.
- 9 – Beginning her own 1st term after completing unexpired term of Larry Bronstein.

**REMINDER: HEVREH'S ANNUAL MEETING**

**Thursday**  
**May 9**  
**6:00 pm**

TREASURERS REPORT

As of this writing, the end-of-year numbers for fiscal year 2018-2019 project to be virtually balanced. The Finance Committee has finished work on the 2019-2020 budget to be presented to the congregation at our annual meeting. To continue to keep Hevreh vibrant and thriving each budget year presents challenges. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of the continued strong financial support from each of our members. Thank you for all you do.

This is my final report as Treasurer. It has been my great honor and privilege to serve as Treasurer for the past three years. It has been interesting and fulfilling. Thank you to Rebecca Wolin for agreeing to become our next Treasurer. Thank you to the entire Finance Committee for all their work at our many meetings. Thank you to Janet Lee for her endless patience and tireless work with me and the Finance Committee. Finally, Yasher Koach and thank you to Suzanne Sawyer as she ends her tenure as President, and to Rik Kabel who takes Suzanne's place as President.

Alan Kaufman, *Hevreh Treasurer*

**STEPPING FORWARD AND STAYING ENGAGED**

Pirkei Avot says, "We are not obligated to begin the work, but neither are we free to desist from it." A president's responsibility is to continue the journey, never to finish, because Hevreh should never be in a state of completion, but of creation. This May, the presidency will change hands. What does this privilege entail? Our bylaws state: "The duties of the President shall be to chair all congregational and board meetings; to be an ex-officio member of all committees; to call special meetings; to sign all legal documents and to perform such other duties as are incidental to the office."

Seems straight forward, right? There are some additional responsibilities. There is a time commitment. You have to work with people, be willing to hear multiple points of view, and propose you own. You have to be willing to support a decision arrived at by consensus. This may seem like a lot, but many folks can do this. So, why do we sometimes struggle to find a candidate for the office? The answer is not simple. Some fear the commitment, some doubt their ability. Some expect someone else to do the job. No matter the answer, the solution is the same: We have to be willing to step forward.

Stepping forward is often not the way we volunteer, especially for jobs that can be challenging. Often, when the call for a volunteer is made, many step back, leaving a few to take on

the task. Stepping back can be an automatic response, a form of self-protection, or it can be done in the hope that someone else will step forward. Really stepping forward to answer that call is something we challenge everyone to consider. Certainly, consider the costs, but also consider the benefits to yourself and to Hevreh. Consider that each of us has a responsibility to do what we can for our community. Stepping forward to take on a project is as important as financial support, and ideally, we all find a way to do both to the best of our ability. It is this commitment to support Hevreh in as many ways and as fully as we are able that ensures that Hevreh can really thrive.

The reason is simple: Hevreh is our home and our community. We rely on it to nurture our children and imbue them with a Jewish perspective on learning, justice, and social action tied to the history of our people. Hevreh connects us with others who carry out these imperatives. We live our Jewish values by caring for the broader community and each other.

Transition in leadership is necessary and a sign of growth. We all leave the presidency with a sense of accomplishment, pride, some sadness, and the hope that we helped move the congregation further along the path of strength and vibrancy. Rik and Suzanne are confident that Hevreh continues in the hands of a strong, capable Board and President. There are many jobs to be done as we continue Hevreh's journey, and your participation is both invited and welcome.

**CELEBRATE- 10 YEARS OF CARING**

**Jewish Women's Foundation Continues to Grow...**

After 30- years of being a second homeowner, we moved to the Berkshires full time. I knew there had to be a Jewish Community, but I was not part of it. So, I called the Jewish Federation and met with Arlene Schiff, the Executive Director at that time, and told her I was sure there were many women involved in their home communities who would love to make a difference here. After all, the Berkshires has become our summer paradise!

The Jewish Women's Foundation was founded with 28 members, all eager to learn the needs of the Jewish Community. The partnership with the Federation was

AMAZING! We learned about programs we could help with and programs we could create. As our membership grew, we learned about the dire needs within the greater community. With annual dues of \$500.00 per member to the foundation, each of us has an opportunity to make a personal difference. With our growing membership, we have been able to support non-Jewish grassroots organization as well. To date, we have awarded over 40 grants including food, fuel assistance, cultural development, and children's group.

Our ongoing support to our Jewish community includes taxi vouchers, camp scholarships, and the P.J. library. Currently, we are helping support the A.D.L.'s project- A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE, and we support the Passover Seder.

Friends bringing friends is how we grow. Join us at our annual Membership brunch -and become a part of this process!

June 21, 2019 at Chrissy Hill Farm in Great Barrington, Mass.

For more information or to R.S.V.P. Please call, Jewish Federation (413) 442-4360 ext. 10.

# SCHOLAR-IN –RESIDENCE WEEKEND WITH YISCAH SMITH

Yiscah is a Jewish educator, spiritual activist and published author who addresses the spiritual practice of encountering the Divine spark within, the foundation of authentic living. She employs her personal story of the joys and struggles with her spirituality, gender identity and commitment to authentic living. Yiscah teaches Jewish spirituality at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, at the Conservative Yeshiva and in her home in Jerusalem.



As one who transitioned from a Chabad man to an observant woman, she exemplifies what it means to carve one's own path: understanding one's inner being and cultivating the integrity to remaining faithful to that understanding, unapologetically. As a spiritual trailblazer, while carving her own path, Yiscah encourages, ennobles and empowers others to do the same.

THURSDAY  
JUNE 27  
7:00pm

## FORTY YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS: MY JOURNEY TO AUTHENTIC LIVING

This program is being held at Temple Anshe Amunim, 26 Broad St, Pittsfield

In this session, Yiscah will recount her personal life story, based on her memoir, *Forty Years in the Wilderness: My Journey to Authentic Living*. Yiscah's 40-year memoir details her joys and struggles with her own spirituality, gender identity, and commitment to living true to herself. The story she tells is one of a man, facing his truth, embracing the woman she was always meant to be, and returning to her faith with wholeness and authenticity. Yiscah will discuss sources of inspiration in the Jewish tradition for authentic living as well.

FRIDAY  
JUNE 28  
5:45pm

## JEWISH LIVING AS THE CULTIVATION OF A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Service, presentation to follow

This session explores excerpts from Rabbi Kalonymous Kalman Shapira, the Piaseczna Rebbe (d.1943). These teachings describe Jewish living and tradition as the cultivation of a spiritual practice. The Piaseczna Rebbe's inspiring and progressive ideas discuss our inherent spiritual nature, how we awaken to the Divine presence within us and how we can integrate this awareness into a fuller mind, body and soul experience in our lives.

SATURDAY  
JUNE 29  
12:00pm

## DEVELOPING SACRED CHUTZPAH KIDDUSH LUNCH N LEARN

Following services

"Sacred or Holy Audacity/Brazenness/Chutzpah" - There is something deep-rooted, a fundamental matter, that without it, one's spiritual journey - the entirety of a life journey in general - is not able to succeed. This session explores amazing texts that discuss cultivating self-confidence, trusting in one's self and developing a "different spirit" that challenges the status quo power construct.

Submitted to JFB Summer Guide

SUNDAY  
JUNE 30  
10:00am

## LECH LECHA - GO TO YOURSELF: HEEDING THE STILL SMALL VOICE WITHIN

This session will explore the spiritual practice of Lech Lecha --- moving away from one sense of self --- the finite self, the ego based self, the limited self, towards another sense of self --- the infinite self, the beyond ego self, the limitless self. Yet, why would a person move away from the familiar to an unknown destination?

Co-sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel, Temple Anshe Amunim, Knesset Israel, Hevreh of Southern Berkshire

# LIBRARY NEWS

## Olam Chesed Y'ibaneh—We must build this world from love.

Proverb/Holding Fast

For the month of May which honors Yom haShoah, and celebrates Yom ha Azmout, Israel Independence Day, we have some disparate books—but love ties them together. We are reviewing three books new to the Library: *A Tale of Love and Darkness* by Amos Oz; *Hunting the Truth: Memoirs of Beate and Serge Klarsfeld*; and *Holding Fast: Jews Respond to American Gun Violence*, edited by Rabbi Menachem Creditor.

Amos Oz, who recently died, was born in Jerusalem in 1939, and was 8 years old when Israel became a state. He was born Amos Klausner, but at 14 years changed his surname to Oz, which means "courage" in Hebrew. *A Tale of Love and Darkness* is his remarkable memoir of growing up in Palestine, then Israel. When he was 12 years old, his beautiful mother, who suffered from depression, committed suicide. At 14 Amos left home and joined Kibbutz Hulda.

The memoir records, in loving detail, his impressive family tree—all the relatives in Europe, through the trauma of the Holocaust, to their new surroundings in the land of Israel. Wisdom is woven throughout. For example, "In Judaism, upsetting someone is considered worse than shedding their blood," amplified by his grandfather's words, "... if you have to choose between telling a lie and hurting someone's feelings, you should choose sensitivity over truthfulness ... Generosity over honesty."

Oz's recollections of the turbulent birth of the State of Israel are unique and compelling. Eight-year-old Amos experiences the devastating siege of Jerusalem after independence was declared, and the exhilaration felt by all when independence was achieved. Late in the book, Oz declares, "the written world always revolves around the hand that is writing ... Where you are is the center of the universe."

The Klarsfelds illuminate this idea through their extraordinary memoir, *Hunting the Truth*. This book has been generously donated to the Hevreh Library by Sandy Flitterman-Lewis, who has studied childhood, the family, and anti-Semitism

in Occupation France, and recently met the Klarsfelds. The book jacket states: "For more than half a century, Beate and Serge Klarsfeld have hunted, confronted, and exposed Nazi war criminals, tracking them down in places as far-flung as South America and the Middle East. It is they who uncovered the notorious torturer Klaus Barbie, known as 'the Butcher of Lyon,' in Bolivia. It is they who outed Kurt Lischka as chief of the Gestapo in Paris, the man responsible for the largest deportation of French Jews. And it is they who, with the help of their son, Arno, brought the Vichy police chief Maurice Papon to justice."

Here is the 'inside story' of how they met, their experiences together as they engaged in the monumental and historic work of bringing the French and Nazi perpetrators to justice. The book jacket concludes, "Brave, urgent, and buoyed by a remarkable love story, *Hunting the Truth* is not only [a] dramatic memoir ... It is also the inspiring story of an unrelenting battle against prejudice and hate."

This battle continues to be fought in our third book, *Holding Fast*, a collection of essays responding to the horrific domestic terror attack on October 27, 2018 on worshippers at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. Many voices are assembled in these pages—teens, rabbis (including our own Rabbi Jodie Gordon), and others, reflecting the Jewish response to hatred in America today. A portion of the proceeds from this book will support efforts to end the American Gun Violence epidemic. What these three books have in common are pain, and hope. In the varied voices assembled, there is a common thread—a fight for justice, imbued with love. We began with a Jewish Proverb and conclude with another: *Di klainer hartz nemt arum di groisseh velt*—The heart is small and embraces the whole wide world.

The Library Committee meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 11 am. All are welcome.

Sharon Flitterman-King, Ph.D.

Library Committee Co-Chair

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# DISCUSSION COMMUNITIES

The Discussion Communities portion of Hevreh's 2019 summer programming draws on knowledgeable and talented people within the Hevreh and greater Berkshires communities. Mark your calendars now!

MONDAY, 6/3 AND 6/17 AT 9:30AM.

**USEFUL IDEAS IN FINANCE** - Following on the heels of this well-attended series in previous years, this discussion group will again focus on personal financial issues including asset allocation, taxes, and investment & retirement strategies. Each session will be led by one of the following experienced finance professionals: **Jon Budish, Eric Katzman, Terry Webb and Jay Weintraub.**

THURSDAY, 6/6 AT 4:00PM.

**THE BERKSHIRE EAGLE LOOKS AT ITSELF AND JOURNALISM TODAY** - With roots going back to 1789, the Berkshire Eagle is the leading newspaper in the Berkshires. In 2016, the Eagle was purchased by a local investor group including retired District Court Judge **Fred Rutberg** who is now the Eagle president and publisher. Fred and executive editor **Kevin Moran** will discuss the issues facing the Eagle in a challenging journalistic environment.

THURSDAY, 6/20 AT 4:00PM.

**AMERICA THE GREAT!** - Has America ever been "great"? Are we now? And if so, by what standards? This talk will attempt to answer these questions by evaluating various categories by which we measure our standard of living as compared to other economically developed nations: health care, life expectancy, infant mortality, education, crime and violence, environment, infrastructure and mass transportation, political norms, and overall quality of life. Some obvious and not so obvious solutions will be offered in areas where we fall short. **Steven J. Rubin** is professor emeritus of international studies and the former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Adelphi University. He regularly teaches classes for the Berkshire Osher Lifelong Learning Center and conducts a monthly seminar in current affairs for the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires.

MONDAY, 6/24 AT 4:00PM.

**THE JEWISH COMPOSERS WHO CREATED THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK** - **Harvey Granat**, popular singer/entertainer/music historian takes us to the start of the American songbook with a live performance and stories of Jerome Kern, Irving Berlin, Richard Rodgers, George Gershwin and Harold Arlen; a program that he has presented at major synagogues in New York. Granat presents a very popular series at the 92nd St Y and regularly appears at Canyon Ranch, where he has done over 250 shows. He recently completed a 10-week series at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton and Jupiter and can be seen in leading supper clubs including multiple shows at Feinstein's in the Regency, The Metropolitan Room and Birdland, among others. \$20 admission.

Here's a look at the rest of the Discussion Communities 2019 summer programming schedule. These sessions are being led by speakers who have drawn big audiences in past years. More information about the presentations will be available in the next issue of *Life at Hevreh*.

- Monday, July 1 and 15 at 9:30 am - Final sessions of Useful Ideas in Finance
- Thursday, July 11 at 4 pm - Stu Schweitzer on FDR and the Holocaust
- Thursday, July 25 at 4 pm - Steve Schreier on a review of a series of Israeli military vignettes and their implications on the Middle East
- Thursday, August 1, 4 pm - Stu Schweitzer on US Jewry and the Holocaust
- Thursday, August 8, 4 pm - Richard Kirsch on an early look at the 2020 race for President

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### weEngage

The Membership Committee officially has a new name – weEngage/Welcome Wagon. The primary emphasis of the committee is to form relationships among and between all of our congregants. We want everyone who comes to a Hevreh event to feel that they belong here. The goal is for anyone who walks in our doors to recognize at least one other person (or to meet someone who they will recognize the next time they walk through our doors).

To this end, we encourage every Hevreh member, when attending a Hevreh event, to make an effort to introduce yourself to anyone you don't recognize. A simple "I don't recognize you, my name is \_\_\_\_\_" works well as an introduction. The hope is to engage new attendees in a conversation so they don't feel alone. Acknowledging the fact that we are all connected by only one and one-half degrees of separation, let's make it a priority to find that connection with one another.

We are always looking for new ideas to engage all of our congregants. If you have any thoughts on this matter please come to our next meeting on Thursday evening, June 6, at 7:00 pm at Hevreh. We welcome your input.

### Ritual Speaks

Shabbat 360 has launched! Hevreh's exploration of what Shabbat means for each Hevreh member and our community as a whole is now live.

Initial interviews of a handful of individuals who represent different demographic segments of the Hevreh community were completed in April to help inform the *Shabbat 360 Survey*, which we hope every Hevreh member (as well as "not-yet" members involved with Hevreh in any way) will complete in May. **Your feedback will be invaluable** as we explore how Hevreh can best meet your needs concerning Shabbat. Once the survey is complete, we will be holding roundtable and focus group discussions throughout the summer. Stay tuned for further information.

### Make a Difference

The Berkshire Minyan has organized a group of volunteers to knit, crochet or otherwise create garments such as hats, scarves, baby blankets, booties, etc. for people in need in the Berkshire community. Items will be donated through various local organizations. Supplies will be provided if needed and all items will find a good home. If you're interested in contributing any works, please contact Sandy Ashendorf at sandy.ashendorf@gmail.com.

### Shabbat Across the Berkshires

Friday, June 14, 6 pm hosted at Temple Anshe Amunim.

Join with the entire Berkshire Jewish Community as we come together to celebrate Shabbat with a family friendly musical service led by our local rabbis and musicians. Stay for a festive oneg after the service. Sponsored by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire together with the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires, Berkshire Minyan, Congregation Ahavath Sholom, Congregation Beth Israel, Knesset Israel, Temple Anshe Amunim, and Berkshire Hills Hadassah.



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Our heartfelt Condolences go out to...

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Rabbi Neal Borovitz and Ann Applebaum on the passing of Neal's mother, Millie Borovitz

Gary Freifeld and Nancy Greenwald, Charlotte and Ruthie Freifeld on the passing of Gary's father, Stanley Freifeld

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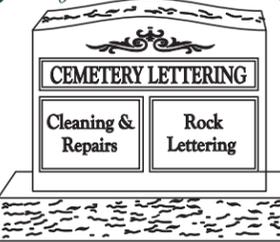
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## Hevreh Volunteers Needed! Sunday, May 19

We will come together with members of the entire Berkshire Jewish Community to raise money for the Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign. Together, we can build, strengthen and care for our Jewish community across the Berkshires, in Israel and around the world.



### MAKE THE CALL

Two convenient phone-a-thon locations.  
Food, fun and training provided!

#### Jewish Federation of the Berkshires

196 South Street, Pittsfield  
9 am-12:30 pm

#### Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center

Administrative Office  
244 Main St. Suite #3, Great Barrington  
9 am- 12:30 pm

#### Follow up phone-a-thons also need volunteers!

Tues, May 28, 3-5 pm or 6-7:30 pm at Federation  
Mon, June 3, 3-6 pm at Hevreh  
Thurs, June 13, 3-5 pm or 6-8 pm at Federation

RSVP: 413-442-4360, ext 10  
or online at [jewishberkshires.org](http://jewishberkshires.org)

### ANSWER THE CALL

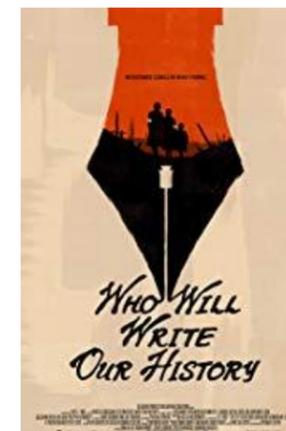
If your phone rings on Super Sunday, answer it. Your contribution to the Federation's 2019 Annual Campaign -- whatever it is you can give -- will help feed the hungry, comfort the elderly and care for Jews in need here at home, in Israel and around the world. It will also help connect our young people to their Jewish identity, build community and help sustain Jewish life in the Berkshires, today and for future generations.

Hevreh of Southern Berkshire is a proud affiliate and beneficiary of the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires



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## Film Screening In Honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day



### Who Will Write Our History

They defied their enemy with the ultimate weapon - the truth!

Days after the Nazis sealed 450,000 Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto, a secret band of journalists, scholars and community leaders, known by the code name *Oyneg Shabes*, vowed to defeat Nazi lies and propaganda not with guns or fists but with pen and paper. Now, for the first time, their story is told as a feature documentary. Executive producer Nancy Spielberg transports us inside the Ghetto and the lives of these courageous resistance fighters who risked everything so that the truth would survive, even if they did not.

Sunday, May 5, 2019 | 2 pm  
Berkshire Museum, 39 South St., Pittsfield

After the Film: Join us for a candle lighting, prayers and a moment of reflection in memory of those murdered in the Holocaust.

This event is free and open to the public.

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Friday, July 5  
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