

### Upcoming services and events

**Friday, June 1, 6:15pm:** Shabbat Across the Berkshires – Israeli Style! At Hevreh of Southern Berkshire.

**Sunday, June 3, 10:15am:** Book Group: "East West Street" by Phillipe Sands led by Richard Richter. Please contact Diana Richter at drpajama1@gmail.com for location of this meeting. Check for changes as this group occasionally changes the date or time.

**Thursday, June 7, 7:00pm:** Genealogist Keren Weiner will speak on how "Genealogy Research Uncovers Love Stories in a Family of Jewish Immigrants."

[\*\*More info >>\*\*](#)

**Friday, June 8, 5:30pm:** Erev Shabbat Service.

**Sunday, June 10, 10:00am – 11:30am:** Study Session at the home of Spiritual Leader Barbara. Bagels and coffee included so a commitment is needed for planning. Firm RSVP by Thursday before to barbaracohen14@gmail.com.

**Monday, June 11, 5:30pm:** Board Meeting. Congregants are welcome to attend. Please email Sandra Flannery at smflann@ix.netcom.com for more information.

**Saturday, June 16, 10:00am:** Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Seeley. All are cordially welcome to attend the service.

**Friday, June 22, 5:30pm:** Erev Shabbat Service. Barbara Janoff and David Birch will sponsor a special Oneg Shabbat after services in honor of their June 3 wedding.

### Articles/Information

- **A Thursday Evening Talk by Genealogist Keren Weiner: "Matches Made in Heaven"**
- **Art Gallery at CAS: Recent Photographs by Arthur Hillman**
- **Milchidika with Marty: "My Earlier Criminal Career"**
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- **2018 Shabbat Across the Berkshires**

### Thursday Evening Lecture Series: "Matches Made in Heaven"

A talk by Genealogist Keren Weiner

Genealogy Research Uncovers Love Stories in a Family of Jewish Immigrants.

What do we know of our ancestors' deepest commitments beyond the names and the date?

Follow one immigrant family from New Orleans during the Civil War era through their move to New York City. Research methods from the internet to the telephone reveal how they survived war, epidemic, fire and who knows what else - to leave loving legacies that inspire us all.

"Case studies are the best way to shed light on what genealogy and family research is all about. Through working on these personal family histories, I have learned that there is much more to be found than census records when researching one's family history. If we've got enough for the family tree boxes with birth and death dates, that's all well and good. But when we dive deeper into the individual stories of our ancestors, we have the opportunity to learn so much more. Each of the families I've researched met challenges before, during, and after immigration that would leave us reeling if we had to meet them today. Conquering formidable circumstances, they immigrated, they migrated, and they worked, raising their families and providing rich legacies along the way. It is those legacies that I seek to illuminate... the threads of the past that have woven themselves into the fabric of who we are today. Their stories are revealed in the documents, the pictures, and in the memories of our family members.

The case study I'll be sharing when we meet on June 7, is one of my favorites. I selected it, not only because I can use it to illustrate basic procedures in genealogical research and off-the-internet surprising resources, but because there are examples of love and romance in it that made my eyes shine and gave me the sense that I could travel through time."

Keren Weiner



Keren has been a researcher for over 20 years and involved in genealogical research for the last 14 years. Her careers have included roles in market research, non-profit and foundation research, grant writing, technical writing and corporate training and development, career counseling, crisis intervention, and teaching. The skills developed in her former professional roles have enhanced her genealogical research in the areas of research methodologies, interviewing relatives, analysis and synthesis of data, report writing and lecturing. She conducts research projects for clients interested in discovering their genealogy and family histories, including details that provide a story to be told and remembered for our most cherished family members. She enjoys setting our ancestors' stories against the back-drop of history to enable clients to understand their relatives' choices, challenges and triumphs. Keren is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and various state and regional genealogical societies. She currently lives in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Keren Weiner Genealogy can be found online at [www.kerenweinergenealogy.com](http://www.kerenweinergenealogy.com)

This is the second of Congregation Ahavath Sholom's Thursday evening lecture series.

## Art Gallery at CAS: Recent Photographs by Arthur Hillman

Arthur Hillman is exhibiting photographs in the upstairs gallery/reception area of the synagogue taken over the past few months. Among the portfolios represented are landscapes from the Berkshires and architectonic images from Mass MoCA, The Clark Art Institute and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. The exhibition will continue through June.



A photographer, printmaker and designer, Arthur has been exhibiting his prints for more than 50 years. His work has been presented in over 20 one-person shows and in many national print exhibitions and group exhibits including ones at the Dulin Gallery of Art, Hunterdon Art Center, Northern Illinois University, Philadelphia Print Club, Pratt Graphics Center, University of North Dakota, Berkshire Museum, Williams College and the Library of Congress. His silver gelatin photographs, digital prints, and photo silk screen prints are included in collections throughout the country..

Arthur received a B.F.A. from the Philadelphia College of Art in 1966 and his M.F.A. from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1968. He taught at the Massachusetts College of Art from 1968-1974 and was on the visual arts faculty of Simon's Rock from 1974-2011. He is currently Professor Emeritus, Bard College at Simon's Rock.

## Milchidika with Marty: "My Earlier Criminal Career"

I began my criminal career early in life, as a forger of important documents. I must have been seven or eight and specialized in report cards and absence notes.

I remember receiving a bad school report card and thought that if I bring it home for my mother to sign, she would not be too happy with my scholastic achievements. Rather than face the music, I thought that I would just sign her name to it, and return it to my teacher. No one would know the difference. I also thought that if my mother asked, "Where is your report card?" I would tell her that they had discontinued giving them out. Seemed like a pretty good plan to me.

There was a slight problem, in that I really wasn't exactly sure of my mother's first name. Her friends called her "Marge" and I knew her as "Mom." Was her first name Margaret? Margie? Marge?

So, where there was a line on the report card, "parent's signature". I wasn't sure how to sign it. I simply signed "Martin's parent." I thought that was what it meant.

I also tried an absence note when I decided that I wasn't prepared for a test that was being given the next day:

" Deer Teacher  
Martin stayed home today because he was sick and the dog died. "

We really didn't have a dog, but I thought that I would add it for dramatic effect.

Somehow, my childish scrawl hadn't really convinced the teacher of the authenticity of these notes, and just to make sure, she called my parents and asked them to come in for a little conference about Martin's school work and his authorship of a few absence notes. Well, after receiving a severe lecture from both of my parents, I decided to go straight and become a CPA instead.

I went on line to see if I could find examples of absence notes made up by children, but found examples of these actual notes written by parents with the spelling intact.

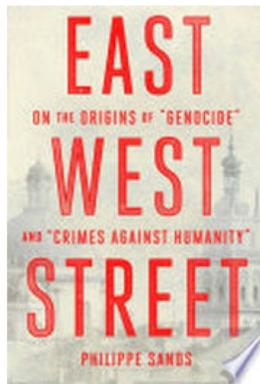
1. My son is under a doctor's care and should not take PE today. Please execute him.
2. Please exkuce Lisa for being absent she was sick and I had her shot.
3. Dear school: please ecsc's John being absent on jan 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and also 33.
4. Please excuse Gloria from jim today. She is administrating.
5. Carlos was absent yesterday because he was playing football. He was hurt in the growing part.
6. Please excuse ray Friday from school. He has loose vowels.
7. Please excuse tommy from being absent yesterday. He had diarrhea, and his boots leak.
8. Irving was absent yesterday because he missed his bust.
9. Please excuse jimmy for being. It was his father's fault.
10. I kept Billie home because she had to go Christmas shopping because I don't know what size she wear.
11. Please excuse Jennifer for missing school yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch, and when we found it on Monday. We thought it was Sunday.
12. Sally won't be in school a week from Friday. We have to attend her funeral.
13. My daughter was absent yesterday because she was tired. She spent a weekend with the Marines.
14. Please excuse Jason for being absent yesterday. He had a cold and couldn't breed well.
15. Please excuse mary for being absent yesterday. She was in bed with gramps.

16. Gloria was absent yesterday as she was having a gangover.
17. Please excuse Brenda. She has been sick and under the doctor.
18. Maryann was absent December 11-16, because she had a fever, headache and upset stomach. Her sister was also sick, fever and sore throat, her brother had a low grade fever and ached all over. I wasn't the best either, sore throat and fever. There must be something going around, her father even got hot last night.

## CAS Book Group

The CAS Book Group will meet on Sunday, June 3rd at 10:15 a.m. to discuss *East West Street* by Phillippe Sands. Richard Richter will lead the discussion. *East West Street* looks at the personal and intellectual evolution of the two men who simultaneously originated the ideas of "genocide" and "crimes against humanity," both of whom, not knowing the other, studied at the same university with the same professors, in Lvov. It is also a spellbinding family memoir, as the author traces the mysterious story of his grandfather, as he maneuvered through Europe in the face of Nazi atrocities.

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## June Yahrzeits

“Much of our experience of divine goodness, grace and love has come to us through those whose lives have touched our own.”  
Kol Haneshamah

Rebecca Liss Sivan 19 5713	6/2
Stephen Spiegelman Sivan 21 5759	6/4
Harold Dinerman Sivan 22 5736	6/5
Ernest A. Braun Sivan 22 5763	6/5
Sara Felber Sivan 23	6/6
William Bannon Sivan 23 5764	6/6
David W. Goldman Sivan 25	6/8
Jason Cohen Sivan 25 5773	6/8

Dora Cohen Sivan 26 5707	6/9
Maurice Innerfield Sivan 27 5719	6/10
Miriam Leah Slomka Sivan 28 5731	6/11
Rosaline Levine Sivan 28 5735	6/11
Jeanette Scheinmann Sivan 29 5741	6/12
Welles Hotchkiss Sivan 30 5757	6/13
Jim Secundy Tammuz 01 5754	6/14
Sade N. Goldstein Tammuz 02 5757	6/15
Isador Felber Tammuz 12 5766	6/25
Beth Suzanne Steinberg Tammuz 13 5709	6/26
Donald Victor Tammuz 14 2776	6/27
Benjamin Slaminsky Tammuz 14 5745	6/27
James Dinerman Tammuz 17 5759	6/30
Fannie Ketay Tammuz 18 5713	7/1
Barbara Halberstadter Tammuz 19 5774	7/2

## June Donations

**In memory of Dr. Mark Cohen**  
Douglas Aiken and Adele Finger

**In honor of Barbara Cohen**  
Estelle Miller

**In honor of Isaac Scribner's Bar Mitzvah**  
Richard and Diana Richter

**In celebration of Isaac Scribner's Bar Mitzvah**  
William and Sandra Flannery

**In honor of Isaac Scribner's Bar Mitzvah**  
Arthur and Louise Hillman

**In recognition of the wonderful marriage of Barbara Janoff and David Birch**  
Barbara Macartney and Olavi Hirvonen

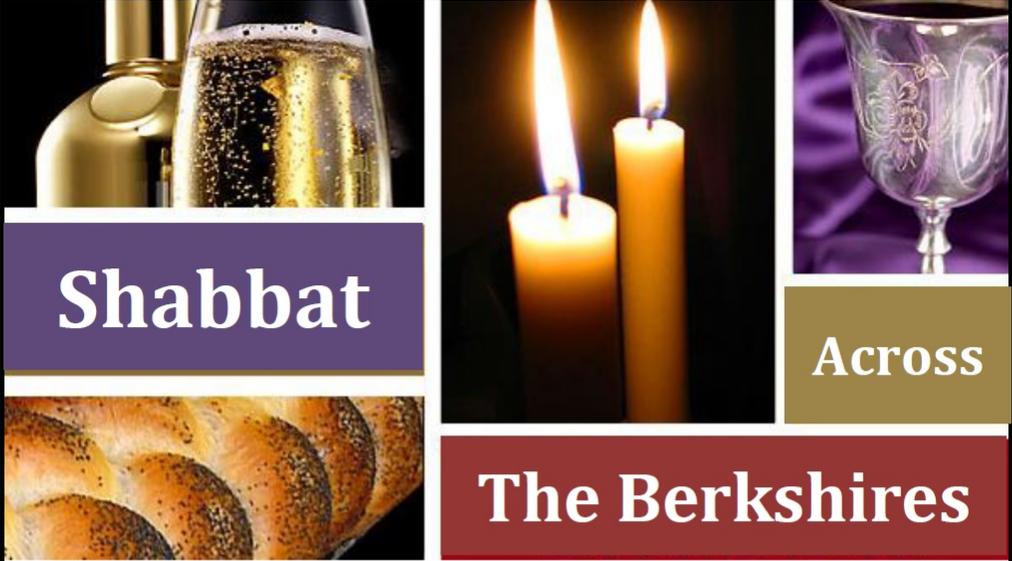
**In honor of the marriage of the wedding of Barbara Janoff and David Birch**  
Paul and Debra Deres

**In honor of Irene Linder**  
Dr. Barry and Lyesum Linder

**For CAS Renovations**  
Dan and Loretta Rothstein

**Other donations**  
Stuart Greenberg

## Shabbat Across the Berkshires



**Shabbat**

**Across**

**The Berkshires**

**Shabbat Across the Berkshires – Israeli Style!**

Join with friends from across the Berkshire Jewish Community for a musical, family-friendly Shabbat service, led by rabbis, spiritual leaders and musicians from across the County, followed by a festive oneg and birthday cake to celebrate Israel's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Friday, June 1 at 6:15 p.m.**

**Hosted by Hevreh of Southern Berkshire  
and the Berkshire Minyan  
270 State Road, Great Barrington, MA**

**Sponsored by:** Jewish Federation of the Berkshires, Berkshire Minyan, Congregation Ahavath Sholom, Congregation Beth Israel, Congregation Knesset Israel, Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, Temple Anshe Amunim, and Berkshire Hills Hadassah



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