



Congregation Ahavath Sholom

The Creative Spirit Dwells Here

March 8, 2026

Upcoming Events

Mon Mar 9 at 5 PM
CAS Board Meeting
via zoom

Wed Mar 11 at 10 AM
Cafe Kehillah with
Rabbi Rudin via zoom

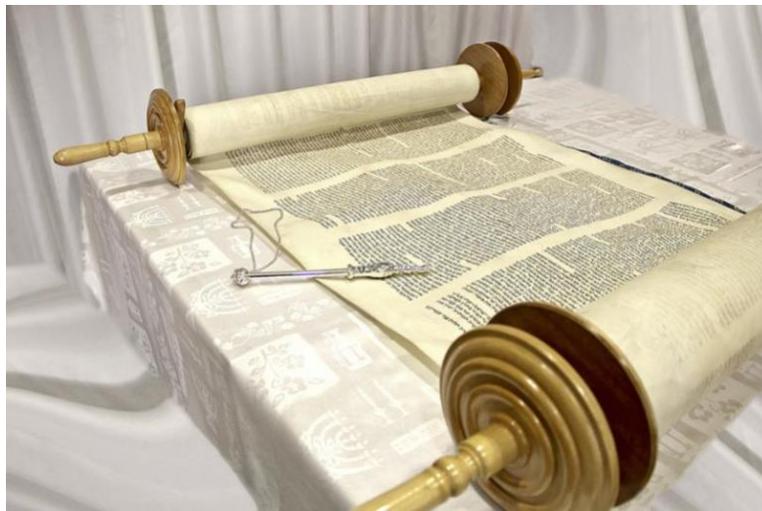
Sat Mar 14 at 10 AM
Traditional Lay-Led
Service at UU's in
Housatonic

Wed Mar 18 at 10AM
Cafe Kehillah with
Rabbi Rudin via zoom

Wed Mar 25 at 10 AM
Cafe Kehillah with
Rabbi Rudin via zoom

Mar 27 at 5 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat at
UU's in Housatonic

Sat Mar 28 at 10 AM
Torah Study at UU's in
Housatonic



**Saturday March 14 at 10
AM**

Lay - Led Service

**Join the Ritual and Spiritual Life
Committee as they lead our
Traditional Service at our home in
Housatonic.**

CONGREGATION
AHAVATH SHOLOM
COMMUNITY SEDER 2ND NIGHT

APRIL 2, 2026

500 PM

HOUSATONIC

Menu
Crudite
Roasted Salmon with
Green Herbs
Or
Sweet Potato Spinach
Quinoa Gratin
Potato Kugel
Fresh Vegetable
Dessert

In an effort to keep the cost of the Seder at a minimum, we ask each attendee to contribute an assigned item to the meal. Some will be homecooked dishes, while other items – such as wine, matzah, or other store-bought essentials – are perfect for those who prefer not to cook. Assignments will be made upon receipt of your RSVP.

Please RSVP to casoffice15@gmail.com and include your choice of entrée by March 23rd.

Cost per person: \$36.00



RSVP Today! Space is limited.

Email casoffice15@gmail.com, indicate your choice of entrée and whether you will be paying by check (mailed to CAS 15 North Street, PO Box 464 Great Barrington, MA 01230) or through the CAS [donation link](#) (please indicate that this is a payment for the Seder).

"Music is Breath, Song is Life"

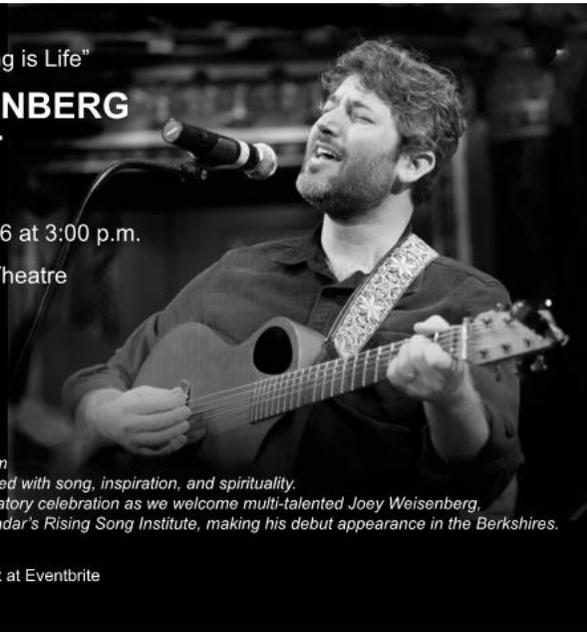
JOEY WEISENBERG IN CONCERT

Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

Elayne P. Bernstein Theatre
at SHAKESPEARE
& COMPANY

*We invite you to join
Congregation Ahavath Sholom
for a memorable afternoon filled with song, inspiration, and spirituality.
Experience a vibrant, participatory celebration as we welcome multi-talented Joey Weisenberg,
the founder and director of Hadar's Rising Song Institute, making his debut appearance in the Berkshires.*

Tickets available February 1st at Eventbrite





MARCH
20, 21 & 22

A WEEKEND
CELEBRATING
SEFARDI
MUSIC &
CULTURE

TRIO SEFARDI

presented at • Knesset Israel • 16 Colt Road • Pittsfield, Mass.

▶ **FRIDAY, MARCH 20**
5:45 pm • Shabbat service
followed by Shabbat dinner (\$25)
children under 18 free

▶ **SUNDAY, MARCH 22**
10 am-noon • Sunday brunch & learn
Sefardi Music, Language & Culture • \$5

▶ **SATURDAY, MARCH 21**
8:45 pm • Concert!!
\$18 pre-registered / \$20 @ door
children under 18 free



Pre-register for each event
separately at knessetisrael.org / RSVP

Contact Rabbi Pam Wax
rabbipwax@knessetisrael.org
for more information

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Trio Sefardi at Knesset Israel in Pittsfield March 20-22

Congregation Knesset Israel in Pittsfield is pleased to host the renowned Trio Sefardi on the weekend of March 20-22, 2026. The trio will offer a selection of Sephardic musical settings of traditional prayers and songs during the Friday night Shabbat service (followed by a Shabbat dinner), a concert on Saturday evening filled with songs of love, loss, and hope, with an emphasis on holiday songs of Purim and Passover, as well a brunch-and-learn on Sephardi history, culture, and language on Sunday morning.

Trio Sefardi performs traditional songs of the Sephardim, the descendants of Jews exiled from Spain in 1492. Their repertoire draws on the song traditions of Sephardic communities from the former Yugoslavia, Greece, Bulgaria, Turkey, and North Africa, with a special emphasis on traditional and original songs they learned from their mentor, Bosnian-born singer/composer Flory Jagoda. Flory is perhaps best known for her Chanukah song "Ocho Kandelikas."

Trio Sefardi programs provide audiences with an opportunity to hear songs sung in Judeo-Espanyol (commonly known as Ladino) that have been passed down through the generations as well as newer songs composed by Flory that celebrate the memory of now-lost communities of the Balkans.

Before her death in 2021, Flory said of the trio, "Trio Sefardi's beautiful harmonies and skilled accompaniment movingly translates the joy and soul of the lost world I remember so well."

Members of the trio include Susan Gaeta, lead vocals, guitar; Tina Chancey, back-up vocals, viola da gamba, Renaissance violin, Pontic lyra, rebec; and Howard Bass, lute, guitar. The members combine Susan's extensive experience with jazz and folk music, Tina and Howard's early music background, and the influence and inspiration that Susan and Howard derived from fifteen years of working and touring extensively with Flory Jagoda.

The trio has produced four CDs: *Sefardic Celebration* (2011), *Kaminos* (2016), *La Yave d'Espanya* (2019), and *Kinze Anyos* (2025), an anthology celebrating the trio's fifteenth anniversary. All CDs will be available for sale at the concert on Saturday evening and on Sunday morning.

Friday evening services on March 20 will begin at 5:45 PM, followed by Shabbat dinner at approximately 6:45 PM. The Saturday evening concert will begin at 8:45 PM, and the brunch on Sunday morning will begin at 10:00 AM on Sunday morning.

Please pre-register separately at www.knessetisrael.org for each paid event you plan to attend: Shabbat dinner (\$25 for adults, free for children under 18), the Saturday night concert, (\$18, \$20 at the door, free for children under 18), and the Sunday morning brunch (\$5). All programming will take place at Congregation Knesset Israel, 16 Colt Road, Pittsfield. For further information, contact Rabbi Pam Wax at rabbipwax@knessetisrael.org.

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