



Congregation Ahavath Sholom

The Creative Spirit Dwells Here

THE CAS NEWSLETTER

November 2023

Upcoming services and events

Wednesday, November 1 at 10:00 AM: Café Kehillah with Rabbi Barbara Cohen via Zoom

Wednesday, November 8 at 10:00 PM: Café Kehillah with Rabbi Barbara Cohen via Zoom

Friday, November 10 at 5:00 PM: Erev Shabbat Service at the synagogue

Monday, November 13 at 5:00 PM: CAS November Board Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, November 15 at 10:00 AM: Café Kehillah with Rabbi Barbara Cohen via Zoom

Saturday, November 18 at 10:00 AM: Shabbat Study Session at the synagogue

Monday, November 20 at noon: Photography Workshop via Zoom

Wednesday, November 22 at 10:00 AM: Café Kehillah with Rabbi Barbara Cohen via Zoom

Monday, November 27 at noon: Memoir Writing Workshop via Zoom

Wednesday, November 29 at 10:00 AM: Café Kehillah with Rabbi Barbara Cohen via Zoom

This month's newsletter features:

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Yom Kippur Food Drive

Our Yom Kippur food drive to benefit the People's Pantry in Great Barrington was a great success. After Linda Josephs, Alison Adams-Weinberg and I sorted and counted the food we collected during the High Holy Day services, we re-bagged all 389 items. Then we loaded my car and I drove over to the Peoples Pantry in Great Barrington. The volunteer who was helping me unload asked which temple I was from, and I replied "CAS," and he said, "Oh the other one not Hevreh." When we got inside, he called out to the other volunteers, "It's from the other one, not Hevreh." I then called out "not the other one ...CAS." With that everyone started chanting, CAS, CAS, CAS!!! With that this tall male volunteer who had been helping, broke out into a booming rendition of "Da Da Dayenu Dayenu Dayenu!" Everyone joined in the singing. In the middle of the Peoples Pantry there was a very special moment for sure!!!

Susan Weinstein

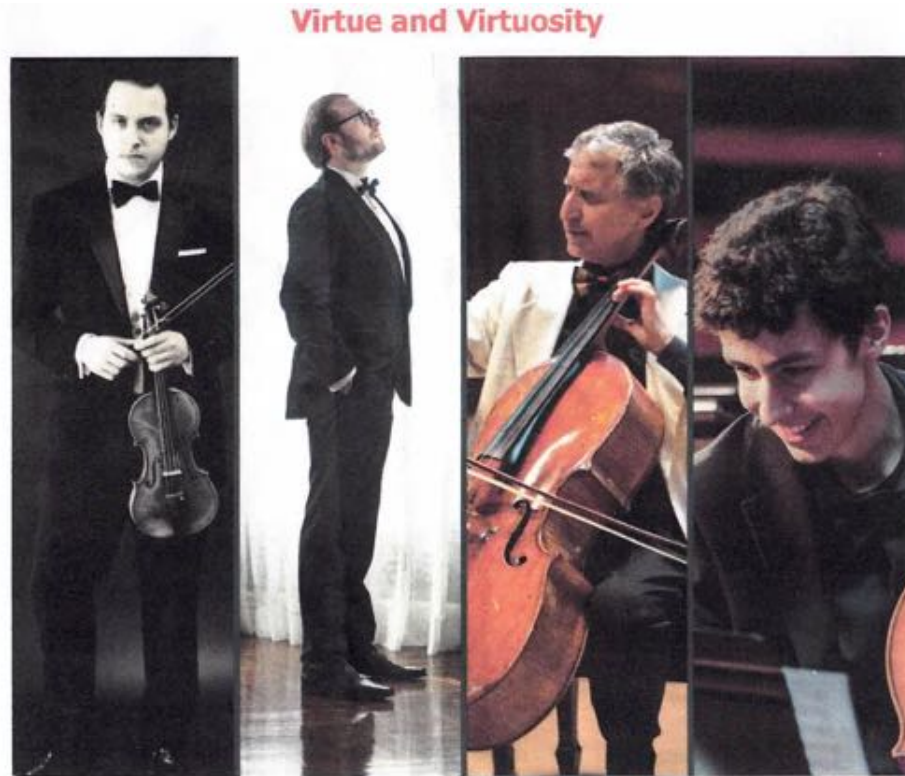


The CAS Sukkah



Philip Thompson performing at *Close Encounters With Music*

Philip Thompson, seventeen-year-old grandson of CAS member Carol Cirigliano, will be playing cello in the first concert of the season of Close Encounters with Music, *Virtual and Virtuosity*, at the Mahaiwe Theater on Sunday, November 5. Philip and his sister, Meredith, performed for our congregation at our fundraising concert earlier this year. Philip is a student of Yehuda Hanani. He is also assistant principal cellist of the New York Youth Symphony Orchestra and a member of their Chamber Music Program.



This program features music by Sarasate, Saint Saëns, Russian/Ukrainian composer Nikolai Kapustin (whose Preludes offer a "Red and Hot" fusion of jazz and classical forms), and culminates with the emotionally compelling and ineffably beautiful Brahms Piano Trio Op. 8.

Giora Schmidt, violin; Adam Golka, piano; Yehuda Hanani, cello; Philip Thompson, cello

**November 5 from 4:00-6:00 PM at the
Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in Great Barrington**

For information and tickets (both live and virtual) visit <https://cewm.org/event/virtue-and-virtuosity/>

A Reminder about *Our Genealogist in Residence*

Keren Weiner, a genealogist with 19+ years of experience assisting families with family history research will work with you, in real time, to find documents for your family. With you as co-pilot, she will guide you to the sources where you are most likely to find results. Various databases at her disposal will be used to solve mysteries, break through brick walls, or simply get a start as you walk in the footsteps of your ancestors. The records discovered will be saved to a thumb drive you can take home, save, print, and share with family.

Keren is offering this service for our congregation members with the request that a one-time donation be made to Congregation Ahavath Sholom in the amount of \$100 for this genealogical journey.

To schedule an appointment with Keren, email her at kweiner2@gmail.com

Joan Burkhard Exhibit at the Stockbridge Library



Joan Burkhard

*Paintings from Life
and Beyond*

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December 2023

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***I, Teresa de Lucena: How We Built the Book* has been rescheduled**

Please note that, at the request of our presenters, this program has been postponed until the spring.

I, Teresa de Lucena: Reflections on the Trial of a Conversa is the result of a unique collaboration between a translator, an artist and a rabbi who joined forces and their respective talents to tell the story of Teresa de Lucena (1467-1545), a woman who faced the Spanish Inquisition twice.

I, Teresa de Lucena is a work of microhistory, a nonfiction genre that places an individual at the center of the narrative and then zooms out to create the larger context of her life and times. Where did she live? How old was she when her father fled from Spain? Who were the witnesses against her? The book, based on Kanner's translations of the original Inquisition transcripts, Zeybekoglu's evocative illustrations and Rabbi Cohen's insights into Jewish culture, creates an intimate portrait of a conversa and her tumultuous times.

"This is an astonishing work, historically rigorous and profoundly affecting" according to Kirkus Reviews.

Join author Ellen Kanner, illustrator Annie Zeybekoglu and Rabbi Barbara Cohen of Congregation Ahavath Sholom for a conversation about their work. Using examples from the book, they will illustrate the interplay between text, interpretation and design and lead what promises to be a lively conversation about the creative process, book arts and Jewish tradition.

November Creative Arts Workshops

The next Memoir Writing Workshop is scheduled for Monday, November 27th at noon. Shared readings and short writing exercises. Each of these sessions is stand-alone. Please RSVP to Barbara Janoff at bjanoff1@gmail.com. Suggested donation to CAS is \$10 to support our Creative Arts Programs.

Barbara Janoff Ph.D. recently retired from the Fashion Institute of Technology, State University of New York in Manhattan, where she taught writing and literature. Her poetry and essays have appeared in a number of journals, including Communication Arts, Women's Work: The Journal of the Columbia College Women's Center and the Berkshire Review.



Photograph by Kateryna Hliznitsova on Unsplash

The next Photography Workshop will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17th. Participants in the workshop can submit any images they would like discussed, regardless of subject matter or content, using phone or camera. They can also share their screen with the group. These workshops are stand-alone sessions, open to all. Please RSVP to arthurhillman54@gmail.com. Suggested donation to CAS is \$10 to support our Creative Arts Programs.

Photographer and printmaker Arthur Hillman has been exhibiting his prints for more than 50 years. He has delivered a variety of lectures and presentations on photography and printmaking, juried many exhibits, and was a founding member of the Berkshire Photography Group. He is Professor Emeritus, Photography, Printmaking and Design, Bard College at Simon's Rock.



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November Yahrzeits

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

	Hebrew Date	Original Date	This Year Date
Louis Schaeffer	Cheshvan 18 5759	11/7/1998	<u>11/2</u>
Henrietta Slote	Cheshvan 20 5775	11/13/2014	<u>11/4</u>
Clyde H. Beigh	Cheshvan 22 5781	11/9/2020	<u>11/6</u>
Judith Weinstein	Cheshvan 23 5765	11/25/2004	<u>11/7</u>
James Orenstein	Cheshvan 26 5779	11/4/2018	<u>11/10</u>
Thomas Josephs	Cheshvan 26 5769	11/24/2008	<u>11/10</u>
Ludwig Maier	Cheshvan 26 5714	11/4/1953	<u>11/10</u>
Arthur Rothstein	Cheshvan 27 5746	11/11/1985	<u>11/11</u>
Anshel Tessler	Cheshvan 28 5721	11/18/1960	<u>11/12</u>
Frank Rawitz	Kislev 06 5743	11/22/1982	<u>11/19</u>
Mildred Hillman	Kislev 07 5753	12/2/1992	<u>11/20</u>
Miriam Brecher	Kislev 7 5759	11/26/1998	<u>11/20</u>
Faye Paikin	Kislev 7 5742	12/3/1981	<u>11/20</u>
Gussie Osterweil	Kislev 08 5735	11/12/1975	<u>11/21</u>
Martha Gellert	Kislev 12 5752	11/19/1991	<u>11/25</u>
Irving Innerfield	Kislev 12 5737	12/4/1976	<u>11/25</u>
Harry Fine	Kislev 12 5748	12/3/1987	<u>11/25</u>
Sally Fine	Kislev 12 5756	12/7/1992	<u>11/25</u>
Allan Brown	Kislev 16 5739	12/16/1978	<u>11/29</u>
Freya Maier	Kislev 16 5764	12/11/2003	<u>11/29</u>

November Donations

In memory of Arthur's mother, Mildred Hillman

Arthur and Louise Hillman

In support of the Creative Arts Workshops

Ross Bettinger (Memoir)

Caroline Forsman (Photography and Memoir)

Bruce Frishkoff (Memoir)

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Louise Hillman (Photography)

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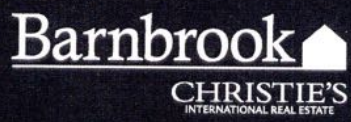
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