

# Congregation Kehilat Shalom NEWS

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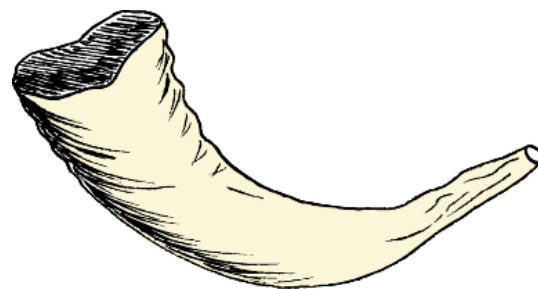


## JILL SOBULE IN CONCERT AT CKS

Singer-songwriter and social activist Jill Sobule will be performing at CKS on Thursday, August 24 at 7:30 pm. New York City performing songwriter Carolann Solebello will open the show. Half of the proceeds from this event will be donated to the Teaching Tolerance project of the Southern Poverty Law Center. Learn more and purchase tickets at [ksnj.yapsody.com](http://ksnj.yapsody.com)

Jill Sobule is a Denver-born, critically acclaimed singer-song writer with over 11 albums and more than two decades of recording and performing. She proved a major popular breakthrough and included the hit singles "Supermodel" (featured in *Clueless*) and the original, "I Kissed a Girl." Considered a pioneer in the crowdsourcing revolution, Jill remains a prolific and diverse writer and performer today. Jill has recently collaborated on a re-imagining of the 1970 Broadway play "Yentl" as well as on the original musical, "Times Square." In addition, Sobule is a vocal political force, contributing songs, essays, and poetry to NPR, *The Huffington Post*, and more, while regularly performing at TED conferences, house concerts, and charity events across the country, including a recent series of concerts for inmates imprisoned across the country. Her latest project is "My Song Is My Weapon" - an online platform for artists and musicians to showcase their more socially conscious and political work.

## HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



### SEPTEMBER 21

Rosh Hashana (New Year)  
Rosh Hashanah Service 9:30 AM  
Rosh Hashanah Tot Service 9:30 AM  
Rosh Hashanah Children's Service 10:30 AM  
Tashlich at Griggstown Causeway 4:15 PM

### SEPTEMBER 22

Rosh Hashana II (New Year day 2) 9:30 AM  
Rosh Hashanah Non-Traditional Service 9:30 AM  
No Shabbat Service

### SEPTEMBER 29

Kol Nidrei Service 6 PM

### SEPTEMBER 30

Yom Kippur  
Yom Kippur Tot Service 9:30 AM  
Yom Kippur Service 9:30 AM  
Yom Kippur Children's Service 10:30 AM  
Yizkor Service 1 PM  
Avodah Service 5:15 PM  
Neilah Service 6:30 PM  
Break Fast 7:35 PM

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In honor of the Bachrach grandson, Andres
- ♥Natalie London  
In memory of the yartzeit of Ruth London  
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In memory of Esther Stoller  
Congratulations to the 2017 Kehiloft graduates: Jack Weitze, Dorothy Waskow & Tess Kowalski  
In honor of the birth of Debbie & Gary Gartenberg's grandson, Nathan  
In honor of the 2017 Volunteer of the Year: Debbie Gartenberg and Marty Millman  
In honor of the 2016 Volunteer of the Year: Scott Strauss, Merle Brown and Lisa Kent
- ♥Karen & Larry Fridkis  
In appreciation for Eric Applegate & Heather Ciociola for organizing the Vigil in Support of Refugees  
In appreciation for Janis Barondess Todd for organizing the HomeFront picnic  
Congratulation to Tess Kowalski on your graduation from Kehiloft. Mazel tov and good luck to you at Brandeis!  
In honor of Jack Weitze on your granduation from Kehiloft. Mazel tov and good luck at University of Michigan!  
In honor of Dorothy Waskow mazel tov to you on your graduation from Kehiloft. Good luck next year in Germany!
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**Kehiloft, the next step in your Jewish journey**



We finished our Kehiloft year in May and June with a series of events. In May, we welcomed the 7<sup>th</sup> graders, graduating Religious School students, into Kehiloft at the 7th grade Bridge ceremony, and we had an interesting discussion with the Rabbi on hate speech.

The real end of our year though, was our three major events in June. We had our annual dinner in Princeton. Kehiloft met as a group, walked around Princeton together, and ate dinner. Later that week, we had a

field trip to New York City. We went to the Lower East Side. Highlights include the Tenement Museum, a pickle shop, a candy store, and a tour of the Jewish areas from our own Karen Fridkis.

In between those two events, we had our Kehiloft graduation, celebrating the departing seniors, myself and co-presidents Jack Weitze and Tess Kowalski. It was a very strong and poignant service. After the graduates gave a d'var on Shavuot and the importance of trust in a leader, Karen Fridkis, the group leader; Lea Goldhammer, one of the rising presidents; and Rabbi Susan gave speeches to the graduates. We were all deeply touched.

I know that CKS has been a support for all of us throughout our lives. All three of us have been in the Religious School program since either Kindergarten or first grade. We came every Sunday for many years then joined Kehiloft. For us, it all came full circle because Karen was not only our Kehiloft leader, but she was also our teacher Kindergarten through third grade. She and others, including friends, family, and Rabbi Susan, have helped us grow and learn. You have taught us so much about Judaism and its values. I think I can say for all of us that we would not be the people we are today without CKS and our Jewish experience. Thank you all. In the fall, Tess Kowalski will be attending Brandeis University, Jack Weitze will be attending University of Michigan, and I will be attending Tufts University in the fall of 2018 after a gap year in Germany. *Dorothy Waskow*

**Kehiloft, the next step in your Jewish journey for students in grades 8 - 12**

Flexible and designed with the busy student in mind, students can attend every session or come whenever they can. The five year program length enables all students to benefit at whatever level of participation works for their schedule. Kehiloft meets on either Wednesday evening (6:00 - 8:00), Friday evening for Shabbat, Sunday morning, or an occasional Saturday evening.

Kehiloft is a five year Jewish educational and leadership program that focuses on four major areas: 1) Expanding and deepening the student's exploration of Judaism. 2) Developing leaders: through becoming Kehiloft student board members, leading Shabbat services, and initiating and completing an annual project. 3) Community service. 4) Creating a friendly, supportive mixed age group of Jewish students.

Kehiloft students are the youth leaders of CKS and build an impressive record of service and study - one that colleges recognize as demonstrating continuity of interest and commitment.

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Shalom, *Karen Fridkis*, Principal of Kehiloft



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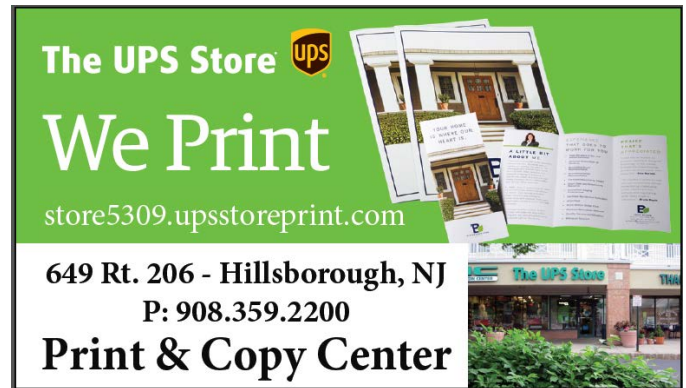
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