



Congregation Iyr Ha-Melech



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REMAINING SHABBAT WEEKENDS

Led by Rabbi William S
Tepper

- 1. April 16-17, 2021

Led by Religious Educator,
Sue Potechin

- 2. May 14-15, 2021

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SERVICE WEEKEND

Led by Educator,
Sue Potechin
Study Session



Friday March 12 at 7:30pm

Topic: Why Be Jewish?

*Pesach, religious freedom and
religious acceptance.*

Includes a discussion of the supreme court of
Israel's decision to accept Conservative and
Reform Judaism, and the Women of the Wall.

Shabbat Day Service

Saturday March 13 at 10:00am

To Join the above Zoom Meetings

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8614748169?pwd=REsvZ0lxZC9YVEwYR3UzVFo4elZWQT09>

Meeting ID: 861 474 8169

Passcode: IHM5781

Dial by your location.

Find your local number:

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Closed Captioning

Our groups and services are now more accessible! I have
tapped into ZOOM's built in closed captioning feature.
There is no need to register or log into the service. I will
ensure it is activated at our next meeting. If you require
any help with ZOOM please contact Richard at
iyrhamelech@gmail.com.

Czech Scroll Documents

I am very grateful to inform you that Rabbi Mathew
Kaufman was kind enough to share a copy of
information he received regarding our Czech Scroll.
We currently post the names from the May 18, 1942
transport but there is also a second transport list from
May 22. There are also two other documents listing
survivors. Our website will soon be updated to honor
these names. To see the current list from May 18,
1942, visit www.reformjewishkingston.ca

Click **ABOUT US** then **TREBIC JEWISH CITIZENS**.

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

...and Book Club

Next Event

Date: Monday, April 12, 2021

Title: A Fortunate Life

Author: Ruth Dukas

Hosted By: Ruth Dukas

***** NOTE NEW TIME**

Join Zoom Meeting at 3:30pm

Suggestions from our Book Club Members

March 08, 2021

Name	Title	Author
Ruth	1. The Girl Who Was Saturday Night About Newfoundland "Delicious. Love it"	Heather O'Neill
	2. The Road Correspondent during 2nd world war	Vassely Grossman
Bunny	The Last Kings of Shanghai	Jonathan Kaufman
Joan	Fathers & Sons Early 19th Century	Ivan Turgenev
Elaine	Keep Sharp Build A Better Brain At Any Age.	Sanjay Gupta
Rene	The Ridgerunner Also wrote 'Outlander'. Takes place in Banff & Lake Louise in 1918. (Wonderful story)	Gil Adamson
Katherine	1. Truth Be Told My Journey Through Life and the Law	Beverley McLachin
	2. A Long Petal Of The Sea.	Isabel Allende
	3. The Secrets We Kept	Lara Prescott
Martha	1. Two Trees Make a Forest Canada Reads	Jessica J. Lee
	2. All The Rivers	Dorit Rabinyan
	3. A Gentleman in Moscow	Amor Towles
Sandi	The Dutch House	Ann Patchett

MEN'S GROUP

Thursday April 01, 7:00pm

No Fooling! We'll use ZOOM, as physical
distancing is not likely to lift by then. We
always have lively discussions. Please join us!

Join Women's or Men's Zoom Meeting
With our Personal ID and Link

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Fast **FORWARD**

Mary K. Armstrong

When I asked Ken Dukas if I could interview him for this series about Kingston's 90-year-olds, he assured me he'd had a perfectly normal life and that there was nothing interesting about his story. This from a man who has reached 94 and been married to the same woman for 70 years. I was intrigued.

As I sat sipping tea served by his wife, Ruth, I looked around the couple's living room. A huge tapestry covered most of the wall opposite me. Artwork, antiques, and ruby glassware spoke of their travels and their enjoyment of art.

I turned to Ken. "Who's the collector?"

"We both are. Right from the beginning of our long relationship, we were drawn to the same art and liked the same things."

Experts on long-term marriages say that if both partners come from similar backgrounds, they'll have fewer problems adjusting to the roles of husband and wife. Thinking that maybe this was a factor, I asked Ken about their families of origin. Both were Jewish. Maybe they grew up in similar communities?

He laughed. "Our families couldn't have been more different."

It turns out that Ken was born in New York City to an affluent family. Home life was tense. His mother was the mother from hell. In contrast, Ruth's parents were poor immigrants who made a safe and loving home for their three children in Toronto.

For Ken, home was something he wanted to escape. He dreamed of becoming a farmer, and as it happened, his Jewish community established a farm not far away, a training ground for young people who would populate Israel's early kibbutzim. Besides having an excuse to get away from home, Ken also embraced the ideals of Jews having a home in Israel.

Out of curiosity, Ruth happened to visit the farm where Ken was learning to milk cows and to be a farmer. She got caught up in Ken's vision and wanted

to go with him, to join him in his dream of settling Israel for the Jewish people. The two fell in love. This was the 1950s: couples were expected to be married if they were to live together. There was another problem. Ken couldn't cross the border into Canada for their wedding because his US draft number was coming up. The two married quickly in New York State, breaking the heart of Ruth's mother, who had planned a Toronto wedding complete with a band.

Arriving in Israel, the young couple settled into their new residence: a tent. Ken was put in charge of milking goats. All was fine until winter came and Ruth, who had rheumatic fever as a child, became ill. Aware of the danger to their daughter's life, Ruth's parents sent two tickets for the couple to return to Canada.

Back in Toronto, Ken was faced with finding a job. He was hired by a Japanese importing company, a job he held until his retirement. Here was another peaceful and mutually satisfactory relationship. He never asked for raises, and his employer continued through all the years to reward him amply for his work. Thus, he remained in his stable, satisfying personal and work relationships.

Ken was drawn to his employers' diet, a choice of foods similar to the more familiar Mediterranean diet. All in all, Ken credits his diet and his wife for his long and peaceful life. Ruth, he says, provided the impetus for travel and adventure, while he just enjoyed the ride.