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## *JULIA DEBORAH KUSTANOWITZ APPOINTED KRONIKLE ARTS HEAD*

New Juvenile Arts and Leisure Bureau Chief Arrives With Big Smile

Special to the Kustanowitz Kronikle



**Julia Deborah Kustanowitz reacts to the news that she has been appointed chief of the Kronikle Juvenile Arts and Leisure Bureau.**

RIVERDALE, NY, September 1 — Kronikle readers around the world cheered today at the announcement that Julia Deborah Kustanowitz has been given the challenging and heretofore unfilled position of Chief of the Kronikle Juvenile Arts and Leisure Bureau. Her arrival on August 20 makes her the youngest member of the staff.

In this new role, Julia will be responsible for bringing joy and laughter to all members of the growing Kustanowitz and Edelman families and all their friends. Although it may take some time for her to master the intricacies of journalism, both traditional and online, she is nevertheless eminently qualified for the job because of her heritage. She is expected to provide inspiration to the entire Kronikle staff in their selection and presentation of news and features in the sphere of juvenile culture, entertainment, and the arts.

Although it's much too early to predict in what direction Julia will take her department, it's safe to say that there will be many changes in the coming months.

Most of the changes will be made by Julia's proud parents, Ilana and Simmy, as they blend their professional lives with the new joys and responsibilities of parenthood. Ilana's skills as a school psychologist should serve her well in understanding Julia's needs as she grows to

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## **Julia and Deborah A Tale of Two Names**

RIVERDALE, New York, September 1 — Ilana and Simmy have named little Julia Deborah for their Bubbe Julia Edelman and Savta Deborah Weitz Englander. Here is the complete text of their remarks at the Simchat Bat today at the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale:

**ILANA:** When I think of my Bubbe Julia, our little Julia's namesake, there is no one specific word that comes to my mind as I try to describe her. Rather, my emotions echo the tremendously personal responses so many people shared with us upon hearing our choice to bless our daughter with the same name as my



**Bubbe Julia Edelman hugging one and a half-year-old Ilana in 1980.**

grandmother.

You see, my Bubbe was everyone's Bubbe. As so many people in this room could explain, she was truly loved by everyone she met. If you came into contact with her, you were immediately touched by her soul, her style, her way of lighting up a room. She was the sort of person you simply wanted to be near. She had a way about her that made everyone feel at ease and feel loved, no matter who you were, or what your relationship was to her.



**Savta Deborah W. Englander sharing a laugh with one-year-old Simmy in 1978.**

When I think about why we chose the name Julia, it is because of a hope that our Julia carries the beautiful soul that my Bubbe embodied. My cousins Robin, Michael, and Adena's grandfather Sam used to refer to my Bubbe as "Sweet Julia," and I pray that our daughter

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## A Tale of Two Names

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grows to be our very own Sweet Julia – a woman who touches the world and changes it in her own little way, as a result of simply treating people in a sweet and kind manner. Someone who makes others feel comfortable such that they simply want to be in her presence. Someone who treats everyone with the respect and dignity that Bubbe Julia was known for. Someone who infuses the world with “Or,” with light, thus, her Hebrew name Yaira.

Simmy and I find ourselves kvelling hourly over the sweetness of our little Julia. I have no doubt that she will continue to carry on the beautiful attributes of my Bubbe. As my Aunt Mindy remarked, it’s good to have another Julia in the world. We are so thrilled to give this name to our darling little girl.

**SIMMY:** For those of you who know my brother Jack and sister-in-law Penina, you might find it interesting that their younger son’s name is Dov Yair, and our baby girl’s name is the female inverse, Yaira Devora. But while the Yair and Yaira part is purely coincidence, the Dov and Devora names are anything but.

Both names honor my maternal grandmother, my Savta, Deborah Weitz Englander. I spent the first 15 years of my life laughing and loving with her, and I’ve spend the last 15 years remembering her for what she was – a true Eishet Chayil. My memories of her are too many to repeat here, but some that jump out at me include: Walking alongside her, deep in conversation on our way to her Shul in Monsey, spending holidays together in Fair Lawn, and playing with the tea set in Saba and Savta’s apartment – a home that I can still remember as clearly as if I had slept over there last night.

Perhaps my fondest memory involves a game we liked to play in the months leading up to my Bar Mitzvah. I had spent so much time learning how to read my Bar Mitzvah parsha, I had memorized the entire thing. Savta would sit next to me on our living room couch, with a Chumash open to Parshat Beresheet. She would start a sentence, and I would finish it by heart, accompanied by the correct Torah trup. It was our own little duet, and with each completed verse her expression would transform into a magical smile, because our little game combined two of her favorite things in life – Torah and family.

Our daughter Julia Deborah carries with her the names of two



matriarchs. Two women who loved their respective lives, as well as the people who injected those lives with so much love. Lani tells me all the time how much Bubbe Julia and I would’ve loved each other, and I know how much Savta would’ve adored Lani. It is our hope that Julia touches as many people and

brings as much love into the world as so many of us experienced through Lani’s Bubbe Julia, and my Savta.

## A Big Welcome, Julia Deborah, from Your Fan Club



**Ema**



**Aba**



**Savta Malka**



**Savta Shuly**



**Papa Kenny  
and Bubbe Little**



**Saba Al and Zayde Moshe**

## Julia Appointed Arts Head

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adulthood. Simmy looks forward to applying his talents and knowledge of the world of entertainment and popular culture to fill Julia’s life with fun, laughter, and happiness. Ilana and Simmy are no strangers to raising children, having worked as a team for years developing creative programs for youngsters as counselors at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires. Now they’re on track to raise Julia *l’Torah, l’chuppah, u’l’ma-asim tovim* (to a life of Torah study, the wedding canopy, and good deeds).