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## Ghetto as place and idea is first lecture in CJS spring 2019 program

The first lecture in the College of Jewish Studies spring program, "Rethinking 'the Ghetto' in Jewish History and Beyond," will be held on Thursday, May 2, at 7:30 pm, when Mitchell Duneier, professor of sociology and chairman of the Department of Sociology at Princeton University will speak on "Ghetto: Invention of a Place, History of an Idea." Duneier, author of the book of the same title as his lecture, will speak on the idea of the ghetto from its beginnings in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, its revival by the Nazis to the present day and how an understanding of the ghettos of Europe can help lead to an understanding of race, poverty and American urban problems.

Duneier is an award-winning sociologist and urban ethnographer. His research focuses on the urban poor and other groups in the margins of society. His first book, "Slim's Table: Race, Respectability, and Masculinity," won the 1994 American Sociological Association's award for Dis-

tinguished Scholarly Publication and the *Chicago Sun-Times* Book of the Year Award. Duneier's book "Sidewalk" won the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize and the C. Wright Mills Award of the Society for the Study of Social Problems in 1999. In 2016, he published "Ghetto: The Invention of a Place, the History of an Idea," a *New York Times* Notable Book of 2016, winner of the Zócalo Public Square Book Prize and was short-listed for Phi Beta Kappa's Ralph Waldo Emerson Award. A review in *The Wall Street Journal* of "Ghetto" praised the book for being "Brilliant ... an incisive, balanced yet commendably biting account of the unfinished history of the ghetto."

College of Jewish Studies programs are open to the entire community; general admission is \$8 per program, or \$20 for all



Mitchell Duneier

three programs; senior admission is \$5 per program or \$12 for all three programs. BU students are welcome to attend with no charge. All programs begin at 7:30 pm at the Jewish Community Center.

The College of Jewish Studies provides opportunities for adult Jewish education for the Broome County community by offering fall and spring programs. Drawing on local resources and inviting scholars and experts from a range of universities and cultural and religious institutions, CJS sponsors a wide array of programs dealing with Jewish history, culture, religion and politics.

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## Norwich Jewish Center to host Tree of Life Synagogue member on April 28

On Sunday, April 28, from 2-4 pm, the Norwich Jewish Center will host Eric Cohen from Pittsburgh, PA, as the speaker for this year's Days of Remembrance. The Center is located at 72 South Broad St., Norwich. The event is open to the public. There is no charge, but food donations will be accepted for a local food bank. Light refreshments will be served.

Cohen is a member of the Tree of Life Congregation. He will speak of the impact the October murders at his congregation had on Pittsburgh, the Jewish community of Pittsburgh and himself. He will discuss

how the Jewish community is transitioning from darkness to light and rebuilding their lives. There will also be a time for questions and answers.

"Every year, the Jewish people of the world mark the anniversary of the six million who perished at the hands of the Nazis and their collaborators with the Days of Remembrance, or Yom Hashoah," said organizers of the event. "We mourn the loss of loved ones who perished. We reflect on the families who never were or, at best, were never the same."

Organizers added, "Through our Days of Remembrance, we seek to both commemo-

rate this tragic time in history and to reflect on the lessons they hold for our lives today. With the recent rise of antisemitism in the world, it is more important than ever to stand against injustice and hatred. Indeed, with the rise of marginalizing anyone who can be

labeled 'the other,' it is more important than ever to stand against injustice and hatred."

For further information, call the Norwich Jewish Center at 334-2691 and leave a message, or call Susan Fertig at 334-6756 and leave a message.

## Holocaust survivor to speak in Ithaca on May 1

Gerd Korman will be the featured speaker at the Ithaca Area United Jewish Community's Holocaust Memorial Day Lecture on Wednesday, May 1, at 7 pm, at Temple Beth-El, 402 N. Tioga St., Ithaca. The event is free and open to the public. A reception will follow the presentation. The presentation is appropriate for ages 10 and above. School and Scout groups are welcome.

"On May 1, the Ithaca community will get the chance to hear a first-hand account of one of the most tragic episodes in world history, the Holocaust, from a man who survived it," said organizers of the event. "Gerd Korman's family was separated during the war in various camps across Europe. They were finally reunited in the United States in 1946. Gerd and his brother, Manfred, were fortunate to be saved by the Kindertransport, and spent the war years in a small English village. His father was on the legendary ship, the *St. Louis*, which traveled the world, unsuccessfully looking for a port willing to take in Jewish refugees. His mother was the first in the family to make it to the United States and then struggled to bring the others here, as well."



Gerd Korman

Korman is professor emeritus of American history at Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations. Several of his works established him as a student of the Holocaust, including the anthology "Hunter and Hunted." He is author of the memoir "Nightmare's Fairy Tale: A Young Refugee's Home Fronts, 1938-1948."

There are a number of Holocaust survivors and their descendants living in the Ithaca area. At the commemoration, several of them will be honored in a candle-lighting ceremony. The Ithaca Children's and Youth Choir will also perform.

The event is sponsored by the Ithaca Area United Jewish Community, a non-profit organization that supports Jewish communities locally and around the world. The IAUJC website can be found at [www.iauyc.org](http://www.iauyc.org).

Funding has been provided by the Jacob and Jeannette Geldwert Holocaust Memorial Lecture Fund of IAUJC, Tompkins Trust Company, Wegmans, The William Henry Miller Inn, Area Congregations Together, Temple Beth-El and Congregation Tikken v'Or.

## Film Fest committee chooses films



Members of the International Jewish Film Fest of Greater Binghamton Committee met on April 4 to choose films for this spring's fest. The films they chose are "The Night at the Garden" and "Prosecuting Evil" (to be shown on Sunday, May 12); "Polish Honeymoon" (Sunday, May 19); "Capernaum" (Thursday, May 23); "City of Joel" (Thursday, May 30) and "Shoelaces" (Sunday, June 2). Sitting (l-r): Roz Antoun, Brendan Brynes, Ben Kasper and Stephen Lisman. Standing (l-r): Sandy Forman, Susan Hubal, Federation Executive Director Sima Auerbach and Susan Remizosky.

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# Experts reveal lies: U.N. knew of militant activity on Gaza border, but did not report it

By Eliana Rudee

(JNS)—After testifying at the United Nations below the Human Rights Council plenary recently, Joe Truzman, an expert on Palestinian militant groups active on the Gaza border with Israel, maintained that his own story shows the obvious pitfalls—and perhaps dishonest intentions—of the United Nations.

Truzman, a native of Portland, OR, began following and researching militant groups in Gaza since the start of the

2014 Gaza war. Beginning as a hobby, Truzman learned how the militant factions operated in Gaza and about their presence on social media using open source data. Years later, Truzman has expanded his sources (about which he remains tight-lipped) and has successfully infiltrated online groups in which Palestinian terrorists discuss their militant activity.

When protests on the Gaza border, deemed the “March of Return,” began on March 30, 2018, Truzman noticed “major gaps” between what he saw was happening at the

border versus what was shown in the media and reported on in the U.N.’s Commission of Inquiry.

Concerned that “the media isn’t getting the full picture,” Truzman said he jumped into action, finding pictures and videos showing inaccuracies in coverage, such as Palestinian border units that were active in attempting to infiltrate the security fence, launching incendiary and explosive-laden kites and balloons into Israel, and militants throwing grenades at the fence. **See “U.N.” on page 5**

## Opinion

From the Desk of the Federation President

### Save these dates

SUZANNE HOLWITT

We’ve been busy at the Federation preparing for a wide variety of programs. It’s April, but May will be here before you know it. That means the film festival is almost here. Save the dates – May 12, 19, 23 and 30, and June 2 – and see some great films. Also, on Sunday, May 19, we will

hold the Federation’s Annual Meeting and Dessert. So, come out to support the film, hear the annual report from your Federation and elect the new board.

Even though it’s not yet summer, the Federation is already planning fall events. Another very important one

happening this fall is Super Sunday, which will take place this year on Sunday, October 27. Be sure to mark that on your calendar and plan on giving to the Federation’s fund drive, which supports so many important Jewish institutions and programs in our community.

From the Desk of the Federation Executive Director

### Hello, this is Sima

SIMA AUERBACH

Last Sunday, the Federation held a PJ Library program at the Jewish Community Center. We had grandparents; parents; a teenager, Max Tatum, who volunteered to be a reader; elementary-aged children and younger ones. Our theme was Passover. The day began with a hunt for hidden matzoh. Clues were given and the kids were off searching within the library room at the JCC. We had a very smart group of children as all hidden *afikomen* were found in record time. Three books were read – my favorite being “The Little Red Hen and the Passover Matzoh” (which I will mention again). We then made *afikomen* covers. What would a Jewish event be without nibbles? So we munched on *pasidika* marshmallows, chocolate covered

matzoh and oranges. I had a good time and so I hope did all who attended.

“The Little Red Hen” book is a parody of the original story where the hen visits all her friends, saying she is making a meal and asking for help. All her friends have excuses for why they can’t. So she slices and dices and cooks and stirs and bakes all alone. When the meal is done, her friends show up to eat and she says, “You didn’t help. You are not welcome to share my meal.” In the PJ Library version, the Little Red Hen goes to all her friends and asks for help and, like the original, they are all too busy or lazy, and so the Little Red Hen prepares the meal for the Passover seder alone. When she was done making the matzoh

balls and soup and charoset and gefilte fish and... and... her friends showed up and said, “We’re famished.” The Little Red Hen replied, “What chutzpah. You’ve got to be kidding. You didn’t help at all.” Her friends were silent. They knew the Little Red Hen was right.

She looked at her friends. They did look hungry. And then she remembered the words written in the haggadah: Let all who are hungry come and eat. And she said, “Come on in.”

I think this story is a lesson for us all. Sometimes friends don’t do the right thing or the expected thing, but we still need to keep the door open. Wishing you a *zissen* and *freilach Pesach* with family, friends and, perhaps, someone who has yet to be at your seder.

In My Own Words

### Your face on the web

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Think about these two scenarios:

A) Something makes you feel nervous about the person you’re dating or the person who offers you a terrific business opportunity. You decide to search for the person’s name online and discover that someone by that name has been arrested for several crimes. Is it the person you know? A quick look at the mugshots from the arrests confirms whether or not this is true.

B) You’ve been arrested, but the charges have been dropped, or you’ve been found innocent at a trial or served your time and are now a law-abiding citizen. However, you discover that a website has your photo and arrest record listed on it, but nothing about what happened after the arrest. You’re about to apply for a new job and worry that the information might hurt your chances. The site says it will remove the photo and other information – for a fee.

These two scenarios are why I’m still debating my

reaction to New York state’s new “mugshot ban” law. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the law, it prevents law enforcement from publicly releasing mugshots of people who are arrested. If you read the newspaper, watch the news on TV or visit news websites, you’ll be used to seeing photos shown with the news of an arrest. That photo is usually taken by police when someone is booked and is called a mugshot.

It’s easy to see both sides of the issue. First, the public has a right to know about arrests and the law may ban even the release of names and charges for crimes. Withholding this information could lead to illegal arrests or charges of secret police actions. After all, if we don’t know who has been arrested, how can we be certain that the arrest is not part of a personal vendetta? Friends and family might not have a clue that a person is sitting in jail and be unable to help. Plus, our democracy only works when government

and police actions are open and clear to the public.

On the other hand, what these websites – the ones publishing mugshots and arrest information – are doing is clearly extortion. They are not offering information for the public good, but looking to make a quick buck off of someone’s misfortune. If they believed their information was important and a true public service, they would not accept any amount of money to delete it.

This controversy is just another example of how the Internet has changed our lives – for good and for bad. I’m not whining about these changes because many of them have been positive. But the web also prevents what could have been a simple solution to this problem in the past: arrest the people doing the extortion. That’s more difficult now because a website is not a physical place the police visit and they may even be unable to tell where the person running the site is located. With bitcoin and other electronic payment options, it’s also not always possible to follow the money trail and learn who is responsible that way.

I do think that something needs to be done about these sites, but to forbid the release of police information is not the way to go. Surely there is a compromise that allows the press to offer information to the public and a way to take these sites down. It will take someone with more computer experience than I have to figure out how to do this, but I do think it can – and needs to – be done.

## Federation postcard corrections

There are two corrections for the events postcard sent out by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton:

◆ The Jewish Community Center’s Around the World 5K and Festival, which was to be held in April, has been cancelled.

◆ In addition to the film being shown on Sunday, May 19, the Federation will hold a short annual meeting to vote on its new Board of Directors.

◆ The final movie of the Film Fest will be held on Sunday, June 2, rather than on Thursday, June 6.



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# Cornell Jewish Studies Program spring events

The Cornell Jewish Studies Program announced its final two spring events.

On Monday, April 15, at 4:15 pm, in 132 Rockefeller Hall, Cornell University, Jodi Magness, professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will give a talk, "More than Just Mosaics: The Ancient Synagogue at Huqoq in Israel's Galilee." Since 2011, Magness has been directing excavations in the ancient village of Huqoq in Israel's Galilee.

"The excavations have brought to light the remains of a monumental late Roman (fifth century) synagogue building paved with stunning and unique mosaics, including biblical scenes and the first non-biblical story ever discovered decorating an ancient



Jodi Magness



An image from a Huqoq mosaic. (Photo provided by Jodi Magness)



Jonathan Karp

synagogue," organizers said. "In this slide-illustrated lecture, Professor Magness describes these exciting finds, including the discoveries made in last summer's season." For more information, visit [www.huqoq.org](http://www.huqoq.org).

The final event of the year will be on Tuesday, April 30, at 4:30 pm, in 132 Goldwin Smith Hall, Cornell University. Jonathan Karp, professor at Binghamton University, will speak about "Overrepresented Minorities? Some Peculiar Parallels between Asians and Jews in the Modern U.S."

Admission for all events is free and faculty, students and community members are all invited. More information is available on the website [jewishstudies.cornell.edu](http://jewishstudies.cornell.edu).

## Intersisterhood evening of song and celebration with Kaskeset on April 30

The annual Intersisterhood program will take place on Tuesday, April 30, at 7 pm, at Temple Concord at 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. The featured group will be Binghamton University's only Jewish *a cappella* singing group, Kaskeset. Its members will sing in Hebrew, English and Yiddish, as well as lead participants in song.

Founded in 1996 as a subgroup of Hillel/Jewish Student Union on campus, Kaskeset comprises both men and women undergraduates. All of their songs are done *a cappella*, meaning without any musical instrument. During academic semesters, they perform at synagogues, schools and other venues throughout the Northeast. During school vacations, they have traveled to Washington, DC, Chicago, California and Florida, among other places.

"A number of us have already heard Kaskeset," organizers say, "and we are always blown away by their talent. They perform regularly on campus, and their heartfelt singing of songs both familiar and new is a source of inspiration to everyone." Kaskeset's repertoire includes such classics as



The members of Kaskeset

the Yiddish "Bei Mir Bist Tu Shein," the Hebrew "Zamru" and the Jamaican style "Don't Worry Be Happy."

"Our repertoire will have expanded even more by the end of April," says Kaskeset member Malka Chu, "and we are so very much looking forward to being part of the Binghamton Intersisterhood celebration!" Besides performing, Kaskeset will invite all those who wish to participate in their singing of some of the songs.

All Sisterhood women are invited to attend. Light refreshments and drinks will be served. A donation of \$5 per person is requested, along with a non-perishable food item to CHOW. To facilitate planning, RSVP by Tuesday, April 23, to Ani Loew at [aniloew@gmail.com](mailto:aniloew@gmail.com), or to Temple Concord at 723-7355.

## BD luncheon on April 13: "The Number Four and its Significance on Passover"

How many times does the Torah command us to relate the story of the Exodus from Egypt? How many questions does the youngest child at the Passover seder ask? Besides *Chag Hamatzot* (Festival of the Matzos), how many other Hebrew names are used to refer to the holiday of Passover? To find out the answers to these questions and many more, the community is invited to attend the Saturday, April 13, Beth David luncheon, where the featured speaker will be Rabbi Zev Silber. The number four and its significance on Passover will be the subject of his talk.



Rabbi Zev Silber

and his master of science degree in Talmud at Yeshiva University. He received his *smicha* (rabbinic ordination) from Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University in 1970. In addition, he holds a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

Silber has been a teacher and principal in Jewish day schools in small and medium-sized Jewish communities for more than 40 years, including at Binghamton's Hillel Academy of Broome County for 13 years, until his retirement in 2012. He continues serving in his position as rabbi at Beth David, and is now in his 14<sup>th</sup> year.

"Numbers play an important role in Jewish life," says Silber. "For example, number one represents our conception of God and also the unity of the Jewish people. Number 10 is used in the Ten Commandments and also the ten plagues."

Since April 13 is the Shabbat before Passover, known as Shabbat HaGadol, Silber will tailor his talk to the significance of the number four as it relates to the Passover seder, during which the Exodus from Egypt is retold. During his talk, Silber will discuss the importance of this number, and the different meanings attached to its presence.

"We are delighted," organizers say, "to have a program that prepares us in such a meaningful way for the upcoming holiday, which begins on Friday night, April 19."

Silber has served as rabbi at Beth David Synagogue since 2005. He earned his bachelor of arts degree in math

Beth David's luncheon speaker series takes place the second Saturday of the month after Shabbat morning services, and is open to the community. There is no charge for the luncheon, but Beth David welcomes donations to the Luncheon Fund in order to keep the program going. Donations can be made in honor or in memory of someone, or to mark a special occasion. Those wishing an acknowledgment to be sent to the person being honored, or to the family of someone being remembered, can indicate that, along with the necessary information. Donations may be sent to Beth David Synagogue, 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905, Attention: Luncheon Fund.

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Off the Shelf

# An early Jewish movement

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

Nonfiction works can appeal to readers for very different reasons. Take, for example, potential audiences for Paula Fredricksen's "When Christians Were Jews: The First Generation" (Yale University Press). It gives Christian readers an opportunity to learn more about the roots of their religion. For Jews, the book's focus on the first century C.E. offers a lesson rarely taught in synagogue religious schools: that there were many different Jewish groups, each with its own ideas about the appropriate way to practice Judaism. My interest in this time period is the way Judaism began its transformation from a Temple-based religion to a home- and synagogue-based one. While this is not Fredricksen's main interest, readers can glean insights into the religious practices of Jews during this period.

Fredricksen emphasizes an important idea from the first page of her book – one that some readers may have difficulty grasping. All the early followers of Jesus and

all the writers of The New Testament were people who considered themselves Jewish. That includes Peter, James, John and Paul – none of whom thought they were forming a new religion. In fact, there would have been no time for a new religion to form because, as Fredricksen notes, "[these men] foresaw no extended future. They passionately believed that God was about to fulfil his ancient promises to Israel: to redeem history, to defeat evil, to raise the dead, and to establish a universal reign of justice and peace." It was only later, when it became clear that the world was not going to end, that they had to change their theology to explain why that had not occurred.

What Fredricksen does throughout her work is explain events from a historical perspective, rather than a religious one. That means she looks at how people would have felt during that time period, rather than how events were later interpreted by Christian churches that saw Jesus and his

followers as Christians, rather than Jews. For example, she believes that Jesus and his followers had positive feelings about Jerusalem and the Temple, rather than negative ones. Fredricksen makes the case for this by noting that Jesus frequently visited Jerusalem and that his followers settled there after his death. She wonders why they would have done this if they were against the Temple and the priests who served there. This leads her to explore the reason behind Jesus' crucifixion. She makes it clear that crucifixion was a Roman punishment – a punishment that could only have been ordered by Roman officials and which was reserved for political offenses. Fredricksen believes that "Pilate executed Jesus as an insurrectionist because Pilate thought that Jesus was politically and possibly militarily dangerous. 'Insurrection' means armed uprising; Rome tolerated no such activities on the part of its subject people." See "Early" on page 8

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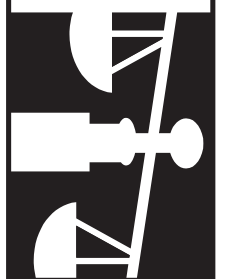
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# Community Calendar

The Community Calendar can be found on the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's website, [www.jfgeb.org](http://www.jfgeb.org), by clicking on "calendar."

"Have you forgotten the date of your organization's event? Can't remember when the CJS lecture is? Do you want to hear what's happening at the next Federation board meeting? Are you planning an event and want to make sure there are no conflicts? Then go to [www.jfgeb.org](http://www.jfgeb.org) and hit 'calendar,'" said Sima Auerbach, executive director of the Federation. "This is your Community Calendar! All the events this amazing community holds are listed – and if you do not see what you were looking for, call us at 724-2332."

Updates or additions of events for the calendar can be made by contacting the Federation through its website (click on "calendar" and then "click here to request a change to the calendar") or by calling 724-2332.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

### Study: Israel suffers least diet-related deaths in the world

According to a new study by The Lancet medical journal, analyzing dietary health around the world, Israel has the lowest rate of diet-related deaths of any country in the world. Data collected as part of the Global Burden of Disease study published on April 3 showed that just 89 out of every 100,000 Israelis die each year as a result of poor-quality diet. Israel was joined in the healthiest-diet group by France, Italy and other countries in the northern Mediterranean region. Uzbekistan had the highest rate of diet-related deaths, at 892 per 100,000. The data pertained to nutritional imbalance and malnutrition, not obesity-related deaths. The study emphasized the addition of nuts, seafood, seeds, fiber, fruits and vegetables to the diet, and said diet-related illnesses often resulted from the over-consumption of red meat, sugar and salt.

### Israeli goalie breaks Guinness World Record for age

An Israeli goalkeeper has broken the Guinness World Record for oldest soccer player to take part in a professional soccer match. Isaak Hayik, who will turn 74 the week of April 8, managed to make some good saves on April 5 for the Ironi Or Yehuda soccer club against Maccabi Ramat Gan, though his team was defeated 5-1. Born in Iraq, Hayik was awarded at a ceremony attended by representatives of the Guinness World Record organization. "This is not only a source of pride for me, but also to Israeli sports in general," Hayik said. Isaak and his family immigrated to Israel when he was 4, when Iraq expelled Jews in response to the creation of the state of Israel in 1948.

## U.N.

All the way from Portland, Truzman disproved major points in the recently released U.N. Human Rights Council report – namely, that many of the report's "victims" shot by soldiers of the Israeli Defense Force were actually members of militant groups, including Hamas. Following are militants who Truzman showed were falsely characterized in the reports as "victims of IDF gunfire":

◆ Mahmoud Abu Taima: The U.N. report claims that Taima was killed approximately 150 meters from the fence, but the report failed to mention he was a fighter of Hamas' military wing, Al-Qassam Brigades, as listed on one of its websites.

◆ Abed Hawajri: The report notes that Hawajri was shot in the abdomen 150 meters from the fence, but neglects Hawajri's affiliation with the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Hawajri was a field commander in the DFLP's military wing and was one of the founders of the ground in the Nusierat camp in Gaza. Video evidence shows that DFLP militants surrounded his funeral.

◆ Jihad Abu Jamous: The Commission of Inquiry stated in its report that Jamous was shot in the head approximately 300 meters from the security fence, but did not mention that he was a militant in the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades. Jamous was also a field commander of the al-Amoudi Brigade, a branch of the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades.

◆ Ahmed Sha'ar: Sha'ar was described in the commission's report as a child killed by the IDF on May 14, 2018. Evidence from the Palestinian Islamic Jihad website reveals that Sha'ar was a fighter in Saraya al-Quds, the militant wing of Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

Truzman pointed out that he has other examples that he didn't have time to mention in his address to the United Nations, including Naji Abu Hajir, who the Commission of Inquiry mentioned as a mechanic and killed by IDF gunfire. "There was nothing about him and his affiliation with Hamas' military wing, Al-Qassam Brigades," Truzman told JNS. "It took me only a few minutes to find that he was a militant," he added.

Despite having "solid evidence of militant activity at the border," the media opted for the "peaceful civilian protesters

# TI to hold learner's service on April 13

On Saturday, April 13, from 10-11:30 am, Temple Israel will hold a Shabbat Learning Service. This introduction to Shabbat services will examine what the different traditional parts of the Shabbat service are, why they are done and what they mean to those who are Jewish. It will explore the connection the Jewish people have to Shabbat and its services while learning some of the key songs heard on Saturday mornings. Though this service will not be a



A few prayer books to be used during the service.

traditional Shabbat service, the idea is to enable attendees to better understand and participate in the traditional services. Kiddush and light refreshments will follow the service.

Rabbi Geoffrey Brown said, "Have you ever felt lost in traditional Jewish services? Would you like to know more about what the different parts of the service are, and what they are for? You are welcome to join us at Temple Israel for this special learning service!"

# TI Sisterhood to hold brunch and concert on May 5

Temple Israel Sisterhood is asking the entire community to "save the date" for an upcoming brunch and musical performance, which will be held at the temple on Sunday, May 5, from 10 am-noon.

The featured performers at the brunch will be 17-year-old Temple Israel member and violinist Sophia Klin and her piano accompanist Emmet Chilton-Sugerman. Further



Sophia Klin



Emmet Chilton-Sugerman

details regarding each of the musicians will be provided in the April 26 issue of *The Reporter*.

The cost of admission to the brunch and concert will be \$10 per person, with a maximum charge of \$25 per family. RSVPs are requested by phone to Tammy Kunsman at 723-7461 or by e-mail to [titammy@stny.twcbc.com](mailto:titammy@stny.twcbc.com), to ensure adequate food preparation in advance.

# Vestal's first VINE's garden at TI is on schedule for spring

The Deerfield Place Community Garden at Temple Israel plans to break ground the weekend of April 13. This comes after many months of planning and installation of proper drainage. There will also soon be a piped-in water resource.

The schedule includes:

- ◆ Weekend of April 13: setting fencing posts for the double fence that is designed to prevent deer from grazing on the crops.
- ◆ Sunday, April 28: garden bed build with fencing. Women only – 9-11:30 am All build – noon-2:30 pm and 2:30-5 pm
- ◆ Wednesday, May 1: fence build All build – 10 am-noon and noon-4 pm Women only – 4-6 pm, build fencing and beds, two shifts available
- ◆ Sunday, May 5: fence build All build – noon-3:30 pm and 4-6 pm Women only – 4-6 pm, build fencing and beds, two shifts available



The Deerfield Place Community Garden at Temple Israel sign designed by Susannah Stuppel.

- ◆ Sunday, May 19: orientation and planting – 10 am-noon "Volunteer – it is more fun to be a participant than a bystander," said organizers. "Call either Temple Israel at 723-7461 or VINES at 205-8108 to sign up and be part of this literal growth opportunity!"

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killed by the IDF" narrative that was also adopted by the one-sided U.N. report on Israel's "assault" on "civilian protesters" at the Gaza border.

Truzman concluded that the inquiry's misleading identification of militants as civilian victims led to a skewed perception of the Israeli response. The report accused Israeli soldiers of "crimes against humanity" and called on the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights "to manage the dossiers on alleged perpetrators [IDF soldiers] to be provided to the International Criminal Court."

The fact that he could disprove important facts in a major report from the comfort of his home with just a phone and a tablet within "a few weeks" became a red flag to Truzman that "something is definitely wrong" with the United Nations. Evidence the United Nations had that "should have changed their claims in the human-rights council's report" were either "willfully ignored or they deemed it insufficient," he said. "The U.N. should be an institution of reliability and honesty – none of which they are right now, especially regarding the COI's 'March of Return' report."

Truzman was not the only one to maintain that specific evidence was ignored by the United Nations. Col. Richard Kemp, former commander of British forces in Afghanistan, told JNS, "I was one of the few – perhaps the only – independent military experts who gave evidence to the commission. Because my evidence did not fit with their anti-Israel agenda, it was ignored."

Kemp posed that the U.N. Human Rights Council "never intended for their Commission of Inquiry to get at the truth about the violence on the Gaza border, hence the mandate given to it, which was blatantly and unashamedly skewed against the Jewish state."

Moreover, he said, "failure to criticize or even accept Hamas' role in inciting and organizing this violence" is not only "unfair" to Israel, it could set a dangerous precedent with real implications "encouraging further bloodshed and killing, in effect making it and the council an instrument of Hamas terrorism."

The former commander welcomed the British foreign

secretary's re-affirmation on March 21 that the United Kingdom will vote against all Item 7 resolutions at the U.N. Human Rights Council, saying, "The U.N. Human Rights Council has proven time and again their implacable opposition to Israel, and this shapes so much of their work, including institutionalizing their day against Israel in the standing agenda Item 7 – a form of victimization they impose on no other country."

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# PREPARE FOR PASSOVER

## Chabad accepting last-minute reservations for April 19 seder

Last-minute reservations are being accepted by Chabad Center for the seder it is hosting for the general community on Friday,

April 19. Holiday services will begin at 7:30 pm and will be followed by the seder at the Chabad Center, 420 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal.

The seder will include all of the traditional observances, a full course dinner, handmade *shmurah* matzah and mystical insights. The haggadah will be read with participation from all present in both Hebrew and English, and the many customs and traditions of the seder will be explained.

may be sent to the Chabad Center prior to, or after, the holiday.

"We will be serving a full course, traditional holiday dinner, but I do urge participants to have a bite to eat earlier in the evening to tide them over the ceremonial, opening portion of the seder which precedes dinner," added Rivky Slonim.

For more information and reservations, e-mail [aslanim@Jewishbu.com](mailto:aslanim@Jewishbu.com) or call the Chabad Center at 797-0015.

## Five Passover desserts you'll want to make year-round

By Stuart Schnee PR staff

Passover is fast approaching and French-trained chef and best-selling cookbook author Paula Shoyer, who studied at the Ritz Escoffier School in Paris, is offering five Passover dessert recipes that you will want to make year-round. Shoyer, who says her mission is to modernize traditional recipes with healthier ingredients, believes people don't have to choose between blowing their diet and giving up beloved, favorite foods and tasty desserts, especially during the holidays.

Shoyer recommends these five holiday desserts: Florentine Bars, Lemon Quinoa Cake, Chocolate Quinoa Cake, Chocolate Avocado Cake (Keto friendly) and Triple Chocolate Biscotti. For more of Shoyer's Passover recipes, check out her cookbook, "The New Passover Menu."

### Florentine Bars

Recipe excerpted from "The New Passover Menu"

- 20 square bars or 32 triangles
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 3 large egg whites
- Zest of one large orange (or 2 tsp. juice)
- ¼ cup dried cranberries, chopped into ¼ inch pieces
- 1 1/3 cups sliced almonds (blanched or with skin)

- 1 cup dark or white chocolate chips
- Vegetable oil for greasing pan
- Preheat oven to 325°F
- Grease a 9x13-inch pan with vegetable oil. Press in a piece of parchment paper large enough to cover the bottom and go an inch up the sides of the pan, making sure you press it into the corners. Grease the top of the parchment.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the confectioners' sugar, egg whites and orange zest. Use a silicone spatula to gently mix in nuts and chopped cranberries, being careful not to crush the nuts. Scoop into the pan and use the spatula or your hands to spread evenly in the bottom of the pan. The easiest way to do this is to push the batter into the edges and corners first and then fill in the middle. You will have a thin nut layer.

Bake 25 minutes, or until nuts are golden. Let cool one hour. Pull up the parchment to lift the bar out of the pan. Place another piece of parchment on top and then turn the bar over onto the new parchment. Peel off the bottom parchment.

Melt the chocolate chips either over a double boiler or in the microwave oven in for 45 seconds, stir, melt another 30 seconds, stir and then for 15 seconds more, if needed. See "Desserts" on page 9

## The charoset debate

By Rabbi Rachel Esserman

For me, there is only one real *charoset*: it's the one made with apples, walnuts, cinnamon and wine (or a really good grape juice if people can't have alcohol). I know that's a controversial, Ashkenazic-centric statement. However, that *charoset* is from my childhood - I used to make it with my aunt - and it's just not Passover without it. I even made it when we used to hold seders at Broome Developmental Center. People would look at the brown mush and I'd tell them to trust me and try it. It never failed: people scarfed it down.

I have tried other *charosets* and like them. But they always feel second best. I might feel different if I wasn't comparing them to the version I love. Perhaps I might like them better if they were called something else. However, that would mean eating them wouldn't be fulfilling the commandment to eat *charoset* during the seder. That leads to the question of why we eat *charoset* during the seder - a food not mentioned in the Torah as part of the holiday. There is some debate about the reason. When I was growing up, we were told that *charoset* represented the mortar - or clay - that the Israelites used when they were slaves in Egypt. Others believe the apple in the dish is connected to the fruit trees under which Israelite women gave birth in order to prevent pharaoh's decrees against Israelite children. A third idea connects the paschal lamb and *charoset*, suggesting that the wine in the *charoset* replaced the blood of the lamb the Israelites painted on their doorposts. I've also read a historical suggestion that differs greatly from any of these: the scholars who believe the current form of the seder follows the format of a Greek symposium (wine drinking and all) say *charoset* was used as a palate cleanser between courses.

Although the traditional Ashkenazic *charoset* is still my favorite, I love trying different kinds. In fact, I could eat *charoset* as my entire holiday dinner. As a child, I think that was something I tried one year. There are many different recipes for *charoset* and website addresses for some can be found below.

◆ The traditional apples, walnuts and wine version can be found at [www.joyofkosher.com/recipes/traditional-ashkenazi-charoset/](http://www.joyofkosher.com/recipes/traditional-ashkenazi-charoset/). It is slightly different from the one I make in that it includes sugar. The apples and the wine alone are usually sweet enough for me.

◆ Sephardic recipes make a *charoset* that more closely resembles what we think of mortar or clay. One using coconut and a variety of dried fruits can be found at [www.thoughtco.com/sephardic-charoset-for-passover-pesach-2076541](http://www.thoughtco.com/sephardic-charoset-for-passover-pesach-2076541). The addition of cherry preserves and the suggestion to use pomegranate juice in place of wine make this one stand out.

◆ The recipe for Egyptian *charoset* is fairly simple. It contains dates, raisins and wine, with walnuts for garnish. The recipe can be found at [www.joyofkosher.com/recipes/egyptian-charoset/](http://www.joyofkosher.com/recipes/egyptian-charoset/).

◆ Six different *charoset* recipes can be found at <http://crownheights.info/general/33829/six-charoset-recipes-from-all-over-the-world/>. In addition to the Ashkenazic versions, there are recipes from Turkey, Egypt, Morocco and two recipes from Italy, one of which includes chestnuts.

◆ The recipes at [https://jewishjournal.com/culture/food/passover\\_food/217327/recipes-around-world-magic-charoset-ride/](https://jewishjournal.com/culture/food/passover_food/217327/recipes-around-world-magic-charoset-ride/) offer *charoset* from a variety of countries and cultures, including Yemenite *charoset*, Greek *charoset*, Turkish *charoset*, Israeli *charoset*, Italian *charoset* (which contains a hard-boiled egg), Persian *charoset* and a California *charoset* (which uses avocado in addition to dried fruit and substitutes apple juice for wine).

◆ Similar *charoset* recipes can be found at [www.cjvoices.org/article/charoset-recipes-from-around-the-world/](http://www.cjvoices.org/article/charoset-recipes-from-around-the-world/), but with the addition of Indian, Ionnina, Komitini, Persian and Israeli (this one contains bananas) *charoset*.

These are only a few sites among many on the web that offer recipes. Of course, if none of them appeal, you can always try creating your own version. Feel free to invite me to be a guinea pig. I'm always up for eating my favorite Passover food.

## PASSOVER 2019 Greetings

**Deadline: April 18** (April 26 Health Care Greetings issue)

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# Outdoor Israeli leadership program engages siblings of kids with disabilities

By Josh Hasten

(JNS) – There are many organizations in Israel whose mission is to enhance the lives of children with disabilities. But what about the siblings of those children, who might not get as much attention since parents understandably have to dedicate a large portion of their time taking care of those who need additional attention?

In order to help fill that void, and engage and empower such kids, the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel has developed a nature education and leadership program that allows siblings to bond with other children growing up under similar circumstances.

The program, called “Achim Ba’Shetach” or “Siblings in the Field,” was launched this past year in the central Israeli town of Modi’in for children ages 9-10. The youngsters meet on a regular basis out in nature, where they hike and are given workshops on outdoor skills and, ultimately, are taught how to be nature guides.

The initiative falls under the umbrella of SPNI’s education department, which, according to its website, has the mission of engaging “Israeli youth in schools, summer camps, training programs and youth groups, teaching them about the variety of wildlife, the natural habitats and unique ecosystems in Israel, creating a lifelong bond with natural Israel. Our education programs affect the lives of thousands of Israeli children each year, fostering leaders for tomorrow who are connected and dedicated to their homeland and its precious natural legacy.”

In addition to educating about the land, the sessions include personal consultations and group meetings that provide the children with a platform to share their stories and recognize their particular family dynamics.

Tal Gitman, SPNI’s coordinator of public activities in Modi’in, decided to launch the initiative after the Modi’in Municipality in the community approached her about the need for after-school programming for the other children in families grappling with special needs. Gitman was exposed to a similar nature-based model for siblings of children with disabilities taking place in the southern city of Eilat.

“The parents expressed the need for activities for other kids in the family,” Gitman told JNS. “And in one specific case, it was a child whose sibling with disabilities lives outside of the home in a specialized facility, who admitted to his parents when they finally came home at the end of the day, after work and visiting with their other child, that he felt he was getting less attention at home.”

There are currently 10 children in the siblings’ group, which meets after school every other week for an hour-and-a-half. The sessions take place in the Givat Hatitora nature park in Modi’in and are made possible thanks to funding from the municipality. They are led by an edu-



Children participated in the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel’s education and leadership program, which allows siblings to bond with other children growing up under similar circumstances. (Photo courtesy of SPNI)

cational psychologist, also an SPNI nature expert, along with youth counselors.

However, Gitman is adamant that the meetings are not traditional “therapy sessions,” but educational experiences in nature. “The siblings meet and are able to talk to each other, and to their counselors, about their situations,” she says. “And they have the ability to relate to each other.”

Lea Goldberger’s 10-year-old daughter, Noa Aharonovich (Lea is divorced), is a participant in the group. Lea’s oldest child, who is now 19, was born with cerebral palsy, partial blindness and other disabilities. She tells JNS that she “has been waiting for years” for this type of program. “As parents, we take care of our child with disabilities, and there are many stories of siblings who don’t get enough attention. I’ve done my best as a mom to mitigate the experience for the other kids,” she said, when it comes to Noa and another sibling.

However, Goldberger adds “it bothered me that besides [for] me, no one else gave them [the siblings] a place to share their feelings and experiences.” She explains that this population of children is unique. “Kids from divorced families you see [are given attention], but kids with siblings with disabilities are rarely noticed. They are transparent in that sense.”

Goldberger says that for years, Noa didn’t want to invite friends over, believing that they wouldn’t understand what it was like to have a disabled sibling. “So for me, the greatness and advantage of this group is the fact that all of these kids are the same; they all have disabled siblings, and that common ground is enough for you to feel 100 percent equal, as you share experiences.”

She adds that “bonding through nature is great, but even more so this shared commonality, where for the first time you have a place where you can be 100 percent yourself

without holding back and realize, ‘Hey I’m not alone,’ is so important because these are rare experiences. And she [Noa] immediately understood this.”

Gitman explains that at their last session, the plan is for the siblings to lead a nature hike as guides along with their families, including with their siblings with disabilities, on a fully accessible trail as “a cathartic and empowering experience” prior to spring vacation.

## Mailbox Shorts

### Program on Der Nister

The Yiddish Book Center’s will hold a program “Between Fantasy and Reality: The Writings of Der Nister” from May 3-5. It will explore Der Nister’s work and his life in the Soviet Union. Der Nister (The Recluse) was the literary pseudonym adopted by Pinkhes Kahanovich, 1884-1950, who has been called “the most enigmatic figure” in modern Yiddish literature. Over the course of his career, he went from writing mystical, Symbolist stories to historical realism. Living under Stalin’s regime, he came to believe that the writer’s mission was to become witness to the people.

The three-day program will be led by Professor Mikhail Krutikov of the University of Michigan. Krutikov is professor and chairman of the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, and Preston R. Tisch Professor of Judaic Studies at the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He is the author of several books including the forthcoming “Der Nister’s Soviet Years: Yiddish Writer as Witness to the People.” He also co-edited nine collections on Yiddish literature and culture, and has been a cultural columnist for the *Yiddish Forward* since 1999. The program will include four lectures, discussion, a film screening, meals and more. To learn more and to register, visit [yiddishbookcenter.org/weekend-programs](http://yiddishbookcenter.org/weekend-programs).

### The Jewish Lens@Beit Hatfutsot

Photographs that are part of The Jewish Lens 2019 Exhibit at the Museum of the Jewish People at Beit Hatfutsot in Tel Aviv can be seen at [www.bh.org.il/jewish-lens-2019-gallery/](http://www.bh.org.il/jewish-lens-2019-gallery/). The Jewish Lens @ Beit Hatfutsot competition is in its fourth year. The competition invites students across the world to answer the question, “What is my connection to the Jewish People?” Through photography, the students seek to convey their own perspectives and views on this theme.

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This, however, leaves Fredricksen to ponder why Jesus’ followers – particularly his disciples – were also not crucified. She believes that Pilate knew that Jesus himself was not dangerous, but the acclaim he received from the population was. There were large crowds in Jerusalem during the preparation for the Passover holiday and the crowd’s reactions were unstable. The Romans believed that the large group proclaiming Jesus as a messiah might easily turn into revolt against Roman rule. That was something they could not allow to occur and the best way to prevent that was to kill Jesus. Fredricksen notes that “together with two others accused of rebellion... Jesus was crucified outside the wall of Jerusalem. ‘King of the Jews’ – Pilate’s sardonic nod to the crowds’ messianic convictions – proclaimed his offense. What better way to deflate their hopes, and to discredit Jesus’ message?” The discouraged crowd would now be quieter and the Passover festival activities

could continue without disruption.

Fredricksen also believes that the priesthood had no role in these events due to the nature of life around the Temple just before Passover. Her discussions of how the holidays period could be spread over three to four weeks are excellent, as are her explanation of how those visiting Jerusalem would have had to undergo purification before they could present their Passover sacrifice at the Temple. She also believes that, although Jesus did not like the moneylenders at the Temple, he was a supporter of the Temple and the sacrificial system, as were all Jews of that time period.

What happened to the movement after Jesus’ death? First, his followers had to explain why he died. In order to do this, they looked to the biblical text to discover writings that could now be interpreted in the light of Jesus’ death and his appearances afterward to his followers. These interpretations differed from

those of other Jews, although, as Fredricksen notes, studying text this way was part of their Jewish heritage. An additional problem occurred when Jesus no longer appeared to his followers. That was when talk of a second coming began.

One of the most interesting sections of the book is Fredricksen’s discussion of the connections between Jews and pagans during this period – one that affected the Jesus movement when it began to consider allowing non-Jews to become members. She notes that pagans regularly attended synagogues – donating money for their upkeep and celebrating holidays with Jews. Some of these pagans adopted Jewish practices, but did not convert to Judaism – meaning they also worshipped the gods of their cities and cultures. Fredricksen believes that Jesus’ original message was aimed only at Jews: he was not looking to convert anyone to Judaism. However, once Jesus’ followers sought to include pagans, a problem arose: while they didn’t make these ex-pagans convert to Judaism, the ex-pagans were required to stop worshipping any other god. That turned out to be problematic for a variety of reasons – for both Jewish members of the cities and Gentile ones – since it upset the delicate balance between the religions.

My simplistic summaries of Fredricksen’s complex and fascinating discussions only touch the surface of her work. “When Christians Were Jews” is easy for non-scholars to read, although some knowledge of the Christian scripture is helpful. Fredricksen ends her work on an interesting note that puts the book into perspective. She explains that, in the title of her work, “the term ‘Christian’ is an anachronistic one” because there were no Christians or Christian churches at the time. She closes by saying that the followers of Jesus thought “they were history’s last generation. It was only in history’s eyes that they would become the first generation of the church.” Anyone interested in Judaism in the first century C.E., or in the early history of Christianity, will find this book a welcome addition to their book shelves.

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# Antisemitism on minds at *aliyah* fairs as North Americans prepare for move

By Noa Amoyal

(JNS) – It’s considered no easy task to pack up one’s earthly possessions and cross the ocean to a new country where a new language is spoken, even if it is a “coming home.” Compounding the matter is selecting which community to live in, what employment opportunities exist, learning how to file taxes in Hebrew and picking the right schools and summer camps for children. Nefesh B’Nefesh understands all this and hopes to make that transition as smooth as possible.

To help smooth the way, the organization sponsored multiple *aliyah* events across North America to enable prospective new immigrants (*olim*) to be as prepared as possible for their move. The tour started with its annual “Mega Event,” held in New

Jersey for the first time, and then moved to Florida and Canada before heading west to California to educate and prepare prospective immigrants to Israel.

Of course, another issue came to the fore: antisemitism and the safety of Jews worldwide, including in the United States. With the October 27 synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh, active BDS and anti-Israel activity on college campuses – even antisemitic See “*Aliyah*” on page 11

*At right: An aliyah fair held in March in San Fernando Valley, CA, was organized by Nefesh B’Nefesh, Israel’s Ministry of Aliyah and Integration, the Jewish Agency for Israel, Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael and the Jewish National Fund-USA. (Photo courtesy of Nefesh B’Nefesh)*



## Desserts . . . . .

until melted. Use a spatula to spread the chocolate on the bottom of the bar. If desired, you can use a serrated knife to make lines in the chocolate to decorate it. Slide the parchment and bars onto a cookie sheet and place in the freezer for 30 minutes to firm up.

Cut into squares, triangles or rectangular bars. Store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to five days or freeze for up to three months

### Keto Chocolate Avocado Cake

*Recipe from www.thekosherbaker.com*

*Makes one 8-inch round cake*

#### Cake

- 1½ cups almond flour
- ¾ cup dark cocoa, plus 1 tablespoon for greasing pan
- ¼ cup coconut flour\*
- ½ cup xylitol
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ½ cup coconut cream, from canned coconut milk
- ½ cup almond milk
- 3 large eggs
- 1 Tbsp. coconut oil, plus 1 tsp. for greasing pan
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 large ripe avocado

#### Ganache

- 5 Tbsp. boiling water
- ½ cup dark cocoa
- ¼ cup xylitol
- ½ cup coconut cream
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Grease an 8-inch round pan with 1 teaspoon coconut oil. Add 2 to 3 teaspoons cocoa and shake all around to dust the bottom and sides. Tap out excess. Set aside.

In a mixing bowl, whisk together the almond flour, cocoa, coconut flour, xylitol, baking powder, baking soda and salt.

Place the coconut cream, almond milk, eggs, coconut oil, vanilla and avocado into a food processor or blender and blend for two full minutes, scraping down the sides a few times, so that the mixture is completely smooth.

Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients and whisk together. Use a silicone spatula to scrape the batter into the prepared pan and smooth the top.



*Keto Chocolate Avocado Cake (Photo by Paula Shoyer)*

Bake for 30-35 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Let cool for 10 minutes and then remove to a wire rack.

To prepare the ganache topping, place the cocoa and xylitol into a small bowl. Add the boiling water and whisk well. Add the coconut cream and vanilla and mix well. Spread all over the top of the cake.

\*can be substituted with almond flour

### Lemon Quinoa Cake

*Recipe from www.kosherbaker.com*

*Serves 12. May be made three days in advance or frozen.*

#### Cake

- ¾ cup quinoa
- 1½ cups water
- Cooking spray or 2 Tbsp. oil
- 2 Tbsp. lemon zest, from 2-3 large lemons
- ½ cup fresh lemon juice, from 2-3 large lemons
- 4 large eggs
- 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract (or other vanilla if for Passover)
- ¾ cup coconut oil
- 1¼ cups sugar
- 1 cup almond flour
- ¼ cup coconut flour, plus 2-3 Tbsp. to dust bundt pan
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- ½ tsp. salt

#### Glaze (optional)

- 1 cup confectioners’ sugar
- 2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice (from 1-2 lemons)

Place the quinoa and water into a small saucepan and bring it to a boil over medium heat. Reduce the heat to low, cover the saucepan, and cook the quinoa for 15 to 18 minutes, or until all the liquid has been absorbed. Let sit for 5 minutes off the stove-top. The quinoa may be made two days in advance and stored in the fridge.

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Use cooking spray or oil to grease a 12-cup Bundt pan. Sprinkle 1 to 2 tablespoons coconut flour, or more if needed, over the entire greased pan and then shake the pan all around to cover and then tap out the excess.

Place the quinoa in the bowl of a food processor. Add the lemon zest and juice, eggs, vanilla, oil, sugar, almond flour, coconut flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt and process until the mixture is very smooth, about 2 minutes.

Pour the batter into the prepared Bundt pan and bake it for 1 hour, or longer, until a skewer inserted into the cake comes out clean.

Let the cake cool for 30 minutes and then remove it gently from the pan onto a wire cooling rack.

To make the glaze, place the confectioners’ sugar into a bowl and add 1 tablespoon of lemon juice and whisk well. Add more juice, a teaspoon at a time, until you have a thick glaze. Drizzle or pour over the cake.

### Chocolate Quinoa Cake

*Recipe excerpted from “The Healthy Jewish Kitchen”*

*Serves 12. May be made three days in advance or frozen.*

#### Cake

- ¾ cup (130g) quinoa
- 1½ cups (360ml) water
- Cooking spray
- 2 Tbsp. potato starch
- ⅓ cup (80ml) orange juice (from 1 orange)
- 4 large eggs
- 2 tsp. pure vanilla extract (or other vanilla if for Passover)
- ¾ cup (180ml) coconut oil
- 1½ cups (300g) sugar
- 1 cup (80g) dark unsweetened cocoa
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. salt
- 2 oz. (55g) bittersweet chocolate
- Fresh raspberries, for garnish (optional)

*Glaze (Optional)*  
5 ounces (140g) bittersweet chocolate  
1 Tbsp. sunflower or safflower oil  
1 tsp. pure vanilla extract (or other vanilla if for Passover)

Place the quinoa and water into a small saucepan and bring it to a boil over medium heat. Reduce the heat to low, cover the saucepan, and cook the quinoa for 15 minutes, or until all the liquid has been absorbed. Set the pan aside. The quinoa may be made 1 day in advance.

Preheat the oven to 350°F (180°C). Use cooking spray to grease a 12-cup (2.8L) Bundt pan. Sprinkle the potato starch over the greased pan and then shake the pan to remove any excess starch.

Place the quinoa in the bowl of a food processor. Add the orange juice, eggs, vanilla, oil, sugar, cocoa, baking powder and salt, and process until the mixture is very smooth.

Melt the chocolate over a double boiler, or place in a medium microwave-safe bowl, and put in a microwave for 45 seconds, stirring and then heating the chocolate for another 30 seconds, until it is melted. Add the chocolate to the quinoa batter and process until well mixed. Pour the batter into the prepared Bundt pan and bake it for 50 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the cake comes out clean.

Let the cake cool for 10 minutes and then remove it gently from the pan. Let it cool on a wire cooling rack.

To make the glaze, melt the chocolate in a large microwave-safe bowl in the microwave (see above) or over a double boiler. Add the oil and vanilla and whisk well. Let the glaze sit for 5 minutes and then whisk it again. Use a silicone spatula to spread the glaze all over the cake.

### Triple Chocolate Biscotti

*Recipe from www.thekosherbaker.com*

*Yield: 24-36 cookies*

*Storage: room temperature for five days, may be frozen*

- 4 oz. (115g) bittersweet chocolate, broken into pieces
- 1 cup (200g) sugar
- ½ cup (120ml) vegetable oil
- 2 large eggs
- 3 Tbsp. (40g) vanilla sugar
- ½ cup (40g) unsweetened cocoa
- 1 Tbsp. potato starch
- 1½ cups (180g) ground almonds
- ¼ tsp. salt

- 1 cup (170g) semi-sweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Line a jelly roll pan or cookie sheet with parchment paper. Melt the chocolate using one of the methods described below. Remove the chocolate from the heat source, add the sugar and oil, and whisk well. Add the eggs and mix. Add the vanilla sugar, cocoa, potato starch, ground almonds and salt, and mix well. Add the chocolate chips and mix to distribute them.

Divide the dough in half and shape into two loaves, each about 9x3 inches (23x7.5cm). Place both loaves on the lined jelly roll pan and bake for 30 minutes. Let the loaves cool for 10 minutes (do not turn off the oven). Cut each loaf crosswise into ¾- to 1-inch-thick (2- to 2.5-cm) slices.

Place the cookies, cut side up, on a parchment-covered cookie sheet (or the jelly roll pan again). Bake for another 14 minutes, or until the cookies are firm to the touch on the outside, but still feel soft on the inside. Check them after 10-12 minutes so that you don’t over-bake the cookies.

Let cool for 5 minutes on the pan, and then slide the parchment and cookies onto a cooling rack to cool completely.

### To Melt Chocolate:

To melt chocolate, you can use the top part of a double boiler or a microwave oven. A double boiler is a specially designed saucepan that has a top bowl that fits snugly over a saucepan. For either method, first break or chop the chocolate into 1-inch (2.5 cm) pieces.

To melt the chocolate over a double boiler, you place water in the bottom of the saucepan and the chopped chocolate in the insert. When you bring the water to a simmer, it gently melts the chocolate in the insert. You can create your own double boiler by placing 2 to 3 inches (5 to 8 cm) of water in a medium saucepan and resting a medium-size metal bowl containing the chopped chocolate on top. Stir the chocolate occasionally, until all of it has melted.

To melt chocolate in a microwave oven, place the chocolate pieces in a microwave-safe bowl, such as a large glass bowl. Heat the chocolate for 1 minute at high power. Remove the bowl from the microwave oven and give the chocolate a good stir, mixing the melted pieces into the unmelted ones, for 30 seconds. Heat for another 45 seconds and stir well again. If the chocolate is not completely melted, heat it for another 30 seconds and stir. Repeat this process for another 15 seconds if necessary. Do not heat the chocolate in the microwave oven for several minutes straight or it will burn.

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## Weekly Parasha

Metzora, Leviticus 14:1-15:33

## Haughty as a cedar or humble and flexible as a reed

RABBI ZALMAN CHEIN, EDUCATION COORDINATOR, CHABAD OF BINGHAMTON

This week's Torah portion, Metzora, is a direct continuation of last week's portion, Tazria. Tazria discussed the signs of *tzora'at* (leprosy) on a person, on clothing or on the stones of a home, and the associated ritual impurity. In this week's portion we read about the process of purification after the *tzora'at* healed. This process includes the use of two birds, a cedar branch, crimson wool and hyssop grass.

Our sages, of blessed memory, explain the significance of the cedar branch: "Because lesions of *tzora'at* come because of haughtiness [symbolized by the tall cedar]." (Talmud, Tractate Arachin 16a)

Another teaching of the Talmud also discusses haughtiness and cedar wood. Rabbi Elazar was once traveling

from the study hall, feeling happy and proud that he had studied much Torah. A man greeted him, and Rabbi Elazar said to him, "How ugly are you! Are all the people of your city as ugly as you?" The man replied, "I don't know, but you can go tell the Craftsman who made me, 'how ugly is the vessel You have made.'"

Rabbi Elazar realized his error. He descended from his donkey, prostrated himself before the man and begged for forgiveness. At first the man refused, and Rabbi Elazar followed him, trying to make amends. Eventually, with the intervention of the local townsfolk, the man relented and forgave Rabbi Elazar, on the condition that he change his behavior. Shortly afterward, Rabbi Elazar entered the study hall and taught: "A person should be

flexible as a reed and not stiff as a cedar." (Talmud Tractate Ta'anit 20a-b)

One who is as proud and haughty as a cedar is prone to treating others with disrespect. We constantly encounter people who look and speak differently than we do, and have different opinions and points of view. When we are humble and flexible as a reed, we allow ourselves to see our fellows as they are under the surface: creations of God, beautiful shining souls, with their own unique positive traits. This makes it easy for us to love our fellows as ourselves.

Our sages taught that the Holy Temple was destroyed and the Jewish nation exiled because of senseless hatred. It is through unmeasured love, respect and appreciation for our fellows that it will be rebuilt.

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 Shabbat, April 13.....9 am  
 ..... Mincha after the kiddush  
 Weekday Services:  
 Mornings:  
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 Mon.-Fri., April 15-19.....7 am  
 Fri., April 19 ..... 7:30 am, Fast First Born/Siyum  
 Evenings:  
 Sun.-Fri., April 14-19 .....7:30 pm  
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 Regular service times: Friday, 8 pm; Saturday, 10:35 am, when religious school is in session.  
 Hebrew school: Hebrew school meets at 5:15 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year unless otherwise noted.  
 On Friday, April 12, at 8 pm, there will be Shabbat evening services led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell. This is also the RSVP deadline for the April 19 community Passover seder.

On Saturday, April 13, at 9 am, there will be religious school with a Passover seder; at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study; and at 9:30 am, there will be Tot Shabbat. There will be no family service.

On Tuesday, April 16, there will be no Hebrew school due to spring break

On Thursday, April 18, there will be no Hebrew school due to spring break; from 5-7 pm, the CHOW pantry will be open.

On Friday, April 19, at 6 pm, there will be a community Passover seder.

On Saturday, April 20, there will be no religious school, Torah study or service.

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 Shabbat services: Either Friday evening at 7:30 pm or Saturday at 10 am from Rosh Hashanah to Shavuot. Holiday services are also held. Check the weekly e-mail for upcoming services. Contact the president to get on the e-mail list.  
 Religious School: Students are educated on an individual basis. Temple Brith Sholom is a small egalitarian congregation serving the greater Cortland community. Congregants span the gamut of observance and services are largely dependent on the service leader. The Friday night siddur is "Likrat Shabbat," while the Saturday morning siddur is "Gates of Prayer." The community extends a warm welcome to the Jewish student population of SUNY Cortland, as well as the residents of local adult residences.

### Kol Haverim

Affiliation: Society for Humanistic Judaism  
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 Chairwoman: Abby Cohn  
 Kol Haverim: The Finger Lakes Community for Humanistic Judaism, is an Ithaca-based organization that brings people together to explore and celebrate Jewish identity, history, culture and ethics within a secular, humanistic framework. KH is part of an international movement for Secular Humanistic Judaism and is affiliated with the Society for Humanistic Judaism, a national association with over 30 member communities and congregations around the country. Established in the spring of 1999, it offers celebrations of Jewish holidays, monthly Shabbat pot-lucks, adult education, a twice-monthly Cultural School for children, and a bar and bat mitzvah program.  
 KH welcomes all individuals and families, including those from mixed religious backgrounds, who wish to strengthen the Jewish experience in their lives and provide their children with a Jewish identity and experience.

Friday, April 12, light candles ..... 7:23 pm  
 Shabbat ends Saturday, April 13 ..... 8:24 pm  
 Friday, April 19, light candles ..... 7:31 pm  
 Saturday, April 20, light candles after ..... 8:32 pm  
 Thursday, April 25, light candles ..... 7:37 pm  
 Friday, April 26, light candles before ..... 7:38 pm  
 Saturday, April 27, Shabbat/yom tov ends ..... 8:40 pm

### Temple Israel

Orientation: Conservative  
 Rabbi: Geoffrey Brown  
 Address: 4737 Deerfield Pl., Vestal, NY 13850  
 Phone: 723-7461 and 231-3746  
 Office hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am-4 pm; Fri. 8 am-3 pm  
 E-mail: titammy@stny.twcbc.com  
 Website: www.templeisraelvestal.org  
 Service Schedule: Tuesday, 5:30 pm; Friday, 5:30 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am

On Saturday, April 13, at 9:30 am, Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Leviticus 14:1-15:33. The haftarah will be Malachi 3:4-24. Marcia Hofstein and Judy Simon will sponsor the kiddush.

On Sunday, April 14, at 10 am, there will be a Hebrew/Sunday school parent/student seder. At 4 pm, there will be a Mussar class with Rabbi Geoffrey Brown.

On Tuesday, April 16, at 7 pm, there will be a Board of Trustees meeting.

On Fridays, April 19 and 26, the temple office will be closed.

On Monday, April 22, at 7:30 pm, there will be a Ritual Committee meeting.

### Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

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 Rabbi: Scott L. Glass  
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 Religious School/Education: September-May: Classes meet on Sunday, 9 am-12:30 pm and Wednesday afternoons, 3:45-5:45 pm. The Midrashah (eighth-grade and high school) classes will meet at times designated by their respective teachers.  
 Adult Ed.: Numerous weekly courses, several semester-long courses and a variety of mini-courses and lectures are offered throughout the year. Call the temple office for more details.

On Friday-Saturday, April 12-13, the bat mitzvah of Ella Avgar, daughter of Christie and Ariel Avgar, will be celebrated.

On Sunday, April 14, the annual congregational meeting will be held in the social hall, with a light brunch beginning at 11 am and the meeting called to order at 11:30 am.

On Thursday, April 18, the siyyum bechorim will follow the 7:30 am minyan led by Rabbi Suzanne Brody.

There will be no evening services on the first two nights of Passover. The temple office will be closed and there will be no religious school or adult education during the week of Passover.

### Congregation Tikkun v'Or

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 Rabbi: Brian Walt  
 Religious School Director/Admin. Coordinator: Naomi Wilensky  
 Services: Fridays at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted. Intergenerational Shabbat, music services, and other special services. Call for the weekly schedule.  
 Religious School: Preschool through seventh-grade classes meet on Sunday mornings. Sixth-grade Hebrew and seventh-grade b'nai mitzvah classes meet on Wednesday afternoons.  
 Adult Ed: Mini courses throughout the year. Adult Hebrew offered regularly. Call the office for details.

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

From JNS.org

**BBYO hosts service day in 150 communities in more than 25 countries**

The Jewish youth group BBYO hosted its 15<sup>th</sup> annual International Day of Jewish Teen Service, or J-Serve, on April 7 with a record 15,000-plus teens in 150 communities in more than 25 countries. This year featured an array of diverse social-impact projects that are beyond conventional hands-on service, as teen coordinators were encouraged to plan their own day of impactful programming designed to prioritize what they believe to be the most interesting and engaging approach to address their community's social needs. Additionally, these programs included, but were not limited to, advocacy tips, philanthropic events, communal-rally organization, first-responder training, charity runs, dance marathon fund-raisers and lobbyist workshops. "J-Serve is a wonderful opportunity for teens to do something that is important to them and engage with ideas and causes they care about," said Lynn Schusterman, founder and chair emerita of the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation. "The Jewish future is bright when the next generation is ready to step up and be the change they wish to see in the world." Some of the projects included an inclusion-themed event in Orlando, FL, with four different programs on topics such as LGBTQ+, mental health, physical disabilities and hate crimes towards minority groups, designed to support groups that face exclusion; an afternoon of nine different community service and improvement projects in Toronto, Canada, where more than 400 teens united to focus on causes such as poverty, hunger, homelessness, genocide, human rights, health and inclusion; and diverse J-Serve programs around the world involving thousands of Jewish teens in countries such as Austria, Bulgaria, Hungary, Israel, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Russia and Ukraine, participating in community service and social-action projects, some for the first time.

**Madonna to perform at Eurovision finals in Tel Aviv**

Michigan-born music icon Madonna will perform two songs, including one from her upcoming album, at the Eurovision Song Contest grand finale in Tel Aviv on May 18, announced Israeli public broadcaster KAN and concert organizer Live Nation on April 8. *Yediot Achronot* first reported the development. Israeli-Canadian billionaire Sylvan Adams will cover the \$1.3 million cost to bring in the superstar, who last performed in Israel in 2012 when she kicked off her world tour in Tel Aviv. "I'm excited and proud to host Madonna in Israel and to bring her to the Eurovision which will be held in Tel Aviv," said Adams in a statement on April 8. "I believe that the performance of Madonna at the Eurovision, accompanied by dozens of professional backup dancers, will make a significant contribution to the success of the event and to the strengthening of Israel's positive branding in the world." Overall, Madonna will have a 65-person entourage. Live Nation, said Adams, "saw the importance of bringing the iconic singer to Tel Aviv and creating a memorable, historic performance." Eurovision, to be held at Tel Aviv's convention center, will consist of two semi-finals on May 14 and May 16, with the final on May 18.

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rhetoric coming from the halls of Congress – it seems to some like there are threats everywhere.

"We've talked about if it's going to still be safe to live here in two years, but there's no way to really know that," said Sarah Goldstein. The young mother-to-be attended the event with her husband, Netanel; they are hoping to make *aliyah* this summer because they want to raise their family in the Jewish state.

"It's still safe to be Jewish in America, but we're seeing things we've never seen before. It will be interesting to see if it drives people to move away, though we're not seeing that now," Netanel Goldstein acknowledged at the event organized by Nefesh B'Nefesh, Israel's Ministry of Aliyah and Integration, the Jewish Agency for Israel, Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael and the Jewish National Fund-USA.

Rabbi Yehoshua Fass, co-founder of Nefesh B'Nefesh, said in a briefing with reporters: "Everyone says, 'Oh, this will drive *aliyah*.' But the American lifestyle is very strong."

That is not to say, though, that American Jewry is comfortable with the current climate. "For my community, I definitely see more people saying, 'OK, it's time to go.' Whether they actually do it, I don't know," said Leslie Rosenberg, whose daughter just made *aliyah*. She and her husband are planning to make the move themselves once their daughter adjusts to life in Israel, but she supposes a major event could prompt her to make those plans sooner. "If something catastrophic happened and we had to pack our bags ahead of schedule, we'd consider it," she added.

Even though Jews aren't heading in droves to the airport, this underlying feeling of discomfort is growing more prevalent, noted William Daroff, senior vice president for public policy and director of the Washington office of the Jewish Federations of North America. "The upward spike

**Jewish Labour Movement votes no confidence in party head Corbyn**

The Jewish Labour Movement almost unanimously passed a motion of no-confidence in British Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn on April 7 following an "impassioned debate," said the group in a statement. JLM's annual general meeting of its approximately 2,000 members voted that Labour consists of a "culture of antisemitism" that has created a "crisis." "Jewish members of the Labour Party have come together in anger and frustration to make it clear to the leadership that enough really must be enough," said Labour member Ruth Smeeth. "The mood was very somber. The party has to shine a light on what's really going on; it's time for the Labour Party to remove itself from its own disciplinary and complaints process, and hand it to an independent body." The vote followed a *Sunday Times* report about Labour refusing to take disciplinary action in complaints of antisemitic incidents. The newspaper obtained a hard drive consisting of a confidential database, in addition to leaked e-mails and documents demonstrating that Labour has intervened in just 101 out of 863 complaints made by March 8, 2019, with 454 cases still unresolved, including 249 where the party has yet to conduct an investigation. In the cases where a decision was made, 191 members faced no additional action, 145 received a formal warning and only 29 were expelled. Members who made remarks, including "Heil Hitler," "F\*\*\* the Jews" and "Jews are the problem," haven't been kicked out in spite of complaints filed against them last year, according to the report. "The Labour Party takes all complaints of antisemitism extremely seriously, and we are committed to rooting it out of our party," a spokesperson told the BBC. "All complaints about antisemitism are fully investigated in line with our rules and procedures. ...Jeremy Corbyn and the Labour Party are fully committed to the support, defense and celebration of the Jewish community," added the spokesperson. "One antisemite in our party is one too many. We are determined to tackle antisemitism and root it out."

**U.S. designates Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps a terrorist entity**

The Trump administration on April 8 announced that the United States will officially designate Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist group. "Today, I am formally announcing my administration's plan to designate Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, including its Quds Force, as a Foreign Terrorist Organization under Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act," said U.S. President Donald Trump. This is the first time that a part of a foreign state has been officially designated as a terrorist group. U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced on April 8 that the designation will take effect on April 15, and that doing so is "recognizing a basic reality." In retaliation, Iran said it would designate the U.S. military as a terrorist group. The IRGC has been a main part of Iran's ambitions for regional hegemony through its presence in countries such as Syria and Iraq, assisting the regime's proxies, including Hezbollah. The U.S. move is part of the Trump administration's "maximum pressure" campaign against Tehran since withdrawing from the 2015 Iran nuclear deal and reimposing sanctions lifted under it, in addition to enacting new financial and other penalties.

in antisemitism across the world and the United States is concerning and distressing," he said. "The Jewish community is thinking about our role in the United States and where we fit in now," he said on the sidelines of the fair.

"I don't see significant change," Yoni Niemann, a program manager for Gvahim, a nonprofit which helps new *olim* find employment in Israel, said. "But I do see an increase in interest in *aliyah* worldwide."

Still, he said that when it comes to North America, it's very much the Zionism factor that really drives it.

Daroff agreed, saying, "We've been in America for 350 years, and we are part of the beautiful mosaic of this country."

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**Activists remove 40 neglected animals from zoo in Gaza**

Approximately 40 neglected zoo animals were evacuated on April 7 from a dilapidated zoo in the Gaza Strip by an international animal-welfare group, the fourth such rescue mission from the Hamas-controlled area. Veterinarians and volunteers from Four Paws International arrived in Rafah in southern Gaza to evacuate five lions, five monkeys, four ostriches, three peacocks, two wolves, foxes, porcupines, 10 squirrels and a hyena to be resituated in Jordan and South Africa. According to Four Paws staff, many of the animals, which were smuggled into Gaza through tunnels leading from Egypt to Gaza, appeared to have suffered from trauma and neglect. Gaza zoo animals have been rescued three previous times by animal-rights activists, who have sent numerous missions to provide medical care for the critters. In the past, animals have been found having died of cold and hunger. Just this past January, four lion cubs died at the zoo in Rafah. Uri Madar, agriculture coordinator for the Israeli body responsible for the crossings with the Gaza Strip, said his organization, COGAT, "sees this evacuation as a mission of ethics and will continue working in support of animal welfare in the Gaza Strip."

**Jewish Community Center  
 JCC Friendship Club**

The JCC Friendship Club met on April 3 and heard Rabbi Geoffrey Brown, from Temple Israel, talk about Passover. He did not tell us about the story of the holiday, but reported unusual customs observed in different countries. In Ethiopia, Jews endured persecution "because of their unique religious rites." They break all their dishes and cookware and make new ones. Many left Ethiopia to go to Israel in the secret airlifts in 1984 and 1991. Rabbi Brown also said that Abraham Lincoln was assassinated during Passover. Another interesting fact is that Coca Cola makes a special batch of kosher Coke for Passover. A discussion of different observances of Sephardic and Ashkenazi Jews during this holiday followed. We found out that the first American edition of the haggadah was published in 1837 by Solomon Henry Jackson, an English-born American Jew in New York.

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia Diamond. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Rabbi Brown said the blessing over the cookies. We then sang "Hatikvah." We wish Ann Brilliant a speedy recovery after surgery. We also welcomed back our snowbirds. It was good to see Sue Herzog and her mother, Ada Brummer, and also Renee Frommer again.

On April 17, a game day is planned. Come join us at 1:30 pm at the JCC.

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**Synagogue in Izmir, Turkey, targeted by firebomb**

Amid the persecution Jews face in Turkey, a synagogue in the city of Izmir on the Aegean coast was firebombed. A man threw a Molotov cocktail onto the sidewalk outside of Beth Israel Synagogue, which ended up not being damaged. The incident was first reported on April 2 by the Turkish-language Salom Jewish news site. "There is no difference between attacks targeting synagogues, churches and mosques; they all target social peace with their hate," said Mustafa Yeneroglu, the Istanbul lawmaker for the ruling Justice and Development Party. The Turkish-Jewish community, in a statement, lauded the Izmir Security Directorate for responding decisively in apprehending the suspect and denounced "this heinous attack threatening our lives, peace and unity."

**Israeli spacecraft "Beresheet" captures first pictures of moon's surface**

The Israeli spacecraft "Beresheet," which entered lunar orbit on April 4 on its journey to the moon, is on an "excellent" track, according to overnight data from the SpaceIL and Israel Aerospace Industries engineering teams at their control room in Yehud, Israel. During its lunar orbit, "Beresheet" will be at its nearest point to the moon at 292 miles from the lunar surface and the farthest from the moon at 6,462 miles. The spacecraft is expected to land on the moon on April 11. "Beresheet," named after the first word and the first book in the Torah (meaning "in the beginning"), lifted off from Cape Canaveral on Feb. 22. If it succeeds, it will be the first Israeli spacecraft to land on the moon, as well as the first privately owned craft to do so.

**Anti-Zionist "eviction" notices appear at Emory University**

Mock eviction notices were found outside dorm rooms at Emory University in Atlanta, stating the dormitory would be demolished in three days, apparently by the school's Students for Justice in Palestine chapter to teach a lesson about "the destructive policy of Israel, toward Palestinians," which includes Israel's razing the homes of terrorists and their families. The fake notices were left in residence halls as part of "Israeli Apartheid Week" on campus, which corresponds with Emory Eagles for Israel's "Israel Week."

The university and Emory Hillel said they discovered no proof that Jewish students were targeted by the flyers. Emory Hillel Director Dave Cohn told *The Algemeiner* that he was "not prepared to reach a definitive conclusion" regarding the situation. "While we support the right of every student in our community to express themselves freely, foremost in our response has been defending the safety of our students from this intrusion on their privacy and security," wrote Cohn in an e-mail to the Hillel community. In a statement, Emory said that "while a student group received permission to post the flyers, they did not comply with posting guidelines, and the flyers were removed," as they were on student dorm-room doors without their consent. "The Office of Student Conduct will review the incident and determine appropriate next steps," continued the statement. "Emory University does not tolerate any behavior that threatens members of our community." Such eviction notices is a tactic for anti-Israel groups on college campuses. In 2014, they appeared at schools such as Binghamton University, Harvard University, Northeastern University and New York University. AMCHA Initiative co-founder and Director Tammi Rossman-Benjamin she previously told JNS that the notices don't seek to "improve Israel as a modern state" or "legitimate criticism about settlements, the Likud government, or any particular aspect of Israeli policy," as those behind the mock evictions purport. Instead, she said they are a "delegitimization of the very notion of the existence of the Jewish state. ... That, in of itself, is the key to understanding the difference between legitimate criticism of Israel and antisemitic criticism of Israel," she said.

**Female skeleton cradling baby uncovered at Holocaust mass grave in Belarus**

A skeleton of a mother cradling her baby was uncovered at a mass grave in the Belarusian city of Brest that was discovered months ago, the BBC reported the week of April 4. The remains of more than 1,000 Jews have been unearthed by Belarusian soldiers. Despite Gov. Alexander Rogachuk saying, "We will not allow the building of anything on bones of people," officials are moving ahead with plans to build a luxury apartment building complex at the site. At least 28,000 Jews lived in the Brest ghetto between 1941 and 1942. Some 17,000 people were known to have been shot in October 1942 near the Bronnaya Gora rail station, as thousands more were presumed to have been massacred. Some 66 percent of Belarusian Jews perished in the Holocaust, according to American historian Lucy Dawidowicz in "The War Against Jews."


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