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## Federation to hold brunch honoring Sima Auerbach on Sept. 22

By Reporter staff

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton will honor Sima Auerbach, former executive director of the Federation, for her contributions to the organization at a brunch on Sunday, September 22, from 10:30 am-12:30 pm, at the Jewish Community Center, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal. The cost to attend is \$5 and reservations are required by Monday, September 9. They can be made by contacting the Federation at 724-2332 or [director@jfgb.org](mailto:director@jfgb.org).

Auerbach, who retired at the end of June, began working for the Federation in 2008. After moving to this area from Great

Neck, NY, with her husband, Neil, she became a member of the Federation board and soon after became the Federation executive director. Auerbach has spoken frequently about her love for the Broome County Jewish community and was fascinated by local Jewish history. That led to her work to help move the stained-glass windows from the former Temple Beth El of Endicott buildings to a variety of local organizations. Other highlights of her career are the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y Live



Sima Auerbach, former Federation executive director

programs, the PJ Library, the Yasher Koach awards, the Jewish International Film Fest of Greater Binghamton and a dinner celebrating the Israel's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

"Come help us celebrate all the wonderful things Sima has done for this community," said Federation President Suzanne Holwitt. "She worked hard to create Jewish programming and make people understand how much the Federation cares about them."

"Sima left big shoes that will be hard to fill," said Shelley Hubal, the new Federation executive director. "However, she also left the Federation in wonderful shape and I look forward to continuing her legacy and moving the Federation into the future."

"It was a pleasure to work with Sima on the Campaign," said Marilyn Bell, the current co-chairwoman of the Federation's annual Campaign and a member of the committee working on the brunch. "She truly cares about this community and I look forward to the opportunity to show just how much her hard work is appreciated."

## CJS Fall 2019 program: "Antisemitism Then and Now"

### "Confronting Antisemitism in Poland Today" on Sept. 5

The first lecture of the fall 2019 College of Jewish Studies series on "Antisemitism, Then and Now" will be held on Thursday, September 5, at 7:30 pm, at the Jewish Community Center. Anna Sommer Schneider, associate professor of Jewish studies at Georgetown University, will present on "Confronting Antisemitism in Poland Today." Sommer Schneider's talk will focus on the relationship between Jewish and non-Jewish Poles



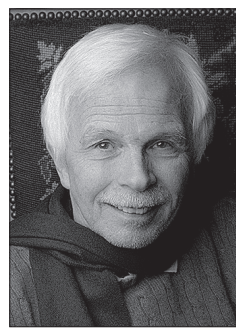
Anna Sommer Schneider

in the decades following the Holocaust – after the vast majority of the venerable Jewish community was destroyed, but when relations with Polish Jews remain troubled. She will address the question of why antisemitism has persisted in Poland, despite the fact that so few Jews remained, and discuss the political and cultural factors that have contributed to the revival of anti-Jewish sentiment today.

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### "From Anti-Judaism to Antisemitism" on Sept. 12

The second lecture of the fall 2019 College of Jewish Studies series on "Antisemitism, Then and Now" will be held on Thursday, September 12, at 7:30 pm, at the Jewish Community Center. Scholar and author Steven Englund will present a lecture titled "From Anti-Judaism to Antisemitism, and Back Again." Englund's talk will focus on the relationship between premodern Christian hostility to Jews rooted in their religious rejection of Christ and a modern European, presumably secular



Steven Englund

antagonism to them as a people or "race." As Englund sees it, scholars have overstated this traditional distinction, too often failing to recognize the continuity between these two forms of hatred. "It is important," he notes, "to reconsider the degree to which the metabolized, unconscious Christian heritage in society remains powerful in antisemitism – its wild exaggerations, irrational impulses and their relatively uncritical reception – even

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## Rockwell Museum to present "An Evening with Art Spiegelman" on Sept. 10

The Rockwell Museum will host "An Evening with Art Spiegelman" on Tuesday, September 10, as part of its 2019 lecture series. Doors will open at 6:30 pm and the lecture, with a Q&A, will be from 7-8:30 pm in the Corning Museum of Glass Auditorium, 1 Museum Way, Corning.



Art Spiegelman

welcome Art Spiegelman to Corning to discuss his seminal work, 'Maus,' one of the graphic novels that propelled the literary form into the mainstream," said Rockwell Museum Executive Director Brian Lee Whisenhunt. "As both the artist and writer, Spiegelman produced an innovative narrative that feels fresh almost 30 years later. His powerful story has sustained its ability to reach people with the important message of the horrors of the Holocaust and repercussions experienced by his family. With the bold re-emergence of nationalism, racism, antisemitism and xenophobia both domestically and internationally, a contemporary understanding of the lessons of 'Maus' are again tantamount to the continuation of both our democracy and freedom."

The Spiegelman lecture is the last in the Rockwell's 2019 lecture series. The event is free for Rockwell members, \$10 for students and \$20 for general admission attendees.

Advance registration is recommended. To register, or for more information on this and other upcoming Rockwell events, visit <https://rockwellmuseum.org/events/an-evening-with-art-spiegelman/>.

Spiegelman is an American cartoonist,

editor and comics advocate best known for his graphic novel "Maus." His work as a co-editor on comic magazines Arcade and Raw has been called "highly influential." He also worked as a contributing artist for

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Art Spiegelman has "almost single-handedly" brought comic books out of the toy closet and onto literature shelves. In 1992, he won the Pulitzer Prize for his Holocaust narrative "Maus" – which portrayed Jews as mice and Nazis as cats. "Maus II" continued the story of his parents' survival of the Nazi regime and their lives later in America. "His comics are best known for their shifting graphic styles, formal complexity and controversial content," said event organizers. Spiegelman will discuss "Maus" and its place in current global conversations during his presentation.

"The Rockwell Museum is thrilled to

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Sommer Schneider is associate director of the Practice of Jewish Civilization at the Center for Jewish Civilization, School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. Her Ph.D. is from the Department of Jewish Studies at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland. Her first book, "She'erit Hapletah: Surviving Remnant. The Activities of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in Poland, 1945-1989, 2014," was published in 2014 and she has also co-authored (with Linda Levi) a volume titled "Rescue, Relief and Renewal: 100 Years of the Joint in Poland." Sommer Schneider co-curated an exhibition on the same topic. She has written many scholarly articles on the Holocaust, focusing on memory studies, as well as on Jewish life and antisemitism in post-World War II Poland.

College of Jewish Studies programs are open to the entire community; general admission is \$8 per program, or \$20 for all 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, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal.

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though the actors themselves, the media and even common sense may insist otherwise." Englund will take a look at some of the most typically "secular" moments in the first wave of antisemitism (1870-1914) to see the degree to which they nevertheless contain strong elements of "le religieux."

Englund was a Marshall Scholar and received his Ph.D. at Princeton University. He is the author of eight books, including being chief writer for President Jimmy Carter for The President's Commission Agenda for the Eighties. His biography, "Napoleon, A Political Life," won the prize for the best book in French history from the American Historical Association. For the latter, he was named Chevalier des

Arts et des Lettres by the French government. He had been a Guggenheim Fellow, and has given papers on his current work on comparative antisemitism at Cornell, Princeton, Yale and Binghamton universities, and at the Center for the Study of Antisemitism at Berlin Technical University. He was a Visiting Fellow at the latter, from 2015-16.

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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.

The College of Jewish Studies, founded in 1986, is an informal coalition between the Judaic Studies Department of Binghamton University and several area Jewish sponsoring institutions: the Jewish Community Center,

the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, Beth David Synagogue, Temple Concord and Temple Israel. Programming for CJS would not be possible without the additional financial support of a grant from The Community Foundation for South Central New York-David and Virginia Eisenberg Donor Advised Fund, the Jacob and Rose Olum Foundation, the B'nai B'rith Lecture-ship Fund, the Victor and Esther Rozen Foundation, an endowment fund from the former Temple Beth El of Endicott, a grant from the JoyVel Charitable Fund and the donations of individual sponsors.

**Opinion****We need a Jewish reorientation toward the East**

By Hen Mazzig

(JNS) – My North African Jewish Berber grandparents came from Djerba, Tunisia, to Israel in the early 1950s. When asked for their family name upon their arrival in Israel, they likely thought they were being asked which tribe or community they belonged to because their answer was "Amazigh" (literally, "Berber," or "free person").

The i-Mazigh-en, or Berbers, are an indigenous people of North Africa. Research on the Jewish Berbers dates them back thousands of years. The only defeat of the Prophet Muhammad happened in the seventh century C.E. at the hands of the Jewish Berber queen "La Kahina." The Jews of the Berber tribe descend from her.

Yet because our story doesn't fit the prevailing stereotypes of Jews, Arabs and North Africans, Jewish Berbers have been largely ignored and excluded from public discourse.

In 1951, around the same time my father's parents arrived in Israel from North Africa, my mother's parents came to Israel from Baghdad, Iraq. They were also forced

out of their country. They had been part of an ancient Jewish community that thrived in Iraq from Babylonian times and before.

When they arrived in Israel, their stories were erased, partly by the attempt to create a cohesive Israeli identity. They felt as if their suffering was worthless in comparison to the atrocities committed against the Jews of Europe. While Jews had long been oppressed in the Arab-Islamic world, upon the founding of the state of Israel their status quickly changed from tolerated minority to hated enemy.

A whopping 850,000 Middle Eastern and North African Jews were expelled from Arab-Islamic states in the early 1950s just for being Jewish. In Israel, they didn't feel comfortable either.

Not only did they speak Arabic, the language of Israel's enemies, but their cultures, costumes and identities were highly similar to those in the countries attempting to destroy the newly reborn Jewish state.

In the midst of this massive pressure from both sides

of their identities, they largely decided to hide their past, look to the future and do everything possible to assimilate into the newly emerging Israeli community.

Yet for as much as my family has assimilated, these layers of my identity are triggered as I encounter the ideas held by some in the Western (mostly North American) Jewish communities. By and large the articles, the Jewish publications, the speakers and the Jewish academics see "World Jewry" as an exclusively Western phenomenon. They gloss over the history of the Jewish people in the Middle East.

To them, the Jewish world is centered in North America, with its origins in Europe.

While they may see Israel and Jerusalem as their homeland, they present the Jewish community as belonging to the West. It seems they are the only ones who really matter.

My story – the story of almost a million Jews from the Middle East and Africa – is often ignored, or looked down See "East" on page 5

**In My Own Words****Has there been any change?**

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

When I went to high school in Endicott in the 1970s, we would walk up Washington Avenue during our lunch hours. (The school did not have a cafeteria in those days.) Lining the streets in front of all the stores were men from nearby businesses who spent their lunch breaks staring at the women who walked by. I remember feeling very uncomfortable having someone eye my body like that, even though the men almost never spoke to us. I found myself avoiding the avenue whenever possible. In college, members of a fraternity that was located on the main walkway of the campus would sit outside on their balcony in warmer weather and loudly rate the women walking by. Many of us would find alternative ways to walk, even though that path through campus was the easiest and most convenient.

Neither of these behaviors would be considered socially acceptable today. However, while I used to think that attitudes toward women had really changed, recent events make me wonder if that's true, especially for women in positions of power or who challenge powerful men. For example, a group of young men recently posted a picture of themselves with a cardboard cutout of Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. One of the young men posed as if he were trying to kiss her, while another looked as if he were about to strangle her. The young men, who were all wearing

"Team Mitch" T-shirts (to show their support for Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell) added a caption that said, "Break me off a piece of that..." One teen later apologized, but I find it very disturbing that these young men ever thought this was funny.

However, it shouldn't really come as a surprise that women are still being treated like objects. After all, our current president denies sexual assault charges by claiming that the women making the claim are not attractive enough for him to assault. His words at a rally after one such charge were, "Believe me, she would not be my first choice. That I can tell you. You don't know. That would not be my first choice." Denying a sexual assault charge by saying a woman is *not attractive* enough for your attention is *not* taking the claim seriously. I don't know which person is telling the truth, although at least 22 women have claimed President Trump assaulted or raped them. The last rape claim barely made the news cycle for 24 hours.

Then there is the late Jeffrey Epstein, who died while in jail on a charge of one count of sex trafficking of a minor and one count of conspiracy to commit sex trafficking. This is not the first time he had been accused of such a crime, but it seemed clear that he was not going to get off as easily. In 2008, he pled guilty to one state charge of

prostitution with a minor. The plea deal allowed him to avoid federal charges, even though, the federal charges would have included documentation on the sexual abuse of dozens of teenage girls. Epstein served his 13-month state sentence on work release. Fortunately, authorities were treating the new charges with greater seriousness. Conspiracy theories aside, there are many powerful men who must have breathed a sigh of relief when Epstein died since he would no longer be able to implicate them.

I know there are many wonderful men in this world who deplore the types of behavior I've mentioned. But far too many people still believe that boys (or men) will be boys and that the responsibility for sexual assault or rape rests on the woman. Even some women buy into this idea because they believe that if they do everything right, they will never be assaulted or raped, or that it's their own fault if their charges are not treated seriously since they must have done something wrong. But that idea is nonsense and people need to realize that. This is why I support organizations that focus on women's issues. I also believe we need to educate the next generation: Men must come to understand that harassment, assault and rape will be punished. We also need to teach young girls that they are *not* responsible when a man commits a crime.



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# TC Sisterhood to hold workshops on Sept. 14-15

Temple Concord Sisterhood and Women of Reform Judaism will hold "Each of Us Strong, Together We Are Stronger" workshops on Saturday, September 14, and Sunday, September 15. They will be held at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, and are open to Temple Concord Sisterhood members, the Temple Concord congregation and all members of the Jewish community.

The September 14 workshop will be held from 1-3:30 pm, with the focus on the role of Reform Judaism, Temple Concord and WRJ in social advocacy. Speakers will be Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell, Temple Concord rabbi since



Robin Sobol

June 2008, and Robin Sobol, a member of the WRJ Northeast District Board of Directors and former president of WRJ Northeast District.

The September 15 workshop will be from 10 am-1:30 pm with Sobol leading the discussion. The focus will be on Temple Concord Sisterhood remaining relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Sobol will talk about continuing to build a team of Temple Concord Sisterhood women who will work together for common causes, attracting new Sisterhood members while reinvigorating existing members. She will discuss honoring and recognizing each Sisterhood member's unique qualities.

Brunch will be served. The fee will be \$3 for Sisterhood members and each member of her family, with a fee of \$5 for non-Sisterhood members. To make a reservation, call the temple office at 723-7355 by Sunday, September 8, and let staff know the number of attendees and which day(s) they will be attending.

Sobol, a member of Congregation Beth Emeth in Albany, currently serves as treasurer of her Sisterhood. Past positions have included president and board member. She has served as WRJ Northeast District area director, vice president and first vice president. She co-facilitated the speaker's bureau training. Currently, she is working on a year-long program to train new WRJ board members and is chairwoman of WRJ Board Leadership Training.

# Children of Abraham program to be held on Sept. 8

The Children of Abraham of Broome County organization will hold an event titled "Where they go: Welcoming people with mental health struggles in our congregations" on Sunday, September 8, from 3-5 pm, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Binghamton. This event will kick off with a presentation by Amber Brown, M.Div., on how the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's eight dimensions of wellness, specifically the dimension of spiritual wellness, offers a framework for mental health recovery journeys.

Following the presentations, panelists will respond to the question "Given your experience and expertise, how can the eight dimensions of wellness be best applied to the congregational setting and your faith tradition?" The panelists will represent faith traditions of the Children of Abraham of the Southern Tier (Muslim, Jewish, Unitarian Universalist and Christian). The panelists will be Imam Omar Bajwa, Reverend Kimberly Chastain, Amanda Jones and Rita Bleier.

After the panel, there will be facilitated discussions with small multi-faith breakout groups, which will come back

together to conclude as one group.

Register by Thursday, September 5, on the website [www.interfaithbroomecounty.com/where](http://www.interfaithbroomecounty.com/where).

# TI Sisterhood to hold fashion show

Temple Israel's Sisterhood's opening event will be a Hanks for Her Fashion Show on Tuesday, September 10, at 7 pm. Sisterhood members will model fall fashions provided by Hanks, located on Upper Front Street, Binghamton.

Organizers say, "Guests will be treated to a spectacular evening of 'Nip and Nosh.'"

This is a paid-up event, free to those who have paid their \$25 dues for the 2019-20 year. Those interested may pay their dues or make reservations by calling Tammy Kunsman at 723-7461.

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The New Yorker from 1992-2002.

Having rejected his parents' aspirations for him to become a dentist, Spiegelman studied cartooning in high school and began drawing professionally at age 16. He went on to study art and philosophy at Harpur College before becoming part of the underground comix subculture of the 1960s and 1970s. Spiegelman began his career with the Topps Bubble Gum Company in the mid-1960s, which was his main financial support for two decades. It was there that he co-created parodic series such as Wacky Packages in the 1960s and the Garbage Pail Kids in the 1980s. He gained prominence in the underground comix scene in the 1970s with short, experimental and often autobiographical works. A selection of these strips appeared in the collection "Breakdowns" in 1977, after which Spiegelman turned his focus to the book-length "Maus," about his relationship with his Holocaust survivor father. The postmodern book depicts Germans as cats, Jews as mice and ethnic Poles as pigs, and took 13 years to create. It won a Pulitzer Prize in 1992

and has gained a reputation as a pivotal work, responsible for bringing scholarly attention to the comics medium.

Today, Spiegelman advocates for greater comics literacy. As an editor, a teacher at the School of Visual Arts in New York City and a lecturer, Spiegelman has promoted better understanding of comics and has mentored younger cartoonists.

"An Evening with Art Spiegelman" is made possible with support from WSKG Public Media. Learn more at [www.rockwellmuseum.org](http://www.rockwellmuseum.org), or follow it on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

### Israeli-based company wins 10-year contract with FAA

The software firm NICE, based in the Tel Aviv suburb of Ra'anana, has won a 10-year contract to enhance airline response and investigations by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, the company announced on Aug. 14. The \$137 million deal will provide the FAA Air Traffic Organization with software systems to speed up incident response and improve visibility into incident data, including voice, radar, CCTV video and other data, at more than 770 sites across the country. The company's air-traffic solutions are already installed in hundreds of control centers and airports worldwide, according to NICE. The technology helps record multimedia communications and other information from air traffic systems, enabling it to be quarantined as well as shared.

## Free seminar on Wills & Estate Planning

hosted by Jewish Family Service and the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton.

The speaker is Alycia Kimmel, an associate attorney at Levene Gouldin & Thompson, practicing in the areas of Trusts & Estates, Elder Law and Real Estate.

The event is at the JCC on Monday, September 16, starting at 6 pm.

To register, call the the Federation at 724-2332 or email Shelley Hubal at [director@jfgb.org](mailto:director@jfgb.org).



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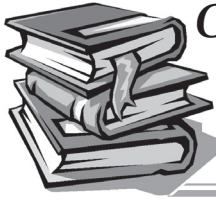
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# Does God have a body?

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

Although biblical law declared that the ancient Israelites were not to create any physical images of God, the Hebrew Bible is filled with descriptions referring to God as having a body. Does that mean that in ancient times people believed God had a human-like body, or did the descriptions serve a different purpose? These ideas are discussed in Andreas Wagner's "God's Body: The Anthropomorphic God of the Old Testament" (T&T Clark), which places the question into historical context. Although the work clearly has a Christian orientation, Wagner's careful explorations of the biblical text have much to offer Jewish readers.

"God's Body" is a scholarly work that offers an in-

credible amount of detail about the Bible. Its numerous tables present their material in a clear, concise manner. For example, Table 2.1 is called "Matching of exemplary biblical references for the comparison of bodily forms of God and man respectively." The three-page table looks at 11 different body parts and presents a comparison between the descriptions of "bodily form – external verbal 'image' of God" and "bodily form – external verbal 'image' of man." The word "external" is used to make a very interesting point: Wagner notes that, while the outer parts of God's body is mentioned in the text, there is *no* mention of any inner organs.

Later in his work, Wagner suggests another difference between the biblical descriptions of God and humans. He writes that, "This list [found in table 5.9, 'list of anthropomorphism of the external body'] reveals a clear but startling principle: Among the elements used often for representing God, none [of them] refer to gender. In view of the high number investigated, this is very significant and certainly not coincidental. A first conclusion is apparent: The Old Testament avoids any definition of gender in its anthropomorphic representations of Yhwh." So, while there may be descriptions using parts of the body, there were limitations **See "Body" on page 5**

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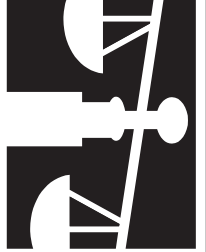
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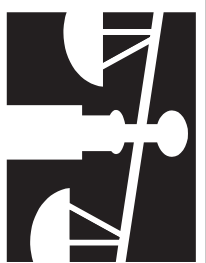
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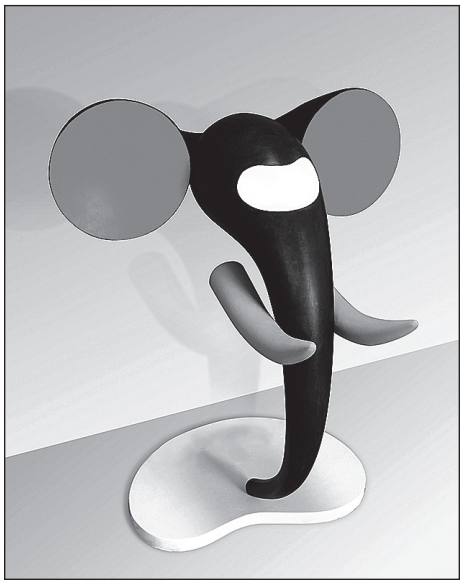


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# Israeli artist reaches new peak in Aspen



"Allophant" (Photo by Benny Katz and used with his permission)

By Noga Zisowitz

(Israel Hayom via JNS) – Israeli conceptual artist and sculptor Benny Katz is excited about a trip he plans to take to Aspen, CO, later this year. Katz is eager to see the Rocky Mountains, but he also wants to visit Forré Fine Art Contemporary Gallery, where his latest work has been on display since June.

Katz opens the door to the studio he rents in a *moshav* near Ness Ziona in central Israel, offering a peek at a sculpture in progress – a stylized, tailless buck deer, which for now he is calling "Male."

Sometimes, Katz says, his ideas crystallize as he plays with the materials. Other times, he starts with an idea, and then embarks on a long process of trying to express that idea. "It's a process of finding solutions to express the idea that's in my head," Katz says. "It's much harder to try to express something I can picture in my mind than it is to start working on something and not

know what it will become."

When he starts with a specific idea, the first thing he does is make rough sketches. "I have to," he says. "It's the way to get closest to or uncover the vague impressions in my head."

Then he uses a computer program to turn the sketch into a clean illustration. Finally, he carves the components out of Styrofoam and covers each with air-dry clay, which he sands until it attains the texture of smooth plaster. For the sculptures that have a few parts, he uses thin metal rods to attach the various sections. He taught himself to spot-weld.

Katz makes up to nine editions of a piece. He recreates the prototype using ancient molding and casting techniques, but with modern materials – bubblegum pink silicon and epoxy clay, a material he likes because it's both lightweight and strong.

Katz was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil. In 1978, when he was 5, his family left Brazil, which was still under a military dictatorship. Both of his parents are of Polish Jewish descent; his father's family arrived in South America before World War II, and his mother's father survived the Holocaust in Europe.

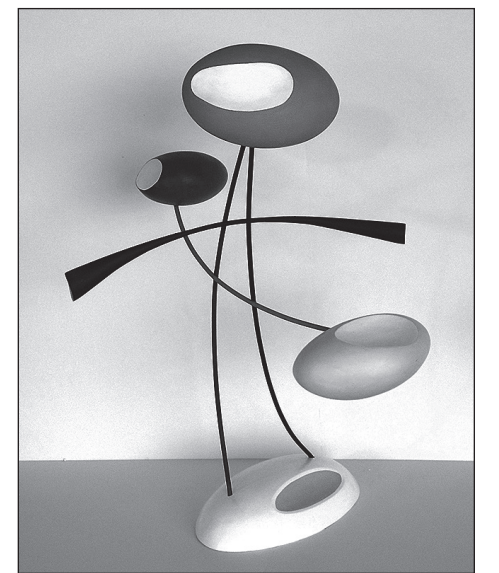
After a year in Ashkelon, his family moved to Kibbutz HaMa'apil in northern Israel. He remembers watching his father, an avid amateur artist, draw. As a child, Katz also loved drawing ("designing," he stresses) sneakers and cars, which he would imagine jumping off the paper and taking shape. After his compulsory military service, he studied graphic design, but the confines of a career in graphic design were not for him.

However, his graphics training is very much present in his recent work, which is characterized by clean lines, curves and a mostly primary palette – red, blue, yellow and black – offset by touches of bright green or orange. And, while he no longer spends

his time sketching out designs for cars, Katz uses automotive paint on his sculptures due to its durability.

The pieces on show in Aspen, which are part of a new direction his art has taken in the past four years, are a departure from his earlier work. In 2013, Katz had a solo show in Tel Aviv. Most of the pieces he showed – a real-size life preserver made out of concrete and rebar; a chain of wooden rafts loaded with packing crates; a photo-realistic cantaloupe with slices cut out that don't quite fit back in, which Katz says represents an immigrant's sense of incompleteness – explored themes of otherness, confusion and alienation.

After the 2013 show, Katz felt he had closed a circle and done as much conceptual work as he wanted to. His new work focuses on form, line and color. And wit: "Arnold" portrays a fleshed-out stick-figure bodybuilder with both arms raised in a flex. See "Artist" on page 8



"Flowers." (Photo by Benny Katz and used with his permission)

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on in a way that mimics a post-colonial approach. Although some scholars have begun to realize the diversity of our global Jewish community, the main voices, as well as the majority of ideas espoused by English-speaking Jews, are still centered in the European/North American hegemony.

Discourses on the meaning of Judaism, Jewish peoplehood, Israel and the Middle East seem to come from a naturally superior standpoint: that of the Westerner.

It is as if knowledge about Middle Eastern and African Jewish communities is generated not from facts, but from paternalistic tendencies. Preconceived archetypes envision all the Jews of the East as fundamentally similar to one another and alien to the Western Jewish community.

While I disagree with much of Edward Said's writings, his descriptions of "Orientalists" remain accurate. According to Said, these are people who study the East, but not purely as scholars attempting to understand other cultures. Intermingled with their scholarly pursuits are self-serving political biases that undermine the actual needs of the Middle Eastern communities they study.

Orientalism converted the "Orient" into

a legitimate academic field, about which the West invented facts. According to Said, these thinkers and scholars were politically driven. Through their discussions of the Middle East, they fashioned themselves into the self-appointed representatives of the Orient. They actively misrepresented the Middle East and its people, creating stereotypes and perpetuating false characteristics.

In Israel alone, more than 60 percent of us are descendants of Middle Eastern and African Jews.

Regardless of our origins, we should be united in the constant struggle for global equality and against antisemitism. But we must also remember that the Jewish world is centered in the East. It is in the East that the Jewish people began and where today, in Israel, our peoplehood is maintained and continues to blossom.

More Jewish writers and thinkers need to understand this key fact and reorient their scholarship with it in mind. The rich history of Eastern Jews should not be nullified by the superficial biases of Western scholars.

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to what they say about the nature of God.

Since drawings of humans were found in ancient Israelite areas, the prohibition against creating images seems to be concerned only with those representing God. The ancient Israelite drawings look more like stick figures than realistic works of art. Although the images show the body and head in profile, the eyes usually face forward. Unlike some other cultures of the time, these images are solely human, rather than containing a mixture of human and animal characteristics. They are also very different from Greek images in that they are flat, with few defining characteristics. Wagner notes that "the corporeal representations are... restricted to the essential parts of the body. The following emerge: head, face, eye, nose, mouth (lips), neck, torso, arm/hand, foot/leg. Individual features of physiognomy and detail are completely lacking."

Wagner believes that most of the anthropomorphic descriptions of God were used to depict God's actions in the world, rather than being considered accurate descriptions of the shape of God's body. In his discussions of specific biblical texts, he explains what these different body parts represent. For example, an outstretched arm serves as a symbol of mightiness, power or fighting strength, depending on the specific use. Feet are considered the lowest part of the body and usually portray differences in status – meaning those who are under someone's feet are either slaves or have been defeated in battle.

Wagner also notes that the writers of the Bible understood the parts of the body differently. The heart was believed to be the place for thought, much like the brain is considered today. The ear was not only for

hearing, but used to represent understanding. Many of the anthropomorphic images used in the Bible either deal with communication or action, for example, descriptions show God acting in the world and mankind acting like God by using the same parts of the body. The author believes the choices of words were not random because the Bible includes descriptions of human body parts that are never used for God.

In order to truly understand what was happening in the biblical text, Wagner believes we cannot assume that those in ancient times thought the same way we do today. He sees images – whether drawn or verbal – as existing independent from the real world. In other words, these images were idealistic representations, rather than portraits of any specific individuals. He suggests that "verbal images of the body of God in the Old Testament, the anthropomorphic feature, can express the functions connected with core elements of the body without indicating a visual figure." In simpler words, readers of the biblical were expected to understand the terms used as representations of actions, rather than of a real body that could be seen, drawn or understood in realistic human terms.

While the ideas presented in "God's Body" are fascinating, the writing is very dry and technical, as is befitting a serious scholarly study. The theological discussion of an anthropomorphic God focused on Christian writers; there are no thoughts offered from talmudic rabbis or Jewish philosophers. However, Wagner's detailed study offers readers a different way of looking at the descriptions of God in the Bible, one those seeking yet another perspective on these ancient writings might find of interest.

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## Weekly Parasha

Ekev, Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

# Promises from God

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR, THE REPORTER

“Because you listen to these laws and keep them and do them, God will keep the covenant with you and the *chesed* [loving-kindness] that [God] swore to your ancestors.” (Deuteronomy 7:12) In *parashat* Ekev, the Israelites are reminded of some of the specific details regarding their relationship with God. The covenant mentioned includes not only the promises they made to God (for example, to observe the commandments), but the promises God made in return. To put this in the simplest terms, if the Israelites obey the *mitzvot* (commandments), then God promises good things will happen. What’s interesting about these promises is not only what is included, but what isn’t mentioned.

What are some of the wonderful things given in return

for obedience to God’s commandments? The harvests of fruit, grain and oil will be bountiful; the Israelites will have many children (“no male or female shall be barren”); their animals will also be fruitful and multiply; and no sickness or diseases (particularly the “evil diseases of Egypt”) will be found in the land. In addition, not only will their enemies be unable to harm them, but God will defeat those same enemies and “deliver their kings into [Israelite] hands.” While this is an awesome list, note that the good life is strictly an earthly one: Lots of children, lots of food, lot of animals, no illness and no pesky enemies to worry about. What God doesn’t promise the Israelites here or in other discussions of the rewards for obeying commandments is

any type of eternal life. The idea of an *olam haba* (a world to come) was not part of the biblical covenant.

Are the rewards received based on an individual’s behavior (for example, the person who obeys gets rewarded while the individual who doesn’t is punished), or are the promises only made good if the whole nation follows them? This is difficult to determine from the text. While Moses punishes individuals who have done wrong, in some cases the whole nation is considered responsible for the behavior of any one person or group of people. For example, almost everyone who left Egypt (Caleb and Joshua are the only exceptions) was forbidden to enter the Promised Land. See “Promises” on page 8

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 President: Bruce Fein, 607-423-3346  
 Service leaders: Lay leadership  
 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.

### 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, August 24, at 9:30 am, Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25. The haftarah will be Isaiah 49:14-51:3. The kiddush sponsor will be Michael Azersky.  
 On Saturday, August 24, at 5 pm, there will be the bat mitzvah of Jordyn Goldberg.  
 On Monday, September 2, the temple office will be closed for Labor Day.  
 On Tuesday, September 10, at 7 pm, there will be an Executive Board meeting and a Sisterhood meeting.

### Congregation Tikkun v’Or

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism  
 Address: PO Box 3981, Ithaca, NY 14852; 2550 Triphammer Rd. (corner of Triphammer and Burdick Hill), Lansing, NY  
 Phone: 607-256-1471  
 Website: www.tikkunvor.org  
 E-mail: info@tikkunvor.org  
 Presidents: Lauren Korfine and Shira Reisman  
 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.

### Penn-York Jewish Community

President-Treasurer-Secretary: Harvey Chernosky, 570-265-3869  
 B’nai B’rith: William H. Seigel Lodge  
 Purpose: To promote Jewish identity through religious, cultural, educational and social activities in the Southern Tier of New York and the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania, including Waverly, NY; Sayre, Athens and Towanda, PA, and surrounding communities.

### Kol Haverim

Affiliation: Society for Humanistic Judaism  
 Address: P.O. Box 4972, Ithaca, NY 14852-4972  
 Phone: 607-277-3345  
 E-mail: info@kolhaverim.net  
 Website: www.kolhaverim.net  
 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, August 23, light candles before ..... 7:34 pm  
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 Friday, August 30, light candles before ..... 7:23 pm  
 Saturday, August 31, Shabbat ends ..... 8:21 pm

### Temple Concord

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism  
 Rabbi: Barbara Goldman-Wartell  
 Address: 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905  
 Office hours: Tues.-Fri., 10 am-2 pm  
 Phone: 723-7355  
 Fax: 723-0785  
 Office e-mail: TempleConcordbinghamton@gmail.com  
 Website: www.templeconcord.com  
 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, August 23, at 8 pm, there will be a Shabbat evening service led by Rob and Shari Neuberger.  
 On Saturday, August 24, at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study led by Rabbi Rachel Esserman.  
 On Thursday, August 29, from 5-7 pm, the CHOW pantry will be open.  
 On Friday, August 30, at 8 pm, there will be a Shabbat with Visual T’Filah service celebrating Labor Day led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.  
 On Saturday, August 31, there will be no Torah study due to Labor Day weekend.  
 On Sunday, September 1, from 10 am-2 pm, Temple Concord Sisterhood will sponsor a rummage sale in the basement. Shoppers should use the Oak Street entrance. Buy one shirt or blouse, get one free.

### Norwich Jewish Center

Orientation: Inclusive  
 Rabbi: David Regenspan  
 Address: 72 South Broad St., Norwich, NY 13815  
 Contact: Guilia Greenberg, 336-1523  
 Purpose: To maintain a Jewish identity and meet the needs of the Jewish community in the area.  
 Adult Ed.: Saturday morning study is held at 10 am. Call for more information and to confirm.

### Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism  
 Rabbi: Scott L. Glass  
 Address: 402 North Tioga St. (the corner of Court and Tioga streets), Ithaca, NY 14850-4292  
 Phone: 273-5775  
 E-mail: rabbi@tbeithaca.org and secretary@tbeithaca.org  
 Website: www.tbeithaca.org  
 President: Randy Ehrenberg  
 Sisterhood President: Julie Paige  
 Director of Education: Rabbi Suzanne Brody  
 Administrative Assistant: Jane Griffith  
 Services: Friday 8 pm; Saturday 10 am, unless otherwise announced. Weekday morning minyan 7:30 am (9 am on Sundays and legal holidays).  
 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 Saturdays, August 24 and 31, at 5 pm, Rabbi Scott Glass will continue teaching a “Perek in the Pardes” class studying “Pirkei Avot, The Ethics of the Fathers.”

The annual Temple Beth-El summer picnic will be held on Sunday, August 25, from 4-7 pm, at the Upper Buttermilk State Park, which has an \$8 per vehicle entrance fee. Interim Rabbi Miriam Spitzer will be in attendance. Dinner will start at 5 pm and a scavenger hunt at 6 pm. Those attending are asked to bring a dairy dish to pass and to e-mail the temple office at secretary@tbeithaca.org with the dish being brought.

From Friday-Sunday, September 6-8, Temple Beth-El will hold a retirement celebration weekend in honor of Rabbi Scott and Sharon Glass, who have served the temple for 43 years. On September 6, there will be a Shabbat service with Ithaca clergy. On September 7, services will honor Sharon Glass, followed by a Sisterhood-sponsored luncheon. On September 8, a celebratory brunch will be held at Celebrations from 10:30 am-1 pm. Those interested in attending any of the weekend events should e-mail secretary@tbeithaca.org.

# Jewish Community Center

## Memories of Camp JCC



Israeli Scouts spent time with campers at the Jewish Community Center on August 1.



A group of teens from Camp JCC's Teen Leadership Camp relaxed on the steps of the Franklin Institute during their trip to Philadelphia on July 17.



Rowdy from the Binghamton Rumble Ponies visited with Camp JCC kids and helped deliver United Way summer reading program books and bags to some of the children on July 29.



L-r: Adelle Mattson as Dorothy and Abby Pietras as the Scarecrow in the Camp JCC performance of "The Wiz" on July 26.



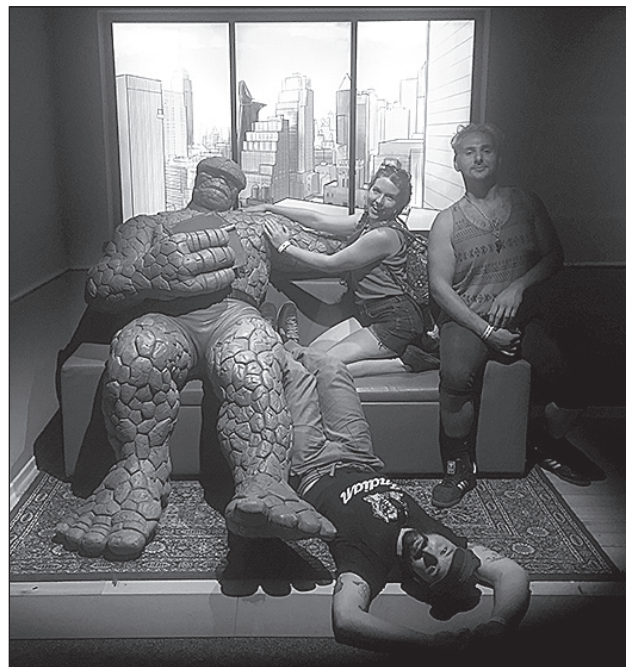
Madison Ramie portrayed the Witch in "The Wiz" on July 26.



Above: On a day trip to Cole Park, Sabra 2 camper Erin Pietras enjoyed the pool slide.



A scene from the Camp JCC performance of "The Wiz" on July 26 (l-r): Christian Burdick, Chelsea Messano (as Toto), Abby Pietras, Brady DeAngelo and Adelle Mattson.



L-r: TLC counselors Kylie Murray, Nathaniel Stillman and Hunter Davidsohn (on floor) posed with the Thing at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia on July 17.

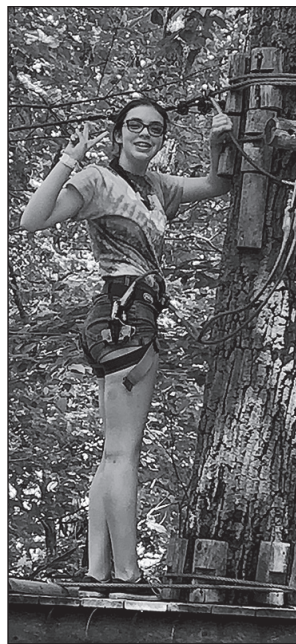
### JCC Friendship Club

The JCC Friendship Club met on August 13 and heard a musical program presented by Deb Foreman. She played the piano and sang some songs. She asked for suggestions and then we sang along. She started with one of her favorite songs, titled "Tenderly." Then we joined her and sang "Home on the Range," "America," "Yankee Doodle" and more. She played and sang a humorous song called "The Little Shack in the Back." After more songs, Rabbi Benny Kellman stopped by, so we sang "Ohseh Shalom." We are always glad to see him.

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia Diamond. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ann Brilliant said the blessing over the refreshments. We welcomed Rose Shea, the new director of Jewish Family Service, to our meeting. Sue Herzog gave the treasurer's report. Sylvia read a one-line joke from Henry Youngman's book, "The Best of One Liners." He said he was reading about the evils of drink, so he stopped reading.

There will be no meeting on August 28, but we will be at the JCC on Wednesday, September 4, at 1:30 pm. Come join us.

Sylvia Diamond,  
President



TLC camper Katie Sochor on the Camelback ropes course on July 16.



Above, l-r: Sabra 2 campers Jack Cummings and Michael Daily enjoyed swimming on a day trip to Cole Park.

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### NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

### Oceanography exchange program to bring American graduate students to Israel

Israel has been chosen as one of four countries to host 27 graduate students from 24 U.S. institutions as part of a first cohort of the Limnology and Oceanography Research Exchange (or LOREX) program, funded by the National Science Foundation. Students will study at University of Haifa's Marine Sciences school and the Interuniversity Institute for Marine Sciences in Eilat. The graduate student program was initiated in order to forge a connection between the next generation of oceanography professionals through international collaboration. Students are collaborating with 25 labs across six host institutions in Israel, Canada, Australia and Sweden. Elena Forchielli, a fourth-year Ph.D. student in molecular cellular biology and biochemistry at Boston University, is one participant who will conduct research this fall at the University of Haifa's Leon H. Charney School of Marine Sciences. She has previously visited Haifa for collaborative research with the Charney School's Daniel Sher; they will join forces again as part of her LOREX experience from Nov. 1 to Dec. 31. "I'm excited to perform experiments at University of Haifa that my lab doesn't have the capacity to carry out in Boston," says Forchielli. "The Eastern Mediterranean setting enables us to collect valuable samples in the sea, and then to replicate our experiments in an environment which closely resembles the conditions of the real ocean. I'm looking forward to obtaining powerful data from this process."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

London mayor calls for city council to adopt plans to build Holocaust memorial in historic gardens

London Mayor Sadiq Khan has called on the Westminster Council to back plans to construct a Holocaust memorial in Victoria Tower Gardens. "I have previously expressed my fear however that these plans would be rejected," wrote Khan in a letter to the council. "I therefore urge Westminster City Council not to reject these plans and instead enable this hugely important national memorial to take its rightful place in the heart of the capital and close to the seat of national government." "Let us at least agree that everybody understands the importance of the Holocaust Memorial and its importance to Britain for our understanding of history and the experience of so many of our Jewish citizens," said mayoral candidate Shaun Bailey in a statement. "Instead of fighting pointlessly over this site, or potentially bending planning law, why not work together to have a politics-free discussion about the feasibility of this site, or even a discussion over a potential new site that respects the aims of those who wish to memorialise this brutal episode. We owe it to the victims of the Holocaust to find a solution to this impasse." Opponents of the proposed memorial have stated that it would be in the wrong location and block views of the park's gardens, a UNESCO world heritage site. "The mayor is the latest politician trying to bludgeon this unpopular project through despite growing misgivings within the

Jewish community about its effectiveness at tackling antisemitism and the environmental concerns of the Royal Parks and UNESCO," said Clare Annamalai of Save Victoria Tower Gardens. "Westminster Council is simply trying to apply planning law. The mayor is playing political games." The memorial plan is expected to be rejected.

Trump: Mideast peace plan to follow Israeli elections on Sept. 17

U.S. President Donald Trump said on Aug. 18 that the second part of the White House's long-awaited Mideast peace deal for the Israelis and Palestinians will likely be released after Israel's Sept. 17 elections. "I probably will wait, but we may put out pieces of it," Trump told reporters, adding that the administration could "release small parts of it beforehand." The first part of the peace deal was rolled out at a summit in Bahrain in June and focused on the economic component, consisting of a 40-page document detailing a \$50 billion, 10-year investment plan for the Palestinian Authority, Jordan, Egypt and Lebanon. The Palestinian Authority and others boycotted the event. Israel and Bahrain do not have formal diplomatic relations, though the two have recently improved ties since the summit.

Bill Maher slams BDS; Tlaib calls for boycott of HBO show

Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) on Aug. 17 called for boycotting Bill Maher's HBO show after the liberal comedian denounced the anti-Israel BDS movement as "a bulls\*\*t purity test." "Maybe folks should boycott his show," tweeted Tlaib, who compared boycotts of Israel to that of apartheid South Africa in the 1970s and 1980s. "I am tired of folks discrediting a form of speech that is centered on equality and freedom," the congresswoman continued in her tweet. "This is exactly how they tried to discredit & stop the boycott to stand up against the apartheid in S. Africa. It didn't work then and it won't now." "Maybe folks should boycott his show. I am tired of folks discrediting a form of speech that is centered on equality and freedom. This is exactly how they tried to discredit & stop the boycott to stand up against the apartheid in S. Africa. It didn't work then and it won't now." "It's a bulls\*\*t purity test. BDS is a bulls\*\*t purity test by people who want to appear woke but actually slept through history class," said Maher. "It's predicated on this notion - I think it's very shallow thinking - that the Jews in Israel are mostly white and the Palestinians are browner, so they must be innocent and correct, and the Jews must be wrong. ...As if the occupation came right out of the blue, that this completely peaceful people found themselves occupied," he continued. "Forget about the *intifadas* and the suicide bombings and the rockets and how many wars. ...Let me read Omar Barghouti, one of the co-founders of the movement," added Maher. "His quote: 'No rational Palestinian ... would ever accept a Jewish state in Palestine.' So that's where that comes from, this movement, someone who doesn't even want a Jewish state at all. Somehow this side never gets presented in the American media. It's very odd." Tlaib, along with Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN), was banned from Israel the week of Aug. 16 for her BDS support. Tlaib was granted a humanitarian request to visit her grandmother in the West Bank, though she chose not to visit.

Abbas spurns GOP delegation in Ramallah, Erekat and Shtayyeh meet in his stead

Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas apparently backed out of a meeting with a 31-member GOP delegation at the last minute on Aug. 13, sending other senior officials to meet them in his stead. The incident comes just a week after Abbas met a 41-member Democratic delegation led by House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD), during which he said he would not accept American "dictates." Abbas' P.A. has boycotted the U.S. administration ever since U.S. President Donald Trump recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel in December 2017 and then moved the U.S. embassy there from Tel Aviv in May 2018. Though PLO General Secretary Saeb Erekat and P.A. Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh were sent to meet the Republicans, several legislators opted not to go to Ramallah after Abbas announced his cancellation. Those who did attend were told by Shtayyeh that "the peace process needs serious intentions. Israel does not have these intentions and the U.S. is biased toward Israel," according to the Palestinian Wafa news agency. He also told the legislators that the P.A. demands a two-state solution. Both delegations were in the country on a trip organized by the American Israel Education Foundation, a group connected to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

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while "Atlas" takes the burden of the globe off the mythical figure's back and halves it. Others are more purely abstract. In a few sculptural strokes, "Performance" (which was snatched up two weeks after being uncrated at Forre Fine Arts) perfectly conveys a lone performer on stage.

his work in the spotlight while he keeps busy in the studio.

Benny Katz's current work is also on display at Avant Gallery in Miami and Oeno Gallery in Ontario, Canada. Visit [www.benny-katz.com](http://www.benny-katz.com) or @bennykatzart on Instagram.

This article first appeared in Israel Hayom.

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because they complained it would be too difficult to conquer. Did every single person complain, or were some punished because of the behavior of the majority? It's hard to imagine all the quarrelsome Israelites agreeing on anything.

the Israelites are commanded to confirm rumors about whether or not those living in other cities have been practicing idolatry by worshiping other gods. They aren't to wait for God to punish these back-sliders, but must instead kill and then burn all the inhabitants of the city, their cattle and their possessions themselves. Otherwise, God will be angry and punish everyone, even those who have not sinned. So, it does seem that even if an individual is good, his or her reward and/or punishment is based on the collective behavior of the nation.

Sometimes one individual causes the majority to be punished, as is seen during the conquest of Canaan. Joshua and his troops are defeated at Ai (Joshua 7:1-26) because one Israelite (Achan, the son of Carmi) took items during the previous battle, items that were either to be destroyed or given to the Levites. The text says that God was angry with the Israelites, that is, angry at the whole people, for what one person had done. Instead of directly punishing Achan, God allows Joshua's warriors to die, even though they personally had done nothing wrong. God does not punish Achan; instead, the text suggests the Israelites stoned and then burned not only Achan, but also his sons, daughters and animals (oxen, donkeys and sheep).

Post-biblical Judaism has refined the idea of reward and punishment, not only adding the idea of an *olam haba*, but making us more responsible for what befalls us. Yes, all Israel is responsible for each other, but our individual sins rest more squarely on our own shoulders. That's partly the idea behind the Book of Life mentioned during the High Holidays: Our actions help determine our fate. There is some advantage to the biblical view, though: When something random - good or bad - happens, the answer to the question, "What did I do to deserve this?" is sometimes "nothing."

The idea that we are responsible for each other's behavior is found in the biblical text. In *parashat Re'eh* (Deuteronomy 13),

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