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JCC Annual Meeting to be held on June 13

On Thursday, June 13, at 7 pm, the JCC will host its Annual Meeting. All JCC members, friends and supporters are welcome to attend.

The event will begin promptly at 7 pm with drinks and a dessert buffet prepared by chef Victor Torres, with background music performed by Kim Metaxas and the JCC Community band. The evening will continue with the presentation of awards honoring those individuals who went above and beyond in their service and dedication to the JCC this past year, as well as a special presentation honoring outgoing JCC President Carrie Wenban.

The meeting will conclude with the

installation of the 2019-2020 JCC Board of Directors.

Executive Committee: Sue Walker, president; Carrie Wenban, past president; Lillian Levy, past president; Jeff Platsky, treasurer; Sarah Manasse, assistant treasurer; Bonnie Brown, secretary; and Mark Walker, Federation liaison.

Board members: Neil Auerbach, Lisa Berk, Michelle Foster, Charles Gilinsky, Gerry Hubal, Jeff Loew, Charles Manasse, Emily Rose, Justin Salkin, Jeff Shapiro and Rita Shawn.

The event is free to the community. Anyone planning on attending is requested to call the JCC office to make a reservation at 724-2417.

Matching gift for Reporter donations

By Reporter staff

An anonymous donor has agreed to match up to \$10,000 for donations made to *The Reporter's* Voluntary Subscription Drive. A letter asking for voluntary donations in support of the paper was sent last week to all members of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton.

"This is wonderful news," said Rabbi Rachel Esserman, executive editor of *The Reporter*. "It's getting more and more difficult to get advertising, so all community support is appreciated. Our very small staff works hard to create a paper worth reading."

Sima Auerbach, executive director of the Federation, noted, "*The Reporter* is the one-stop place to find out what's happening in our Jewish community. Whether you're interested in what's happening at the Federation,

the JCC, Hillel Academy, the synagogues or the College of Jewish Studies, it's all in the paper. There are also articles about members of our community doing interesting things and articles of interest about Israel, which means there is something in the paper for everyone."

Shelley Hubal, incoming executive director of the Federation, added, "I've come to realize the value of *The Reporter* when it comes to making certain people know what is happening in our community. Whether it's the film fest, organizations' annual meetings or events, the paper lets you know what's happening."

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Israeli tech tackles water crisis in "Sustainable Nation"

By Anis Modi

(JNS)—In the last two decades, Israel has been transformed from a thirsty country in the Middle East to a leading international exporter of water-treatment technologies, eyed by neighboring nations and those in Africa for its tackling of one of the world's biggest problems. A new film documents such developments in all its boggy detail. "Sustainable Nation," which screened recently as part of the 2019 Washington Jewish Film Festival, follows the stories

of three Israelis who have been part of such dramatic change.

"The wars of the future will be fought over water," said the film's director, Micah Smith, at a panel following the screening. "I hope films like this can make people aware and start thinking about solutions."

Whereas the Jewish state was facing a water shortage just two decades ago, today reclaimed water accounts for 85 percent of agricultural uses, with 80 percent of the See "Tech" on page 5

Special Federation membership meeting June 19

There will be a special Federation membership meeting of members in good standing (defined as members who are current on their annual contributions to the corporation) on Wednesday June 19, at 7:30 pm, at the Jewish Community Center, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal. The subject of this meeting will be discussion of a mission statement for the Federation.

Spotlight

Levine discusses issues of race and class in her latest work

By Rabbi Rachel Esserman

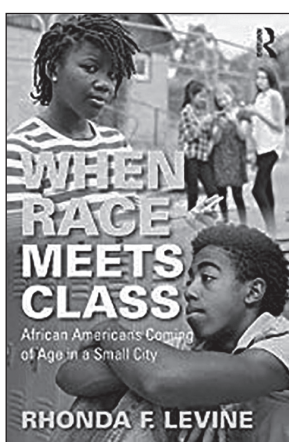
In the Jewish community, Rhonda F. Levine, professor emerita of sociology at Colgate University, is best known for her book "Class, Networks, and Identity: Replanting Jewish Lives from Nazi Germany to Rural New York." For that work, Levine interviewed Jewish refugees—some of them local—about their lives after they arrived in America. Her new, ambitious work, "When Race Meets Class: African Americans Coming of Age in a Small City," focuses on people's lives as they occurred over a 15-year period.

The publisher describes "When Race Meets Class" as "a rare, 15-year ethnography, [that] follows the lives of individual, low-income African American youth from the beginning of high school into their early adult years. Levine shows how their interaction and experience with multiple institutions (family, school, community) and individuals (parents, friends, teachers, coaches, strangers) shape their hopes, fears, aspirations, and worldviews." According to Nancy DiTomaso, distinguished professor at Rutgers Business School, "'When Race Meets Class' provides a much-needed contribution to the understanding of how race, class, and gender reproduce inequality."

Elijah Anderson, William K. Lanman professor of sociology at Yale University, added, "This is a work of importance, and one that should be read far beyond the academy."

Levine's interest in questions of racial inequality is not a new one. "For close to 50 years (since the time I was in college), I have been actively involved in movements for greater racial equality and some of my contacts [were those] I first made doing anti-racist work in the early 1980s, so I was not a total unknown within the African American community for political work," Levine said in an e-mail interview.

"I taught courses on racial inequality for several decades and one perspective that resonated [was that] many in the public domain sought to explain racial inequality as a consequence of negative behavior on the part of low-income African American youth and their families," she added. "This perspective basically argued, if the youth were 'less oppositional' or if 'parents cared



The cover of Rhonda F. Levine's new work "When Race Meets Class: African Americans Coming of Age in a Small City."

more,' then low income African American youth would have the same opportunities as their white middle class peers. Race was not the problem, rather values and behavior were to blame for persistent inequality between races."

That not only seemed unfair to Levine, but a wrong interpretation of the data. "I did not agree with this perspective and, although there were numerous studies to suggest otherwise, few if any actually gave voice to the youth themselves," she said. "I wanted to hear from the young people directly of their experiences, especially what it was like for them to be black."

One purpose of her research was to discover the mechanisms of inequality. "My main concern in the book is the general question of what accounts for persistent racial inequality in the 21st century," Levine said. "While much sociological work details the causes and consequences of racial inequalities, far less research analyzes the mechanisms reproducing the

very structures of inequality. The bountiful research linking group level characteristics—such as race, class and gender—to unequal outcomes—such as inequalities in educational achievement, employment, income and social mobility—often fail to account for the social processes underlying aggregate inequalities."

In order to understand the stresses and dilemmas faced by African Americans, Levine looked more closely at people's personal experiences. "I argue that it is not enough to merely illustrate an association, for example, between race and educational attainment, income inequality, and social mobility, but rather the study of mechanisms allows us to pinpoint the dimensions and critical turning points shaping life trajectories," she noted. "The question I wanted to address is not what causes aggregate trends of inequality, but how they are caused. In other words, how do lived experiences—at the micro level—shed light on the macro structures of racial inequality?"

Levine noted that it is not only the choices that people make that affect the course of their lives. "In sociological terms, while it is true that individuals make choices that impact their lives and life trajectories—the See "Class" on page 3

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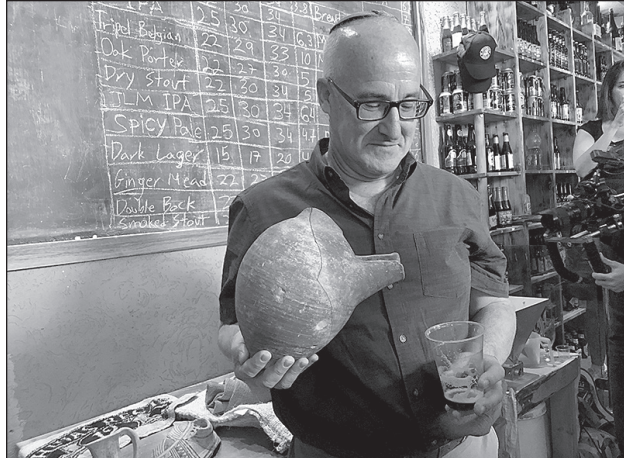
A pint from the past

By Eliana Rudee

(JNS) – Israeli scientists have recently provided a pint-sized glimpse into what it may have been like to have cocktails with Cleopatra and beer with the Pharaoh. In a joint effort between the Hebrew University, the Israel Antiquities Authority, Tel Aviv University and Bar-Ilan University, scientists recently resurrected a 5,000-year-old brew, grown from the live yeast found in ancient beer pots.

After discovering a unique way to isolate yeast from ancient pottery – and together with a local brewer – the Israeli archaeologists and microbiologists produced “high-quality beers” that modern drinkers can enjoy.

“This is a brand-new concept that has never been done before,” Professor Aren Maier of Bar-Ilan University’s land of Israel studies and archaeology told JNS. “No one has successfully isolated ancient yeast or any ancient organism in an archaeological context. This could open



Professor Aren Maier, from Bar-Ilan University’s land of Israel studies and archaeology, modeled an ancient vessel and the new, recreated beer. (Photo by Eliana Rudee)



The archaeological dig at HaMasger street in Tel Aviv, from which the Egyptian Narmer beer was produced. (Photo by Yoli Schwartz, Israel Antiquities Authority)

up an entirely new field of identifying and rediscovering organisms, like ancient pickles, wine and cheese. We are fortunate to taste the fruits of this new field.”

Similarly, added Yitzchak Paz of the Israel Antiquities Authority, “We are talking about a real breakthrough here. This is the first time we succeeded in producing ancient alcohol from ancient yeast.”

Together with Paz, the research was led by Ronen Hazan and Michael Klutstein, microbiologists from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Using shards of pottery that had been used as beer and mead (honey wine) jugs back in ancient times, the scientists found that the vessels still had yeast specimens stuck inside. The team examined the colonies of yeast that formed and settled in the vessel’s nano-pores and found that the jars date back to the reign of Egyptian Pharaoh Narmer (roughly 3000 B.C.E.), to Aramean King Hazael (800 B.C.E.) and to Prophet Nehemiah (400 B.C.E.) who, according to the Bible, governed Judea under Persian rule.

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Mailbox Shorts

“Romeo and Juliet” Jewish style

The world premiere of a Jewish adaptation of “Romeo and Juliet” will be held on five nights in June at the Center for Jewish History, 15 West 16th St., New York City. The production is adapted and directed by David Serero, who is also starring as Romeo. One family is Sephardic and the other one is Ashkenazi, featuring classic Ladino and Yiddish songs, as well as other surprises.

Five performances will be held: Thursday, June 13, at 3 pm; Sunday, June 16, at 6 pm; Tuesday, June 18, at 8 pm; Thursday, June 20, at 8 pm; and Sunday, June 23, at 6 pm. Tickets are \$26 and \$36, and can be purchased at ASFRomeoandJuliet.bpt.me or by calling 800-838-3006.

“Ghost” tour to Israel

Tour operator Club Kosher will hold “The Spirits and Spirituality of Israel Tour” from February 24-March 3, in order to “discover the Holy Land with a supernatural twist.” In addition to regular tourist spots, the trip will visit “paranormal and haunted-themed locations.” Some of the sites to be visited include Shivta ancient ruins, the Valley of Dry Bones, St. Gerasimos Monastery Room of Skulls, Zedekia’s cave, the Ghostly Russian Compound and Atlit, “the real Atlantis.”

The tour is open to couples, singles and families, however there are only 30 spaces available. The cost is \$2,999 per person based on double occupancy. For the complete itinerary, reservation form or any additional information, e-mail ClubKosher@aol.com or call 203-795-4737.

Opinion

From the Desk of the Federation Executive Director

Hello, this is Sima...

SIMA AUERBACH

It’s difficult to believe another film fest is over. What a great group of films! Each film was unique, showing various aspects of life, relationships, determination and goals. Actually, now that I think about it, determination was probably a motif in all these films.

To review: We showed “A Night at the Garden” and “Prosecuting Evil” on May 12, followed on May 19 by

“My Polish Honeymoon” and, on May 23, “Capernaum.” On May 30, the film was “City of Joel” and then the final movie was “Shoelaces,” shown on June 2. Even now, I find myself thinking about these different films. I’m hoping the same is true for you.

The Film Fest Committee needs to hear your thoughts about our choices. If you have seen any or will see all of the movies,

please complete the form on page 7 of this paper and send it to me and I will share it with the Film Committee. Or, if you prefer, e-mail me at dirjfb@gmail.com or Shelley Hubal at director@jfgb.org. Let us know which film you enjoyed the most and which you considered the most important to see. Your thoughts, comments and opinions matter!

To all of you who showed up, thank you!

In My Own Words

Legalizing marijuana

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

My friends know that I have very strong opinions about most issues. However, there is one, recent exception and that’s the question of whether or not to legalize marijuana. I don’t mean medical marijuana because that is clearly a Jewish issue of *pekuat nefesh* (the saving of a life). So I have no problem with that. However, I’m torn about whether or not to legalize recreational marijuana.

Before sharing my thoughts, it’s important to note that I have never used marijuana. (It feels weird to call it that since almost everyone I know still calls it pot.) Yes, I know I went to high school and college in the 1970s, but I’ve never used an illegal drug. (I’m not even fond of legal ones, something to which my doctor can testify.) Anything that messes with your brain scares the wits out of me (and that’s an understatement). However, over the years, I’ve had many friends who smoked pot and were then, and are now, wonderful people.

I’m not going to discuss the economic issues because they feel irrelevant to an ethical debate on the subject. Of

more interest are pot’s effect on people and society. Are the actions of people on pot any worse than people on alcohol? Not that I’ve been able to determine. That means the laws putting people in jail for smoking a joint are *not* an example of a punishment fitting the crime. If you want to talk about pot’s harmful effects on people’s health, then shouldn’t you also outlaw cigarettes since their medical toll is very high? If we say it’s OK to harm your health with cigarettes and booze, then why should we object to pot?

On the other hand, I’ve read that car accidents have gone up in states that have legalized marijuana. That does scare me. However, we already have people who drive when they’ve had too much to drink, so perhaps what we need are stricter laws and ways to prevent people from driving when they are impaired by *anything*, including prescription drugs.

Pot is often seen as the gateway to harder drugs and, while that may be true for some people, it’s not true for everyone. After all, not everyone who drinks becomes an alcoholic.

I’ve even known people who can casually smoke a cigarette now and then, and not become addicted. While most drug addicts have tried a variety of drugs, that doesn’t mean they would never have used those drugs if they hadn’t smoked pot. They might have just tried the harder ones first.

When doing some research on this issue, I found that Jewish opinions about marijuana are split. Some say the drug is harmful and takes time away from Torah study – meaning it should not be used. Others say it allows them to achieve a higher form of spirituality and therefore is important to their religious practice. So, there is Jewish thought promoting both sides of the debate.

Even if pot is legalized, I have no desire to try it for the same reason I don’t like getting drunk: losing control scares me. My main concern, though, will be making certain smoking pot is covered by the same laws as cigarette smoke. Those of us who have breathed freer and easier since the stricter smoking laws took effect should also be protected from marijuana smoke.



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TI service honoring Jewish women on June 14

On Friday, June 14, at 7 pm, the Temple Israel Sisterhood will welcome the community to a *Kabbalat* Shabbat program honoring and celebrating all Jewish women, regardless of affiliation.

The event will commence with a dessert buffet in the social hall. During the pre-Shabbat refreshment hour, musical entertainment will be presented by Eileen Miller and Rochelle Goldberg. All in attendance will then have

the opportunity to participate in a communal Shabbat candle-lighting ceremony; an *erev* Shabbat service in the sanctuary will follow.

The evening service, with liturgy planned by Julie Piaker, Sylvia Horowitz and Rita Bleier, will be conducted by a group of women volunteers currently being organized by Bobbi Markowitz. Those interested in reading or leading portions of the service should contact Markowitz (bmarkowitz@nycap.rr.com) to make appropriate arrangements for doing a section of the siddur. As the service will include recitations in English in addition to Hebrew, the organizers have emphasized that "it will not be a requirement to read Hebrew in order to participate in the service."

To ensure sufficient food preparation, everyone is asked to contact Tammy Kunsman in the temple office with their RSVP at 723-7461 or titammy@stny.twcbc.com.

TC-TI to hold joint *erev* Shavuot program on June 8

Temple Concord and Temple Israel will hold an Ice Cream Extravaganza and a "Taste of the Book of Ruth" on Saturday, June 8, at 7:30 pm, at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton.

"Make your own ice cream sundaes, enjoy some schmoozing time together, gain some insights into the Book

of Ruth as we move from Shabbat to Shavuot together," said organizers of the event.

To make certain there are enough refreshments, those planning to attend the event are asked to RSVP to Temple Concord at 723-7355 or templeconcordbinghamton@gmail.com.

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micro level – they do so within a set of circumscribed conditions – the macro level," she said. "From a 15-year perspective, we see more precisely how structural inequalities of class, race and gender mattered in shaping life [choices] for the African American teenagers and young adults. In turn, because of the precariousness and constraints underlying their decision-making and behavior, they often made 'bad choices,' and consequently reinforced the very structures of inequality that they faced and continue to face. For low-income black youth coming of age in a small city high school becomes a time when class and race factors become palpable and intensified in everyday life. Having fewer financial, social, or cultural resources than their white counterparts, black students are at a disadvantage as soon as they step foot in school."

Parts of what she learned surprised her. "What was most amazing to me is just how complicated the lives are of low-income African American youth and, even as they face the challenges of a racialized class structure, they hold on to very middle class values," she noted. "For male athletes, coaches can provide important resources that the youth would otherwise not have."

She noted that these young people are also often forced to become adults earlier than their peers, but not with the results that one might expect. "While low-income African Americans may become adultified at a younger age than their white middle class peers, most took longer than their white middle-class counterparts to complete their education, live apart from parents, have a full-time job and become economically independent, marry and start families of their own," Levine said. "While the time it takes a person to be on their way to a meaningful, satisfying and productive life should not matter, it does matter if we are concerned with eroding structural problems presented by both race and class factors. A late start into middle-class employment means a loss of time to accumulate transformative resources in the form of savings and/or investments that can translate into wealth accumulation and with it the ability to help out family members and/or pass class advantages on to the next generation. Without it, racial wealth gaps remain intact and a racialized class structure persists."

As for what can be done to help, Levine noted that "schools need to be more aware as to how students are racially marked, however unwittingly, and the consequences of racial marking. Race matters. Discipline in schools needs to be less racialized, as does curriculum. As far as the larger society is concerned, I would suggest people support policies and programs that do not minimize the impact racism still carries in our society, whether it be in the school, the labor market, or in the larger community. We are far from having a level playing field."

TC Sisterhood to host adult ed. event on June 25



Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell

Temple Concord Sisterhood Adult Education will present "Jewish Customs and Traditions Around the World" on Tuesday, June 25, from 7-8:30 pm, at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton.

Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell will speak about Jewish customs and traditions. A discussion will follow her talk. Attendees are encouraged to bring a Jewish item that has been part of their family's traditions or

Jewish memorabilia from travels in the United States and other countries.

The program is free and open to all Sisterhood members, members of Temple Concord and community members. Light refreshments will be served.

Reservations should be made by Sunday, June 23, to Lani Dunthorn at lani.dunthorn@yahoo.com or 348-4099.

"Tribes" at Kitchen Theatre Company

The Kitchen Theatre Company will perform the play "Tribes" through June 23. The show features an "irreverent" Jewish family that struggles to navigate the difficulties of communicating with and including one another. It follows Billy, the youngest son born deaf into a fast-talking, academic family, who was never taught sign language. When a young woman introduces him to the Deaf community, Billy, who has assimilated into the hearing world by reading lips, decides it is time his family learns to communicate with him on his terms.

"It is a play full of people that deeply, deeply love each other, but have never fully listened to what the other has to say. Argument equals love for this family and in their many ways of arguing, the play unearths truths about their tribe, asking us 'What does it mean to truly be heard?'" said M. Bevin O'Gara, artistic producing director at the Kitchen Theatre Company.

The Kitchen Theatre Company is located at 417 West State/MLK Jr. St., Ithaca. For information about days and times of performance and the price of tickets, visit <http://kitchentheatre.org/tribes.html> or contact the theater at 272-0403. To purchase tickets, call 272-0570.

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Life's twists and turns

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

Bewildered by life's twists and turns: that describes many of the characters in Karen E. Bender's short stories in "The New Order" (Counterpoint) and Binnie Kirshenbaum's novel "Rabbits for Food" (Soho). How the characters cope, or don't cope, with the problems they face is what creates tension and interest in both works.

This theme is clear in most of Bender's stories, although, at times, she adds an additional element: seeing events from two people's point of view. For example, "Three Interviews" partly focuses on an unemployed woman, Ms. Gold, who is anxiously searching for a job in order to feel complete again. Although, at first, the readers see the world through Ms. Gold's eyes, during the interviews, Bender instead offers the thoughts of each interviewer, all of whom are less interested in Ms. Gold than they are with glitches in their own lives. The differences between the interviewers' thoughts and those of Ms. Gold made for fascinating reading.

Several of the stories have specific Jewish themes. The powerful "Where to Hide" brings together two old friends, the narrator and Eve Silverman, to look at safety issues in case of an attack on their synagogue. Their suggestions take increasingly absurd turns as the narrator comes to realize it will be impossible to keep everyone safe from a gunman. The reader soon comes to understand that the two women are also speaking about their own lives and losses, and shows the very different ways they now ap-

proach life, something that has caused a rift in their once close friendship.

In 1974, neither Hebrew school nor the public high school feel like a safe place for the narrator of "This Is Who You Are." Learning about children her age who were killed in a terrorist attack in Israel and dodging the gym teacher's inappropriate behavior makes it difficult for her to cope. Additional stress is caused by her sister's undiagnosed illness. When one of her friends experiences a trauma, the narrator dreams of escape.

Two stories explore their characters' relationship to Judaism. "On a Scale of One to Ten" focuses on the woman facing a difficult choice. There are only two English speaking schools in the city in Asia where her family lives. After the international school turns out to be a disaster, the family visits a missionary, evangelical school where Jesus plays a major part in the lives of the teachers and the students. The narrator must decide how much of their religious identity she would be willing to sacrifice in order for her daughter to attend the school. The action in "The Cell Phone" takes place during Rosh Hashanah evening services. When cell phones begin to ring – even after they are completely turned off – those on the other end of the line force the congregants to determine whether their dedication to Judaism is real or a hollow sham.

All of the stories in "The New Order" are well done and focus on a world where violence and disorder of all

sorts leave people feeling shaken and uncomfortable. Bender uses clear, broad strokes to portray the underside of American culture.

While Bender's work has a stark tone, Kirshenbaum depends on black humor when writing about Bunny, a novelist who suffers a nervous breakdown on New Year's Eve. The prologue shows Bunny in a psychiatric ward in New York City in 2009. Then the action moves to the fall of 2008 as Kirshenbaum describes what occurred before Bunny's breakdown; the second section of the novel focuses on Bunny's life once she is in the hospital. Bunny is definitely clinically depressed, which might make her seem an unpleasant character to read about. So it came as a surprise that Kirshenbaum's novel is often laugh-out-loud funny and that Bunny, who describes herself as unlikeable, becomes someone readers will truly care about.

There is little plot development in "Rabbits for Food," but readers may not mind because the descriptions of actions and people are so well done. Included in the novel are Bunny's funny, short essays, which are written as though she was taking part in the ward's creative writing activity (something she refused to do). The original cause of Bunny's depression is slowly revealed, although it's also clear how her depression has affected her physically in a way that cannot be ignored.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY UNDER NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is L & C Hemp Farms, LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is May 6, 2019.
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purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: The name of the limited liability company is: Binghamton Northside Development Group, LLC (the "Company"). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was May 24, 2019. The county in

which the principal place of business of the Company shall be located is Broome County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company, to Attn: Robert J. Pornbeck, 132 Prospect Avenue, Binghamton, NY 13901. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

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country's total water consumption coming from desalinated water. "Israel successfully addressed this problem as a state," said Amy Sapkota, director of CONSERVE, a water and sustainability center at the University of Maryland. "They brought together their geographic location and a 'let's get it done' attitude, and that's something we can learn from."

According to the World Health Organization, by 2025 half of the world's population will be facing water scarcity. "Water is a problem today even in places where it wasn't considered one before," said Omer Guy, one of the innovators featured in the movie and chief agronomist at Phytex, a company that helps farmers conserve water through algorithm-based monitoring technology. "What we do in high-tech is to go in and come up with solutions no one has tried before."

In the United States, Guy and Phytex help Californian farmers manage their water resources. As the state grows more than one-third of the country's vegetables and two-thirds of its mass-market fruits and nuts in the midst of severe droughts in recent years, the impact on the U.S. food market has been and will continue to be considerable.

"To me, water in California is worth more than anything," said Brian Palla, a California farmer who uses Phytex's technologies amid the state's growing water crisis, in one of the film's "most touching" moments. "If there is no change, we will be seeing a reduction in useful agriculture land because there won't be enough water here."

While agriculture and industry put a stress on water resources in developed nations, large populations in other

countries lack access to clean water for basic needs such as drinking and showering. According to the World Health Organization, contaminated drinking water is responsible for some 500,000 deaths every year.

Sivan Ya'ari, founder of Innovation Africa, tackles this problem through a solar-based water-pumping solution that allows small villages in Africa to develop their own water resources. This method, as Ya'ari explains in the movie, also aims to empower local women by giving them control of the decision-making around the newly established resource. While the entity is able to monitor the health of the infrastructure over time, Ya'ari pointed out that management of the facilities remains with the locals. "What motivates me the most is the simplicity of the solutions," she concluded. "We've helped so many villages through the years, but our work is still small compared to the need."

To date, IA has helped 200 villages across eight African countries become water independent.

Alongside Ya'ari and Guy, Eli Cohen, founder of Ayala Water and Ecology, is hoping that his company could help communities living in proximity to contaminated water sources in India.

India's outdated infrastructure has created a situation



A still from the film "Sustainable Nation," which highlights Israeli water technology being used in the African country of Uganda. (Photo courtesy of "Sustainable Nation")

where sewage runs directly into rivers and aquifers, putting millions of lives at risk. Authorities have realized the need to tackle the problem, but are often hampered by "too much bureaucracy" and rely on the "wrong solutions" for their specific situation, according to Cohen. By planning projects that center on bio-sustainable solutions, such as growing water-cleaning plants around polluted water sources, Cohen is hoping that his company can help the millions of Indians who lack access to clean water.

"The nexus between water, energy and food is a vicious cycle that we need to break," said Cohen, shown at his house in the town of Tzippori in Northern Israel. "We're breaking this nexus by using technologies that don't need energy to clean water."

Currently, Cohen's company is fabricating a project meant to fight pollution in the Ganges River, which is worshipped by many Indians and is surrounded by 500 million-plus people living on its banks.

"We see news about Israel all the time, but it's not about the amazing things in this film," said William Piermattei, managing director of the environmental law program at the University of Maryland following the film screening. "Solving this problem is going to take all of us, and like Israelis are doing, we need to reach out and take this on together."

Gifts for Dads & Grads

How to celebrate dads and grads on a budget

(StatePoint) - There are always several reasons to celebrate the start of summer! Beyond the kick-off to a season of outdoor sun and fun, it's the perfect time to honor dads and grads.

Whether thanking Dad on Father's Day or applauding the accomplishments of a new graduate, there are many ways to do so without over-taxing your wallet. Here are some helpful tips from the experts at Dollar General to celebrate these special occasions easily and affordably.

◆ Tech Gifts - If you're looking for something practical to give Dad or your recent graduate, think about a tech gift. A new pair of headphones, a tablet or portable speakers will be appreciated in today's on-the-go world, and these gifts can help your loved one navigate a busy schedule.

◆ Throw a Summer Party - Consider gifting Dad new grilling accessories so he can show off his skills, or throwing an outdoor party for your new graduate. Summer is the best time for friends, family and neighbors to get together to celebrate.

Use colorful plates, napkins and tablecloths to set the mood for your party. Discount retailers have everyday low prices on paper products, condiments, grilling accessories and more for one-stop shopping to aid with your party planning.

◆ Gift Cards - If you're shopping for a picky Dad or graduate, or looking for an easy or last-minute gift, gift cards are a convenient way to give something that will be appreciated and used. Consider gift cards for technology, restaurants and other retailers.

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Weekly Parasha

Bamidbar, Numbers 1:1-4:20

Naming and counting

RABBI MARLEY WEINER, SENIOR JEWISH EDUCATOR AT HILLEL AT BINGHAMTON

In this week's *parasha*, Bamidbar, we begin the story cycle of the 40 years of wandering in the desert. And the first thing that the Jewish people do after building a home for God's presence is to count themselves. God commands that Moses should "Take a census of the whole Israelite community by the clans of its ancestral houses, listing the names, every male, head by head" (Exodus 1:2). We learn two things here. The first is that God wants to know numbers. This is important for a number of reasons, most notably, for military organization. But God does not view each of these people as strictly a warm body who can fight. God also wants to know each Israelite's name.

Naming and counting are incredibly important Jewish rituals. We make ceremonies out of the naming of babies, and we read the names of those who have died on the anni-

versary of their deaths. The act of counting and naming is, according to Rashi, a profoundly loving act. He describes God's reasoning for the census thus: "Because they were dear to him, He counts them every now and then: when they went forth from Egypt He counted them (Exodus 12:37), when many of them fell in consequence of their having worshiped the golden calf He counted them to ascertain the number of those left (cf. Rashi Exodus 30:16); when he was about to make His *Shechinah* dwell amongst them (i. e. when He commanded them to make a Tabernacle), He again took their census; for on the first day of Nisan the Tabernacle was erected (Exodus 40:2) and shortly afterward, on the first day of Iyar, He counted them." In other words, counting and naming both create relationship and help it to sustain over time.

This *parasha* brings sharp relief to the vital importance of recognizing the names, faces and stories of others, especially when they are in danger of becoming just another statistic. We see on the news that 11 were killed in a shooting, that 3,000 died in a hurricane. And it can be very easy for those numbers to remain just numbers. But when we recall the names of the victims of the Pittsburgh shooting, or the stories of those who died in Puerto Rico in Hurricane Maria, we mourn more deeply, because we know their contributions and stories, if only a little bit. In a world where there is so much tragedy, it is very easy to become numb to each act of catastrophe and make each situation just numbers. But these larger stories contain smaller stories, and if we can hold the names of the affected individuals then maybe we See "Naming" on page 7

Congregational Notes

Temple Concord

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 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, June 7, at 8 pm, Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell will lead a Shabbat evening service remembering the 80th anniversary of the M.S. St. Louis' ill-fated journey.

On Saturday, June 8, at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study and, at 7:30 pm, there will be a joint Temple Concord and Temple Israel erev Shavuot Ice Cream Extravaganza and "A Taste of the Book of Ruth" program at Temple Concord.

On Sunday, June 9, at 10:30 am, there will be a Shavuot Yizkor and Confirmation morning service with potluck luncheon.

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 Address: 27 Bennet Ave., Binghamton, NY 13905
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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 equalitarian 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
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 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, June 8, at 9:30 am, Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Numbers 1:1-4:20. The haftarah will be Hosea 2:1-22. Richard Schneierson and Maxine Rosenberg will sponsor the kiddush.

On Sunday June 9, at 9:30 am, there will be first day of Shavuot services and Yizkor.

On Monday June 10, the temple office will be closed for the second day of Shavuot.

On Friday, June 14, beginning at 7 pm, there will be a Kabbalat Shabbat honoring women with music and a dessert table, followed by services at 8:15 pm. (See article on page 3.)

On Monday, June 17, at 7:30 pm, there will be a Ritual Committee meeting.

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Orientation: Inclusive
 Rabbi: David Regenspan
 Address: 72 South Broad St., Norwich, NY 13815
 Contact: Guilia Greenberg, 336-1523
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 Regular service times: visit the temple website for days of services and times
 Religious School/Education: Religious School, for grades kindergarten through bar/bat mitzvah, meets Sunday mornings. Rabbi Karp conducts services and holds classes in Torah, beginning Hebrew and Maimonides.
 For the schedule of services, classes and events, see the website.

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Friday, June 7, light candles before..... 8:19 pm
 Saturday, June 8, light candles after..... 9:19 pm
 Sunday June 9, light candles after..... 9:20 pm
 Monday, June 10, yom tov ends..... 9:21 pm
 Friday, June 14, light candles before..... 8:22 pm
 Saturday, June 15, Shabbat ends..... 9:23 pm

Beth David Synagogue

Affiliation: Orthodox Union
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 Mincha after kiddush
 Maariv 8:10 pm
 Weekday Services:
 Mornings:
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 Mon., June 10.....9 am
 Tues.-Fri., June 11-14.....7 am
 Evenings:
 Sun.-Thurs., June 9-13.....8:25 pm
 Classes: Rabbi Zev Silber will hold his weekly Talmud class every Tuesday evening after services.

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

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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, June 7, at 8 pm, services will be held.
 On Saturday, June 8, at 10 am, services will be held and, at 9 pm, the erev Shavuot service will be followed by a study session.

On Sunday, June 9, at 10 am, Shavuot I services will be held followed by a dairy dish-to-pass lunch; at 9 pm, the erev Shavuot II service will be held.

On Monday, June 10, at 10 am, the Shavuot II service will be held and Yizkor will be recited.

On Tuesday, June 11, at 7:30 pm, there will be a religious school board meeting.

On Saturdays, June 22 and 29, July 13 and 27, and August 24 and 31, at 5 pm, Rabbi Scott Glass will teach a Perek in the Pardes" class studying "Pirkei Avot, The Ethics of the Fathers."

Congregation Tikun 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.

Jewish Community Center

JCC Friendship Club

The JCC Friendship Club met on May 29 and enjoyed a program with 14 children and their two teachers from the

UPK 3 classroom at the JCC. Sue Herzog brought in cut-out yellow paper shapes for the children to draw black lines on



At left: The Friendship Club members celebrated Ada Brummer's (seated) 98th birthday. Standing: Sue Herzog, Bruce Orden, Sylvia Diamond and Ann Brilliant.

to look like bumble bees. The children then stapled on paper wings. Bruce Orden sang a song about a bumble bee and the children sang the same tune about making pizza dough. They were very animated when singing by rolling the imaginary dough, throwing it in the air and ending by eating it.

After they left to return to their classroom, we had a birthday party for Ada Brummer, who turned 98. Sue brought an ice cream cake for her mother and put candles on it for her to blow out. We then sang "Happy Birthday" to her. Bruce read an amusing article about signs of success that starts by not soiling your pants at age

4 and ended with the same sign at age 80. Another sign was having a license to drive at 16 and at 70.

The meeting was called to order and a brief discussion followed. Sue gave a report about a check that was sent to us and cancelled. Another one was reissued. Because of the mix-up, the fees were cancelled.

On Wednesday, June 12, everyone is asked to bring a photo and tell a story about it. On Wednesday, June 19, we will join others at the senior picnic at SUNY Broome at noon. All other meetings are at the JCC at 1:30 pm. Come join us.

Sylvia Diamond
President



JCC Friendship Club members participated in a bumblebee art project with the students from the UPK 3 classroom.

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can come together to advocate for choices that will help keep more of us safe, healthy and sound.

The Sforno teaches that the reason God wanted to know the name of each Israelite and not just the number was because "at that time, the names of the individuals reflected their specific individuality, in recognition of their individual virtues." And so too is it today. We remember people

best, and honor them best, when they are a full named person, and not just a number. God understands, and teaches us, that even when there are vast numbers, hundreds of thousands of people like when the Jews left Egypt, each individual name matters. And may we carry the importance of the name and story of every person on this planet into this week, and the weeks and months and years ahead.

The Reporter wants the community to kvell with you

If your baby was born between July 2018 and July 2019, submit your baby's picture to *The Reporter* for the annual Family Focus issue, which will be published on July 5. Pictures must be delivered by Tuesday, June 25. Parents and grandparents are welcome to put a photo into an envelope and stop by or mail to *The Reporter's* office at the JCC (500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850),



slide it under our door if we're not open, or e-mail to TReporter@aol.com as a JPG or TIF. Please include the baby's name, sex, date of birth, parents' names, grandparents' names and great-grandparents' names.

Photos may be picked up at *The Reporter* after July 5 or include a self-addressed stamped envelope and it will be mailed back to you.

New "Fasting to Feed" Campaign Launches During the Month of Ramadan



Humanity First USA (HFUSA), with the support of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, is launching its Fasting to Feed campaign during the final 10 days of Ramadan this year through June 6, 2019, in an effort to help Americans suffering from hunger. However, donations will still be gladly accepted beyond the June 6th date.

By fasting for over 16 hours a day during this month, all Muslims get a small taste of hunger, which gives many a realization of the pain endured by millions of starving fellow human beings. But unlike many who go on to enjoy their favorite foods after breaking their fast in the evening, millions do not have the luxury of having even a meal every day.

With a vision to make America hunger free, HFUSA's Food Security program seeks to reduce hunger and food wastage, provide food to our communities and raise awareness about food insecurity. During our Fasting to Feed campaign, HFUSA urges everyone to make a donation worth the value of one meal to feed a hungry stomach. Supporters from other faiths can also try to experience a day of fasting or skip a meal and donate the cost of that meal to feed children, mothers, and elders who are suffering because of hunger in America.

The Fasting to Feed campaign will support not only HFUSA's 14 food pantries and three soup kitchens across the US but also many partner food banks and pantries in several cities.

The goal is to raise \$100,000 during the 10 days of this campaign. Donations can be made at <https://tinyurl.com/fasting2feed>.

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The Film Fest Committee needs to hear your thoughts about our choices!



If you have seen any of the movies at The Film Fest, please complete this form. We will share it with the Film Committee - your thoughts, comments and opinions matter! Let us know which film you enjoyed the most and which you considered the most important to see.

To all of you who showed up, thank you!

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May 12	<i>A Night at The Garden & Prosecuting Evil</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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May 19	<i>My Polish Honeymoon</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Comments: _____				

Overall thoughts & suggestions for the future: _____

Yes, I'd like to be considered for the Film Fest Committee next year!

Name: _____ Email or phone: _____

Please mail to The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850, drop off at our office at the JCC, or email the information to Sima@dirjfb.org or Shelley@director@jfbg.org. Thank you!

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

Plans for Jerusalem cable car approved by National Infrastructure Committee

Israel's National Infrastructure Committee approved on June 3 the plans to build a \$55 million cable car system to transport visitors in and out of Jerusalem's Old City. Advanced by the Tourism Ministry and Jerusalem Development Authority, the 1.5 km long cable car route will help relieve traffic congestion and increase accessibility to the area of the Holy Basin, which includes Jerusalem's Old City. The route would stretch from Jerusalem's First Station complex to Mount Zion, and then down to the Old City's Dung Gate, near the entrance to the Western Wall Plaza and Ir David archaeological park. If approved, the cable car will be able to carry 3,000 passengers per hour in each direction, utilizing 73 carriages. Some opponents have said that the modern structure would harm the ancient feel of the city, and Palestinian groups have objected to the plan, saying that carriages would be moving over Palestinian areas.

Israel seals off last Hezbollah terror tunnel, the largest ever discovered

Israel has sealed off the last of several Hezbollah tunnels discovered six months ago burrowing from Lebanon to northern Israel, according to Israeli Defense Forces spokesman

Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus on June 3. Journalists were shown the entrance to the tunnel, which extended some 265 feet – or about 22 stories – below ground, and was about a mile in length. When discovered, the tunnel was wired for electricity, and also contained various communications equipment. The tunnel, which exists into Israel near the 265-person town of Zarit in the Upper Galilee, was discovered as part of last winter's Operation Northern Shield, a mission to find and destroy Hezbollah tunnels in Israel's north. According to Conricus, the operation, which began in December, is now completed and "it is safe to say that there are no more Hezbollah cross-border attack tunnels from Lebanon into Israel."

Israeli study may provide hope for some pancreatic cancer patients

A groundbreaking study at Israel's Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer has determined that a targeted cancer therapy drug developed in partnership with pharmaceutical companies AstraZeneca and Merck & Co. Inc. delays the progression of a specific strain of pancreatic cancer, offering "potential hope" for patients suffering from the 12th most common cancer worldwide. Talia Golan, head researcher at the Sheba Medical Center Pancreatic Cancer Center, has been testing the safety and efficacy of a new treatment regimen based on olaprib tablets, a medication that attacks a certain enzyme important for the cell development of several forms of cancer. The study was conducted among 154 patients with metastatic pancreatic cancer who also carried the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genetic mutations, which seriously elevate the risk of breast and ovarian cancers in women. Research found that those with the mutations lived an average of 7.4 months without pancreatic cancer progression, compared to 3.8 months in the placebo group. The scientists said the results provide "potential hope" for this specific subset of pancreatic cancer patients. Median survival in the two groups was not drastically different – 18.9 months in the test group versus 18.1 months in the placebo group. Golan presented her findings at the American Society of Clinical Oncology annual conference on June 2 in Chicago, the same day the findings were published in The New England Journal of Medicine. Pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer death, with a five-year survival rate of 9 percent.

Syria state media claims Israeli strike on T-4 airbase near Homs

Just a day after Israel confirmed an attack on Syrian military targets following the launch of two rockets at the Golan Heights on the night of June 1, Syrian state-run media reported an Israeli attack on the T-4 airbase near Homs, Syria's largest airbase. There are conflicting reports as to the number of casualties resulting from the strike. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported five deaths, whereas the Syrian military reported just one soldier killed and two wounded. Syria's state-run SANA TV reported that Syrian military officials had confirmed the destruction of a weapons storage facility and other buildings at the base. Two Israeli rockets were neutralized by Syrian forces, according to the report. Israel has reportedly launched attacks in the past against the military base, which Israeli defense officials have said is being used by Iranian forces as part of Tehran's efforts to entrench its forces in Syria. The strike comes after a series of Israeli sorties early June 2, which according to Human Rights Monitor killed 10, including seven "foreign fighters." The June 2 airstrikes came after two long-range missiles were launched from Syria toward the Golan Heights.

Hamas leader grateful to Tehran for rockets the terror group can fire into Israel

Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar thanked Iran on May 30 for providing rockets to the terrorist group to launch toward Israel. He also warned Israel that Tel Aviv would be targeted again if the Jewish state launches another operation against the Gaza Strip, which Hamas controls. "Iran provided us with rockets, and we surprised the world when our resistance targeted Beersheba," said Sinwar on TV. "Had it not been for Iran, the resistance in Palestine would not have possessed its current capabilities," he said. Earlier in May, Israel and Hamas, which is an Iranian proxy, agreed to a six-month ceasefire in the aftermath of the latter launching nearly 700 rockets into the Jewish state and caused four civilian deaths.

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What is not clear is whether or not Bunny is Jewish, although her husband Albie is labeled as such. However, the character's sensibility – urban, caustic and intelligent – certainly is that of a stereotypical Jewish New Yorker. Kirshenbaum has created a great character in Bunny – one who will get under readers' skin, even if they might not want her as a friend. This excellent novel made for great reading.

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To recreate this yeast for a high-quality 5,000-year-old brew, local Israeli beer expert Itai Gutman helped the scientists make the beer, which was sampled by Ariel University's Elyashiv Drori, as well as by certified tasters from the International Beer Judge Certification Program, under the direction of brewer and Biratenu Jerusalem beer center owner Shmuel Naki. The testers gave the beer a thumbs up, deeming it high quality and safe for consumption. Hazan and Paz noted that "we now know what Philistine and Egyptian beers tasted like."

Professor Yuval Gadot of the Tel Aviv University's Department of Archaeology and Ancient Near Eastern Cultures told JNS that this discovery and recreation is significant for archaeologists, microbiologists and beer lovers alike. Archaeologists, he explained, "now know what the vessels were used for" and have insight into the ancient drinking habits that he said are "a major part of politics and making a society."

Additionally, the archaeological find of large jugs with the letters "J," "H" and "D" (Yahud) written on them, is telling of the tax system in the Judean kingdom. Ramat Rachel, where they were found, is the largest Persian site in the Judean kingdom. "In a royal site like Ramat Rachel, it makes sense that alcohol would be consumed at the home of the Persian governor," said Gadot. Hazan added that "aside from the gimmick of drinking beer from the time of Pharaoh, this research is extremely important to the field of experimental archaeology – a field that seeks to reconstruct the past. Our research offers new tools to examine ancient methods and enables us to taste the flavors of the past." For microbiologists, the discovery of microorganisms living in extreme situations was groundbreaking. Hazan noted at a Jerusalem press conference and beer-tasting, "The greatest wonder here is that the yeast colonies survived within the vessel for thousands of years – just waiting to be excavated and grown." For beer-lovers, Gadot said the experience of trying the beverage was "pure excitement, bridging 5,000 years." Explained master brewer Naki, "Maybe more than half of the beer's flavor comes from this strain of yeast and how we handled it." He told JNS that creating the beer was "pure fun, a privilege, an honor and a thrill. It's a very nice glimpse into the ancient beverage and ancient world. "Just imagine," he suggested, "these strains came from vessels from all around this area, and in a sense, now we can imagine ourselves sitting in an ancient bar of sorts and having the experience of people thousands of years ago. It's really extraordinary."

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