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Jewish International Film Fest of Greater Binghamton starts May 12

By Reporter staff

The Jewish International Film Fest of Greater Binghamton will feature six films on five nights. The films will be shown at the Jewish Community Center, 500 Club-

house Rd., Vestal. Each screening will be followed by a discussion of the picture led by a community member. The event is open to the entire community. Tickets cost \$10 per film or \$45 for a subscription.

To purchase tickets in advance or for more information, call 724-2332. The event is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton and donors are soon to be announced.

"Join us for a wonderful group of films," said Sima Auerbach, executive director of the Federation. "The Film Fest Committee thought long and hard about which films to show this year to ensure you will have five fantastic nights at the movies."

"A Night at the Garden" and "Prosecuting Evil" on Sunday, May 12, at 7 pm

"A Night in the Garden" is a seven minute, silent short about an event that took place in 1939. On February 20 of that year, 20,000 Americans rallied in New York's Madison Square Garden to celebrate the rise of Nazism—an event largely forgotten from American history. The short film is made entirely from archival footage filmed that night. Its purpose is to transport audiences to the gathering and shines a light on the power of demagoguery and antisemitism in the United States.

"Prosecuting Evil" is a documentary that tells the true story of Ben Ferencz, the last surviving Nuremberg prosecutor. In occupied Germany in 1945, the 25-year-old



Ben Ferencz shown in 1945 at the Nuremberg trials in "Prosecuting Evil."

Jewish lawyer from New York was transferred from the battlefield to the horrors of the newly liberated concentration camps to collect evidence for what would become the Nuremberg trials of Nazi murderers. Two years later, Ferencz prosecuted 22 members of the Einsatzgruppen, mobile death squads that killed more than a million Jews. All were convicted. The film includes archival footage and photos to bring Ferencz's world to life. Paul-William Burch will moderate the discussion.

Federation Annual Meeting and "My Polish Honeymoon" on Sunday, May 19, at 7 pm

A very short annual meeting will begin at 7 pm and be followed by a showing of the film. (See "Annual meeting" sidebar on this page.)

"My Polish Honeymoon" tells the story of Anna and Adam, a young Parisian couple with Jewish origins, who are about to travel to Poland for the first time. They are just married and – technically speaking – this will be their honeymoon. They plan to attend a ceremony in memory of the Jewish community in the village of Adam's grandfather, which was destroyed 75 years ago. See "Film" on page 7

Federation annual meeting to be held on May 19

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton will hold a very short annual meeting on Sunday, May 19, at 7 pm, before the showing of the film "My Polish Honeymoon." During the meeting, officers will be elected to the Federation's Board of Directors. The new executive director, Shelley Hubal, will be introduced to the community.

The new slate of Federation board members for 2019-22 includes President Suzanne Holwitt, Immediate Past President Howard Warner, Vice-President Mark Walker, Treasurer Jeff Shapiro, Assistant Treasurer Lee Schechter, Secretary Eileen Miller, Assistant Secretary Charles Manasse, Campaign Co-Chairwomen Rita Shawn and Marilyn Bell, Endowment Committee Chairman Michael Wright and CRC Chairman Arieh A. Ullmann. Board members to 2020 are Lisa Blackwell, Rita Bleier, Steve Gilbert, Jeff Platsky and Susan Walker. Board members to 2021 are Nancy Dorfman, Mark Epstein, Dennis Foreman, Lillian Levy and Cathy Velenchik. Board members to 2022 are Neil Auerbach, Brendan Byrnes, Sondra Foreman, Charles Gilinsky and Richard Lewis.

"Come greet our new executive director, see a good movie and eat popcorn!" said Sima Auerbach, executive director of the Federation.

CJS spring program concludes with "Painting a Ghetto Paradise" on May 16

The third and final lecture in the College of Jewish Studies spring program, "Re-thinking 'the Ghetto' in Jewish History and Beyond," will be held on Thursday, May 16, when Gina Glasman, lecturer in the Department of Judaic Studies at Binghamton University, will speak on "Painting a Ghetto Paradise: The Political Artistry of Moritz Daniel Oppenheim." Glasman will talk about how for almost half a century, the art of this 19th century Jewish painter became part and parcel of the decorative furniture in German Jewish households – stamped onto pewter trays or placed on walls as lithographic reproductions. She will discuss how, with its carefully crafted images of

Germany's medieval ghettos, Oppenheim's art begs the question why. Why was this imagined ghetto landscape the object of so much love and affection? Wasn't the ghetto the place that German Jews "loved to hate"? Glasman will provide a close examination of Oppenheim's art through the lens of his political advocacy to help deliver an answer to some of these questions.

Glasman teaches Yiddish language and lectures on the history of Jewish Eastern Europe at Binghamton University with topics such as "The Making



Gina Glasman

of Modern Yiddish Culture," "Jewish Immigrant New York" and "The Ghetto and the City." Glasman has a background in museum curation and archival work in London, Philadelphia and New York. Her most recent publications include translations from Hebrew and Yiddish literature. She is currently working on research for a book titled "The Yiddish Fin de Siècle," which charts the landscape of the Yiddish speaking world at the turn

of the 20th century. See "CJS" on page 3

Esserman wins two Syracuse Press Club Awards

By Reporter staff

Rabbi Rachel Esserman, executive editor of The Reporter Group, won two 2018 Syracuse Press Club awards: first place in the "Critique" category for her book review "Soviet immigrants with a side of humor" and third place in the "Column" category for her opinion piece "Should I be offended or not."


"This is the first time I've won two awards, something that feels wonderful," said Esserman. "While I don't write to receive awards, it is so nice to be recognized by my professional peers."

Her book review discusses the humor and



Rabbi Rachel Esserman

drama found in two novels: "The Chateau" by Paul Goldberg and "The Matrimonial Flirtations of Emma Kaulfield" by Anna Fishbeyn. "Many books about Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union are being published now and it's fascinating to read about how their children balance the demands of their families while trying to be part of the general American community," Esserman said. "This is not a new immigrant dilemma, but changes in society make their particular challenges different. It's also interesting to learn about the relationship this particular Jewish community See "Awards" on page 7



Please save the date,
Tuesday, June 4
at 3pm
for the Federation
Calendar meeting!

Every organization is welcome.
Watch for details in next week's
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Opinion

Measles was eradicated... now it's back, thanks to anti-vaxxers

By Ruthie Blum

(JNS) – Israel's national carrier, El Al, has set up a special inoculation station at Ben-Gurion Airport to vaccinate its employees against measles. So far, some 250 ground and flight crews have been vaccinated, with likely more to come. The makeshift clinic was created after the Israeli Health Ministry ordered all local airlines to inoculate their staff and called on the Israeli public to get fully vaccinated before taking any trips out of the country.

The directive came after a 43-year-old El Al flight attendant contracted measles during a flight that set out from John F. Kennedy Airport on March 26 and landed in Tel Aviv the following day. Although the woman was otherwise healthy and had been vaccinated as a child, she nevertheless caught the contagious disease, as she had received only one shot of the vaccine, rather than the recommended two doses these days. After being rushed to the hospital upon landing in Israel, she fell into a coma, and is thought to have suffered brain damage.

The same fate befell a 10-year-old boy on a flight to Israel. A few months ago, two Israelis – an 18-month-old and an 82-year-old – died of measles.

The above tragic stories, in addition to the 3,600 people and counting in the country who became infected with the disease between March 2018 and February 2019, are a drop in bucket of what is becoming a global health crisis. Indeed, more than 110,000 cases of measles have been

reported worldwide since the beginning of this year, and the number is growing daily.

It is bad enough that there are still poverty-stricken countries where vaccines of all kinds are hard to come by for parents desperate to keep their children safe from a wide range of what have become preventable diseases. Far worse is the phenomenon of affluent and educated parents in the United States and Europe, where the measles virus was virtually eradicated, who are choosing not to vaccinate their children for a variety of irrational reasons.

The most ridiculous of these is based on the bald-faced lie that vaccines cause autism. The falsehood first appeared in an article by Dr. Andrew Wakefield in the medical journal *The Lancet* in 1998. It was retracted in 2010, when Wakefield, whose research was revealed to be fraudulent, lost his license to practice medicine. Other anti-vaxxers include Christian Scientists, members of the Dutch Reformed Church, libertarians who oppose any government-agency interference and alternative-medicine cultists.

It is an odd set of bedfellows, to be sure, especially when certain sects of *haredi* (ultra-Orthodox) Jews are added to the mix. Which brings us to the current spread of measles in *haredi* communities in Israel and America, mainly in New York. This is why travel between the two is thought to be responsible for the uptick in the virus.

The situation has gotten so bad that the United Talmudical Academy, a Brooklyn preschool, was shuttered recently, after repeatedly refusing to provide the New York City Health Department with access to its pupils' medical records. About two weeks earlier, Williamsburg yeshivas were threatened with fines and possible closure for allowing unvaccinated students into the classroom.

New York City Health Commissioner Oxiris Barbot said in a statement: "This outbreak is being fueled by a small group of anti-vaxxers... spreading dangerous misinformation based on fake science. We stand with the majority of people in this community who have worked hard to protect their children and those at risk."

A similar sentiment was expressed recently by the leaders of the ultra-Orthodox organization Agudath Israel. Alarmed not only by the outbreak of measles, but by the "infectious hatred" that it has unleashed among antisemites taking advantage of a public-health crisis to invoke an age-old trope that Jews spread disease, the organization stated: "Countless rabbinical figures and leaders... serving these [Orthodox] communities have repeatedly encouraged vaccination in the strongest possible terms. Indeed, the overwhelming majority of children enrolled in Jewish schools are vaccinated."

This statement couldn't be more accurate. One of the most sacred tenets of Judaism is the principle of *pikuach*. See "Measles" on page 7

In My Own Words

Finding hatred and misinformation online

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

In the wake of yet another synagogue shooting (this time in Poway, CA), I've heard some interesting commentary on why hate crimes are increasing, which focus on aspects of the Internet. What's interesting is that an Internet feature that can have positive results can also have negative ones.

One advantage of the Internet is that you can find people with similar interests or those facing similar problems. This has been a boon for people with rare diseases. They can connect with others who have the same disease, even though they may live across the country or across the world from each other. They can share information or educational resources that can make their lives much easier. People with shared interests can form group Facebook pages in order to communicate quickly and easily about events. Unfortunately, though, this also allows Neo-Nazis and other haters to find each other online. Instead of feeling isolated, they now feel part of a larger community, something that may encourage them to commit more hate crimes. It also means they can share information and expertise on ways to organize attacks.

Another Internet problem is caused by algorithms, mathematical formulas that help websites target users. For example, if I look up a book on a website, I often find ads for that book and similar ones on every website I visit. This becomes a problem when the algorithm works in a way that only allows us to see one side of an issue. The discussion I read focused on the debate about vaccines, but it's relevant not just for medical issues, but political ones. The article noted that if someone looks up information about whether or not vaccines are safe, they will be targeted with ads or other links offering information about vaccines. However,

most of these will offer anti-vaccine information because of the nature of the question they asked. It's not that there isn't pro-vaccine info on the web, but the way the system works, more of the anti-vaccine info will appear.

If you think in terms of politics, the more you support a political party (it really doesn't matter which one), the more information you will be offered that is geared to what you already think. If you don't believe that, just

think back to the book example I offered. If I look up a mystery, the book site is going to suggest more mysteries. If I view a fantasy novel, suggestions for fantasy works will appear. The ads offered by the algorithm are set to appeal to narrow, specific interests. This may be OK for buying books, but it's not OK for medical or political information. On these subjects, we need to hear more than one side of an issue.

Letters

Thank you, Sima

To the Community:

I wish to thank Sima Auerbach, soon to be executive director emerita of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, for the profound and honorable opportunity of being the office manager at the Jewish Federation for nine years. Upon Sima's retirement, I will be losing a great educator and cherished friend, and the Federation will be losing its most cherished friend – I should know.

Sima is more than a friend to the Federation; she is an inspiration to us all. She has in infectious way of inspiring others to volunteer and advocate for the Federation and the community. And this is a wonderful community. Women huddled around a small table in her office exhausted from tiring afternoons and long evenings of diligent perfection. Men show up out of nowhere upon hearing that programs need tending. Sima is at it again!

Sima imparted this energy, which fills the community to the privileged few who worked alongside her, but also the countless people in the community who benefitted from the numerous programs she envisioned.

Sima embodies the dream to achieve a better world – a community where everybody can get along and know one another and live in peace. I recall one evening after a meeting when we were cleaning up. We sat and just looked at each other in that state of exhaustion. Sima stated, "You

are a conservative Episcopalian. I love you like my own child! I am leftie and a Jew. How is it we can sit and talk and listen to each other? We *always* come to understand each other?" And there it is: this goal of a better life where she finds her tireless energy and this bizarre strength of her extraordinary personality.

The success of the Federation came from the depth of her conviction – her ability to obtain the numerous volunteers who she could not do without, but who became as dedicated as she did! The lesson was more than cooperation, Sima makes everyone feel so valued, but enables each one to rise to new heights. This is why the Federation has blossomed. I feel this is the takeaway.

Sima rekindled the faith in the Federation, thus in ourselves. Sima will *not* like this. Too bad! I have been giving her orders for nine years anyway. The Federation has been blessed with fantastic volunteers – I cannot stress that enough. *Please continue to grace us and come to the office.*

I am truly excited for Sima and Neil, and I am very thrilled that Shelley Hubal agreed to be the next executive director. This awesome transition places the Federation in talented and qualified leadership. Thank you to Shelley for accepting the position!

Well, Sima, now you and Neil have time to trout fish.
Jennifer Kakusian

Correction

In the book review on page 2 of the May 3 issue of *The Reporter*, an author's first name was misspelled. The author of "Mavericks, Mystics and Messiahs: Episodes from the Margins of Jewish History" is Pini Dunner. *The Reporter* apologizes for the error.



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“Speaking Ladino: From Binghamton to Bat Yam” talk at May 11 BD luncheon

Beth David Synagogue’s Saturday, May 11, luncheon speaker series will focus on Ladino, as Dr. Bryan Kirschen shares what transpired on February 10 when he participated in an International Day of Ladino conference held at the Center for Jewish History in New York City. At a talk attended by more than 300 people, Kirschen spoke about his research that focused on working with Ladino speakers. “I have devoted the last decade to this project,” Kirschen

says, “and I was thrilled to see the turnout at my talk and at the other events that focused on this important culture and language. Ladino is spoken in many parts of the world, and I have explored the different forms it takes, and the uses to which it is put. It will be a pleasure to share my findings at the Beth David luncheon on May 11!”

Questions he will answer include: What is Ladino? Who speaks it and where? What forms does spoken Ladino

take today? And, what kind of research on these topics is going on today?

Kirschen is an assistant professor of Spanish and linguistics at Binghamton University. He earned his Ph.D. from UCLA and is the director of the International Delegation of Shadarim to Israel’s National Authority of Ladino. As the director of this delegation, Kirschen works with 15 other representatives from around the globe on Ladino-related initiatives. In 2017, he was named one of *The New York Jewish Week’s* “36 Under 36,” under the category of Education.

“Bryan is also the co-director of ‘Saved by Language,’” organizers say, “a documentary exploring Judeo-Spanish (the technical term for the language commonly referred to as Ladino) in Bosnia and how a young child used the language during the Holocaust. He is clearly doing cutting-edge research on vital aspects of Judaic culture, and we are sure his talk will be fascinating and thought-provoking!”

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

TC Sisterhood Shabbat and installation will be held on May 10

Temple Concord Sisterhood Shabbat with Installation will be held on Friday, May 10, at 8 pm, at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton.

The service led by Sisterhood members is being created and organized by Hollie Levine and Cathy Eckert. Shari Neuberger will provide the music and lead the singing portions of the service.

Installation of all board members who attend will

be by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell in lieu of a sermon. Installation will be during the service. A Torah will be passed among the Sisterhood members who attend. Following services, the *oneg* will be provided by Sisterhood in honor of all Sisterhood members and officers.

Sisterhood Shabbat is open to all interested people and Sisterhood members are encouraged to attend.

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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 will begin at 7:30 pm at the Jewish Community Center.

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

history, culture, religion and politics.

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 generous 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 Lectureship Fund, the Victor and Esther Rozen Foundation, an endowment fund from the former Temple Beth El of Endicott, a grant from the Joy Vel Charitable Fund and donations of individual sponsors.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

U.S. sends aircraft strike group in response to Iranian threats

The United States is sending an aircraft strike group to the Middle East amid “troubling and escalatory indications and warnings” from Iran. “In response to a number of troubling and escalatory indications and warnings, the United States is deploying the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group and a bomber task force to the U.S. Central Command region to send a clear and unmistakable message to the Iranian regime that any attack on United States interests or on those of our allies will be met with unrelenting force,” said U.S. National Security Advisor John Bolton on May 5. He added that “the United States is not seeking war with the Iranian regime, but we are fully prepared to respond to any attack, whether by proxy, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps or regular Iranian forces.” The move is part of the Trump administration’s maximum pressure campaign against Iran that has included reimposing sanctions lifted under the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, which America withdrew from last May, in addition to enacting fresh sanctions against Tehran. A new wave of economic penalties was expected to be announced the week of May 6. In April, the administration designated Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist group.

OF NOTE

Ernst

Shirley Ernst is exhibiting new watercolor paintings as part of the exhibit “This, That and the Other” at Cooperative Gallery 213, located at 213 State St., Binghamton. Her works feature landscapes and flowers. The show will continue through May 25. For more information, visit www.cooperativegallery.com or Cooperative Gallery 213’s Facebook page, or call 724-3462.

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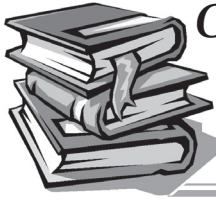
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Off the Shelf

Family, religion and Israel

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

Reviewing humorous novels is a challenge because it's far easier for authors to make me cry than it is to make me laugh. Several years ago, I put aside a novel because I found the main character pathetic, rather than funny. Looking at other reviews made me realize the problem was most likely more me than the author, so it seemed unfair to review the book. Perhaps that's why I find it particularly satisfying when a work can make me laugh or, at least, pause in recognition of an elegant, satirical solution to a plot dilemma. Two recent works – "kaddish.com" by Nathan Englander (Alfred A. Knopf) and "Holy Lands" by Amanda Sthers (Bloomsbury Publishing) – offered these different types of humorous delights.

Englander has returned to form with his latest novel. His

last work, "Dinner at the Center of the Earth," had a less than satisfying ending to an otherwise interesting, but serious, book. (See *The Reporter* review of that novel at www.thereporter.org/Article.aspx?aID=4798.) It's a pleasure to report that this is not true of "kaddish.com," although the plot line is less ambitious. The story focuses on Larry, the secular son of a very Orthodox family. When his father dies, Larry is surprised to learn the burial will be held not in their native Brooklyn, but in Memphis where his observant sister lives with her family. The *shiva* has not been easy: Larry refuses to comply with the rules he's rejected and feels uncomfortable with the nature of the *shiva* itself. The drama increases when Larry is asked if he will fulfill the most important part of the mourning process: that of attending a minyan three times a

day in order to say *Kaddish* for his father. Larry finds a way to fulfil this requirement, but in a less than traditional way.

In the second part of the novel, Larry's life undergoes a radical change. It would spoil the plot to give too many details about exactly what occurs, but the result is that Larry comes to regret his decision and looks for a way to make reparation. His regrets take him to Israel, where he discovers something very different than he expected. Readers may understand what is happening before Larry does; I certainly did. However, part of the fun was guessing correctly the plot's twists and turns. Even better, Englander manages to tie everything together, which made the ending intensely satisfying.

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2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is March 28, 2019.
3. The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.
4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 24 Ford Lane, Roseland, NJ 07068.

5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

Notice of Formation of NSSGP, LLC

Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/28/19. Office location: Broome Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, c/o Leasure, Gow, Munk & Rizzuto, 101 Jefferson Avenue, Endicott, NY 13760. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of Medraci, LLC

Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/28/19. Office location: Broome Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, c/o Leasure, Gow, Munk & Rizzuto, 101 Jefferson Avenue, Endicott, NY 13760. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Card One Concepts, LLC - NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ("LLC")

Articles of Organization of Card One Concepts, LLC filed with the NYS Secretary of State (NYSS) on 3/26/2019. Office of LLC is in Broome County. NYSS designated as agent for service of process against it. NYSS shall mail process to 341 Marion Street, Vestal, New York 13850. Business purpose: any lawful activity"

K31 GEMS LLC Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY on 3/14/19. Office: Broome County. United States Corporation Agents Inc designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to United States Corporation Agents Inc, 7014 13th Ave Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful Purpose

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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 GJS

Property Group LLC.

2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is April 8, 2019.
3. The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.
4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 9 Carolyn Court, Endwell, NY 13760.
5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: The name of the limited liability company is: Griffith Adirondack Escape, LLC (the "Company"). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was April 11, 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 Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP, Attn: Ryan M. Mead, 80 Exchange Street, Suite 700, Binghamton, NY 13901. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: The name of the limited liability company is: Midstate Laundry, LLC (the "Company"). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was April 11, 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 Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP, Attn: Ryan M. Mead, 80 Exchange Street, Suite 700, Binghamton, NY 13901. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

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

1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is Student Quarters, LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is April 11, 2019.
3. The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.
4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC

upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 2508 Delaware St SE Apt 364D, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP UNDER NEW YORK LIMITED PARTNERSHIP LAW

1. The name of the family limited partnership ("LP") is PSM Family Limited Partnership.
2. The date of filing of the Certificate of Limited Partnership with the Secretary of State is JANUARY 23, 2014.
3. The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LP is located is Broome.
4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LP upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LP served upon him or her is: 125 Krager Road, Binghamton, New York 13904.
5. Latest date which LP is to dissolve is December 31, 2060.
6. The character or purpose of the business of the LP is any purpose allowed by law.

Notice of Formation of Mindful Psychiatry, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/01/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2613 Purdue Dr., Vestal, NY 13850. Purpose: to practice the profession of Medicine.

Notice of Qualification of Fairview Hotels LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/03/19. Office location: Broome County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 03/13/19. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Unisearch, Inc., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210-2822, also the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Address to be maintained in DE: c/o Unisearch, Inc., 28 Old Rudnick Ln., Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with the DE Secy. of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., - Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of SRN Operational Excellence Consulting LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/08/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3628 Turner Dr., Endicott, NY 13760. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of Spark Broome, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/15/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 320 N. Jensen Rd., Vestal, NY 13850. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: The name of the limited liability company is: GR Mayer Realty, LLC (the "Company"). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was April 25, 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 Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP, Attn: Christopher L. Roma, 80 Exchange Street, Suite 700, Binghamton, NY 13901. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: The name of the limited liability company is: Evelyn Mayer Properties, LLC (the "Company"). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was April 25, 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 Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP, Attn: Christopher L. Roma, 80 Exchange Street, Suite 700, Binghamton, NY 13901. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

Notice of Formation of 53 George LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/6/2019. Office Location: Broome Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom service of process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Phillip Guglielmo, 185 Richards Road, Chenango Forks, NY 13746. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of On Point AG, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/6/2019. Office Location: Broome Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom service of process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Damien Cornwell, 122 State Street, Binghamton, NY 13901. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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March of the Living founder: "The only thing worse than Auschwitz is the world forgetting Auschwitz"

By JNS staff

(JNS) – On Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom Hashoah) on May 2, under the theme "Say No to Anti-Semitism," more than 10,000 Jewish and non-Jewish youth from 40 different countries, together with dozens of Holocaust survivors and dignitaries from around the world, participated in the 31st annual International March of the Living to pay tribute to all victims of the Holocaust and call for an end to antisemitism.

A delegation of U.S. ambassadors and White House representatives, headed by U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman, and a delegation honoring Greek Jewry, which was almost completely annihilated by the Nazis and their collaborators, headed by Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, archbishop of Constantinople, and the speaker of the Greek Parliament, Nikos Voutsis, joined the thousands of international participants on the two-mile walk from Auschwitz to Birkenau.

"In taking part in the March of the Living, you are marching at a time when a growing wave of antisemitism is yet again sweeping the world. But in truth, antisemitism never really disappeared; it simply lay barely hidden under the surface waiting for the right time to strike again. And strike it did – in deadly fashion – at the [Tree of Life] syna-

gogue in Pittsburgh last year, and just a few days ago, on the last day of Passover, at the Chabad synagogue in Poway," said Dr. Shmuel Rosenman, founder and co-chairman of the March of the Living, while addressing the participants just prior to the march.

"But today, on Yom Hashoah, we gather together in Auschwitz to mourn our six million ancestors, a third of the entire Jewish people, who were murdered in the most unprecedented genocide in history. Today, we proclaim to our enemies with a loud and clear voice: We shall not be defeated! We will return here year after year to raise our voices against antisemitism and, indeed, against all forms of racism and hatred. As a survivor of Auschwitz once said, the only one thing worse than Auschwitz is if the world ever forgets that there was an Auschwitz. We promise to never allow that to happen."

Jewish Agency Chairman Isaac Herzog also led a Jewish Agency delegation behind a far-reaching international campaign against antisemitism. In addressing the crowd at Birkenau, he called on world leaders to fight the rampant antisemitism erupting the world over, specifically highlighting the dramatic rise of hate crimes against Jews in Europe. "It cannot be that 74 years after this wretched war, Jews are once again unsafe on the streets of Europe. Jews

cannot be murdered in Pittsburgh and Poway or anywhere! Let us heed the warning and take to heart the lessons of the Holocaust. World leaders must unite in zero tolerance for hate crimes of any kind. Silence in the face of helpless suffering, and the ideologies of racism and intolerance, only exacerbates this problem," he said.

Archbishop Bartholomew I echoed the sentiments of those who spoke before him, urging global attention to the current wave of unchecked racism and hate. "It is not enough to remember the victims of the Holocaust in the face of the hatred that is sweeping the world. Silence in the face of helpless suffering, and the ideologies of racism and intolerance, only exacerbates this problem," he said. "We must do everything in our powers to prevent another tragedy like the Holocaust. The only way to accomplish this is by striking down all actions that are an affront to our basic humanity."

The ceremony also included the lighting of six torches, each one honoring a different group of Holocaust heroes. These include the Righteous Among the Nations, who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust; survivors of the Holocaust, who picked up the pieces of their shattered world and established new families after suffering through the horrors; the more than one million See "March" on page 8

SUMMER CAMPS

Camp do's and don'ts

- ◆ Don't overpack. Bunk storage space is limited and too much gear can be overwhelming.
- ◆ Don't pack items that camp instructions warn will be confiscated, i.e., pocket knives, hot pots, etc.
- ◆ Don't send valuables to camp, i.e. expensive clothing, accessories, jewelry, large amounts of cash, iPods, cell phones, or hand held games (ie: Gameboy, Nintendo DS).
- ◆ Don't call your camper during the first two weeks. This is a critical time of adjustment and your call may bring homesickness.
- ◆ Do check with the camp to see if they accept e-mail. If so, your letters will arrive when you write them.
- ◆ Don't send packages laden with junk food. They attract animals to the bunk and take away appetite for meals.
- ◆ Do write to your camper before camp starts, so your child will have mail waiting when he or she arrives.
- ◆ Do write often. Mail call is an important time at camp.
- ◆ Keep your letters newsy and upbeat. Making up surveys or questionnaires for your camper to complete and return to you is one way of finding out about camp life and routines.
- ◆ Do pre-address and stamp envelopes for younger campers.
- ◆ Do send packages. Include small games, books, comics, newspaper clippings, cards, etc. If you do send candy, include enough to share with bunkmates.
- ◆ Do send a plastic crate or covered container for extra storage. Canvas shoebags with pockets make good organizers for a flashlight, bug spray, shampoo, etc.
- ◆ Do discuss your camper's concerns about being away from home, stressing all the positive aspects of camp, i.e., making new friends, participating in a variety of activities, never having "nothing to do."
- ◆ Do say your "good-byes" with a smile and encouragement. A positive attitude is contagious.



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Weekly Parasha

Kedoshim, Leviticus 19:1-20:27

Don't just be; be holy

RIVKAH SLONIM, EDUCATION DIRECTOR, CHABAD OF BINGHAMTON

We all want to be good, do what's right, pursue justice and generally leave this world a better place than we found it. If this were not enough, the Torah demands that we be holy. *Parasha* Kedoshim begins with God's message to the Jewish nation: "You shall be holy, for I, God, your God, am holy" (19:2). A daunting charge, indeed. How does man respond? Where do we begin? What does it really mean to be holy?

The Torah does not leave us to second guess God's intention. In a veritable digest of commandments crisscrossing every area of life, there is instruction on how to achieve sanctity. This *parasha* includes every "type" of mitzvah: *bein adam l'makom*, those that affect our relationship with God and *bein adam l'chaveiro*, those that impact our human relationships; *mishpatim*, torts and other logical rules for a civil society; *aidot*, those rituals that pay specific testimony to important tenets of Jewish belief and/or pivotal junctions in our national history; and, finally, the *chukim*, the transcendent, wholly incomprehensible tenets. Included in the *parasha* are

"heavy weights," a number of injunctions featured in the Ten Commandments, as well as what appear to be unremarkable, simple details. Featured prominently are commandments that seek to protect the weaker, more vulnerable segments of society, as well as a comprehensive list of prohibited sexual relationships designed to protect us from our baser selves.

By way of example, this *parasha* includes laws concerning sacrifices and the commandment to keep Shabbat, as well as prohibitions against theft and deceit. An example of a *mishpat* is the prohibition against withholding a day laborer's wages, an example of an *aid* is the commandment to keep the Sabbath holy and one of the best known *chukim* appears here as well: *shatnez*, the prohibition against wearing a garment made of wool and linen. The *parasha* includes the prohibition against idol worship, but it also concerns itself with rising in the presence of the elderly. We are taught of an elaborate social welfare system in which land owners had to designate a portion of their fields available to the needy for

gleaning. And we have the prohibition against incest in its many permutations.

After reading this portion, we can no longer claim ignorance about what it means to lead a sanctified life. We cannot but be impressed by the all pervasiveness of a code that demands sanctity in our personal lives, our relationships, our business dealings and our interaction with the environment and animals.

The overarching message of this Torah portion is that there is no need to divorce and divest ourselves of the material world to find sanctity, no need to climb mountains and seclude ourselves to find holiness. On the contrary, Torah is about synergy; about unlocking the holiness inherent in every facet of creation, in every aspect of our physical lives, in each one of our relationships. The entire world awaits elevation; it is poised in readiness for the sanctity only we can confer upon it by acting on God's call and challenge to humankind: Don't just be; be holy!

Congregational Notes

Beth David Synagogue

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 Rabbi: Zev Silber
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 Fax: 722-7121
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 Shabbat Services:
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 Maariv, by request
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 Mornings:
 Sun., May 12 8:30 am
 Mon.-Fri., May 13-17 7 am
 Evenings:
 Sun.-Thurs., May 12-16 8 pm
 Classes: Rabbi Zev Silber will hold his weekly Talmud class every Tuesday evening after services.

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 Address: 27 Bennet Ave., Binghamton, NY 13905
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 Regular service times: Daily 7:30 am, Friday evening 6 pm, Shabbat morning 9:30 am, Maariv and Havdalah one hour after candle-lighting time, Sundays 9:30 am.
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Temple Brith Sholom

Affiliation: Unaffiliated
 Address: P.O. Box 572, 117 Madison St., Cortland, NY 13045
 Phone: 607-756-7181
 President: Bruce Fein, bfein@twcny.rr.com
 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 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 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, May 10, at 8 pm, there will be a Sisterhood Shabbat service and Sisterhood Installation led by the women of Temple Concord Sisterhood. Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell will lead the installation. The oneg will be hosted by the Sisterhood Hospitality Committee.
 On Saturday, May 11, at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study.
 On Friday, May 17, at 8 pm, there will be a Shabbat service led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell celebrating Israel's 71st birthday.
 On Saturday, May 18, at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study.

Temple Beth El of Oneonta

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
 Rabbi: Molly Karp
 Address: 83 Chestnut St., Oneonta, NY 13820
 Mailing address: P.O. Box 383, Oneonta, NY 13820
 Phone: 607-432-5522
 Website: www.templebetheloneonta.org
 E-mail: TBEOneonta@gmail.com
 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.

Kol Haverim

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Friday, May 10, light candles before 7:54 pm
 Saturday, May 11, Shabbat ends 8:55 pm
 Friday, May 17, light candles before 8:01 pm
 Saturday, May 18, Shabbat ends 9:03 pm

Temple Israel

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

On Saturday, May 11, at 9:30 am, Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Leviticus 19:1-20:27. The haftarah will be Ezekiel 20:2-20. Arlene Osber and Harriet Horowitz will sponsor the kiddush.

On Monday, May 20, at 7:30 pm, there will be a Ritual Committee meeting.

On Tuesday, May 21, at 7 pm, there will be a Board of Trustees meeting.

On Saturday, May 25, at 9:30 am, there will be the bat mitzvah of Ellie Friedman.

On Monday, May 27, the temple office will be closed for Memorial Day.

Norwich Jewish Center

Orientation: Inclusive
 Rabbi: David Regenspan
 Address: 72 South Broad St., Norwich, NY 13815
 Contact: Guilia Greenberg, 336-1523
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Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
 Rabbi: Scott L. Glass
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 Phone: 273-5775
 E-mail: rabbi@tbeithaca.org and secretary@tbeithaca.org
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On Saturday, May 18, at 9 am, the Hashkamah youth service will be held in the Rubinstein Chapel.

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Adam is not really enthusiastic about this, but sees it as an occasion to spend some quality time with his wife away from their baby boy. Anna, on the other hand, is both extremely anxious and overly excited about the trip to her grandmother's country. She is hoping to reconnect with her roots and finally discover more about her own family's history, which was always a mystery.



Arthur Igual and Judith Chemla star in "My Polish Honeymoon."

"Capernaum" on Thursday, May 23, at 7 pm

Winner of the Grand Jury Prize at the Cannes Film Festival, Nadine Labaki's "Capernaum" ("Chaos") tells the story of Zain



Zain Al Rafeea stars in "Capernaum" ("Chaos").

(Zain al Rafeea), a Lebanese boy who sues his parents for the "crime" of giving him life.

"Capernaum" follows Zain, a gutsy streetwise child as he flees his negligent parents, survives through his wits on the streets, takes care of Ethiopian refugee Rahil (Yordanos Shiferaw) and her baby son, Yonas (Boluwatife Treasure Bankole), is jailed for a crime and, finally, seeks justice in a courtroom. "Capernaum" was made with a cast of non-professionals playing characters whose lives closely parallel their own.

"City of Joel" on Thursday, May 30, at 7 pm

"City of Joel" is a documentary – with unprecedented access – to a 1.1 square mile shtetl in the suburbs that is home to 22,000 members of one of the most insular and orthodox Chasidic sects. Viewers follow the battles they are waging. Just 50 miles north of New York City, the Satmar sect has built Kiryas Joel as a religious haven where they can be fruitful, multiply and follow the 613 rules of the Torah. With some of the highest rates of marriage, birth and religious observance in the country, they have to keep up with this growth, but their neighbors fight back because they believe it will harm the secular community. Rivky Slonim will moderate the discussion.



A scene from the documentary "City of Joel."

"Shoelaces" on Sunday, June 2, at 7 pm

Ruven (Doval'e Glickman) is a gruff, 60-year-old man who owns a small auto repair shop in Tel Aviv. He was once married, but has long been divorced. When his wife gave birth, the couple found out that their son Gadi (Nevo Kimchi) had special needs. Ruven and his wife eventually split up, with Ruven's wife and Gadi moving out of town. One day, Ruven gets a phone call telling him that his ex-wife has died. He goes to the funeral and finds out from a social worker named Ilana (Evelin Hagoel) that he has to take in Gadi, who is now in his 30s, for a few weeks until a facility opens up with a space that Gadi can permanently live in.

At right; A scene from "Shoelaces" with Nevo Kimchi (left) and Doval'e Glickman.



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Jewish Community Center

Photography class at the JCC

By Paige Bartholomew

The Jewish Community Center of Binghamton will hold a photography class on Sunday, May 19, from noon-2 pm. The cost is \$40 for both members and non-members of the Center. Participants must bring their own DSLR camera. The entire community is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Participants will be guided through the class by local photographer Gregory Milunich, who is based in the Greater

Binghamton area, and specializes in fine art photography, photo restoration and colorization. The class will provide an opportunity for amateur photographers to learn the ins and outs of their DSLR cameras, and how to work with different lenses and settings to capture the perfect image.

For more information about the photography class, JCC's Adult Programming, or the JCC, contact the JCC office at 724-2417.

JCC Friendship Club

The JCC Friendship Club met on May 1 and heard Gerry Hubal talk about his trip to the Soviet Union in 1987. The story was filled with adventure and intrigue. He started by talking about the Jewish people who wanted to leave Russia and move to Israel. They were known as refuseniks. Some people were unable to get exit visas. Some lost their jobs and some were punished for even applying for visas.

Gerry was on the board of the Jewish Federation when the local Jewish organizations decided to help these people. Gerry and Rabbi Lance Sussman were selected to go there and bring Jewish supplies, such as *tallits*, *tefillin* and much more. They each packed a big suitcase full of the things they were bringing. They went to Long Island to get some of the "gifts" and instructions. They were given the names and phone numbers of some refuseniks. They were then told that if anything was not allowed to be delivered, they should not argue and let it go. Nobody was to know about their purpose for going there.

They joined a tour group at the airport. In Russia, they went through customs on different lines. Their bags were opened and Rabbi Sussman was waved on. Gerry's bag was inspected closely. The inspector pulled out a "Bris Kit" and wanted to know what the board and knife were for. Gerry said his heart stopped beating for a second and then he said it was for a picnic to make sandwiches. I guess he was convincing, because he was allowed to proceed. They

spent four days in Moscow and three days in Leningrad. They met the refuseniks and gave out all the supplies they brought. They were told not to talk in their hotel room or on the hotel telephone because they were bugged. They also became aware that they were being followed by men in trench coats. In order not to have empty bags to go home with, they bought a few things to put in.

Someone asked how they communicated with the people. He said that some spoke English and others spoke Yiddish. Rabbi Sussman could speak to them. There is much more to this adventure, but I am glad to say that they got home safe and sound.

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia Diamond. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ann Brilliant said the blessing over the cookies provided by Bruce Orden and Sylvia. Sue Herzog gave the treasurer's report. She brought her mother, Ada Brummer. Her daughter and granddaughter joined us. We welcomed Bud Bean, who is Gerry's friend.

Sylvia will review part of the book, "But He Was Good To His Mother," at an upcoming meeting. It is about the Jewish gangsters in New York City after World War I. Come join us at the JCC on Wednesday, May 15, at 1:30 pm.

Sylvia Diamond
President

Measles. • Continued from page 2

nefesh, according to which the preservation of life takes precedence over all other commandments. Observant Jews, then, are less likely than anyone else to eschew inoculation.

But Judaism, like other religions and philosophies, is not "immune" to fanatics whose interpretation of texts and faith in snake-oil clergy is based on some weird distortion. In this sense, as Agudath Israel pointed out, it is both unjust and vile to blame "ultra-Orthodox Jews" for the measles outbreak.

That said, those of us living in Israel, or traveling there from New York, cannot escape the statistics with which we are being bombarded daily. As a result, any of us boarding an El Al plane at the moment is as likely to be as wary of visibly ultra-Orthodox families in our midst as we are of Arabs dressed in traditional garb. Such automatic bias – as unfair and unwarranted as it may be most of the time – does not materialize out of thin air, after all. Furthermore, if other anti-vaxxers or terrorists were more easily recognizable, then we'd be happy to fear them, too.

Unlike terrorists, however, the anti-vaxxers would not cause the slightest concern if they weren't killing the herd immunity that shields everyone else, especially those medically unable to receive vaccines, from diseases like measles. According to the Vaccine Knowledge Project, herd immunity only works if 19 out of every 20 people in a community are vaccinated against measles. In addition, herd immunity is not sufficient as an alternative to vaccination.

What this means is that countries previously free of measles are now in danger of reverting to the days before such a blessing existed. Not only is this a form of inexcusable ingratitude and a reckless lack of concern for the well-being of others, it borders on insanity.

Ruthie Blum is an Israel-based journalist and author of "To Hell in a Handbasket: Carter, Obama, and the Arab Spring."

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has with Jewish communities that have been in the U.S. for generations." (To read the book review, visit <http://thereporter.org/Article.aspx?aID=4867>.)

In her column, Esserman debates "if or when we should be able to control or censor words and actions." She noted, "There is a great deal of discussion about what it means for something to be offensive. Do we have a right to tell people what they can say or not say? What if a person didn't mean to be offensive? Is it possible to find an objective definition, or is offensive in the mind of the beholder?" (To read the column, visit <http://thereporter.org/Article.aspx?aID=4976>.)

Esserman mentioned that writing is her favorite part of her job at *The Reporter*. "Writing reviews of books makes me think carefully about what the author is trying to accomplish," she said. "Writing columns gives me an opportunity to explore social and political ideas. I love being able to write both."

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While there is a great deal of humor in "kaddish.com," most of it was not the laugh-out-loud type found in "Holy Lands." The Rosenmerck family doesn't do well with verbal communication. Instead, divorced parents Harry and Monica, and their children, David and Annabelle, exchange e-mails and snail mail letters. Harry, a former cardiologist, has moved from the U.S. to Israel and become a pig farmer. He will communicate with his ex-wife and his daughter, but has not been in contact with David since he came out as gay. While David has a successful career as a playwright, Annabelle is a perennial student who hasn't been able to settle down. Monica, who converted to Judaism in order to marry Harry, is close to her son, but manages to drive her daughter crazy. Added to this mix is Rabbi Moshe Cattan, an Israeli rabbi, who carries on a mail conversation with Harry that leads to a real friendship.

What was surprising is that this very funny novel also becomes a very moving one when it turns out that one of the Rosenmercks is very ill. The best part of "Holy Lands" is that I came to care about these characters, something unusual for a humorous work because most of these novels focus more on plot than on characterization. It's very rare for a book to both make me laugh-out-loud and bring tears to my eyes, but Sthers manages that very neat trick.

"Holy Lands" and "kaddish.com" are short (the former is 160 plus pages, while the latter is a little over 200 pages), but that's to their advantage since the plots were kept enjoyably compact. Each novel looks at family differences with irreverent eyes and it's that irreverence is what made them such a pleasure. Looking for a little humor? Try one or both of these books.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

Some schools in Israel reopen as cease-fire takes effect

The Israel Defense Forces eased security restrictions in Beersheva, Ashdod, Ashkelon and the Gaza periphery on the morning of May 6, all but confirming the institution of a cease-fire between Gaza leadership and Israel. Since the latest round of rocket fire from Gaza began early on May 4, Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad have launched an estimated 700 rockets at Israeli civilian population centers. Four Israelis have been killed, and 234 people have been treated for injuries and trauma at Barzilai Medical Center in Ashkelon and Soroka Medical Center in Beersheva. Beersheva, Ashdod and the Bnei Shimon Regional Council decided to reopen schools on May 6, and the Be'er Tuvia Regional Council east of Ashdod decided to start school an hour later than usual. Ben-Gurion University of the Negev announced classes would only begin at noon. The Ashkelon Municipality and the Sha'ar HaNegev Regional Council to the north of Gaza decided their schools would not be opened on May 6. The terms of the cease-fire, which allegedly began at 4:30 am, were not publicized. Israel reportedly responded throughout the barrage by striking Hamas observation posts, warehouses and weapons' facilities in Gaza. Reports from Gaza indicate that 23 Gazans were killed and 60 wounded in the Israeli airstrikes.

Former Iraqi MP asserts Israel is legitimate, says "let Palestinians sort out conflict"

(MEMRI via JNS) – Former Iraqi Parliament member Mithal Al-Alusi said in an April 21 interview on Asia TV (Iraq) that he has no problem visiting Israel, and putting "an end to the great Arab and Islamist lie" surrounding Jerusalem, which he said he does not view as an Arab capital plundered by the Zionist entity. He said that he is more concerned with helping Iraqis and with Iraq's food security, which he said would improve if he traveled to Israel and built a "bridge between the half-a-million Iraqi Jews and Iraq." Al-Alusi said: "Whether Israel is a plunderer or not is none of my business. ... Let [the Palestinians] sort this out themselves." He also said that he won't sell Iraq out for the sake of "lying Palestinian mercenaries" like former PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, pointing out that Palestinian ministers live in prosperity. Finally, Al-Alusi asserted that Israel is a legitimate state.

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Jewish children murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust; the countless numbers of rabbis, scholars and teachers murdered in the Holocaust, who dedicated their lives to education until the last moments of their lives; the members of the resistance, who fought to liberate Europe from the hands of Nazi Germany; and those born in the state of Israel, where the Jewish people were reborn after the Holocaust.

Other high-profile marchers and participants included Viorica Dăncilă, prime minister of Romania and president of Council of the

European Union; Holocaust survivor and former Israeli Chief Rabbi Israel Lau, who has accompanied every march since 1988; and members of the Premier League's Chelsea Football Club and Major League Soccer's New England Revolution, two professional soccer teams supporting the #SayNoToAntisemitism campaign. In addition, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations Danny Danon led a delegation of dozens of U.N. ambassadors from around the world, including the ambassadors of Argentina, Latvia, Guatemala and Honduras, among others.

U.S. antisemitism envoy: America may review ties with nations deemed anti-Israel

The United States may review its relations with nations deemed anti-Israel, according to U.S. Special Envoy for Monitoring and Combating Anti-Semitism Elan Carr. "The United States is willing to review its relationship with any country, and certainly antisemitism on the part of a country with whom we have relations is a deep concern," he told Reuters in Israel. "I will be raising that issue in bilateral meetings that I am undertaking all over the world," he said. "That is something we are going to have frank and candid conversations about behind closed doors." Carr declined to call out certain countries or leaders, in addition to specifying what course of action the Trump administration might take. "I obviously can't comment on diplomatic tools that we might bring to bear," he said. "Each country is a different diplomatic challenge, a different situation, number one. And number two, if I started disclosing what we might do it would be less effective." The administration, including U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo at the annual AIPAC Policy Conference in March, said that anti-Zionism is antisemitism. He added that it "certainly breaks new ground ... by making clear that something that a lot of us who are involved in the Jewish world and a lot of us who are proponents of a strong U.S.-Israel relationship have known for quite some time, and that is that one of the chief flavors of antisemitism in the world today is the flavor that conceals itself under anti-Zionism."

Qatar to transfer \$480 million for use by P.A., Hamas in Gaza as part of cease-fire agreement

As the cease-fire between Israel and terrorist organizations in Gaza took effect on May 6, Qatar announced that it would transfer \$480 million to the Palestinian Authority and Hamas in Gaza. Approximately \$300 million will go toward the P.A. health and education budget, and the rest will go to funding U.N. programs and electricity services in the West Bank and Gaza. Both P.A. leader Mahmoud Abbas and Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh thanked Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani. According to the terms of the truce, Qatar will immediately transfer \$30 million to Gaza. Qatar has often funded Gazan infrastructure. The new infusion of funds will allow Gazans to continue to use electricity for 12 hours a day. Israel will allow the transfer, despite the P.A.'s ongoing payment of generous salaries to convicted terrorists and their families. Israel has responded to these payments by subtracting equivalent sums from the tax revenues it collects for the P.A. The P.A., in turn, responded by rejecting all tax revenues, which account for a majority of the P.A. budget.

Israeli American, three others killed by Gaza rockets

Pinchas Menahem Pshuzman, 21, was laid to rest in Jerusalem late May 5. A dual American and Israeli citizen, he was killed earlier in the day by a rocket fired from the Gaza Strip while running to a bomb shelter in Ashdod. Pshuzman leaves behind a wife and young child. His funeral was attended by hundreds of people. Pshuzman was the fourth person killed by the barrage of rocket fire directed against Israeli civilian centers in Ashkelon, Ashdod, Yavneh, Beersheva, Gadera, Sderot and the Gaza periphery between May 3 and May 5. Earlier on May 5, 47-year-old Bedouin Israeli Zaid al-Hamamdah was killed when a rocket slammed into the factory in Ashkelon where he worked, and 68-year-old Moshe Feder was killed by an anti-tank missile from Gaza fired at his car. On May 4, Moshe Agadi, a 58-year-old father of four, was killed when a rocket hit his Ashkelon home.

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