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Comedians to entertain at JCC gala on Nov. 9

On Saturday, November 9, the JCC will hold its annual fund-raising gala, "An Evening at the JCC Comedy Café," featuring the Stand Up for Peace comedy show starring Scott Blakeman and Eman El-Husseini.

The doors will open at 7 pm and the event will include a light dinner, drinks, the show, dancing and dessert. Tickets to attend the gala are \$65 per person, and individuals, families and businesses are being sought to sponsor the evening. Sponsorships can be purchased at the following levels: Bronze at \$250 includes two tickets, Silver at \$500 includes four tickets and Gold at \$1,000 includes eight tickets. Sponsors will be listed in the evening's program.

Proceeds from the event will go toward helping families in need of scholarship assistance, as well as general program support for the JCC's day-care, after school care, camp, youth recreation leagues, aquatics and sports programming.

Stand Up for Peace was created by Jewish-American comic Blakeman and Muslim-American comic Dean Obeidal-



Eman El-Husseini



Scott Blakeman

lah as a way of bringing Arab and Jewish-Americans together through comedy to help encourage a dialogue in support of a peaceful resolution of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, as well as foster understanding between Arab and Jewish-Americans.

The two comics live on the Upper East Side of Manhattan and one day, in 2002, they bumped into each other on a crosstown

bus and began talking. As their bus slowly crawled across the city, they hatched a plan to do a one-off show touting the fact they were a Muslim and a Jew performing together.

"At a time when we are undergoing one of the most stressful periods in our country in recent history, what could be more therapeutic than coming together for an evening to embrace our differences through the healing power of humor," said Sheryl Brumer, JCC Executive director.

Blakeman is "the top political comedian working in New York today" (NBC) and "an astute, funny political observer" (*The New York Times*). He performs his political See "Gala" on page 9

BD luncheon speaker to talk about first Jews in America on Nov. 9

Professor Paul Finkelman, president of Gratz College, the oldest Jewish liberal arts college in the nation, will be the Beth David luncheon speaker on Saturday, November 9. An internationally known American legal historian, he will share findings from his recent research on the first Jews that came to America in 1654, to what was then called New Amsterdam, and is now known as Manhattan. Finkelman's research debunks certain myths about these 23 Jewish refugees. "This is not the story you learned in Sunday school," Finkelman asserts. "My research shows that the story is far more interesting and complex than has previously been told."

What role did Peter Stuyvesant play in the lives of these Jewish immigrants? What say did the Dutch West Indies Company have in their fate? How does the story of these first Jews in America help us better understand the Jewish contribution to the development of religious freedom in what later became the United States? These are the questions that Finkelman will address in his talk.

"Those of us who have had the pleasure of hearing Professor Finkelman speak are looking forward to having everyone at Beth David and in the community share in this exceptional opportunity of finding out more about the real story of these first Jews who came to America," organizers say. "Paul is a talented speaker who has the special gift of making history come alive!"

Finkelman obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. Before becoming president of Gratz College in 2017, he held endowed chairs in history and law at a number of colleges, including Duke Law School, LSU Law School, Albany Law School, the University of Saskatchewan

and the University of Miami. He was a scholar-in-residence at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia and a senior fellow at the University of Pennsylvania program in democracy, citizenship and constitutionalism. He also held the Fulbright Chair in Human Rights and Social Justice at the University of Ottawa. The U.S. Supreme Court has cited him in two religious freedom cases and three other cases. Among those citing him are Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer and Elena Kagan. Finkelman's publications include more than 50 books and 200 scholarly articles. His most recent book, "Supreme Injustice:



Paul Finkelman

Slavery in the Nation's Highest Court," was published by Harvard University Press in 2018. Finkelman has written a number of articles on Jewish law, American Jewish history and freedom of religion. He was the chief expert witness in the Alabama Ten Commandments monument case. He has also been an expert witness in other cases involving religious freedom and the separation of church and state.

He has spoken at numerous synagogues and temples throughout the United States. He is currently writing a book on the legal history of American Jews.

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. Since the monthly series' continuation depends on the generosity of contributors, Beth David welcomes and appreciates donations to the Luncheon Fund in order to keep the program going. Donations can be made in honor of 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 can be sent to Beth David Synagogue, 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905, Attention: Luncheon Fund.

TITC to participate in annual Global Day of Jewish Learning on Nov. 17

This year's Global Day of Jewish Learning will be held on Sunday, November 17, from 10 am-noon, at Temple Israel. This has been an annual event since 2010, commemorating the 45-year effort of Rabbi Adin Even-Israel Steinsaltz to translate the Talmud into English. Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell of Temple Concord and Rabbi Geoffrey Brown of Temple Israel will be initiating a joint program for the Binghamton area, to be held at Temple Israel. As indicated in the title, this is a worldwide event with multiple learning sites in numerous countries all occurring on the same day. The programs are intended to be accessible to



Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell



Rabbi Geoffrey Brown

all regardless of level of Jewish education or knowledge of Hebrew.

The theme for this year is "Speaking Volumes" and the locally selected topic is "Not One Empty Word." "The Bible is a book that speaks volumes through the ongoing act of interpretation known as *midrash*," said organizers. "How do those interpretations affect our understanding of the source texts, and what is our role in that tradition?"

The program is being held under the auspices of the joint Temple Concord/Temple Israel Adult Education Committee. There will be a brunch at the beginning of the program, with a \$5 fee. RSVP to Tammy at Temple Israel at 723-7461 or titammy@stny.twcbc.com.

Report: uptick in anti-Israel activity on American college campuses

By JNS staff

(JNS) – Anti-Israel activity on college campuses in the United States increased during the 2018-19 academic year, according to an Israel on Campus Coalition report that shows there was a record number of anti-Israel disruptions at pro-Israel campus events (the report can be found at <https://israelcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/>

ICC-2019-Campus-Trends-Report.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1jC4Oq12fmQ1LydrP1y7zKOcfXE0okwxkoExUQyAh-cX9lhVw6Y6nZaPOk).

During the academic year, campuses on the East Coast experienced more anti-Israel events than any other region, including an increase in anti-Israel activity at Ivy League schools such as Columbia University,

Brown University and Cornell University. Harvard University also experienced a rise in anti-Israel events over the past two academic years.

Overall, 28 BDS and other anti-Israel campaigns were run on college campuses – an increase of a few more over the 2017-18 academic year and a decrease of 16 over the 2014-15 academic year.

"As the BDS movement has become more established over time, anti-Israel tactics have become increasingly hostile as Israel's detractors double down on efforts to make campuses inhospitable to Jews and Zionists," according to the report.

The 2018-19 academic year consisted of the highest recorded number of See "Campuses" on page 4

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NEWS IN BRIEF

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Twitter suspends accounts affiliated with Hamas, Hezbollah

Social networking service Twitter has suspended numerous accounts affiliated with the terrorist organizations Hamas and Hezbollah, according to media reports on Nov. 2. Hezbollah's Al-Manar television station protested on Nov. 2 that most of its Twitter accounts had been suspended, the AFP reported. It accused the social media company of giving in

to "political pressure." Al-Manar's accounts in English, French and Spanish were also not available, but some accounts related to specific shows were still functioning. The Israel Defense Forces praised the move, with IDF international spokesman Jonathan Conricus tweeting on Nov. 2: "Kudos to @Twitter for suspending the accounts of terror groups #Hezbollah and #Hamas. ...Internationally recognized terror groups should never have a platform for their violent extremism," he added. "There is no place on Twitter for illegal terrorist organizations and violent extremist groups," a Twitter spokesperson told AFP.

Opinion

The cost of censorship on Facebook

By Jonathan S. Tobin

(JNS) – There's little question that for most observers of the debate about the future of social media, Borat got the best of Zuckerberg. That was the general reaction after actor Sacha Baron Cohen – still best known for his satirical 2006 film about a fictional journalist from Kazakhstan touring the United States – argued that Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg's claim to be defending freedom of speech by refusing to censor Nazis was bogus.

Cohen tweeted: "If he owned a fancy restaurant and 4 neo-Nazis came goose-stepping into the dining room and were talking loudly about wanting to kill 'Jewish scum,' would he serve them an elegant eight course meal? Or would tell them to get the f**k out of his restaurant? It's the same thing."

Cohen isn't wrong about what would happen if such a thing did occur. And he's also right that Zuckerberg's sudden interest in freedom of speech after his site has been arbitrarily censoring selected accounts for a long time isn't sincere. Facebook is, as Cohen points out, "not the government" and not strictly speaking bound to allow anyone to use its platform. Nor are Zuckerberg's motives quite as high-minded as he claims them to be when he argued in October in a speech at Georgetown University that Facebook's pose as a principled defender of free expression was blatantly insincere. Zuckerberg is doubtlessly far more worried about the potential costs involved in setting up a system to weed out hate speech. He also understands that any such system would be – as is the case with the faceless algorithms and community-standard enforcers currently employed by social-media giants – endlessly second-guessed, creating more controversies than they avert.

But the context for this exchange wasn't an abstract debate about free speech in the new virtual public square. There is a rising tide of antisemitism spreading around the globe, in no small measure because the Internet amplifies the voices of otherwise isolated and scattered small pockets of extremists. The manner in which the Internet and social

media can give anyone with a following – and not just the gatekeepers that run the mass media – a disproportionate impact on public discourse is both remarkably democratic and downright frightening.

It's also true that many people feel that the 2016 election was influenced by the way bot accounts spread Russian disinformation, which helped President Donald Trump even though it's not clear that their illegal actions did much to alter an outcome that was decided by the faults and strengths of the candidates. They fear that the same thing will somehow prevent the Democrats from defeating him in 2020.

But while Cohen's analogy has some merit, and we should all worry about the way these platforms are impacting society, those who really care about free speech should be extremely wary about advocating the censorship of a medium that has become the primary way billions of people access news. Moreover, we already know that there is no such thing as a perfectly objective fact-checking service or arbiter of hate speech.

In the last decade, numerous publications have created columns that seek to separate fact from fiction in political debates. But these articles have only sown further division, rather than bring people together behind a common set of facts. Inevitably, editorial bias seeps into any such effort. Liberals are always reluctant to call out fellow liberals as liars, and the same is true of conservatives. In an age of hyperpartisanship, Daniel Patrick Moynihan's adage about each of us not being entitled to our own set of facts has been replaced by a journalistic world in which no sources are universally trusted by reasonable people on both sides of the aisle.

That's why the president's trolling of the media and his opponents – made possible by the fact that Twitter gives him a platform where he can directly address the public without the filter provided by a news media – is so popular with his supporters. It's not just that they like him; they know that liberal journalists feel that they are justified in

discarding objectivity for open partisan opposition.

This is why those who echo Cohen's arguments also want Facebook to reject political ads from people they oppose, as they think their arguments are false. But in the world of politics, such judgments are never entirely objective.

Already there have been instances when conservatives feel Internet giants run by those who oppose their positions are judging their work by a double standard. PragerU, an educational outfit run by longtime talk-show host and Jewish thinker Dennis Prager, has had its informational videos put on a "restricted" status by YouTube. Whether or not you agree with its content, we should all be scared by the prospect of such arbitrary and partisan gatekeepers.

As much as any other group, Jews have an interest in keeping a lid on hate. That's why the Anti-Defamation League has supported greater limits in accepting material on social media. But what happens when the same system winds up censoring Zionist advocacy because some on the left, which has great influence in the Silicon Valley boardrooms where such decisions are made, accept the canard that Zionism is racism.

At a moment in history when such entities have disproportionate influence, I'm more worried about Zuckerberg deciding which political arguments are legitimate than I am about whether the lunatic fringe, which the overwhelming majority of people ignore anyway, is being excluded. And allowing the government or the courts to make such decisions would be even more problematic.

It ought to be simple to construct a social-media universe that can weed out Nazis while leaving plenty of room for leeway when it comes to even the most controversial arguments. The problem is that it isn't. Once we start down the slippery slope of censorship, there's no telling where it will stop. And that is a dilemma that will neither assure the security of the Jewish community or that of any other group.

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In My Own Words

Kindness and unkindness

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

I was in Syracuse with a friend for my yearly ear surgeon appointment. (Everything is fine and, unless something goes wrong, they'll see me next year at the same time.) I was putting my credit card in the parking kiosk, but the machine said it couldn't read it. When I tried to get the card back, it wouldn't pop out. In fact, after a few minutes, the display went back to normal and there was still no sign of my card.

It was difficult not to freak out at the potential loss of my credit card. The kiosk had no phone number on display nor did it offer any contact information in case there was a problem. My friend stayed by the kiosk while I went to a law office across the street. The receptionist was wonderful: she looked up a number online, called it and then gave me the correct number to contact about the kiosk. Fortunately, my friend has no problem hearing on a cell phone, so she called that number and the people who answered said they would send someone to help me retrieve the card.

While we were debating what to do if I had to leave for my appointment (the doctor's office is very strict – arrive late and you risk getting your appointment cancelled and it can take months to reschedule), someone arrived in a

truck to open the kiosk and remove my card. I didn't mind that they asked for identification. In fact, I appreciate when someone does that. What was more problematic was what caused the difficulty itself: someone had stuffed a paper bus pass into the slot, jamming the machine and making it impossible for it to read a credit card. It also meant there was no way to retrieve the card without opening the kiosk.

Why would someone do that? No one was going to make any money off my credit card, well, unless the person figured they could come back later and somehow get my card. More likely it was just vandalism. I felt lucky when the card was returned because it would take a great deal of work to cancel my credit card and make changes to accounts once I received one with a new number. It felt like an unkind and thoughtless thing to do – something that had no impact on the life of the person doing the vandalism, but which would negatively affect a stranger's life.

I did appreciate the kindness of the receptionist at the law firm. She was willing to buzz someone in the office who didn't have an appointment and give aid that she could have refused. It may sound like such a little thing, but little

things add up. Even though I don't actively worry about the doctor's appointment, I'm still a little nervous simply because of the many years when an ear doctor appointment would never contain good news. (No previous ear doctor ever said my hearing would get better, only worse.) So, adding a lost credit card to the experience would not have made for a pleasant day.

This does make me ponder the small kindnesses we can do daily. For example, my treat for the visit to Syracuse is eating at a vegan restaurant near the doctor's office. My friend is the opposite of a vegetarian: while she eats vegetables, she loves meat. But she humors me and eats vegan because she knows that I love the food there. (I've teased her that it's her own fault: she was the one who found the restaurant during a trip to the doctor she took with me and my mother before the surgery. She and my mom had lunch there while I was having tests done.) While I can easily drive to Syracuse by myself, it's much more fun to do it with someone else. She now claims it's our tradition and mentioned going again next year. I'm just hoping there will be a lot less excitement before the appointment itself next time.



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TC to hold Holiday Artisan Marketplace on Nov. 24

The eighth annual Holiday Artisan Marketplace will be held on Sunday, November 24, from 10 am-4 pm, in the social hall and Kilmer Mansion at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. The Marketplace has grown to be a juried artisan event. Helene Philips is chairwoman of the Temple Concord Sisterhood sponsored event.

Artisans from around the region will be featured and

will sell their hand-crafted jewelry, hand-knitted scarves, table runners, pillow covers, blankets, wine bottle covers, pet treats, novelty t-shirts, posters and plaques, handmade pens, photography, paintings and many other one-of-a-kind hand-crafted items.

There will also be a homemade bake sale with Marsha Luks and Roz Antoun serving as co-chairwomen. Lunches will be

sold and prepared by Deb Saltzman and other volunteers.

Admission to the Holiday Artisan Marketplace will be either cash, a non-perishable food donation for CHOW or a contribution to the Kilmer Mansion Restoration Fund.

TC religious school

BD Sisterhood to host luncheon on Nov. 13

Beth David Sisterhood will host a luncheon on Wednesday, November 13, at 1 pm, at Beth David Synagogue, 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. The dairy luncheon is chaired by chef (and synagogue president) Saba Wiesner and her helpers. Men and women are welcome to attend at a cost of \$8 per person. Members who have paid their \$25 yearly dues will dine free.

In addition to the meal, there will be raffles, friendship and *mitzvot*. Toby Kohn will have *simcha* and "shul beautiful" cards. Jigsaw puzzles will also be available. Non-perishable food items will be collected for CHOW.

Those planning to attend should RSVP to Marlene Serkin by Wednesday, November 6, at 729-3235 or mserkin@stny.rr.com.



The members of the Temple Concord religious school's younger class displayed their paper snakes from the garden of Eden. (Names withheld on request.)

TI Sisterhood to celebrate Kabbalat Shabbat on Nov. 15

Temple Israel Sisterhood members invite the community to join them in celebrating *Kabbalat Shabbat* on Friday, November 15. The event will be preceded

by a "Sip and Nosh" reception in the Temple Israel social hall from 5-6 pm. The service will begin at 6 pm.

There is no charge for this family friendly evening.

The Jewish Community wishes to express its sympathy to Michele Rozen on the death of her father,
Howard Kreitner

ZAKA to expand operations in North and South America, Caribbean

By JNS staff

(JNS)—ZAKA Search and Rescue Inc., one of the world's premiere international mass-disaster response agencies, has announced plans to expand operations in strategic cities in North and South America, as well as in the Caribbean.

"ZAKA's primary mission is to save lives. Its effectiveness can be enhanced only through establishing autonomous 'operations hubs' in strategic locations in the United States, Brazil, Mexico, Canada, the Caribbean and elsewhere," says Edward Mermelstein, president of ZAKA in the United States. "Upgrading in this way will vastly improve its ability to respond as fast as possible when tragedy strikes."

The faster it deploys its highly trained volunteer specialists – outfitted with state-of-the-art equipment and other mission-critical resources – "the more lives can be saved," he adds. "We see ZAKA as a long overdue, but now

proven, solution to a substantive public-health problem, especially for developing nations in the throes of a natural or human-made disaster."

Only recently, the agency was recognized with the Ambassador of Peace Award by the government of Guatemala for its humanitarian service to that country in a time of dire need, proving its utility in rapid-deployment disaster response.

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Early deadline for The Reporter

Due to holiday closings, the deadline for the following upcoming issue of *The Reporter* is as follows. No exceptions will be made.

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Friday, December 6 Monday, November 25



ZAKA emergency-rescue team and medical personnel at work at a disaster site. (Courtesy photo)

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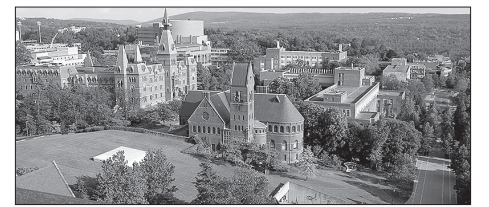
anti-Israel interruptions at pro-Israel events at 23, an increase of five from the previous academic year.

“While the prior academic year saw a surge in pro-Israel cooperation and coordination, professional collaboration among anti-Israel activists also reflected an increase in shared challenges across campus and community spaces,” stated

the report. “As anti-Israel organizations bolstered ties with campus activists, intensifying Israel-related antisemitism, pro-Israel students and community members faced common threats of discrimination and delegitimization.”

ICC Executive Director Jacob Baime said in the report that despite the rise in antisemitic and anti-Israel sentiment in higher

education, “demonstrating the impact of pro-Israel outreach, student governments and campus administrators are rejecting divisive BDS initiatives and expressing public support for Israel and pro-Israel students. On dozens of campuses, American and Israeli academic institutions are increasing cooperation, forging new partnerships while deepening existing ties.”



An aerial view of Cornell University. (Photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons)

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1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is CHAMBERLAIN GROUP LLC.
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5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

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1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is BHF Trucking, LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is September 27, 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: 1025 Reynolds Road, Johnson City, NY 13790.
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Notice of Formation of Fuller Holding Company of Broome County LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/20/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon

whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 458 Country Knoll Dr., Endwell, NY 13760. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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Hartley Enterprises, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/24/2019. Cty: Broome. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to John Fram, 117 West 116th, 4B, New York, NY 10026. General Purpose.

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1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is BINGVESTAL LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is SEPTEMBER 27, 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: 132 WASHINGTON STREET, BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK, 13901.
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Lovgu L.L.C., Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/20/2019. Cty: Broome. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Yi Wang, 171 Floral Avenue Johnson City, Johnson City, NY 13790. General Purpose.

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1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is En-Spect Environmental, LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is OCTOBER 02, 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: 1468 Hawleyton Road, Binghamton, NY 13903.
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1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is DAVIDGE HOLDINGS, LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is OCTOBER 10, 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: 3004 Pleasant Drive, Endwell, NY 13760
5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

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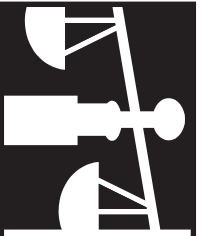
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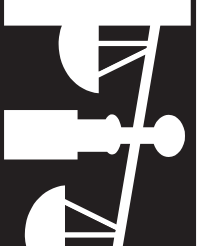
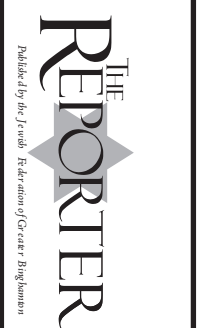
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2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is October 29, 2019.
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5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

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Notice of Formation of JEDMF LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/31/2019. 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: James E. Farrell, 9 Crestmont Road, Binghamton, NY 13905. Purpose: any lawful activities.



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Sonic treasures from Ottoman Jewish Los Angeles to be featured at Cornell U. concert on Nov. 11

Sephardic Jewish music culture will be highlighted at Book of J's performance of "LA Archivera" on Monday, November 11, at 8 pm, in Cornell University's Barnes Hall Auditorium. The free event will feature mid-century Los Angeles and 20th century Jewish Ottoman music traditions. The public is invited to attend.

In "LA Archivera," Book of J members Jewlia Eisenberg and Jeremiah Lockwood arrange and compose new music based on Emily Sene's sonic archive and in conversation with her sites of migration. In the 1950s, Sene, a Sephardic Jew from Turkey, began to drive around L.A., picking up unwanted records from other Turkish Jews and recording singers in her community. With no institutional support or formal training, she became "the most important collector" of Sephardic song in the Americas. Her archive, housed in the University of California, Los Angeles, Ethnomusicology

Archive, celebrates "joyous sensuality, language diversity and an aesthetic informed by her journey: Edirne, Turkey, Havana, Los Angeles."

Book of J has received accolades from reviewers around the world. The BBC called the duo "a wonder of haunted American roots music, taking listeners from Yiddish laments to labor anthems via mystical twists and turns."

Eisenberg, singer in Book of J, is a musician and composer working at the intersection of voice, text and Diaspora consciousness. Her music is mostly released with John Zorn's Tzadik label on the Radical Jewish Culture imprint. Her installation work has been curated into the Contemporary Jewish Museum in San Francisco and the Museum of Peace in Uzbekistan. She performs regularly in Europe and the Americas. She has been a visiting artist at CalArts, MIT and the University of Colorado.

Lockwood, guitarist and singer in Book of J, has played around the world from Montreal Jazz to the Festival au Desert in Timbuktu, Mali, as the leader of The Sway Machinery and as the guitarist in the Balkan Beat Box. Lockwood was a recipient of a Six Points Fellowship for Emerging Jewish Artists, an artist-in-residence for the *Forward* and a Brooklyn Philharmonic Orchestra Composer Fellow. He is currently completing a Ph.D. on Chasidic cantorial music at Stanford University.

Sponsors of the event include the Cornell University Jewish Studies Program, Department of Music, Department of Romance Studies, American Studies Program, Latino/a Studies Program and Binghamton University Department of Judaic Studies.

More information about "LA Archivera" is available at jewishstudies.cornell.edu.

Joel Rubin and Veretski Pass in Ithaca Nov. 15-17

Klezmer concert at Ithaca College Nov. 15

On Friday, November 15, at 7:30 pm, in Textor 101 on the Ithaca College campus, the klezmer trio Veretski Pass joined by clarinetist Joel Rubin will perform and explain their research into the Polish roots of klezmer music. In this presentation – part concert, part lecture and part discussion – Veretski Pass and Rubin lay bare the sources for their "Poyln: A Gilgul (Poland: A Metamorphosis)" project. "With field and archival recordings and historic manuscripts, they will demonstrate how they transformed both Jewish and Polish melodies into cohesive and colorful suites, peppered with lively and spiritual arrangements as well as their own compositions," said organizers of the event. "This project is the meeting of Jewish and Polish music – a missing link of the klezmer revival." For more information, visit poyln.com.

Klezmer music of the late 19th and early to mid-20th century sought to create a cultural bond that brought Jewish families and communities together. Venturing beyond the known horas, freylekhs, bulgars and shers of Moldova, Ukraine and Russia, Veretski Pass and Rubin mined the obereks, kujawiaks, krakowiaks and polkas of Poland, the land that housed three million Jews before the Holocaust. Inspired by the 1901 story "A Gilgul Fun a Nign" ("Metamorphosis of a Melody"), written by Polish Jewish author I.L. Peretz, the repertoire draws from previously unknown Chasidic tunes, country dances, contemporary and 19th century ethnographic collections, as well as from field research by the musicians and their colleagues. "Both urban and rural music come together here to enrich the genre currently known as klezmer music," said organizers.

The lecture is sponsored by Ithaca College's Jewish Studies Program and is free and open to the public. Parking is free anywhere on the Ithaca College campus after 5 pm. For more information, contact Peter Silberman at 274-1496 or psilberman@ithaca.edu, or visit the Facebook page www.facebook.com/events/402720247084599/. Individuals with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Silberman by e-mail or phone. Requests for accommodations need to be made as soon as possible.

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

Million-plus Jews expected to participate in 2019 Shabbat Project

More than one million Jewish people are expected to keep Shabbat in 1,500 different cities around the world for the Shabbat Project, which will take place from Nov. 15-16. Last year, an equal number of people in 101 countries, and 1,511 cities and towns, took part in the project. Organizers believe that they will have a higher number this year since cities in Meknes, Morocco; Kigali, Rwanda; Nahariya, Israel; and Le Grand Mort, France, will also be joining in. Participating cities will organize challah bakes, family and community dinners, festive prayer services, children's activities, concerts after the Saturday-night *Havdalah* ceremony that marks the conclusion of Shabbat and a week-long celebration focused on the traditions of Shabbat. A mindfulness-and-meditation challah bake will also take place this year in Mexico City, as will "pink challah bakes" to raise breast cancer awareness in 20-plus U.S. cities. Also on tap is an attempt in Melbourne, Australia, to break the Guinness World Record for the world's longest challah, according to *The Jerusalem Post*. The theme of this year's project is "Jump Together" in light of the rising tide of antisemitism around the world. Last year's Pittsburgh synagogue massacre on Oct. 27 – the deadliest antisemitic attack in U.S. history – happened on the same weekend as the Shabbat Project.

Temple Beth-El to host group on Nov. 16

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca will host a lecture and demonstration about klezmer music on Saturday, November 16, at 7 pm. The event will feature an inside, behind-the-scenes look at the making of the klezmer music CD "The Magid Chronicles" by Veretski Pass, in collaboration with Joel Rubin. It will take place at the synagogue, which is located on the corner of Court and Tioga streets, Ithaca. Entry will be on Tioga Street at the top of the ramp. A suggested donation of \$10 requested, but no one will be turned away. Refreshments will be served.

The lecture will detail project development based on the field work of Sofia Magid, the Jewish ethnographer who worked intensively documenting Jewish music in Belarus and Ukraine during Stalin's regime in the 1920s and '30s. Magid's recordings contain rare examples of women's songs and instrumental pieces from these regions, which form the nucleus of the lecture.

Pass and Rubin will talk to the audience about the process of cleaning, deciphering and transcribing the dubs of the cylinders and then arranging, performing and recording them. The lecture will present the material on the original cylinders, and invites the audience to experience how they were interpreted from fragments, and how the musicians shaped them so that they could be recorded and performed.

The musicians will also offer free klezmer workshops on Friday-Sunday, November 15-17. Contact Rima Grunes for further information at 272-4424.



L-r: Stuart Brotman, Joel Rubin, Cookie Segelstein and Joshua Horowitz.

Klezmer concert at Cornell U. on Nov. 17

Veretski Pass, in collaboration with Joel Rubin, will present "The Magid Chronicles," an instrumental collection based on pieces collected by Sofia Magid, the Jewish ethnographer who worked to document Jewish music in Belarus and Ukraine during Stalin's regime in the 1920s and '30s. The concert will take place on Sunday, November 17, at 7:30 pm, in the Anabel Taylor Hall Auditorium (230 Anabel Taylor Hall), at Cornell University, and is open to the public. The suggested donation is \$10, but no one will be turned away.

Magid's 600 recordings contain rare examples of women's songs and instrumental pieces from these regions. In addition to the instrumentals and songs collected by Magid, the concert will include music collected by Magid's Kiev counterpart, Moyshe Beregovski, among others, and music from Turkey, Greece and Rumania. "The event will combine the archival with the creative impulse to achieve something new, with new compositions, arrangements and improvisations by the members of the trio and Joel Rubin," said organizers of the event. "Sometimes raucous, sometimes meditative, this new program is a true melding of past, present and future."

Rubin, a scholar of Ashkenazi Jewish klezmer music and a klezmer clarinetist, has performed throughout Europe, North America and Asia since the 1980s, including appearances at the Berlin Philharmonic, the Gewandhaus in Leipzig, the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam and Carnegie Hall. Rubin also holds the distinction of having founded the Cornell University Klezmer Ensemble in 2003.

The members of Veretski Pass are Cookie Segelstein (violin, viola), Josh Horowitz (accordion, cimbalom, piano) and Stu Brotman (bass, basy-cello, tilinca-shepherds' flute and baraban-bass drum). The trio specializes in Old-World klezmer music of the Carpathians, where the musical traditions of the Jewish Klezmerim met with those of Rumania, Ottoman Turkey, Magyar Hungary, Ukraine and other peoples.

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Off the Shelf

Sisters and rivals

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

Sibling rivalry alienates and separates those who might otherwise have caring relationships. These rivalries are made worse when parents treat their children very differently or show favoritism. An additional complication can occur when parents assign particular roles to each child – for example, the good child vs. the bad, the smart one vs the pretty one, etc. These determinations can have a detrimental affect on both parental and sibling relationships, as is seen in Lynda Cohen Loigman’s “The Wartime Sisters” (St. Martin’s Press), which takes place in the 1930s and ‘40s and tells the story of two sisters.

Ruth and Millie were never close, even when they were very young. The 3-year-old Ruth was looking forward to having a sister, but the two couldn’t have been more different: “Ruth liked to be early for school each day, but Millie dawdled in the mornings and made them both late. Ruth kept her half of the bedroom neat, while Millie’s side was littered with paper dolls and crayons.” Even worse, their mother and their teachers never seemed to notice Ruth’s good qualities, but instead forgave Millie her faults.

No one appreciated the maturity Ruth showed, even at an early age. Rather they comforted Millie when she was upset and considered Ruth cold and uncaring when she kept her composure.

Even worse was the way the two girls were defined and treated by their parents, particularly their mother: Ruth was the smart one and expected to receive top grades, with her parents showing disappointment if her grade even slipped to an A-. Millie, on the other hand, was declared the beauty of the family at birth. Her poor grades were never considered an issue. Ruth chaffed at her mother’s treatment of her: “Though Ruth’s tiny transgressions were few and far between, they never seemed to escape her mother’s notice. Any misstep Ruth made was a short, shallow wrinkle on an otherwise smooth and pristine tablecloth. Millie’s slipups, by contrast, were like a full glass of burgundy tipped over onto clean white damask. To their mother’s discerning eye, Ruth’s wrinkles were conspicuous. But her sister’s stains were overlooked and hastily covered – anything so that the meal could continue to be served.”

The relationship between the two sis-

ters deteriorates even further when Ruth begins dating. Almost everyone Ruth went out with preferred her sister, some even wanting to date Millie once they met her. Their mother had grand plans for Millie’s marriage: surely a rich man would want her hand and so she doesn’t prepare Millie for anything beyond the expectation of riches. The same path was never considered for Ruth so, when she dates Arthur and he prefers her company to Millie’s, Ruth is happy to marry him. She looks forward to their move to Massachusetts so she can start a new life away from her sister and parents. Millie remains in Brooklyn and marries after their parents die, but, when her husband, Lenny, is considered lost during World War II, Millie and her young son join Ruth, Arthur and their children at the armory in Massachusetts where Arthur is an officer and Ruth works in the accounting office.

Relations are tense in the household. Part of the problem is Ruth’s worry that everyone – including her husband – will prefer her sister. To complicate matters, Ruth has never felt at ease with the other officers’ wives. Millie finds work at the armory, which

employed women to replace the men who became soldiers, and comes to appreciate the work and the friends she makes. The two women create separate lives even though they live in the same house. Millie wishes her sister would treat her differently, but doesn’t know how to connect with Ruth, to get past the reserve she shows. It doesn’t help that both sisters harbor secrets, which once revealed will result in an even greater strain on their relationship.

Loigman does an excellent job creating interesting, believable characters. What’s wonderful is how the author allows readers to see some events through the eyes of more than one character, including several minor ones who add depth to the novel. She also manages to convincingly portray the mild antisemitism and classism shown by some officers wives. This is Loigman’s second novel and it is as well done and enjoyable as her first, “The Two-Family House.” (See *The Reporter* review at www.thereporter-group.org/Article.aspx?aID=4555.) Those who liked her first novel will definitely want to read “The Wartime Sisters.” Those who haven’t experienced that work will find both worthwhile reading.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Bio-Individuality

By Eliot Fiks

Do you know the single greatest danger to your nutritional well-being? Not global warming. Not chemical additives. Not fat. Give up? It’s you! Let me ask you a question. If you needed brain surgery, would you ask a friend to do it? If you were going to court, would you be your own lawyer? So what makes you think that it’s OK to base your nutritional health on what you read on the internet or what your friend told you they said on the “The Dr. Oz Show”?

Ever hear of epigenetics? Its sounds fancy, but all it means is that when they used to tell you that because your Mom had diabetes you’d also get it, it wasn’t quite accurate. It just means you may have a disposition toward it. However, that disposition can be altered by diet and lifestyle. I’m all for self-empowerment, but that self-empowerment needs to be coupled by knowledge. Knowledge comes from those who are knowledgeable in their field.

Everyone knows that diets don’t work.

There are reasons for that. One is that they’re often too stringent to be able to maintain for any length of time, let alone a lifetime. The other equally important reason is that one-size-fits-all diets never work, for the same reason that you wouldn’t be happy if you went to the department store and the only clothes they sold were one size fits all. We’re all different!

You probably never heard of Bio-Individuality. Bio-Individuality is the name used in nutrition to recognize that our bodies are all different and that the ways that we are different matter. So a food that’s good for you might be bad for the next person. A

nutritionist that practices the principles of Bio-Individuality looks at you, in particular, and every aspect of your life in general. Your family history, what you eat, your stress levels, your latest blood tests, any conditions you may have, what you’ve tried in the past, and what’s worked and what hasn’t. Then the nutritionist pairs that with your goals and the pace you feel comfortable with to come up with a detailed plan of action that is just for you. The nutritionist will then work with you, coach you and tweak details of that plan. That’s the way to make diet and lifestyle changes that really work and last a lifetime. *Eliot Fiks is a nutritional consultant.*

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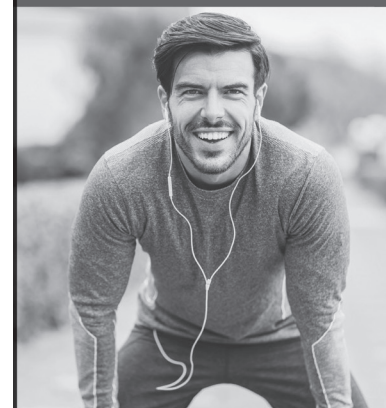


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Home run: Danny Valencia goes from the Sunshine State to the Jewish state

By Howard Blas

(JNS) – For most parents, having a son play on a Major League Baseball team would be a dream come true. For Danny Valencia's parents, it isn't quite enough. Though proud of his baseball career, which has included playing on eight Major League teams and Team Israel, they also want him to finish his college degree – and to join them for Rosh Hashanah dinner one year. The Valencias are almost batting three for three.

Valencia is well known to baseball fans in the United States and in Israel. The 35-year-old – drafted in the 19th round by the Minnesota Twins in 2006 – made his Major League debut with the Twins in 2010 and then played for them, the Boston Red Sox, Baltimore Orioles (twice), Kansas City Royals, Toronto Blue Jays, Oakland Athletics and Seattle Mariners. His career has included nearly 3,000 at bats, 795 hits, 95 home runs, 397 runs batted in and a lifetime batting average of .268.

Valencia can now add member of Team Israel, Israeli citizen and Tokyo 2020 Olympian to his list of accomplishments. But he cannot (at least, not yet) add college graduate to his credentials.

Valencia began his studies at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where he was Southern Conference Freshman of the Year and second-team all-conference. He transferred to the University of Miami, which was closer to his home and family in Boca Raton, FL. He took a leave from college when he was drafted by the Twins in 2006.

"I promised my parents I would finish my degree – that was 14 years ago," he says. Valencia has been making good on his promise. He is taking four online courses this semester and has seven more courses to complete before earning a



Danny Valencia during a Royals at Orioles game on May 9, 2018. (Photo by Keith Allison via Wikimedia Commons)

degree from the University of Miami.

While he has had a lot on his mind these past five weeks, including making *aliyah* and traveling with Team Israel to Germany and Italy, he managed to devote time to his online courses. "My family can't believe it. I have [their] work ethic!" he jokes, adding that, as he has gotten older, he has gotten better at managing his time and schedule.

The move toward permanent Israeli residency has also taught Valencia to be better at managing bureaucracy. "It was a long process and a lot of hoops to jump through, but it makes sense," reports Valencia, who along teammates Ty Kelly, Nick Rickles and Ben Wanger became Israeli citizens under Israel's Law of Return.

"There was paperwork, interviews, FBI checks, marriage certificates, postiles, rabbi letters and more. It was a tedious process, but without that, there would be no passport, and we wouldn't be Israeli citizens. I am happy I did it."

In between trips to the Interior Ministry, Valencia and his fellow teammates toured their new homeland. They traveled to Jerusalem and to the Dead Sea; they went to Yad Vashem. Valencia makes it a point to say that he was struck by Israel in general, which was followed days later by a trip to Germany. "It was my first trip to both," he says. "Yad Vashem was really emotional for all of us. In Germany, we realized it [the Holocaust] all originated here." Valencia felt the experience taught that "we are playing for more than ourselves."

He and his teammates feel that an important part of their mission is to "inspire Israeli kids and to inspire a generation of Jewish athletes. There are not so many Jewish athletes," he acknowledges. In Israel, they have led baseball clinics for young ballplayers and found time

to work out, even getting "a guy to pitch batting practice."

Their hard work paid off. Team Israel stunned the world with its performance, finishing in the top five in the 2019 European Baseball Championship and earning the right to participate in the 2020 Olympics qualifiers. As the winner of that tournament, Israel qualified for the first of the six spots for teams to compete in the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. Valencia batted .375 in the Olympic qualifying tournament, leading the tournament in runs (7), home runs (3), RBIs (9), walks (5) and slugging percentage (1.000). He also hit a three-run homer in his final at-bat at the tournament in Parma, Italy. That wound up giving Israel a 10-run lead over South Africa.

In assessing his family's reaction to his decision to become an Israeli citizen and play for Team Israel, Valencia reports: "My family was shocked, but they were supportive. They thought it was cool. They were blown away by my effort."

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Team Israel, now headed to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, at the quarter finals. (Photo by Margo Sugarman)

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Medicare enrollment season is coming

(NAPSI) – Medicare's Annual Enrollment Period runs from October 15 to December 7, 2019. This is your yearly chance to shop for insurance coverage that best meets your needs. People covered by Medicare will have even more plans with a host of new benefits to choose from for 2020.

Here are five things to keep in mind for Medicare's Annual Enrollment Period.

1. Review your 2020 coverage options. Medicare Advantage plan details change each year, so the policy that was the least expensive or best match for you in 2019 may not be right for 2020. Changes to premiums, deductibles and co-pays can be costly. A recent eHealth analysis of people using eHealthMedicare.com to compare Medicare plans found that fewer than one in 10 were enrolled in the lowest cost plan for their personal prescription drug regimen. Those who switched to their optimal drug plan stood to save an average of \$900 per year.

2. Look out for drug coverage changes. It's common for insurance companies to tweak their list of covered drug and prices. That can mean higher out-of-pocket expenses. Check to make sure that the medications you need are still covered by your plan in 2020, and pay close attention to any special rules you need to follow to get the most coverage for your medications. Online tools, including eHealthMedicare.com's prescription drug coverage comparison tool, can help you find the best option for 2020.

3. Make sure your doctors are still covered. The doctors and hospitals that participate in your Medicare plan's network often change each year as well. Make sure your preferred providers are covered under your current plan or any new

plan that interests you. The amount you'll pay when you get care from a doctor or hospital that does not participate with your plan will be higher than what you'll pay if you stay within your plan's network, and some health insurers won't cover out-of-network providers at all, except in an emergency.

4. Compare benefits. Along with price comparisons, be sure to review the full range of services and benefits offered by competing Medicare plans. These can include everything from preferred pharmacy and mail-order prescription discounts to dental, vision, hearing and even fitness benefits. And for 2020, many Medicare Advantage plans will offer supplemental benefits that provide additional assistance to people with chronic illness, such as non-emergency transportation, virtual medical visits, caregiver support, nutritional counseling and meal delivery, and air conditioning, among others.

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He had been following Team Israel for years, but his Major League responsibilities always precluded his participation on the team. When he realized that he would not be with a Major League team in the summer of 2019, playing for Team Israel became a possibility.

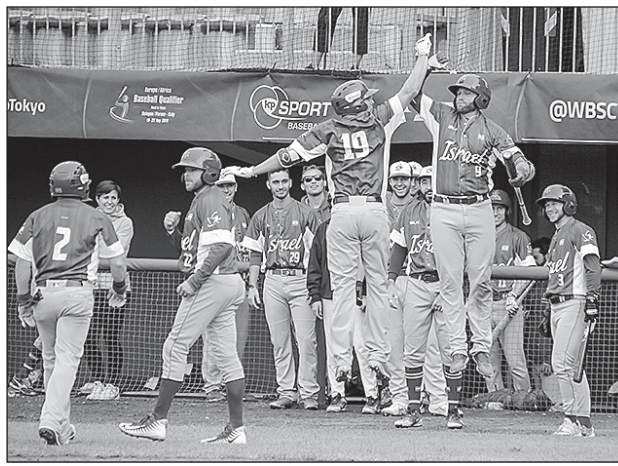
"I had been staying in good shape, and I reached out [to team President Peter Kurz] and said I would be interested in taking part," he relates. "I joke that it was the best front-office decision he had ever made."

Seriously, Valencia reports, "I loved it. It was a great group of guys and I am grateful for the experience."

And he enjoys the Jewish and Israel touches. "On Friday nights, we had Shabbat dinner with prayers, toasts and breaking bread with the boys." He says he is also moved by the pre-game playing of "Hatikvah," Israel's national anthem. "We kept our hats on for our national anthem – to show that God is above. We took our hats off for the national anthems of the other countries."

Valencia is no stranger to Jewish holidays and traditions. "I had a normal Jewish upbringing," he says. "We went to synagogue on the High Holidays; my mother fasted on Yom Kippur. I was around Judaism." Valencia was born to a Jewish mother and a Cuban father who converted to Judaism. He attended Hebrew school and celebrated his bar mitzvah, recalling being sick during the occasion, saying, "I was sniffing the whole time." Nevertheless, he notes that it was "a proud moment for both sides of the family."

Valencia says the hardest part of being on the road for nearly six weeks with Team Israel was being away from his



Danny Valencia, No. 19 (left, in the air) and Nick Rickles after Team Israel's win in Game 5 against South Africa. (Photo by Margo Sugarman)

16-month old son, Oliver, and his wife. "We did FaceTime. I am not sure what he understands, but he saw a video of me hitting and got excited!"

Due to the late September ending date of the Olympic qualifiers and the late falling Jewish holidays, Valencia was able to be home for Rosh Hashanah. "It is the first time ever – home with family," reports Valencia, happy to celebrate the holiday with parents, aunts and uncles, his wife and son. He admits that "baseball was a major topic of

conversation at dinner. They were all ecstatic, and they are trying to find accommodations in Tokyo for the Olympics. It could be the last time I play baseball on that level."

Kurz, president of the Israel Association of Baseball and the team's general manager, notes Valencia's performance on and off the field: "He is a proven Major Leaguer, with nine years of experience. When he joined the team, there was electricity in the air, as he was our anchor and leading hitter. He hit home runs in five straight games, and led by example on the field and off. He is now the leading advocate and spokesperson for the team, and is working hard to get us sponsorships, donations and commercial deals so that the IAB can use those funds to develop the game of baseball in Israel, and we can also provide the team with better conditions to train and practice under."

He details the many needs still facing the team members as they prepare for the Olympics, including bringing some additional players to Israel, bringing all of the players to Israel in the winter, having a two-week pre-Olympic mini-camp in the United States, holding exhibition games against Japanese teams in Japan, purchasing equipment, bringing coaches to Israel and sending scouts to look at Olympic opponents. Kurz reports anticipated costs are more than \$500,000, and that they are trying to raise needed funds by donations and sponsorships.

In the meantime, Valencia is home with his family in South Florida. He is staying in shape, thinking a lot about the Olympics, spreading the word about fund-raising for the team and working to fulfill that "three-parter" his parents wanted... getting closer every day.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

How to help kids develop healthy dental habits

(StatePoint) – Copying adult behavior is a part of childhood development. While you may not always love it when your child repeats everything you say, when it comes to healthy dental habits, you can use this to your advantage.

"It's easier to teach a younger child good oral health habits than to break an older child of poor ones. Encourage your children to take good care of their teeth by showing

them how well you take care of your own," says Dr. Michael Hahn, a licensed dentist and Cigna's national dental director. "Tooth decay is one of the most common chronic diseases among children in the U.S., but it is also largely preventable."

To help instill good dental health habits in children, Hahn suggests parents and guardians lead by example in the following ways:

✔ Go for regular dental checkups: More than one-third of adults in the U.S. ages 18 to 64 failed to visit the dentist at least once a year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

✔ Set a good example so that children don't skip dental exams when they become adults. Make family appointments for everyone to visit the dentist for checkups and routine cleanings. Be positive when talking about it with children, even if you harbor your own anxieties about dental care. Consider the alternative: when you skip regular dental checkups and

cleanings, it becomes more likely that a small problem will grow larger and become more expensive to treat.

✔ Eat breakfast together: A healthy breakfast can set the tone for a healthy day and may even reduce one's cravings for sugary snacks later. Sugary and sticky snacks can remain on teeth for hours, providing time for bacteria and acids to begin causing their damage, leading to tooth decay. Beyond breakfast, you can set a good example by packing tooth-friendly healthful lunches with fruits and vegetables for yourself and your children.

✔ Drink water: Making water your household's go-to beverage will also help limit your family's exposure to sugary alternatives. It can also provide an ongoing way to rinse your teeth between meals and after snacks, to limit the length of time food particles remain on the teeth.

✔ Brush and floss: Follow the American Dental Association recommendations found on their website for brushing twice a day for two minutes each time and flossing at least once daily. Don't just remind your children to brush their teeth, join them on occasion so that they can see that it can be fun. Incorporating a two-minute timer as part of the ritual can make it more of a game.

You can be a great role model for your children when it comes to dental health. With a positive attitude, you can help your kids form healthy habits that last a lifetime, which in turn will help them keep their teeth for their lifetime. More tips for families can be found at cigna.com/dental.

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EU warns nuclear deal in danger as Iran activates Fordow facility

In the latest violation of the 2015 Iran nuclear accord, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said on Nov. 5 that Iran would resume centrifuge operations at its Fordow underground nuclear facility, according to the AFP. "Starting from tomorrow [Nov. 6], we will begin injecting [uranium hexafluoride] gas at Fordow," Rouhani said in a speech broadcast by Iranian state television. According to Iran, the International Atomic Energy Agency will supervise work at the facility. The European Union warned on Nov. 4 that its support for the nuclear deal depended on Iran fulfilling its commitments, according to the report. "We have continued to urge Iran to reverse such steps without delay and to refrain from other measures that would undermine the nuclear deal," said Maja Kocijancic, spokeswoman for E.U. diplomatic chief Federica Mogherini. "But we have also been consistent in saying that our commitment to the nuclear deal depends on full compliance by Iran." Separately, German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said Iran's decision on Nov. 4 to double the number of advanced centrifuges it operates is "unacceptable," the AP reported. "Ultimately," said Maas, "Iran is doing nothing less than putting the entire nuclear agreement at risk." The Trump administration withdrew the United States from the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action last year.

Hamas leader threatens to rain rockets on Tel Aviv "for six months"

Leader of Hamas in the Gaza Strip Yahya Sinwar warned Israel on Nov. 4 that the terrorist organization could turn its cities into "ghost towns" and has enough rockets to fire on Tel Aviv "for six months in a row," Ynet reported. "We have heard the threats Israeli leaders made toward us, but we will still make them curse the day they were born," said Sinwar. "Various intelligence agencies are trying to undermine the stability in the Gaza Strip," he said, adding that Hamas has "many secret tools to counter the attempts made by Israeli intelligence to infiltrate Gaza." Sinwar also said, according to the report, that if Israel launches a ground operation in Gaza it faces "hundreds of thousands" of traps and "hundreds of kilometers" of attack tunnels at Hamas' disposal. The Hamas warning comes after Israeli fighter jets struck Hamas targets in the Gaza Strip early Nov. 2 after Palestinian terrorists fired a barrage of rockets at Israel from the coastal enclave. The IDF said it had targeted the Hamas sites after Palestinian terrorist groups fired 10 rockets into Israel on the night of Nov. 1.

Antisemitic hate crimes in Sweden increase by record-high 53 percent

Antisemitic hate crimes in Sweden increased by 53 percent last year compared to 2016, according to its government in a report that showed a 69 percent increase in racist or xenophobic hate crimes over that time period. In the report published on Oct. 31, the Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention stated that there were 280 hate crimes against Jews, compared to 182 a few years ago. The latest figures are the highest recorded since the council collected aggregated

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humor from a liberal Jewish point of view around the world, including at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland, the Jewish Historical Museum in Amsterdam and the Just for Laughs Festival in Montreal. He is an original member of "Laughing Liberally," a New York based political comedy show. Blakeman was featured on MSNBC's live coverage of the 2016 White House Correspondents Dinner. He has made more than 40 national television appearances, including Comedy Central's "Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn," and was the warm-up comedian for "Late Show with David Letterman" on CBS. He appears regularly at New York's 92nd Street Y, where he has hosted live interviews with comedians Robert Klein, Lewis Black, Jerry Stiller and Anne Meara.

El-Hussemi is a Canadian, Palestinian, Muslim, lesbian who is married to a Jewish woman. She describes her life as a current event – from the Muslim ban to marriage equality, she says it's all happening and it's happening to her. Since her comedy debut in 2006, El-Hussemi has racked up an "impressive list" of credits. Traveling across Canada, the U.S and the Middle East, she covers a wide range of topics.

When asked what the focus of her stand-up is, El-Hussemi replied by saying, "Bringing Jews and Muslims together to celebrate what we have in common: feeling left out at Christmas, circumcision and not being as popular as our food."

El-Hussemi has been featured in Canadian newspapers such as *The National Post*, *The Toronto Star* and *The Montreal Gazette*. While residing in Canada, she appeared regularly on radio stations throughout the country and her TV credits include a half hour comedy special on CTV, Comedy Network and the iChannel.

El-Hussemi has opened for Patton Oswalt and recorded her first comedy album, "Unveiled," which can be heard regularly on SiriusXM Radio. She currently lives with her wife in New York City.

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data in 2006. The report did not list the sources behind the antisemitic hate crimes against Jews. In 2018, 4 percent of hate crimes were antisemitic. An estimated 20,000 Jews live in Sweden, or 0.2 percent of the country's population.

Long-awaited \$17 million Jewish Community Center opens in Paris

French President Emmanuel Macron and leaders of the country's Jewish community celebrated the inauguration a \$17 million Jewish Community Center in Paris on Oct. 29. The European Center for Judaism was opened "amid painful times of terrorism and antisemitism," said Joel Mergui, president of the Consistoire organization, which is responsible for Orthodox life in France. The new Center in Jerusalem Square, in the heavily Jewish-populated 17th arrondissement (district) in Paris, has about 54,000 square feet of floor space, and includes a synagogue and auditorium, each with 600 seats. The center also has a gym, offices and a large terrace to accommodate a sukkah, among other features. The city of Paris gave the piece of land to the Jewish community for the project more than 20

years ago, though construction for the Center only began in 2015. It was initially supposed to be completed by the end of 2018. At least 37,000 of the approximately 173,000 people living in Paris's 17th arrondissement are Jewish.

Report: U.S. withholding \$105 million in security assistance for Lebanon

The United States is withholding \$105 million in security assistance for Lebanon, reported Reuters on Oct. 31, citing two U.S. officials. This development comes as Israel has reportedly asked the U.S. and other countries to condition assistance to Lebanon on how its government handles the U.S.-designated terrorist group and Iranian proxy Hezbollah, which is part of the Lebanese government. Israel has expressed concern that the funding toward the Lebanese Armed Forces have supported Hezbollah. The LAF, which received \$100 million last year from the U.S., and Hezbollah are known to have cooperated together. The U.S. State and U.S. Defense Departments have been for continuing the aid, while many in the White House have advocated for halting it, reported Israeli's Channel 13.




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Weekly Parasha

Lech-Lecha: Genesis 12:1 - 17:27

Lessons from our patriarchs: Avraham

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The focus of this week's *parasha*, as will be next week, is Avraham, the father of our nation, known as the first Jew (a misnomer). We read stories about him and get an impression; we read some of the *midrashim* and recognize that he was someone special.

What made him special? It wasn't his great physical strength, although in this week's reading we learn about the victory over the kings. Rather, it was his staunch belief in God, his moral character, his belief in righteousness and justice, his trait of welcoming strangers.

I believe that when we look at Avraham and evaluate him and judge his character we do so after learning everything there is about him and how he turned out at the end. But Avraham, like all people, made mistakes. His greatness is that he learned from them and became a better person as

a result of not repeating them.

An example of this can be seen in chapter 12. After figuring out that God is the creator and He alone may be worshiped, and He alone can provide help and support to people, after breaking his father's idols, after surviving the raging furnace of Nimrod, after following God blindly to the land of Canaan, he is tested. There was a great famine in the land and he decides that he needs to go to Egypt to survive. Realizing Sarah's beauty, he asks her to pose as his sister so that the Egyptians will not kill him when they certainly will want to take Sarah. Sarah is taken to the Pharaoh's harem and then God brings plagues against Pharaoh to save her. Finally, Avraham is escorted out of Egypt with great riches.

The rabbis say that *ma'aseh avot siman l'banim*—events

that happened with the fathers will be replicated with his descendants. Jacob and his children also go to Egypt because of a famine. His departure leads to slavery, as Sarah was placed in the harem. Avraham fears that the Egyptians will kill him for his wife and the Egyptians killed all the Jewish male babies, letting the females live. Avraham finds a way out of danger using his "sister" and Miriam, Moshe's sister, saves him. God sends plagues against Pharaoh so that Sarah will not be violated, and God sends plagues to redeem the Jewish people. Pharaoh sends Avraham away, as he does Moshe. Avraham leaves with great riches, as do the Israelites.

This is more than a coincidence. As Ramban (Nachmanides) points out, what occurs to Avraham foretells what See "Lessons" on page 11

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On Friday, November 15, at 5 pm, there will be a Sisterhood Kabbalat Shabbat, "Sip and Nosh," followed by a family friendly service. RSVP to the temple office.

On Sunday, November 17, from 10 am-noon, there will be a Temple Israel/Temple Concord Adult Ed. program at Temple Israel. Rabbi Geoffrey Brown and Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell will be speakers on the Global Day of Jewish Learning. The cost is \$5 per person for the brunch.

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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.
 To join the mailing list, for up-to-date information on adult education offerings or to arrange for a private tutorial, for details concerning the Judaica shop and resource center, or for assistance through the Piaker Free Loan Society or Raff Maasim Tovim Foundation, call Chabad's office at 797-0015.

Norwich Jewish Center

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

Temple Brith Sholom

Affiliation: Unaffiliated
 Address: P.O. Box 572, 117 Madison St., Cortland, NY 13045
 Phone: 607-756-7181
 President: Bruce Fein, 607-423-3346
 Service leaders: Lay leadership
 Shabbat services: Either Friday evening at 7:30 pm or Saturday at 10 am from Rosh Hashanah to Shavuot. Holiday services are also held. Check the weekly e-mail for upcoming services. Contact the president to get on the e-mail list.
 Religious School: Students are educated on an individual basis. Temple Brith Sholom is a small 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 4:15 and 5:15 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year unless otherwise noted.

On Friday, November 8, from noon-4 pm, there will be Whale of a Sale; and at 8 pm, there will be a Shabbat evening service honoring veterans and remembering Kristallnacht led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Saturday, November 9, at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study. There will be no religious school or morning service due to Veteran's Day weekend.

On Sunday, November 10, from 10 am-4 pm, there will be a Whale of a Sale bag sale.

On Tuesday, November 12, at 10:30 am, the Tuesday Morning Book Club at Temple Concord will meet; and, at 4:15 pm and 5:15 pm, there will be Hebrew school.

On Thursday, November 14, at 4:15 pm and 5:15 pm, there will be Hebrew school; and from 5-7 pm, the CHOW pantry will be open.

On Friday, November 15, at 8 pm, there will be a Shabbat evening service led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Saturday, November 16, at 9 am, there will be religious school; at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study; and at 10:35 am, there will be a Shabbat morning service with November birthday blessings led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

Congregation Tikkun v'Or

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism
 Address: PO Box 3981, Ithaca, NY 14852; 2550 Triphammer Rd. (corner of Triphammer and Burdick Hill), Lansing, NY
 Phone: 607-256-1471
 Website: www.tikkunvor.org
 E-mail: info@tikkunvor.org
 Presidents: Lauren Korfine and Shira Reisman
 Rabbi: Brian Walt
 Religious School Director/Admin. Coordinator: Naomi Wilensky
 Services: Fridays at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted. Intergenerational Shabbat, music services, and other special services. Call for the weekly schedule.
 Religious School: Preschool through seventh-grade classes meet on Sunday mornings. Sixth-grade Hebrew and seventh-grade b'nai mitzvah classes meet on Wednesday afternoons.
 Adult Ed: Mini courses throughout the year. Adult Hebrew offered regularly. Call the office for details.

Temple Beth El of Oneonta

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
 Rabbi-Cantor: George Hirschfeld
 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. For the schedule of services, classes and events, see the website.



Friday, November 8, light candles before 4:31 pm
 Saturday, November 9, Shabbat ends 5:30 pm
 Friday, November 15, light candles before 4:24 pm
 Saturday, November 16, Shabbat ends 5:24 pm

Beth David Synagogue

Affiliation: Orthodox Union
 Rabbi: Zev Silber
 Address: 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905
 Phone: 722-1793
 Rabbi's Office: 722-7514
 Fax: 722-7121
 Office hours: Mon. closed; Tues. 10 am-1 pm; Wed. closed; Thurs. 9 am-1 pm; Fri. 10 am-1 pm
 Beth David e-mail address: bethdavid@stny.rr.com
 Rabbi's e-mail: rabbisilber@stny.rr.com
 Website: www.bethdavid.org
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 Shabbat Services:
 Shabbat, Nov. 9 9 am
 Mincha after kiddush
 Weekday Services:
 Mornings:
 Sun., Nov. 10 8:30 am
 Mon.-Fri., Nov. 11-15 7 am
 Evenings:
 Sun., Nov. 10 4:30 pm
 Mon.-Thurs., Nov. 11-14 7 pm
 Classes: Rabbi Zev Silber will hold his weekly Talmud class every Tuesday evening after services.

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
 Rabbi: Miriam T. Spitzer
 Rabbi Emeritus: Scott L. Glass
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 Website: www.tbeithaca.org
 President: Randy Ehrenberg
 Sisterhood President: Julie Paige
 Director of Education: Rabbi Suzanne Brody
 Administrative Assistant: Jane Griffith
 Services: Friday 8 pm; Saturday 10 am, unless otherwise announced. Weekday morning minyan 7:30 am (9 am on Sundays and legal holidays).
 Religious School/Education: September-May: Classes meet on Sunday, 9 am-12:30 pm and Wednesday afternoons, 3:45-5:45 pm. The Midrashah (eighth grade and high school) classes will meet at times designated by their respective teachers.
 Adult Ed.: Numerous weekly courses, several semester-long courses and a variety of mini-courses and lectures are offered throughout the year. Call the temple office for more details.

Penn-York Jewish Community

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

Kol Haverim

Affiliation: Society for Humanistic Judaism
 Address: P.O. Box 4972, Ithaca, NY 14852-4972
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 E-mail: info@kolhaverim.net
 Website: www.kolhaverim.net
 Chairwoman: Abby Cohn
 Kol Haverim: The Finger Lakes Community for Humanistic Judaism, is an Ithaca-based organization that brings people together to explore and celebrate Jewish identity, history, culture and ethics within a secular, humanistic framework. KH is part of an international movement for Secular Humanistic Judaism and is affiliated with the Society for Humanistic Judaism, a national association with over 30 member communities and congregations around the country. Established in the spring of 1999, it offers celebrations of Jewish holidays, monthly Shabbat pot-lucks, adult education, a twice-monthly Cultural School for children, and a bar and bat mitzvah program.
 KH welcomes all individuals and families, including those from mixed religious backgrounds, who wish to strengthen the Jewish experience in their lives and provide their children with a Jewish identity and experience.

Mailbox Shorts

National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene production

The National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene in New York City will present the musical "The Sorceress (Di Kishemakherin)" by Avrom Goldfaden from December 8-29. Written in 1878, the play was brought to America in 1882 by a 14-year-old Boris Thomashefsky, who would go on to become one of Yiddish theatre's biggest stars. The musical is part of the Folksbiene's mission of rescuing and restoring the music, lyrics and scripts of the Yiddish theatre. The fully restored orchestrations are based, in part, on pre-Holocaust musical arrangements that were saved from destruction at the hands of the Nazis by members of the "Paper Brigade" of the YIVO in Vilna, who risked their lives to save thousands of unique documents and manuscripts.

For more information, visit <https://nytf.org/>. To contact the box office, call 866-811-4111.

Exhibit on the "Notorious RBG"

The National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia is holding the exhibit "Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg" until January 12. It explore the life of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the second woman – and the first Jewish woman – to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. Tracing a career that traveled from trailblazer to pop-culture icon, the exhibit looks at her precedent-setting role on the nation's highest court, as well as her varied roles as a student, life partner, mother, change-making lawyer, judge and women's rights pioneer. Through archival photographs and documents, historical artifacts, contemporary art, media stations, and gallery interactives, visitors can learn about the justice's writings, opinions and interviews, and the "whimsical yet powerful" world of Notorious RBG memes, fan art and parody – from a cartoon action figure named Wrath Hover Ginsbot to renderings of the justice's likeness on t-shirts, nail decals and tattoos.

For more information, visit <https://www.nmajh.org/exhibitions/rbg/>, or contact the museum at 215-923-3811.

Jews of Rhodes

The Primo Levi Center in New York City will hold an exhibit on the life and history of the Jews of Rhodes titled "Los Corassones Avlan" ("The Hearts Speak," from a Sephardi saying). The pop-up multimedia installation will be held through November 24.

The exhibition is an immersive experience, where the public is invited to explore the little-known story and traditions of the "Rodeslis," the Jewish community living on the island of Rhodes for many centuries until its destruction in 1944.

For more information, visit www.primolevicenter.org or contact the Center at info@primolevicenter.org or 917-606-8202.

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Achieving its goals will require raising sufficient funds through private and institutional donations, building a logistical network for rapid deployment of personnel and equipment, and recruiting a corps of volunteers willing to undergo "rigorous training" and to put themselves in harm's way at a moment's notice. Most volunteers are emergency medical technicians (or EMTs); first responders, such as police and firemen; ex-military; and individuals with specialized skills, like doctors and nurses. "Excellent physical fitness" is essential for all candidates.

ZAKA trains and coordinates, with the U.S. National Guard, FEMA and oft-times deploys with the Israeli Defense Forces on humanitarian missions in response to disasters across the globe.

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will happen to his children. But even more ironic, and if the Ramban didn't say it I would find it difficult to posit this myself, the slavery of the Israelites was due to Avraham's sin of leaving the land of Israel.

And there is a second sin that he committed, according to the Ramban: endangering his wife to save himself.

These are grievous and serious charges against him. What is special about Avraham is that he learned a lesson from this. He learned that we may never take advantage of someone else, especially family, to benefit ourselves or even to protect oneself. Respect for the other is a primary moral and ethical imperative. Perhaps that is why the Israelites – and therefore the Jewish people, as we say in hagaddah – needed to go through the horrors of slavery. We need to learn to value and respect others.

Furthermore, he learned that a difficult life is no reason to leave our homeland, the land promised to us by God and

Jewish Community Center

Chris Ellerson is the JCC's new phys. ed. director

Chris Ellerson has joined the Jewish Community Center of Binghamton as the new physical education director. Having participated in local sports for many years, Ellerson brings knowledge and skill to his position coordinating the sports and athletics programs at the Binghamton JCC.

Ellerson began playing sports at a young age, influenced by his father who coached youth sports at Whitney Point for more than 25 years. Ellerson graduated from the Whitney Point School District in 2013 and went on to play baseball at SUNY Broome. During this time, he was selected to the Mid State All Conference Team. Following his graduation from SUNY Broome, Ellerson continued his studies at Keuka College, where he continued to play baseball and also joined the golf team. A year before his graduation from Keuka College, where he earned a bachelor's of sports management, Ellerson began his own marketing company, E-Marketing, and continues to operate this company as CEO today.

Prior to his position at the Binghamton JCC, Ellerson served as the athletic director at the Tioga County Boys and Girls Club, where he began junior golf programs and adult soccer programs. In addition to his work, Ellerson has also served as a volunteer coach for numerous programs – including baseball, basketball and soccer – through Binghamton University and the Whitney Point School District.

Ellerson's connection to the Binghamton JCC began when he was a young adult, participating in basketball



Chris Ellerson

programs, and he says that connection has only strengthened with his new position. "The JCC has become a family in just the few short months I've worked here. Everyone is on board with the goals and mission," says Ellerson, who began working at the Center in September. "The JCC is developing me into the athletic director I've always wanted to become."

In addition to maintaining current athletics programs, Ellerson has plans to introduce new sports and projects to the current JCC athletics roster. Since beginning his position, Ellerson has added an adult co-ed indoor soccer program and helped organize a pickleball invitational

tournament. "The facility is built in a way that allows for many programs and opportunities to happen here," Ellerson stated. "The one major thing I've noticed about the JCC is that it's always been around, offering high quality programs for adults and kids. The JCC has figured out what it is very good at and has focused on that."

Planning on continuing the JCC's tradition of offering a wide and varied slate of sports programming, Ellerson's short-term goals are to add junior and adult golf programs, focus on high school basketball, and organize different tournaments and events to bring new players and families to the Center.

"The JCC community is proud to have an individual with as much dedication, integrity and experience as Ellerson on staff, and welcomes him with open arms," said a JCC representative.

JCC Friendship Club

The JCC Friendship Club met on October 30 and heard Rabbi Dovid Saks talk about Rosh Chodesh. He is the director of Jewish Heritage Connection located in the Scranton JCC. It is an outreach program. He is also the founder of an organization that deals with the Jewish elderly of Northeastern Pennsylvania. He told about two nursing facilities that are kosher, they are Elan Gardens in Clark Summit and Webster Towers in Scranton. He encouraged us to call him and visit them.

Rabbi Saks talked about the calendar we use every day, based on the solar system, and the Jewish calendar, based on the lunar system. The solar calendar has 365 days and it is necessary to have a leap day every four years. The Jewish lunar calendar has a leap month as needed to keep the planting and harvesting holidays in the appropriate seasons. He said that the Arabic calendar is also based on the lunar system, but it is not corrected for the different times so Arabic holidays fall in different seasons.

He also talked about the names of the months in the Jewish calendar. The early Israelites did not name the months. They called it the first month, the second month, etc. The months were named when the Jews were in Babylon. It was interesting to learn that the first month of the year is in Nissan. However, Rosh Hashanah is New Year's and is in the seventh month named Tishrei. Rabbi Saks asked, "What do all the calendars have in common?" The answer is seven days in the week. That is because in the story of creation, the earth and everything on it was created in six days and on the seventh day God rested. Rabbi Saks told other stories about customs and superstitions related to the calendar, especially about the waxing and waning of the moon. We were all spell-bound.

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia Diamond. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ann Brilliant said the blessing over the cookies. Sue Herzog gave the treasurer's report. We all gave our sympathies to Bruce Orden, whose mother

passed away at the age of 98.

On Wednesday, November 13, we will be attending Beth David Synagogue's annual luncheon. On Wednesday, November 20, we will be going to the Tri Cities Opera on Clinton Street in Binghamton for a program on "Memory Makers." Come join us for these programs or when we meet at the JCC on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Call the JCC office to see if we are meeting there.

Sylvia Diamond, President

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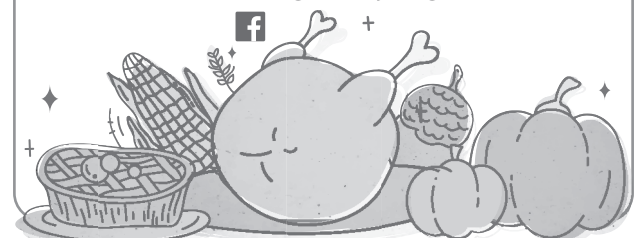
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Fitness & Pool (only) will be open
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Community Calendar

The Community Calendar can be found on the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's website, www.jfgb.org, by clicking on "calendar." Updates or additions of events for the calendar can be made by contacting the Federation through its website (click on "calendar" and then "click here to request a change to the calendar") or by calling 724-2332.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

Supreme Court: Israel can deport Human Rights Watch official

Israel's Supreme Court on Nov. 5 ruled that Human Rights Watch Israel and Palestine director Omar Shakir may be deported, upholding a district court ruling that found him guilty of promoting anti-Israel boycotts. According to a ruling handed down by the Jerusalem District Court in April, "Not only did [Shakir] not prove that he had abandoned his calls for a boycott of Israel [upon taking up his post at Human Rights Watch] ... [he] has continued to carry out his agenda as evident from his actions and statements." The ruling went on to state that, "The petitioner continues to publicly call for a boycott against the state of Israel or parts of it, and in the same breath, requests Israel open its doors to him." Shakir was denied an Israeli work visa in 2017 due to concerns that he was engaged in anti-Israel activity. He received a one-year permit in April 2017, the same year Israel passed a law allowing it to deport or bar entry to foreign nationals publicly backing or promoting BDS. In 2018, Israel's Interior Ministry refused to renew the permit, citing Shakir's support for BDS on social media. Shakir and Human Rights Watch both denied the allegation, accusing Israel of using the 2017 law to silence criticism. "I applaud the decision of the Supreme Court ... that a work visa should not be given to a foreign boycott activist who wants to harm Israel and its citizens," said Israeli Strategic Affairs Minister Gilad Erdan in a statement. "Omar Shakir is a BDS activist who took advantage of his stay in Israel to harm it, something no sane country would allow." Erdan stressed that Israel valued "real" human-rights organizations, adding that HRW was welcome to appoint a replacement for Shakir.

Nefesh B'Nefesh to host *aliyah* events in U.S., Canada

Nefesh B'Nefesh, an organization dedicated to revitalizing *aliyah* by minimizing the financial, professional, logistical and social obstacles associated with the process, will be providing prospective new *olim* (immigrants to Israel) with the opportunity to have all their practical questions answered at events throughout North America. These will be held in cooperation with Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael, Israel's Ministry of Aliyah and Integration, the Jewish Agency for Israel and Jewish National Fund-USA. "For many, *aliyah* is a lifelong dream, and these events offer individuals of all ages and demographics an opportunity to explore the practicalities of making those dreams a reality," said Rabbi Yehoshua Fass, co-founder and executive director of Nefesh B'Nefesh. Informational events will be held in Montreal; Toronto; Great Neck, NY; and Cleveland. The organization will also host a workshop for retirees and empty-nesters in Queens, NY, on Nov. 17, as well as expanded "Aliyah Dollars and Sense" financial workshops in Boston, Atlanta, Chicago, Florida and Teaneck, NJ. Additional events to be offered are "Buying and Renting a Home in Israel" in Los Angeles, San Diego, Queens and Teaneck; an Israel Networking Event for Young Professionals in New York City on Nov. 21; and a Nefesh B'Nefesh Pavilion at the Orthodox Union Jewish Community Fair on Nov. 24 in New York City, where there will representatives from six of the communities new immigrants head to once in Israel. A full list of events and meetings can be found at <https://events.nbn.org.il/>.

Elbit Systems lands Portuguese Defense Ministry contract

(Israel Hayom via JNS) – Israeli defense contractor Elbit Systems announced over the Nov. 3 weekend that it has been awarded a \$50 million contract to supply the Portuguese

Air Force with a complete electronic warfare suite and customer logistics support for the new KC-390 multi-mission aircraft. The contract is to be completed over a five-year period. Under the contract, Elbit will supply the Portuguese Air Force's KC-390s with Radar and Laser Warning Systems, an IR Missile Warning System, Countermeasures Dispensing System, a Directional IR Countermeasures system and Active ECM (or AECM) POD system. "The Portuguese Air Force is a long-standing strategic partner of Elbit Systems and we are proud of this contract award to provide enhanced survivability for their new fleet of KC-390 aircraft," said Edgar Maimon, executive vice president and general manager of Elbit Systems' Electronic Warfare and Signals Intelligence Unit. The week of Nov. 1, Elbit announced that it had been selected by the Swiss Federal Department of Defense, Civil Protection and Sport to provide the Swiss Armed Forces with an army-wide tactical Software Defined Radio solution under the Telecommunications Armed Forces program. The contract is subject to Swiss Parliament approval. Bezahel Machlis, president and CEO of Elbit Systems, said, "We are proud to have been selected to provide such an important capability to the Swiss Armed Forces. Switzerland is a strategic market for us and we will continue with our efforts to support the Swiss Armed Forces and expand our cooperation with the Swiss industry."

Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps salutes Iranian Jewish soldiers in memorial service

Members of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps recently participated in a memorial service for Jewish soldiers in Tehran's Jewish cemetery. A video broadcast by Iranian state media on Oct. 31 shows Revolutionary Guard members saluting, alongside Muslim clerics, as members of the local Jewish community recite the Mourner's *Kaddish* and other religious texts in memory of the 13 Jewish Iranian soldiers who died during the eight-year Iran-Iraq War fought from 1980-88. All Iranian citizens, including Jews, must serve in the Iranian military under a mandatory enlistment law. Menashe Amir, a leading expert on Iran, told Israel's Kan public broadcaster that to be accepted by Iran's Islamic totalitarian regime, the country's Jewish community of 8,000 people work hard to show authorities that they are an important part of Iranian society, which includes denouncing Israel, reported *The Times of Israel*. He added that a member of the Jewish community is currently in prison for visiting the Jewish state.


Jewish Labour Movement withdraws party support due to antisemitism

For the first time in its 100-year history, the Jewish Labour Movement in the United Kingdom will not be campaigning for members of the Labour Party outside of "exceptional circumstances and for exceptional candidates," announced the group amid criticism over the party's handling of antisemitism complaints. "We will not be campaigning unless in exceptional circumstances and for exceptional candidates, like our parliamentary Chair Ruth Smeeth, and members of the parliamentary Labour party who've been unwavering in their support of us," said JLM in a statement. "We will not be giving endorsements to candidates in non-Labour-held seats." JLM, which has 2,500 members, has blamed Jeremy Corbyn for enabling a "culture of antisemitism to emerge and fester" within the party. General elections in the United Kingdom are scheduled for Dec. 12.

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