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Memorial service at Holocaust Memorial Monument on Oct. 6

By Arieh Ullmann

Area rabbis will lead a memorial service on Sunday, October 6, at 10:30 am, at the Holocaust Memorial Monument in the Temple Israel Cemetery on Conklin Avenue in Conklin.

The memorial stone – which was originally dedicated on Sunday, November 9, 1952 – is one of the earliest acknowledgments in the United States of the Holocaust. It is also one of the few memorial stones of its kind in the United States to contain the names of loved ones lost to Nazism.

The service will continue a tradition of holding a ceremony at the memorial on the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. After the memorial's original dedication, the tradition lasted for about 20 years; it then resumed several years ago, following a long hiatus. It was the spontaneous reaction to Professor Rhonda Levine's talk about the Get Together Club at the Federation's Super Sunday. The club



The Holocaust Memorial Monument in the Temple Israel Cemetery on Conklin Avenue in Conklin.

was a social and philanthropic group formed in 1948 by 13 German speaking Jewish women – mainly rural women and wives of cattle dealers – who had resettled in the Southern Tier after fleeing Nazism.

The placement of a memorial stone was considered to be the “most ambitious” project of the Get Together Club. The project came about in response to a comment of a member's husband who bemoaned the fact that his parents, who perished in the Holocaust, had no grave and thus he had no

place to say *Kaddish*. More than 250 names were inscribed and placed in a copper box that was buried at the foot of the monument. It listed the names of individuals who had perished without a marked grave. They were remembered by prayers recited at the unveiling of the monument by the rabbis, followed by one of the survivors reading the names written on the scrolls.

Arieh Ullmann is a former past president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton.

Sima Auerbach honored at Federation brunch



More than 150 community and Auerbach family members attended a brunch honoring former Jewish Federation Executive Director Sima Auerbach on September 22. (See page 3 for more photos of the event.)

Salute to Jewish Womanhood on Oct. 6

Very last-minute reservations are still being accepted for the Chabad Women's League's Salute to Jewish Womanhood to be held on Sunday, October 6, at 12:30 pm. The luncheon will feature Lieutenant Commander Laurie Lans, who will address “Live from Saddam Hussein's Palace: What's a nice Jewish girl doing in a place like

that?!” The event will include a fall lunch buffet and desserts.

The covert is \$18. Sponsorships, which include entrance for one, are Friend \$54, Sustainer \$72 and Benefactor \$100. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling Chabad at 797-0015 or online at www.Jewishbu/womanhood.

Spotlight

Meet the new JFS director

Rose Shea is the new director of Jewish Family Service. *The Reporter* did an e-mail interview with her about her experience and connections to the community.

Question: What is your past experience in this field?

Answer: I have years of experience as an M.S.W. working in the hospital, hospice and community in direct practice.

Q.: What made you want to take the JFS job?

A: I am excited to be learning about a culture and tradition that is new to me. I plan to use my skill set, expertise and passion to meet the needs of those who are vulnerable, struggling and in need of compassion.

Q: What do you hope to accomplish?

A: I hope to provide an attentive ear along with support and assistance to community members in need. I also want to maintain previous directors' legacies and establish new programs and community events.



Rose Shea

Q: Tell us about your connection to Broome County?

A: I was born and raised in Binghamton, and have lived in Johnson City for my married life for the past 30 years with my husband, Kevin, and two sons. I have strong family and community ties to the Southern Tier, and partake in the array of community events offered.

Q: What do you do for fun when you are not working?

A: I have a passion for learning and growing. I enjoy the range of music, art and cultural programs offered in the area, and enjoy taking classes and seminars of interest. Volunteering is important to me: I serve within my own church in an array of roles, assist my elderly neighbor, serve on an agency's Board of Directors and mentor at-risk youth. As a Syracuse University alumna, I attend basketball and football games with friends, and support the educational needs of students pursuing an M.S.W.

Happy High Holidays



Children in the Jewish Community Center's Early Childhood Center learned about Rosh Hashanah. ECC Judaic Coordinator Wendy Green (not pictured) guided the children in an “apple” making craft. (See more photos on page 9.)

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Off the Shelf

Viewing the Torah through rabbinic eyes

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

One of the fascinating things about Torah study is that there is always something new to learn. Sometimes these ideas can be found by mining the writings of the sages (the ancient rabbis) and other times through reading the thoughts of contemporary spiritual leaders. Both of these can be found in Rabbi Reuven Hammer's "A Year with the Sages: Wisdom on the Weekly Torah Portion" (The Jewish Publication Society). In his introduction, Hammer, who died earlier this year, noted that he welcomed the invitation to write this work because it gave him "yet another opportunity to delve into the writing of the Sages, to probe ways in which they chose to interpret Torah, and to demonstrate how their thinking is still relevant to our contemporary life as Jews." He considers not only the weekly Torah portions, but those read on Jewish holidays.

Each chapter is divided into four sections. Hammer opens with the Torah verses he wants to discuss. These are followed by a simple explanation of the Torah text. Hammer continues by offering writings from different sages that contain intricate, and sometimes contradictory, ways of viewing the portion. In conclusion, Hammer offers a "personal reflection" that allows him to speak of

his own experiences as a rabbi – both as a pulpit rabbi for Conservative synagogues in the U.S. and his work for the Masorti movement in Israel. He also served as dean of the Israel programs at the Jewish Theological Seminary in Jerusalem, and was a founding director of the Institute of Jewish Studies (now known as the Schechter Institute).

Hammer's approach can clearly be seen in the first Torah portion, *Beresheit* (Genesis). The passage chosen focuses on Adam and Eve's eating of the forbidden fruit. The rabbinic passage quoted comes from Avot de-Rabbi Natan, which speaks to a barrier created by Adam – one that led Eve to sin. Hammer notes what he feels is the sages' conclusion about Adam's speech: "We must be careful about adding too many prohibitions, because if there are too many, in the end none will be observed. Piling restrictions may lead to contempt for what is truly important." This leads to a personal reflection about a problem that occurred when he was the head of the Rabbinical Court of the Rabbinical Assembly of Israel. Hammer writes of the difficulties Israelis face when they adopt non-Jewish children from other countries. The Chief Rabbinate told the parents that it would not convert their children unless they promised to raise them Orthodox, something these more secular Israelis refused to do. The Masorti Rabbinical Court ruled that there is nothing in Jewish law that requires this and converted the children. Perhaps most telling of Hammer's theology is his statement concerning what is permitted and what is forbidden: "A very learned expert in Jewish law once told me that when asked if something is permissible or forbidden in Judaism, the easiest response is to say, 'It's forbidden.' The greater challenge is to prove it is permitted."

An example of the sages' interesting approach to interpreting the text can be found in *Tetsaveh* (from Exodus), where Hammer looks at the oil lamp placed outside the tent of meeting. He quotes a discussion from the Talmud about whether or not God needs the light. In fact, the sages decided that God had no need of a lamp or the table of food left in the tabernacle, even though the strict meaning of the text suggests otherwise. The ancient rabbis felt free to interpret the text so it fit their understanding of God: a Deity who does not have physical needs. Hammer notes that "when the Sages came upon a text that they felt might contradict their beliefs..., they interpreted it in a way that brought it in line with what they believed to be

true. This flexibility of interpretation has served Judaism well, enabling us to liberate the text from the strictures of literalism and broaden the scope of our beliefs to keep them in accord with the times."

In his discussion of Shemini (from Leviticus), Hammer speaks about the "alien fire" offered by Aaron's sons at the tabernacle. After the offering, a fire from God appeared – one that killed Aaron's sons. The exposition from the sages shows how the ancient rabbis differed on what occurred. Some said the two young men had not committed a grave sin and that God was troubled by the fact they had to be punished. Others felt their sins were so great they deserved to die. Hammer notes that the sins suggested tell more about the rabbis' time period than that of Aaron's sons. He sees their comments as aimed at their own students, with the rabbis using the text as a teaching moment. In his personal reflections, Hammer ties this to the problem of *agunot*, women who cannot obtain a divorce because Orthodox practice says that only a man may legally offer a divorce. He writes about the changes that have been made to the Conservative *ketubah* (the wedding document that is signed before a marriage) that prevents this from happening.

A particularly interesting section focuses on the holiday of Purim and the reading of *Megillot* Esther (the Book of Esther). Hammer writes of a very different Purim celebration that took place in 1956 – one that did not include costumes, noisemakers or a carnival-like atmosphere. The reading took place at Congregation Anshei Shushan (the People of Shushan), and its members treated the story as part of their personal history. The congregation consisted of Persian Jews who had once lived in Iran. Their reading of the story was a very serious one because it spoke to their own salvation. Hammer notes that "the rule was that no noise at all could be made during the reading. Every word was sacred and was to be heard, even the accursed name of Haman." The reading was so dramatic, Hammer found himself sitting on the edge of his seat waiting to learn what would happen, even though he already knew how the story would end.

Hammer does an excellent job offering insights on each *parasha*. "A Year with the Sages" would work well for a discussion group on the Torah text, or for individuals looking for additional commentary for their own weekly Torah study.

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

U.S. sanctions Chinese firms, individuals over oil and Iran

The United States sanctioned five individuals and six companies on Sept. 25 for violating U.S. sanctions on Iran. The entities designated for transporting oil from Iran were Cosco Shipping Tanker Co., Cosco Shipping Tanker Seaman, Ship Management Co., China Concord Petroleum Co., Kunlun Holding Company Ltd., Kunlun Shipping Company Limited and Pegasus 88 Limited. Their chief executives – Yi Li, Yu Hua Mao, Luqian Shen, Bin Xu and Yazhou Xu – were sanctioned. "We're telling China, and all nations – know that we will sanction every violation of sanctions of all activity," said U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo at United Against Nuclear Iran's annual summit.

Opinion

In My Own Words

Fall and the new year

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

I recently read that there are more days of summer in September than there are in June. While that may be true, the month of September feels like it belongs to fall. There are clear signs of change: the days are getting shorter, the leaves are beginning to turn different colors and the barbecue truck on Hooper Road in Endwell closed. (The last event took place just before Labor Day, but, for many people, Labor Day marks the end of summer.)

Fall used to be a time of excitement, especially when I was in school. There was something special about school starting: the year seemed so full of potential. Of course, I might be looking at the past through rose-colored glasses because school could be difficult at times. I am grateful that I don't have to attend high school anymore. However, even with the health problems I faced, I still have fond memories of college. I learned a great deal in my classes and experienced city life for the first time. I also made some friends who are still among my closest friends. In fact, we've known each other so long, they feel like family.

With work making summer blend into the start of fall, I don't feel the same excitement, although I still look forward to the start of the new arts season: TV, theater,

movies and books. It's books that I pay the most attention to now: since my hearing loss, those other forms are more difficult and less relaxing. The funny part is that life gets more hectic during the fall, especially as preparation for the holidays begins. This year, they've started relatively late, which means I'd hoped to get ahead and not miss as many weeks of writing. (Since I'm writing this before the holidays start, I won't know if that will be true until the end of the October.)

Since Elul, the month before Rosh Hashanah, and the month of September run concurrent this year – the first of Elul and September occurred on the same day – there does seem more time for High Holiday preparation than when Rosh Hashanah starts the beginning of September. Even though I live partly in the Jewish calendar, it's hard to avoid noting time in the secular one. (When people ask me why the holidays come at different times every year, I explain that they don't... at least, in the Jewish calendar.) One of my favorite ways to prepare spiritually is to subscribe to the Jewels of Elul, a daily e-mail that offers different types of spiritual reflections each year. (Since I don't get on the computer on Shabbat, I read a double dose of the Jewels on

Sundays.) By the time you read this, I should have already done two educational programs on the holidays. There is nothing like having to talk publicly about something to help you mentally prepare.

Fall is significant for a few other things – some professional and some personal. The Federation and *The Reporter* are starting to gear up for Super Sunday and the 2020 Campaign. October will mark the fourth anniversary of my cochlear implant. When I think about gratitude during the holidays, that's never far from my mind – as is the wonderful community that helped after my surgery.

We never know what the new year will bring so, in addition to thinking about how we want to improve ourselves and our lives, we should express our thanks to those who have helped us during the year. I don't just mean apologizing to those we may have hurt and making amends. Rather, we should let those people we often take for granted – family, friends, neighbors, coworkers – and say, "I appreciate everything you've done this past year." That is a good thing to focus on during the holiday season: the good things we have in life, rather than the bad.



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Community honored Sima Auerbach



Federation President Suzanne Holwitt gave the opening remarks at a brunch honoring former Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton Executive Director Sima Auerbach on September 22.



Susan Hubal (standing) read a speech on behalf of former Federation President Arieh Ullmann as Sima Auerbach (seated at right) and Neil Auerbach (in front) listened.

At right: Susan Hubal (not pictured) presented Sima Auerbach with a photo book highlighting her nearly 12 years as Federation's executive director that was collated and created by Arieh Ullmann.



Federation Administrative Assistant Jennifer Kakusian reflected on her years of working with Sima Auerbach.



TC Sisterhood paid-up program

Temple Concord Sisterhood's paid-up program will include brunch and Bunco on Sunday, October 13, from 11 am-1 pm, at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. This program will be free and open to all Temple Concord Sisterhood members who have paid their 2019-20 dues or who will pay them at the door on October 13.

Reservations should be made by Sunday, October 6, to Phyllis Kellenberger at pweinste@stny.rr.com, 727-8305 or 723-2193.



The crowd in line for the brunch buffet. (Photos by Rob Neuberger)



Part of the crowd of more than 150 community members who attended the brunch honoring Sima Auerbach.

At right: Longtime friend Toni Grekin (second from right) composed a song honoring Sima Auerbach (seated, center). She was accompanied by Sima's son Joshua Auerbach (far right) and assisted by Sima's daughter Cassie Winiacki (far left) and son-in-law Bill Winiacki (second from left), who held up lines for the audience to sing.



Sima Auerbach gave remarks on her tenure at the Jewish Federation, and thanked community members for their support over the years.



L-r: Former Federation President Steven Grossman and board member Neisen Luks attended the brunch.



At left: "The Sima Match Game" was played by members of Sima Auerbach's family. L-r: Alex Gabay, her brother; Michael Gabay, her nephew; Neil Auerbach, her husband; Joshua Auerbach, her son; Sima Auerbach; and Cassie Winiacki, her daughter.



Reporter Layout Editor Diana Sochor presented Sima Auerbach with a framed front page of The Reporter showcasing highlights of Auerbach's tenure at the Federation.

Early deadlines for The Reporter

Due to holiday closings, the deadlines for the following upcoming issues of *The Reporter* are as follows. No exceptions will be made.

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CJS fall program considered "Antisemitism, Then and Now"



Professor Anna Sommer Schneider spoke at the first fall College of Jewish Studies lecture on "Confronting Antisemitism in Poland Today" on September 5. The theme of the CJS fall series was "Antisemitism, Then and Now."



Dr. Yehuda Kurtzer discussed "Antisemitism and the Politics of Jewish Peoplehood" at the September 19 program.



Professor Anna Sommer Schneider spoke with Gabi Yonaty after her September 5 CJS talk.



Dr. Steven Englund presented a lecture titled "From Anti-Judaism to Antisemitism, and Back Again" at the September 12 CJS program.



L-r: Dr. Yehuda Kurtzer, Dr. Steven Englund, Dr. Gerry Hubal and Dennis Foreman talked after Kurtzer's CJS lecture.

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

Jewish and Arab astronauts take off for International Space Station

Jewish and Arab astronauts launched from Baikonur in Kazakhstan on Sept. 25, headed for the International Space Station. NASA astronaut Jessica Meir, a Swedish-American-Israeli Jew, took off for space along with Russia's Oleg Skripochka and the United Arab Emirates's Hazzaa al-Mansoori. Mansoori, the first Emirati astronaut, is scheduled to return to Earth on Oct. 3 with NASA's Nick Hague and Russian cosmonaut Alexey Ovchinin. Meir and Skripochka are expected to stay on the ISS until the spring of 2020. While not the first Muslim, Mansoori will be the first Arab on the space station.

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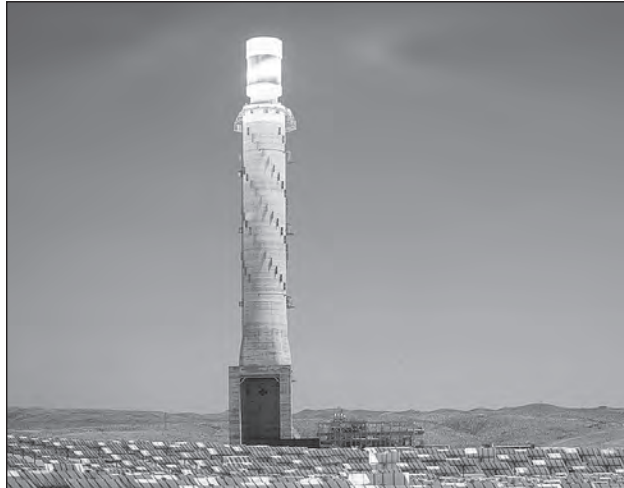
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The power of a dream: Israel's new solar plant lights the way to a bright future



A view of the Ashalim solar-power station in the Negev Desert on June 19, 2018. (Photo by Miriam Alster/Flash90)

By Deborah Fineblum

(JNS) – Driving along the long stretch of Highway 6, deep in Israel's Negev Desert, you could easily think you are seeing a mirage: thousands of giant mirrors all facing the sun. But what you are witnessing is Israeli ingenuity – the future of Israeli energy and the fulfillment of many dreams. These half-a-million concave mirrors catch the heat of the sun – something the Negev has in abundance – to power the new 121-megawatt Ashalim Solar Thermal Power Station.

Just four months into operation, the 4,000-acre solar-energy plant, with a price tag of roughly NIS 4 billion (more than \$1.13 billion), is the largest renewable-energy project in Israel and among the largest in the world. The joint venture of the Shikun and Binui Group, Noy Fund and Spanish engineering provider TSK already serves the energy needs of some 70,000 Israeli households.

With nearly 1 percent of Israel's energy expected to be generated here, the plant represents a step toward realizing

Israel's goal of a future powered by renewable energy. It is composed of some 16,000 parabolic troughs and about 500,000 concave mirrors that convert solar energy into steam used to generate electricity. However, one of the most singular features of the plant is its ability to produce power at night, when the sun isn't shining. The power station uses a thermal-energy storage system, based on molten salt, which allows the plant to operate for approximately an extra 4.5 hours daily at full power after sunset.

"It was exactly six years ago, in September of 2013, that I stood on this hill and had a vision," said Didi Paz, CEO of Negev Energy, which, as a subsidiary of Shikun and Binui, runs the plant. "I thought of [former Israeli prime minister] David Ben-Gurion, Israel's founding father, and his dreams for the Negev, and how he would be extremely proud."

Also on hand to welcome a cadre of international journalists for a tour of the new facility was Israel's Energy Minister Yuval Steinitz. "We know that public health is as important an issue as providing energy for Israel's homes and industries," he told the group.

The country is already making the shift from such polluting energy sources as coal and diesel, he noted, with coal already down from 65 percent to less than 30 percent, and with planned closures of the nation's coal-burning turbines.

Steinitz said the ministry "used every possible means to increase the scope of renewable-energy production, and by doing so, expects to meet the government goal of 10 percent by the end of 2020."

He added that "alongside natural gas, renewable energy is of paramount importance in reducing air pollution for the benefit of public health." It's a policy, he said, reflected in "Plan 2030," designed to stop the country's dependence on polluting fuels. As part of this initiative, Israelis can look for more solar plants of various sizes to be built in coming years.

Such progress relies on such factors as financial backing, of course, but also on the support of the locals. "It's really been a community effort," said Eran Doron, mayor of the Ramat HaNegev Regional Council. Though the project met with some early resistance, he reports that locals are now nearly universally onboard with hundreds of them working as employees at the plant. "It took everyone cooperating – thousands of permits were needed every step of the project – but we all realized this plant is a step toward making Israel greener and cleaner."

"Further privatizing of the industry will help grow Israel's solar industry, as will the current drop in solar-energy startup costs," adds Paz. "What's going on here is just the beginning of a real revolution in Israel's energy field."

Also on hand was Naty Saidoff, the majority owner of Shikun and Binui, as well as the incoming chairman of the Israeli American Council. He described the project as "meeting the needs in terms of sustainability and environmental protection, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, in and of itself a profitable project, which has created jobs for many members of the Negev communities."

Personally, he added, he's "proud to be given the opportunity to build meaningful mega-projects in Israel and abroad, and plan to promote similar projects in the future."

Yosef Abramowitz, solar-energy activist and CEO of Energiya Global, which develops non-polluting energy sources in Africa, is pleased to see new developments in the field. "We need as many of these plants as possible as soon as possible to get rid of the use of fossil fuel," he said. "It's also a very good thing they're diversifying See "Solar" on page 7



A machine cleaning the parabolic mirrors at the Ashalim Solar Thermal Power Station. (Photo courtesy of the Ashalim Solar Thermal Power Station)

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Pittsburgh Jewish community reflects on past year, discusses future plans

By JNS staff

(JNS)—Members of Pittsburgh’s Jewish community convened a press conference on September 20 to talk about the October 27 synagogue massacre almost a year ago and their plans moving forward.

At the Jewish Federation of Greater

Pittsburgh, a panel of leaders from the three congregations housed in the Tree of Life*Or L’Simcha Synagogue building discussed how their members have been coping in the aftermath of the attack, and the struggle of taking care of their congregants and themselves.

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

Initiative #ShowUpForShabbat to recall Pittsburgh shooting victims, one year later

An initiative by the American Jewish Committee invites people of all faiths to join Jews in synagogues for Shabbat services on Oct. 25-26 as a show of solidarity timed to the first anniversary of the deadly massacre at the Tree of Life*Or L’Simcha Synagogue in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh. The AJC launched #ShowUpForShabbat following the murder of 11 Jewish worshippers on Oct. 27, 2018, when a lone gunman entered the building during Shabbat-morning services. Exactly six months later, on April 27, 2019, a similar shooting took place at Chabad of Poway, CA; in that shooting, a 60-year-old Jewish woman was killed in the synagogue lobby. “The sanctity of Jewish houses of worship – the sense of American Jewish security – changed dramatically after these fatal terror attacks,” said AJC CEO David Harris. “But the outpouring of support from political and religious leaders was energizing, demonstrating Americans’ determination to come together to fight hate, in this case hatred of Jews. One year later, we wish to remember the victims of maniacal hatred and unite with people of good will in the struggle against rising antisemitism.” AJC’s first #ShowUpForShabbat initiative took place right after the shooting, on the weekend of Nov. 2, 2018. It was called the largest show of solidarity with the Jewish community in American history. More than 250 million people used the hashtag on Facebook and Twitter, and millions attended services at synagogues in the United States and abroad that Friday evening and Saturday morning. A list of synagogues participating in the upcoming #ShowUpForShabbat initiative is on the AJC’s website.

Rabbi Jeffrey Myers from Tree of Life said, “I live with October 27 every minute of every hour of every day, and I will for the rest of my life. Each of us finds the strength and the courage to integrate what happened into our beings, to move forward. I refuse to let the perpetrator make me another full-time victim. I won’t let it happen. I refuse.”

Stephen Cohen, co-president of the New Light synagogue, said his congregation is “committed to moving back to the Tree of Life building,” but he expects that process to “take many years.” He also called for a discussion with state and city officials on how to memorialize the deadly shooting.

Details were also revealed regarding the “Remember. Repair. Together” program (pittsburghoct27.org/), complete with planned volunteer opportunities and Torah study.

The Jewish Family and Community Services said therapists would be on site during High Holiday services for congregants affiliated with Tree of Life*Or L’Simcha, Dor Hadash and New Light, with additional clinicians being provided to other congregations upon request. The Center for Victims also planned to continue to offer support through the High Holidays, and at all public and private commemoration events.

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between the solar technologies that use heat versus light.”

So how do Israel’s 21st-century energy challenges differ from other countries’ issues? “We are isolated here in that, if we experienced an energy crisis, we could not rely on our neighbors to help us out,” Steinitz told JNS. “We know we have to

balance the need for energy security, which is a high priority, with the critical need to create sources of renewable healthy energy. Israel needs them both.”




At right: A close-up of one of the parabolic mirrors used at the Ashalim Solar Thermal Power Station. (Photo courtesy of the Ashalim Solar Thermal Power Station)

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Sukkot: The harvest festival and arrival of autumn

By Ethel G. Hofman

(JNS) – We are twice blessed. Sukkot, the harvest festival – and sometimes called the “Jewish Thanksgiving” – takes place this year in the middle of October, and a little over a month later, Thanksgiving in America is a holiday that many Jewish families have made their own, celebrating the good fortune to live in freedom and peace in the United States.

During the eight-day observance of Sukkot (seven days in Israel), an abundance of fall produce can be found at farm stands, farmer’s markets and general grocery stores (yes, all things “pumpkin spice” have arrived). Now is the best time to buy organic, as tomatoes, corn, squash and more has to go before the coming of the cold weather. Sukkot starts on the evening of Sunday, October 13, this year.

Sukkot is the plural of the Hebrew word *sukkah* (meaning “booths” or “tabernacles”); hence, other name for the holiday is the “Feast of Booths” or “Feast of Tabernacles.” It must consist of at least three walls with a roof covered with *schach* (palm leaves, pine boughs, bamboo or other natural vegetation that lets the light shine through). Feasting in the *sukkah* is the keynote throughout the week, with some Jewish families eating all meals in these temporary huts.

The traditions or mitzvahs of the holiday include taking the Four Species or Four Kinds – an etrog (citron), a lulav (palm frond), three *hadassim* (myrtle twigs) and two *aravot* (willow twigs) – and reciting a blessing over them and then waving them in six directions: right, left, forward, up, down and backwards.

Of course, there is a real emphasis on food, family, friends and the great outdoors. Guests (*ushpizin*) for all these meals are welcome and encouraged. If you have time, desire and help, prepare ingredients the old-fashioned way: peel, core, chop and dice. Otherwise, many of the items, which stress fruits and vegetables, come prepared for you, with much of the labor already been done. Some dishes can be made ahead of time. All recipes serve four to six people.

Golden Vegetable Vichyssoise (Dairy)

2 yellow bell peppers, seeded
4 yellow tomatoes, cut up
4-5 cups vegetable broth
2 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1/3 cup frozen chopped onion
1/2 tsp. bottled minced garlic
1 Tbsp. rice vinegar
6 basil leaves, shredded
Pinch of dried thyme
3/4 cup plain yogurt

In the food processor, pulse the peppers and tomatoes until coarsely chopped.

In a large saucepan, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Stir in the peppers, tomatoes, 4 cups vegetable broth and all the remaining ingredients, except the yogurt. Simmer for 5 minutes until vegetables are softened. Cool slightly.

Whisk in the yogurt. If too thick, add a little more broth. Serve chilled or warm.

Tip: Use scissors to shred fresh herbs.

Tomato Bread Salad (Pareve)

My first meal in Tunisia, then I was hooked!

2 beefsteak tomatoes, cut in 1/2-inch chunks
1 medium yellow tomato, cut in 1/2-inch chunks
1/2 cucumber, peeled and cut in 1/2-inch chunks
1 green zucchini, cut in 1/2-inch chunks
1/4 red onion, thinly sliced
1/2 cup or more snipped mint
1 1/2-2 cups *pareve* bread, torn in 1/2-inch pieces
1/3 cup bottled vinaigrette dressing
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Place all ingredients except dressing, salt and pepper in a large bowl.

Toss to mix. Pour dressing over. Toss again.

Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Tip: A ripe red tomato has a deep color and gives just a tiny bit when squeezed gently. Keep in a cool, dark place (not the fridge) and use within two to three days.

Israeli Salad, “My Way” (Pareve)

A chunky vegetable-herb salad.

1/2 cucumber, unpeeled and cut in 1/2-inch chunks
2-3 ripe tomatoes, each cut in 12 wedges

1 red or orange bell pepper, seeded and cut in 1/2-inch chunks

1/2 cup corn kernels
1 cup fresh basil leaves, lightly packed and shredded

1 cup fresh dill, lightly packed and shredded
1/2 green onion, thinly sliced

3 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice

Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Place all ingredients in a bowl. Toss to mix and season to taste.

Serve chilled.

Tip: Squeeze juice from 5 or 6 lemons. Pour into six sections on an ice-cube tray and freeze. Remove a cube as needed. Heat in a small glass dish in the microwave to thaw, about 18 seconds.

Caramelized Parsnips and Carrots (Pareve)

Parsnips and carrots with their high sugar content caramelize easily.

5 parsnips (about 1 1/2 pounds), peeled and sliced about 3/4-inch thick

12 baby carrots, cut in half lengthwise
1 1/2 tsp. dried thyme

4 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
2 Tbsp. honey, warmed

Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper

Preheat oven to 425°F.

Spray a rimmed baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray. Place parsnips and carrots on prepared baking sheet. Pour the olive oil and honey over. Sprinkle with thyme, salt and pepper.

Toss vegetables to coat. Spread in one layer. Drizzle 2 tablespoons water over top.

Bake in preheated oven for 20 minutes.

Remove from oven, turn with a spatula and bake 15-20 minutes longer, or until tender and golden.

Tip: Buy peeled baby carrots. Line a baking sheet before spraying with aluminum foil for easy clean-up.

Spicy Mashed Pumpkin (Pareve)

2 pounds diced pumpkin or squash

1/2 cup corn kernels
1 tsp. minced garlic

2 tsp. powdered cumin
2 tsp. za’atar (spice)

2 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil

Freshly ground pepper
Pumpkin seeds to garnish (optional)

Place pumpkin or squash in shallow microwave dish. Drizzle with 3 tablespoons water.

Cover loosely with wax paper. Cook on high for 8-10 minutes or until soft. Test with a sharp bladed knife. It should slip out easily.

Drain off any liquid. Mash with a fork. No need to be smooth.

Add the corn, garlic, cumin, za’atar and oil. Mix well. Season to taste with pepper.

Serve at room temperature with pumpkin seeds scattered over top (optional).

Tip: Or buy 2 packages frozen mashed squash. Microwave according to package directions. Then proceed as above.

To cook pumpkin from scratch: Cut in half, remove seeds and place cut side down in microwave safe dish. Pierce several times with sharp knife. Pour about 1/3 cup water around. Cover and cook on high for about 12 minutes or until tender. Peel and use as above.

Leek-Lemon Pilaf (Pareve)

1 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1 1/2 cups sliced leeks

1 package (6 ounces) rice pilaf
1/4 lemon, coarsely chopped

1/2 cup snipped parsley

In a medium saucepan, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the leeks and sauté until softened, about 5 minutes.

Add 1 3/4 cups water and bring to boil. Stir in the rice and spice sack (included in pilaf mix).

Return to a boil. Cover and reduce heat to low. Simmer for 20-25 minutes, until liquid is almost absorbed. Stir in lemon and parsley.

Fluff with a fork. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving.

Tip: Sliced fresh or frozen leeks are available in the supermarket. If using unsliced fresh, pull apart the leaves and rinse thoroughly in cold water. Use the white part only.

Note: May be made the day before, covered and refrigerated. Zap in microwave to heat through.

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Israeli Salad “My Way.”
(Photo by Ethel G. Hofman)

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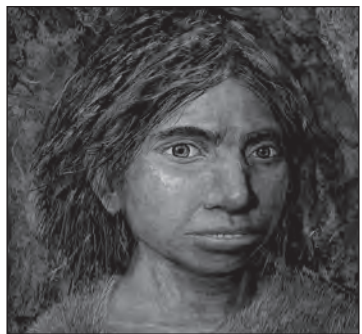
Israeli researchers unveil face of Denisovan girl, an extinct humanoid cousin

By JNS staff

(JNS) – A team led by two Hebrew University of Jerusalem researchers unveiled on September 19 the first reconstructed anatomical profile of a group of archaic humans called Denisovans.

Professor Liran Carmel and Dr. David Gokhman said their team produced reconstructions of these ancient relatives over a three-year period based on patterns of their ancient DNA methylation, or chemical changes that affect a gene’s activity, but not its underlying DNA sequence.

Denisovans lived in Siberia and Eastern Asia before going extinct approximately 50,000 years ago. Since researchers made their first discovery in 2008, the entire collection of Denisovan remains includes three teeth, a pinky bone and a lower jaw.



A portrait of a female Denisovan teenager. (Photo by Maayan Harel)

The team proved their model to be about 85 percent accurate by using the same methodology to create anatomical models of Neanderthals – another group of archaic humans who went extinct in Europe about 40,000 years ago – and chimpanzees.

Commenting on the accuracy of the Denisovans’ profile, Carmel said, “One of the most exciting moments happened a few weeks after we sent our paper to peer review. Scientists had discovered a Denisovan jawbone. We quickly compared this bone to our predictions and found that it matched perfectly. Without even planning it, we received independent confirmation of our ability to reconstruct whole anatomical profiles using DNA that we extracted from a single fingertip.”

Many mysteries about Denisovans

remain and Carmel acknowledged that “there is still a long way to go to answer these questions.” But, she said, “our study sheds light on how Denisovans adapted to

their environment, highlighting traits that are unique to modern humans and which separate us from these other, now extinct, human groups.”

Israeli rhythmic gymnast qualifies for 2020 Olympics

By JNS staff

(JNS) – Israeli rhythmic gymnast Linoy Ashram qualified for the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo after being awarded a bronze medal in the all-around world championships on September 20 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

It was her sixth medal of the competition. The 20-year-old Tel Aviv resident also earned three silver medals with hoop, clubs and ribbon, and a bronze medal with a ball. She was additionally part of the Israeli group that won silver in a team competition, behind Russia.

Ashram has collected a total of 12 medals from participation in world championships. All other Israeli rhythmic gymnasts in



Israel's Linoy Ashram competed in the Rhythmic Worlds in Baku, Azerbaijan. (Photo credit: screenshot)

history, combined, have won only three.

Fellow Israeli competitor Nicol Zelikman, 18, also qualified for the 2020 Olympics after finishing in 11th place in the all-around competition. This is the first time since 2008 that Israel will have two representatives at the Olympics in the rhythmic gymnastics division.

JCC ECC Rosh Hashanah



Children in the Jewish Community Center’s Early Childhood Center learned about Rosh Hashanah. ECC Judaic Coordinator Wendy Green read stories and guided the children in an “apple” making craft.



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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, October 4, at 8 pm, there will be a Shabbat Shuvah service led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Saturday, October 5, 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 led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Tuesday, October 8, at 7:45 pm, there will be a Kol Nidre service. There will be no Hebrew School.

On Wednesday, October 9, at 9:30 am, there will be a Yom Kippur morning service; at 1:15 pm, there will be a program on "Exploring Leviticus 19 and Emma Lazarus' New Colossus"; at 3 pm, there will be meditative music; at 4 pm, there will be a Yizkor memorial service; at 4:45 pm, there will be a healing service; at 5:45 pm, there will be a Neilah concluding service; and at 6:30 pm, there will be Havdalah followed by a congregational break fast.

On Thursday, October 10, at 4:15 pm and 5:15 pm, there will be Hebrew school.

On Friday, October 11, at 8 pm, there will be a Shabbat service led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell and the Blackwell family in honor of Georgia Blackwell becoming a bat mitzvah.

On Saturday, October 12, there is no religious school; at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study; and at 4:45 pm, there will be a Shabbat afternoon service with celebration of Georgia Blackwell becoming a bat mitzvah.

On Sunday, October 13, at 5 pm, there will be sukkah decorating and, at 5:30 pm, there will be a sukkah dinner and "Welcoming Immigrants" program in the sukkah.

Rohr Chabad Center

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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.

On Tuesday, October 8, erev Yom Kippur, the Kol Nidre evening service will be held at 6:15 pm in the C-4 Multi Purpose Room (Newing/Dickinson College) at Binghamton University.

On Wednesday, October 9, Yom Kippur morning services will be held at 9:30 am in the C-4 Multi Purpose Room (Newing/Dickinson College) at Binghamton U.; the Neilah closing service at 5:45 pm will be followed by sounding of the shofar and a light break-fast.

On Sunday, October 13, erev Sukkot services will be held at 6 pm at the Chabad Center. All Sukkot services will be followed by dinners in the sukkah (call 797-0015 to RSVP).

On Monday, October 14, Sukkot I services will be held at 9:30 am at the Chabad Center; evening services will be held at 7 pm.

On Tuesday, October 15, Sukkot II services will be held at 9:30 am.

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.

For a full list of High Holiday schedules provided to *The Reporter*, see page 6 of the September 20-26 issue, online at www.thereporter.org/Resources/Website/file/Current-Past-Issues/bng091819.pdf.

Temple Israel

Orientation: Conservative
 Rabbi: Geoffrey Brown
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 E-mail: titammy@stny.twcbc.com
 Website: www.templeisraelvestal.org
 Service Schedule: Tuesday, 5:30 pm; Friday, 5:30 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am

On Saturday, October 5, at 9:30 am, Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Deuteronomy 31:1-30. The haftarah will be Micah 7:18-20. The kiddush sponsors will be Alan Piaker and Arlene Osber.

There will be no Hebrew school on Sunday, October 13.

On Sunday, October 20, at 10:30 am, there will be a Hebrew school Simchat Torah party.

On Wednesday, October 16, at 7 pm, there will be a Board of Trustees meeting.

The temple office will be closed for all of the upcoming holidays: Wednesday, October 9; Monday, October 14; Tuesday, October 15; Monday October 21; and Tuesday, October 22.

Norwich Jewish Center

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

Temple Beth El of Oneonta

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Regular service times: visit the temple website for days of services and times

Religious School/Education: Religious School, for grades kindergarten through bar/bat mitzvah, meets Sunday mornings. For the schedule of services, classes and events, see the website.

On Tuesday, October 8, erev Yom Kippur, Kol Nidre will be held at 7 pm.

On Wednesday, October 9, the Yom Kippur morning service, Torah service and rabbi's sermon will begin at 9:30 am; Yizkor at 12:30 pm; Martyrology at 4 pm; Mincha at 5 pm; Neilah at 6 pm; and the shofar blast, followed by a break the fast buffet, at 7 pm. RSVP to the temple office for the buffet.

Congregation Tikun 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.

On Tuesday, October 8, erev Yom Kippur, Kol Nidre will be held at 6:45 pm at First Congregational Church.

Wednesday, October 9, Yom Kippur morning services will be held at 9 am at First Congregational Church; children's services (ages 2-5 and 6-10) at 11:30 am; break at 1-1:30 pm; yoga and meditation at 1:30-2:15 pm; the Isaiah Challenge at 3-4:15 pm; discussion with the rabbi at 4:30-5 pm; Avodah service at 5-5:30 pm; Yizkor at 5:30-6:15 pm; Neilah closing service at 6:15-7:15 pm; Havdalah/shofar at 7:15-7:30 pm; and a break the fast (bring a dairy/veggie dish to pass) at 7:30 pm. The building will be open all day. All are welcome to stay whether or not they are participating in afternoon programs and services.

For information about Sukkot and Simchat Torah celebrations, call 607-256-1471, visit www.tikkunvor.org or e-mail info@tikkunvor.org.

Friday, October 4, light candles before 6:22 pm
 Saturday, October 5, Shabbat ends 7:21 pm
 Tuesday, October 8, light candles before 6:15 pm
 Wednesday, October 9, yom tov ends 7:14 pm
 Friday, October 11, light candles before 6:10 pm
 Saturday, October 12, Shabbat ends 7:09 pm

Beth David Synagogue

Affiliation: Orthodox Union
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 Website: www.bethdavid.org
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 Shabbat Services:

Shabbat, Sept. 28 9 am
 Mincha after kiddush
 Classes: Rabbi Zev Silber will hold his weekly Talmud class every Tuesday evening after services.

On Friday, October 4, Shacharit will be held at 6:50 am.

On Saturday, October 5, Shacharit will be held at 9 am; there will be a Shabbat Shuvah lecture during kiddush.

On Sunday, October 6, Shacharit will be held at 8:30 am; the annual service at the Holocaust Memorial Monument at 10:30 am; cemetery visitations following from approximately 11 am-noon and Mincha at 6:20 pm.

On Monday, October 7, Shacharit will be held at 6:50 am and Mincha at 6:20 pm.

On Tuesday, October 8, Shacharit will be held at 7 am; Mincha at 3 pm; candle lighting before 6:15 pm; the Yom Kippur fast will begin at 6:15 pm; and Kol Nidre will be at 6:15 pm.

On Wednesday, October 9, Yom Kippur, Shacharit will be held at 9 am; Yizkor at 12:15 pm; Mincha at 4:45 pm; the shofar will sound at 7:14 pm; and the fast will end at 7:14 pm.

On Sunday, October 13, erev Sukkot candle lighting will be at 6:07 pm and Mincha at 6:10 pm.

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
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 Rabbi: Miriam T. Spitzer
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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.

On Friday, October 4, erev Shabbat Shuvah services will be held at 6:15 pm.

On Saturday, October 5, Shabbat Shuvah services will be held at 10 am.

On Tuesday, October 8, erev Yom Kippur, Mincha will be held at 5:30 pm and Kol Nidre at 6 pm.

On Wednesday, October 9, Yom Kippur, Shacharit will be held at 9 am; junior congregation at 11:30 am; Yizkor at approx. 11:30 am; Mincha at 5:15 pm; and a break fast hosted by Sisterhood will follow Neilah.

On Sunday, October 13, erev Sukkot services will be held at 6:15 pm.

Penn-York Jewish Community

President-Treasurer-Secretary: Harvey Chernosky, 570-265-3869

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 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

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 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.



Weekly Parasha

Vayelech, Deuteronomy 31:1-30

Stiff necks and the survival of Judaism

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR, THE REPORTER

Nothing like your father figure telling you that he knows you're going to go astray after he dies. The father figure in this case is Moses. Perhaps it's just his anger – anger that he's not allowed to enter the Promised Land – that makes him blame the Israelites. However, his statement – telling the people that the book he's written will be a witness against them – sounds pretty bitter. Even worse, he expects them to sin: "For I know your rebellion and your stiff neck. While

I've been alive, you have been rebellious against God. How much more so after my death?" (Deuteronomy 31:27)
 Yes, the Israelites were rebellious during the Exodus from Egypt. That's because they had little to no control over their lives. God and Moses told them what to do – amidst plague and miracles that must have scared the wits out of them – so it's not surprising they had doubts about their future. They wanted to cling to what was known. They

wanted to keep life as it was. This new religion was scary. The idea of being stiff-necked may have been problematic during the biblical period, but, since the diaspora, it's actually helped Judaism survive. We've clung to our religion, even when we were punished for being Jews. We refused to accept the majority religion of the countries in which we lived, even though it would have made life See "Judaism" on page 12

Jewish Community Center

Slime Workshop youth fund-raiser at JCC on Oct. 6

The Jewish Community Center will hold a Slime Workshop for children ages 5-12 on Sunday, October 6, from 1-2:30 pm. The cost is \$25 for members and \$40 for non-members of the Center. Children from the entire community are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The class, run by JCC Youth Director Stacy Robitaille, Camp JCC Director Nora Graven and Youth and Adult Programming Coordinator Harry Cohen, will be an opportunity for children to come and make three different types of slime. Children will learn different recipes and explore the science behind slime. Partici-

pants will also be able to take home all three types of slime in air-tight containers. Those who plan to attend must pre-register and prepay with the JCC main office to ensure space. All proceeds from the class will go to benefit the JCC Youth Depart-

ment, which primarily consists of the JCC's after school program, Kids Connection. For more information about the Slime Workshop, JCC youth programming or the JCC, contact the JCC office at 724-2417.

JCC Friendship Club

The JCC Friendship Club met on September 25 to hear Rabbi Rachel Esserman talk about the upcoming High Holidays. Her talks are always informative and different. This year, she talked about how her family celebrated the holidays when she was a young child and how it changed over the years. When she was a child, her grandmother would have family join them and she would prepare enough food for an army. Her family who lived locally were joined by those from out of town. Now that the children are grown, many with families of their own, Rabbi Esserman and her mother have a much more subdued celebration. It is celebrated by going to temple and having a simple meal.

We also talked about observing *Tashlich*, throwing your sins in the water. Years ago, Rabbi Esserman would go to a friend's house and walk to the river to throw pieces of bread in. At Temple Concord, the members walk to Confluence Park and in the past threw bread in the Susquehanna River. Because the bread is not good for the ducks, this year bird seed will be thrown in the river.

When discussing the different holiday foods, Rabbi Esserman informed us that the Sephardic Jews were those who were expelled from Spain and the Mizrahi Jews were those who always lived in the middle east. She said there was a large community of Mizrahi Jews in New Jersey. Someone brought up the topic of schmaltz, which is basically chicken fat. It is delicious, but we do not eat it anymore because it is so high in cholesterol.

Sylvia Diamond said that her parents did not observe any Jewish holidays, but, when she moved to the Binghamton area, she and her family provided home hospitality for the Jewish college students at Binghamton University who could not go home. As the college got larger, there were Jewish organizations that took over. Sue Herzog said that her mother would make a festive meal with different kinds of meat, chicken, etc. The meal included gefilte fish. She had friends join them. One couple who joined them, the husband was not Jewish, but he loved gefilte fish while his Jewish wife did not. Because he always ate the fish and she did not, Sue's mother, Ada Brummer, thought he was the Jewish spouse. We all had a good laugh about it, including Ada, who is now 98 years young. We talked so much about the foods for the holidays that we never got to talk about the holidays themselves. Let me wish every one a happy new year, *shana tovah*.

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ann Brilliant said the blessing over the cookies. Let me thank those who delivered the new years' cards to the Jewish residents in nursing facilities and shut-ins. They are Sylvia Diamond, Sue Herzog, Ben Kasper, and Bruce Orden. There will be no meeting on Wednesday, October 9, which is Yom Kipper. The following week, on Wednesday, October 16, we will go to the Roberson Museum and hear a talk about a local Indian tribe, "The Haudenosaunee People." Bruce Orden mentioned that we have not gone out to eat in a while. We have interesting programs scheduled and cannot fit it in until November.

Come join us at the JCC on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm.
 Sylvia Diamond
 President

Not Your Bubbe's Storytime drag story hour at JCC on Oct. 20

By Paige Bartholomew

The Jewish Community Center will hold a drag storytime event, Not Your Bubbe's Storytime, on Sunday, October 20, from noon-2 pm. Not Your Bubbe's Storytime is a free, family-friendly event geared toward young children, though the entire community is welcome and encouraged to attend in order to show their support for the LGBTQ+ community and the JCC. Information and registration for JCC preschool and youth programming, such as swim lessons, preschool and youth classes and gym programming, will also be available at the event.

Not Your Bubbe's Storytime will feature local drag performers, including Peaches E. Clair, Katrina, Paris LuRux and Dusty Boxx, reading to children. Stories will feature themes of "kindness, self-acceptance and anti-bullying," according to JCC Youth and Adult Programming Coordinator Harry Cohen. Children are encouraged to come in their favorite dress-up outfit for this literacy and self-expression themed event. "Story

hours featuring drag queens have become a popular family and community event, as they give children and families a unique opportunity to learn more about gender expression and differences, while encouraging empathy, tolerance and self-confidence," said organizers.

In addition to the story hour, the Four County Library System's Bookmobile will be at the JCC from 11 am-noon. The Bookmobile is a mobile library where participants at the story time will be introduced to the 4CLS mission of bringing literacy to the community. Children and adults will be able to sign up for a library card and check out books from a wide variety of selections on the Bookmobile. Those interested in requesting materials of a certain genre, or any specific books, CDs or DVDs, may contact Noelle Holmes at the 4CLS via phone at 723-8236, ext. 322, or e-mail nholmes@4cls.org in advance of the event.

For more information about Not Your Bubbe's Storytime, the JCC's youth programming or the JCC, contact the JCC office at 724-2417.

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Homeless man pleads guilty to synagogue fire in Duluth

A homeless man pleaded guilty on Sept. 24 to accidentally setting fire to a historic synagogue in Duluth, MN, on Sept. 9 that destroyed the building. Matthew James Amiot, 36, confessed that he tried to stay warm when he lit a small fire that spread out of control and affected the 118-year-old Adas Israel Congregation. "I lit a little fire and woke up, and it was a lot bigger," he testified in front of the State District Court, adding that he unsuccessfully attempted to put out the blaze, which caused a firefighter to be hospitalized. Accelerants were not detected at the scene, and authorities have said there is "no reason to believe that this is a bias or hate crime." Amiot was scheduled to be released from custody with supervision on Sept. 25. Sentencing is slated for Oct. 25. He faces up to three years behind bars and/or a \$5,000 fine on the felony charge of starting a negligent fire resulting in more than \$2,500 in damages, in addition to a misdemeanor charge of starting a negligent fire resulting in bodily harm. There was relief in some circles that the fire was not arson, and that the synagogue itself was not targeted as part of an intentional crime.

P.A. thwarts Islamic Jihad effort to build rockets in Judea and Samaria

Palestinian Authority security forces arrested three Islamic Jihad operatives in Judea and Samaria the week of Sept. 27, together with a prototype rocket they had constructed, according to Israel's Channel 12. The rocket had been built with Iranian guidance, according to sources quoted in the report. Israel has suffered for years from rocket fire from the Gaza Strip, and if such a threat were to emerge from the Palestinian territories as well, the country's heartland would potentially be threatened. According to the report, the instructions for building the rocket came from Lebanon, though it was not clear if the orders were from Islamic Jihad or the Shi'ite Lebanese terrorist group Hezbollah, both of which are Iranian proxies. Israel has accused Islamic Jihad of responsibility for violence emanating from Gaza recently, charging it with trying to ignite a regional war.

Israel, U.S. urge EU lawmakers to break ties with BDS orgs

Israeli and U.S. officials warned in a meeting with European lawmakers on Sept. 25 of a rise in hate crimes against Jews in Western Europe, and urged the European Union to cut funding to organizations supporting the international boycott of Israel, providing a report detailing the ties between the BDS movement and antisemitism. The event was organized by the European Jewish Association and attended by Israeli Strategic Affairs Minister Gilad Erdan and U.S. Envoy for Monitoring and Combating Anti-Semitism Elan Carr, as well as E.U. antisemitism czar Katharina von Schnurbein, members of European Parliament and leading Jewish organizations. The report, released in Brussels under the title "Behind The Mask: The Anti-Semitic Nature of BDS Exposed," catalogues 80 examples of BDS organizations and activists using antisemitic content in their boycott efforts. "BDS leaders who use antisemitic language and images that also prove their principles of boycotting 'the Jew among the nations,' Israel, are antisemitic," said Erdan. In February, Erdan's office released a related report, titled "Terrorists in Suits," which detailed the "intricate relationship" between the BDS movement and terrorist organizations. "We have proven beyond a doubt that BDS is an antisemitic campaign led by supporters of terror with one purpose: the elimination of the Jewish state," said Erdan. Carr said the United States stood "unequivocally" with Israel to combat BDS. Israel has called on the European Union to stop funding over a dozen European and Palestinian BDS-related organizations, some of which Israel claims have ties to terrorist groups. While the European Union opposes the BDS movement, it has also defended the movement's right to free speech.

Cousins separated in World War II reunite 75 years later in Israel

Two cousins who were separated 75 years ago by World War II reunited in Israel on Sept. 21. Morris Sana, 87, and his cousin Simon Mairowitz, 85, grew up believing that the other died in a concentration camp in Europe during World War II,

according to People magazine. The cousins were close friends before the Nazis invaded Romania in 1940, which forced both of their families to flee the country separately. Sana's niece and daughter connected with relatives several decades later on Facebook, and organized for Sana and Mairowitz to see each other again in Tel Aviv. A video of their emotional reunion shows the two men hug and shed tears together. Mairowitz said, "Good to see you too after all these years," while holding Sana's face in his hands as both men begin to cry. "Seventy-five years you waited. ...I know it's a long time," continued Mairowitz, who now lives in the United Kingdom. "We've got each other now. And we can see each other."

Israel Air Force welcomes first female flight squadron commander

The Israel Air Force welcomed its first female flight squadron commander on Sept. 24, heralding her as "a role model and an inspiration for thousands of women in the state of Israel." Lt. Col. "Gimel," whose name is not being released due to security concerns, will command the surveillance aircraft Nachshon Squadron. "Congratulations to our first female commander of an operational squadron in the air force. We've been waiting for you for 71 years," said IAF chief Maj. Gen. Amikam Norkin at the ceremony celebrating the achievement. Gimel, 35, joined the Israel Defense Forces 16 years ago and completed her flight training with a specialization in transport planes. She is the mother of two children. She served as the deputy commander of the Nachshon Squadron, flying advanced surveillance equipment in Gulfstream jets to the Nevatim Air Base in southern Israel from 2015-17, and was nominated for the commander's post last year.

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easier. Although some Jews did convert or assimilate, enough remained for the Jewish community to continue. These stiff-necked Jews insisted on being true to Judaism.

Leaders in the contemporary Jewish community might agree with Moses that Jews can be stiff-necked and contrary. Try leading a group of Jews in any direction and you're likely to receive a thousand comments and/or complaints. However, Moses might be surprised to learn that the very trait for which he criticized the Israelites is the one that kept Judaism alive through the centuries.

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Sweet-and-Sour Salmon Salad (Pareve)

½ cucumber, peeled and thickly sliced
½ green bell pepper, seeded, cut in chunks
½ yellow or orange bell pepper, seeded, cut in chunks
½ apple, unpeeled, in chunks
1 Tbsp. sweet pickle relish
12 ounces fresh-cooked salmon, flaked with a fork*
¼ to cup rice vinegar
Freshly ground pepper to taste
Place cucumber, bell peppers and apple in food processor. Pulse a couple of times to chop coarsely. Transfer to a bowl. Add the pickle relish, salmon and enough rice vinegar to moisten. Toss to mix.
Season with pepper to taste. Serve chilled.
May be made ahead of time.
Tip: To serve, heap salad in a bowl. Arrange thinly sliced cucumbers around the sides.
*May use canned pink or red salmon, instead of fresh-cooked.

Wine-Steeped Figs (Pareve)

¾ cup red wine, such as Merlot
3 Tbsp. frozen orange-juice concentrate
2 Tbsp. honey
½ tsp. vanilla extract
8 fresh figs
1 blood orange or seedless orange, cut in wedges



Wine-Steeped Figs. (Photo by Ethel G. Hofman)

In a medium saucepan, mix the wine, frozen orange-juice concentrate, honey and vanilla extract.

Warm over medium heat, stirring to blend. Reduce to a simmer.

Prick each fig 2 to 3 times with a fork. Place in saucepan, spooning wine mixture over top.

Simmer for 1 to 2 minutes. Transfer to a serving bowl. Arrange orange slices around. Serve chilled.

Tip: any leftover red wine may be used, even flat champagne. No figs? Substitute cubed cantaloupe or honeydew melon.

For a dairy meal: Top figs with a scoop of chocolate-studded ricotta (recipe below). Or sprinkle with crunchy granola.

Chocolate-Studded Ricotta (Dairy)

1 cup whole-milk or part-skim ricotta cheese
1-2 Tbsp. confectioner's sugar or to taste
¼ cup miniature chocolate chips or chopped semisweet chocolate

In a small bowl, combine all ingredients. Serve chilled. May be made ahead of time.

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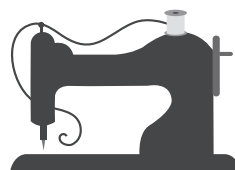
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