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## Hillel Academy announces honorees for 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Journal brunch

Hillel Academy recently announced its honorees for the upcoming 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Journal brunch: Rabbi Aaron and Rivkah Slonim of Chabad of Binghamton, who will receive the A.M. Pierson Award, and Sima and Neil Auerbach, who will receive the N. Theodore Sommer Community Service Award.

Rabbi Aaron and Rivkah Slonim, along with their son, Levi, moved to the area in 1984 from Brooklyn to found and direct Chabad of Binghamton. The Rohr Chabad Center for Jewish Student Life is now one of the nation's largest Jewish student centers. He is currently the executive director of Chabad of Binghamton and is one of the founding board members of Chabad on Campus International. She is the education director at the Rohr Chabad Center and serves on



Neil Auerbach



Sima Auerbach



Rabbi Aaron Slonim



Rivkah Slonim

the Editorial Board of the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute, which serves more than 1,600 communities.

Sima and Neil Auerbach's commitment to Jewish life long preceded their relocation to the area. Among numerous endeavors, they founded and ran a Jewish summer camp in the Catskills. Sima is a former

executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, having retired at the end of June this year. She began working for the Federation in 2008, when she and Neil moved to the area from Great Neck, NY. She was initially a member of the Federation board and eventually became the executive director. During her tenure,

Sima spearheaded several programs for the local Jewish community, such as 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y Live, the PJ Library, the Yasher Koach awards, the Jewish International Film Fest of Greater Binghamton and a dinner celebrating Israel's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The deadline for submitting ads for the journal is Monday, October 28 (note change from the original October 20 deadline). To place an ad, contact Hillel Academy at 304-4544 or send an e-mail to hilleljournalgroup@gmail.com.

The journal brunch will take place at 11 am on Sunday, November 10, at Temple Israel and the cost is \$35 per person. Those who would like to attend should RSVP by Friday, November 1, by contacting the Hillel Academy office. More information on the dinner will appear in future issues of *The Reporter*.

## Federation to kick off Campaign 2020

### Federation Super Sunday Brunch to be held on Oct. 27

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton will hold its annual Super Sunday Campaign kick-off brunch on Sunday, October 27, at 10 am, at the Jewish Community Center, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal. The cost to attend will be \$10. Reservations should be made by Friday, October 18. Reserve a seat by calling the Federation at 724-2332 or by e-mailing director@jfgb.org.

The theme for the 2020 Campaign is "A New Beginning, A Legacy of Caring." Campaign Chair Marilyn Bell, Rita Shawn and I chose a theme that would recognize the Federation is under new leadership, while at the same time pay tribute to the generosity of the Binghamton Jewish community over many years," said new Jewish Federation Executive Director Shelley Hubal. "Binghamton is a small community and each

individual donor makes a difference to ensure that we can continue to be a vibrant, welcoming place to live."

People are encouraged to make their 2020 pledge at the brunch. If community members would like to make their pledge ahead of the kick-off event, they can call the Federation office at 724-2332. Making pledges and donations in advance of the allocation process in mid-November will help the Federation know what funds are available to be distributed and will save time for the volunteers that make Campaign calls.

This year's brunch will include a buffet, an awards ceremony and entertainment from See "Super" on page 3

### Federation Phonathon to begin on Oct. 27

This year's annual Campaign Phonathon will start on Sunday, October 27, and will run through Wednesday, October 30. The money raised during the Campaign will then be allocated to local organizations. "The Federation does many things behind the scenes to help all of our local Jewish organizations to be their best," said Shelley Hubal, executive director of the Jewish Federation. "When you support the Federation, you support the entire Jewish community. With your generous donations, we ensure there are quality, engaging Jewish programs for community member of all ages, support for our neighbors in need and an enduring local Jewish infrastructure."

In addition to local support, a small percentage of Campaign funds help the Jewish Federation of North America with global projects. "As the new Federation director, I was surprised to learn that our allocation to JFNA goes to specific programs across the globe. By combining with other small Jewish communities, we are helping to provide food and medication to elderly Jews in the country of Georgia, and to educate and assimilate Ethiopian immigrants in Israel. This is truly the spirit of *tikkun olam* and we should be very proud of all we do," noted Hubal.

"Please answer the call this year during the Federation Phonathon and be part of something bigger than yourself," said Hubal. Anyone who would like to pledge early or be a Campaign volunteer should call the Federation office at 724-2332.



## Israeli, Jewish leaders respond to Yom Kippur attack on synagogue in Germany

By JNS staff

(JNS) – Israeli and Jewish leaders issued messages of solidarity and calls for action after a neo-Nazi gunned down two people and injured several others in Halle, Germany, on October 9 during the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur.

The assailant, who has been identified as Stephan Balliet, 27, first attempted to break into a synagogue, but was unable to open the massive wooden doors, which were bolted shut. After failing to gain entry to the synagogue, Balliet shot a passerby, a woman in her 50s. Minutes later, he attacked a nearby kebab shop with bombs and improvised weapons, killing one. Balliet livestreamed

the attack on Twitch, with the 35-minute video being viewed by 2,200 people in the 30 minutes before it was taken down, according to the video platform.

"On behalf of the people of Israel, I send condolences to the families of the victims and wishes for a quick recovery to the injured," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu wrote on Twitter following the attack. "I call on the German authorities to continue taking determined action against antisemitism."

Israeli President Reuven Rivlin tweeted on October 9 that he was "stunned and pained by the terrible antisemitic murders in Germany today, during the holiest and

most important day of the year for all Jews around the world." He called on "the leaders of Germany and the free world to bring the full force of law against antisemitism and its results."

The president of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, Josef Schuster, asserted on October 9 that "we have not experienced an incident of this kind ever before in Germany.... It shows that right-wing extremism is not only some kind of political development, but that it is highly dangerous and exactly the kind of danger that we have always warned against," he added.

Jewish Agency chief Isaac Herzog said in response to the incident that "the entire

world sees and hears what is happening and must understand that there can be no compromise in the fight against hatred of Jews and antisemitism."

Herzog said the Jewish Agency would support Halle's Jewish community. "We share in the mourning of the families whose loved ones were murdered, wish the wounded a speedy recovery and send strength to the worshipers and members of the community who are in deep mourning," he said.

Herzog went on to say that he had spoken with German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas, "who expressed his deep disturbance regarding the attack on the synagogue in See "Germany" on page 11

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# Saluting one of the last living heroes of Israel's fight for independence

By Deborah Fineblum

(JNS) Nothing really prepares you for the Smoky smile and the twinkle in an eye undimmed by nearly a century on earth. And when Harold "Smoky" Simon grins at you, it's hard to remember that, at 99, the man is one of a dwindling club: the heroes of Israel's War of Independence.

"Unhappily, that's true," he says in an accent reflecting his South African roots. "We were an endangered species, but now even that is sadly coming to an end."

Simon went on to help found not only the infant country's air force in May of 1948, as chief of air operations in Israel's War of Independence, but also World Machal, whose thousands of volunteer soldiers from around the world have served alongside the Israel Defense Forces, beginning in 1948. Years later with a partner, he established the Simon and Wiesel life-insurance agency, called one of Israel's top firms.

For all these accomplishments and the remarkable impact he's had on the Jewish state since its birth, Simon

received Nefesh B'Nefesh's Sylvan Adams Bonei Zion Lifetime Achievement Award on September 24.

It was his years flying as a navigator-bombardier for the South African Air Force during World War II that Simon says prepared him for this "extraordinary life" and his role in Israel's history.

In 1948, as newlyweds, Simon and his wife, Myra, who had been a meteorologist in the SAAF, joined a South African Zionist Federation group to volunteer to fight with their brethren in Palestine/Israel in what was threatening to be a serious war against the Arabs.

"Fighting the Nazis gave us the skills and the experience we needed to fight for Israel," he says more than seven decades later. "Without that expertise, none of us would have known how to win that war."

Still, he adds, "we had to muster all of our nerve to do



Harold "Smoky" Simon in uniform. (Photo courtesy of Harold Simon)

the job against these powerful enemies. We were up against six Arab armies—the Egyptians were supplied by the Brits, the Syrians by the French, and we didn't have a single combat plane of our own."

What Israel did have: old German planes sold to them by the Czechs, smuggled in and reassembled in Israel.

And Simon reminds us of a statement made by the Arab League's secretary-general, Abdul Rachman Azzam Pasha, on May 1, 1948: "If the Zionists dare to establish a state, the massacres we would unleash would dwarf anything which Genghis Khan and Hitler perpetrated."

"These were difficult times," acknowledges Simon. "None of us knew how it would turn out, but as proud as I'd been to be one of millions fighting to defeat the Nazis, See "Heroes" on page 9

## Opinion

From the Desk of the Federation Executive Director

### With gratitude

SHELLEY HUBAL

Everyone has favorite memories from their childhood – maybe a special place they visited, favorite foods or memorable moments spent with loved ones. After the Federation Holocaust Memorial Remembrance event on October 6, I had the chance to share a few of my favorite memories with new friends. The Temple Israel Cemetery is home to a Holocaust memorial stone erected in November 1952 by the Get Together Club, a group of German Jewish women that settled in the Southern Tier after fleeing Nazi persecution.

My grandparents, Siegfried and Gretel Moses, were German Jewish immigrants who arrived in this country in 1938 and settled on a beautiful farm in Norwich, NY. They both lost their parents and other family members in the Shoah. As cattle dealers, they made a nice life for themselves, which included German Jewish friends and

traditions. As a child, I was lucky to spend time on their farm. It was a magical place. There were lots of animals (both big and small), acres to roam, an old farm house that held lots of secrets, a creek to explore and old barns that both scared and enthralled my sisters and me. Grandma's cooking and baking were always a highlight, and we often visited other German Jewish families to schmooze and eat. Some of my happiest childhood days were spent on that farm and I am proud of my roots.

After the memorial event, I was invited back to Alice Zappert Bonis' parents home in Binghamton for brunch. The morning was filled with reminiscing about the Get Together Club members, their families and the German Jewish community in the Southern Tier after World War II. Despite a generational difference, I felt right at home. There was zwetschgenucken, a delicious German plum

torte. It was just like the one grandma used to make and made me feel closer to her than I have felt in a long time. Everyone agreed that these German Jewish immigrants were hard-working people who were determined to make a good life for themselves and their families, and they made the Southern Tier of New York a special place to live.

The Federation is honored to remember this unique part of our community's heritage and to hold a ceremony remembering all that were lost during the darkest time in our history. Whether you were born and raised in Binghamton, or come to us from a distant place, by living here you are part of something built by many special people. We are grateful you choose to live here. With your support, we will continue to make memories, plant roots and have a caring Jewish community. Wishing you many blessings for the New Year.

In My Own Words

### Antisemitism – part 1

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

"I wish I had a crystal ball." That thought occurred to me when I was reading "How to Fight Anti-Semitism" by Bari Weiss. In fact, that's not the first time that I wished for one. During the last few months, many people have been questioning whether the current rise in antisemitism, particularly in the U.S., resembles that which occurred in Nazi Germany. Yet, Weiss doesn't just discuss the current administration, but the many different forms of antisemitism she sees across the world.

I've been lucky not to have experienced much overt antisemitism in my life and the first instance was lost to me for many years. For some reason as an adult, I asked my mom if she remembered why I stopped playing with a friend who lived down the street. My mom said that one day I came home really mad, saying that Kathy said I killed Christ. I guess I sputtered to Kathy that I had not killed Christ. While that sounds like a powerful and hurtful experience, even after my mom spoke about it, I still don't remember it happening.

In high school, a few folks in the National Honor Society made some offensive remarks about my being Jewish. I don't remember the remarks, just that for once I actually had a good comeback, something along the lines of "if I want to say something bad about you, I don't have to say

it about your religion." One person later apologized to me. That's something I do remember. Unfortunately, I later learned that a close non-Jewish friend had also experienced antisemitism: after we graduated, she told me that people asked her how she could be friends with a Jew.

That means that for most of my life I've lived in what Weiss calls "a holiday from history." Weiss notes that she's also lived in that holiday period: a time when Jews were not actively persecuted or killed – a time when no one was screaming all Jews had to die. Well, there have always been people who felt that way, but, during this holiday period, most people didn't jump on their bandwagon and call for our destruction.

Weiss' book is considered controversial because she discusses all types of antisemitism: that of the Right, the Left and Radical Islam. As she notes, most people are quick to condemn antisemitism from those they oppose. For many folks, the alt-right is easy to criticize. These groups remind people of Hitler – in fact, members of these groups often express their affinity to Hitler's ideas about the Jews. But Weiss notes the antisemitism of the Left, which demands that people leave aside their Jewishness and declare that Israel – and only Israel out of all the nations in the world – has no right to exist. A simplification of Weiss' argument

shows Jews as caught between a rock and a hard place: the Right says that Jews are whites who betray their whiteness by siding with minorities and immigrants. The Left says that Jews are white, which means they are automatically labeled as oppressors, even when they are being attacked and killed.

Weiss also sees Radical Islam as a problem. She compares it to Christianity during the days of the blood libels, libels which are now being repeated in many Islamic countries. I should not have to write that Weiss is not anti-Islam, but that seems necessary in our polarized political climate. The fact that people immediately assume any criticism of Islamic culture is wrong means that you think it's OK for someone to say that Jews are sons of apes and pigs who should die. That Jews are the cause of all problems in the world. That it's OK to attack Jews because somehow it must be the Jews' fault. Those ideas are found in the words and writings of followers of Radical Islam.

Whether or not you agree with Weiss' analysis – and it's difficult to not agree with many, if not most, of her ideas – the real question becomes what will the future be like. Do we need that crystal ball? Are we about to enter another era of terror for Jews? Weiss had some interesting answers that I'll write about in my next column.



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# TC Sisterhood to hold Whale of a Sale

The 36<sup>th</sup> annual Whale of a Sale sponsored by Temple Concord Sisterhood will feature new and nearly new items. The sale will run Sundays, November 3 and 10, from 10 am-4 pm; Monday, Wednesday and Friday, November 4, 6 and 8, from noon-4 pm; and Tuesday and Thursday, No-

ember 5 and 7, from noon-6:30 pm. On Sunday, November 10, there will be an all day brown grocery bag sale at \$12 a bag. The sale will not be open Saturday, November 9. It will be held in the first floor social hall at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton.

The merchandise, low-priced and just in time for holiday gifts and winter needs, will include clothing for all ages, house wares, home furnishings, books, baby items, toys, sports equipment, appliances, jewelry and more.

# Annual Piaker Memorial Lecture featured Rabbi Joseph Telushkin

On September 23, Rabbi Joseph Telushkin spoke about "Five Teachings from the Rebbe that can Change Your Life Today" at the annual Piaker Memorial Lecture event, co-sponsored this year

with the Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton. He is the author of *The New York Times* best selling book "Rebbe" and 13 other titles.



Alan Piaker addressed the crowd on behalf of his family.



Rabbi Joseph Telushkin (seated) was surrounded by Chabad staff and student leaders who met with him at a pre-talk reception.



At left: Rabbi Joseph Telushkin (second from right) signed books after his talk.



Rabbi Joseph Telushkin addressed the crowd.

## Federation held Holocaust memorial service



At left: On October 6, the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton held a memorial service at the Holocaust Memorial located in the Temple Israel Cemetery in Conklin. Area rabbis led the service. The service originally began in 1952, but was recently resumed after a long hiatus.

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the Tri-Cities Opera. The Federation will honor retiring Jewish Federation Executive Director Sima Auerbach with a Yasher Koach award. New this year will be the Spirit of Community Awards; this year's recipients are Charles Manasse, Rita Bleier and Dr. Dora Polachek.

"This year's honorees have each contributed in a unique way," said Hubal. "We want to make this event lively. The opera singers will be singing favorite show tunes. Please be sure to make a reservation to join us."

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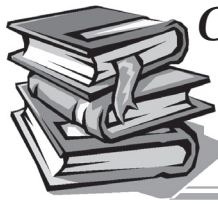
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Off the Shelf

# Cartoons and comedy

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

Is it too early to buy Hanukkah presents? I know it's difficult to think about the December holiday when we are in the midst of the extended fall holiday season, but I have two books that will make perfect presents – that is, if you don't decide to keep them for yourself. For Jewish cartoon lovers, "Have I Got a Cartoon for You!: The Moment Book of Jewish Comics" edited with an introduction by Bob Mankoff (Moment Books) makes a great gift. Those who adore works that offer comic variations on Jewish customs and history will laugh their way through a book with the longest subtitle I've ever read: "A Field Guide to the Jewish People: Who They Are, Where They Come From, What to Feed Them, What They Have Against Foreskins, How Come They Carry Each Other Around on Chairs, Why They Fled Egypt By Running Straight to a Large Body of Water, and Much More. Maybe Too Much More" by Dave Barry, Adam Mansbach and Alan Zweibel (Flatiron Books).

The jokes in "Have I Got a Cartoon for You" start with the book flap: the editor – who, ahem, is clearly not at all prejudiced – calls it the best Jewish cartoon book ever. Since not many Jewish cartoon books have been published, that isn't as great a declaration as you might think. However, I have to agree with him because these cartoons are really funny. In fact, some are laugh-out-loud funny. OK, others are only amusing, but even those made me chuckle. Most of my favorites have a biblical theme: we see Abraham, Moses, Elijah and Kings David and Solomon in situations designed to make readers laugh. There are even cartoons featuring that nice Jewish boy, Jesus. Plus the December holidays (Hanukkah versus Christmas) are always good for

a laugh. There are a few Jewish mother and grandmother cartoons, but they are not as plentiful as in most joke books. (And that's a relief, even though the ones included are funny.) Of course, no book of Jewish cartoons would be complete without a few about Passover and the seder. To describe the cartoons would spoil the surprises, so cartoon fans will just have to trust me.

While the humor in "Have I Got a Cartoon for You" is clever, but gentle, "A Field Guide to the Jewish People" uses a different approach. The three authors remind me of sixth grade boys who decided to write the most juvenile and ridiculous descriptions possible. So, the question then becomes, why did I find it so funny? I mean, the book is really ridiculously, sometimes laugh-out-loud, funny. The three authors make fun of everyone and everything connected to Judaism. I felt this way even before I saw the ad they included in the holiday section for their previous book, "For This We Left Egypt: A Passover Haggadah for Jews and Those Who Love Them." Why would that ad make me like the book? They quote from *The Reporter's* review! (Yes, our name is listed along with *USA Today*, *The Forward*, Jewish Telegraphic Agency, *Montreal Times* and *New York Jewish Week*. If you want to read that review, you can find it at <http://thereporter.com/Article.aspx?alD=4583>.)

The authors – two of whom are Jewish and one who is married to someone Jewish – are unable to decide if Judaism is a religion, race or culture, but this doesn't stop them from writing something ridiculous about Jewish history, customs, holidays and lifecycle events. One of the reasons the humor feels juvenile is that the

authors sometimes make fun of each other, in addition to the topic they're discussing. That makes the preface and the conversations with the authors (featured at the end of the work) especially funny. Some of my favorite sections include a dialogue between God, Adam and Eve that occurs on the eighth day. Since the work of creation is over, God is now bored and wants to spend time with Adam and Eve, who would prefer to be on their own. The authors compare the English section on a typical modern *ketubah* (wedding contract), which talks about love, and a translation of the Aramaic – well, their variation of the Aramaic – which riffs on the chickens given as part of the bride price and the looks of the bride. Their example of the talmudic method resembles Purim Torah, although dumbed down to a new, very funny, low.

The one question I do have is whether people who don't already know a great deal about Judaism will get all the jokes. You might have to know the real thing before some of their riffs – which can go way off on a tangent – make sense. The real surprise is that once in awhile the authors hide real answers amidst the nonsense. But you have to have a keen eye to catch it because it can sound like part of the joke.

Readers with a sense of the absurd will love "A Field Guide to the Jewish People." I already know a few people – some who loved the authors' haggadah – who will probably grab a copy before someone can buy it for them. Of course, the same may happen for "Have I Got a Cartoon for You!" After reading so many serious works of fiction and nonfiction, these books were the perfect antidote.

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Aristotle Ze Creative Consulting, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/13/2019. City: Broome. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Aristotle Ze Arkayasa, 8701 Shore Rd., Apt. 114, Brooklyn, NY 11209. General Purpose.

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Articles of Organization of Rex on Main, LLC filed with the NYS

Secretary of State (NYSS) on 9/18/19. Office of LLC is in Broome County. The Secretary of State designated as agent for service of process against it. NYSS shall mail process to 951 Southern Pines Drive, Endwell, NY 13760. Business purpose: any lawful activity.

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- The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is SEPTEMBER 19, 2019.
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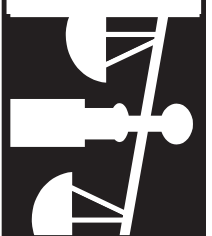
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# Chabad held Salute to Jewish Womanhood event



A cross-section of community women attended the annual Salute to Jewish Womanhood event sponsored by the Women's League for Chabad, which was headlined by a talk given by Lt. Commander Laurie Lans, who regaled the crowd with stories of her years in the Navy.

At left: Lt. Commander Laurie Lans



L-r: Ilene Pinsker, Rochel Chein and Hadassa Slonim.



L-r: Bev Novack, Rivky Slonim and Judy Simon.

## TC Hebrew School baked honey cakes for Rosh Hashanah



The Temple Concord Hebrew School students and teachers baked honey cakes in preparation for Rosh Hashanah.

Atright, l-r: Susan Walker, Marcy Yonaty, Niti Merhavy, Betty Warren, Wendy Wolff, Lillian Levy, Marcia Hofstein (back to camera) and Barbara Zelter socialized at the event.



# LEGAL NOTICE

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### NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY UNDER NEW YORK PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW ("LLCL")

1. The name of the professional service limited liability company ("LLC") WOMEN2WOMEN OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is September 24, 2019.
3. The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the professional service LLC is to be located is Broome County.
4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the professional service 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 professional service LLC served upon him or her is: 2520 VESTAL PARKWAY EAST #347, VESTAL, NEW YORK, 13850.
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### NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY UNDER NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is 585 Conklin Road LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is September 26, 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: 110 Monkey Run Road, Port Crane, NY 13833.
5. The character or purpose of the

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

1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is 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 530 Columbia Drive, 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: 28 Mountain Brook Dr., Vestal, NY 13850. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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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.

Notice of Formation of HOLLAND PRINT HOUSE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/24/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 626 West Wendell St., Endicott, 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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2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is SEPTEMBER 27, 2019.

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Stanton Pro NYC LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/19/2019. Cty: Broome. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Victoria Ng, 177 North 10th St., Ste. B, Brooklyn, NY 11211. General Purpose.

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.

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

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.

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

Notice of Formation of Walsh Development, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/17/08. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3209 Vestal Pkwy. East, Vestal, NY 13850. Purpose: any lawful activities.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: The name of the limited liability company is: The Brickyard Endwell, LLC (the "Company"). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was August 22, 2019. The county in which the principal place of business of the Company shall be located is Broome County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company, to Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP, Attn: Ronald L. Greene, Esq., 80 Exchange Street, Binghamton, NY 13901. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: The name of the limited liability company is: Lainger Group, LLC (the "Company"). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was August 28, 2019. The county in which the principal place of business of the Company shall be located is Broome County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company, to Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP, Attn: James W. Orband, Esq., 80 Exchange Street, Binghamton, NY 13901. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

Notice of Formation of CASN, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/01/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2 Catherine St., Binghamton, NY 13905. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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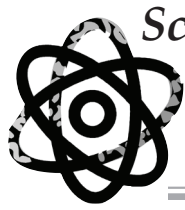
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# A new route to blocking children's bone cancer

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REHOVOT, ISRAEL – Ewing sarcoma is a bone cancer that appears mainly in teenagers. Caused by a single defective gene, once it spreads to distant organs it is hard to treat. Researchers at the Weizmann Institute of Science have now discovered molecular interactions underlying Ewing sarcomas and proposed a potential treatment that has shown promise in a study in mice. These findings were published in *Cell Reports*.

Dr. Swati Srivastava, a postdoctoral fellow in the laboratory of Prof. Yosef Yarden in the Department of Biological Regulation, conducted research together with colleagues that focused on glucocorticoids: receptors for steroid hormones. These receptors are present in virtually all human cells, conveying hormonal messages related to stress, wakefulness and a host of other important functions. But sometimes glucocorticoid receptors stimulate malignant growth by moving to the cell nucleus, where they physically interact and bind with transcription factors – molecules that turn genes on or off. The researchers wanted to learn more about the role of these interactions in malignancy.

A highly sensitive protein interaction analysis that can be used on living cells revealed previously unknown interactions: once activated by hormones, glucocorticoid receptors were found to be binding, within the cell nucleus, to transcription factors of the E-twenty-six family, together forming a physical complex. One of the transcription factors in the ETS family is known to drive the development of Ewing sarcoma; its gene fuses abnormally with another gene, creating an oncogene: a cancer-causing gene.

When the study turned up this link between the Ewing sarcoma oncogene and glucocorticoid receptors,

the researchers set out to test a hypothesis: that these receptors boost the growth of the sarcoma. A series of studies supplied evidence that this is indeed the case. Physical binding between glucocorticoid receptors and the protein made by this oncogene increased the growth and migration of Ewing sarcoma cells in a laboratory dish, and gave an even stronger boost to the growth and spread of the sarcoma in mice.

The major medical significance of these findings is that they open the door to a new treatment option for Ewing sarcoma. When the researchers implanted human Ewing sarcoma cells into mice, the tumors grew much more slowly when the mice were treated with metyrapone, a drug that is approved for treating adrenal insufficiency and works by reducing glucocorticoid synthesis. In other experiments, also in mice, the drug mifepristone – which blocks the glucocorticoid receptor and is approved for other clinical applications – prevented the metastasis of Ewing sarcoma via a major cancer cell dissemination route: from bone to lungs. In contrast, when the researchers increased the activity of glucocorticoid receptors, the sarcomas grew and spread much faster.

Furthermore, the team performed a genetic analysis of tumor samples from patients with Ewing sarcoma and identified seven genes regulated by the glucocorticoid receptors that were expressed in higher-than-normal levels in patients with particularly lethal tumors. These genes might serve as a genetic signature enabling a selection of patients for treatment: those with upregulated “signature” genes are especially likely to benefit from treatment aimed at neutralizing glucocorticoid receptors. The signature genes may also help predict the course of the disease, as their increased expression could signal a poor prognosis;

reduced expression, on the other hand, may signal better chances for survival.

If research in human patients confirms the study's findings, they offer new hope to youngsters with this malignancy, especially in cases when the sarcoma has metastasized beyond the bone.

“Our findings provide the basis for a personalized approach to the treatment of Ewing sarcoma,” Srivastava says. The fact that the study made use of drugs that have already been approved for other uses should facilitate the implementation of this approach.

Study participants also included Dr. Nishanth Belugali Nataraj, Arunachalam Sekar, Dr. Soma Ghosh, Diana Drago-Garcia, Dr. Donatella Romaniello, and Dr. Ilaria Marrocco of the Department of Biological Regulation; Dr. Chamutal Bornstein-Ovits and Prof. Ido Amit of the Department of Immunology; Prof. Adi Kimchi and Drs. Lee Roth and Yuval Gilad of the Department of Molecular Genetics; Dr. Mattia Lauriola of the University of Bologna, Italy; Dr. Ron Rotkopf of Weizmann's Life Sciences Core Facilities Department; Profs. Olivier Dellatre and Andrei Zinovyev, and Drs. Olivier Mirabeau and Didier Surdez of Institut Curie in Paris; and Prof. Heinrich Kovar of the Children's Cancer Research Institute of the Medical University of Vienna.

*The Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel, has been called one of the world's top-ranking multidisciplinary research institutions. The Institute's 3,800-strong scientific community engages in research addressing problems in medicine and health, energy, technology, agriculture and the environment. Young scientists from around the world pursue advanced degrees at the Weizmann Institute's Feinberg Graduate School.*

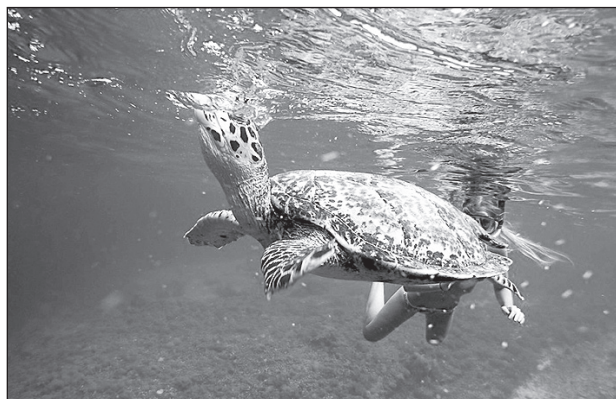
## Israeli conservationists work to restore endangered turtles

By JNS staff

(JNS) – The Israeli Sea Turtle Rescue Center released 60 baby turtles into the Mediterranean Sea in Israel recently as part of a conservation program aimed at helping the population of green turtles, which are endangered worldwide.

Green turtles are threatened by hunting, intrusion by humans on the beaches where they nest and pollution of their feeding grounds offshore, among other things. Only about 20 female green turtles nest along the Israeli Mediterranean coast during a breeding season that typically lasts from May until August, according to the rescue center.

In 2002, the rescue center began a conservation program by recruiting turtles for breeding to help populate



A sea turtle underwater. (Photo by Flickr)

the sea with their offspring, according to Reuters. The group of turtles began to reach sexual maturity a few years ago and this year began breeding, with about 200 babies expected to hatch by the end of the season.

Roderic Mast, president of the Oceanic Society and co-chair of the IUCN-SSC Marine Turtle Specialist Group, said it was critical to their chances of survival to release the hatchlings into the sea immediately.

“In terms of conservation, nothing is more important than protection of turtles, and their habitats and behaviors in the wild,” said Mast.

The center's manager, Yaniv Levi, noted that “we're only at the beginning. It's the first year, and we expect that in the coming years we will be able to spawn 1,000 hatchlings a year.”

## Israeli researchers believe pesticides as likely cause of Cuban-based “Havana Syndrome”

by jns staff

A new interdisciplinary study on the “Havana Syndrome,” led by Dr. Alon Friedman, M.D., of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Israel and Dalhousie University Brain Repair Center in Nova Scotia, Canada, points to overexposure to pesticides as a likely cause for neurological symptoms among Canadian diplomats residing in

Havana in 2016. It is the first study of its kind focused on Canadian diplomats.

The “Havana Syndrome” was the name given to the symptoms initially believed to be acoustic attacks on U.S. and Canadian embassy staff, first reported in Cuba. Beginning in August 2017, reports surfaced that American and Canadian diplomatic personnel in Cuba had suffered a variety of health problems, including headaches and loss of balance, as well as sleep, concentration and memory difficulties.

To ensure that the findings were properly interpreted and understood by the medical community, Friedman elected to discuss his research in advance of peer-reviewed publication with the Canadian Broadcasting Service, which obtained a draft report to the Canadian government, leaked by an unknown source. The research paper is due to be posted online at [www.medRxiv.org](http://www.medRxiv.org).

The study details the nature of the injury; specifies the brain regions involved, including the blood-brain barrier; and suggests a cause in the form of “cholinesterase inhibi-

tors,” with “organophosphorus insecticides” being a likely source. Cholinesterase (or ChE) is one of the key enzymes required for the proper functioning of the nervous systems of humans, invertebrates and insects.

In total, there were 26 Canadian participants: 23 Canadian diplomats and their family members who lived in Havana were included in the study, as well as individuals who didn't live in Cuba. “We were also able to test several of the subjects before and after they returned from Cuba,” says Friedman. “Our team saw changes in the brain that definitely occurred during the time they were in Havana.”


Friedman and his team attribute the study's findings to multidisciplinary and quantitative research methods, in particular their use of new brain-imaging tools, including advanced Magnetic Resonance Imaging techniques and magnetoencephalography. “We followed the science, and with each discovery we asked ourselves more questions,” says Friedman. “Pinpointing the exact location of where the brain was injured was an important factor that helped lead us to perform specific biochemical and toxicological blood tests, and reach the conclusion that the most likely cause of the injury was repeated exposure to neurotoxins.”

The 15 researchers from the Brain Repair Center at Dalhousie University and their teams represent a wide range of disciplines, including neuroscience, neurology, psychiatry, audio-vestibular, ophthalmology, toxicology and even veterinary medicine.

“The study validates the need for us to continue to learn more about the use of pesticides and other toxins,” says Friedman. “It is a global health issue that reminds us how much we still have to learn about the impact that toxins have on our health.”

Not your Bubbe's storytime!

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# Heroes..... Continued from page 2

it was even more emotional when you are part of a small bunch fighting for your own people, your own country,"

Those who lived through these harrowing times, he says, "can truly see how, with all the odds against us then, there is far more than human effort behind that victory. Returning to our ancient land, we are living a miracle of biblical proportions here."

In fact, Simon's first flight, on May 14, had the distinction of taking off from Palestine, later landing in the same spot when it was officially Israel, after Ben-Gurion declared the state while they were in the air.

After the war, the Simons returned to South Africa, where their four children were born and he entered the insurance business. In 1962, the family made *aliyah*, and with Moshe Wiesel, he established Simon and Wiesel. "In those years, the country had gone from a state of austerity to a growing economy," he says. "It was a wonderful time to be here." And his fledgling insurance firm found fertile

ground in that burgeoning economy.

In 1968, Simon was elected as chairman of World Machal, representing nearly 5,000 volunteers from 59 countries who fought in the War of Independence. He has served in that capacity for a half-century, as more "Machalniks" have joined over the years to help strengthen Israel's military.

These foreign soldiers are just part of the backing Israel has enjoyed over the years from Jews around the world. Simon says, "Without their support, in good times and hard times, too, Israel could not have survived."

Nefesh B'Nefesh honored those contributions by English-speaking *olim* as well. "In every area of expertise within the country, one can find an English-speaking *oleh* ['immigrant'] who has introduced seismic, innovative change in Israel," said Rabbi Yehoshua Fass, the organization's co-founder and executive director. "Smoky Simon is an extraordinary individual who has succeeded in creating meaningful change in so many fields across this country... His impact on the state of Israel will be felt for many generations to come."

"He knew that as a Jew fighting for human freedom and dignity, it was something worth sacrificing your life for," says Richard Landes, a retired Boston University history professor now living in Israel. "Honoring pioneers like Smoky is like a long-distance swimmer picking up his head, and seeing where we've come from and where we're heading. It's a tonic the Jewish people and the world needs now in the face of so much criticism of Israel."

And, in his 100<sup>th</sup> year, Simon's devotion to Israel remains strong. "There are 58 Muslim states and 86 Christian states in the world, and there is going to be one Jewish state – the state of Israel – until the end of time," he says.

"Israel survived against all the odds, and the part we played? We were in the fortunate position to be in this place at that time," he adds with his trademark grin. "We were fortunate enough to be able to be the arm of the Almighty."



Harold "Smoky" Simon (second from left) at a map table with other Israeli Air Force soldiers in August 1948. (Photo courtesy of Harold Simon)



Harold "Smoky" Simon (at left) displayed his Nefesh B'Nefesh's Sylvan Adams Bonei Zion Lifetime Achievement Award on September 24. (Photo courtesy of Nefesh B'Nefesh via Facebook)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

### Israeli startups raise more than \$1 billion in September

Israeli startups raised \$5.9 billion so far in 2019 and are on track to pass last year's record-breaking figure of \$6.4 billion, the Israeli business daily *Globes* reported on Oct. 2. Based on press releases from Israeli companies that have completed financing rounds, more than \$1 billion was raised in September alone. However, the true figure is likely even higher, as some companies do not reveal investment data, according to the report. Israeli tech companies raised \$650 million in July and \$350 million in August, according to the IVC Research Center.



## Ignore these vehicle repairs and you may get pulled over

(NAPSI) - Many drivers may feel that they don't have the time or money to address vehicle repairs immediately, but beware: Ignoring some repairs can get you pulled over and even ticketed.

"Ignoring certain vehicle repairs may seem to save money in the short term, but can lead to extra costs, such as fines or 'fix-it' tickets, if these problems are not taken care of when they arise," explains Rich White, executive director of the Car Care Council. "In some jurisdictions, car owners may even lose their license for certain violations. A few dollars spent on simple vehicle repairs can help avoid trouble with the law."

While a vehicle is in operation, traffic laws require that certain equipment is properly installed and functioning correctly, including brakes, headlights, turn signals, mirrors, windshields and safety belts, to name a few.

The Car Care Council recommends that drivers address these four repairs right away as they present public safety concerns that can earn drivers a traffic ticket on top of a repair bill.

◆ Non-functioning turn signals and headlights or taillights that are cracked or broken. Most states require vehicles to

have functioning turn signals as well as two functioning headlights and taillights. Taillights must illuminate red; if a taillight is cracked, it can give off a white light, which is also typically a traffic violation.

◆ Cracked windshield. If a windshield is cracked, discolored or tinted in a way that obstructs vision, drivers may get ticketed and fined. In some states, vehicle modifications, such as tinted windows, are prohibited.

◆ License plates are unreadable. If the license plate light is out or the plate is otherwise unreadable, drivers may be pulled over. In some states, this includes clear or tinted plastic license plate covers.

◆ Loud exhaust system. A defective exhaust system that is too loud, either because it's been modified or because it needs repairs, can be cause for a ticket. What's considered loud depends on the state.

Many states also require periodic vehicle safety inspections. For an overview by state, visit <https://drivinglaws.aaa.com/tag/safety-inspection/>.

The Car Care Council is a source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer education campaign promoting the benefits of regular vehicle care, maintenance and repair

to consumers. For the latest car care news, visit the council's online media room at <http://media.carcare.org>. To order a free copy of the Car Care Guide, visit [www.carcare.org](http://www.carcare.org).

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Sukkot, Exodus 33:12-34:26

## One nation, one people, united together in the service of Hashem

RABBI EVAN SHORE, SHAAREI TORAH ORTHODOX CONGREGATION OF SYRACUSE

All of the Jewish holidays have unique aspects and names attached to them. The holiday of Sukkot is no different. Our rabbis refer to the holiday of Sukkot simply as *Hachag*: The Holiday. What makes the *yom tov* of Sukkot

so outstanding that it is known as "The Holiday." Sukkot possess a trait that is manifested more on this holy day than all the others. This trait is one of *achdut*: Jewish unity. In Leviticus 23:40, the Torah commands us: "You shall

take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of a citron tree, the branches of date palms, twigs of a plaited tree and brook willows, and you shall rejoice before Hashem, your God, for See "One" on page 11

## Congregational Notes

### 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, October 18, at 7:15 pm, there will be wine and cheese in the sukkah and, at 8 pm, there will be Shabbat Sukkot services led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Saturday, October 19, 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 Sukkot family service.

On Sunday, October 20, at 6:30 pm, there will be an Atzeret-Simchat Torah service with unrolling Torahs and Yizkor memorial service.

On Monday, October 21, at 10:30 am, there will be an Atzeret-Simchat Torah Festival and Yizkor service, followed by a potluck lunch (vegetarian/dairy).

On Tuesday, October 22, at 4:15 pm and 5:15 pm, there will be Hebrew school; and at 7 pm, there will be Evening Book Club.

On Thursday, October 24, at 4:15 pm and 5:15 pm, there will be Hebrew school; and at 5 pm, the CHOW pantry will be open.

On Friday, October 25, at 8 pm, there will be a #ShowUpForShabbat Gather-Remember-Act Service led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell with Aiden Levine.

On Saturday, October 26, 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 and celebration of Aiden Levine becoming a bar mitzvah.

### Norwich Jewish Center

Orientation: Inclusive  
 Rabbi: David Regenspan  
 Address: 72 South Broad St., Norwich, NY 13815  
 Contact: Guilina 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.

### Congregation Tikun v'Or

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism  
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 Phone: 607-256-1471  
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 Rabbi: Brian Walt  
 Religious School Director/Admin. Coordinator: Naomi Wilensky

Services: Fridays at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted. Intergenerational Shabbat, music services, and other special services. Call for the weekly schedule.

Religious School: Preschool through seventh-grade classes meet on Sunday mornings.  
 Sixth-grade Hebrew and seventh-grade b'nai mitzvah classes meet on Wednesday afternoons.

Adult Ed: Mini courses throughout the year. Adult Hebrew offered regularly. Call the office for details.

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

### 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.

### Beth David Synagogue

Affiliation: Orthodox Union  
 Rabbi: Zev Silber  
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 Phone: 722-1793  
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 Office hours: Mon. closed; Tues. 10 am-1 pm; Wed. closed; Thurs. 9 am-1 pm; Fri. 10 am-1 pm  
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 Website: www.bethdavid.org  
 Facebook: www.facebook.com/bethdavidbinghamton  
 Classes: Rabbi Zev Silber will hold his weekly Talmud class every Tuesday evening after services.

On Friday, October 18, Chol Hamoed, Shacharit will be held at 6:50 am; Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot candle lighting will be at 5:59 pm; and Mincha at 6:05 pm.

On Saturday, October 19, Shacharit will be held at 9 am.

On Sunday, October 20, Hoshana Rabba, Shacharit will be held at 8:30 am.

On Sunday, October 20, erev Shemini Atzeret candle lighting will be at 5:56 pm and Mincha at 6 pm.

On Monday, October 21, Shemini Atzeret, Shacharit will be held at 9 am; Yizkor at 10:45 am; Mincha at 6 pm; erev Simchat Torah candle lighting will be after 6:54 pm; and Ma'ariv and hakafot will be at 6:55 pm.

On Tuesday, October 22, Simchat Torah, Shacharit will be held at 9 am; hakafot at 9:45 am; Mincha at 5:55 pm; and yom tov will end at 6:54 pm.

### 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 Sunday, October 20 – erev Shemini Atzeret services will be held at 6 pm at the Chabad Center. All services will be followed by dinners in the sukkah (call 797-0015 to RSVP).

On Monday, October 21, the Shemini Atzeret/erev Simchat Torah service will be held at 9:30 am at the Chabad Center; and the Simchat Torah Blast at 7:30 pm will be held in the C-4 Multi Purpose Room (Newing/Dickinson College) at Binghamton University.

On Tuesday, October 22, Simchat Torah services will be held at 9:30 am at the Chabad Center.

### Temple Beth El of Oneonta

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism  
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 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, October 18, light candles before ..... 5:59 pm  
 Saturday, October 19, Shabbat ends ..... 6:58 pm  
 Sunday, October 20, light candles before ..... 5:56 pm  
 Monday, October 21, light candles after ..... 7:27 pm  
 Tuesday, October 22, yom tov ends ..... 6:54 pm  
 Friday, October 25, light candles before ..... 5:49 pm  
 Saturday, October 26, Shabbat ends ..... 6:48 pm

### Temple Israel

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

On Saturday, October 19, at 9:30 am, Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Exodus 33:12-34:26. The haftarah will be Ezekiel 38:18-39:16. The kiddush sponsor will be Suzanne Austenfeld.

On Sunday, October 20, from 10-11 am, there will be a Hoshana Rabbah study session and, at 10:30 am, there will be a Hebrew school Simchat Torah party.

On Monday, October 21, at 9:30 am, there will be Shemini Atzeret services; at 11 am, there will be Yizkor; and at 7 pm, there will be an erev Simchat Torah service/party.

On Tuesday, October 22, from 10-11 am, there will be a Simchat Torah study session.

On Monday, October 28, at 7:30 pm, there will be a Ritual Committee meeting.

The temple office will be closed for the upcoming holidays: Monday October 21; and Tuesday, October 22.

### 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.

On Friday, October 18, Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:15 pm will be followed by potluck supper in the sukkah.

On Sunday, October 20, erev Shemini Atzeret services will be held at 6:15 pm.

On Monday, October 21, Shemini Atzeret services will be held at 10 am and the erev Simchat Torah celebration at 7 pm.

On Tuesday, October 22, the Simchat Torah celebration will be held at 10 am.

### 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  
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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.

# Jewish Community Center

## 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 10 am-noon (note corrected time). 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.

## Annual Vera Bradley Bingo at JCC on Nov. 3

By Paige Bartholomew

The Jewish Community Center will host its annual Vera Bradley Bingo fund-raising event on Sunday, November 3, at 1 pm. The cost is \$15 per card; all cards purchased can be reused for all bingo games. There will also be light refreshments available for purchase. Reservations can be made with ECC Assistant Director Nichole McMillen at 724-2417, ext. 431. The first 20 people to register will be entered into a drawing to win a door prize.

Attendees at the fund-raiser will be able to participate in 15 rounds of bingo, each offering the chance to win a different Vera Bradley prize. The contributions from the fund-raiser will go to the JCC's Early Childhood Center. The ECC is a place that seeks to "provide a warm and caring environment where children explore, experiment, play, grow and learn to ask questions." Programming is offered for infants through age 5, including full day daycare and preschool, art and physical education classes,

and Universal Pre-Kindergarten.

"The proceeds go toward items needed in the classrooms that create an overall better environment for the children," said McMillen. Proceeds from previous Vera Bradley Bingo events went to items such as thermometers, cots and classroom manipulatives.

For more information about Vera Bradley Bingo, ECC programming, or the JCC, contact the JCC office at 724-2417.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

#### Initiative seeks to double number of international students in Israel

The Council for Higher Education in Israel the week of Oct. 11 officially launched the national initiative "Study in Israel" to double the number of international students enrolled in Israeli colleges and universities, initially targeting students in North America, China and India. As many as 12,000 international students are currently studying in Israel. The program touts dozens of short-term and longer study programs associated with high Israeli academic standards and an engaged approach to education with the theme "Engage in Excellence," highlighting the country's innovative academic and research landscape as part of the startup nation. Recently, four Israeli universities were ranked among the top 50 undergraduate programs globally that produce the

most venture capital-backed entrepreneurs, according to the latest ranking by PitchBook. "We have committed to making Israel a 'brain gain' country for students and researchers from around the world - North and South America, Europe and Asia," said Professor Yaffa Zilbershats, chair of the CHE's Planning and Budgeting Committee. "With this new campaign, Israel is now more attractive than ever; we're looking forward to bringing many more students from around the globe in years to come." Meanwhile, the CHE also recently authorized 26 new international-degree programs in a range of fields Israel is globally recognized, including STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), innovation and entrepreneurship, Jewish studies, Middle Eastern studies, agriculture, urban studies, environmental studies and design. The council has also earmarked funding to its public higher-education institutions to bolster marketing and recruitment efforts, create new courses in English and

develop international-student services. It also finances and manages a number of fellowship programs for international students and post-doctorate researchers.

#### Muss high school in Israel program to offer second summer session in 2020

Due to overwhelming demand and for the first time to date, Jewish National Fund-USA's Alexander Muss High School in Israel (or AMHSI) is adding a second summer session to its 2020 calendar. "While we read in the news about declining rates of Jewish student engagement, nothing could be further from the truth, as we see demand for our study-abroad programs exceed places," said Rabbi Leor Sinai, co-CEO of AMHSI. "I believe that part of our 'secret sauce' relates to the fact that we are now seen as a world-class institute of academic excellence." The Hod Hasharon campus, 20 minutes outside of Tel Aviv, allows for an immersive experience through informal encounters with Israelis, exposing students to the local culture, language and environment. The program seeks to inspire students to live outside of their books and assignments, and challenge themselves to find their link within the chain of Jewish continuity. "Our vision of transforming tomorrow's generation today encourages students to return to their home communities prepared to give back and inspired to become the rising generation of Jewish leadership," said AMHSI President Ron Werner. "While it's been more than 35 years since I attended, I still utilize the leadership skills that I learned during my time at Muss in my professional endeavors."

#### Netanyahu pre-indictment hearings draw to a close

The fourth and final day of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's pre-indictment hearings for multiple corruption, bribery and breach of trust charges ended on the night of Oct. 7 after 10 hours, giving way to the next stage, in which Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit determines whether or not to indict Israel's leader. Mandelblit has until Dec. 15 to decide if Netanyahu will be indicted in any or all of three cases: Case 4000 (the Bezeq-Walla affair), Case 1000 (the illegal gifts affair) and Case 2000 (the Yediot Achronot-Israel Hayom affair).

### One . . . . .

a seven day period." The Torah is commanding the Jewish people to take what is known as the *arba minim*, the four species: the etrog, lulav, willow branch and myrtle branch. We are to bind them together as one and wave them in all four directions, up and down. By fulfilling this command we will rejoice before Hashem. How are we driven to rejoicing by taking these four species, aside from the fact that God commanded us to do so?

Our saintly rabbis have taught us that the four species reflect four different types of Jews in regard to Torah knowledge and good deeds. The etrog possesses both traits. By virtue of its taste and aroma, the etrog symbolizes the Jew who has both knowledge and deeds. The lulav bears delicious fruit, but lacks aroma. This is like the Jew who has knowledge of the Torah, but lacks good deeds. The myrtle branch has the aroma, but lacks taste. There are Jews who have good deeds, but are lacking Torah knowledge.

### Germany . . . . .

Halle, saying, "This is an attack on all of us. We all stand together on the frontlines against antisemitism."

Orthodox Union Executive Vice President Allen Fagin said in a statement that this "senseless act of antisemitic violence was not only a heinous attack on the Jewish community of Halle, but... yet another example of antisemitism in Germany, which continues to proliferate. Every Jew has the right to practice their religion without fear of being a victim of terror." An attack on one Jew is an attack on all, said Fagin, adding that "our prayers and thoughts are with our brethren in Halle."

Chief Rabbi of Berlin Yehudah Teichtal said, "We stand alongside the community that has been harmed and weep over those murdered. The cruel method of the attacker is indescribable, and especially the fact that it happened on Yom Kippur, the holiest day for the Jewish people."

Teichtal said he learned about the attack in the middle of the Yom Kippur prayers. "A senior security official approached me in the middle of the *Musaf* prayer and informed me of the attack. Immediately, the security of our synagogue was increased, alongside other synagogues," reported the Chabad rabbi. "We talked about the attack

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Finally, we have the willow, which is devoid of both taste and aroma. This symbolizes the Jew who is lacking both Torah knowledge and good deeds.

The Torah is calling out, screaming out, for all Jews to come together, regardless of level of observance and knowledge. The ultimate joy that we can experience is the realization that we are one: one nation, one people, united together in the service of Hashem. All Jews are needed for this to become a reality. If any are left out or excluded, we will not be successful. On the holiday of Sukkot, if we are lacking one of the four species, or if they are not tied together as one, the mitzvah is not fulfilled.

It is my hope and prayer that this year for Sukkot may all of *Klal Yisroel* come together as a united people. Please God, may we all merit rejoicing before the Lord our God and truly experience *Hachag* on its highest level.



A man identified by German police as Stephan Balliet, 27, opened fire near a Turkish restaurant in the German city of Halle, on Yom Kippur, October 9. (Source: Screenshot)

with our synagogue worshippers. We emphasized the great miracle the community had because their door was locked, thus avoiding a much more serious incident, and of course, strengthened their spirit, with a prayer for a year of good news."

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

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**Iranian tanker struck by missiles near Saudi Arabia**

Two missiles hit an Iranian oil tanker 60 miles off the coast of Saudi Arabia on Oct. 11, causing a brief oil leak and increase in oil prices, as well as increased tensions in the Middle East. The oil from the Sabiti, owned by the National Iranian Oil Company, leaked into the Red Sea near the Saudi port city of Jeddah, according to Iranian state media. "This latest incident, if confirmed to be an act of aggression, is highly likely to be part of the wider narrative of deteriorating relations between Saudi and the U.S. and Iran," private maritime security firm Dryad Maritime told the Associated Press. "It is likely that the region, having been stable for the last month, will face another period of increasing maritime threats, as the Iranian and Saudi geopolitical stand-off continues." The tanker was carrying about one million barrels of oil when the attack occurred, according to an analysis from data firm Refinitiv. The Iranians have yet to say who was responsible. The U.S. Navy is aware of the attack.

**Car damaged by gunfire on Yom Kippur outside Chabad at Elon University**

A car was damaged by a bullet outside Elon University Chabad in North Carolina on the night of Oct. 9, as community members attended services toward the end of Yom Kippur. Gunshots were heard between 6:45 pm and 7:15 pm. Police responded to reports of a damaged vehicle at 10:01 pm. They discovered damage on the back window and

roof rack, where the bullet was discovered. No one was injured. "There is no indication of any ongoing threat to the campus community," wrote Jon Dooley, Elon vice president for student life, in an e-mail to the university community. He said that while the motive is unknown, "the timing and location of this incident are extremely disturbing." The case is currently being investigated as a possible hate crime, according to a police report.

**Swastika found at Yale Law School ahead of Yom Kippur**

Yale Law School in New Haven, CT, is investigating swastika graffiti discovered on steps of the school's side entrance on the night of Oct. 5, days before Yom Kippur, the *Yale Daily News* reported. "Yale Law School has zero tolerance for discrimination or harassment of any kind, and symbols of hate have no place on our campus or in our society," Yale Law School Dean Heather Gerken said in a statement on Oct. 7. "We take an incident like this extremely seriously and are currently investigating." The graffiti was of a white, spray-painted swastika above the word "Trump" and has since been removed. This is the first reported incident of a swastika appearing on the Yale campus since 2014. Gerken said no evidence indicates that a member of the Yale community painted it. She added that the antisemitic act is "utterly antithetical" to the school's values and encouraged anyone with information to reach out to her office. Rabbi Jason Rubenstein, Jewish chaplain at Yale, revealed said that the Yale Police Department told the Joseph Slifka Center for Jewish Life on Oct. 6 that they visited "all other likely targets of antisemitic activity" and found "no evidence that this incident is part of a larger campaign." Rubenstein said university administrators "see this as an attack not just on Yale's Jewish community, but on Yale itself and its values, which is some of the most powerful consolation we can receive as we figure out what this mean[s] for our community."

**Antisemitic content, string of incidents hit University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign**

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has been facing a recent streak of antisemitic incidents, including a swastika being found on one of its buildings. The Nazi symbol was discovered on Oct. 6 in the Foreign Languages Building, according to a campus e-mail sent on Oct. 9 by Chancellor Robert Jones. Additionally, a recent presentation for the school's residential living team, consisting of 11 student employees and a full-time staff member, contained antisemitic content, the specifics of which are currently unknown. Jones said campus administrators are reaching out to those who attended the meeting to gather information about what transpired. "This exercise was part of a university program created to help students learn to share diverse ideas and perspectives that lead to new understanding," wrote Jones. "Instead of fostering dialogue, it incited division, distrust and anger. ... The program allowed our students to enter an extremely challenging and potentially volatile situation without the preparation, training, education and professional oversight they needed to succeed," he continued. "This is inexcusable and unacceptable. This is a failure to our students and that is my responsibility."

**Team of Israeli doctors fly to Cyprus to save woman's life**

A team of four Israeli heart specialists traveled to a hospital in Cyprus with life-saving technology to save a woman who was suffering cardiac issues following childbirth, the Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer revealed on Facebook on Oct. 6. The Medical Center said a 29-year-old woman from Nicosia, Cyprus, suffered "a severe problem in her left main cardiac arterial region during the course of childbirth." Doctors at Nicosia Hospital were apparently "running out of time to save her life" since the medical facility lacked a life-saving Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (or ECMO) machine, which pumps and oxygenates a patient's blood outside the body, allowing the heart and lungs to rest. The doctors made an emergency call to their colleagues at Sheba's Leviev Heart Center. Within seven hours, a group of Israeli doctors arrived at the hospital with the ECMO machine, stabilized the patient and transported her to Sheba, where she is recovering in the Leviev Heart Center.

**America's Jewish population is growing, but getting older**

The American Jewish population has grown 10 percent in the last seven years and is mostly liberal, 65 or older and white, according to a new American Jewish population estimate of the 48 contiguous U.S. states by Brandeis University's Steinhardt Social Research Institute. As of 2018, there are approximately 7.5 million Jews in the contiguous United States, which is about 2 percent of the U.S. population. The United States is home to the largest Jewish community in the world even above Israel, which has 6.5 million Jews according to recent government statistics. "The cynicism about American Judaism, and this belief that we are a shrinking population, we are a vanishing population, is incorrect," said Leonard Saxe, director of the Steinhardt Center at Brandeis University, whose study was based on data from 150 independent survey sampling 234,000 adults, including 5,300 Jews. "The prophecy of the vanishing Jew has not come to fruition," he stated. In 2019 and the previous two surveys, the percentage of Jewish Americans who are white has remained at approximately 89 percent. The percentage is higher among younger Jews, according to the study, which found that 14 percent of Jews aged 18 to 24 identified as non-white or Hispanic. Additionally, 26 percent of the Jewish population is aged 65 or older. While 41 percent are aged 18 to 44, within that group, 10.5 percent of Jews are 18-24. Jews nationwide also predominately identify as Democrats at 51 percent, and 17 percent of Jews are Republicans. Jewish liberals come in at 42 percent, while 20 percent identified as Jewish conservatives and 37 percent as moderates.

**P.A. erases references of Israel, Jewish people and peace from school textbooks**

References to Israel, the Jewish people and peace have been removed from 2019-20 Palestinian Authority textbooks, according to a recent study. The study, which was carried out by the Institute for Monitoring Peace and Cultural Tolerance in School Education (or IMPACT-se), states that the changes in P.A. textbooks for grades one through 12 represent radicalization and are "a clear deterioration in content," and that the textbooks now fail to meet UNESCO standards. IMPACT-se, which tracks educational material in the Middle East, found that the only signed peace agreement between Israel and the P.A. still mentioned in the textbooks (and now covered less favorably and in less detail than previous versions) is the 1993 Oslo Accords. Whereas older textbooks mentioned Jerusalem as the Jewish capital in the ancient period, any mention of Jewish presence and ancient Jewish history in the land – or to the Jewish people's connection to Jerusalem – has been removed, with textbooks now representing Jewish holy places as Muslim sites usurped by "Zionists." The term "Jewish state," which had previously appeared in a map showing partitions and armistice lines, has also been removed. The name "Israel," too, now appears substantially fewer times throughout the textbooks, which now more often refer to the "colonialist occupiers," "Zionist Occupation," "The Occupation," "Israeli Occupation," "The Zionists" and "The Zionist Entity." Among other topics removed include PLO statements calling for peace, coexistence and nonviolence. For example, where a previous textbook version stated: "The PLO considers that the signing of the Declaration of Principles constitutes a historic event, inaugurating a new epoch of peaceful coexistence free from violence and all other acts which endanger peace and stability," current ones now state: "Forcing the Zionist Occupation to recognize the PLO after the first intifada in 1987 contributed to the return of PLO cadres and institutions in 1994 to the West Bank and Gaza Strip." Additions to the new textbooks include "a systematic insertion of violence, martyrdom and *jihad* across all grades and subjects in a more extensive and sophisticated manner, embracing a full spectrum of extreme nationalist ideas and Islamist ideologies that extend even into the teaching of mathematics and science, including physics, chemistry and biology," according to the study.

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