





Off the Shelf

# Coming of age – part two

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

Confession time: reading novels about young adults, especially those set in modern times, makes me grateful that my teen years are over. That's because these novels often focus on the teens' fears about their future. Of course, the main characters of three of these works might feel better if they compared themselves to the narrator who lived during World War II. However, even having that sense of perspective doesn't mean a person's life is easy: making decisions about your future is difficult no matter in which era you live.

## "The Truth About Leaving"

Lucy's senior year is not going according to plan. Her boyfriend, who is starting his first year of college, dumped her. Her mother is now commuting from Chicago to California for a new job and spends most of the week out west. Her father increasingly depends on Lucy to supervise her two younger brothers when he works. Even the dance lessons Lucy loved have been dropped because there just isn't enough time for everything. In "The Truth About Leaving" by Natalie Blitt (Amberjack Publishing), the only thing that remains stable is her best friend, Maddie. Lucy keeps telling herself that if she can just get through the school year and be accepted into college, everything should be OK. That's her plan, but life takes an unexpected turn when she meets Dov, a new Israeli student at her school, who resents having to spend his senior year in the U.S.

Lucy and Dov seem to bond in their English classes, where the two are paired to exchange poems and talk about why they find them meaningful. However, Dov is prickly and Lucy can't get a handle on how to create a better connection between them. It doesn't help that she has plenty of her own problems: she not only became the on-call babysitter for her brothers, but her parents now expect her to attend college in Chicago so she can still help at home. While going to school in Chicago was her original plan, Lucy begins to wonder if that's what she really wants or if she's just fulfilling her parents' expectations. Complicating matters is her growing resentment that her mother's commute means more time in California than expected and more responsibility for Lucy in Chicago. Lucy begins to think it would be a good thing to gain some distance from her family so she can decide what she wants for her life.

"The Truth About Leaving" is part love story and

part coming of age saga. Lucy is an appealing character and watching her gain the strength to not only decide what she wants, but forcefully pursue it, made reading the book a pleasure. While the novel will appeal more to teens than adults, parents can use this work to discuss issues of responsibility with their teens and how they affect both generations.

## "Someday We Will Fly"

An increasing number of books are highlighting a lesser known aspect of World War II: the Jews who escaped Europe and found their way to Shanghai. Desperate times make people act in ways they might otherwise never consider, as Lillia Kazka discovers in "Someday We Will Fly" by Rachel DeWoskin (Viking). Lillia, her father and younger sister flee Poland for Shanghai, which was occupied by the Japanese army. Lillia's mother was supposed to leave with them, but disappeared when the police raided what was to be her parents' last acrobat performance in Poland.

Her mother's whereabouts is just one of the many things that Lillia has to worry about in her new surroundings. There now is the question of food, clean water and adequate clothing, especially when her father is unable to find employment. Plus her sister, Naomi, is still not walking or speaking, and Lillia does not know how to help her. In addition, all the refugees must learn some Chinese in order to survive. Lillia begins attending a Jewish school, but with that comes additional problems. Although she is befriended by one of the girls, her friend is not a refugee and has far more money than Lillia. When Lillia discovers one way she can make money, she is forced to divorce her feelings from her actions.

Parts of "Someday We Will Fly" are devastatingly sad, while others offer hope as the refugees band together as family to help each other. For some contemporary teens, Lillia may seem at first younger than her years, but that's because she grew up in more sheltered times. The burdens she faces, though, are far more difficult than most of the other young adult characters featured in this review. Although aimed at teens, the novel should also appeal to adults interested in this time period.

## "Color Me In"

It's difficult to think about your future when your world is rocked by change. That's the case with 16-year-old

Nevaeh Levitz, who's never had to come to terms with her biracial heritage – at least, until her Jewish father and black mother separate. In "Color Me In" by Natasha Diaz (Delacorte Press), Nevaeh is living with her mom in Harlem, rather than in their suburban home. The house is full: her grandfather, aunt, uncle and cousins also live there. Nevaeh is not immediately accepted by one of her cousins, who feels she's lived a life of privilege and, with her light skin, has never known the daily humiliations her darker-skinned cousins have faced.

Nevaeh faces other challenges: her mother has clearly sunken into a depression and her father, who already has a new girlfriend, wants Nevaeh to have a belated bat mitzvah. Nevaeh is not interested, but finds herself liking the woman rabbi who's assigned to help her prepare for the event. Trying to balance the different parts of her life is difficult. All Nevaeh wants is to find a way to be true to herself and her two heritages, and be part of the Harlem community she's coming to love.

"Color Me In" opens with a very powerful flashback that informs readers about the underpinnings of Nevaeh's life. The novel challenges Nevaeh and readers to discover their own prejudice – be it racism or antisemitism. None of the characters are perfect, but they are interesting and their actions thought provoking. One Jewish quibble: the Hanukkah blessings are in the wrong order, but that is a minor complaint about an excellent work.

## "Please Send Help..."

Even though I've not read the first book by Gaby Dunn and Allison Raskin ("I Hate Everyone But You"), it's not difficult to understand its sequel, "Please Send Help..." (Wednesday Books). The fact that the story is told through e-mails and text messages sent by the main characters – Gen Goldman and Ava Helmer – does make it a bit of a challenge for us older folks who are unfamiliar with some of the abbreviations used. I also had to look up one of the emoticons because it was featured often enough to make a difference. (FYI: it was one for rolling your eyes. I really need to find my own copy.) The novel did make me realize how different communication is now: my college friends and I used to talk on the phone when we wanted to catch up on each other's lives.

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## Opinion

### In My Own Words

# Child Victims Act, predators and bankruptcy

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The first, direct, financial consequence came when the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester filed for bankruptcy in order to protect its assets from a slew of potentially large judgments for sexual abuse accusations leveled against its priests and other members of the diocese. This move was a result of the recently passed New York State Child Victims Act, which lifts the statute of limitations on civil child sex abuse cases. This means that, while survivors may not be able to put their abusers in jail, they can sue those abusers and the organizations that ignored the abuse for financial compensation for the harm done them.

The Rochester Diocese isn't the only one worried about its finances. Some Jewish organizations fought the passage of the law; they're worried that the lawsuits will force them to close their doors. While their fear of false claims is legitimate, it's hard to believe that that's the real problem. They are trying to protect their particular organizations, whether or not the claims against them are real. That's ironic since trying to protect any given organization, rather than the children entrusted to its care, is usually what caused this problem in the first place.

Let's be blunt: too many of these children's claims were dismissed when they were originally made because the school/organization felt that the rabbi/teacher/respected

citizen would never have done this. These children were treated as liars or worse, and their families threatened with ostracism if they continued to complain. Sometimes the organizations would move the predator to another position without warning those connected to the new position about the potential problem. People were told not to report abuse to the police unless they received rabbinical authorization to do so – something that rarely occurred. These problems were supposed to be handled in-house, within the community – the results of which were usually the exoneration of the accused simply because people worried more about gossip than the harm done to these children.

If an organization knowingly allowed a predator to continue, then it doesn't have the right to continue existing. Please note the word "knowingly": some places were well aware there was a predator on their payroll. A school/organization should investigate all claims against its staff. That doesn't mean immediately firing the person, but he/she should not be interacting with the accusers, or any children, until they are cleared or dismissed. Numerous complaints about the same person are a signal that something is wrong and should be taken even more seriously. Again, what counts here is that there is a real investigation, not a whitewash. If

a person has been found guilty, then not only should that person be fired, but the accuser encouraged to file charges. Child abuse is a crime.

New York state takes this seriously with its own employees and that includes those who work with the developmentally disabled. According to the website of the New York State Justice Center, the Center "is committed to supporting and protecting the health, safety, and dignity of all people with special needs and disabilities through advocacy of their civil rights, prevention of mistreatment, and investigation of all allegations of abuse and neglect so that appropriate actions are taken." I know that mission is taken seriously. People are regularly investigated – some found innocent and some found guilty. They are not allowed to work with the people who accused them until they are cleared. Even when cleared, some are moved to another position.

Jewish individuals and organizations have a clear obligation to stop child abuse. We must take care to investigate any and all cases that come before us. The reason for the Child Victims Act is that too many victims were ignored. Let this be the last time a law like this is needed. Let us make certain that accusations of abuse are quickly investigated and those found guilty are punished for their crimes.



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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 was a social and



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

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.

# Navy officer at Chabad's Salute to Jewish Womanhood on Oct. 6

Reservations are being accepted for the Salute to Jewish Womanhood with Lieutenant Commander Laurie Lans to be held on Sunday, October 6, at 12:30 pm. Lans' talk is titled “Live from Sadam Hussein's Palace: What's a nice Jewish girl doing in a place like that?!” The program will begin with a buffet lunch.

As a lieutenant commander in the United States Navy Reserve, Lans served on active duty in the Middle East supporting Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom from January-August 2003. She was activated once again to full time service and joined the ground forces in Iraq from September 2005 to September 2006, and most recently served in Afghanistan June 2010 to June 2011. She and her husband – who is an active duty chaplain – are currently stationed at Fort Benning, GA.



Laurie Lans

Lans speaks internationally on her experiences. While stationed in war zones, she upheld her duties not only militarily, but also as a Jew despite the obstacles she faced. She tells stories of events such as a giant menorah lighting ceremony in none other than Saddam Hussein's palace, and how she and her husband were the only rabbi and wife to be sent to Afghanistan. She'll also speak about the steps she took to honor the Sabbath and keep kosher. She describes “amazing people” she met along the way in both Iraq and Afghanistan, Jews from around the world who were

just as surprised to see her as she was to meet them. In a recent interview, Lans stated, “I'm grateful to God for giving me the opportunity to serve my country; I'm so humbled to wear the uniform. Joining the military was one of the best decisions of my life. I'm also so proud to know I've been able to serve, even during war, never having to compromise my Judaism or devotion to the Jewish people.”

The event couvert 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 at [www.Jewishbu/womanhood](http://www.Jewishbu/womanhood).

The Jewish Community wishes to express its sympathy to the family of Marion Wahl Spont

## Shanah Tovah!



From

Peter Orville

2019 Candidate for Vestal Town Justice

# 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](mailto:pweinste@stny.rr.com), 727-8305 or 723-2193.

# Community Calendar

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

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Happy New Year from

Town of Vestal Councilwoman Patty Fitzgerald



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However, Gen and Ava, who are just out of college and now living in different cities, seem to be in almost constant contact—texting or e-mailing each other about almost every part of their lives. Ava lives in small town in Florida and works as a reporter for a family-owned newspaper. Well, she would like to be doing reporting, but her interests and the owner’s are very different. She has a limited social life, leading her to take chances with potentially dangerous people. Gen is working in New York City as an intern for

a TV show. The star of the show is wacky and unstable, and the man in charge of the interns seems interested in her. This leaves her unsure whom she can trust and who is taking advantage of her. The two friends offer each other advice, complain (really whine) and bemoan the difficulties they face in the real world.

“Please Send Help...” was very easy to read once I got the hang of which character was writing the text or e-mail. Parts are very funny, especially when the characters

overreact about everything that happens to them. There is a decent amount of sex in this novel, so even though it’s aimed at young adults, it’s suited for more mature ones. The best part of the book? It was wonderful to see two characters who so care for each other that they want to share every detail of their lives. Yep, those are the kind of friends people can make in college. Now, excuse me while I contact my college friends to tell them what’s been going on in mine.

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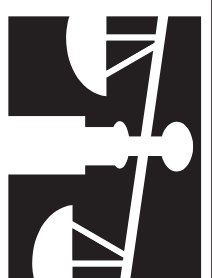
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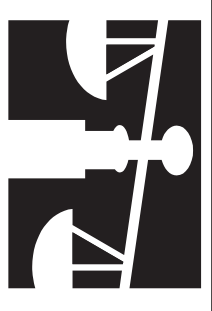
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# Hillel Academy begins the school year



Pre-kindergarteners and first-graders posed for the first day of school at Hillel Academy. L-r: Avromy Chein, Avigayil Weingarten, Zalman Slonim, Philip Foster and Zelda Slonim.



L-r: Thea Yarkoni, Aaron Sambursky, Shai Yarkoni and Meyer Knapp played during their recess at the school's playground.



Hillel students and teachers posed for a photo at the end of the first week of classes.



Students and teachers fed the animals when Hillel Academy visited at Apple Hills.



Bottom, l-r: Philip Foster, Thea Yarkoni and Sherny Chein fed animals at Apple Hills.



L-r: Shumlik Slonim and Aaron Sambursky in the Apple Hills corn maze.



Hillel Academy students enjoyed recess at the JCC playground.



Field trip participants posed for a photo at Apple Hills.

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# High Holiday challenge for college kids: Finding their (spiritual) home away from home

By Deborah Fineblum

(JNS) – Spending the High Holidays away from home can be a lonely experience. And, sadly, without the family around, many a Jewish college student simply ignores the call of the *shofar* – even the apples and honey – and attends class as usual. But for countless others, the pull of these special days, fueled by memories of childhood Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur holiday services and festive meals, is too strong to ignore. Even when they can't get home to celebrate, they take a break from schoolwork long enough to celebrate in new ways with their campus "family."

"I loved the holidays with my family, and I was pretty active at my temple," says Melissa Denish, who left Philadelphia behind to attend Elon University in North Carolina. "But it's too far to go home just for a couple of days, so I stay at school."

Fortunately, for Denish and other Jewish college students, most schools offer opportunities for these young adults to be, if not exactly home for the holidays, at least able to celebrate these days together and, when it works, begin to find a spiritual home of their own. And those who provide these services tend not to take the responsibility lightly. At a time when other Jews are getting a break from their jobs, Rabbi Zalman Deitsch says what he does during the holidays, including the 600 meals that he and his wife, Sarah, serve, may be the most important moments of his entire year.



Rabbi Zalman Deitsch of Chabad at Ohio State University. (Photo courtesy of Chabad.org News)

"Much is at stake here," says the rabbi, now in his 23<sup>rd</sup> year of leading High Holidays for Chabad at Ohio State University in the state's capital of Columbus. "It's an opportunity to reach our students with a deep experience of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, to create a home away from home for the holidays."

As he relates, "When they're away from their families and on their own for the first time, they ask themselves, 'Who am I?' If they have the right experience, they can take this into themselves for the rest of their lives, so it's an amazing opportunity and also an awesome responsibility."

"Each one of them who stays here on campus for the *chagim* [holidays] is precious to us," says Rabbi Chana Leslie Glazer. "For those who don't go home, we know it's a time of year when they need to feel part of something, a sense of community, and when we can help students feel empowered to take the reins of their Jewish lives."

But the competition is stiff. Bucknell University in Pennsylvania, where Glazer is in her fourth year as chaplain for the Jewish community and a Hillel advisor, is "a very demanding school where missing even one class can be a problem, so even though university policy insists the professors be willing to make accommodations, I'm hearing more and more students who genuinely want to observe the holidays, but are concerned that missing material will affect their grades."

The result: Many come only to evening meals and services. "But whenever they come," she notes, "we work at making it a welcoming, special and nurturing experience for them."

Tobin Gevelber would certainly understand how the students at Bucknell feel about missing class. His engineering curriculum at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland is also demanding. "But there's no way I'm not going to go to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services," he says. "That's not really an option for me."

One difference Gevelber notices from the holidays back at home in Boston: "There everyone you see is pretty much doing the holiday, too, but on campus for most people it's just another day, and that feels kind of strange."



Students at Elon University in North Carolina read from the Torah. (Photo courtesy of Elon University Hillel)

Still, there is an advantage in being cast adrift from the comforts of home, he points out: "There it's a more straightforward way of celebrating the holidays; there's no question as to exactly what you're doing, whereas at school it's actually fun to make these decisions, to have that new independence in this area, to navigate the holidays yourself with a new awareness."

Involving the students is key to the way Betsy Polk at Elon University in North Carolina constructs the services for those among the school's 600 Jewish students who opt to stay on campus for the holidays. "We have a fairly small population," says Polk, who directs the Hillel for the university. "So we need to make sure our services are pluralistic and inclusive for our Reform, Conservative, unaffiliated and more observant students. Our challenge is creating a High Holiday experience where everybody feels comfortable."

One approach Polk has found successful in her two years-plus on the job: "They need to know it's going to be different from being at home, but when they say, 'That's not the melody we use,' I answer, 'Great. Let's hear your melody. Maybe we can sing it together.'"



A student at Elon University in North Carolina blew the shofar. (Photo courtesy of Elon University Hillel)

Unlike smaller schools where Jewish students attending services on campus need to find common ground, the larger ones can afford to offer more choices. Over at the Kraft Center for Jewish Student Life at Columbia/Barnard Hillel, Lavine Family Executive Director Brian Cohen says See "Home" on page 11




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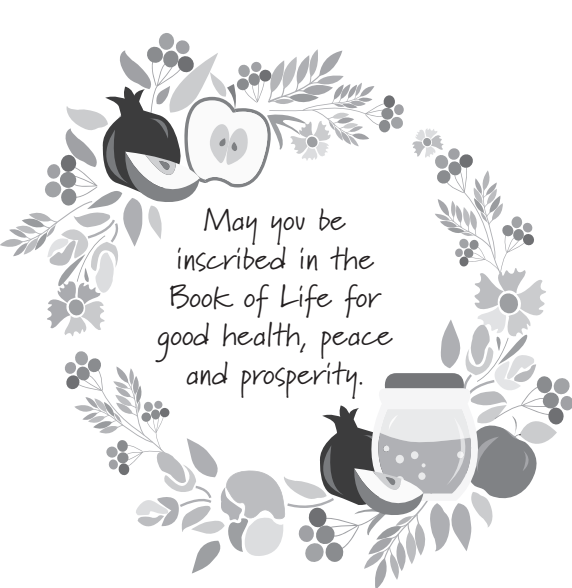


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# Fall into the flavors of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

By Ethel G. Hofman

(JNS) – Rosh Hashanah falls late on the calendar this year, at the end of the back-to-school month and at the beginning of the first signs of fall. No matter; somehow, there are always those last-minute guests and added recipes that cause a flurry of activity in Jewish households right down to the wire. This year, the holiday starts after sundown on September 29, a Sunday – a gift for those cooks and hosts who have just a few more preparations to make before they welcome the new Jewish year, 5780.

Since summer seems long-gone and families are knee-deep in activities already, make it a little easier on yourself. Make the freezer your friend. With the time ahead of the holiday, whip up a few dishes, slip them into the freezer and forget about them until that Sunday morning. Besides the ubiquitous brisket and chicken, soups and casseroles galore may be cooked, cooled, sealed and frozen. Just don't forget to label each one, adding key codes such as *pareve*, meat or dairy.

It's no big deal to cut up salads the night before (remember, the clocks start to go back, and there will be time after Shabbat for thawing and finalizing the menu). Chunks of tomato, cucumber and shredded basil stay just fine overnight. Toss with a little olive oil, some lemon or lime, and salt and fresh pepper just before serving. Cream soups, however, do not freeze well. The soup will separate, and the texture will become grainy; those are best prepared fresh, or make the night before and refrigerate. For thawed soups, the seasonings may need to be adjusted as flavors are reduced by the cold.

And what's a Jewish holiday without a kugel? My grandkids, home from college, will expect my Pineapple Applesauce Kugel, and for dairy meals, a Rich Banana Dessert Kugel. Both freeze exceedingly well. Another must-have on the table is honey cake. Try a seasonal variation: Pumpkin Honey Cake, which is moist, dark and delicious.

All of the dishes here may be served at Rosh Hashanah or to break the fast after Yom Kippur.

## Ophra's Mushroom Soup (Dairy, Vegetarian, Gluten-Free)

*Serves 6; recipe may be doubled. Longtime home cook Ophra Kimberg generously shared this recipe with me.*

*Cook's Tips: Cauliflower is the soup thickener. Chopped onions are available fresh or frozen. Buy canned mushrooms, pieces and stems. Cauliflower should be soft before adding to onions and mushrooms. When doubling the recipe, freeze in two batches. For a pareve dish, substitute olive oil for butter. For a dairy dish, top with a spoonful of sour cream or plain yogurt.*

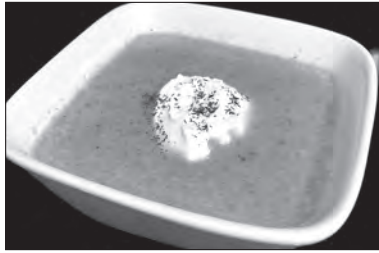
- 1 cup cauliflower florets
  - 3 Tbsp. butter
  - ½ cup diced onions
  - 1 can (14 oz.), plus 1 (7 oz.) can mushrooms, stems and pieces, drained
  - 2 tsp. bottled chopped garlic
  - ½ tsp. dried thyme
  - 2 tsp. *pareve* bouillon powder
  - 3 cups vegetarian broth
  - White pepper and salt to taste
- Place cauliflower in a microwave-safe dish with 1 to 2 tablespoons water.

Cover loosely with plastic wrap. Microwave 4 minutes or until very soft. Drain. Set aside.

In a medium saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Add the cauliflower, onions, mushrooms, garlic, thyme and bouillon powder.

Cook over medium heat until onion is transparent. Simmer for 10 minutes, stirring often. Cool slightly before transferring to food processor.

Add the broth and process until slightly grainy (longer



Ophra's Mushroom Soup (Photo by Ethel G. Hofman)

if a smoother mixture is preferred).

Season to taste with white pepper and salt.

Cool before pouring into a container. Cover tightly, label and freeze.

## Ginger-Spiked Fruit Soup (Pareve, Vegetarian)

*Serves 6. Super-easy: Just place all ingredients, except the ginger, in blender and whirl. Serve chilled.*

*Cook's Tips: Use fresh squeezed lemon juice, not bottled. Ginger root, not powdered*

*May substitute apple juice for orange juice. For a dairy soup, stir ½ cup sour cream or plain yogurt into thawed soup. If too thick, add a little more orange juice.*

- 1 (15 oz.) can pitted cherries, drained
  - 1 cup whole cranberry sauce
  - 5 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice (from 2 large lemons)
  - 1 cup orange juice
  - ½ cup water
  - 1 slice (½-inch thick) challah or white bread, crumbled
  - 2-3 Tbsp. coarsely grated ginger root to taste
- Place all ingredients, except ginger root, in blender jar or food processor. Whirl until smooth. Stir in grated ginger root to taste. Pour into freezer container, cover tightly, label and freeze.

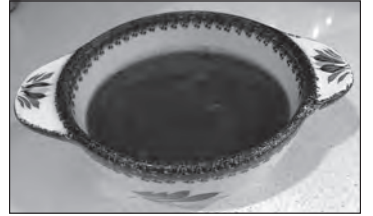
## Sweet-and-Sour Cabbage Soup (Pareve)

*Serves 12. Taste-tingling and hearty. Nobody stops at just one bowl. I stood at the elbow of Mrs. Sonnenschein, my 90-year-old Florida neighbor, as she cooked and stirred.*

*Cook's Tips: Use ready chopped fresh or frozen onions. Purchase ready-to-buy, pre-shredded cabbage and shredded carrot. Divide soup into two containers. Defrost one for smaller groups.*

- 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 3 cups chopped frozen onions

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Ginger-Spiked Fruit Soup (Photo by Ethel G. Hofman)

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# "Reverse Tashlich" program encourages Jews to keep the oceans clean

By Shiryn Ghermezian

(JNS) – A Florida-based program aimed at reconnecting Jewish people to the ocean and empowering them to help keep the sea clean is attracting attention from communities around the United States and even in Israel.

On Rosh Hashanah, Jews throw bread in the water to symbolically cleanse themselves of their sins. The "Reverse Tashlich" project

calls on Jewish communities to switch the process and remove these human "sins" from the water in waterfront cleanups.

The project is part of the Tikkun HaYam ("repairing the sea") initiative launched last year. It was founded by Rabbi Ed Rosenthal, also the founder of Scubi Jew, a Hillel club that teaches marine conservation through a Jewish lens as part of its mission of Tikkun HaYam.

As Rosenthal, who serves as the Hillel rabbi at Eckerd College in Florida, explained to JNS: "It applies a modern context to an ancient practice. In addition, it is intended to raise awareness about one of the greatest existential threats to our planet, the ongoing destruction of the ocean." Every year, approximately six million tons of human-made trash pollute the water.

"Reverse Tashlich" started as a small program at the Suncoast Hillel at Eckerd College in Tampa Bay, FL, which has a large marine-science program and a beach on campus. Three years ago, about a dozen students went to their local waterfront and cleaned nearly 100 pounds of trash.

The program then expanded under the leadership of Shayna Cohen, director of Tikkun HaYam, and last year's event included nine locations and 307 participants. Some 650 pounds of trash were collected in Miami, Tampa Bay and Washington, DC.

The next event is scheduled for Sunday, October 6; groups in Boston, Minnesota, California, New York and Israel have expressed interest in participating. Cohen and her team are also hosting a grant competition for people who collect the most trash, as a way to incentivize locals to do "some really hearty cleanups," she told JNS.

"Our dream goal is having this one day a year where the Jewish community gets involved in their ecosystem and helps make an impact in their environment," said Cohen. "As Jews, we are required to care for



Shayna Cohen helped spruce up the mangroves in Tampa, FL. (Photo courtesy of Facebook)




Members of Congregation B'nai Israel and Temple Beth-El, in St. Petersburg, FL, participated in a clean-up. (Photo courtesy of Facebook)

the environment, but there is a stark lack of environmentalism when it comes to the ocean and the Jewish community... a lack of awareness in the Jewish community for marine conversation. Tikkun HaYam is just a way to bring the topic of the ocean into the conversation."


See "Oceans" on page 12

## New Year Greetings

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Rabbi Zev and Judy Silber and family.

**Flavors** . . . . . **Continued from page 8**

1 tsp. salt  
 3 packages (14 oz. each) shredded cabbage  
 1 cup shredded carrot  
 2 Tbsp. *pareve* bouillon granules  
 1 (46 oz.) can tomato juice  
 1 (14½ oz.) can Italian-style chopped tomatoes  
 3-4 bay leaves  
 Juice of 3 large lemons  
 ½ cup brown sugar, packed or to taste  
 1/8 tsp. white pepper or to taste  
 In large pot, heat vegetable oil over medium heat. Add onions and salt. Cover, reduce heat to low.

Cook, stirring occasionally, until onions are golden, about 30 minutes. Add cabbage, carrot and bouillon.

Stir, cover and cook 20 minutes longer to soften cabbage. Add remaining ingredients.

Partially cover, simmer 30 minutes longer. Adjust seasonings.

Cool before pouring into containers to freeze.

**Easy Vegetable Lasagna for a Crowd (Dairy)**

Serves 24.

*Cook's Tips: Don't be intimidated by the long ingredient list or directions. Ingredients are all ready to use. May divide ingredients into two containers each that serves 10-12. Full-fat ricotta, sour cream and milk may be used, if desired. Dry thawed chopped spinach by rolling tightly in clean tea towel. Reheat, thawed, at 325°F, for 40 minutes, or until hot and bubbly.*

1 (16 oz.) package skim-milk ricotta cheese  
 1 (16 oz.) package low-fat sour cream  
 ½ cup skim milk  
 1¼ tsp. freshly ground pepper  
 1 (16 oz.) jar meatless spaghetti sauce  
 1 (10.5 oz.) "no cook" lasagna noodles  
 1 (12 oz.) jar roasted sliced red peppers, drained  
 1 (12 oz.) jar marinated artichoke hearts, drained and quartered

1½ cups frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry  
 2 tsp. garlic powder  
 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese  
 ¾ cup water  
 Preheat oven to 375°F.  
 Spray a 13×9 inch lasagna pan with nonstick vegetable spray.

In a bowl, mix the ricotta cheese, sour cream, skim milk and pepper. Set aside.

Spread half the spaghetti sauce over the bottom of prepared pan. Cover with 3 lasagna noodles and top with about cheese mixture. Cover with roasted pepper and half the artichokes.

Repeat with 3 lasagna noodles and half the remaining cheese mixture.

Cover with remaining artichokes and the spinach. Top with remaining cheese mixture. Sprinkle with garlic powder and Parmesan cheese.

Pour ¾ cup water into one corner of pan, tilting to distribute water to other corners. Cover tightly to seal with heavy-duty foil.

Bake in preheated oven for 1 hour. Uncover and bake 15 minutes longer.

Cool completely before sealing with foil. Label and freeze.

**One-Bowl Pineapple-Applesauce Kugel (Pareve)**

Serves 8-10.

*Cook's Tips: Recipe may be doubled using a large baking dish. May use a pareve granola topping instead of crushed cornflakes. Substitute canned pineapple for fresh.*

½ pound medium egg noodles, cooked and drained  
 5 eggs  
 ¼ cup vegetable oil  
 2 cups chopped fresh pineapple  
 1 (16-oz. jar) chunky applesauce  
 ¾ cup sugar  
 1½ tsp. cinnamon, divided  
 1/3 cup crushed cornflakes  
 Preheat oven to 375°F.  
 Spray a 9×12-inch baking dish with nonstick vegetable spray.

In a large bowl, whisk eggs with oil, pineapple, applesauce, sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon.

Add the slightly cooled noodles. Stir to mix. Transfer to prepared baking dish.

Sprinkle cornflakes evenly over noodle mixture. Sprinkle with remaining cinnamon. Bake in preheated oven 45 minutes or until slightly moist in center.

Cool, cover tightly with foil and freeze.

**Rich Banana Dessert Kugel (Dairy)**

Serves 8-10

*Cook's Tips: Leave butter and cream cheese at room temperature for several hours to soften. May use overripe bananas.*

About half an 8-oz. package of fine egg noodles, cooked and drained

2 bananas, thinly sliced  
 1 stick (4 oz.) unsalted butter, softened  
 4 oz. cream cheese, softened  
 ½ cup sugar  
 3 large eggs  
 1 cup sour cream  
 1 tsp. vanilla extract  
 1 to 2 tsp. cinnamon-sugar  
 Preheat oven to 350°F.

Spray a 9-inch square baking dish with nonstick vegetable spray.

Spread cooked noodles over bottom of baking dish. Spread bananas over to cover. Set aside.

In a large bowl, whip the butter, cream cheese and sugar until pale and fluffy, about 1 to 2 minutes.

Beat in eggs, sour cream and vanilla. Pour over bananas. Sprinkle with cinnamon-sugar.

Bake in preheated oven 50 minutes or until almost firm to touch in center.

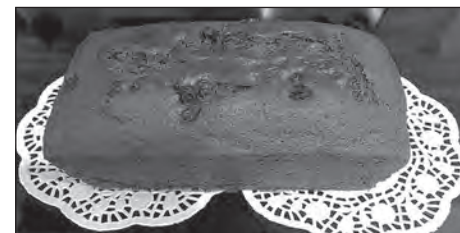
Cool completely before sealing with aluminum foil, labeling and popping into freezer.

**Pumpkin Honey Cake (Pareve)**

*Makes 1 loaf (9x5x3-inch dish) and 1 extra mini-loaf (not individual, but mini-size), or 4 mini-loaves.*

*Cook's Tips: Substitute 2 teaspoons cinnamon and 1 teaspoon nutmeg for pumpkin-pie spice. Substitute ¾ cup candied citron peel instead of raisins. For full-proof nonstick effect, line bottom of loafpan with waxed paper and spray with nonstick vegetable spray.*

4 eggs  
 1 cup dark-brown sugar  
 ½ cup water  
 1 cup vegetable oil  
 1 cup canned pumpkin (not pumpkin-pie) mix  
 ¾ cup molasses  
 ½ cup honey, warmed



Pumpkin Honey Cake (Photo by Ethel G. Hofman)

2 cups whole-wheat flour  
 1 cup all-purpose flour  
 2 tsp. baking soda  
 1 Tbsp. pumpkin-pie spice  
 1¼ cups dark or golden raisins  
 Preheat oven to 350°F.

Spray loaf pan and extra mini-loaf pan (or 4 mini-loaf pans) with nonstick vegetable spray with flour.

Beat eggs and sugar until blended. Add the water, vegetable oil, pumpkin, molasses and honey. Mix well.

Stir in the flours, about ½ cup at a time, mixing to blend between each addition.

Stir in the baking soda, spice and 1 cup raisins. Spoon into prepared pan(s). Scatter remaining raisins on top.

Bake in preheated oven for 50-60 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Bake mini-loaves 45 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean when inserted in center.

Cool in pan 10 minutes. Loosen edges by running a round bladed knife around. Turn out onto a wire tray. Cool completely. Wrap and freeze.

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*Cook's Tip: May substitute whipped topping for whipped cream.*

1½ pints frozen vanilla yogurt, softened  
 ¼ cup miniature chocolate chips  
 2 Tbsp. sherry  
 1¼ cups stiffly whipped cream  
 1 cup ripe strawberries, hulled and sliced  
 2 Tbsp. honey

Spray a 6-cup mold or bowl with nonstick vegetable spray. Set aside.

In a medium bowl, mix yogurt, chocolate chips and sherry. Fold in the whipped cream.

Spoon into a prepared mold or bowl. Cover with plastic wrap. Freeze 6 hours or overnight.

To serve: Place berries in a small microwave bowl. Stir in honey. Microwave for 1½ minutes on High. Mash with a fork. Place in refrigerator to cool. Unmold frozen soufflé onto a platter and spoon berry mixture over top. Serve immediately.

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# Thousands to celebrate Rosh Hashanah at JDC events from India to Morocco

By JNS staff

(JNS)—Thousands of Jews from emerging, established and ancient Jewish communities around the world will be celebrating Rosh Hashanah at scores of JDC (or Jewish Joint Distribution Committee) events, including concerts, workshops, volunteer opportunities, trainings and cultural performances.

As part of this effort, more than 8,500 poor, elderly Jews from in the former Soviet Union will receive a holiday package of food and traditional holiday items, including honey, to connect them with the global Jewish community and celebrate the Jewish New Year. This annual tradition is made possible by JDC through its partners: the Jewish Federations, the Claims Conference and the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews.

“The power of Jewish tradition is especially intense during Rosh Hashanah, when we gather with our loved ones to engage in timeless customs that remind us of our many blessings—from hearing the *shofar* to dipping apples in honey,” said JDC CEO David Schizer.

“From a homebound 80-year-old woman in Moldova who is visited by volunteers bringing a gift basket to a young Jewish leader teaching his peers New Year traditions in Poland, we are empowering other Jews around the world to share in these rituals, to taste the sweetness of

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students can select which service they feel comfortable with. “And if one doesn’t feel right to them, they can try the next one,” he adds. “My primary goal is to provide our Jewish students with a meaningful High Holiday experience, including services, meals, etc.”

To build momentum, Cohen’s team presents holiday programming not only in the Hillel building, but in dorms and other campus locales. “We want to reach the Jewish students, of course, but we also want the broader campus community to be aware that this is an important time for Jewish students and professors.”

A key ingredient: food. They serve hundreds of meals over these 10 days, including nearly 500 bagels at Yom Kippur break-fast.

Nor does he think that the presence of anti-Israel forces on his campus puts a damper on holiday celebration. “I think they feel safe expressing their Jewishness,” he adds. “It’s a beautiful sight, hundreds of students walking up to the Kraft Center at sundown on Rosh Hashanah.”

In fact, says OSU Chabad’s Deitsch, “holidays away from home in a community that feels like family can give students an opportunity they never had before: to be open to the experience and bring themselves to the table, to begin to decide the kind of person they want to be beginning right now at the beginning of this new year.”

Now the religious and educational chairman at the Elon Hillel, Denish is already reaching out to her fellow students to lead a prayer or a song or a reading from the Torah. “We’re at a stage in our lives when we’re no longer forced to come, so we need another reason – to see it as an opportunity to really learn about ourselves and our community, about different traditions than what we may have grown up with.”

When everyone comes willing to ask and answer questions, she adds, “the holidays can be a powerful learning experience and can have more of an impact than they did at home.”

“With no tickets or dress code required, we want our students to feel completely welcome,” says Columbia/Barnard Hillel’s Cohen. “Even the students who never got it or who were turned off as kids, we’re hoping they give it another shot.”



More than 8,500 poor, elderly Jews in the former Soviet Union will receive a holiday package of food and traditional holiday items for Rosh Hashanah, including honey. (Photo by JDC)

community, and to create new opportunities for the new year and generations to come,” he said.

In Hungary, JDC’s annual Judafest – a Jewish cultural festival in Budapest that draws thousands of people each year – will focus on Jewish High Holiday traditions through music, art, food and performance.

At the Jewish Community Center in Warsaw, local families will attend Rosh Hashanah “seders,” learning holiday traditions and potentially creating their own for years to come.

In India, holiday services will be offered at the local Jewish Community Center in Mumbai, together with holiday-focused mindfulness classes and a retreat on the theme of empowerment and deeper listening.

In Morocco, the Old Age Home of Casablanca will



JDC’s annual Judafest cultural festival in Budapest, Hungary. (Photo by Facebook)

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host a holiday party for residents, with local volunteers delivering holiday gifts to the elderly.

In Berlin, 50 home-hosted meals will be organized by young adults around the city for those looking to connect and celebrate the holiday, stressing the Jewish value of welcoming strangers.

In a number of cities throughout Romania, cooking classes, ceramics workshops, wine-tastings and educational events will focus on the foods and ritual aspects of the holiday.

Among Rosh Hashanah events in post-Soviet nations, volunteers in Kharkov, Ukraine, and Rostov, Russia, will visit with homebound and elderly community members to deliver holiday packages, and provide company to the loneliest without family to share the holiday; and in Moldova and Belarus, concerts by local performers will be held in honor of the holiday.

In Krasnodar, Russia, participants will have the opportunity to attend a pottery class dedicated to making holiday-related products, while participants in Yekaterinburg, Russia, will make challah and jam for community members in need. Most events in this region will be held at JDC’s network of Hessed social-welfare centers and Jewish Community Centers.

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Ahead of October's event, individuals or team leaders can register on the "Reverse Tashlich" website their location, which is added to the public page so people can join. Participants then get in touch with each other to schedule a meetup, and Cohen provides coaching, guide books and online seminars to help organize things ahead of the event. Sign-up is open to everyone.

"We want anybody to feel empowered to make a difference in the ocean," said Cohen.

According to Rosenthal, many *mitzvot* apply to the environment, such as *bal tashchit*, the prohibition against needless and unnecessary waste and destruction. He discusses "Water Torah" in length on the Tikkun HaYam website, citing texts that describe "the deep Jewish connection to the sea and the profound spiritual nature of water" and how the Torah calls upon Jews to care for the ocean. He also hosts an underwater meditation – or surface meditation for snorkelers – on the *Shema*



Rabbi Ed Rosenthal of Hillels of the Florida Suncoast (Photo courtesy of Facebook)

prayer that connects the oneness and unity of God, with the oneness of the ocean and the unity of water.

Tikkun HaYam's goal is to show there is a Jewish connection to the sea, and its name is connected to the Jewish concept of *tikkun olam*, the repair of the world.

Rosenthal said, "We call it 'Tikkun HaYam' because people, especially Jews, have a tendency to forget that even though they may speak of going 'green' to save the environment, we actually live on a blue planet. The ocean makes up 71 percent of the planet. It produces more oxygen than all of the rainforests and trees in the world combined.

"Water is the most unifying force in the world," he continued. "Every living organism from a worm to a whale, from a weed to a towering oak tree, from an amoeba to man – everything is made up mostly of water. The human body is 70 percent water. Our blood and our tears are about the same salinity as the sea. Water is the source of life. If the ocean dies, we die. I can't think of a more *tikkun olam* effort than that."

Cohen believes that because humans live on land, many times the issues of the ocean are "out of sight, out of mind." But with "Reverse Tashlich," she said, "people can go somewhere in their local area and see that the fork that they used the day before might be the fork that they are picking up out of



Scubi Jew: EC Environmental Divers and University of Tampa Hillel students combined forces at Maximo Park in St. Petersburg, FL. (Photo courtesy of Facebook)

the mangroves, or they see the plastic bag that they probably got from their groceries a week ago is entangled in a tree, and they can connect themselves to the issue and the solution."

She added, "Having a hand in making the world a more beautiful place is an incredibly

transformative experience. I'm hoping that this is a way to jumpstart people's empathy and inspire them to care for this ecosystem that they don't normally think about, and get them curious and interested in exploring what else they can do to make the ocean and the world in general a better place."

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# U.S. State Department announces special envoy for Holocaust issues

By JNS staff

(JNS) – The U.S. State Department announced on September 12 that Cherrie Daniels has been tapped to be its special envoy for Holocaust issues.



U.S. Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues Cherrie Daniels. (Photo from screenshot)

Founded in 1999, the Office of the Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues “develops and implements U.S. policy to return Holocaust-era assets to their rightful owners, secure compensation for Nazi-era wrongs, and ensure that the Holocaust is remembered and commemorated appropriately,” according to the State Department website.

The special envoy will also work on State’s efforts to combat antisemitism, said department spokesperson Morgan Ortagus.

“Her assignment underscores the secretary’s commitment to the importance of resolving outstanding issues of the past,” said Ortagus.

The Trump administration has made Holocaust reparations a priority, as U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo raised the issue with the Polish government in February. Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki responded that the issue has been “resolved.”

A bipartisan group of 88 U.S. senators signed a letter to Pompeo in August, asking him to “act boldly and with

urgency to help Poland resolve this issue comprehensively.” The senators stated they were “deeply troubled” with Morawiecki’s reply.

Poland is the only affected nation that doesn’t have legislation dealing with confiscated restitution from the last century.

Prior to her current role, Daniels, who is married with two children, served in the U.S. embassy in Belgrade and at the U.S. embassy in Oslo. She also served in the Office

of the Vice President as special adviser for Europe and Russia, and as a Pearson Foreign Affairs Fellow under former Sen. Joseph Lieberman (I-CT).

Daniels, who speaks Hebrew and other foreign languages, has served in the U.S. Embassy’s American Center in Jerusalem. In 2006, she was given the Secretary of State’s Swanee Hunt Award for Advancing Women’s Role in Policy Formulation for promoting the role of women peacemakers in the Israel-Palestinian conflict.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

### Thousands of learners connect with Torah before High Holidays

Torah took the mound at Citi Field as the Orthodox Union fielded a team of 29 international scholars, who led classes on a wide array of 31 subjects for around 2,500 participants, at its third annual Torah New York event on Sept. 22. The classes ranged from more traditional approaches on how to prepare spiritually for the Jewish High Holidays to more modern issues like repentance in a time of social media and the effects that artificial intelligence will have on Shabbat observance in the future. In addition to lectures, the Semichat Chaver Program and *siyyum* (celebration of the completion of any unit of Torah study, or book of the Mishnah or Talmud) attracted 400 people from 23 North American communities. NCSY teen programming and a parallel interactive program took place for children ages 5-12. Also previewed was an app for daily Talmud study called “ALL DAF.” The app is expected to transform the way Daf Yomi is studied in the future with its interactive statistics, graphs, charts, video, maps and biographies. It is expected to launch with the new seven-year learning cycle that starts in early January 2020. Sivan Rahav Meir, a political reporter for Israel’s Channel 2, told a packed audience of the dangers of wealth, privilege and “unbridled access” to social media. “It is no longer good enough to have Amazon, now you need Amazon Prime. We can’t even wait a week for a package to arrive; it has to be that day or at least the next. What does that say about our culture? This is the crisis of our generation. How do we learn to use social media for the good, but turn it off and away from things that distract us and our children?” she posed. Rabbi Yosef Tzvi Rimon, a *posek* (“decisor”), author, educator and lecturer on helping shape the contemporary Jewish world, welcomed how artificial intelligence could benefit *halachic* observance in the future. While he cautioned about the impact robots might have on Shabbat in the home, there could be many other benefits that would enhance life for observant Jews in the future. The event also featured a first-ever recording of Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik teaching one of his annual *teshuva drashas*. “It is so exciting to observe the eagerness of our community to connect to Torah study and to a deeper understanding of their relationship to God,” said Orthodox Union President Moishe Bane. “In these days immediately before the High Holidays, I cannot imagine a more profound message to God of our eagerness to connect.”

### NYPD hikes security in Jewish neighborhoods ahead of holidays

The New York City Police Department will increase their presence in Jewish neighborhoods ahead of the Jewish holidays, Mayor Bill de Blasio and NYPD Commissioner James O’Neill announced on Sept. 18, as they outlined their security plans for the 2019 Jewish holidays. “Public safety is a shared responsibility,” said O’Neill. “It requires you to take ownership and keep an eye out in the neighborhoods where you live, where you work and where you worship. No one knows these streets better than you do.” He added, “We have a lot of specialized units that will be out there, too. Critical response command, they’ll be out there. Some you’ll see, some you won’t.”

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# Polish organization aims to restore country's Jewish heritage, building bridges and awareness

By Eliana Rudee

(JNS)—Micha Laszczkowski, CEO of Poland's Cultural Heritage Foundation, spends a great deal of time discussing Jewish law with rabbis at various Jewish cemeteries across Poland; in fact, it's safe to say that he does so much more than the average Jew. And yet, Laszczkowski is not himself Jewish.

As the visionary behind the \$28 million restoration and documenting of Jewish sepulchral heritage in Poland, Laszczkowski has helped the organization raise funds from Poland's Ministry of Culture and National Heritage and Capital Monument Conservation Office. In addition to their biggest project — cleaning up the major Jewish cemetery in Warsaw — other work includes the preservation of other Jewish and Muslim cemeteries, churches and various national heritage sites connected to Polish heritage abroad.

The Jewish cemetery in Warsaw on Okopowa Street was built in 1806 outside the city ramparts and is one of the last Jewish cemeteries in Poland that is still being used. From its founding until 1939, some 150,000 Jews were buried there, making it the largest cemetery of its

kind in Europe (according to number of people buried there) and representing 10 percent to 15 percent of Jewish tombstones in Poland.

So far, under the direction of rabbis who ensure that the restoration work is done according to Jewish law, the organization has renovated more than 100 tombstones and gravestone art. It has also cut down bushes, weeds and about 500 wild trees that pose a danger to those who visit the cemetery. According to Laszczkowski, making the area safer and better preserved will bring more people to the cemetery, Jews and non-Jews alike. "Right now, teachers are afraid to take responsibility for bringing students here because of an incident where a tree fell on a tourist," he told JNS.

As the material heritage of the Jewish community was almost totally destroyed during World War II, with Nazis stealing Jewish tombstones for building projects and street pavements, Laszczkowski expressed the need for Poles "to have a place to understand Jewish heritage and contributions to Polish society."

The cemetery does just that, with styles of the tombstones and the contents of the epitaphs reflecting the diversity of Warsaw's Jewish community. Although the cemetery archives were burned during the war, and thus the identity of many buried there are unknown, information from the monuments show that among those buried at the cemetery are thousands of victims of the Warsaw ghetto, buried in mass graves; rabbis and *tzadikim* ("righteous Jews"); leaders of secular movements like the assimilation movement, Zionism and socialism; promoters of Hebrew; and Yiddish writers, journalists and actors. Exhibiting the prominence of Jewish presence in Warsaw, people buried there also include those who were at the forefront of Polish life: leaders of Polish uprisings, industrialists, physicians, scientists, artists, publishers, philanthropists and patrons of culture.

Laszczkowski views the cemetery as it exists right now, however, as a missed opportunity. While 40,000 tourists visit the cemetery each year, he estimates that only 10 percent of them are non-Jewish. With only 400 Jews living in Warsaw (less than 1 percent of the community of nearly 375,000 in 1939) most Poles do not know Jews or about Jewish tradition, maintained Laszczkowski. "They should know that Jews were in the public of Polish society," he said.

Ola Waszak, project coordinator for the Cultural Heritage Foundation, noted that before she began to volunteer at the cemetery and started her job, she had never been to the site and didn't know its history. "It's a cool, shared heritage," she told JNS.

Laszczkowski's vision is to drastically increase the number of non-Jews who visit by making it a mandatory part of Polish education. "I want to organize a large program where every Warsaw student comes to this cemetery during high school," he said.

In late 2017, after touring the cemetery with Laszczkow-



Micha Laszczkowski, CEO of Poland's Cultural Heritage Foundation, gave a tour of the Jewish cemetery in Warsaw in July. (Photo by Eliana Rudee)



A woman cleaned a tomb at Warsaw's Jewish cemetery in July. (Photo by Eliana Rudee)

ski, Polish Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Culture and National Heritage Piotr Glinski agreed in the importance of the vision, allocating PLN 100 million (more than \$26 million) to the Cultural Heritage Foundation. The donation represented some 2 percent of the ministry's 2018 budget, and nearly half of the budget earmarked for "institutions whose activities include taking care of the memory, culture and heritage of the Jewish nation," which also includes the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, the Jewish Historical Institute, the State Museum at Majdanek and the Museum of History of Polish Jews POLIN.

"The heritage of Jews is the heritage of Poland," said Glinski in a meeting with Israeli journalists in August. "Knowledge of Polish history, including Jewish history and during the Second World War, is insufficient everywhere."

In the same year that the ministry allocated the budget for the Cultural Heritage Foundation, it also signed an agreement for the co-management of the Ulma Family Museum of Poles Saving Jews in World War II in Markowa, which according to the ministry is "of great importance to Poland."

"I am responsible for this heritage," said Glinski, noting that ministers from opposing political parties came together on this act. "It's good for us; it's good for everybody," he said.

Laszczkowski estimates that one of the reasons for the large endowment is public diplomacy, "to show that Poland cares about common Polish-Jewish heritage," he said.

One intention, according to Glinski, is to "increase mutual understanding and knowledge of a complicated history."

In the context of some Israeli criticism that Poland's lack of reparations, Holocaust bill and anti-*shechita* (Jewish ritual slaughter) bills were antisemitic, the deputy prime minister maintained that there is no visible rise in antisemitism in Poland, and while any antisemitism is "stupid," he strongly criticized "anti-Polish sentiment" among some Israelis.

"It is important to eliminate the bad atmosphere and behavior on both sides," he added.

In light of the controversial Holocaust bill (or anti-defamation bill as Poles call it, which forbade the use of the word "Polish" in relation to "concentration camps," preferring the term "Nazi-German concentration camps in occupied Poland"), Laszczkowski maintained that while the intention of the bill was important — namely, to affirm that Poland did not collaborate with Nazis and were in fact "one of the most suffering nations in the Second World See "Heritage" on page 15



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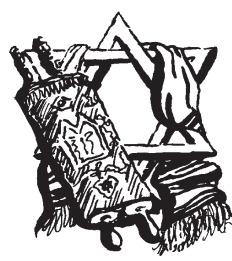

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# Israel internship programs offer U.S. students an up-close look at the “startup nation”

By Austin Winslow

(JNS) – There are hundreds of internship programs in Israel giving American students the opportunity to get a taste of both Israeli culture and work life. Programs including Onward, J Internship and The Israel Innovation Fund allow students to become an active part of the startup nation. These programs, which reach out to more than 2,500 American students a year, seek to provide participants with an immersive résumé-building experience through internships and fellowships.

Tel Aviv, one of the startup capitals of the world, offers U.S. students many opportunities to work in Israel – and not only at startups. Alex Carter, a member of the South Palm Beach Onward Program, and Maia Koffman, a participant in the University of Florida Hillel program, both intern in Tel Aviv at jobs that fit their future career roles. Koffman works at the Neve Tzedek Animal Hospital and Carter works for School of Shine, a Tel Aviv community geared toward promoting self-appreciation among women.

“On a day-to-day basis, I work alongside founder



Participants in Onward, one of the hundreds of internship programs in Israel giving American students the opportunity to become an active part of the startup nation. (Photo by Brad Garoon)

Zo Flamenbaum writing articles, planning the monthly newsletter and reaching out to women in the community via social media,” said Carter.

According to Koffman, the Neve Tzedek Animal Hos-

pital is unlike an ordinary animal hospital. “While also doing general pet checkups, doctors here also perform life-saving surgeries,” she said. “I watch these doctors perform these surgeries every day and help the animals feel more comfortable when they go through the process.” Koffman said she has gained true hands-on work experience in the position, of a kind not every company can offer.

Not only are both students gaining valuable experience in their desired fields, they say they’re gaining confidence, too. “I really do like the challenges my job entails,” says Koffman. “Whether I decide to work in Israel or back in the United States, I feel any job related to this area of work won’t be difficult to get adjusted to.”

According to Marty Moseson, the internship coordinator for Onward Jerusalem, Onward is the biggest internship program in Israel. “There are over 700 interns across Jerusalem, Haifa, Tel Aviv and other cities all throughout Israel. My role as a coordinator is to interview all the interns and find places where students can obtain internships based on interests and hobbies,” said Moseson. Moseson, who is originally from New York, said that his time with Onward has given him “great insight” into the Israeli and specifically the Jerusalem job market.

Another resume-building organization is The Israel Innovation Fund. TIIF is a 501(c)3 nonprofit largely based in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Similar to Onward, its vision is to connect interns around the world with the “creativity” and vibrancy of Israeli culture. Their outreach program puts an emphasis on “young adults with personality.”

According to TIIF Director of Engagement Tatiana Hasson, “Due to Israel being a culture hub, we try and use wine, art, film and other events to give a full culture experience, so the interns have a great time, while also having a meaningful time.” Hasson said along with a work experience, TIIF puts a stronger focus on a family vibe that seeks to create lasting relationships.

TIIF is unlike most nonprofits, explained Hasson. It aims for self-sustainability in every project it launches, she said, and giving young American Jews these types of opportunities not only helps them get work experience, but also helps spread the word about what the country has to offer.

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War” – the bill was “inadequate” and “not the way to [achieve its goals].

“I understand that some people are upset because Polish history is not well-known—in nearly every family, there was a death,” he said. “But because we don’t know Jews, we don’t feel their perspective.”

Glinski, too, noted that while it’s “hard to compare [the loss that Polish people experienced in the Second World War] to the Holocaust, material loss and deterioration of humanity in Poland was terrible, and it was all the fault of the German and Soviet occupiers.

“That is the opinion of 90 to 95 percent of Polish people,” continued Glinski. “Sometimes, our history doesn’t help us, but we have a lot of common interests.”

“I hope it doesn’t get more political than it already is,” said Waszak.

Although the cemetery repairs and upgrades are unlikely to bring back new Jewish life to Warsaw, Laszczkowski hopes that the restoration may initiate dialogue between peoples – both between Poland and Israel, as well as between Poland and its Jewish cultural heritage.



A view of the Jewish cemetery in Warsaw on Okopowa Street, which was built in 1806. Much of the cemetery became covered in forest after largely being abandoned after World War II. (Photo by Eliana Rudee)

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# Eleanor Roosevelt's efforts to save Jewish refugees from the Holocaust

By Eliana Rudee

(JNS) – In 1940, a passenger cargo ship called the *SS Quanza* left the port of Lisbon carrying several hundred Jewish refugees to freedom. But no country would take them in, and so the passengers became trapped on the ship.

“Nobody Wants Us” tells the true story of how Eleanor Roosevelt, along with two other integral figures, stepped in to save the passengers on board because of her moral conviction that they were not “undesirables,” as the U.S. State Department labeled them, but rather “future patriotic Americans.” She sympathized with the refugees, as her family, too, were once immigrants to the United States.

The 35-minute film by Laura Seltzer-Duny premiered in New York City on August 11 (coinciding with Tisha B’Av, a day of mourning on which numerous tragedies befell the Jewish people) presented by the Sousa Medes Foundation and the American Sefardi Federation. The film intends not only to restore the history of the *Quanza* after 79 years, but to illustrate the power of individuals to change history and save lives.

“It brought me to tears to hear what my parents risked to bring me here,” Lucienne Geldzahler, an audience member at the film’s premier, told JNS. Her family from Antwerp arrived on American shores from Lisbon on a similar ship, she said.

As the experiences of political refugees continue to top headlines in the United States, Stephen Morewitz – a leading expert on the *Quanza* and the grandson of attorney Jacob L. Morewitz, who helped save the passengers – said, “This is an episode in American history that everyone needs to know.”

At the beginning of World War II, Portuguese diplomat Sousa Mendes defied the orders of his regime to issue visas and passports to 40,000 refugees fleeing Nazi Germany, such as the artist Salvador Dali; Margret Rey and H. A. Rey, the authors of the “Curious George” books; and tens of thousands of other Holocaust refugees, including many aboard the *SS Quanza*. “If so many Jews are suffering because of one man, Hitler, surely I can suffer for so many Jews,” said Mendes, who was later recognized by Israel as a Righteous Among the Nations.

On August 9, 1940, the *SS Quanza* left Lisbon – one of the few ports from which Jews could flee Europe – carrying

hundreds of Jewish refugees from dozens of European countries who had received such visas. However, the journey turned out to be more than a month-long; the Jews aboard were transported from port to port for a month, refused entry in the United States and then Mexico.

Breckinridge Long, supervising the U.S. State Department’s Visa Division under U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, turned the immigrants away, wanting to shut down immigration (infamously writing in his diary that “Hitler’s Mein Kampf is eloquent in opposition to Jewry”), and seeing the immigrants as “undesirables.” He voiced concern that allowing the immigrants into America would compromise national security, as there could be “potential Nazis” on the ship, as well as “Jewish communists.”

Just as the vessel returned to Virginia to buy fuel for the way back to Europe, first lady Eleanor Roosevelt spoke to maritime lawyer Jacob L. Morewitz, who successfully delayed the departure of the ship to buy time to litigate the case and allow the passengers to enter the United States.

As the group was finally able to disembark, women from the Jewish society brought cars and began to pick up the refugees late at night, hosting them until they found accommodations.

Michael Dobbs, author of “The Unwanted” and project director for the Simon-Skjoldt Center for the Prevention of Genocide at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, was the first to write about the history of the *SS Quanza* in 1990, maintaining that it was forgotten over time as Eleanor Roosevelt saw the event as a defeat since Long was given total power following the *SS Quanza* episode.

Dobbs noted at the premier, “The *Quanza* incident is a timely reminder that individuals make a difference. Without visas supplied by the Portuguese diplomat Aristides de Sousa Mendes, many of the Jewish passengers on board might well have been stranded in Nazi-occupied Europe.

“Without the legal brilliance of a maritime lawyer named Jacob Morewitz, the ship would have been obliged to sail back to Europe. Without the intervention of first lady Eleanor Roosevelt, the passengers would not have been permitted to land,” he continued. “It took three people, from entirely different backgrounds, to save dozens of lives that might otherwise have been lost.”

Jason Guberman, executive director of the American Sefardi Federation, told JNS, “With the rise of hate (particularly antisemitism), bigotry and fanaticism globally, and as the Iranian regime disingenuously denies the Holocaust while enthusiastically endorsing a new genocide against the Jewish people, it is imperative to learn from and emulate the righteous of the past as we stand against evil.”

In this story, that evil, maintained Blanche Wiesen Cook, a world expert on Eleanor Roosevelt and the author of her three-volume biography, was represented by silence. “Everything was known by people who could have made a difference, but the silence was resounding,” she said.

While the United States began to bomb Nazi economic infrastructure in 1944, it is suggestive that the railroad to Auschwitz was not. The U.S. Treasury Department’s “Report to the Secretary on the Acquiescence of This

At right: A panel discussion at the film’s New York premier. L-r: Laura Seltzer-Duny; filmmaker Blanche Wiesen Cook, a world expert on Eleanor Roosevelt and author of her three-volume biography; Michael Dobbs of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and author of “The Unwanted”; Annette Lachmann, who was a passenger on the *SS Quanza* in 1940; and Kathleen Rand, whose father, Wolf Rand, was the passenger who successfully filed suit against the shipping company, forcing the vessel to remain in port until the conflict was resolved. (Photo by Eliana Rudee)



Eleanor Roosevelt spoke to a war-time audience, while Rose Pesotta and others listened. (Photo courtesy of Flickr)

Government in the Murder of the Jews” found the State Department guilty not only of “gross procrastination and willful failure to act” during the slaughter of the Jewish people in Europe, but there were also “willful attempts to prevent action from being taken to rescue Jews from Hitler.”

“It is clear that Franklin D. Roosevelt could have done so many things, like fire Breckinridge Long,” said Wiesen Cook. “He did not want to let the refugees in and risk the upcoming election,” she said, as many voters might have seen the war as a “war for the Jews” – a war for which Americans were not ready to enter.

“Even the silence of the American Jewish community was beyond unfortunate – disgusting perhaps,” she added. “Eleanor Roosevelt acted as a visionary, saying we will have peace when we all have education, jobs, housing, security and health care. She made the refugees an interest, opposed fascism, and said that everybody on the *SS Quanza* could be her guest.”

Even so, Guberman said on the Tisha B’Av film showing, “We are rather enjoined to reject victimhood in order to focus on what we, as individuals, can do in our time to overcome bias and divisions. And so it is fitting today not to focus on the failures of those who could have saved Jewish refugees and did not, but rather on those who, as Eleanor Roosevelt, were courageous and determined and successful against great odds in saving lives.”

In addition to airing a longer version of the film on PBS in 2020, Seltzer-Duny and New Day Films are distributing the film to public high schools and junior high schools, along with educational material to accompany it. “We need to reach the community at large, who get a little bit of Holocaust education but not enough,” she told JNS. “By taking this film and deconstructing it, teachers can create more empathy for the refugee plight then and now by understanding America’s response with volunteers on the ground, who took a chance and helped.

“It’s up to us not to stay silent when we see refugees struggling now because it happened to us – we were refugees, too – and we need to stand up for [them] and educate about what happened so that it doesn’t happen again,” she said.



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# Wine and vines: The vibrant, drinkable Israeli culture the Diaspora needs

By Eliana Rudee

(JNS) – Philanthropist and serial entrepreneur Adam Bellos says he cares deeply about the current direction of the Jewish future outside of Israel. As he describes what he sees as the Jewish community and philanthropic base “disappearing” in America, he maintains that traditional institutions are unsuccessfully engaging the Jewish people, especially the younger generation.

“Donors are disappearing, the community is disappearing and institutions can’t keep people in synagogue. That’s not what interests them,” he told JNS.

The only way to reignite the Jewish future outside of Israel, he maintains, is to bring the true Zionist spirit into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, connecting people around the world to the vibrancy and creativity of contemporary Israeli culture, which is non-religious and non-political, starting with its wine. Wine, he says, is “a modern expression of our ancient tradition and way of life. It is the deepest part of our culture that has lasted.

“Wine is everything; it is the root of our culture, prevalent throughout our entire

history and a way to make a living. Planting vines is part of our culture,” he maintains.

Bellos, raised in Cincinnati by an entrepreneur and an artist, is a fifth-generation American from a line of “self-generated entrepreneurs.” Entrepreneurs begin with finding a problem and a need within society and, according to Bellos, there is a need for leaders who earnestly want to make a positive impact in shaping the Jewish future – ones with a young, innovative and entrepreneurial mindset “that is embodied in the Israeli spirit of every man and woman.”

Bellos’s initiative, Wine on the Vine, is a modern upgrade to the traditional model of planting trees in Israel, but “making it more your own.” A project of the Israel Innovation Fund, for \$18, one can purchase a vine in Israel for any occasion, learn about the stories of different wineries and build a direct connection to a small business in Israel. So far, Wine on the Vine has planted 4,000 vines.

Bellos hopes to travel to Jewish Community Centers throughout the country – running parties and events that reach young people, and “creating a new atmosphere that inspires the next generation.

“Every single thing comes back to wine,” he says. “Every single life-cycle event is consecrated with wine: confirmations, consecrations, *b’nai mitzvot*, weddings and births.

“You cannot deny the connection of Jews to glass of wine,” he affirms.

After ancient vineyards were destroyed and many replanted as olive groves, Bellos notes that the reintroduction of wine-growing to Israel “is so authentically Israeli.” The products speak for themselves, he says: “Israeli wines are exported and considered among the finest in the entire world.”

For a people who are rooted in the land,

much like the vines themselves, “Jews need to be taught that they can do what they want if they believe in themselves and who they are,” continues Bellos. And it’s not necessary to immigrate to Israel to engage in this transformation; it’s not about “selling Israel,” he says.

This collective consciousness, the future of Jewish identity in America, is Israeli culture, maintains Bellos – and that change in mentality is “exactly what the Israel Innovation Fund is doing with their projects, creatively connecting to our vibrant and sexy country that is our history.

“If you want your great-grandchildren to be Jewish,” insists Bellos, “they need a connection with Israel. They need to know its language, art, film and history, and to



Wine on the Vine founder Adam Bellos (Photo courtesy Wine on the Vine via Facebook)

appreciate the things that come from Israel and understand its cultural side.

“And a bottle of Israeli wine,” he quips, “is easiest way to bring Israel to you.”

## NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

### JTS chancellor Eisen to step down after decade of change


Jewish Theological Seminary Chancellor Arnold M. Eisen, called one of the foremost authorities on American Judaism, announced that he will leave his position at the end of the current academic year after 12 years of leadership. He will return to teaching and scholarship as a full-time member of the JTS faculty. In the spring of 2020, Eisen will preside over the opening celebration of the educational institution’s reimagined campus, a project he helped envision. “We have accomplished a great deal together,” he said. “We have significantly diversified the JTS student body, and changed the way JTS trains future Jewish professional and lay leaders. We have maintained and enhanced the excellence of JTS’s distinguished faculty and continued our long tradition of world-class scholarship. We have expanded our ability to share far more widely the rich Jewish learning and exchange of ideas that define JTS. We have increased our partnerships with organizations both inside and outside of Conservative Judaism. And we have built our endowment, and transformed our campus, doubly ensuring the future strength and vitality of this institution and the kind of Judaism we serve and transmit.” The search has begun for Eisen’s successor, who will be the eighth person to fill the role in more than 130 years. “Chancellor Eisen’s tenure has strengthened and renewed all that has made JTS a pre-eminent center for Jewish learning and scholarship, while bringing the kind of transformation needed to speak to and lead a rapidly changing Jewish world,” said Board of Trustees Chair Alan Levine.



A glass of wine at Israel’s Domaine Herzberg winery. (Photo courtesy Wine on the Vine via Facebook)


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# Congregational Notes

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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 Sunday, September 29, a Selichot service will be held at 7:45 am; erev Rosh Hashanah candle lighting at 6:31 pm; and Mincha at 6:35 pm.

On Monday, September 30, Rosh Hashanah I, Shacharit will be held at 8:15 am; shofar at 10:45 am; Tashlich at Confluence Park at 5:45 pm; Mincha at 6:35 pm; and candle lighting after 7:29 pm.

On Tuesday, October 1, Rosh Hashanah II, Shacharit will be held at 8:15 am; shofar at 10:45 am; Mincha at 6:30 pm, and yom tov will end at 7:28 pm.

On Wednesday, October 2, Tzom Gedaliah (Fast of Gedaliah), the fast will begin at 5:39 am; Shacharit will be held at 6:50 am; Mincha at 6:15 pm; and the fast will end at 7:26 pm.

On Thursday, October 3, Shacharit will be held at 6:50 am and Mincha at 6:25 pm.

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 Holocaust Memorial Monument at 10:30 am; cemetery visitations following from approx. 11 am-noon; and Mincha at 6:20 pm.

## Rohr Chabad Center

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On Sunday, September 29, erev Rosh Hashanah services will be held at 6:45 pm at the Chabad Center. High Holiday services are free of charge and will be followed by holiday dinners (call 797-0015 to RSVP).

On Monday, September 30, Rosh Hashanah I services will be held at 9:30 am at the Chabad Center; shofar sounded at approx. 11:30 am; Tashlich ceremony to follow lunch and Mincha; and services at 7:30 pm.

On Tuesday, October 1, Rosh Hashanah II services will be held at 9:30 am at the Chabad Center; the shofar will be sounded at approximately 11:30 am.

## Norwich Jewish Center

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

## Temple Brith Sholom

Affiliation: Unaffiliated  
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 Phone: 607-756-7181  
 President: Bruce Fein, 607-423-3346  
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 Shabbat services: Either Friday evening at 7:30 pm or Saturday at 10 am from Rosh Hashanah to Shavuot. Holiday services are also held. Check the weekly e-mail for upcoming services. Contact the president to get on the e-mail list.  
 Religious School: Students are educated on an individual basis. Temple Brith Sholom is a small equalitarian congregation serving the greater Cortland community. Congregants span the gamut of observance and services are largely dependent on the service leader. The Friday night siddur is "Likrat Shabbat," while the Saturday morning siddur is "Gates of Prayer." The community extends a warm welcome to the Jewish student population of SUNY Cortland, as well as the residents of local adult residences.

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](http://www.thereporter.org/Resources/Website/file/Current-Past-Issues/bng091819.pdf).

## Temple Concord

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 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, September 27, at 7:30 pm, there will be a guided journey of "Mishkan HaNefesh," the new High Holiday prayerbook; and at 8 pm, there will be a Shabbat evening service led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell from "Mishkan HaNefesh."

On Saturday, September 28, at 9 am, there will be religious school; at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study on Psalm 27; and at 10:35 am, there will be a Shabbat morning service.

On Sunday, September 29, from 5:30-6:30 pm, there will be an erev Rosh Hashanah family service and, at 8 pm, there will be an erev Rosh Hashanah service.

On Monday, September 30, at 9:30 am, there will be a Rosh Hashanah morning service, children's service and programming, followed by a Sisterhood-sponsored Super Kiddush in the Dorothy Schagrin Memorial Gardens. Tashlich at Peace Park will immediately follow the Super Kiddush.

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 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 Sunday, September 29, the erev Rosh Hashanah service will be held at 7 pm, followed by an oneg. Dessert or beverage contribution (kosher/dairy) is requested but not required.

On Monday, September 30, Rosh Hashanah I morning service, Torah service and rabbi's sermon will begin at 9:30 am; Tashlich will be held at 1 pm, at the I-88 exit 16 boat landing.

On Tuesday, October 1, Rosh Hashanah II, congregants should meet in Wilbur Park for an informal discussion and picnic at noon.

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.

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 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 Sunday, September 29, erev Rosh Hashanah services will be held at 7 pm at First Congregational Church, 309 Highland Rd., Ithaca, and will be led by Rabbi Brian Walt.

On Monday, September 30, Rosh Hashanah, morning services will be held at 9 am at First Congregational Church; children's services (ages 2-5 and 6-10) at 10:45 am; kiddush, apples and honey at 12:15 pm; and Tashlich at 1 pm.

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

Friday, September 27, light candles before ..... 6:34 pm  
 Saturday, September 28, Shabbat ends ..... 7:33 pm  
 Sunday, September 29, light candles before ..... 6:31 pm  
 Monday, September 30, light candles after ..... 7:29 pm  
 Tuesday, October 1, yom tov ends ..... 7:28 pm  
 Friday, October 4, light candles before ..... 6:22 pm  
 Saturday, October 5, Shabbat ends ..... 7:21 pm

## Temple Israel

Orientation: Conservative  
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On Saturday, September 28, at 9:30 am, Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20. The haftarah will be Isaiah 61:10-63:9. The kiddush sponsors will be Al Lavker and Rabbi Eliav Bock.

On Sunday, September 29, at 7:30 pm, there will be an erev Rosh Hashanah service.

On Monday, September 30, at 8:45 am, there will be Rosh Hashanah I services; from 10:30 am-12:30 pm, there will be Junior Congregation; at 11 am, there will be a shofar service; at 4:15 pm, there will be Tashlich behind the Newman House, 400 Murray Hill Rd.; and at 5 pm, there will be Mincha.

On Tuesday, October 1, at 8:45 am, there will be Rosh Hashanah II services; from 10:30 am-12:30 pm, there will be Junior Congregation; at 11 am, there will be a shofar service; and at 5 pm, there will be Mincha.

On Thursday, October 3, at 7 pm, there will be an Executive Board meeting.

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

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: Monday, September 30; Tuesday, October 1; Wednesday, October 9; Monday, October 14; Tuesday, October 15; Monday October 21; and Tuesday, October 22.

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 Religious School/Education: September-May: Classes meet on Sunday, 9 am-12:30 pm and Wednesday afternoons, 3:45-5:45 pm. The Midrashah (eighth grade and high school) classes will meet at times designated by their respective teachers.  
 Adult Ed.: Numerous weekly courses, several semester-long courses and a variety of mini-courses and lectures are offered throughout the year. Call the temple office for more details.

On Sunday, September 29, erev Rosh Hashanah services will be held at 7 pm. A reception tendered by Sisterhood will follow services.

On Monday, September 30, Rosh Hashanah I, Shacharit will be held at 9 am; junior congregation at 11:30 am; and Mincha and Maariv at 7:30 pm.

On Tuesday, October 1, Rosh Hashanah II, Shacharit will be held at 9 am; junior congregation at 11:30 am; and Tashlich will follow kiddush.

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

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 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

Nitzavim, Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20

## Returning to God when we stray

RIVKAH SLONIM, EDUCATION DIRECTOR, CHABAD OF BINGHAMTON

This week's *parasha* is always read on the Shabbat preceding Rosh Hashanah. In fact, according to many commentators, the reading and study of *parashat* Nitzavim is a preparation of sorts for the coming of the New Year. A central theme is that of *teshuvah*, commonly rendered as repentance but more correctly defined as a return to the essential, untarnished state which is at the core of each Jew, otherwise known as our soul or *neschama*. The *parasha* is replete with beautiful, often poetic passages that serve to teach us fundamentals of the Jewish faith and specifically concern the difficult, but necessary, process of returning to God when we stray.

Nitzavim begins with Moses addressing the entire nation: "Behold, you are standing this day, all together, before the Lord your God; your heads, your tribes, your elders, your officers... from the hewer of your wood to the drawer of your water, in order to bring you into the covenant of God, your God..."

All Jews – men, women and children – from the elite and highly placed to the simple and near forgotten, were assembled. Furthermore, the *parasha* continues by stating: "Not with you alone do I make this covenant and this oath; but with him that standeth here with us this day before the Lord our God and also with him that is not here with us this day." In this verse God makes clear that His covenantal relationship with the Jews – their obligation to live by and with the Torah and His reciprocal obligations to them – is in place with every generation of Jews until the end of time.

The *parasha* contains seven references to *teshuvah*, each of these a different phase in the process; stepping stones in ascending order to complete return.

*Teshuvah*, as an evolving process, includes sincere contrition in regard to negative aspects of the past and the absolute determination to do only good in the future. True *teshuvah* not only addresses the future, but has the power to retroactively change the past. For true *teshuvah* permeates the entire being of the person, reaching to the very core

of his Divine soul, which transcends time and change and always remains loyal to God. Moreover, *teshuvah* allows man to reach sublime heights: "united with the *Shechina*, beloved and precious, close and endeared." (Maimonides, Code of *Teshuvah*)

Finally, *teshuvah* on a national level unites the *Shechina* with the Jewish people and with the entire world. Indeed, our *parasha* speaks of a return by God to His people. That is, the open manifestation of Godliness as opposed to the hidden, shrouded state of God which we currently experience.

*Teshuvah* is a daunting task; true change takes hard work. The very thought may be overwhelming. Torah, and the *mitzvot* delineated within it, can seem difficult, foreign, unnecessary, inconvenient, outmoded, etc. To these and every other conceivable reason for disenfranchisement

by the Jew from the Torah our *parasha* exhorts: "For this commandment which I command thee this day, is not too hard for thee, nor is it far off. It is not in heaven, that thou should say, 'Who shall go up for us to heaven and bring it to us and make us hear it, that we may do it?' Nor is it beyond the sea, that thou should say, 'Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it to us and make us hear it, that we may do it?' But the word [of God] is very close unto thee, in thy mouth and in thy heart, that thou may do it."

Clearly, this *parasha* contains much guidance and inspiration for each of us as we stand upon the threshold of a New Year. May we merit the blessings contained therein "... therefore choose life... to love the Lord thy God, listen to Him and cleave to Him. For He is thy life and the length of thy days."

### 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. Participants 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 Department, 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.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

#### Hyundai to test hydrogen-fueled trucks in Israel

The Hyundai Motor Company is planning to conduct a test program in Israel for hydrogen-fueled trucks during 2020, according to a report by the Israeli business daily *Calcalist*. A delegation from Hyundai visited Israel in August to discuss the project and met with officials in the office of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, according to the report, which went on to state that Israeli car retailer Colmobil Ltd. and transportation and logistics company Taavura Holdings Ltd. are going to carry out the testing. Hydrogen-fueled vehicles convert hydrogen and oxygen into electricity. Hyundai hydrogen trucks started operating in Europe earlier this year and can drive as far as 400 kilometers before needing to refuel.

#### First shul in UAE to be built by 2022

The United Arab Emirates will begin constructing its first synagogue in the next several months. It is scheduled to be completed in 2022 as part of a multifaith complex called the Abrahamic Family House in the capital of Abu Dhabi, reported Reuters. A small group of Jews who live in the capital reportedly meet for worship in a private residence. The UAE currently does not have diplomatic relations with the state of Israel.

#### JCC Friendship Club

The JCC Friendship Club met on September 18 to see the end of "A Beautiful Mind." It ended with John Nash getting the Nobel Prize in Sweden. Before that, he lived a tormented life with paranoid schizophrenia. The thing that was impressive was when he saw his room mate and his room mate's niece after his wife told him that he never had a room mate. He told them they were not real. He realized that the little girl never got older over the years. It showed John trying to get back to teaching at Princeton University. It brought tears to my eyes when he made a speech in Sweden after getting the prize, telling his wife that it was because of her that he was there. Russell Crowe played the part of John Nash from his college days to an older man with white hair. Bruce Orden brought the film and showed it on the TV screen provided by the JCC. He showed subtitles because it was difficult to understand the talking at times.

Sylvia Diamond brought in New Year cards for Rosh Hashanah. We wrote in each card, "From the JCC Friendship Club." We then divided the cards among those who will be delivering them to Jewish residents in different nursing facilities and to individuals who are home bound.

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ann Brilliant said the blessing over the cookies. We welcomed Ruth Goldstein to the meeting. She helped write some cards and made a

contribution to the treasury.

We will be attending a program on Wednesday, October 16, at the Roberson Museum in Binghamton. Come join us at the JCC on Wednesdays at 1:30pm.

Sylvia Diamond  
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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

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**Rivlin meets with Netanyahu, Gantz in effort to establish coalition gov't**

Israeli Prime Minister and Likud Party head Benjamin Netanyahu met with Israel's President Reuven Rivlin, and Blue and White Party leader Benny Gantz, on the evening of Sept. 23 and made "significant steps" in talks to form a government, said Rivlin. "We have taken a significant step forward tonight, and now the first challenge is to establish a channel of direct communication between the sides," said Rivlin, Ynet reported. "The people expect you to find a solution and to prevent further elections, even if it comes at a personal and even ideological cost," stated Rivlin. "This is not the time to exclude people. A shared and equal government is possible. It can and it must express the different voices in society." In the hour-long meeting, the president explained that after his consultations with the parties, no candidate had the support of the majority of the Knesset in order to form a government.

**Swastika-like symbols found outside entryway to Boston-area synagogue**

A Boston-area synagogue has been vandalized with what appear to be swastikas. Police in Sharon received a call on the night of Sept. 20 from congregants at Temple Sinai about the marking near its entrance. There were two other markings in the mulch bed. Sharon is known for its sizable Jewish population. "While these markings were easily removed with soap and water, we imagine that their presence may remain in your minds, hearts and spirits," synagogue president Cindi Crutchfield wrote in an e-mail sent to congregants, reported Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The New England chapter of the Anti-Defamation League condemned the markings. "Synagogues are increasingly becoming ground zero as antisemites continue sending messages of hatred to Jews," regional director Robert Trestan told JTA. Anyone with information about this case should contact the Sharon Police Department at 781-784-1587.

**Bulgaria opens first Jewish school in two decades**

Bulgaria just opened its first Jewish school in 20 years. The Ronald S. Lauder Day School in Sofia, the country's capital, started classes on Sept. 15, named for the president of the World Jewish Congress and a major philanthropist to Jewish causes. Currently, an estimated 6,000 Jews reside in Bulgaria. "What do we want from the school? We want the children to be proud of being Jewish. In order to be proud, they have to know what they're proud of, and why," said Lauder at the school's inauguration. Previously, the school's 88 student, all under the age of 12, learned at the Lauder-ORT No. 134 "Dimcho Debelianov" Jewish School in Sofia – a public school that, thanks to the Lauder Foundation, incorporated some Jewish curriculum, including Hebrew-language classes. In 2010, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, with the Shalom Bulgarian Jewish community, founded a Jewish kindergarten, which now includes dozens of children.

**Victims of Iranian terror to receive more than \$28 million**

Victims of Iranian-related terrorism will be getting more than \$28 million following the sale of Iranian properties in Ottawa and Toronto in accordance with a recent Canadian court decision. Plaintiffs include the family of Marla Bennett, an American killed in the 2002 bombing at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; and Joseph Cicippio and Edward Tracy, who were both held hostage for five years by the Iranian proxy Hezbollah. Canada's Supreme Court last year rejected an appeal by Iran. The funds have already been distributed to the plaintiffs, who can solely claim any money from assets that are not diplomatic, such as embassies or consulates.

**Jewish students, groups, businesses take part in "Global Climate Strike"**

It seemed fitting that Mother Nature offered a gorgeous day around a large part of the globe as climate became the word of the day on Sept. 20. Millions took to the streets with signs and messages that the planet must be cared for and that the situation is "long past dire." Students in school districts from New York to California got a pass from classes to attend rallies in major North American cities and in some 150 countries as part of a week-long effort, from Sept. 20-27, to raise awareness for environmental issues, clean water and related concerns. Members of Jewish groups worldwide, including RSY-Netzer and Noam Masorti Youth from the United Kingdom and Hazon: The Jewish Lab for Sustainability, were among those who participated in events under the banner "ClimateStrike." The event, which was led by student activists, comes after 16-year-old Swedish girl, Greta Thunberg, who has gained notoriety for her battle on climate change, addressed Congress on Sept. 20. A coalition of Jewish activities, including Hazon, gathered at the Marlene Meyerson JCC in New York before the rally to show support for climate change. Some businesses found other ways to boost the initiative. SodaStream, the Israel-based company that allows people to make carbonated drinks at home, closed its global offices with its Canadian employees choosing to participate in a shoreline cleanup. "The climate crisis is an emergency and

can no longer be ignored. It is our responsibility as leaders to hear and raise the voice of the young generation today and act now," said SodaStream CEO Eyal Shohat in a press release about the closure. "Caring for the planet is at the core of our company, and we have to walk the talk." A few gatherings took a sideline into antisemitism. Alex Hartzog, an aspiring journalist at Ithaca College in New York state, tweeted: "Crowd chants 'Free Palestine' at the Ithaca" climate strike. Elsewhere in the Twitter-sphere, a photo from another related college event showed a Palestinian flag and some online posters using the strike hashtag to claim that the crisis disproportionately affects Palestinians.

**Germany eases nationality law for descendants of Holocaust victims**

German Interior Minister Horst Seehofer announced on Sept. 19 plans to ease the country's Nationality Law to make descendants of Nazi victims eligible for German citizenship. "Germany has to live up to its historic responsibility towards those who, as descendants of Jews persecuted by the Nazi regime, have suffered from disadvantages pertaining to Nationality Law," Seehofer told *Deutsche Welle*. "This is especially true for people whose parents or grandparents had to flee the country," he continued. "With the decrees ... we will create an efficient arrangement allowing those affected to apply immediately for German citizenship."

**Austria to offer citizenship to British Jewish descendants of Shoah survivors**

Starting on Sept. 1, 2020, Austria will offer citizenship to British Jewish descendants of Holocaust survivors, thanks to changes to Austria's nationality laws, which were approved unanimously on Sept. 19. Those who fled Austria before the end of World War II have long been able to reclaim their citizenship. Now, the descendants of those affected will be eligible to apply. The change will apply not only to the children and grandchildren of survivors, but potentially to great-grandchildren as well. Those who apply will not need to live in Austria or surrender their British citizenship.

**Antisemitic sign-language gesture in online Flemish dictionary**

The Israeli embassy in Belgium the week of Sept. 20 blasted an online dictionary of Flemish sign language for using a hooked nose to describe the word "Jew." The Israeli embassy on Twitter expressed "shock and dismay" regarding the "ugly initiative," and said its "sole purpose is the promotion of #AntiSemitic stereotypes." Emmanuel Nahshon, Israel's ambassador to Belgium and Luxembourg, called the gesture "Sickening. Beyond words." Online videos on the website of the dictionary, which was compiled in conjunction with Belgium's University of Ghent, show the word "Jew" being signed three ways: by showing a hooked nose, displaying side-locks with fingers and by stroking an imaginary beard. The European Jewish Association is demanding the removal of a "racist and humiliating" depiction from the online dictionary. The organization's director, Menachem Margolin, said in a letter to the university, "If the aim of this project was to embellish or add to the standard definition, it has certainly managed to do so, in the most stereotypical and racist way imaginable, by focusing on side-locks and worse still gesticulating a hooked nose to describe a Jew. ... We certainly hope that such stereotypes do not reflect the policy of the university, nor your students," he continued. The online dictionary of Flemish sign-language gestures is nearly a decade-and-a-half old, according to the EJA. Lisa Rombouts, from the Flemish Sign Language Centre, said a new edition of the dictionary would be published that would "clarify these matters."

**Hezbollah member arrested for scouting possible terror sites in NYC, Boston**

A man suspected of being an operative in New York for the U.S.-designated terrorist group Hezbollah was recently arrested, according to reports the week of Sept. 20. Alexei Saab, 42, of Morristown, NJ, has been in federal custody since July, facing charges for scouting dozens of targets for the terrorist entity, including the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty and the George Washington Bridge. He is also accused of scouting and taking pictures of possible targets for the Islamic Jihad Organization and the Hezbollah external terrorism arm IJO. In addition to New York, Saab scouted places in Boston and Washington, DC. "In particular, (Saab) focused on the structural weaknesses of locations he surveilled in order to determine how a future attack could cause the most destruction," said the U.S. Attorney's Office in Manhattan. Saab became a naturalized American citizen in 2008, even though, according to the U.S. government, he has been a Hezbollah member since 1996 and has an extensive background in making explosives. He began training with Hezbollah in 1999. "Even though Saab was a naturalized American citizen, his true allegiance was to Hezbollah, the terrorist organization responsible for decades of terrorist attacks that have killed hundreds, including U.S. citizens and military personnel," said Manhattan U.S. Attorney Geoffrey Berman. "Thankfully, Saab is now in federal custody and faces significant prison time for his alleged crimes." Saab is also accused of immigration fraud, marrying an individual so that other person could apply for naturalized citizenship in the United States based on their marriage. If convicted, Saab faces up to 105 years in prison.