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## Federation to hold Day of Caring on Sept. 15

By Reporter staff

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton will hold a Day of Caring on Sunday, September 15, beginning at 9:30 am. Volunteers will clean overgrown gravestones at Temple Israel Cemetery in Conklin. The focus will be on section D of the cemetery; the people buried there were indigent and have no family in the area to care for their graves. Their flat grave markers are covered with grass and dirt, and are difficult to see.

At right: The new fence in front of section D of the Temple Israel Cemetery.



Following the recovery and cleaning of the gravestones, there will be a short dedication of the new boundary that will protect the graves in this section. Rabbi Geoffrey Brown, the

spiritual leader of Temple Israel, said, "Caring for those who have passed is the highest order of mitzvot one can perform. Jeff Shapiro first conceived the need to secure section D of the

cemetery with a physical boundary and Ron Sall's capable team constructed the new fence."

"This is our second year performing this mitzvah," said Shelley Hubal, executive director of the Federation. "Join us for this important event."

Anyone with questions or who is interested in helping should call the Federation at 724-2332. Attendees are encouraged to bring garden tools such as shovels, gloves and trowels.

## Federation to hold brunch honoring Sima Auerbach on Sept. 22

By Reporter staff

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton will honor Sima Auerbach, former executive director of the Federation, for her contributions to the organization at a brunch on Sunday, September 22, from 10:30 am-12:30 pm, at the Jewish Community Center, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal. The cost to attend is \$5 and reservations are required by Monday, September 9. They can be made by contacting the Federation at 724-2332 or director@jfgb.org.

Auerbach, who retired at the end of June, began working for the Federation in 2008. After moving to this area from Great

Neck, NY, with her husband, Neil, she became a member of the Federation board and soon after became the Federation executive director. Auerbach has spoken frequently about her love for the Broome County Jewish community and was fascinated by local Jewish history. That led to her work to help move the stained-glass windows from the former Temple Beth El of Endicott buildings to a variety of local organizations. Other highlights of her career are the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street



Sima Auerbach, former Federation executive director

YLive programs, the PJLibrary, the Yasher Koach awards, the Jewish International Film Fest of Greater Binghamton and a dinner celebrating the Israel's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

"Come help us celebrate all the wonderful things Sima has done for this community," said Federation President Suzanne Holwitt. "She worked hard to create Jewish programming and make people understand how much the Federation cares about them." "Sima left big shoes that will be hard

to fill," said Shelley Hubal, the new Federation executive director. "However, she also left the Federation in wonderful shape and I look forward to continuing her legacy and moving the Federation into the future."

"It was a pleasure to work with Sima on the Campaign," said Marilyn Bell, the current co-chairwoman of the Federation's annual Campaign and a member of the committee working on the brunch. "She truly cares about this community and I look forward to the opportunity to show just how much her hard work is appreciated."

## Rockwell Museum to present "An Evening with Art Spiegelman" on Sept. 10

The Rockwell Museum will host "An Evening with Art Spiegelman" on Tuesday, September 10, as part of its 2019 lecture series. Doors will open at 6:30 pm and the lecture, with a Q&A, will be from 7-8:30 pm in the Corning Museum of Glass Auditorium, 1 Museum Way, Corning.

Art Spiegelman has "almost single-handedly" brought comic books out of the toy closet and onto literature shelves. In 1992, he won the Pulitzer Prize for his Holocaust nar-

rative "Maus"—which portrayed Jews as mice and Nazis as cats. "Maus II" continued the story of his parents' survival of the Nazi regime and their lives later in America. "His comics are best known for their shifting graphic styles, formal complexity and controversial content," said event organizers. Spiegelman will discuss "Maus" and its place



Art Spiegelman

in current global conversations during his presentation.

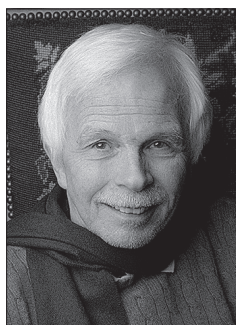
"The Rockwell Museum is thrilled to welcome Art Spiegelman to Corning to discuss his seminal work, 'Maus,' one of the graphic novels that propelled the literary form into the mainstream," said Rockwell Museum Executive Director Brian Lee Whisenhunt. "As both the artist

and writer, Spiegelman produced an innovative narrative that feels fresh almost 30 years later. His powerful story has sustained its ability to reach people with the important message of the horrors of the Holocaust and repercussions experienced by his family. With the bold re-emergence of nationalism, racism, antisemitism and xenophobia both domestically and internationally, a contemporary understanding of the lessons of See "Spiegelman" on page 5

## CJS fall 2019 program: "Antisemitism Then and Now"

### "From Anti-Judaism to Antisemitism"

The second lecture of the fall 2019 College of Jewish Studies series on "Antisemitism, Then and Now" will be held on Thursday, September 12, at 7:30 pm, at the Jewish Community Center. Scholar and author Steven Englund will present a lecture titled "From Anti-Judaism to Antisemitism, and Back Again." Englund's talk will focus on the relationship between premodern Christian hostility to Jews rooted in their religious rejection of Christ and a modern European, presumably secular antagonism to them as a people or "race." As Englund sees it, scholars have overstated this traditional distinction, too often failing to recognize the continuity between



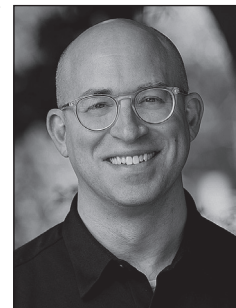
Steven Englund

these two forms of hatred. "It is important," he notes, "to reconsider the degree to which the metabolized, unconscious Christian heritage in society remains powerful in antisemitism—its wild exaggerations, irrational impulses and their relatively uncritical reception—even though the actors themselves, the media and even common sense may insist otherwise." Englund will take a look at some of the most typically "secular" moments in the first wave of antisemitism (1870-1914) to see the degree to which they nevertheless contain strong elements of "le religieux."

Englund was a Marshall Scholar and See "Anti-Judaism" on page 6

### "Antisemitism and the Politics of Jewish Peoplehood"

The third and final lecture of the fall 2019 College of Jewish Studies series on "Antisemitism, Then and Now" will be held on Thursday, September 19, when Dr. Yehuda Kurtzer, president of the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, will present a lecture titled "Antisemitism and the Politics of Jewish Peoplehood." Kurtzer's talk will focus on today's "complex and sometimes troubled" relationship between Israel and Diaspora communities (particularly American Jewry), exploring the ways in which antisemitic discourse has sought to exploit these divides.



Yehuda Kurtzer

Kurtzer received his M.A. from Brown University and Ph.D. in Jewish studies from Harvard University. He served on the faculty of Brandeis University and held the inaugural chair in Jewish Communal Innovation there. In 2010, he helped create the Hartman Institute of North America as a research and educational center dedicated to exploring the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora. Kurtzer is the author of "Shuva: The Future of the Jewish Past" and the co-editor of the forthcoming volume "The See "Politics" on page 6

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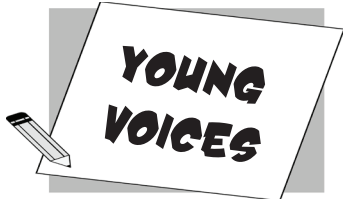
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# The Internet: A Jewish perspective

ISAAC KARP

Whether it's mass shootings or election interference, Internet security has become an issue that is taking the world by storm. Since its birth in the 1990s, the World Wide Web has become one of the most influential parts of everyday life by allowing its users to access a myriad of information platforms. For many years, the trope regarding the Internet was that the older generation misunderstands it, and the younger generation abuses it. However, what causes many Americans to use the Internet constantly is sheer necessity. It has become a vital tool in many school systems and, yes, Binghamton is one of them. While boosters and knockers argue over the path the Internet is taking, they fail to see it already ran across the road and robbed a bank.

While I was growing up, the Internet developed into a ubiquitous entity. I had my first iPhone in sixth grade and, ever since then, I have constantly used the web. Social media has grown into an authority, setting guidelines for humor, fashion and popularity. While I don't claim to be an expert on the medium, it has become ingrained into my daily routine – something I frequently find perturbing. The more research I do, the more I discover enclaves of hate. The seemingly inexorable phenomena of antisemitism, xenophobia, racism and all-around bigotry present there are no longer an abstraction for me. For most of my life, I learned to ignore it. The vulgarity of it all made me believe it was a joke: a way for people to get attention while also regurgitating the prejudices they heard from others. But the truth is this discrimination is as real as it can get. The shootings of recent years rooted in racial, religious and ethnic prejudice prove the reality of online aggression. The communities of people who are alike in their hatred of Jews and other minorities are beyond disturbing. People

on online posting boards throw around generalities and stereotypes that make minorities appear as conspiratorial sub-humans. The burgeoning online world of hatred is rearing its ugly digitized head – not just throughout America, but across the world.

The lack of regulations on the Internet continues to allow interference with elections and privacy. The Russian hack of the 2016 election is a telltale sign of how unprepared America is in facing this threat. In recent hearings, Special Counsel Robert Mueller stated that “they’re doing it as we sit here.” Despite Mueller’s expression of urgency, many politicians seem to ignore his call to action, as it fits neither party’s political agenda.

Along with this gross disruption of the democratic process, many are linking recent mass shootings to hardcore free speech websites. Websites such as Gab, 8chan and Stormfront are known to allow, and sometimes promote, vitriolic and hate-filled comments. According to numerous reports, the El Paso shooter posted his manifesto on 8chan before the shooting. Similarly, before committing his terrible crime, the Pittsburgh shooter posted disparaging remarks about Jews on Gab, claiming he was going to stop HIAS from bringing in “...invaders to kill people.” It’s tragedies like these that force people to talk about the issue, and most of the time that’s all it is: just talk. In order to challenge the supremacy of Internet absolutism, the general public needs to seriously focus on understanding its complexities.

The level of antisemitism on these websites is unconscionable. After scrolling through the message boards, chats and blogs, I came across slurs I never knew existed. This includes Holocaust denial, conspiracy theories and

the overarching belief that Jews control the world and are persecuting the “white minority.” You may ask, “But surely these websites have rules limiting their users from endangering their existence?” On one website, users are barred from insulting another white nationality, so, in the end, no one’s feelings can really get hurt!

After shootings, some do mention the Internet as a platform conducive to animosity. However, the general public often dismisses this risk as a distraction from the real issues: gun control for the Democrats and the status of mental health in America for Republicans. There is no doubt about the need for gun regulations in this country. However, why is it not possible to have a broader approach that seeks to tackle this crisis on more than one front – one which includes a long, hard look at the Internet? Many technologists and free speech advocates argue for complete freedom on the Internet. They claim it is impossible to regulate and control, or that it is a “slippery slope” between regulating the web and violating First Amendment rights.

However, we cannot let the Internet lose the freedom that makes it such a unique medium of expression. A middle ground, where the Internet remains a beacon for free speech, but not a platform that allows people to incite harm on others, is the best course of action. Given our tragic history, it is our responsibility as Jews to understand the Internet – both as a powerful tool for building bridges and a medium that can disseminate antisemitic ideas and rhetoric to an unprecedented degree. In order to prevent this spread of hate, an end to the laissez-faire status of the Internet needs to occur, even if that means invoking the outstretched arm of the United States government.

## Opinion

# The Israeli gun culture and approach to preventing mass shootings

By Alex Traiman

(JNS) – Mass shootings are nothing new in the United States, but their sudden rise is ballooning into a shocking nationwide epidemic. Many blame a toxic political culture that is accentuating divisions rather than commonalities between Americans, and the ease in which Americans can access guns, including automatic assault rifles.

Added into the mix is the multibillion-dollar entertain-

ment industry that glorifies gun violence. This includes countless action and suspense movies, murder-mystery television series and first-person video games in which players for hours on end, day after day, “shoot to kill” as many enemies as possible in nearly realistic computer-animated settings. This poisonous entertainment is proving to be an extremely well-funded perpetual soft source of incitement.

On top of that is a growing epidemic of mental illness in the United States, as well as the frequent prescribing of anti-depression medications that have too often been known to have dangerous side effects, including suicidal thoughts and violent tendencies.

In many of the mass shootings in the United States in recent years, multiple factors have been mixed into a dan- See “Shootings” on page 5

## In My Own Words

# National Everyone Shut Up About Politics Day

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

What if we called a Shabbat on political social media? Or, even better, what if we decided there should be a Rosh Hashanah (meaning two days that are legally considered one long day) when no political social media would be posted? Regular readers of this column will think I’m talking about President Donald Trump, which is understandable, but I want this to cover *all* political parties. Or, if we can’t stop politicians from posting, what if we just ignored them?

Imagine, tweeting to get a reaction and being ignored. Since many people are tweeting simply to provoke reactions – good or bad – from those affected by the statements they tweet, being ignored is the worst thing that could happen to them. Publicity hungry folks might implode from the lack of reaction. Or write wilder and wilder things just to get someone to react, which would give us insight into their character and standards.

A confession is necessary here: I am not on Twitter. I don’t ever plan to be on Twitter because it seems that, at one time or other, almost everyone on Twitter says something that’s either stupid or gets them into trouble or

both. When Twitter first came out, I joked that I can’t say anything meaningful in only 150 characters. The reality of that is that most problems we face are too complex to be solved with sound bites.

You might be excused for thinking that I’m anti-politics, but that’s not true. It’s just I miss reading educated, well-thought-out essays about problems that recognize their complexity. Those essays and opeds couldn’t appear immediately, which means the writers had time to think about their ideas, rather than releasing them in a rough, simplistic form. It also meant advisors and editors had the opportunity to comment on a piece before it was published in order to make certain the issues were stated clearly. (Believe me, I appreciate that type of editing for this column. I can’t count the number of times I’ve been saved by someone suggesting I change a word or clarify a sentence.)

Social media also makes it too easy for debates to focus on personalities, rather than issues. The discussions become an argument about people rather than ideas. The increased

noise – and the ease of posting – makes it easier for things to get nasty. That includes name calling and snide remarks that have no place in our political system.

Those tweeting often make comments quickly before they’ve really had time to study an issue. When criticism – even if it’s legitimate – comes, some people react badly because everything is done publicly and that tends to feel more like a personal attack. But our feelings are less important than working for the good of our country.

That phrase – the good of our country – has been used more frequently in this column as I see politicians caring more about their personal agenda or keeping their party in office (that’s true for both sides) than helping our country. The political polarization in the United States is dangerous – literally. What used to be expressed in words is now being expressed with guns and blood. Maybe if we all just shut up for a day one week, things might get better. Then again, the cynic in me wonders if the political split is now too wide for us to ever come together. I can only hope I’m wrong.



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# Film and lecture at Cornell U. on Sept. 10 and 19

Tuesday, September 10, is the Ithaca premier of Director Marc Halberstadt's film "CowJews and Indians: How Hitler Scared My Relatives – and I Woke Up in an Iroquois Longhouse with a Picture of Jesus, Reminding Me – for the Wrong Reason – That I Owe the Mohawks Rent." The film will be shown at the Cornell Cinema theater in Cornell University's Willard Straight Hall at 7 pm. Tickets are not required and the public is invited to attend. A panel discussion with the director will follow the film.

The premise of the film features Marc, who wants to get back the home that the Nazis long ago seized from his German-Jewish parents and collect rent from the Germans now living there. However, his family fled to America, which

was seized from Native Americans, to whom he now, in turn, owes rent. Why not let the Native Americans collect rent directly from the Germans and cut out the middleman?

The trailer may be viewed at [www.cowjewsandindians.com](http://www.cowjewsandindians.com).

The film is sponsored by the Cornell Jewish Studies Program, American Indian and Indigenous Studies Program, Cornell Institute for European Studies and other Cornell units.

On Thursday, September 19, at 4:30 pm, in Goldwin Smith Hall's Lewis Auditorium, Professor Olga Litvak will explore the relationship between two institutions that have shaped Jewish history from late antiquity to the present day in a lecture on "The Synagogue and the Study House."

A reception in the Groos Family Atrium, Klarman Hall, will follow the lecture.

The bricks and mortar of Jewish experience, the Jewish "house of commons" (*beit-knesset*) and the Jewish "university" (*beit-hamidrash*) are said to stake out different, not always complementary and often competitive, styles of thought and social discipline. Focusing on several "exemplary moments" in the making of Jewish past, Litvak will address the ways in which these "distinctive forms of Jewish life defined the content of belief and behavior."

The lecture is sponsored by the Cornell Jewish Studies Program. More information is available at [jewishstudies.cornell.edu](http://jewishstudies.cornell.edu).

## JFS and Federation to host seminar on "Wills and Estate Planning" on Sept. 16

Jewish Family Service and the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton will host a free seminar on "Wills and Estate Planning" on Monday, September 16, starting at 6 pm.

The speaker, Alycia Kimmel, is an associate attorney at Levene Gouldin and Thompson who practices in the areas of trusts and estates, elder law and real

estate. The event will be held at the Jewish Community Center, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal.

"Will and estate planning are something many people put off because they don't want to think about it," said Rose Shea, director of Jewish Family Service. "But doing this correctly can make a big difference in making sure your wishes are carried out. Part of JFS's

mission is to help people plan for the future."

"Join us for what will be an interesting and informative event," said Shelley Hubal, executive director of the Federation. "I'm looking forward to learning more about planning for the future."

To register, call the Federation office at 724-2332 or e-mail Hubal at [director@jfgb.org](mailto:director@jfgb.org).

## Jewish Studies Program at Ithaca College lecture by author David Lehman on Sept. 16

On Monday, September 16, at 7:30 pm, in Textor 101 on the Ithaca College campus, author David Lehman will present "A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs." He will talk about the Jewish songwriters who created America's popular and Broadway music from the 1920s to the 1960s, known as the "Great American Songbook."

Many jazz standards and probably a majority of the songs in the "Great American Songbook" were written by Jewish composers and lyricists. They, or their parents, escaped persecution in Eastern Europe, emigrated to the United States, and wrote musical odes to love, romance, show biz and the American dream. To take one example: Russian-born Irving Berlin, the son of a cantor, wrote "God Bless America," "There's No Business Like Show Business" and "White Christmas" – the best-selling song of all time, which secularizes that holiday – in addition to many of the songs to which Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers danced.

In his talk, Lehman will raise and address questions such as: What is Jewish about the songs written by Berlin, the



David Lehman

Gershwins, Rodgers and Hart, Harold Arlen, Jerome Kern, Leonard Bernstein, Dorothy Fields, Yip Harburg, Frank Loesser and many others? Who were they and what are their chief contributions? What did the non-Jewish Cole Porter mean when he said that the secret of writing hits was to "write Jewish tunes"? What are some of the characteristics of songs such as "Ol' Man River," "My Funny Valentine," "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend," "That's Entertainment," "But Not For Me" and "Over the Rainbow"? What did the Jewish songwriters borrow from – and lend to – African-American musicians, as well as Italian-American crooners?

Lehman is the author of "A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs," which won the Deems Taylor Award from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers in 2010. (*The Reporter's* review of "A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs" can be found at [www.thereporter.org/Article.aspx?aID=1125](http://www.thereporter.org/Article.aspx?aID=1125).) He also curated, designed and wrote an exhibit of the same name that traveled to 55 libraries in 27 states. Lehman's other nonfiction books include "Sinatra's Century: One Hundred Notes on the Man and His World" and "One Hundred Autobiographies: A Memoir," which Cornell University Press is publishing this October. A poet, Lehman has published 10 books of poetry (most recently "Playlist" in April). He is the editor of "The Oxford Book of American Poetry" and series editor of "The Best American Poetry," the annual anthology he founded in 1988. Lehman divides his time between New York City and Ithaca.

The lecture is sponsored by Ithaca College's Jewish Studies Program and is free and open to the public. For

more information, contact Peter Silberman at 274-1496 or [psilberman@ithaca.edu](mailto:psilberman@ithaca.edu), or visit the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/events/901370386928544/](http://www.facebook.com/events/901370386928544/). Individuals with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Silberman by e-mail or phone. Those planning to attend are asked that requests for accommodations be made as soon as possible.

*The Jewish Community wishes to express its sympathy to the family of Gladys Kahn*

### Early deadlines for The Reporter

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

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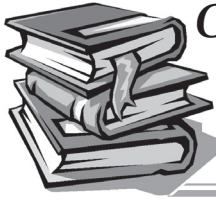
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Off the Shelf

# Mysteries for the start of fall

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

Two friends and I were discussing books during a recent lunch. (I know, you're all shocked to learn I was talking about books.) When it comes to serious fiction, the three of us have similar tastes. When it comes to novels of other genres, we often disagree. For example, I love fantasy and sci-fi, which I know one of my friends hates. (This is a person who fell asleep during the film "Guardians of the Galaxy: Volume Two.") On the other hand, she reads a lot of thrillers – books which I generally dislike because they're usually populated by unpleasant and/or psychopathic people. While our mutual friend does like sci-fi and fantasy novels, another genre

she enjoys – literary romance – has less appeal to me and our other friend.

The genre neither of them like is mysteries, of which I am a big fan. Before my 20s, I only read a few mystery classics – novels by Dashiell Hammett and Raymond Chandler, for example. The only exception was Dorothy L. Sayers' Lord Peter Wimsey novels. When someone handed me a copy of "Gaudy Night," I was too embarrassed to say I didn't read mysteries. I continued with the series because I fell in love with Lord Peter. (Yes, it is possible to fall in love with a literary character and my chaste love affair continued after Jill Paton Walsh was chosen to finish an

incomplete Sayers' novel more than 70 years after the last Wimsey mystery appeared. Paton Walsh has since published four more books in the series and a fifth one is promised.) However, once I started reading a few mystery series in my 20s, I quickly was hooked on the genre. Don't ask me how many series I faithfully follow, because I don't want to know. And every time I try to cut back and say I'm not going to start any new ones, I suddenly see one that looks so interesting I just have to read it.

All this is my long-winded way of introducing a review of four mysteries: two that are part of a series and **See "Mysteries" on page 8**

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- The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is July 23, 2019.
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- The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 24 Dorman Road, Binghamton, NY 13901.
- The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

Notice of formation of TAYLORLEEFIT LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/06/19. Office in Broome County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 136 E Service Road Binghamton, NY, 13901. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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- The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is G.

Long Properties, LLC.

- The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is August 1, 2019.
- The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Cortland.
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: The name of the limited liability company is: Binghamton Car Company, LLC (the "Company"). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was July 12, 2019. The county in which the principal place of business of the Company shall be located is Broome County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company, to Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP, Attn: James W. Orband, 80 Exchange Street, Suite 700, Binghamton, NY 13901. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

Notice of Qualification of Meridian Clinical Research, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/19/19. Office location: Broome County. LLC formed in Nebraska (NE) on 06/29/00. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Meridian Clinical Research, LLC, 3319 N. 107th St., Omaha, NE 68134, Attn: David Roehr, Legal Dept. also the address of the principal office. Arts of Org. filed with the NE Secy. of State, Robert B. Evnen, 1201 N St., Ste. 120, Lincoln, NE 68508. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of Country Kids Daycare LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/2/2019. Office Location: Broome Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom service of process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Claudia Gosney, 307 Morgan Road, Binghamton, New York 13903. Purpose: any lawful activities.

West 48th Plugged In LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 7/26/2019. Cty: Broome. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Ron Shalev, 453 W. 48th St., #1B, New York, NY 10036. General Purpose.

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- The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is July 24, 2019.
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- The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

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Notice of Formation of 504 Murray Hill Road LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/26/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 504 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal, NY 13850. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Qualification of Gokulesh Hospitality NY, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/01/19. Office location: Broome County. LLC formed in Connecticut (CT) on 06/06/19. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 4105 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, NY 13850. Address to be maintained in CT: 46 Eagle Ridge Dr., Essex, CT 06426. Arts of Org. filed with the Secy. of State, 30 Trinity St., Hartford, CT 06106. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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- The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is Louella & Henry, LLC.
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- The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against

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Notice of Formation of Dacata, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/06/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Piaker & Lyons, P.C., 92 Hawley St., Binghamton, NY 13901. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Qualification of ETK JR Realty, LP. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/07/19. Office location: Broome County. LP formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 12/17/18. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 925 S. State St., Clarks Summit, PA 18411, also the principal office address. Name/address of genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with Secy. of State, 209 North Office Bldg, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Qualification of ETK JR Management, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/07/19. Office location: Broome County. LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 11/16/18. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 925 S. State St., Clarks Summit, PA 18411, also the principal office address. Arts of Org. filed with the Secy. of State, 206 North Office Bldg, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Sini Hill LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/16/2019. Cty: Broome. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Sini Kangasmaki, 333 Schermerhorn St., Apt. 21E, Brooklyn, NY 11217. General Purpose.

OC ERECTERS, LLC App. for Auth. filed w/ SSNY 8/23/19. Off. in Broome Co. Arts. of Org. filed w/ SSFL 7/18/14. SSNY desig. as agt. of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 1206 SW 46 Ave, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442. Add. req. to be maintained in FL: 4413 Vista Woods Ct, Orlando, FL 32822. Name & add. of the auth. officer in FL where copy of Arts. of Org. filed: FL Dept. of State, Div of Corp, Clifton Bldg, 2661 Executive Center Cir, Tallahassee, FL 32301. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/27/2019. Office location: Broome Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, P.O. Box 163, Binghamton, NY 13903. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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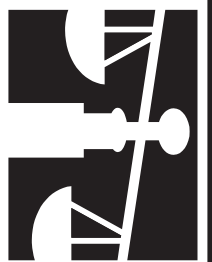
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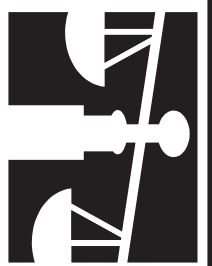
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# BD luncheon speaker on Sept. 14 to discuss Mediterranean diet and the Bible

Beth David's luncheon speaker on Saturday, September 14, will be Dr. Erin Maxfield, who is currently a second-year family medicine resident physician with Ascension Health in Binghamton. Maxfield's talk, "Health Benefits of a Mediterranean Diet: From the Bible to Scientific Evidence," will link her interest in the Bible with her medical knowledge. "Culinary medicine," organizers say, "is a new dimension in medical education, and Erin will share the knowledge she gained during her year-long participation in the HEALTH meets FOOD™ course at Arnot Ogden Medical Center in Elmira, NY." The concept of a teaching kitchen was initially developed at the Tulane University School of Medicine's Goldring Center for Culinary Medicine, with the goal of adding a nutrition-based dimension to the physicians' pharmacological toolbox for fostering patient health.



Dr. Erin Maxfield

Mediterranean diet."

Maxfield is a graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington where she received a bachelor's degree with honors in chemistry. She obtained her medical degree from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Greensburg, PA. After graduating medical school, she completed an elective postdoctoral fellowship in neuropathology at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland, with a concentration in pharmacologic modulation of Alzheimer's disease. The Alzheimer project in which she was involved produced two peer-reviewed publications that she co-authored. Maxfield also served as project manager for clinical trial protocol development, which resulted in FDA approval for a randomized, quadruple-blind multi-site Phase I human clinical trial at Case Western Reserve University and Massachusetts General Hospital; the trial is currently ongoing and recruiting participants. During her time in Cleveland, Maxfield also served as adjunct professor in the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. In 2018, she relocated to Binghamton to begin her medical residency training.

Beth David's luncheon speaker series takes place

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

## 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.

# Children of Abraham program set for Sept. 8

The Children of Abraham of Broome County organization will hold an event titled "Where they go: Welcoming people with mental health struggles in our congregations" on Sunday, September 8, from 3-5 pm, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Binghamton. This event will kick off with a presentation by Amber Brown, M.Div., on how the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

Administration's eight dimensions of wellness, specifically the dimension of spiritual wellness, offers a framework for mental health recovery journeys.

Following the presentations, panelists will respond to the question "Given your experience and expertise, how can the eight dimensions of wellness be best applied to the congregational setting and your faith tradition?" The panelists

will represent faith traditions of the Children of Abraham of the Southern Tier (Muslim, Jewish, Unitarian Universalist and Christian). The panelists will be Imam Omar Bajwa, Reverend Kimberly Chastain, Amanda Jones and Rita Bleier.

After the panel, there will be facilitated discussions with small multi-faith breakout groups, which will come back together to conclude as one group.

# TI Sisterhood to hold fashion show on Sept. 10

The Sisterhood of Temple Israel has announced that its opening membership event for the 2019-20 year will be a Hanks for Her Fashion Show, to be held on Tuesday, September 10, at 7 pm. Maureen Patrick, owner of Hanks, will narrate the fashion show. Models will be Temple Israel Sisterhood members, including Maxine Rosenberg, Shelley Hubal, Barbara Zelter and Bonnie Brown.

"It seemed a logical choice to showcase clothing from Hanks, since many of our members shop there," said orga-

nizers of the event. "Guests will be treated to an evening of 'Nip and Nosh' organized by food co-chairs Kathy Hurwitz and Joyce Sambursky."

Co-president Jennifer Schutzer stated, "This is a great time to enjoy some fabulous dishes, connect with friends and see some great ideas for fall fashions."

Co-chairs Sima Auerbach and Heidi Thirer have arranged for door prizes from Hanks, as well as an item created by Sisterhood member Ann Spitz. "This will be

an evening you don't want to miss," declared Auerbach and Thirer.

The event is free for those who have paid their \$25 dues for the 2019-20 year. Sisterhood members can call Tammy Kunsman in the temple office to pay their dues ahead of time. Dues will also be accepted at the door that evening. Reservations should be made by Tuesday, September 3, by calling Kunsman at the temple office at 723-7461.

# Spiegelman.....Continued from page 1

'Maus' are again tantamount to the continuation of both our democracy and freedom."

The Spiegelman lecture is the last in the Rockwell's 2019 lecture series. The event is free for Rockwell members, \$10 for students and \$20 for general admission attendees. Advance registration is recommended. To register, or for more information on this and other upcoming Rockwell events, visit <https://rockwellmuseum.org/events/an-evening-with-art-spiegelman/>.

Spiegelman is an American cartoonist, editor and comics advocate best known for his graphic novel "Maus." His work as a co-editor on comic magazines Arcade and Raw has been called "highly influential." He also worked as a contributing artist for The New Yorker from 1992-2002.

Having rejected his parents' aspirations for him to become a dentist, Spiegelman studied cartooning in high school and began drawing professionally at age 16. He went on to study art and philosophy at Harpur College before becoming part of the underground comix subculture of the 1960s and 1970s. Spiegelman began his career with the Topps Bubble Gum Company in the mid-1960s, which was his main financial support for two decades. It was there that he co-created parodic series such as Wacky Packages in the 1960s and the Garbage Pail Kids in the 1980s. He gained prominence in the underground comix scene in the 1970s with short, experimental and often autobiographical works. A selection of these strips appeared in the collection "Breakdowns" in 1977, after which Spiegelman turned his focus to the book-length


"Maus," about his relationship with his Holocaust survivor father. The postmodern book depicts Germans as cats, Jews as mice and ethnic Poles as pigs, and took 13 years to create. It won a Pulitzer Prize in 1992 and has gained a reputation as a pivotal work, responsible for bringing scholarly attention to the comics medium.

Today, Spiegelman advocates for greater comics literacy. As an editor, a teacher at the School of Visual Arts in New York City and a lecturer, Spiegelman has promoted better understanding of comics and has mentored younger cartoonists.

"An Evening with Art Spiegelman" is made possible with support from WSKG Public Media. Learn more at [www.rockwellmuseum.org](http://www.rockwellmuseum.org), or follow it on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

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## Diag Queen Story Hour



Sunday, September 29  
10am-12pm at The JCC

Hosted by our very own Mr. Harry, also known as Peaches, this family-friendly program will showcase stories & songs that explore and celebrate diversity and inclusion. Children of all ages are welcome! Plus, the 4-County Library System Bookmobile will be here, too!

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[www.binghamtonjcc.org](http://www.binghamtonjcc.org)

## Free seminar on Wills & Estate Planning

hosted by Jewish Family Service and the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton.

The speaker is Alycia Kimmel, an associate attorney at Levene Gouldin & Thompson, practicing in the areas of Trusts & Estates, Elder Law and Real Estate.

The event is at the JCC on  
Monday, September 16, starting at 6 pm.

To register, call the the Federation at 724-2332 or email Shelley Hubal at [director@jfgeb.org](mailto:director@jfgeb.org).



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# TC Sisterhood to hold workshops on Sept. 14-15

Temple Concord Sisterhood and Women of Reform Judaism will hold "Each of Us Strong, Together We Are Stronger" workshops on Saturday, September 14, and Sunday, September 15. They will be held at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, and are open to Temple Concord Sisterhood members, the Temple Concord congregation and all members of the Jewish community.

The September 14 workshop will be held from 1-3:30 pm, with the focus on the role of Reform Judaism, Temple Concord and WRJ in social advocacy. Speakers will be Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell, Temple Concord rabbi since June 2008,



Robin Sobol

and Robin Sobol, a member of the WRJ Northeast District Board of Directors and former president of WRJ Northeast District.

The September 15 workshop will be from 10 am-1:30 pm with Sobol leading the discussion. The focus will be on Temple Concord Sisterhood remaining relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Sobol will talk about continuing to build a team of Temple Concord Sisterhood women who will work together for common causes, attracting new Sisterhood members while reinvigorating existing members. She will discuss honoring and recognizing each Sisterhood member's unique qualities.

Brunch will be served. The fee will be \$3 for Sisterhood members and each member of her family, with a fee of \$5 for non-Sisterhood members. To make a reservation, call the temple office at 723-7355 by Sunday, September 8, and let staff know the number of attendees and which day(s) they will be attending.

Sobol, a member of Congregation Beth Emeth in Albany, currently serves as treasurer of her Sisterhood. Past positions have included president and board member. She has served as WRJ Northeast District area director, vice president and first vice president. She co-facilitated the speaker's bureau training. Currently, she is working on a year-long program to train new WRJ board members and is chairwoman of WRJ Board Leadership Training.

# BD Sisterhood opening meeting on Sept. 11

Judy Silber will speak at the opening meeting of the Sisterhood of Beth David Synagogue on Wednesday, September 11, at 7 pm.

Organizers noted, "Her presentation is intended to get us all in the holiday mood since Rosh Hashanah and all the other holidays are not too far away. Ideas for discussion include ways to look within ourselves to determine how

to face the Day of Judgment, how we can be creative in our observance of this holiday season, and a review of holiday observances and customs. There may also be a chance to listen to and sing along with recordings of great cantors of the past."

A brief meeting will be held, during which there will be a short tribute to Lillian Zodikoff, who recently passed.

Those who were lost on September 11, 2001, will also be remembered. Organizers said, "Join us for what we hope will be the start of a wonderful New Year."

Donations for CHOW may be made at the meeting.

# TC High Holiday childcare

Free High Holiday child care will be offered by Temple Concord Sisterhood for youngsters ages 2 to kindergarten while parents and grandparents attend services at Temple Concord the morning of Rosh Hashanah, Monday, September 30, and the morning of Yom Kippur, Wednesday, October 9.

Reservations *must* be made by Sunday, September 15, for Rosh Hashanah morning care and by Tuesday, October 1, for Yom Kippur morning care. Child care will be available at 9 am. The adult must take the child (children) to the Tot

Time room on the third floor of the mansion and register them with the responsible adult's name. The adult or someone who is known to the ushers must inform the ushers where they will be sitting in case of emergency. Adults are responsible for checking on children for diaper changes.

To make a reservation, call or e-mail the temple office at 723-7355 or TempleConcordbinghamton@gmail.com. Without reservations made by the above stated deadlines, there will be no child care available. Sisterhood High Holiday Child Care chairwoman is Amanda Donahue.

# Interfaith panel on Sept. 22

Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell, Reverend Dr. Michelle Bogue-Trost and Imam Adnan Ahmed will participate in an interfaith panel on peace and acceptance on Sunday, September 22, from 2-4 pm, at Central United Methodist Church, 17 Nanticoke Ave., Endicott.

The program is organized by Central United Methodist Church, All Saints Episcopal Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Temple Concord and Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

# Politics . . . .Continued from page 1

New Jewish Canon," a collection of what are considered the most significant Jewish ideas and debates of the past two generations.

College of Jewish Studies programs are open to the entire community; general admission is \$8 per program, or \$20 for all three programs; senior admission is \$5 per program or \$12 for all three programs. BU students are welcome to attend at no charge. All programs begin at 7:30 pm at the Jewish Community Center, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal.

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

# Anti-Judaism. . . . .Continued from page 1

received his Ph.D. at Princeton University. He is the author of eight books, including being chief writer for President Jimmy Carter for The President's Commission Agenda for the Eighties. His biography, "Napoleon, A Political Life," won the prize for the best book in French history from the American Historical Association. For the latter, he was named Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres by the French government. He had been a Guggenheim Fellow, and has given papers on his current work on comparative antisemitism at Cornell,

Princeton, Yale and Binghamton universities, and at the Center for the Study of Antisemitism at Berlin Technical University. He was a Visiting Fellow at the latter, from 2015-16.

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The College of Jewish Studies, founded in 1986, is an informal coalition between the Judaic Studies Department of Binghamton University and several area Jewish sponsoring institutions: the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, Beth David Synagogue, Temple Concord and Temple Israel. Programming for CJS would not be possible without the additional financial

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## Prep-your-place pointers

(NAPSI) - Many people may be surprised to learn that fall is actually the most affordable season for home prep and repair projects. There's less demand, so homeowners might enjoy breaks on equipment and services.

An easy place to begin is at the window. Cracked and warped windows can often cause heat to escape. "Windows that produce a draft or feel cold on the inside should be replaced," explains Richard Kasunic, a home repair expert with Window Nation, a window replacement company. Modern vinyl windows fit tightly to shield homes from

wind, water infiltration and inclement weather overall. With that said, many homeowners have older windows and are often "heating the outside," adds Kasunic.

"On average, homeowners spend 40 percent of their utility expense dollars on heating and cooling," he says. "But if new windows aren't in this year's home budget, you might want to pick up insulated curtains, window and door gap seals, and add draft snakes on windowsills."

He also suggests replacing the weather stripping around doors if you see any light around the edges. For less than \$10, you can likely reduce electrical bills throughout the year.

Additionally, exterior outlets, plumbing and utility access, chimneys and walkways should be sealed for unwanted holes, says Kasunic. And homeowners should have their furnaces and roofs professionally cleaned and inspected.

Finally, cover the water heater and change the furnace filter so your furnace doesn't have to work as hard.

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# Study: Across former Soviet Union, Jews in small towns suffer more than in cities

By JNS staff

(JNS) – Russian and Ukrainian Jews feel much safer in big cities, a new large poll finds.

First results of the extended study “Jews of the Post-Soviet Space” were presented yesterday at the ISGAP-Oxford Summer Institute 2019 for curriculum development in critical antisemitism studies by Professor Ze’ev Khanin, the academic chairman of the Institute for Euro-Asian Jewish Studies.

Although 19 percent of Ukrainian Jews, and 7 percent of Russian and Belarussian Jews, claim that the level of antisemitism has substantially grown up in recent years, a “significant gap” exists between the estimated dynamics of antisemitism in small towns on one hand, and in capitals and big cities, such as Moscow, St. Petersburg, Kiev, Odessa and Minsk, on the other. The trend is also observed for antisemitic attacks, as 15 percent to 26 percent of the respondents in capitals and big cities experienced them first-hand; for small communities, this indicator is estimated at 47 percent.

Among the indications of the recent years, the study observes a return in the mass conciseness of a few old-style

anti-Jewish stereotypes, such as the accusation of Jews in the dual loyalty.

“The departure from the state antisemitism of Soviet times and a reduction of the level of violence motivated by antisemitic views do not mean that antisemitism as a cultural phenomenon has vanished in these countries,” noted Khanin, who lectures on Israel, Jewish and political studies at and Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan and Ariel University in the West Bank. The majority of xenophobic groups in FSU society feature “latent” or “sleeping” antisemitism,” he said.

According to the polls, about half of the Russian citizens believe that the Jews mostly loyal to their own interests, rather than interests of the country they live in. However, the IEAJS study shows, that 70 percent 85 percent of the questioned FSU Jews see countries that they currently live in as “theirs” before all; 37 percent to 53 percent totally agree that Jews must be patriots of the country they live in; and 33 percent to 50 percent do not see any contradiction between local patriotism and strong solidarity with the state of Israel.

In the study conducted with the support of the Euro-Asian

Jewish Congress, more than 2,000 respondents who met the criteria of the Israel’s Law of Return were interviewed, including more than 900 in Russia, 890 in Ukraine, 250 in Belarus and 350 in Moldova. According to the study findings, the most observed categories of antisemitism in the FSU region are crimes inspired by Judeophobia, incitement to hostility against Jews, media-sponsored public antisemitism and antisemitic stereotypes.

Although sociological assessments reveal a refusal to accept open declarations of ethnic inequality and hatred, this does not necessarily exclude potential feelings of xenophobia and ethnic or racial superiority on the part of a substantial part of society. This opens the way to relatively easy violations of the public ban on antisemitism and ethnic discrimination by various institutions in the public sphere.

“The Euro-Asian Jewish Congress is systematically monitoring antisemitic incidents and discourse in the FSU region. We consider this painful issue an essential problem of the modern world and call on leaders and influencers in the FSU region to confront and condemn antisemitism for what it is – disgusting, ignorant and extremely dangerous bigotry,” said EAJC President Michael Mirilashvili.

# The swimming pool helping Israel’s disability community learn to walk

By Noam Mirvis

(JNS) – As the summer heats up, families around the world are taking refuge in the cool, relaxing waters of their local pools. In addition to providing a seasonal and healthy way to beat the heat, pool time also serves as an outlet for children to release their pent-up energy following the long school year, and creates opportunities for families to connect and let loose.

In a word, pools represent freedom, a buoyant escape from the confines of life.

However, what most people don’t realize is that pools can also represent potential, as the weightlessness and relative calm that exists in the water helps children with severe complex disabilities feel free and unrestricted, and often leads to growth well beyond their initial prognoses. In some cases, children who were never expected to walk are able to take their first steps following extensive hydrotherapy.

“The parents send us videos of their children walking around the house,” said Timna Vaknin, a special-education



A hydrotherapist worked with a resident with severe complex disabilities at the ALEH hydrotherapy pool in Jerusalem. (Photos courtesy of ALEH)

teacher at ALEH, Israel’s network of care for children with severe complex disabilities. “It’s incredible to hear them crying with joy as they count every step. They just can’t

believe that their child is able to walk.”

Its Jerusalem residential and rehabilitative facility inaugurated a state-of-the-art hydrotherapy pool last spring, providing its students with easy access to the water-based therapies that allow them to build muscle mass, improve mobility and move freely and without pain.

The hydrotherapy center is the first of its kind in Israel to use an augmentative alternative communication system, enhancing the experience for ALEH’s nonverbal students by allowing them to express their wishes and emotions to caregivers, support staff, therapists and lifeguards via special communication boards placed strategically around the pool. This fairly simple yet enlightening system has set the standard for other hydrotherapy pools serving the disability community across the country.

Each resident and special-education student is assigned to a hydrotherapist who knows their individual strengths, weaknesses, achievements and goals. As the children are

# Fall Home & Real Estate

## What to do about ducts

(NAPSI) – If your home is like most, it has a dirty little secret: your air ducts. Through normal occupation, houses pick up an awful lot of contaminants and air pollutants, such as dander, dust and chemicals. These get pulled into the HVAC system and recirculated five to seven times a day, on average. Over time, this causes a buildup of contaminants in the ductwork.

While dirty ducts don’t necessarily mean unhealthy air, they can contribute to health issues, especially for people with respiratory health conditions, autoimmune disorders or allergies. The National Air Duct Cleaners Association has a rule of thumb: “If your air ducts look dirty, they probably are,” and that dirty HVAC systems should be inspected by a reputable, certified HVAC professional.

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# Mysteries . . . . . Continued from page 4

two stand-alone works. The fun is that even though these novels belong to the same genre, their characters and plots are very different. That's one of the reasons I enjoy reading mysteries: every series and every novel contains unexpected delights and surprises.

## "The Shallows"

I'm a sucker for series about sardonic and cynical private investigators. Not that I would want to know one in real life, but reading about them can be great fun. Nils Shapiro, the narrator of Matt Goldman's "The Shallows" (Forge), is the perfect example of a PI who questions everything, especially when his gut tells him someone is not telling the

truth. An additional pleasure is the fact that Nils is Jewish and talks about the Minneapolis Jewish community, where everyone knows everyone else's business.

When Nils and his partner are asked to investigate a lawyer's murder, the case seems clear cut at first: the lawyer's widow was having an affair with an artist whom the police peg as unstable. What is puzzling is that three different people want to hire Nils to investigate the murder, something that makes him wonder what each is trying to hide. Of course, the truth is far more complex than at first expected and, as he digs for answers, Nils discovers that some of deceased's secrets could be deadly.

"The Shallows" is the third novel in the Shapiro series, but the first I've read. It probably won't be the last. (I have so many books to read that I've been restraining myself from ordering the first two in the series. We'll see how long that lasts.) What added to the fun were the parts of the novel that focused on contemporary politics; those serious sections made this work stand out.

## "Lady in the Lake"

Although Laura Lippman is a bestselling author, "Lady in the Lake" (William Morrow) is the first novel of hers I've read. (In case you're shocked by this, repeat after me, "Rachel cannot read everything; Rachel cannot read everything." Yeah, I know, but not for lack of trying.) This non-series work, which takes place in the mid-1960s in Baltimore, focuses on Jewish Madeline "Maddie" Schwartz, who decides to leave her husband and son in order to pursue a life filled with more meaning and passion. Maddie finds herself working for a newspaper that barely tolerates her presence. In order to stand out, she decides to learn more about the young black woman whose decaying body was discovered in a city park lake. Who was this woman and who killed her? Since the death of a black person is of little interest to the newspaper editors, Maddie tries to find a unique angle to the story.

However, Lippman has created something far more complex than your average mystery. While readers are privy to Maddie's thoughts, the novel also includes first-person narratives from almost everyone Maddie meets. Some of sections are directly related to the plot, while others give insights into how people perceive a woman who is so self-involved she doesn't see her effect on others. About halfway through the novel, I found myself debating whether or not I actually liked Maddie. At first, I rooted for her to find her own way, but became less certain about that due to many of the questionable decisions she makes.

The many narratives Lippman includes add depth to the work and some were more interesting and moving than the main tale. At first, the mystery seems clear cut, but the author includes several surprises and twists – ones I didn't see coming. I'm not certain I'm ready to try Lippman's regular series, but I am impressed with her ability to create complex and interesting characters, and an intriguing plot.

## "Goldstein"

Volker Kutscher has written several international best-sellers set in Berlin in the 1930s featuring police Inspector Gereon Rath. What drew my attention to his latest work to appear in English was its name: "Goldstein" (Picador). Rath is not pleased when he is told to shadow Abraham Goldstein, a Jewish American gangster visiting Germany. Rath's supervisors fear that Goldstein is there to take part in a street war between two rival criminal groups. However, Kutscher's plot is far more complex and ambitious. His characters include Rath's girlfriend Charly, who is involved in her own investigation; Alex, a young thief who believes her partner was murdered by the police; and several characters who are part of competing criminal organizations. The different threads seem unrelated at first, but are cleverly tied together by the end of the novel.

For Jewish readers, Goldstein may be the most interesting part of the novel, even though he is a minor character. Kutscher does an excellent job explaining how this son of Jewish immigrants became involved in the rackets. It was intriguing to learn the purpose of his visit and see how it ties (or doesn't tie) into the rest of the plot. Since the novel takes place in the 1930s, the growing Nazi threat also plays a role in the book, as does the government's fear of communists.

The novel will be easier to read for those familiar with Kutscher's two previous works, although I managed to figure out the connections between the characters without too much difficulty. The writing is more dense than many mysteries, but this seems fitting for that disturbing time period and place – a Berlin on the brink of the Nazi era.

## "Her Kind of Case"

Not many mysteries I've read focus on lawyers, but Jeanne Winer's latest work makes looking for more of them appealing. Lee Isaacs, the main character in "Her Kind of Case" (Bancroft Press), is a tough lawyer, but an interesting and vulnerable human being. A widow who is having difficulty adjusting to being older, Lee wonders if she is past her prime as a defense attorney. The loss of a recent case sits poorly and, for the first time, she ponders retiring. That is before she's asked to defend a teenage boy, who lived with a gang of skinheads and is accused of murdering a gay man. Lee knows that her best friends – two gay men who were close to her late husband – might not approve, but something draws her to the young man. At first, her client seems not to care if he spends the rest of his life in jail. Yet, Lee suspects there is more to the story and looks to discover what really happened.

The fact that Lee is Jewish created additional depth to the novel. I enjoyed reading her thoughts about why she doesn't celebrate Christmas and of her close connection to her father. Although Lee makes it clear she doesn't believe in God, one could say her desire to help her clients is very Jewish – her way of making the world a better place.

# Mailbox Shorts

## Exhibit on Jewish China

The Museum at Eldridge Street is holding the exhibit "Harbin, China | Past/Present" through October 4. At the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Harbin, China, contained a Jewish community. Attracted to work on the new Trans-Siberian Railway, immigrants traveled to this small fishing village in the 1890s. For Jewish emigres, Harbin offered a chance to live without the restrictions imposed on them in the Russian Empire. It became home to many Jews as well as non-Jewish Russians, Chinese and other groups – all living in one city, but maintaining their own cultures and customs. By the early 1960s, the last Jewish families had relocated, and their synagogues, schools and other landmarks languished in disuse.

The exhibition is presented in two parts. The first uses historic photographs and the stories of three American families with Harbin roots to construct a timeline of the rise, fall and re-emergence of Harbin's Jewish culture. The historic exploration is paired with a section of contemporary art by Steven Lane. Lane is a New York artist with family connections to Harbin. He has been making art alternately in Beijing and Harbin since 1985. Lane's art in his exhibition focuses on his painting over and reuse of originals and copies of Chinese newspapers, posters and books from the 1960s, which he purchases from markets in Beijing and Harbin. In Harbin, he often uses the former synagogues as temporary studio spaces. Together, the exhibition considers the development of a large Jewish community in China, its dispersal and the far-reaching effects for its inhabitants, their descendants and a contemporary American artist.

For more information, visit [www.eldridgestreet.org/harbinchina/](http://www.eldridgestreet.org/harbinchina/), or contact the museum at [contact@eldridgestreet.org](mailto:contact@eldridgestreet.org) or 212-219-0302.

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# Pool . . . . . Continued from page 7

unable to speak, staff members are always on hand to assist and guide the hydrotherapists, serving as a go-between to interpret each child's likes and dislikes.

"The pool is the best of both worlds. It's a place where the children can have fun, as well as a platform for their growth, where we can help them develop their emotional, sensory, motor, and media skills; reach goals; and even exceed expectations," explained Vaknin.

The hydrotherapy center has already seen huge successes in the short period of time since its grand opening. One such success story is Eliyahu, an adolescent with very complicated special needs who was afraid to exert himself physically. For years, the staff did everything for Eliyahu and struggled to motivate him to take his first few steps. When they could coax him into the standing position, every attempt to walk ended the same way: Eliyahu would take a single step and freeze, instantly debilitated by fear of tackling the task on his own.

"We decided that one of his goals would be to walk five or six steps by the end of the year," said Vaknin. "We worked with Eliyahu and his hydrotherapist for months. After Eliyahu was able to walk from one edge of the pool to the other with no extra support, he was able to conquer his fears out of the water. Today, he can walk about 15 steps independently outside of the pool."

Vaknin was amazed by how quickly Eliyahu took to the water, doing things he had never attempted before. "I believed that he would be able to walk eventually, but I never

imagined he would make so much progress so quickly. After reaching far beyond his goal, we decided to raise the bar and started working with him on walking up the stairs."

The philosophy employed by Vaknin and the rest of the staff is to ease the children into their hydrotherapy sessions and remove anything that makes them feel uncomfortable so that the children associate water with a positive experience. As the staff has seen first-hand, the children can only harness the powers of hydrotherapy to overcome their fears if they feel calm and confident in the water.

Pe'eri, a 7-year-old girl with severe disabilities, who is unable to crawl, walk or eat on her own, is the prime example. After a month of sitting next to the pool in a swimsuit refusing to enter the pool, Pe'eri finally agreed to take the plunge. The first step was to build her confidence in the water while integrating her into group activities.

Previously, during physiotherapy treatments on the treadmill, Pe'eri would just sit down, as she didn't understand the mechanics of walking and found it difficult to carry her own body weight. After intensive hydrotherapy work in the pool, it became noticeably easier for her to learn how to move around. Following several months of moving her feet in a walking motion in the pool, weights were added to her legs to increase resistance. Recently, Pe'eri started walking properly on the treadmill, pushing herself ever forward.

"I look forward to the hydrotherapy session all week because I can actually see how much happiness and serenity it brings the ALEH residents and special-education students," said Vaknin. "There are children who weep tears of joy in the pool, and they constantly express their desire to progress - not with words, but with body language and sounds. Even when they are in the elevator on the way to the pool, we hear them uttering sounds of joy and excitement. It is amazing to see that what we do in the pool has such a marked impact outside the pool."

In addition to the hard work put in by the children and staff, the involvement of parents remains key to the children's continued developmental success. With this understanding, the staff involves the parents every step of the way, sending photos and videos of their children at the pool and inviting them to the hydrotherapy sessions to watch their children's progress in real-time. Sitting poolside, parents cheer on their children and learn how to do the exercises with their children for their next family trip to the neighborhood pool.

"It's incredible that my son gets to enjoy the pool just



A staff member helped a nonverbal resident utilize the augmentative alternative communication system to communicate at the hydrotherapy pool in Jerusalem. (Photos courtesy of ALEH)

like everyone else, and that I get to be front and center to watch his progress," said the mother of Eliyair, a young boy with a tracheostomy, who is usually connected to an oxygen machine. While Eliyair's special needs were initially viewed as too complex for hydrotherapy, ALEH found a way to make it work after his mother advocated on his behalf and pledged to be there beside him to assist.

"Every session, I get into the water with Eliyair to allow the hydrotherapist to work with him and help him reach maximum movement and his greatest potential. We work as a team, and Eliyair continues to improve, one step at a time," reported his mother. "It is thrilling to watch, and I am eternally grateful for the gifts he is receiving here: hope, courage and freedom."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

### Qatar to reduce Gaza fuel funding

Qatar's envoy to the Gaza Strip announced on Sept. 1 that his country intends to cut its funding for Gaza's fuel supply by half, Israel's Army Radio reported on Sept. 1. No reason was given for the surprise move, which came just as Israel resumed full fuel shipments to the Gaza Strip after reducing them last week due to rockets and violence emerging from the coastal territory. The decision could potentially reduce Gaza's electricity supply to just six hours a day, according to Army Radio. Israel resumed the regular supply of fuel to Gaza on Sept. 1.



Augmentative alternative communication boards are placed around this hydrotherapy pool in Jerusalem to help nonverbal residents share their feelings, wishes and emotions with caregivers and lifeguards. (Photos courtesy of ALEH)

# ROSH HASHANAH 5780

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"It is a tree of life to all who hold fast to it, and all its supporters are happy." We quote this verse from Proverbs 3:18 when we return the Torah to the ark, but how often do we actually reflect on its meaning? For example, why is the Torah compared to a tree? Wouldn't a mountain be grander, a lion be more powerful, a shield feel more protective? And just what is a tree a life?

Though the authors of Proverbs were not modern ecologists, they knew, as have humans since the dawn of civilization or even before, that trees play an important role in our lives. This week's Torah portion, Shoftim, reminds us of that importance in an unusual context – war. Shoftim as a whole discusses how no person or situation should be

exempt from laws and moral standards, including war. In those rules of war, in Deuteronomy 20:19, we unexpectedly find a profound environmental teaching: "When in your war against a city you have to besiege it a long time in order to capture it, you must not destroy its trees, wielding the ax against them. You may eat of them, but you must not cut them down. Are trees of the field human to withdraw before you into the besieged city?"

Our sages understood this passage as the basis for the negative *mitzvot* of *bal tashchit*, do not destroy. While over time *bal tashchit* came to be recognized as a general call for conservation, at its root it calls on us to protect trees. Why? Ibn Ezra, commenting on this same verse, said "are

the trees of the field human" should be understood to mean, "the life of humans depends on trees." Rabbeinu Bachya added: "it is not the actions of a wise and understanding nation to needlessly destroy something so worthy [as a forest], and therefore you should not expend energy to cut down a tree; rather you should protect it from destruction and damage and take blessing and benefit from it."

Nowhere are those blessings more apparent than in those wondrous, beautiful places we call rainforests. For they are far more than merely esthetically pretty. They are quite literally trees of life, critical hotbeds of biodiversity. Though they cover only 6 percent of Earth's land surface, **See "Trees" on page 11**

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On Tuesday, September 10, at 7 pm, there will be an Executive Board meeting, as well as a Sisterhood Paid-Up Fashion Show and meeting. RSVP to the temple office for the Sisterhood meeting.

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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.

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

On Friday, September 6, at 7:30 pm, there will be a Shabbat evening service.

On Saturday, September 7, at 9:30 am, there will be a Torah service and, from 1-2 pm, a study of Ecclesiastes.

### Temple Brith Sholom

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

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Shabbat Services:  
Shabbat, Sept. 7..... 9 am  
..... Mincha after kiddush  
Weekday Services:  
Mornings:  
Sun., Sept. 8..... 8:30 am  
Mon.-Fri., Sept. 9-13..... 7 am  
Evenings:  
Sun.-Thurs., Sept. 8-12..... 7:05 pm  
Classes: Rabbi Zev Silber will hold his weekly Talmud class every Tuesday evening after services.

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Regular service times: Daily 7:30 am, Friday evening 6 pm, Shabbat morning 9:30 am, Maariv and Havdalah one hour after candle-lighting time, Sundays 9:30 am.  
To join the mailing list, for up-to-date information on adult education offerings or to arrange for a private tutorial, for details concerning the Judaica shop and resource center, or for assistance through the Piaker Free Loan Society or Raff Maasim Tovim Foundation, call Chabad's office at 797-0015.

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

Friday, September 6, light candles before..... 7:11 pm  
Saturday, September 7, Shabbat ends..... 8:10 pm  
Friday, September 13, light candles before..... 7 pm  
Saturday, September 14, Shabbat ends..... 7:57 pm

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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 5:15 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year unless otherwise noted.  
On Friday, September 6, at 7:30 pm, there will be a program on "Exploring Mishkan HaNefesh," the new High Holiday prayerbook; and, at 8 pm, there will be a Shabbat evening service led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell and Shari Neuberger from Mishkan HaNefesh.

On Saturday, September 7, at 9 am, religious school will begin; at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study exploring Psalm 27 as a monthly practice; and, at 10:35 am, there will be a Shabbat morning service led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell and Shari Neuberger with Stella Walley's baby naming and July, August and September birthday blessings.

On Tuesday, September 10, at 4:15 and 5:15 pm, Hebrew school will begin.

On Wednesday, September 11, at 7 pm, there will be an "Exploring Mishkan HaNefesh" class.

On Thursday, September 12, at 4:15 and 5:15 pm, there will be Hebrew school; and, from 5-7 pm, the CHOW pantry will be open.

### Norwich Jewish Center

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

### Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism  
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Director of Education: Rabbi Suzanne Brody  
Administrative Assistant: Jane Griffith  
Services: Friday 8 pm; Saturday 10 am, unless otherwise announced. Weekday morning minyan 7:30 am (9 am on Sundays and legal holidays).  
Religious School/Education: September-May: Classes meet on Sunday, 9 am-12:30 pm and Wednesday afternoons, 3:45-5:45 pm. The Midrashah (eighth grade and high school) classes will meet at times designated by their respective teachers.  
Adult Ed.: Numerous weekly courses, several semester-long courses and a variety of mini-courses and lectures are offered throughout the year. Call the temple office for more details.  
From Friday-Sunday, September 6-8, Temple Beth-El will hold a retirement celebration weekend in honor of Rabbi Scott and Sharon Glass, who have served the temple for 43 years. On September 6, there will be a Shabbat service with Ithaca clergy. On September 7, services will honor Sharon Glass, followed by a Sisterhood-sponsored luncheon. On September 8, a celebratory brunch will be held at Celebrations from 10:30 am-1 pm. Those interested in attending any of the weekend events should e-mail secretary@tbeithaca.org.



# Bolton: Trump's willingness to meet with Iranian leaders not an official policy shift

**Bby JNS staff**

(JNS) – U.S. President Donald Trump's willingness to meet with Iranian leaders does not reflect a change in his administration's tough stance on the Islamic Republic, U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton said on August 27.

"Talking with [Iran] does not imply, for President Trump, changing your position, and the idea that Iran would receive some tangible economic benefit merely for stopping doing things it shouldn't have been in the first place is just a nonstarter," he said.

Speaking to Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty during a trip to Ukraine, Bolton said that "if there is a comprehensive deal then of course the sanctions will come off at that point. When the regime in Iran is ready to talk about that then there'll be a meeting." However, as far as Trump is

concerned, said Bolton, "He'll meet with anybody to talk. He is a negotiator. He is a dealmaker. ...I think if you look at what President Trump has said about the Iran nuclear deal, which he called the worst deal in U.S. diplomatic history – a view I think is amply justified by the facts – he is not going to make the same mistakes that President [Barack] Obama made."

On August 26, Trump said at a joint press conference with French President Emmanuel Macron that he was ready to meet with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, though Rouhani replied on August 27 that the United States would have to "retreat from their mistakes" before he would meet with American officials.

"Without the U.S.'s withdrawal from sanctions, we will not witness any positive development," Rouhani

said in a televised speech. However, Rouhani had said on August 26 that "if I knew that going to a meeting and visiting a person would help my country's development and resolve the problems of the people, I would not miss it."

Bolton's statements came two days after Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javid Zarif also rejected the idea of meeting with American officials, following an invitation to France for talks on the sidelines of the G7 summit.

"I said during the visit to [the G7 summit] that no meeting between the Iranian president and Trump could be imagined. We will not have any bilateral talks until the U.S. joins the G5+1 and implements the nuclear deal; even then there won't be any bilateral talks," said Zarif, according to the Iranian Fars news agency.

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gerous cocktail that have led individuals to committing the most heinous act any human could commit: the intentional murder of innocent victims.

While some of the recent perpetrators have been "white nationals," others have been  *Jihadists*, while others have been youth or other individuals that for one reason or another – or a combination of reasons – have simply snapped.

Israel, too, has seen its share of gun violence in the past several decades in the form of nationalistic terrorism. The perpetrators of this terrorism are almost exclusively Palestinians who have been regularly incited – in the more classic forms of incitement – by textbooks, television, social media and speeches by political and religious leaders that glorify and call for the murder of Jews. Much of this incitement is well-documented by organizations, including Palestinian Media Watch and Middle East Media Research Institute.

With rare exceptions, Jews in Israel – or in the United States, for that matter – are not prone to gun violence. (In Israel each year, there may be isolated cases of mafia-related violence. And while equally heinous and inexcusable, this violence tends not to be indiscriminate like the current trend of mass shootings or Palestinian terrorism.)

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they provide homes to some 80 percent of all documented species. Our sage Maimonides taught we are not to "believe that all things exist for the sake of humanity. On the contrary, one should believe that every species exists for its own sake and not for anything or anyone else." ("Guide for the Perplexed," III: 14) If that is so, then surely the home of such a high proportion of all species is worthy of protection. But far too many tropical forests are disappearing – the last decade saw the destruction of forests covering an area equal to France, Germany and Great Britain combined.

Healthy rainforests also protect against flooding and mudslides. They provide clean water and more than a quarter of the oxygen we breathe. Fish and a wide array of crops can be harvested sustainably in healthy rainforests. The National Cancer Institute estimates that 70 percent of anti-cancer medicines derived from plants have come from rainforests. Each forest that is cut down, therefore, removes these natural protections, eliminates the possibilities of sustainable harvests, and possibly destroys medical miracles before they can be discovered.

Rainforests are also a key part of the struggle to combat climate change. If deforestation of tropical rainforests were a country, it would have higher greenhouse gas emissions than all the countries of the European Union combined. If, however, we protect and re-grow rainforests instead of cutting them down, we could eliminate almost one-third of all greenhouse gas emissions planet-wide.

If trees are to be protected even in times of war, even when one is desperate for a source of wood, how much the more so should we as Jews be called to be guardians of forests today. Indeed, Ecclesiastes Rabbah (7:28) teaches this beautifully: "When the Holy One created the first human being, God took that person around all the trees in the Garden of Eden and said, 'See my works, how fine and excellent they are, which I have created for you. Think upon this and do not corrupt or destroy my world; for if you corrupt it there is no one to set it right after you.'"

So what can each of us do? We can take steps to further inform ourselves about tropical rainforests and their protection. We can engage in simple actions that reduce our own role in the forces that lead to deforestation: avoiding products made from tropical woods, not buying foods made with palm oil, reducing beef consumption, and supporting products that are harvested sustainably. My organization, the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life, will be releasing a variety of educational and action-oriented materials highlighting how our tradition can guide to work on behalf of rainforests. But I believe it is also important simply to see this as a moral issue, an issue of Jewish values. Holding fast to those values, we can truly become supporters of the tree of life – and that can help make the whole planet happy.

While Israel does not offer its citizens any "right to bear arms" within its framework of basic laws, guns are commonplace and part of the culture in Israel. With mandatory conscription, most Israelis have handled automatic weapons while serving in the military. Soldiers, including those who are off-duty, are often seen across the country carrying machine guns, while thousands of Israelis carry handguns.

A high percentage, if not a majority of terrorists in the act of murder, are neutralized by private citizens carrying weapons. During times of elevated terror, Israeli leaders, including former Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat, have called on citizens owning weapons to carry them.

And, while many Israelis have weapons, they are not available to everyone and anyone. To receive a gun license, one must meet several criteria. First, an individual must live or work in a geographic area deemed to pose a higher terror risk, such as Israeli citizens living in the West Bank (Judea and Samaria) or near to Arab villages with a history of producing terrorists.

Next, a family doctor who has been treating an individual for many years must complete a detailed health evaluation certifying that the applicant is both physically capable and mentally stable enough to carry a weapon. An applicant also needs to complete a shooting course with a certified instructor and demonstrate sufficient mastery (it's not too difficult) of handling and shooting a weapon. Before a license is granted, a detailed security check is performed on applicants by Israeli authorities.

Once granted, a license then permits an individual to own and carry a single handgun, and the specific weapon purchased by the gunowner is embedded in the license. Only the licensee may use that specific pistol. If the individual wishes to change handguns, the license must be amended. Further, the license permits the gunowner to store a maximum of 50 bullets at any given time. A licensed owner may carry a weapon exposed (open carry) or concealed without limitation.

The license must be renewed every two years and requires periodic shooting instruction and proof of proficiency. Anyone carrying a weapon must carry and be able to present the associated license at any time.

Assault weapons are not permitted to be owned by most private citizens and are generally only carried by authorized town security team members or active soldiers with army-issued weapons and ammunition.

The rules of engagement are extremely strict and limited to life-threatening situations. If a terrorist is coming toward any individual with a weapon, a licensed private citizen may shoot. If the terrorist is no longer in possession of the attack weapon, a licensed private citizen or soldier could go to jail for firing a shot, even if the attacker was in the act of attempted murder just seconds earlier.

Unlike in the United States, a licensed gun owner may not shoot at a burglar or trespasser on personal property unless there is a demonstrated immediate threat to the life of anyone on the property.

In addition to private citizens carrying weapons, uniformed and armed security guards, as well as metal detectors, are commonplace at the entrances of major shopping centers, schools, public offices and institutions, and organized public gatherings. It is both socially acceptable and religiously permissible for synagogue congregants to carry weapons during services, including on Shabbat.

And while the presence of armed private citizens and security guards cannot eliminate the threat of attacks (nor are they in every vulnerable location), these critical measures significantly limit the number of potential victims during an attack. Most perpetrators are neutralized within the very first minute after a terror attack begins.

So as Americans seek to understand the nature of increasing gun violence, it is crucial to understand the dangerous combination of causes that is leading to this deadly and horrific phenomenon, beyond common and convenient political attacks.

It also may be useful to look to Israel, which has significant experience dealing with terror attacks, for ways to control access to guns by those who are unlikely to respect their civilian purpose: to defend, and not take, lives. American shopping centers and institutions across the country may have little choice, but to emulate Israel in employing armed security to prevent shooters gone mad from attacking mass victims.

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**Kentucky becomes 22<sup>nd</sup> state to enact anti-BDS law**

Kentucky became the 22<sup>nd</sup> state to enact legislation prohibiting state contractors from boycotting Israel. "Kentucky condemns the #BDS movement and refuses to tolerate boycott-related tactics used to threaten the sovereignty and security of @Israel or other allies of the United States," tweeted Gov. Matt Bevin on Aug. 27. "My colleagues and I condemn the BDS movement, and we have sent a letter to the Office of Foreign Asset Control requesting an update on the federal government's oversight of non-governmental organizations engaged in antisemitic hate against our allies in Israel and the Jewish people worldwide," said Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY) at the bill's signing ceremony. StandWithUs CEO and Co-Founder Roz Rothstein tweeted on Aug. 29 that the enactment was "great news." The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations also applauded the Aug. 27 move. The legislation codified into law an executive order that Bevin signed in November to prohibit awarding state contractors who partake in the anti-Israel movement.

**Israeli FM in Switzerland to end arrest threat against Israelis**

Israeli Foreign Minister Yisrael Katz traveled to Switzerland for an official visit on Sept. 2 together with a legal team, to try to find a solution regarding Swiss legislation allowing Israeli politicians and military officials to be arrested in Switzerland on war crimes charges. Katz held talks in Lucerne with his Swiss counterpart Ignazio Cassis on Sept. 2, and on

Sept. 3 was set to meet Swiss President Ueli Maurer, according to Israel's Ynet online news site. Katz aims to convey to Switzerland Israel's view that it is unacceptable for the Jewish state to be denied its right of self-defense as it battles against radical Islamic terrorists, according to the report. Former Israeli prime minister Ehud Olmert canceled a planned trip to Switzerland this summer after being warned he could be arrested.

**Iran reportedly stonewalling IAEA on secret nuclear facility**

Iran has refused to answer International Atomic Energy Agency questions regarding its nuclear stockpiles for the first time since IAEA oversight went into effect in the country in 2016, according to *The Wall Street Journal*. According to unnamed diplomats quoted in the report, Iran has not responded to requests for clarification regarding the alleged rebuilding of a dismantled site in Tehran which Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has claimed is being used to resume nuclear activity using materials Iran had previously developed. Netanyahu first raised the allegations in April 2018 in a televised reveal of a collection of secret documents smuggled out of Tehran by Israel's Mossad intelligence agency, which purported to detail Iran's military nuclear program. The documents detailed a secret Iranian nuclear program called Project Amad that ran from 1999 to 2003, the goal of which was to create five 10-kiloton-yield warheads for integration into a ballistic missile. Iran denied the existence of such a program when it agreed to the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, aka the "Iran nuclear deal." News of Iran's noncompliance with the IAEA casts further doubts on the future of the JCPOA, from which the United States withdrew in 2018.

**Netanyahu officially welcomes Ethiopian PM to Israel**

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu received Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed on Sept. 1 in a formal ceremony at the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem, during which a bilateral declaration was signed by the countries' respective ambassadors. The official welcome included the playing of the Israeli and Ethiopian national anthems by the Israel Defense Forces' orchestra, as well as an honor guard review. The ceremony was attended by Agernesh Mengistu, the mother of Israeli captive of Hamas in Gaza Avera Mengistu; Chief Rabbi for Ethiopian Jewry Reuven Wabashat; Kes Avihu Azarya, chairman of the Council of Ethiopian Spiritual Elders; and Kes Samay Elias, chairman of the Spiritual Council of Ethiopian Jewish Kesim. In the joint declaration signed by Israeli Ambassador to Ethiopia Rafael Morav and Ethiopian Ambassador to Israel Reta Alemu Nega, the two countries agreed to strengthen cooperation in the areas of agriculture, water, irrigation, health, science and technology, and the economy, and expressed interest in examining additional cooperation in cyber security, telecommunication, space science and technology. Netanyahu thanked Ahmed for his assistance in trying to locate missing Israeli tourist Aya Naamneh and for Ethiopian authorities' success in repatriating the remains of Israeli Shimon Re'em, who was killed in an Air Ethiopia crash in March. Netanyahu also spoke of the two countries' shared threat of Islamic terrorism and concluded by saying that the two countries could only gain from working together. "We have tremendous things that we can do separately, but I think that we can do it better together," he said. "And in that spirit, I welcome you once again to Jerusalem."

**Israeli smashes European women's 10-km record**

(*Israel Hayom* via JNS) – Israeli distance runner Lonah Chemtai-Salpeter continues to smash records – on Sept. 1, she clocked a time of 30:04 in the Tilburg Ten Miles race in the Dutch city of Tilburg, cutting 17 seconds off the European women's record for the 10-kilometer race, set by Paula Radcliffe in 2003. Chemtai-Salpeter's result of 30:04 also became a new Israeli women's record for the distance, as well as a course record for the Tilburg Ten Miles race. "I'm pleased with today's result. I'm not surprised because training has been going well. This race today was part of my training program for the Marathon World Championships in Doha [Qatar]," said Chemtai-Salpeter after the race. "This time was confirmation that if you train properly and prepare a training plan professionally, including proper diet, injury prevention and more, you can become a professional athlete. I'm happy that I broke the European record, and I'm heading in the right direction," said Chemtai-Salpeter.

**Israeli education minister reacts to Jerusalem schools possibly linked to Hamas**

Israel's Minister of Education Rafi Peretz said on Aug. 29 that private schools run by Hamas affiliates in eastern Jerusalem, even with the official approval of the Ministry of Education, would close if the allegations are corroborated. "It shall not be. I say it unequivocally: An association or a school that has an affiliation to terrorism and Hamas will close. If it turns out that this is true, we will not allow the association's activities," he tweeted. Peretz was responding to a report in Ynet news that schools in eastern Jerusalem were being run by the Al-Iman group that works with Hamas-supporting organizations. The schools had been recognized as an educational institution that could receive funding from the Education Ministry, according to the report. The Al-Iman network has ties with Turkish organizations that identify with Hamas.

**Israel, U.S. seek augmentation of UNIFIL to counter Hezbollah**

As the U.N. Security Council was set to vote on Aug. 29 on whether to extend the mandate of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, Israel and the United States were pushing for the peacekeeping force to be granted greater authority. Unlike years prior, this year the council will formally review the size of the force, and according to U.N. officials, consider cuts. UNIFIL, the 10,500-strong military force established in 1978 to preserve the buffer zone between Israel and Lebanon, has seen its mandate limited in recent years, undermined by the rule of Hezbollah, which is considered to be a terrorist group by the United States, United Kingdom, Israel, Canada, Argentina, Paraguay and Bahrain. Australia, France and Germany classify only Hezbollah's military wing as a terrorist entity. With an annual budget of \$490 million, the United States and Israel say the force has become irrelevant due to the dominance of the Iranian-proxy terrorist group in southern Lebanon and near Israel's borders. Israeli ambassador to the U.N. Danny Danon planned to push the U.N. to give UNIFIL more authority to counter Hezbollah and was to request the Lebanese government to curtail weapons smuggling to terror groups like Hezbollah, which has built tunnels into Israel and is stockpiling weapons that it vows to use against the Jewish state. While Israel "holds the Lebanese government exclusively responsible for Hezbollah's terrorist activity on its soil," noted Danon, "UNIFIL is still required to take responsibility and act with decisive force within its mandate." Hezbollah currently has the majority of seats in the Lebanese parliament, with current Lebanese President Michel Aoun among its supporters. The U.S. administration has also expressed its insistence that the peacekeepers should provide further details in reports to the U.N. regarding the limits imposed on them by Hezbollah.

**Israel's Sagi Muki wins Judo World Championship in Tokyo**

Israeli judoka Sagi Muki was visibly emotional as he sang his country's national anthem from the winner's podium at the Nippon Budokan Arena in Tokyo on Aug. 28, having just become the first Israeli man in history to win the Judo World Championships. The 27-year-old Netanya native bested Belgium's Matthias Casse in the heavyweight final, winning a fifth Ippon – the Judo equivalent of a knockout – in six bouts with just a minute and 21 seconds left in the match. This is Muki's first world title, after two gold medals at the European Championships in 2015 and 2018.

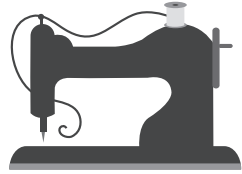
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