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TBE Ithaca's 16th annual evening of Jewish storytelling, poetry and music on Jan. 27

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca will host its annual evening of Jewish storytelling, poetry and music on Saturday, January 27, at 7:30 pm. The evening will celebrate 19 years of original stories, traditional tales, folk and contemporary poetry and live music from around the world.

"This event has become extremely popular over the years, drawing participants together for an intimate and cozy evening; a real reminder of times past," said organizers of the event. "People who might otherwise never cross paths listen, laugh, shed a few tears together and get to know each other. The idea is to get away from the computer and television screens and share a moment of slower pleasures together. In addition, there are always complimentary, traditional homemade treats to be enjoyed while listening to the treasures of the night."



The members of the band Resonate (l-r): John Simon, Will Fudeman, Mahmud Burton, Cantor Abbe Lyons, David Frumkin and Jon Hilton.

This year's celebration will offer a diverse selection of storytellers, poets and musicians both young and old, including local band Resonate, which infuses Middle Eastern and cantorial music into American folk, rock, blues and jazz sounds. Resonate seeks to enliven texts drawn from Jewish scriptural and prayer sources, as well as modern experience. The band will sing pieces from its new CD titled "Listen!"

The event will end at approximately 9:30 pm and there will be an intermission.

The celebration will take place downstairs in the social hall of Temple Beth-El, located at the corner of Court and Tioga streets in downtown Ithaca. A donation of \$4 per individual and \$8 per family is requested to cover costs. Families with children are welcome.

For further information, contact the temple at 273-5775 or visit www.tbeithaca.org.

JLI winter course to look at the art of communication

Last minute registration is still being accepted for JLI's winter course, "Communication: Its Art and Soul," but a \$5 late fee will apply.

"The six-week course twins and contrasts Jewish thought with scientific discovery to unearth the essence of communication and how to utilize its powers to better ourselves, our relationships and of all of society," said course instructor Rivkah Slonim.

The course will be taught twice locally at the Chabad Center; the evening section will be held on Mondays at 7 pm

beginning on January 22; the morning section will held on Wednesdays at 9:30 am beginning January 24. The course fee is \$79, or \$140 for couples and multiple sign-ups. Those wishing to join the course may call Chabad at 797-0015, e-mail Slonim at rslonim@Jewishbu.com or visit www.myJLI.com for registration and for other course-related information.

Physicians can earn nine CME credits for attending the course, and earn an additional six credits with self-study texts and completing an online quiz.

Rabbi Saul Berman to speak at Ithaca College

Rabbi Saul Berman will be the closing keynote speaker for Ithaca College MLK Week on Thursday, January 25, at 6 pm, in Textor 102. The community is invited to attend.

Berman, currently a professor of Judaic studies at Stern College, is an Orthodox thinker who was active in both the Civil Rights and Soviet Jewry movements. He will recount his experiences in March 1965 in Selma, AL, and offer a Jewish perspective on the Civil Rights Movement and present day issues. Berman went to Selma to do voter registration work on behalf of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and to participate in the March

from Selma to Montgomery. He was arrested twice during this time.

For those who can't attend the event in person, Berman's speech will be livestreamed at <https://www.ithaca.edu/eventservices/event-services/services/stream/>. Individuals with differing abilities requiring accommodations who are planning to attend the event are asked to contact OSEMA at 607-274-3222 or e-mail OSEMA@ithaca.edu as soon as possible.

For further information, visit www.ithaca.edu/sacl/osema/mlkcelebration/guest_artist/ or www.facebook.com/events/311318926053159/.

Temple Concord Sisterhood program on Jan. 28 to feature book reviews

Rabbi Rachel Esserman will review three novels at a Temple Concord Sisterhood program on Sunday, January 28, at 11 am, at 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. The community is invited to attend. The fee is \$3. Reservations should be made by calling the temple office at 723-7355 by Friday, January 26. Brunch will be served. The snow date is Sunday, February 4.

Esserman will review "Young Jane Young" by Gabrielle Zevin, "Yiddish for Pirates" by Gary Barwin and "Forest Dark" by Nicole Krauss.

"I am again looking forward to reading these three novels and talking about them during what is one of my favorite events of the year. The three novels have very different plots, so I hope there will be something of interest for everyone," said Esserman. "Don't worry if you can't read the books before the review. I try never to give away too much of the plot. However, the themes of these works should

be fascinating to talk about."

"Young Jane Young" tells the story of a young Jewish woman who is a congressional intern and has an affair with her married boss. The book looks at the fall-out once the affair is discovered and she is given the blame. The novel shows the different turn her life took after the affair. "Publishers Weekly" says "the novel 'offers a satisfying and entertaining story of reinvention and second chances in the wake of a political sex scandal.'"

"Yiddish for Pirates" was the winner of the Stephen Leacock medal for humor, short-listed for the Scotiabank Giller Prize and nominated for the Governor-General's Award for Literature. It has been called "a hilarious, swashbuckling yet powerful tale of pirates, buried



Rabbi Rachel Esserman

treasure and a search for the Fountain of Youth, told in the ribald, philosophical voice of a 500-year-old parrot."

"Forest Dark" focuses on personal transformation in a novel that interweaves the stories of two disparate individuals – an older lawyer and a young novelist – whose transcendental search leads them to the same Israeli desert. It is a "Publishers Weekly" Best Book of 2017.

Esserman is the executive editor and book reviewer for "The Reporter Group." Her editorials and reviews have won awards from the American Jewish Press and the Syracuse Press Club. In 2016, she won first place in the Syracuse Press Club for her editorial, "Opinion or Fact." In 2015, she won first place in the Syracuse Press Club for her book review,

"Difficult Parts of Life." In 2014, she won second place for the print editorial, "Unacceptable Treatment."

Her work has been published in "The Women's Torah Commentary" and "The Women's Haftarah Commentary." She also has written a book of poetry, "I Stand by the River."

In addition, she serves as the Jewish chaplain for the Broome Development Disabilities Service Office in Binghamton. She is a freelance rabbi and adult education leader, which includes being rabbi-on-call for local Reform and Conservative synagogues, lifecycle events and hospital visits. She has taught for various organizations in New York and Pennsylvania.

Esserman received her rabbinic ordination and master of arts in Hebrew letters from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wyncote, PA. She has her bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Pennsylvania.

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Opinion

How do you define antisemitism? It's complicated

By Andrew Silow-Carroll

(JTA) – JTA doesn't give out Person of the Year honors, but if we did I'd be tempted to nominate Michael Kadar, the Israeli-American teenager accused of making hundreds of bomb threats against Jewish Community Centers in early 2017.

As I wrote soon after his arrest: "[T]he JCC bomb threat hoax wasn't just an isolated swastika daubing – it was an ongoing story affecting Jewish institutions in nearly every American Jewish community. It shaped a communal narrative that something ugly and insidious was happening out there. And it fueled a political crisis among most American Jewish organizations and the White House, with the former accusing the latter of taking too long to denounce antisemitism and to comfort Jews traumatized by the bomb threats and at least two major cemetery desecrations."

Kadar, 18 at the time of his arrest in April, "deserves" the dubious distinction for another reason: He personifies a Jewish question, perhaps *the* Jewish question of 2017, which is, "How do you define antisemitism?" Kadar's circumstances are, of course, peculiar to him, asking if a series of hoaxes that terrified Jewish institutions stop being antisemitic because the caller is Jewish. The question I am

talking about is both semantic and political, pitting left against right on at least two battlegrounds.

The first is the college campus and the second is the national political scene. On college campuses (and wherever the fight against the Boycott Israel movement is engaged), groups intent on fighting anti-Israel activity often insist that Israel's enemies are antisemitic, certainly in effect and usually by intent. They point to slogans and imagery that draw on age-old stereotypes of Jewish control and collusion. They ask why of all the countries in the world – including those with gruesome human rights records – Israel is singled out for threats and boycotts.

Examples of the blurring of anti-Israelism and antisemitism abound. In September, the student government at the University of Wisconsin-Madison held a vote on an anti-Israel resolution – on Passover. A student legislator at McGill University tweeted "punch a Zionist today" and somehow survived impeachment; an anti-Zionist student group at the same Montreal university admitted that it used antisemitic propaganda to prevent a Jewish – and presumably anti-BDS – candidate from being re-elected to the student government. A lawsuit against San Francisco State University insists the school failed to protect Jewish

students when it allowed pro-Palestinian protesters to disrupt a speech by Jerusalem's mayor.

But there's a big gap among Jewish activists when it comes to defining the challenge. Left-leaning groups – on campus and on the outside – worry that labeling even hostile political rhetoric as hate speech puts Jews on the wrong side of the free speech debate. They say that a tool that has only recently been applied to antisemitic activity on campus – Title VI of the Civil Rights Act – takes too broad a brush in defining antisemitism and ends up blaming legitimate critics of Israel of creating an "unsafe" environment for Jewish students.

Two of the most active groups in promoting the use of Title VI – the Zionist Organization of America and the Lawfare Project – are on the right. And they argue that the tactics of the Boycott Israel movement, especially when they include comparing Israel to Nazi Germany or denying Israel's right to exist, are contemporary examples of an age-old hatred. A shadowy group called the Canary Mission bypasses the legal arena by publishing a virtual, and ethically suspect, blacklist of faculty and students it deems are "affiliated with movements that seek the destruction of See "Antisemitism" on page 7

Florida seniors are getting self-driving cars? Gevalt!

By Andrew Silow-Carroll

(JTA) – "One of America's largest retirement villages will have a fleet of self-driving taxis introduced next year. U.S. firm Voyage said it will start rolling out the service at The Villages, FL, which is home to 125,000 senior residents. It said the scheme, spanning 750 miles of road, would be the 'largest by area size' in the world." – BBC

"Good morning, Passenger Nussbaum."

"Who? What? Who's talking?"

"Don't be alarmed. My name is Burgundy Altima, license number AZX-11B, and I am here to take you to the pharmacist."

"You must be short – I can't see you over the headrest. Of course, I couldn't see my husband, either, he should rest in peace, unless he sat on a cushion. Come to think of it, you never see a driver down here – just a hat and two hands on the top of a steering wheel."

"In fact, there is nothing to see. I am a self-driving car. I am programmed to drive you safely to your destination."

"So you're one of those Ubers? Do I need an app? The Google? My grandson is the technical genius in the family. He's at Brandeis."

"You must be very proud. Shall we proceed?"

"Wait, how are you going? Walgreen's is on Military Trail, but that can get very busy this time of day. Try taking El Clair Ranch Road and make the left on Woolbright. And if that is backed up you can try Jog Road."

"As a self-driving car, I am programmed to take the most efficient route."

"My husband was also self-employed, but he had a terrible sense of direction. We'd start off for the doctor's office and end up in the Everglades."

"Just sit back and relax, Passenger Nussbaum."

"You're driving awfully fast. I'd like to get there in one piece."

"I am unable to exceed the speed limit."

"Don't get fresh. I didn't get to be 84 by riding with cowboys. By the way, does this thing have a heater? It's an icebox back here."

"The temperature is set to an optimum 71 degrees."

"What is this, Minnesota? I would have brought an extra sweater. Oy, look out for that lady on the three-wheeled bike!"

"No need for alarm. I registered her presence and adjusted accordingly."

"You're very well spoken. Have you always been a driver?"

"I am not a driver. I am a self-driving car."

"Because it is never too late. I was a school teacher for 35 years. Fifth grade. Do you know Lyndhurst? I knew boys like you who thought they didn't have a chance at college, they took night classes, transferred to a four-year school. Now they're management."

"Would you like to hear the radio?"

"I am not saying there is anything wrong with being a driver – by the way, you may want to put your signal on, the turn is coming up in a few miles – but education can really open your horizons. Did I mention my grandson is at Brandeis?"

"You must be very proud."

"You start with a few courses at community college,

keep your grades up, or learn a trade. Red light! Red light!"

"I SEE THE – that is, I am aware of the traffic signal, madam, thank you."

"This intersection can take forever. It's the cul de sacs. All the side streets are cul de sacs, so all the traffic ends up on the main road. I used to live on a cul de sac, before we moved down here. I'm thinking after the drugstore we stop at Publix. I need a few things."

"I will recalculate."

"I usually avoid this Publix – the produce is feh. I prefer the one on Congress Avenue. Maybe we should go there. Do you see the truck? You should honk your horn."

"Yes, I see the truck. It's a giant truck! How could I not – rebooting. Rebooting."

"Is everything all right, Mr. Avilar? Avilar – is that Cuban? I'm sorry. Hispanic. I shouldn't have presumed. My late husband's aide was Cuban. Do you know Isabella – now what was her last name?"

"Rebooting. Rebooting."

"Oh, here's Walgreen's. Do you have a handicapped sticker? Never mind. Just park here. Watch, watch – don't hit that cart! People just leave them everywhere. You are awfully close to that car. Do I have room to get out? You are awfully close."

"System in need of maintenance. System in need of maintenance."

"Can I get you something, Mr. Avilar? I am picking up some Xanax. It sounds like you could use some yourself."

Andrew Silow-Carroll is the editor-in-chief of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

In My Own Words

The Jewish way of giving

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Peace on earth and good will toward fellow humans is one of the themes of December, a month where many people think more about giving than receiving. That secular (but Christian-based) idea permeates our society. That's one reason the Salvation Army has bell ringers located outside grocery stores – to tap into that impulse to give. Other nonprofit organizations – religious and secular – send numerous pleas for money in order to complete their fund-raising before the end of the secular year.

There's another reason that these appeals for funds are sent during December: Some people wait until the end of their fiscal year to make donations, which can then be applied to that year's tax return. An additional reason was

added to these appeals this past December 2017; the new tax law will not allow people to itemize their donations on their 2018 tax returns. So, organizations were encouraging people to pay their 2018 pledges in 2017 when they can still take the deduction.

The change in the tax law has many nonprofit organization worried. If people can't deduct their donations, will anyone still give? The impact of this change may be great, but it *shouldn't* be if you're Jewish. Why? *Tzedakah* is not optional; it is a requirement for all Jews to help those in need and to repair the world.

Tzedakah gets translated as charity, but that's incorrect. The root of the word comes from *tzedek*, justice, and we are biblically commanded to seek justice, not wait for it

to come to us. Deuteronomy 16:20 contains the famous words "*tzedek tzedek tirdof*" – "justice, justice you must pursue." That means helping others – whether we give money, material goods or our time. Maimonides said that the highest form is offering someone employment or helping them become employed so they no longer need communal help.

The Jewish way of giving means that we support organizations because we believe that they are helping others, *not* because it affects the amount of income tax we pay. For members of the Jewish community, *tzedakah* is not optional. While the new tax law may change the secular world, it should not change the Jewish one, which sees *tzedakah* as an essential part of our religion.



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Simply Tsfat at Chabad Center for Tu B'Shevat

Simply Tsfat, a trio of Chasidic Israeli musicians – Elyahu Reiter, Yehonasan Lipshutz and Yonatan Tzarum – will play live in concert on Wednesday, January 31, beginning at 7:30 pm, at the Chabad Center, 420 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal. The concert is timed to coincide with the holiday of Tu B'Shevat. Fruit will be served and reference to the holiday will be incorporated by the band members.

Simply Tsfat is a trio of Chasidic musicians from the Breslev community in Tsfat, Israel. Located in the northern Galilee, Tsfat is known for its biblical antiquity, mountain air, artist colony and Jewish mysticism. Simply Tsfat seeks to fuse together heaven and earth through music. Tours of North and Central America attract audiences from all ages and backgrounds. "The presentation of Simply Tsfat inspires, whether in small and personal gatherings or large performance halls," said organizers of the event. "Stories, personal anecdotes and Chasidic teachings are interwoven with enchanting music."

"Due to a generous sponsor, we are delighted to make this Simply Tsfat concert available to our community, both



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on and off campus, at no charge. This group will make your heart sing and your feet move, so come prepared," said Rabbi Levi Slonim, program director at Chabad. "Their vibrant, upbeat music will delight people of all ages, so I urge anyone who is free that night to come out and bring the kids!"

Reiter, born and raised in New York City, has an undergraduate degree from Tufts University and a master's from Stanford University and is an acoustic guitarist, vocalist and story-teller. Those who have heard him perform say his "lyrical guitar strumming provides a harmonious accompaniment" to instrumental strains of the trio's violin and flamenco guitar. When not in concert, Reiter writes modern music and lyrics for the trio, as well as teaching Jewish subjects at various institutions.

Lipshutz, a graduate of the State University of New York at Purchase, where he earned his B.A. in music, is a classically-trained violinist who studied privately with teachers from both the Julliard School of Music and the New York Philharmonic.

Tzarum, born and raised in Rehovot, Israel, studied music with his father, a professional flamenco guitarist. "Yonatan's love for Chasidic music and the acoustic flamenco guitar fuse into a technique that is spectacular," noted organizers. "In concert, audiences are fascinated with his Flamenco-style technique."

TI/TC Adult Ed. to hold brunch, talk on Yiddish radio

The Temple Israel/Temple Concord Adult Education Group will present "The best of the Yiddish Radio Project (with a sprinkling of 'Old Jews Telling Jokes')" in a brunch program on Sunday, January 21, at 10 am, at Temple Israel. Steve Gilbert will be the facilitator.

In four programs between December 2011 and December 2016, the Adult Ed. Group presented episodes of the 2003

NPR Yiddish Radio Project. Gilbert has selected three of his favorite episodes for a second showing, accompanied by a slide show of photos of 1920s-1960s New York City, roughly the era of Yiddish radio. The episodes are:

◆ "Victor Packer – The One Man Network": An avant-garde poet turned programming director, Packer experimented with See "Brunch" on page 7

TC to hold a Havdalah Happy Hour on Feb. 10

Temple Concord will hold a *Havdalah* Happy Hour on Saturday, February 10, at 6 pm, at the synagogue, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. (The snow date is Saturday, February 24.) The community is invited to attend.

"Warm up with your friends and make new ones,"

said organizers of the event.

After enjoying refreshments, fellowship and a brief *Havdalah* service to close Shabbat, those who wish may continue the party with dinner at 7:15 pm at a Binghamton area restaurant.

There is no charge and no reservations are required for the happy hour, but those who would like to attend dinner should call Temple Concord at 723-7355 no later than Wednesday, February 7, and leave a name and the number people attending.

Bar/bat photos needed

Can we have your mug? Kids mugging for the camera and formal photos, that is. For *The Reporter's* annual Bar/Bat Mitzvah issue (coming February 9), we need photos of all teens who became bar/bat mitzvah during the calendar year of 2017. We are looking for one of the teen by him/herself, as well as a photo of the celebration with family and friends.

Please mail or drop off these photos with identification – not written on the photos but on a separate piece of paper – including name, date and place of the bar/bat mitzvah ceremony. Please send them by Tuesday, January 30. Photos can be e-mailed, in TIF or JPG format, to TReporter@aol.com; please note in the subject line that a bar/bat photo for *The Reporter* is attached and include the necessary information in the message. Photos can also be dropped off Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-5 pm; and Friday 8:30 am-4 pm. Or they can be mailed to *The Reporter*, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850.

OF NOTE

Bock

Rabbi Eliav Bock is the executive director of Ramah in the Rockies, an organization that is launching a new program called BaMidbar Wilderness Therapy this month. (*Bamidbar* is Hebrew for "in the desert.") BaMidbar is the first outdoor therapy program in America just for Jews. The program will be an eight-to-12 week course for an initial 12-20 participants between the ages of 18 and 26.

An experiential outdoor education program for young adults struggling with emotional, behavioral or academic challenges, BaMidbar will include four-day wilderness treks, with Shabbats spent at Ramah in the Rockies' base camp. At base camp, participants will also have individual, group and family therapy.

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An art studio in Berkeley combines painting and prayer

By Ben Sales

BERKELEY, CA (JTA) – In the middle of a traditional Friday night service in this artists' district in Berkeley, CA, a group of 40 worshippers paused their prayers to gather around a group of "found objects": an empty picture frame, fake flowers, a doorknob. Each attendee then sought out an object that – for whatever reason – they felt called to. They told the group what that object said about the personal journey they were on in life. Then they kept praying.

Around the worshippers was what looked like a mix between a small synagogue and an art classroom. Above a hand drum, rows of pastel drawings hung loosely on string under a bright sign with the words "Works in Process." A library mixing Jewish texts and books on art and psychology was nearby. Across the

room, freestanding shelves offered glue, glitter, pens, scissors and the like.

Some of the worshippers had made the artworks on the wall. Others had come for the prayers, which – like many other informal Jewish prayer groups – mixed folk tunes and melodies by Shlomo Carlebach. But for the Jewish Studio Project, which hosted the service, the goal was to show the worshippers that those things aren't so different: that prayer can be art, and art can be prayer.

"The first role God had was as creator and then, later, we learn we were made in the image of this divine thing whose role it is to create," said Jeff Kasowitz, who co-founded the Jewish Studio Project with his wife, Rabbi Adina Allen. "Our belief and value is that

each one of us is inherently creative even if we think we're not."

Allen and Kasowitz founded the Jewish Studio Project in 2015 to merge their enthusiasm for traditional Jewish study and ritual with their love for art. The project is hard to define, exactly: It's an art studio, but it doesn't teach art techniques. It hosts Jewish prayer and study, but it's not a minyan or congregation. Its first immersive retreat starts shortly, but the participants aren't all coming from one community or workplace.

Instead, the project hopes to create a new entryway to Jewish spirituality: not just through the prayerbook, the Talmud or a social service mission, but through the process of making art. The couple use a mix of earthy language and new-age phrases – Kasowitz likes the

See "Art" on page 7

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The name of the Limited Liability Company is: TONY'S LAWN CARE & SNOW REMOVAL LLC (the "Company"). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was November 27, 2017. 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 3571 Smith Drive, Endwell, New York 13760. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

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ALBERT D. MILLER, JR., if living, and if he be dead, any and all persons who are wives, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienors, other claimants against the assets of the decedent and/or his estate, heirs, devisees, distributees or successors in interest of such of them as may be dead, and their husbands and wives, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff; DOUGLAS S. MILLER, ALBERT DANIEL MILLER, III a/k/a A. DANIEL MILLER a/k/a DANIEL MILLER, TIMOTHY MILLER, CORTLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, THE STATE OF NEW YORK; and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in the above-entitled action and to serve a copy of your answer on the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons exclusive of the date of service or within 30 days after completion of service, if service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the state. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within 60 days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Broome County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the mortgaged premises.

Dated: October 6, 2017
s/ William M. Thomas
William M. Thomas
ASWAD & INGRAHAM, LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Office and P.O. Address
46 Front Street
Binghamton, NY 13905
(607) 722-3495

NOTICE

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

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YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

NOTICE

To: All Defendants, as described in the foregoing Summons

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Rita Connerton, an Acting Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated November 30, 2017, and filed with the complaint and other papers in the office of the Clerk of the County of Broome, at Binghamton, New York.

The action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage given by Albert D. Miller, Jr., to Visions Federal Credit Union. Said mortgage secures the sum of \$100,000.00 and was recorded in the Broome County Clerk's Office on June 27, 2013 in Book 3627 of Mortgages at page 286. Said foreclosure action will result in the sale of the mortgaged premises at a public auction, under a referee, and will terminate any and all interests and claims in and to the mortgaged premises. No money judgment is sought.

The mortgaged premises subject to this action is commonly known as 905 Neal Road, Town of Union, County of Broome, State of New York and is more accurately

described in the above referenced mortgage.

Dated: December 11, 2017.
s/ William M. Thomas
William M. Thomas
ASWAD & INGRAHAM, LLP
Attorneys for Visions Federal Credit Union
Office and P.O. Address
46 Front Street
Binghamton, New York 13905
Tel: 607/722-3495

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: Red Beard, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/13/17. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated LLC agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: LLC, Attn: John G. Dowd, PO Box 1905, Binghamton, NY 13902. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Date of dissolution: None.

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1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is Rowe 1024, LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is December 18, 2017.
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4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 225 Lester Avenue, Johnson City, New York 13790.
5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: The name of the limited liability company is: Moore Family Holdings, LLC (the "Company"). The date of filing of the Articles

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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC)
Fly Cutz Barbershop LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 13, 2017. Office Location: Broome County 138 Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 138 Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905. Purpose: to engage in any and all business for which LLCs may be formed under the New York LLC law.

Notice of Formation of TDS Enterprises of Broome, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/14/17. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1865 NYS Route 11, Kirkwood, NY 13765. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC)

Name: Gerchman Enterprises LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 27, 2017. Office Location: Broome County.

SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 2001 Bernard Blvd, Endicott, NY 13760. Purpose: to engage in any and all business for which LLCs may be formed under the New York LLC law.

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

1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is Chris' Diner, LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is December 28, 2017.
3. The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.
4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 192 State Street, Binghamton, NY 13901.
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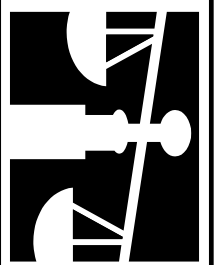
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Notice of Formation of HARPURVILLE CNC, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/02/18. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 226 Parkview Dr., Harpursville, NY 13787. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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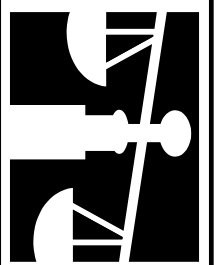
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When Jews came from “shithole” countries

By Ben Sales

NEW YORK (JTA) – Jews were “undesirable.”

ANALYSIS

They were “of low physical and mental standards.” They were “filthy.” They were “often dangerous in their habits.” They were “un-American.”

So read a report submitted to the House Committee on Immigration in 1924, written by the director of the United States Consular Service and approved by the secretary of state. That year, Congress passed a bill that drastically slashed immigration from Eastern and Southern Europe, responding to xenophobic feelings across the country.

The bill didn’t mention Jews, but they were affected. In 1921, according to JTA at the time, 120,000 Jews came to America. After the law was passed, that number fell to around 10,000. The headline on that article was blunt: “America shuts her doors to immigration.”

The nativist rhetoric of a century ago found new expression in the reported words of President Donald Trump at a recent meeting of lawmakers, where attendees said he questioned why the United States should allow people from “shithole countries,” including those in Africa, to immigrate. He suggested the U.S. should admit more people from places like Norway.

Trump tweeted a vague denial of the statement, but it’s been asserted by multiple people at the meeting, including Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin.

While congressmen in the 1920s may not have used Trump’s language, they were also opposed to letting in people from so-called undesirable countries – like Italians, Slavs and Jews from Eastern Europe. Chinese immigrants were banned altogether. Senator David Reed, for whom the 1924 law was named, also wanted to let in more immigrants from “Nordic” countries.

An amendment to the 1924 law that aimed to restrict immigration even further was “aimed chiefly at the Jews who, [a senator] asserted, have been emigrating to America in disproportionately large numbers.” Disproportionate Jewish immigration from Russia, the senator told JTA, was “unfair to the predominating population of those countries.” The senator denied being antisemitic. His amendment failed. Reforms in the 1950s and 1960s did away with the quotas.

This prejudice had been around for decades before the 1924 law. A report from 1891 prepared by Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge lumped Jews, Italians, Poles and others into “races most alien to the body of the American people.”

“In the eyes of politicians in the 1920s, undesirable immigrants included Jews, Italians and Slavs,” said Jonathan Sarna, a professor of Jewish history at Brandeis University. “In the eyes of nativist politicians today, undesirable immigrants are Haitians and Africans, Latin Americans. Once it was us who were that way.”

Jews at the time, Sarna said, would be quick to admit they came from difficult conditions that they were happy to escape. Emma Lazarus’ poem on the Statue of Liberty, “The New Colossus,” called some immigrants “wretched refuse.” The difference, Sarna said, is that the poem, and Jews, saw those difficult conditions as a reason to let immigrants into the country, not to refuse them.

“For many Jews and for a great many Americans, when they think about their own roots, they came from places people would not describe particularly kindly,” he said. “They looked at America as a refuge from those places – the land of the free and the brave where they had great opportunities and achieved

wonderful things.”

But it bears noting that Jews were just a small portion of the immigrants who faced this bigotry after World War I, said Hasia Diner, director of the Goldstein-Goren Center for American Jewish History at New York University. Southern Italians, who were considered boors impossible to educate, had it far worse, she said. “The view was they could not fit into the American orientation toward progress and doing better, and would be forever manual laborers stuck at the very bottom,” Diner said of attitudes toward Southern Italians. She said Jews, by contrast, were viewed as “a little too successful, a little too pushy, getting on that American track too fast. They were viewed as competitors.”

Sarna and Diner both said that similar fears animated the nativisms of the 1920s and today. In both cases, they said, these derogatory comments were based in a fear of the other from a foreign culture, who will disrupt white American society.

“There was a fear that these immigrants would change the country, which in fact they did, making it less Protestant, less Central European and Nordic and so on,” Sarna said. “Today it’s the same. Lo and behold, the president wants more immigration from Norway, so in that sense, from a historical perspective, nothing’s changed.”

Salty language aside, some have suggested that the president’s comments can be understood as a blunt way of talking about a recurrent debate in American society: Does the United States accept immigrants as part of its duty to extend freedom and opportunity to those struggling around the world, or should its first consideration be what’s best for the United States? See “Jews” on page 7

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Weekly Parasha

Bo, Exodus 10:1-13:16

Children are our future

RABBI ZALMAN CHEIN, EDUCATION COORDINATOR, CHABAD OF BINGHAMTON

This week's Torah portion, Bo, continues the saga of the Jewish people in Egypt, concluding with the departure from Egypt and redemption from slavery. Interestingly, there are at least eight mentions of children in *parashat* Bo. These include the disagreement between Moses and Pharaoh as to whether the Jewish children would be allowed to leave Egypt to worship God along with the adults, and the descriptions of the questions that children might ask their parents in the future about the Exodus.

Taking a deeper look at the narrative, we see that Moses and Pharaoh had contrasting views on raising children. Pharaoh instructed that, "Every son who is born you shall cast into the Nile, and every daughter you shall allow to live." (Exodus 1:15-16, 22) The ancient Egyptians worshipped the Nile, their source of water and sustenance.

The Chasidic masters explain that casting the children into the Nile symbolizes full immersion into Egyptian culture, a spiritual drowning as the children would be cut off from their Jewish heritage. The girls would be allowed to live in order to integrate them into Egyptian culture. When Moses approached Pharaoh with God's demand to "let my people go, in order to serve me," Pharaoh eventually agreed to the adults leaving to worship God. However, he insisted that the children remain as part of Egyptian society.

Moses, on the other hand, insisted that, "With our youth and with our elders we will go, with our sons and with our daughters... for it is a festival of the Lord to us" (Exodus 10:9). From the earliest ages, children are an essential component of the Jewish nation, and the children must be

surrounded by Jewish experiences. It would be unthinkable to leave the children behind.

Later in the Torah portion, God describes the important role that our children play in the Jewish experience. The Passover observances are centered around the questions of the children and the transmission of our precious heritage to the next generation. "And you shall tell your son on that day, saying, 'Because of this, the Lord did [this] for me when I went out of Egypt...' And it will come to pass if your son asks you in the future, saying, 'What is this?' you shall say to him, 'With a mighty hand did the Lord take us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.'" (Exodus 13:8,14)

Let us take the time to hear and encourage the questions of the children and, more importantly, provide them with answers, as it is the children who are our future.

Congregational Notes

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 Website: www.templeconcord.com
 Regular service times: Friday, 8 pm; Saturday, 10:35 am, when religious school is in session.

On Friday, January 19, at 8 pm, Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Rachel Esserman. The oneg will be hosted by Pam and John Burgman.

On Saturday, January 20, at 9 am, there will be religious school; at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study; at 9:30 am, there will be Tot Shabbat; and at 10:35 am, there will be family Shabbat services led by religious school staff and Jeff Strosberg.

On Tuesday, January 23, at 5:15 pm, there will be religious school.

On Thursday, January 25, at 5:15 pm, there will be religious school.

Friday, January 26, at 6:30 pm, there will be a BYO picnic dinner; at 8 pm, Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Saturday, January 27, at 9 am, there will be religious school; at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study; and at 10:35 am, there will be family Shabbat services with birthday blessings led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell and Jeff Strosberg.

Rohr Chabad Center

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Orientation: Inclusive
 Rabbi: Dena Bodian
 Address: 72 South Broad St., Norwich, NY 13815
 Contact: Guilia Greenberg, 373-5087
 Purpose: To maintain a Jewish identity and meet the needs of the Jewish community in the area.
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Temple Beth El of Oneonta

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 Website: www.templebetheloneonta.org
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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. Rabbi Karp conducts services and holds classes in Torah, beginning Hebrew and Maimonides.
 For schedules of services, classes and events, see the website.

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Affiliation: Orthodox Union
 Rabbi: Zev Silber
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 Rabbi's Office: 607-722-7514
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 Friday, Jan. 19 4:45 pm
 Shabbat, Jan. 20 9 am
 Mincha after the kiddush
 Maariv 6:05 pm

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 Mornings:
 Sun., Jan. 21 8:30 am
 Mon.-Fri., Jan. 22-26 7 am
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 Mon.-Thurs., Jan. 22-25 7 pm
 Classes: Rabbi Zev Silber will hold his weekly Talmud class every Tuesday evening after services.

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 Address: P.O. Box 572, 117 Madison St., Cortland, NY 13045
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 Service leaders: Lay leadership
 Shabbat services: Either Friday evening at 7:30 pm or Saturday at 10 am from Rosh Hashanah to Shavuot. Holiday services are also held. Check the weekly e-mail for upcoming services. Contact the president to get on the e-mail list.
 Religious School: Students are educated on an individual basis.

Temple Brith Sholom is a small equalitarian congregation serving the greater Cortland community. Congregants span the gamut of observance and services are largely dependent on the service leader. The Friday night siddur is "Likrat Shabbat," while the Saturday morning siddur is "Gates of Prayer." The community extends a warm welcome to the Jewish student population of SUNY Cortland, as well as the residents of local adult residences.

Friday, January 19, light candles 4:43 pm
 Shabbat ends Saturday, January 20 5:45 pm
 Friday, January 26, light candles 4:52 pm
 Shabbat ends Saturday, January 27 5:54 pm

Temple Israel

Orientation: Conservative
 Rabbi: Geoffrey Brown
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 Office hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am-4 pm; Fri. 8 am-3 pm.
 E-mail: titammy@stny.twcbc.com
 Website: www.templeisraelvestal.org
 Service Schedule: Tuesday and Friday, 5:30 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am.

On Friday, January 19, at 6:30 pm, there will be Shabbat on the Road at Brookdale Senior Center.

On Saturday, January 20, at 9:30 am, services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Exodus 10:1-13:16. The haftarah will be Jeremiah 46:13-28. The kiddush sponsor will be Sylvia Horowitz.

Steve Gilbert will present the "Best of Yiddish Radio Project," an Adult Ed. Brunch and Program, on Sunday, January 21, at 10 am. The cost is \$5 per person.

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

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 Services: Friday 8 pm; Saturday 10 am, unless otherwise announced. Weekday morning minyan 7:30 am (9 am on Sundays and legal holidays).
 Religious School/Education: September-May: Classes meet on Sunday, 9 am-12:30 pm and Wednesday afternoons, 3:45-5:45 pm. The Midrashah (eighth-grade and high school) classes will meet at times designated by their respective teachers.
 Adult Ed.: Numerous weekly courses, several semester-long courses and a variety of mini-courses and lectures are offered throughout the year. Call the temple office for more details.

On Friday, January 19, the dalet-hey class service will be held at 6:15 pm.

On Saturday, January 20, Shabbat services will be held at 10 am; at 4:30 pm, there will be Tea 'n Talmud at the home of Rabbi Scott and Sharon Glass.

On Wednesday, January 24, at 7:30 pm, Rev. Rick L. Blair of St. Like Lutheran Church will speak at the temple on "God's Call to be Truth Tellers: A Conversation about Martin Luther and the Jews." Refreshments will be served.

On Saturday, January 27, Shabbat Noar services will be held at 11:15 am. At 7:30 pm, "An Evening of Jewish Stories, Poetry and Music" will take place in the social hall; refreshments will be served and a suggested donation of \$4 or \$8 per family is suggested. (See article on page 1.)

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

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term “spiritual technology” – to describe what they see as an emotional way of accessing Jewish life. They finish each other’s sentences.

“The way we use creative process is a way of seeking new information, new insight and ideas that aren’t readily available at the intellectual surface,” said Allen.

Kasowitz jumps in: The art is “a technology to kind of leave the head and tap into information that we have in our bones.”

The organization regularly hosts open hours in its space, called Studio Am (the Hebrew word for “people”), where people can come and make art as they wish. But their flagship exercise is called the “Jewish Studio Process,” an art, writing and study program Allen and Kasowitz have run for groups in their studio and across the country. The process begins with traditional Jewish “*chevruta*” learning, where people pair off to delve into Jewish texts on a certain theme.

The group then focuses on a certain word or phrase they studied – what they call an “intention” – and each person makes art based on it for an hour. The goal is not to create a finished product, but to engage in the act of accessing an idea by making art. To that end, participants are told not to comment on each other’s work, and to “follow pleasure” – to do something that makes them feel fulfilled. They finish the process by describing their art through free-association writing.

“We’re not so much about art as we are about activating creativity,” Kasowitz said. “We’re not teachers of art technique. We’re facilitators of spiritual process and creativity activation. We believe deeply that when our creativity is activated, really good things happen in the world.”

Both Allen and Kasowitz came to found the project in part due to dissatisfaction with traditional Jewish institutions. Allen loved her Jewish summer camp as a kid, but didn’t find the same kind of meaning in synagogue. She was ordained in 2014 at Hebrew College, a non-denominational seminary near Boston. Kasowitz, who comes from a career in the nonprofit world, grew up in a traditional Conservative home, and met Allen as he was branching out into Renewal and other alternative Jewish movements.

But as much as the couple is creating a new entry point for people to connect with Judaism, they also want to encourage more Jews to connect with art – something Allen says makes people feel intimidated. So far, 4,000 participants have taken part in their programs,

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Israel, routinely engage in antisemitic rhetoric and actions, and promote hatred of Jews.”

On the political front, the antisemitic debate broke in almost exactly the opposite way: The left was quick to label President Donald Trump as a fomenter of antisemitism and some of his aides and minions as antisemites outright. The failure of the White House to name Jews in its formal statement on International Holocaust Remembrance Day – like Trump’s tepid condemnation of the racist and antisemitic marchers at Charlottesville – was not just an inadvertent mistake, many on the left reasoned, but a dog-whistle to the nationalist, and sometimes racist and antisemitic, right that supported Trump.

Similarly, the left insists former White House strategist Steve Bannon was no mere “economic nationalist,” but a cynical demagogue who was willing to play on familiar antisemitic tropes to stir the Trump base.

Right-wing groups, most notably the ZOA, were quick to defend Trump and Bannon. They would point to the strongly pro-Israel stance of Breitbart News with Bannon as its head and Trump’s triumphant visit to the Western Wall at the beginning of his term. Bannon spoke at a ZOA fund-raiser, and the organization issued numerous statements accusing the Anti-Defamation League of being too hard on the Trump administration and too soft on pro-Palestinian activists – especially the Palestinian-American feminist leader Linda Sarsour. (The ADL notes that it has called out antisemitism on the right and among progressives alike.) Meanwhile, right-leaning Orthodox Jews felt their gamble on Trump paid off when he recognized Jerusalem as Israel’s capital.

Right-left divides aren’t new to Jewish communal politics, but applying them to the fight against antisemitism appears to be. Once upon a time, the Jews’ antagonists were obvious: Louis Farrakhan, David Duke, Hamas, the U.N. General Assembly, neo-Nazis here and in Europe. They haven’t gone away, but now the Jewish left accuses the Jewish right of downplaying the dangers of the “alt-right.” The Jewish right says the real threat to Jews is not from pro-Trump internet trolls, but from progressive campus groups, including Jews on the far left, who condemn Israel, but really mean “the Jews.” The left thinks it a vital Jewish mission to enter into social justice coalitions with other minorities, including Muslims; the right says Black Lives Matter lost all moral authority when it joined the pro-Palestinian cause.

Or maybe it’s not such a new phenomenon after all,

which they have also brought to mainstream Jewish organizations like Hillel and Hebrew Union College, the Reform seminary.

“So many people come to our work who I don’t think would normally do creative things, and they’re drawn in by the Judaism,” she said. “We always talk about, ‘Raise your hand if you were traumatized by your fourth grade art teacher who told you you’d never be an artist,’ and it’s, like, always half the group.”

The mainstream movements have caught on to a degree to using art as a gateway to Jewish involvement. Versions of an “Artists’ Beit Midrash” – projects combining art and Jewish learning – have been held at Manhattan’s Temple Emanu-El Skirball Center, Chicago’s North Shore Synagogue Beth El and at the Jewish Community Center in Milwaukee.

The Jewish Studio Project is also, in many ways, another of the many independent, progressive Jewish communities that have sprung up across the country in the past couple decades. It hosts High Holiday services with eclectic melodies and a mix of traditional liturgy and contemporary readings. It hosts occasional Shabbat services. It has classes on the weekly Torah portion and programs in advance of major Jewish holidays that combine art and study.

But Carle Brinkman, a friend of Allen and Kasowitz who regularly attends Jewish Studio Project programs, says that even though the organization deals with the same themes as other Jewish groups, it’s getting at them in a way that feels new. “Engagement in Jewish text, ritual and tradition in this nonverbal way helps me access ideas

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Other countries – including Australia, Canada, Great Britain and New Zealand – use a points system to favor immigrants with more education and experience, for example.

Sarna rejected the idea that Trump was simply expressing a preference for highly skilled immigrants, saying that if that’s what he meant, he would have said that. “There are people from all sorts of countries who commit crimes, but when we ascribe those sins to the whole group, that’s the essence of racism,” Sarna said. “The problem here is that instead of using objective criteria, we’re utilizing racial and geographic criteria.”

because behind the debate are a familiar series of issues that have long divided the Jewish activist class: *tikkun olam* vs. “peoplehood”; universal justice vs. particularist priorities; a broad human rights agenda vs. a narrower focus on Israel. A polarized political climate only created the conditions for divides that were there all along.

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and feelings and concepts – internal wisdom that the art making can tap into,” she said.

When groups work with paint in the studio, she says, it feels like praying: “We ask for what we want, need, need to discuss, and then we need to let it go and see what gifts come back.”

Mailbox Shorts

Jewish ghetto postcards

The visiting exhibit “The Jewish Ghetto in Postcards: From Eastern Europe to the Lower East Side,” an exhibition of early 20th-century postcards from the Blavatnik Archive Foundation, will be at the Yiddish Book Center’s Brechner Gallery through early spring 2018. From the Eastern European shtetls towns and cities that Jewish immigrants escaped, fleeing persecution, to the refuge they found in the crowded streets of the Lower East Side of Manhattan, the exhibit provides a historical perspective and visual record of the “ghettos” that were once essential to the Jewish immigrant experience. For more information, visit yiddishbookcenter.org, or call the Center at 413-256-4900.

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every genre imaginable in an attempt to fill his daily four-hour slot. The results have been called “brilliant” and “hilarious.”

◆ “The Radio Dramas of Nahum Stutchkoff”: Stutchkoff created what have been called some of the “most intense, intimate and emotional” dramas ever broadcast on radio to provide listeners the opportunity to experience what life was like in the Jewish tenements of New York City. The Yiddish Radio Project profiles a “forgotten genius” of the 20th century and airs one of his classic episodes for the first time in 60 years.

◆ “Commercials on Yiddish Radio”: Yiddish radio stations in the 1930s and 1940s devoted a “considerable portion” of the broadcast day to commercials for businesses large and small. As Henry Sapoznik recounts, “these commercials provide a unique insight into the everyday life of New York’s Jewish community.”

In February 2012, the TI Adult Ed. Group presented 40 one-minute(ish) videos from the “Old Jews Telling Jokes” collection. Gilbert will sprinkle seven or eight of his favorites throughout the program.

“January 21 is likely to be a cold, gray day,” said organizers of the event. “Why not brighten it up with a delicious brunch, a lively, entertaining and informative program, and some good friends?”

A \$5 donation for the brunch will be accepted at the door. RSVP by sending an e-mail to the Temple Israel office (titammy@stny.twcbc.com), or calling 723-7461.

Jewish Community Center

JCC Friendship Club

The JCC Friendship Club met on January 10. The arctic blast is over temporarily and the temperature outside is above freezing. The few of us that showed up were very talkative. Bruce Orden read some of the jokes that Sylvia Diamond got from the computer. He read, “Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?” Another one is, “Why are a wise man and a wise guy opposites?” We went on to discuss some news. The headline in the *Binghamton Press and Sun-Bulletin* was “N.Y. may freeze school taxes for seniors.” We talked about whether this would really happen because the state depends on this income. The

article did not say where the lost funds would come from. Renee Fromer told us about her car. She said that she could no longer drive it. Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu stopped by and saw a page of sayings such as “ham sandwiches are goyish, corned beef on rye is Jewish.”

Before we closed the meeting, we decided to eat lunch at a local restaurant on January 17. Plan on joining us on Wednesday, January 30, when Rabbi Benny Kellman will have a seder for Tu B’Shevat at 1:30 pm at the JCC.

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Abbas slams Trump, calls Israel a "colonial project"

During a two-hour speech to the Palestine Liberation Organization's Central Council, Palestinian Authority President and PLO Chairman Mahmoud Abbas on Jan. 14 slammed President Donald Trump's attempts to jumpstart peace negotiations as well as America's recent recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital. "I saw his tweet which said that 'We will not give aid to the Palestinians because they refuse to relaunch negotiations,'" Abbas stated, then added, "May your house be destroyed. ... We won't take orders from anyone," the Palestinian leader said. "We told Trump we will never accept his [peace] plan. His deal of the century is the slap in the face of the century, and we will not accept it." Abbas claimed that "Israel ended [the] Oslo [peace process]." He alleged that Jewish settlement in Israel is a European and Zionist conspiracy, stating that Israel is "a colonial project that has nothing to do with Judaism." Responding to the speech, Israeli President Reuven Rivlin told leaders visiting Israel from the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, "What we heard yesterday from Mahmoud Abbas was terrible. To say Israel is the result of a Western conspiracy to settle Jews in land belonging to Arab populations? To say that that the Jewish people has no connection with the land of Israel? He forgot many things, and said exactly the things that led him to be accused years ago of antisemitism and Holocaust denial."

Groups petition Israeli High Court for expanded Western Wall egalitarian prayer section

The Masorti (Conservative) Movement in Israel, the Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism, and the Women of the Wall prayer rights group brought a petition to Israel's High Court of Justice in an effort to force the expansion of the existing egalitarian prayer section at the Western Wall. The petitioners are requesting that the court overrule last summer's decision by Israel's governing coalition to freeze the implementation of a plan that would change the access point to the existing egalitarian section, as well as transfer administration of the egalitarian section to a council of Conservative and

Reform rabbis. The petitioners are also requesting that Torah scrolls and prayer shawls typically used by men be allowed into the holy site's women-only section. Currently, the entire Western Wall prayer complex, including the egalitarian section, is under Orthodox administration. The Western Wall prayer issue has become a major point of contention between the Israeli government and Diaspora Jewry, particularly North America's large Reform and Conservative communities.

IDF destroys Hamas terror tunnel that infiltrated Israeli and Egyptian territory

The IDF destroyed a Hamas terror tunnel that ran underneath Israel's Kerem Shalom border crossing with the southern Gaza Strip as well as under the Egypt-Gaza border. In a statement the weekend of Jan. 14, the IDF said that Israeli Air Force fighter jets struck terrorist infrastructure in the Gazan city of Rafah the night of Jan. 13. This was the third Palestinian terror tunnel found infiltrating Israeli territory that Israel has destroyed during the past two months.

German coalition negotiations spark concern in Israel

(Israel Hayom/Exclusive to JNS) – A blueprint for coalition negotiations between Germany's Christian Democratic Union Party, led by Chancellor Angela Merkel, and the country's Social Democratic Party, headed by Martin Schulz, has stoked fears in Israel. The blueprint, which the party leaders agreed on Jan. 12, fails to mention neither Germany's unique connection with Israel nor the latter's Jewish character – points that were expressly stated in the basic guidelines that formed Merkel's two previous governments. Additionally, the blueprint includes an article dealing with the military, stating an opposition to "acts of targeted killings by automatic weapons systems" as well as a commitment to develop European drone technology. The article may hinder a deal between Israel and Germany for the purchase of Israeli drones, which was suspended last summer after sudden opposition by the Social Democrats. The fate of the future German government depends on the Social Democrats, who will be required to decide if they support the coalition blueprint. Many in the party oppose the creation of another large coalition headed by Merkel.

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