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BD luncheon speakers to present “Eating Challah in Havana” on Feb. 10

Beth David’s Saturday, February 10, Shabbat luncheon speakers will be Rhonda Levine and Arieh Ullmann. They will discuss “Eating Challah in Havana.”

In early November, they traveled to Havana, Cuba, to attend a conference. During their stay, they explored various aspects of Havana’s Jewish life. They visited synagogues, attended Shabbat services and a Shabbat dinner at one of the three synagogues, viewed a Holocaust exhibit and spoke with fellow Jews about what it is like being Jewish in Cuba today.

“Cuba has fascinated so many of us for so long,” organizers say, “and we are indeed

fortunate to have Levine and Ullmann share what they learned during their recent trip.”

Levine is professor of sociology, emerita, at Colgate University where she taught for 35 years. A renowned scholar, Levine is the author of seven books, including “Class, Networks, and Identity: Replanting Jewish Lives from Nazi Germany to Rural New York.” In addition to her books, she has published articles in numerous journals and edited volumes. She was the recipient of the 2016 Jerome Balmuth Award for Teaching, awarded annually to a Colgate faculty to celebrate and recognize “superb and transformative” teaching of Colgate

students. In addition, Levine also received the 2014 Sidney J and Florence Eaton French Prize, awarded annually to a Colgate faculty in recognition of excellence in inspirational teaching. She has served on numerous committees, held elected office in a number of professional organizations and served on several editorial boards. An active member of the local secular and Jewish communities, Levine is currently the chairwoman of the College of Jewish Studies. She has also served on the Board of Directors of the Broome County Urban League and currently serves on the boards of the Jewish Community Center and Beth David Synagogue.

Ullmann is associate professor of management, emeritus, at Binghamton University where he taught business strategy and international business since his arrival in Binghamton. A native of Switzerland, he arrived in Binghamton in 1981 with his family from Berlin, Germany, and joined Beth David Synagogue in 1982. For many years, he taught in the Executive M.B.A. at the Technion in Haifa during the summer months.

He is a past president of Beth David Synagogue and of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton. He currently serves



L-r: Arieh Ullmann and Rhonda Levine

on the boards of Beth David Synagogue, the Jewish Federation and the Binghamton Philharmonic Orchestra.

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, but 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. Tax-deductible donations can be sent to Beth David Synagogue, 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905 Attention: Luncheon Fund.

Chabad to hold live concert on Jan. 31

Chabad of Binghamton will hold a live concert performance by Simply Tsfat, a trio of Chasidic Israeli musicians – Elyahu Reiter, Yehonasan Lipshutz and Yonatan Tzarum – on Wednesday, January 31, at 7:30 pm, at the Chabad Center. 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. Due to a sponsor who is underwriting this event, there is no charge.

“Acoustic guitarist and vocalist Elyahu Reiter, violinist Yehonason Lipshutz and classical guitarist Yonatan Tzarum join forces to present an evening of music and storytelling that will leave you exhilarated and moved,” said Rivky Slonim. “When this uber-talented group came here a few years ago, those in the audience had a great time. This is well worth coming out for!”



Simply Tsfat, a trio of Chasidic Israeli musicians – Elyahu Reiter, Yehonasan Lipshutz and Yonatan Tzarum – will perform at the Cabad Center on January 31.

Federation board meeting open to community

The Jewish Federation will hold a full board meeting on Wednesday, January 31, at 7:30 pm. The community is invited to attend. Those interested in attending should make a reservation by calling the Federation at 724-2332 so that enough materials will be available.

Spotlight

Eisenstein art puzzle: BU Art Museum seeks answer

By Rabbi Rachel Esserman

It sounds like the plot of a thriller: take one refugee from Nazi Germany, add a 17th century painting of Saint Benedict and discover how the artwork was smuggled out of Vienna. To add spice to the mix, the painting had once been cut into six pieces and then sewn back together. Staff at the Binghamton University Art Museum are looking to solve this real-life art puzzle and asking the local Jewish community to help.

The painting of Saint Benedict by Carlo Francesco Nuvolone, a Milanese Baroque painter, was donated to the museum by Norbert Eisenstein after the death of his father, Max, in 1980. Max Eisenstein, who was a businessman in Vienna before emigrating to the U.S., arrived in Binghamton with his family in 1939. According to Norbert, the painting of Saint Benedict hung unframed on the wall in their home on Walnut Street in Binghamton.

Although the rest of Max’s art collection was confiscated by the Nazis, somehow the painting of Saint Benedict was brought or sent to the United States. Members of the art museum staff wonder how the painting was smuggled out of Europe and why it was cut into different pieces and reassembled. They also want to know more about Max and his family for an exhibition featuring the Nuvolone painting that will take place this spring.

“We are hoping to find anyone still alive today who might remember Max, might have been a guest in his home, or might at least have information to share regarding what they knew of him as a Holocaust survivor,” said Art History



A 17th century painting of Saint Benedict by Carlo Francesco Nuvolone that once hung in the home of Max Eisenstein.

Professor Karen-edis Barzman in an e-mail interview. “It is stunning to me that he had a painting of St. Benedict in his home. Grow-

ing up in New York City, I knew Holocaust survivors and not one of them would have had anything like this among their prized possessions. If they had ‘Old Master’ works, they would have been still-life paintings or landscapes with grazing sheep or cows!”

Barzman noted that the museum would also like to learn more about Max’s extended family. “We would be happy to hear from anyone who knew his two sons, Norbert Eisenstein and Bruno Eisenstein (also known as Bruno Low), Bruno’s wife, Lene Josefine Low (also known as Lana Low), and her parents, Mathias and Alice Low,” she added. “All were active in the local Jewish community, naturalized in 1944 with the help of the American Civic Association downtown.”

Anyone with information on the family or the painting should contact Diane Butler, director of the Binghamton University Art Museum, at 777-3252, dbutler@binghamton.edu or Binghamton University Art Museum, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY 13902-6000.

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Opinion

Six ways to address sexual harassment in the Jewish community

By Lisa Eisen

(JTA)—The stories—#MeToo, #GamAni—are numerous and painful. They span decades and reach every corner of the Jewish community. Enough is enough. The time is now for us to finally and fully address sexual harassment in Jewish institutional life.

When it comes to sexual harassment, Jewish teachings are unequivocal: We are obligated to put an end to the behavior for the sake of the victim, the perpetrator and the community as a whole. Despite our moral code, however, sexual misconduct in the Jewish community too often goes unaddressed. As Hollywood, media and government offices grapple with their ethical challenges, it is clear we need a reckoning of our own.

When the Good People Fund surveyed Jewish professionals in 2017, it found that sexual harassment is perceived by respondents to be tolerated in Jewish organizations. Female CEOs, fund-raisers and rabbis frequently report problems in their interactions with donors and lay leaders. Female employees report feeling some level of harassment is inevitable and most believe—and some have left the field as a result—that their organizations are ineffective at preventing or addressing it.

Indeed, the recent Leading Edge study found that only two-thirds of employees of Jewish organizations report that they are aware of their organization's sexual harassment policies, and only about one-third know what to do or where to go if they experience harassment.

The time is now to end this reality. The time is now to move from talk to action. The time is now for us to commit to acting individually and collectively to build safer, more respectful and equitable places to work. We must come together across political, denominational and gender lines to address the power dynamics and structural inequalities that allow harassment and abuse to take root. We must raise the bar of fairness and equality in our workplaces, institutions and the spaces in between.

To succeed, we need to advance cultural and practical change. We at the Schusterman Foundation are joining with other foundations and organizations to explore how we can help create systemic change in Jewish communal life on both fronts.

Here are five crucial areas in which we can and must act:

◆ **Ensure accountability:** To eliminate harassment in our community, all of us—funders, nonprofit professionals and lay leaders—must hold ourselves and our organizations accountable. I envision a pledge, akin to the Child Safety Pledge, committing us to uphold safety and respect in and around the Jewish workplace as an important step forward. A common pledge—backed by tangible resources and collective action—could ensure that organizations walk their talk and actively pursue today's best practices for preventing and responding to sexual harassment.

◆ **Exhibit leadership:** Committed, engaged organizational and philanthropic leaders are critical to changing the status quo. Thanks to the outstanding work of Commissioners Chai Feldblum and Victoria Lipnic, who led the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Select Task Force on the Study of Harassment in the Workplace, we know that the cornerstone of a successful harassment prevention strategy is the consistent and demonstrated commitment of senior leaders to create and maintain a culture in which harassment is not tolerated.

◆ **Those in leadership positions must start by refraining from and putting an end to adverse behavior.** Jewish leaders need to show they will not stand for or accept sexual harassment and take proactive steps to promote a safe, respectful Jewish organizational culture. Funders, too, must commit to this work—not just for the organizations we support, but also to help equalize the relationship between donors and Jewish professionals, and to strengthen our own internal cultures.

◆ **Refresh policies and procedures:** In the wake of #MeToo, every Jewish organization must have in place the modern infrastructure of a safe workplace, including transparent policies, consistent training and protected reporting methods. The EEOC recommendations are clear on this front as well. Healthy work environments need “strong and comprehensive harassment policies; trusted and accessible complaint procedures; and regular, interactive training tailored to the audience and the organization.” In addition to updating our own policies and procedures, those who serve as funders can request anti-harassment and discrimination policies in our grant applications, share sample templates and best practices with grantees, and refer them to expert resources.

◆ **Train staff and boards:** Annual, ideally in-person training of staff and boards are vital and can be customized to the fields and organizations they serve. They can transcend the harasser-victim dichotomy and focus on more effective methods, such as empowering bystanders and helping employees understand how they can advocate for one another. For models, we can look to the Respect in the Workplace training currently offered by the Jewish Women's Foundation of New York or to those Keshet provides on tolerance and inclusion.

◆ **Facilitate reporting:** Every employee in the Jewish sector should know and trust their organization's reporting structure. One of the most common refrains is that employees do not know who to turn to if they experience or witness harassment. This is equally true at foundations and all other kinds of nonprofits.

It is incumbent upon us as Jews that our reporting structures allow for fair consideration and due process for both the accuser and the accused. To that end, it is worth considering external reporting structures like those suggested by Yehuda Kurtzer and Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg, who have called for the creation of a neutral platform for those seeking redress without fear of retribution. We may also consider the use of ombudsmen or new tools like All-Voices, an app-based reporting service under development.

◆ **Equal opportunity:** Beyond these five areas, the most important way to create sustainable change in our community is to ensure that women are treated equitably and have opportunities to advance to top leadership roles. Starting today, we must help elevate women's voices in Jewish life. We must advocate for pay equity for comparable roles. We must include more women on CEO search committees and candidate interview lists. We must mentor and sponsor women in advancing in their careers. We must, as Advancing Women Professionals has taught us, make the choice not to serve on or support panels, committees and initiatives where women are not represented. When we raise up women, we raise up everyone—especially those of diverse, underrepresented backgrounds.

Indeed, we can make an inclusive, safe and respectful environment a key element of great Jewish workplaces. See “Six” on page 3

In My Own Words

“It’s complicated”

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

After reading 700-plus pages of Robert Sapolsky's “Behave: The Biology of Humans at Our Best and Worst,” I have to agree with the author that the best way to express our understanding of human nature is with the sentence, “It’s complicated.” I’ve read and enjoyed other works by Sapolsky, a professor of biology, neurology and neurological sciences at Stanford University, who also did work with primates in Africa. His latest book is not only fascinating, but, at times, funny. While I don’t claim to understand all the science, Sapolsky forced me to change the way I look at human nature—in negative and positive ways.

It’s impossible to describe “Behave” in detail in the space available, but I want to share some parts that really stood out for me. For example, when we think about how people act, we rarely note that the stress their grandmother felt while in their great-grandmother’s womb not only affected that particular fetus, but the neurons and hormones

of future generations. Bodily changes occur in fetuses whose fathers are experiencing post-traumatic distress and whose parents lived in slavery or survived concentration camps. Just imagine: we still retain the physical effects of what happened to our ancestors—something over which we have no control, even though it can affect our behavior and decision making.

It’s not only biology that affects our behavior. Sapolsky notes that interaction with our environment also plays a role. For example, someone with particular neurological reactions who lives in a stable home and has enough food to eat is less likely to get into trouble with the law than a person with the same reactions who lives in a violent neighborhood, has a parent dies when he’s 5 and/or doesn’t receive a nutritious diet. Of course, Sapolsky notes that we don’t have enough answers to figure out a perfect scientific equation (biological piece + environmental piece = behavior) to predict what any particular individual will do—at least, we don’t yet.

What bothered me when reading “Behave” is how much of our behavior is beyond our control. At one point, after reading about how body reactions (hormones, neurons, etc.) are passed down through the generations, it seemed impossible that we might ever be able to change people’s lives for the better. The section on how we divide human into

“us vs. them” groups was very disturbing. Sapolsky shows how easy it is to turn “them” into objects that can be easily destroyed—and backs up his ideas with historical examples of massacres. Yet, Sapolsky holds out hope: he believes if we can understand our reactions, then we can change how we behave. Perhaps we are not condemned to repeat the mistakes of our past, at least if we understand human nature.

One simple example of this is based on studies if the behavior of judges in courtrooms. When judges sentence people, the harshness of the sentence can depend on the time of day. Research supports the idea that when a judge is hungry—for example, before the lunch break or at the end of the day—it makes a real difference in the life of another person because hungry judges give harsher and longer sentences to offenders. Being aware of this simple fact could cause a major change of our judicial system. Sapolsky also give examples of ways to alter how we think about people who are unlike us so that we don’t turn them into non-humans who can be exterminated.

These are only a few of the ideas and challenges about human behavior that Sapolsky offers. “Behave” is well worth reading, if only to make you rethink your view of human nature—your own, your friends and those who think and act differently from you. That knowledge could change the world.

Correction

In the January 19 issue of *The Reporter*, a last name was misspelled in a condolence notice on page 3. Condolences should have been extended to Stephen Paushter on the death of his father, Matthew Paushter.



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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."

This year's celebration will offer a diverse selection of



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

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.theithaca.org.

TC Sisterhood program 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 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



Rabbi Rachel Esserman

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.

The Jewish Community wishes to express its sympathy to Marlene Serkin on the death of her sister, Gloria Lees

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 TRreporter@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.

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In doing so, we will create spaces free from harassment, gender disparagement and bias; make our offices models of what a modern workplace should be; and usher in a new era of leadership that better reflects and supports the people and communities we serve.

Let's make 2018 the year we live up to the steadfast ethics of our people and put an end to sexual harassment in the Jewish community once and for all. Let's join together to create a culture in which nobody ever again has to say #MeToo or #GamAni.

Lisa Eisen is the vice president of the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, a global organization committed to igniting the passion and unleashing the power in young people to create positive change; www.schusterman.org.

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Off the Shelf

Revising *halachah*, Maimonides style

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

In biblical Judaism, there is no separation between ritual and civil law. This became a problem when Jews moved from an agriculture-based society to one focused on commerce and trade. For example, after the Islamic conquest in the seventh century C.E. in the Middle East, international trade grew, as did the need for new laws to describe the relationships not only between Jewish merchants, but Islamic ones. In the excellent “Maimonides and the Merchants: Jewish Law and Society in the Medieval Islamic World” (University of Pennsylvania Press), Mark R. Cohen shows how Moses Maimonides revisited *halachah* (Jewish law) in order to help Jewish businessmen compete with and/or cooperate with their Islamic counterparts.

Cohen notes that “whereas the Talmud is notably deficient in the field of commercial law, Maimonides established a firm place in the halakha for such subjects as partnership, agency, sale, leasing, and credit, consolidating disparate Talmudic statements on these subjects and, as we shall see, adjusting business law to adapt to the ways of the Islamic marketplace.” The book uses the many documents found in the Cairo Geniza to describe how these businesses actually worked; the documents include “letters, court records, marriage contracts, deeds of divorce, wills, documents concerning pious trusts, business contracts, merchant accounts, book lists, lists of recipients of charity, and registers of gifts for charitable purposes, and more.”

The author focuses on the changes made by both *geonim* (Babylonian scholars who were often asked by communities to decide law) and Maimonides. Cohen sees the *geonim* as accommodating merchant practices by employing the idea that “custom can override the halakha.” This means that the *geonim* accepted the business customs of the country in which Jews lived and allowed them to follow the civil law of that land. Jews could then make a living by participating in new types of commerce when agriculture was no longer a viable option. However, Cohen believes that Maimonides went a step further than the *geonim* by using the rabbinic allowance of local custom “to clothe a new reality in ancient garb.”

One example is the way Maimonides changed the meaning of the rabbinic term *ben ha-bayit* (son of the house). The name is included in a list of people who have the right to make independent business decisions, even when the money, land or business does not belong to them. (Other examples in the list are guardians, partners and wives.) Talmudic rulings used the term to mean the person was a foreman: someone who sells products, and hires and fires staff. Using some exegesis (which is too complex to repeat here), Maimonides treats the *ben ha-bayit* as a commercial agent. Why would this matter? Because when someone suspects fraud or mismanagement, a foreman is not required by Jewish law to take an oath in court about

his dealing, while a commercial agent is. However, Muslim courts would impose an oath on a foreman so Jews were taking their disputes to them, rather than Jewish courts. By changing the definition of *ben ha-bayit*, Maimonides allowed Jewish courts to impose an oath and made it easier for Jews to conduct their business dealings.

The picture of Maimonides that Cohen offers shows a man who thought in practical terms: Maimonides didn’t make changes for the sake of change, but to better allow Jews to make a living in a society not their own. There are times that Maimonides retains prior laws because they still fit society’s needs. As Cohen writes, Maimonides “employed a flexible and realistic approach, paying careful attention to the custom [of the country] in order to bring law and society into harmony.” Maimonides was able to do this because he claimed his code of law, “Mishnah Torah,” was simply “a repetition of the law” that didn’t change anything. Some rabbis of the time did notice, and object, to declarations that seemed removed from prior law, but many of Maimonides’ changes were accepted.

While “Maimonides and the Merchants” is a scholarly work and its prose is dry, the ideas it contains are fascinating. Anyone interested in the development of Jewish civilization – particularly how Jewish law has changed and grown – will find much of interest in this impressive work.

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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC)

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

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Notice of Formation of Sarah L. King, LCSW, PLLC. 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: 427 Chrysler Rd., Endwell, NY 13760. Purpose: to practice the profession of licensed clinical social work.

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1. The name of the limited liability company (“LLC”) is El Pulpo Mexican Restaurant and Grill, LLC.
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3. The County within the State

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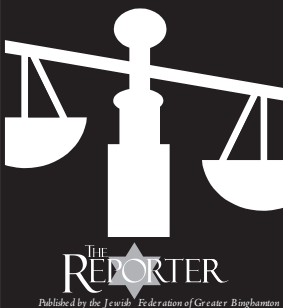
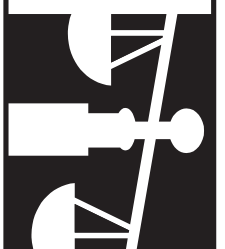
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THE REPORTER

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The five best Jewish films to watch this Oscar season

By Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) – With the Academy Awards on the horizon, there is no shortage of high-quality films to see in theaters and on the small screen. Getting a jump on the festivities, here are five of the best Jewish-themed ones to watch this awards season, from Oscar contenders to short gems.

“Foxtrot”

Directed by Samuel Maoz and starring Lior Ashkenazi and Sarah Adler, “Foxtrot” has been called a wrenching film about an array of dark topics: parental grief after the death of a soldier son, the joys and stresses of marriage, and the boredom of army life. But it is also about Israeli control of the West Bank and how, in the filmmaker’s view, Israel’s occupation humiliates the occupied and hardens the occupier. After being named the second-best film at the Venice International Film Festival and winning best film at Israel’s Ophir Awards, it was on the shortlist for the Academy Award for best foreign language film.

In a phone interview with JTA, Maoz described his movie as “the dance of a man with his fate.” He said, “There are many variations to this dance, but they end up at the same starting point.”

In more concrete terms, the film follows an affluent Tel Aviv couple who learn their son has died in the line of duty.



An Israeli soldier does a mock dance with his rifle in “Foxtrot.” (Photo by Sony Pictures Classics)

The film has come under fire from Miri Regev, Israel’s minister of culture and sports. “It is inconceivable,” she declared publicly, “that movies which shame the reputation of the Israel Defense Forces – and that are supported [financially] by the state – are selected to showcase Israel cinema abroad.”

Maoz did not directly address Regev’s criticism, but said, “When my brothers are dying, I have the right to make such a movie.”

“Foxtrot” will open in U.S. theaters on March 2.

“In the Fade”

Germany’s “In the Fade” dramatizes the rise of neo-Nazism in the country over the past few years through the murder of a Kurdish man, his German wife and their small son by a neo-Nazi couple. The neo-Nazi theme is timely in light of the rise of the far right in Europe and as demonstrated in the U.S. by the white supremacist rally last summer in Charlottesville, VA.

Director Fatih Akin, a German native of Turkish descent, attributes Germany’s growing neo-Nazi sentiment largely to hostility to the large number of refugees, mainly from Muslim countries, who have been admitted into Germany. “The new neo-Nazis are different from those of the 1980s and ‘90s,” he told JTA. “Then they were outcasts and easily recognizable as skinheads. Today’s neo-Nazis are still criminals, but they look like everybody else.”

“In the Fade,” fresh off a Golden Globe win for best



Diane Kruger (front, center) in a scene from “In the Fade.” (Screenshot from YouTube)

foreign film, was one of the nine films on the Oscar shortlist for best foreign language film. It’s out now in U.S. theaters in a limited release.

“In the Land of Pomegranates”

In Hebrew, the word for pomegranate has a double meaning: It can mean either the fruit that symbolizes rebirth or a hand grenade. The documentary “In the Land of Pomegranates,” directed by Israeli Hava Kohav Beller, wrestles with these conflicting meanings as it explores the chasm between the ways that young Israelis and Palestinians think about each other.

The film follows young men and women who have been brought together in a scenic German town for a program called “Vacation from War.” They live under the same roof, go on joint excursions in the countryside, take a riverboat cruise and “argue earnestly” for hours on end.

The program started in 2002 and, as one of the organizers put it, “Our goal is not to make participants love each other. If only five people change their attitudes, that’s progress.”

Even this modest goal seems unreachable in the film, although it inadvertently clarifies why decades of peace-making efforts have proven largely fruitless. Most of the arguments are on the level of “ Hamas is a terrorist organization,” as an Israeli participant charges, to which the

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L-r: Ayana Lekach and Rotem Dar in a scene from “In the Land of Pomegranates.” (Photo by First Run Features)

SUMMER CAMPS

Finding the right camp for your child

(NAPSI) – Camping experts at the YMCA of the USA offer tips to help parents choose the best camping experience for their child this summer:

🏕️ The American Camp Association. The ACA accredits camps across the country to ensure they meet the highest standards.

🏕️ Camp does not have to be expensive. There are camps available in every price range and many offer scholarship assistance.

🏕️ On average, many 8-year-olds are ready for resident or “sleep-away camp” and age-appropriate day camps are available for preschool-aged children.

🏕️ Sleep-away camp shouldn’t be a child’s first time away from home. A sleep-over at a friend’s or relative’s house is an important first step to a longer stay away.

🏕️ Decide if you are looking to give your child a vacation from school or if you hope for some real growth in character and self-confidence. Some camps are highly structured, while others offer more time to allow kids to set their own schedules.

🏕️ Quiz camp staff on the information described in their materials. Find out how the camp encourages positive behavior

and teamwork, and how problem behavior is handled. Ask how the camp works with children requiring special diets, medications or accommodations.

🏕️ Get references from other families who have attended the camps you are considering.

🏕️ Don’t forget to include your child in the process and, if possible, plan a visit before making a final decision. Most camps provide tours in the spring as well as once camp is in session. Some even offer family weekends where the family can experience camp together.

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Beshalach, Exodus 13:17-17:16

Taking that first step

RABBI MOSHE SAKS, TEMPLE ISRAEL OF SCRANTON

In *parashat* Beshalach, when our ancestors left Egypt, they were very much the products of generations of slavery. The Torah tells us, "God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although it was nearer, for God said, 'The people may have a change of heart when they see war and return to Egypt.'" Slavery had marked them not only physically, but also intellectually and emotionally. They were suffering from what we call today low self-esteem.

When they saw the pursuing Egyptians, the Israelites' challenge to Moses was, "Was it for want of graves in Egypt that you brought us to die in the wilderness?" Indeed, every time a problem arose, they turned against Moses and God – complaining, resisting and whining.

Their first challenge came at the Sea of Reeds. It didn't take long for Pharaoh to regret letting his slaves go, so

he mustered his warriors and chased after them with 600 chariots. The Israelites were caught between the sea and the Egyptians. They were frightened and panicked, not knowing whether to go this way or that.

Moses spoke to calm and encourage them: "Have no fear! Stand by and witness the deliverance which the Lord will work for you." And what was God's response? "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward."

This is how the Talmud (Sotah 36b) describes what happened next: Rabbi Meir said: When the Israelites stood at the Reed Sea, the tribes were vying with one another, one saying, "I will be first to go down into the sea," and the other saying, "I will be first to go down into the sea."... Rabbi Judah said to Rabbi Meir: That is not quite the way it happened. In fact, one tribe said, "I will not be the first

to go into the sea," and another tribe also said, "I will not be the first to go into the sea." While they were standing there deliberating, Nachshon ben Aminadav sprang forward and was the first to go down into the sea.

The *midrash* goes further. Nachshon sank into the water up to his nose, and only then did the sea divide. And since that day, the phrase *k'fitzat* Nachshon, the leap of Nachshon, has meant a very special "leap of faith." Nachshon made a choice that might have meant failure, and therefore death, to win the prize of freedom and the Promised Land.

What we learn from Nachshon is that going forward, even without a guarantee of success, is better than standing still and certain failure. Sometimes there is no way to know which course is best; one can only make a choice and **See "Step" on page 7**

Congregational Notes

Temple Concord

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

On 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.

On Sunday January 28, at 11 am, there will be a Sisterhood book talk led by Rabbi Rachel Esserman.

On Tuesday, January 30, at 5:15 pm, there will be religious school.

On Thursday, February 1, at 5:15 pm, there will be religious school.

On Friday, February 2, at 8 pm, Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Saturday, February 3, 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.

Rohr Chabad Center

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 Address: 27 Bennet Ave., Binghamton, NY 13905
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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.
 Linking Hearts for youngsters with special needs: This program connects Jewish special-needs children and teenagers, ages 5-14, who have mental, physical and/or functional disabilities, with student volunteers who will visit participating youngsters weekly in their homes.
 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.

Norwich Jewish Center

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.
 Adult Ed.: Saturday morning study is held at 10 am. Call for more information and to confirm.

Temple Beth El of Oneonta

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 Regular service times: visit the temple website for days of services and times
 Religious School/Education: Religious School, for grades kindergarten through bar/bat mitzvah, meets Sunday mornings. Rabbi Karp conducts services and holds classes in Torah, beginning Hebrew and Maimonides.
 Forschedules of services, classes and events, see the website.

Temple Israel

Orientation: Conservative
 Rabbi: Geoffrey Brown
 Address: 4737 Deerfield Pl., Vestal, NY 13850
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 E-mail: titammy@stny.twcbc.com
 Website: www.templeisraelvestal.org
 Service Schedule: Tuesday and Friday, 6 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am.

On Saturday, January 27, at 10 am, services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Exodus 13:17-17:16. The haftarah will be Judges 4:4-5:31. There will be a Tu B'Shevat seder and pot luck lunch following services. The kiddush sponsor will be Jim Schutzer.

On Wednesday, January 31, at 7 pm, there will be a Sisterhood open program meeting. RSVP to the office.

On Saturday, February 3, at 9:30 am, the religious, school students will participate in the Shabbat service. It will be followed by a cholent lunch.

On Saturday, February 17, at 9:30 am, Steve Gilbert will host kiddush in honor of the anniversary of his bar mitzvah.

Those who wish to recite the Mourner's Kaddish during a weekday service can contact Howard Schwartz at schwartz@stny.rr.com or call the temple office one-and-a-half weeks or more before the date to ensure time to make up a minyan.

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 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.

Temple Brith Sholom

Affiliation: Unaffiliated
 Address: P.O. Box 572, 117 Madison St., Cortland, NY 13045
 Phone: 607-756-7181
 President: Louis Wilson, louiswilson1995@yahoo.com
 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 26, light candles 4:52 pm
 Shabbat ends Saturday, January 27 5:54 pm
 Friday, February 2, light candles 5:01 pm
 Shabbat ends Saturday, February 3 6:03 pm

Beth David Synagogue

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 Friday, Jan. 26 4:55 pm
 Shabbat, Jan. 27 9 am
 Mincha after the kiddush
 Maariv 6:15 pm
 Weekday Services:
 Mornings:
 Sun., Jan. 28 8:30 am
 Mon.-Fri., Jan. 29-Feb. 2 7 am
 Evenings:
 Sun., Jan. 28 5 pm
 Mon.-Thurs., Jan. 29-Feb. 2 7 pm
 Classes: Rabbi Zev Silber will hold his weekly Talmud class every Tuesday evening after services.

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

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

On 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 3.)

On Sunday, January 28, from 12:30-2 pm, Kadima and USY will make Israeli food immediately following religious school.

On Friday-Saturday, February 2-3, Sisterhood Shabbat will be celebrated to mark the anniversary of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. Friday services will be at 8 pm, followed by an oneg; Saturday services at 10 am will be followed by a kiddush luncheon.

On Friday, February 3, Tot Shabbat will be held at 11:15 am.

Congregation Tikkun v'Or

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism
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 Presidents: Miranda Phillips and Shawn Murphy
 Rabbi: Brian Walt
 Religious School Director/Admin. Coordinator: Naomi Wilensky
 Services: Fridays at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted. Family services and Tot Shabbat once a month at 6:30 pm. Call for weekly schedules.
 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.

Jewish Community Center

JCC family movie night to feature "Aladdin" on Feb. 10

The Jewish Community Center of Binghamton will hold a family movie night on Saturday, February 10. The night will begin at 6:30 pm and will cost \$2 a person, with a \$10 maximum per family. The entire community is welcome and encouraged to attend.

The featured movie will be Disney's "Aladdin." Attendees are asked to bring

a blanket, pillow, or chair to use during the movie. Light refreshments, including popcorn, will be provided. All proceeds generated from the event will go to benefit the JCC Youth Department.

For more information about the movie night, JCC Youth Programming, or the JCC, contact the JCC office at 724-2417.

Friendship Club to hold Tu B'Shevat seder

The Friendship Club will hold a Tu B'Shevat seder to celebrate the "birthday of trees" on Wednesday, January 31, at the Jewish Community Center, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal. The event, run by Rabbi Benny Kellman of Meor

Binghamton, will begin at 1:30 pm. According to Kellman, the event will include "four cups of wine (grape juice), two musical instruments, seven species from the land of Israel and possibly some juggling."

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see what happens. This isn't a prescription for recklessness. Nachshon almost surely wouldn't have jumped if the Egyptians hadn't been closing in, but there was really no other choice.

God said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward." There's a time to pray and a time to act. There's a time to debate and a time to do.

There's a time to weigh alternatives and a time to choose. Was Nachshon's leap risky? Of course it was, but if he hadn't jumped when he did, our ancestors would have died at the sea and we wouldn't be here to tell the story.

Many times, leadership means taking that first step. If we have faith in the future, then those who follow will have faith in us.

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Palestinian response is, "We are just trying to get back the land you took from us."

However, the largely pessimistic view is brightened by a couple of episodes that bridge the conflicts. One scene shows Palestinians dancing the *dabke* and Israelis dancing the *hora* – and both performances are almost identical.

"In the Land of Pomegranates" will open in U.S. theaters in February and March.

"The Number on Great-Grandpa's Arm"

How does one teach very young children about the Holocaust? An upcoming HBO short documentary, slated to premiere on International Holocaust Remembrance Day, attempts to provide a model for that daunting task. In "The Number on Great-Grandpa's Arm," Holocaust survivor Jack Feldman and his American-born great-grandson Elliott bond as the 10-year-old (he's now 12) prompts his ancestor to speak about his Holocaust experiences.

Feldman emigrated after the war and settled in Rochester, NY, where he opened a fish market. He ran the business suc-

cessfully, though with one quirk. As an African-American customer notes, "Jack has known what hunger is, so he gives free fish to a customer too poor to pay."

Veteran documentary filmmaker Amy Schatz was attracted to the project because, she said, there is hardly any material on the Holocaust suitable for children and their families. Her goal was to transmit the survivor's experience "gently and with clarity."

The film will be shown on HBO beginning the last week of January.

"116 Cameras"

One of 10 films that were on the Oscar shortlist for best short documentary, "116 Cameras" gives a behind-the-scenes look into the filming of a Holocaust survivor's testimony. It shows how filmmakers preserve the memories of Eva Schloss, Anne Frank's surviving stepsister, in the form of an interactive, 3-D, holographic image. The project was a product of Steven Spielberg's Shoah Foundation at the University of Southern California.

The film is now available to view on *The New York Times* website.



A scene from "The Number on Great-Grandpa's Arm." (Photo courtesy of HBO)



Eva Schloss being filmed in a scene from "116 Cameras." (Screenshot from The New York Times)

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French foreign minister warns Iran violating limits on ballistic missiles

French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian warned on Jan. 22 that Iran is not respecting international calls to freeze its ballistic missile development program. Le Drian called on the Islamic Republic to halt the development of all ballistic missiles capable of carrying a nuclear payload. "We will also have the opportunity of underlining our firmness on Iran's compliance with United Nations Resolution 2231, which limits access to ballistic capacity and which Iran does not respect," Le Drian said during a meeting of 28 European foreign ministers in Brussels. The French foreign minister's comments came after United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres warned in mid-December that Iran is defying the U.N.'s calls to halt its development of ballistic missiles. In a report issued by Guterres to the U.N. Security Council, the U.N. chief detailed the world body's investigation of Iran's illicit weapons transfers to Houthi terror groups in Yemen. The Houthis launched Iranian-supplied missiles at Saudi Arabia on July 22 and Nov. 4, 2017. Security Council members France, Germany, the U.K. and the U.S. sent a letter to Guterres warning that Iran's Simorgh Space Launch Vehicle, launched on July 27, could be configured as a ballistic missile "capable of delivering nuclear weapons." Last September, Israel condemned an Iranian ballistic missile test as a "provocation" amid growing concerns over the Islamic Republic's behavior. Iran said the new ballistic missile launched in that test successfully achieved a range of 1,200 miles and could carry several warheads.

Arab League formulating plan to thwart Israel's bid for U.N. Security Council seat

An Arab League committee is purportedly drafting a plan to thwart Israel's bid to join the United Nations Security Council in the 2019-2020 term. According to a report in the Palestinian news agency Wafa, the plan to block Israel's bid will be put forth as a recommendation to Arab foreign ministers at their next meeting. "The plan of action that was prepared by the committee during its previous meeting was circulated to member states," said Saeed Abu Ali, the Arab League's assistant secretary general for "Palestine and occupied Arab lands." Abu Ali claimed that Israel has ignored more than 80 Security Council resolutions on the Palestinian issue and that "a country that considers itself above the law cannot be rewarded with a membership in the Security Council." Israel, which is a member of the council's Western European and Others Group, is the only Middle East

country that has never obtained a non-permanent seat on the U.N. body. Israel has been working to garner enough support to defeat either Germany or Belgium in a three-way race for two spots in the Security Council. The vote will take place in June. Israel's chance for success in the vote might be improved by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's ongoing effort to forge relationships with countries in Africa, Latin America and Asia to gain more support in the U.N. Israel has also seen increased support at the world body from the U.S. under the Trump administration and its U.N. envoy, Nikki Haley. The Arab League committee stated that it has approved an action plan to "confront Israel's schemes in Africa. ...The committee stressed the importance of convening the at the ministerial level to discuss the current developments, especially in light of reports that the Zambia will host the 2018 African-Israel Summit," the Arab League report said.

In Knesset address, Pence declares embassy will move to Jerusalem next year

In a historic address to the Israeli Knesset on Jan. 22, Vice President Mike Pence pledged that the U.S. would move its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem "before the end of next year. ...Just last month, President Donald Trump made history. He righted a 70-year wrong, he kept his promise to the American people," Pence said, referring to Trump's Dec. 6 recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital and promise to relocate the U.S. embassy. Pence's pledge came after several days of mixed reports on when the embassy move would take place. The week of Jan. 19, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he expected the embassy relocation would happen "much faster than people think, within a year from today." But President Trump disputed Netanyahu's timeline. "By the end of the year? We're talking about different scenarios - I mean obviously that would be on a temporary basis. We're not really looking at that. That's no," Trump told Reuters. When the planned embassy move was announced in December, U.S. officials said that it would likely take several years due to the need to find a proper and secure location within Israel's capital. Pence - whose speech was interrupted by Israeli Arab lawmakers protesting the recognition of Jerusalem - said that Trump is "fully committed to achieving a lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians" and reiterated that "if both sides agree, the United States will support a two-state solution. ...Today, we strongly urge the Palestinian leadership to return to the table. Peace can only come through dialogue," declared Pence. Pence also spoke about the Iran nuclear deal, calling the agreement a "disaster" that only delays Tehran's pursuit of a nuclear weapon and saying the Trump administration will no longer certify Iranian compliance with the deal. The U.S. issued its first refusal to certify the accord last October, and faces the same decision every 90 days.



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