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Big Galut(e) Klezmer Ensemble to bring epic Yiddish tale to life at Cornell University on Feb. 21

“Monish,” by I.L. Peretz, is the story of an irascible Satan, his irresistible wife Lilith and a young Jew who just wants to be left alone with his books. On Wednesday, February 21, at 7:30 pm, the Cornell Jewish Studies Program and Cornell Department of Music will present an evening of music and dance, inspired by Peretz’s classic poem. Created and performed by Big Galut(e) Jewish Music Ensemble, the production features an original score of klezmer music and tangos, an English text in verse and a trio of dancers bringing the characters of

“this humorous and poignant tale to life.” The performance will take place in Barnes Hall on Cornell’s Ithaca campus; tickets are not required.

The score was created by Sanford Margolis, professor emeritus of piano and former instructor of Yiddish at Oberlin College, soloist with the Minneapolis Symphony, and veteran performer of jazz and klezmer music. The music is performed by Big Galut(e), winner of the Simcha Prize at the 2017 International Jewish Music Festival in Amsterdam. The ensemble was recently

featured at the Glimmerglass Festival and New York Klezmer Series, and has been described by critics as “soulful and unselfconsciously poignant,” “jubilant” and “a real treat for open minds.”

Big Galut(e) strives to present “meaningful and exciting experiences” of Jewish music through its repertoire spanning five continents and six centuries. Writer/narrator Sasha Margolis is violinist for Big Galut(e), author of the novel “The Tsimbalist” and an occasional actor on TV. Choreographer Colby Thomas has performed widely through-

out Europe and America in productions of Lloyd Webber, Offenbach, Bernstein, Sondheim, and Rodgers and Hammerstein, and is currently stage director and lecturer in voice at SUNY Oneonta. Other Big Galut(e) members include clarinetist Robin Seletsky, guitarist Michael Leopold, accordion player Mark Rubinstein and bassist Richard Sosinsky. Dancers Kelsey Hall, Emily Walling and Kristin Goodwin are students at SUNY Oneonta.

More information is available at <http://jewishstudies.cornell.edu>.

Beth David to distribute Purim gifts through JFS

One of the *mitzvot* of Purim is to deliver gifts to the poor on the day of the holiday, which occurs this year on Thursday, March 1. Rabbi Zev Silber of Beth David Synagogue will distribute gifts to local needy through Jewish Family Service and to Israeli poor through the Od Yosef Chai charitable organization.

According to Silber, “The mitzvah requires that a minimum of two gifts be

given to at least two poor people, and that the gifts should be large enough to gladden the heart of the person who receives them. Purim, being a holiday dedicated to *simcha* (joy), requires that all Jews can rejoice. The poor rejoice when they have the means to sustain their lives, leading to the importance placed on this mitzvah.

“Even though the practice has emerged to spend much more on extravagant gifts

to one’s friends and on the Purim feast, this is a mistake,” Silber continued. “Our tradition clearly teaches that one should spend the bulk of his Purim budget on gifts to the poor. Indeed, our sages teach that whoever gladdens the soul of the poor orphans and widows is likened to the *Shechina*, the Divine Presence.” In order to facilitate the performance of the mitzvah, one may give money prior to

Purim to an agent to distribute the funds on Purim day.

To participate in the mitzvah, donations may be sent by Thursday, February 22, to Beth David Synagogue, 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905. Donors are asked to mark their checks as “Purim charity” and specify whether they wish the money to be distributed locally or in Israel. For more information, call Silber at 722-9274.

BD Feb. 10 luncheon talk on “Eating Challah in Havana”

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, Net-

works, and Identity: Replanting Jewish Lives from Nazi Germany to Rural New York.” In addition to her books, she has published See “Havana” on page 3

Spotlight

New book helps families cope with Alzheimer’s

By Rabbi Rachel Esserman

Rabbi Michele Medwin, D.Min., knows from personal experience just how difficult it can be when a member of your family has Alzheimer’s disease. “My dad had suffered with Alzheimer’s dementia for 10 years,” Medwin said in an e-mail interview. “Those years were very challenging for my family.”

When Medwin was in school for her doctorate in clinical and pastoral counseling, one requirement was to write a thesis on a topic that would help people emotionally and spiritually. Medwin decided the perfect subject was Alzheimer’s: “I knew that Alzheimer’s disease was widespread. Everyone knows someone who has it or has a family member with it. I wanted to help other people in the same situation I was in. I decided to edit the thesis and turn it into an easily accessible book for the public.” The result is her new work, “Alzheimer’s Families: Emotional and Spiritual Tools for Coping” (CreateSpace Publishing).

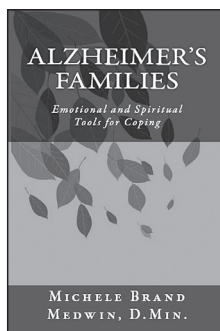
Researching and writing the thesis gave Medwin a better understanding of the

disease. “Before I researched the topic, I believed that Alzheimer’s was mostly a disease of memory loss,” she said. “My father showed other symptoms such as behavior changes, apathy and lack of social filters, but, somehow, we always took them personally and didn’t really connect them to the disease. We may have known intellectually [the changes were part of the disease], but not emotionally.”

It was important to Medwin that her book on Alzheimer’s not be limited to an academic audience. “My goals in writing this book are to help ease the stress and suffering of Alzheimer’s families with information that can be helpful,” she said. “It explains *all* of the symptoms related to the disease in an easily accessible manner and [shows] how different stages of the dis-



Rabbi Michele Medwin



The cover of Rabbi Michele Medwin’s new book

ease create different reactions among family members. Some of the research I found [suggested] coping tools that are most helpful, including reframing the situation, positive thinking and acceptance. This is easier said than done, but it is helpful to be aware of these ideas. There is also a section on spirituality, including specific Psalms, readings and prayers for those who would like such resources.”

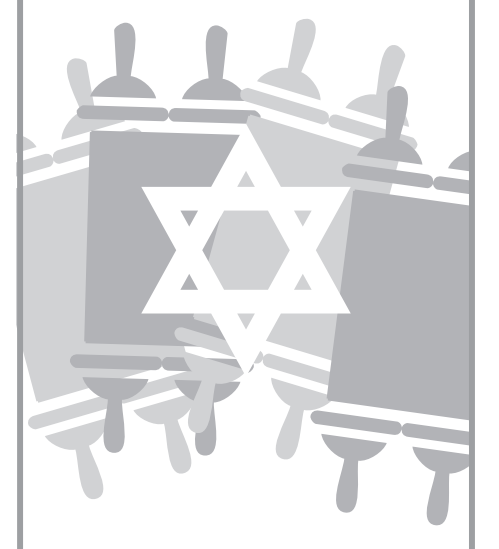
Another resource Medwin found useful was a private Facebook group called Memory People. People have to apply to see the page, but all that’s needed is to either know someone with Alzheimer’s, be someone with Alzheimer’s or be interested in helping people learn more about the disease. “It was started by a man, Rick Phelps, who has early See “Book” on page 5



L-r: Arieh Ullmann and Rhonda Levine

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Israel's ascendant Skylark counter-terror drone prepares for a new mission: full-scale war fighting

By Yaakov Lappin

(JNS) – A drone unit in the Israeli military is becoming more influential by the week as it takes on a growing array of missions.

The Skylark Unit, founded in 2010, began as a concept based on allowing the IDF's Artillery Corps, rather than the Israeli Air Force, to run its own aerial service, providing intelligence assistance to ground units below. At any given time, the Skylark Unit could be hovering over a nighttime counter-terrorism raid in a Palestinian city. It directs ground

units to the location of security suspects on the run, using thermal imaging to inform infantry soldiers on where to go.

The Skylark Unit also recently played a role in IDF strikes on Assad regime targets in Syria, directing precise firepower at Syrian artillery guns after they fired into Israel.

Since its founding, the drone unit has learned how to work with all ground forces as well as with the Israeli Navy. Now, it is expanding its traditional role, which was based on counter-terrorism missions, to include full-scale war fighting. It is training with combat brigades, simulating

crossing into enemy territory to provide intelligence support.

"We dedicated a whole company for the commando brigade," Maj. Aharon Faran, commander of the Skylark Unit's training school, told JNS. The commando brigade is a group of elite IDF special forces trained to travel deep into enemy territory on elite missions. The Skylark operators would travel with them on such missions, bringing their drones for support.

The unit runs two types of unmanned aircraft, both made See "Drone" on page 7

Opinion

Why the future looks bright for "special" and "regular"

By Oren Hefetz

February is Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month.

(JNS) – Do you know those pictures that tell you to take a look and say what you see, and after you draw a banal answer they say to you, "Now take a really good look and say what you see." You look for a minute or two, and suddenly you notice something completely different that is hidden in the picture. This story reminds me of those images.

My name is Oren. I am 41, married to Hila and a father of three. I've made a career serving in the Israel Defense Forces as a pilot. For 17 years, I flew various types of helicopters helping Israel's ground forces, making decisions during combat, rescuing the wounded and helping families and friends during their darkest times. Throughout my military career, I have held numerous command positions and a year ago, I was chosen as the new deputy commander at the Palmachim Air Force Base, where some 4,500 people live and work. During my two-week orientation and in between managing budgets, projects and contractors, one morning the base's outgoing commander, Lt. Col. Moti, informed me that we were visiting a special place.

"Special?" I asked.

"You'll see," was all he would answer.

We arrived at a small compound where a group of soldiers with disabilities of varying degrees were mustered – all of whom had dreamed of serving in the IDF like everyone else in the country. Now, it's crucial to understand that serving in the army in our small country is one of life's milestones; aside from maturing the person, the experience helps transition young people into adulthood.

For many hours that day I spoke with these young soldiers, understanding that each one of them could have easily been classified "exempt from military service," and I learned from all of them the unique and very personal journey that brought them here to attain the status as an enlisted member of the IDF. There were dozens of wonderful stories.

Remember the picture in my opening sentence? In that moment I understood what I was looking at – boys and girls, no different from countless others who all their lives wanted to just be like their friends – and now you can understand what it means to serve in the army, and understand their motivation.

After a few weeks, I witnessed something even more extraordinary unfolding: While the soldiers with disabilities had fulfilled their own dreams working alongside regular soldiers, those who really got the added value were the regular soldiers!

Take, for example, the female soldier who enlisted at 18 and serves as a technician or in an educational role or as a dental assistant, and works alongside a soldier with special needs. That same enlisted soldier mentors and aids the other, and they eat lunch together. Or, the soldiers are assigned to the kitchen and ensure that we are regularly fed. Working with them is a soldier whose speech may sound a little strange and who may have a difficult time walking, but together they perform the same tasks. These soldiers have doubled their responsibility by having the added value of caring for others.

Throughout my own training process, when physical conditions were put to the test, the commanders always

conveyed a clear message: "You will not succeed alone. Only with teamwork will you succeed. Take care of your peers who are going through difficulties because they'll save you next time."

When I now ask soldiers how it is serving alongside someone with disabilities, they look at me strangely, almost as if they did not understand why I was asking them this ridiculous question. "He is like our brother," they often answer, "this place would not be the same without him."

There's something about this connection that gives me goosebumps every time I think of it. The future looks bright. After all, do you think that a soldier who has served with someone with disabilities and later goes on to graduate with a degree in architecture will ever design a swimming pool without adding an accessible component for people with disabilities? Or that a future manager would ever deny a job to a candidate with a disability? Not a chance.

The Special in Uniform program – generously funded by Jewish National Fund-USA – helps hundreds of young men and women with disabilities enlist and serve in the IDF like every other Israeli citizen. This of course helps those very young men and women, but just as much, it changes enlistment and life forever for the many thousands of "regular" soldiers and the officers they serve with. That is the power of this program and the great social change it has brought about.

Maj. Oren Hefetz is the deputy commander at the Palmachim Air Force Base in Israel. Jewish National Fund has stated that it supports helping people with special needs and disabilities enjoy full inclusion in Israeli society.

In My Own Words

Business and immigration

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Should government be run as a business? At the risk of sounding like the rabbi in a joke – the one who agrees with two opposing sides of an argument and then agrees a third time when someone complains both people can't be right – there is something to be said for each side of this issue. On the one hand, the government has a fiscal responsibility to use its money wisely. For example, it needs to collect enough funds to keep the country running (think police and fire departments, and snow removal, to name just a few important government functions) and look for the best possible price when handing out contracts for government projects (while also being smart enough to know when a price is too low). On the other hand, the work of the government is far more complex than that of a business. A business' sole reason for existing is to make money; in a democracy, a government exists for the sake of its citizens – to help and protect them in a variety of ways.

The question then becomes how a government should help its citizens; some possible ways include protecting its citizens physically and financially, keeping the country's infrastructure (i.e. bridges, roads and water lines) safe and helping citizens in need. Not everyone agrees with my very Jewish choices nor do we all agree on how to implement

these protections. The recent debates about immigration fall into this category. One side proclaims that we need to limit immigrants and build walls in order to protect our citizens. The other is more open to allowing immigration, even if those immigrants don't have an advanced education or speak English. As a rabbi and the grandchild of immigrants, it's hard for me to divorce the debate from my personal history.

The Jewish immigrants who did manage entered this country were not always welcomed. Just read social workers reports written in the early part of the 20th century about the Jews living on the Lower East Side of New York City and you might be surprised to see how our ancestors were described. They were criminals, or dirty, or unfit parents, or just not "American" enough. One of my favorite suggestions was to prohibit the consumption of pickles by school children because it was believed the pickles made the children too excitable.

Many of these Jews worked in menial jobs and struggled to save money so they could send for other members of their family. It was not uncommon for one person to come to the U.S. and then help others – wives, children, parents, siblings, etc. – emigrate. They often lived together

in a crowded tenement apartment in order to survive. Yet, look at their children and grandchildren: doctors, lawyers, professors and scientists – the successive generations' contributions are too numerous to count.

Actually, we could look at immigration from a business point of view: as an investment in our country's future. Those who come to the U.S. to escape persecution or to create better lives love this country. If they follow the path of previous generations, they will work hard to create a better future for their children. Perhaps one of those children will discover the cure for cancer or learn how to better combat pollution. If we don't take a chance, we'll never know. So, we need to think in the long-term, not just the immediate future.

After all, the first immigrants to the U.S. – the Pilgrims, the Puritans, the indentured servants and others – were not the upper crust of their society. They were often the down-trodden or the poor or religiously persecuted who sought a better life. We also shouldn't forget where we might be if our parents or grandparents, or great-grandparents, etc., had not been allowed in this country because they couldn't speak English or didn't have a trade. For the descendants of European Jews, that's a very scary thought.



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Center for Israel Studies to show film on Feb. 14

The Center for Israel Studies will show the film "Arab Movie" on Wednesday, February 14, from 3-5 pm, in the Science Library building, room 212, at Binghamton University. The community is invited to attend. The event will include a discussion with Eyal Sagui Bizawe, the director of the film. Bizawi is a researcher of Egyptian cinema and popular culture, and holds a B.A. in Arabic literature and Middle eastern studies from Tel Aviv University, and an M.A.

in cultural studies from Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The film explores a phenomenon that occurred during the 1970s: that of showing Arab movies on Friday afternoons on Israel's one television station. It looks at this "national pastime" and tries to answer several questions: How did Israel's official TV station obtain these films? Why did it insist on regularly showing films made by "the enemy"? Why were Israelis so interested in Arabic cinema?

"This documentary looks into one of the most unlikely moments in Israel's history and examines not just how, but why, the country shared cultural heroes with those they were often at war with," said organizers of the event. "It is a nostalgic examination of a time gone by and one that raises some challenging questions." The event is cosponsored by Middle East and North Africa Studies, and the Cinema Department.

TC to hold classes on constructive conflict

Temple Concord will hold a series of classes as an ongoing effort toward constructive conflict and peace making. They are part of the 9 Adar Week of Constructive Conflict from the Pardes Institute in Jerusalem. Temple Concord has offered programs for one week the past few years as part of this program. This year, there will be a six session program using materials from Pardes Rodef.

Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell will lead the Shalom Communities Program as part of Temple Concord's involvement with the Union for Reform Judaism Constructive Conflict Community of Practice. She said she is "honored to be one of the first congregations piloting this program."

"Mahloket Matters: From Text to Practice: How to Disagree Constructively" will be held on Thursdays, February 15, 22, March 8, 15 and 22, from 10:30 am-noon and 7-8:30 pm. Participants may attend either session. The first session was held on February 8, but those who missed it are welcome to attend the rest of the sessions.

- ◆ Session 1 (already held) – (How) Can Political Discourse be Sacred and Constructive?
- ◆ Session 2 – Seeking Truth
- ◆ Session 3 – Maybe You're Right; or Could We Both Be Right? – Willingness to be Persuaded
- ◆ Session 4 – How We Say What We Say: The Practice of Sacred Speech
- ◆ Session 5 – Who is Beyond the Pale of Constructive Dialogue?
- ◆ Session 6 – From the Ancient Sanhedrin to Today's Senate, Keep or Cancel the Controversial Speaker? You Decide! and A Mock-Sanhedrin Constructive Controversy Dilemma

To reserve your space in this brand new program from Pardes, contact the Temple Concord office at 723-7355 or e-mail templeconcordbinghamton@gmail.com.

"I had the opportunity to study with esteemed colleagues at the NAORRR convention in Florida again this year,"

said Goldman-Wartell. "The stimulation of learning and discussing with so many experienced and learned colleagues was challenging and thought provoking. I have been engaging in many varied learning opportunities and look forward to offering two new learning series to you starting in February. I have found this approach and the scholarship from the Pardes Rodef Shalom Communities Program to be life changing for me. Please join me as we continue from what we have been doing for two years now as part of the 9 Adar Week of Constructive Conflict, which falls before Purim each year."

TC Havdalah Happy Hour on Feb. 10

Temple Concord will hold a Havdalah Happy Hour on Saturday, February 10, at 6 pm, at the temple, 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 Havdalah 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 of people attending.

Chabad to hold a community Purim Feast on March 1

The entire community is invited to "kick up their heels" and join in the Chabad Purim Feast to be held on Purim day, Thursday, March 1, at 5:30 pm. A "last chance" megillah reading for those who could not hear the megillah read earlier will be held promptly at 4:30 pm. The program will be held at the Chabad Center, 420 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal.

"This is always a wonderful way for the extended Binghamton mishpacha (family) to enjoy one of our most joyous holidays," said Rabbi Aaron Slonim, "Over the years, our Purim Feast has been an occasion of great joy and unity as people of all ages come together to celebrate. Especially wonderful is the confluence of energies between the enthusiastic student body and our own wonderful local community."

Dinner will be catered from the New Jersey based Dougie's BBQ and Grill and will feature all of its specials, with

the buffet including vegetarian options. For the children, there will be hot dogs and French fries. Desserts, wine, music and dancing will round out the program.

The cost for the program is \$15 per person, \$12 for students and seniors (over 65), and \$6 for children under 10 (children aged 2 and under are free). Participants are urged to come in costume and will automatically be entered into a raffle. A parade of children in costume will be enjoyed by all.

As the event tends to draw a big crowd, interested parties are urged to make their reservation in a timely fashion to secure their seats. Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis and can be made by calling the Chabad Center office at 797-0015 or online at www.Jewishbu.com/PurimFeast.

Shalach manot service offered through Chabad's Women's League

Thursday, February 15, is the final deadline for submitting orders through the Women's League for Chabad shalach manot service. All orders must be sent to Ilene Pinsker by that time. The service allows members of the Broome Coun-

ty Jewish community to send food packages to individuals on Purim day (celebrated this year on Thursday, March 1) with "a minimum of hassle and for a very reasonable price." Women's League also offers Purim greeting cards that can be sent to friends and relatives anywhere in the United States in lieu of shalach manot packages.

"The mitzvah of shalach manot is very important and is fulfilled by sending a package with at least two different types of food to at least one friend on Purim day," explained Rivkah Slonim. "Often people want to send mishloach manot to many, many people or at least wish them a happy holiday and make sure they know they are thought of. These cards work perfectly for that purpose and they support a great cause at the same time!"

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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 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.

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Encounters with the Deity

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

One important trend in anthropology and sociology is for authors to explain their racial/ethnic/socioeconomic background in order to place their interpretations in context. In many books about religion, especially those by rabbis, it's easy to know what influences the authors' thoughts: their biographies generally mention the movement to which they belong. The same is not always true of scholars of religion, something that came to mind when reading James L. Kugel's excellent, but challenging, "The Great Shift: Encountering God in Biblical Times" (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt). The fact that Kugel is an Orthodox Jew doesn't play a major role in his new work, but it still exerts an influence: his book speaks to humans' encounters with a deity as something that actually happens.

However, Kugel's focus is not on whether the stories in the Torah occurred as written because no one can attest to that truth. Instead, he concentrates on the way the people who heard these tales thought about them, especially about how they conceived their relationship to God. The first problem Kugel encounters is that the biblical text contains contradictory thoughts about the nature of God's connection to humans. For example, the author compares the story of Abraham – who encounters a god with a body who speaks to him – with the religious statements of Joseph, who feels his every move was planned by God, although Joseph never relates a personal encounter with God or says He speaks directly to him.

Kugel notes that the text does not present Abraham as having an inner life (or at least, it never suggests how Abraham feels when, for example, he's asked to sacrifice his son), while Joseph not only seems to have a very clear view of himself, but experiences great emotions when dealing with his brothers. The author explains this by suggesting "this

difference between the selves of Abraham and Joseph... is paralleled by the difference in the way God acts, or doesn't, in their two sagas. Joseph, with his fairly modern self, knows of God only as the remote, long-range planner, a God whose universe runs on automatic pilot, obeying rules established long ago. Abraham's God is altogether unpredictable, threatening at every turn to intervene, telling Abraham what to do, demanding, commanding, intruding at will. Both men believe in God as the great Unseen Causer... but they differ as to how this causality is expressed." The God of Abraham acts more on whim than plan, while the God of Joseph looks to the long-term results of actions.

In order to discuss biblical characters' relationships with God, Kugel raises the question of whether the Torah claims there is only one God, or whether the Jewish God is the only one the Israelites are allowed to worship. The author looks at the Ten Commandments to say that God commands the people to worship only this one God, but does not specifically say there are no other gods. According to Kugel, "the text could have easily, and far more clearly, said 'You are to have no other gods besides Me, because I am the only god – thinking that there are other gods is just stupid.'" This God is demanding "exclusive loyalty" from the Israelites, rather than a change in their beliefs. Additionally, this version of the deity is not characterized by what Kugel refers to as "the three omni's: omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent, that is, all-powerful, all-knowing, and existing everywhere at once." That way of viewing God began in the post-biblical period.

The central focus of "The Great Shift" is the different ways people experienced God over time. Kugel sees the development of this as:

◆ People believed that God could appear on earth in a

human form, even though God normally dwelled in another domain (i.e., heaven, or what Kugel calls the other side of the "curtain"). During these encounters, humans were often unable to tell they were speaking to God, rather than a human. When they realized the person before them was God or an angel of God, their first reaction was usually fear.

◆ God then came to have permanent residence on the other side of the "curtain." Now, rather than God appearing to people, God sent angels/messengers to bring His message to humans. One example of this is prophecy. Sometimes the messages or visions the prophet received had to be interpreted by God's agent because their meaning was not always clear.

◆ Finally, God no longer reached out to humans, either in bodily form or by prophecy. Now people began to seek out God – something rarely done in prior periods. In Judaism, the way to grow closer to God became following the written commandments, studying the Torah text and praying at set times, rather than waiting for private divine guidance.

Kugel believes this came about because people grew to see themselves first as unique individuals, rather than primarily as part of a group. This change is reflected in the way Judaism portrayed God's treatment of sin: rather than punishing large groups for an offense done by a member of their family/tribe/group, people were now only responsible for their own behavior.

It's impossible to describe all the material offered in the almost 350 densely written pages of "The Great Shift." (There are also more than 70 pages of endnotes.) Kugel offers an intriguing, if not entirely convincing, look at the biblical texts and the changes in people's perception of what it means to encounter God. Anyone interested in biblical studies will find his work well worth reading, whether or not they believe God exists.

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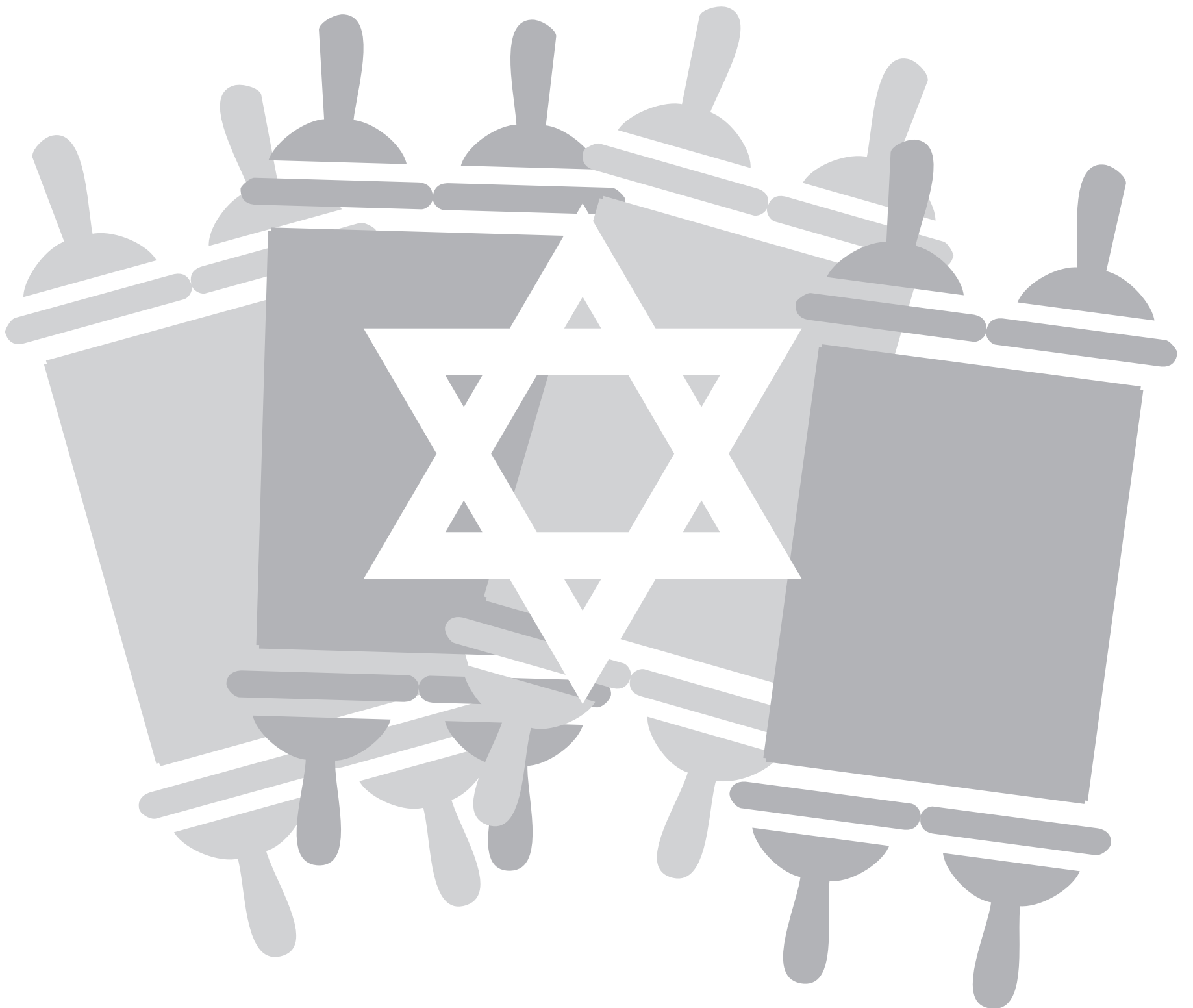
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Hannah Shvets	Gennady Shvets and Isabella Khavash	April 28	Temple Beth-El, Ithaca
Owen Thomas	Abby Thomas and Bryan Thomas	April 28	Congregation Tikun v'Or
Moira Shirvan		May 5	Temple Israel
Alexander Stuppel	Lisa Newman and Ian Stuppel	May 26	Temple Israel
Susannah Stuppel	Lisa Newman and Ian Stuppel	May 26	Temple Israel
Shalom Lavender	Nora Pozos	June 2	Temple Beth-El, Ithaca
Ariel Blanchard	Tamar Kushnir and Ted Blanchard	June 16	Congregation Tikun v'Or
Maya Green	Keith and Rivka Green	June 30	Temple Beth-El, Ithaca
Alex Green	Keith and Rivka Green	June 30	Temple Beth-El, Ithaca
Cara Miller	Eileen and A. Daniel Miller	August 18	Temple Israel
Jonathan Ostrom	Jed and Sarah Ostrom	September 1	Temple Beth-El, Ithaca
Adina Wilensky	Naomi Wilensky and Joe Wilensky	October 6	Congregation Tikun v'Or
Caleb Robinson	Beth Milles and Dean Robinson	November 10	Congregation Tikun v'Or
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November 11, 2017
Jeffrey Horowitz and Susan Horowitz
Temple Israel

B'nai mitzvah books

By Reporter staff

Here are a few books that can help create the perfect bar or bat mitzvah event.

“Bar/Bat Mitzvah Basics: A Practical Family Guide to Coming of Age Together” by Helen Leneman

This work seeks to not only help children navigate the b'nai mitzvah experience, but to show how the whole family can grow during the process. It includes information about the experience in general and also deals with the difficult issues faced by divorced and interfaith families. Also offered is information on how to design a creative service and to offer a party in keeping with the spirituality of the event.

“For Kids – Putting God on Your Guest List: How to Claim the Spiritual Meaning of Your

Bar or Bat Mitzvah” by Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin

Aimed at children preparing for their b'nai mitzvah, this book explains the meaning behind the event and helps children better understand the spiritual aspects of Judaism. An additional section gives advice on ways to perform tzedakah in honor of their coming of age.

“Mitzvah Chic: How to Host a Meaningful, Fun, and Drop Dead Gorgeous Bar or Bat Mitzvah” by Gail Anthony Greenberg

This guide offers information on how to create both a meaningful b'nai mitzvah ceremony and a great celebration. It includes a discussion of the Torah portions, ideas for themed parties, a timeline for preparation, budget information and thoughts for how to include non-Jewish family and friends.

Planning Timetable

At birth:

When the child is born start saving! Only joking. But if you can, it's not a bad idea to start a "bar/bat mitzvah club" savings account. If you don't use it, put it toward college.

1-3 years ahead:

- Set bar/bat mitzvah date
- Set a budget
- Reserve synagogue hall for kiddush
- Reserve hall for additional receptions
- Arrange for caterer/party planner and band/music for occasion (if desired)
- Buy a loose-leaf binder with dividers, or start a filing system for keeping business cards, estimates, notes, lists, etc.

10-12 months ahead:

- Begin bar/bat mitzvah lessons
- Begin attending weekly Shabbat services
- Arrange for photographer and/or video
- Book hotels and investigate transportation for out-of-town guests

6 months ahead:

- Plan color scheme and/or theme
- Arrange for florist and/or decorations' coordinator
- Make guest list

4-5 months ahead:

- Order invitations, thank you notes, imprinted napkins and personalized party favors
- Shop for clothing and shoes
- Purchase tallit, tefillin, etc.
- Choose a calligrapher, if desired

3 months ahead:

- Plan Sunday brunch (if applicable)
- Order printed yarmulkas, if desired

2 months ahead:

- Meet with photographer
- Meet with florist and/or decorations' coordinator
- Mail out-of-town invitations

6 weeks ahead:

- Order tuxedos (if applicable)
- Take care of clothing alterations
- Order wine for kiddush
- Mail in-town invitations

4 weeks ahead:

- Prepare bar/bat mitzvah speech
- Finalize hotel reservations and transportation
- Meet with caterer(s)
- Make up welcome gifts for out-of-town guests (if desired)
- Arrange aliyot
- Send honorary gift to synagogue
- Meet with rabbi
- Make up seating charts for reception

2 weeks ahead:

- Give final count to caterer
- Check with florist and/or decorations' coordinator
- Meet with rabbi
- Order bar/bat mitzvah cake, etc. for Friday night oneg

A few days ahead:

- Have bar/bat mitzvah rehearsal and take bima photographs
- Xerox copies of speeches, room and table layout, etc. and give them to a friend to hold or drop off at synagogue and reception hall, in case you forget to bring your copies that day.

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A light brunch will be served, according to Helene Philips, program organizer. The fee will be \$5 to cover the cost of supplies. Anyone who owns a wine glass they want to decorate and transform into a Miriam cup may bring it with them for a lesser fee, which they may discuss with Philips. Cups will be decorated with beads and other light-weight materials that will be provided. Participants may bring their own decorations, including light weight jewelry. Participants should wear clothing they won't mind getting messy and bring an apron or smock.

Call Philips with any questions at 729-4714. Reser-

vations should be made by calling the Temple Concord office at 723-7355 by Thursday, February 22, so the correct amount of materials will be provided. The program is open to the public.

According to "The Journey Continues: The Ma'yan Passover Haggadah," "A Miriam's cup is a new ritual object that is placed on the seder table beside the cup of Elijah. Miriam's up is filled with water near the beginning of the seder. It is a symbol of Miriam's well, the source of water for the Israelites in the desert. There are many legends about Miriam's well. It is said to have been a magical source of water that followed the Israelites for 40 years because of the merit of Miriam. The waters of this well were said to be healing and sustaining waters. Thus Miriam's cup can

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Polish gov't cancels visit by Israeli minister over Holocaust remarks

The Polish government has cancelled a visit to the country by Israel's Education and Diaspora Affairs Minister Naf-tali Bennett's following a statement highlighting Poland's involvement in the Holocaust. "I am determined to clearly say that history has already confirmed that the Polish people had a proven involvement in the murder of Jews during the Holocaust," Bennett said early Feb. 5. "I am going to speak truth, where the truth took place and it is not dependent on any law." Bennett was scheduled to visit Poland, which recently passed a bill making it a criminal offense to say Poland was complicit in the Holocaust, to meet with Polish Science and Education Minister Jaroslaw Gowin to express Israel's opposition to the bill as well as to tour Holocaust sites in the country and meet with Holocaust survivors and Righteous Among the Nations. However, Bennett's statements touched off controversy in the country, leading to the Polish government cancelling the visit. Following the cancellation, Bennett said in a statement that "the blood of Polish Jews cries from the ground, and no law will silence it. The government of Poland canceled my visit because I mentioned the crimes of its people. I am honored. ...Now, the next generation has an important lesson about the Holocaust of our people, and I will ensure that they learn it," he said, adding that the Polish government's decision "has a role to play in Holocaust education, even if they intended it to achieve something else." Additionally, Bennett said that while the death camps in Poland were built and operated by Germans, "many Polish people, all over the country, chased, informed or actively took part in the murder of over 200,000 Jews during, and after, the Holocaust. ...Only a few thousand people, Righteous Among the Nations, risked themselves to save Jews," he said. "As education minister for the state of the Jewish people I will stand tall, for I cannot forgive or relinquish the honor of those murdered."

TC religious school learned about Tu B'Shevat



Above, l-r: Nicole Artus, Violet Krasno, Allison Eisenstadt, Noah Grills and Michelle Artus tasted the traditional fruits eaten on Tu B'Shevat at Temple Concord Religious School.



At right: Temple Concord Religious School students painted a tree mural on a wall.

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onset Alzheimer's," Medwin said. "He shared many of his thoughts in a blog so people would know what someone with the disease experiences. He explained that whenever people ask 'why?' about behaviors in someone with Alzheimer's the answer was, 'It's the disease. It is always the disease.'"

Medwin feels the information she covers in "Alzheimer's Families: Emotional and Spiritual Tools for Coping" will be useful not only for families, but rabbis, counselors and other members of the Jewish community. "One of the biggest challenges that Alzheimer's family members face is that they suffer in silence and get little support," she said. "Usually when a person with Alzheimer's is out in public, they find a way to gather their strength, in the early and mid-stages, to appear relatively normal. Friends and family members [who] are not so actively involved have no idea what the immediate family is going through."

She believes the book will help people learn how to be more supportive of those families. "My mother would bring my father to synagogue because it was comforting to him," she added. "Since he had no social filters, he often said things that might be considered rude. She stopped taking him because she was embarrassed. If the congregation were educated, they might be more accepting."

In addition, understanding the stress the disease places on family members will be useful to professionals in the counseling field. "Often the stresses come on so slowly

that a family member may have trouble expressing what is bothering them," Medwin said. "One of the most common mental health diagnoses of family caregivers is depression. Research has shown that the issue is loss and grief, rather than depression. This requires a different counseling approach."

Medwin said she wishes she'd known more about Alzheimer's when her father was alive. "It would have helped us to ease the stress and frustration," she said. "My mother-in-law, who also has Alzheimer's dementia, is still alive. The information I learned from the research helped us to overcome a very difficult time of the disease stage she was in."

Writing her book has helped Medwin in other ways. "I believe that the personal experiences I had, and the information I learned, helps me to be more empathetic and understanding to those I counsel and give them the best advice possible for their specific situation," she noted. "As a child of a parent [who had Alzheimer's], it helps me to remain more objective and not get caught up in the emotional turmoil as much. I have a much better understanding of why my mother-in-law does what she does."


For more information about "Alzheimer's Families: Emotional and Spiritual Tools for Coping," visit Medwin's website at <https://www.rabbimedwin.com/alzheimer-s-families.html>.

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Mishpatim, Exodus 21:1-24:18

What exactly does that verse mean (and what do we do about chicken)?

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, THE REPORTER GROUP EXECUTIVE EDITOR

When people study the Bible, they usually view it through generations of commentary. It can be very difficult to strip off those layers and look at the literal meaning of text. However, even though we know what interpretation was accepted by the majority of rabbis, it's interesting to see the process taken to arrive at that result. Some of my favorite discussions about the meaning of biblical verses deal with the laws of meat and milk.

The statement "You shall not seethe a kid in its mother's milk" appears in the Torah three times, including this week's *parasha*, Mishpatim. (Exodus 23:19) While the commandment sounds very simple, deciding actually what it means is not. In fact, the verse generated an enormous amount of discussion in the rabbinic period. The reason for

the debate was that the ancient rabbis wanted to perform the *mitzvot* correctly. Among the issues they discussed were the exact meaning of the word seethe, what the Torah means when it says "mother" and why the verse is repeated three times. Of additional interest was the question of chicken: did it qualify as meat?

The rabbis agreed that the word "seethe" meant a kind of cooking. There was some question about whether the verse applied to only a specific cooking method, but the general consensus prohibited all forms of cooking. That led to another question. The text says only that meat and milk can't be cooked together. Does that mean that they can be eaten together? And how do the rules of milk apply to cheese since the verse says nothing about other forms of

dairy products? Could cheese and meat be eaten together as long as they are not cooked together? In the end the rabbis prohibited eating any form of dairy with meat, but only after they considered the question.

When I tell people about the rabbinical discussion of what is meant by the word "mother," they usually think I'm joking, until I assure them I'm quoting text. The classical discussion has two parts, one dealing with familial relationships and the other with different species. In other words, the Torah verse says that you can't cook a kid in the milk of its mother. The rabbis, however, asked, how about the milk of its sister or aunt or grandmother? What about a goat that's not related to the kid? What about other
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Congregational Notes

Temple Israel

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Service Schedule: Tuesday, 6 pm, Friday, 5:30 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am.

On Saturday, February 10, at 9:30 am, services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Exodus 21:1-24:18. The haftarah will be II Kings 12:1-17. The kiddush sponsor will be Debbie Schepis.

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

On Monday, February 19, the office will closed for Presidents Day.

On Tuesday, February 20, at 7 pm, there will be a Board of Trustees meeting.

On Saturday, February 24, at 10 am, there will be a creative service and pot luck lunch. At 7 pm, there will be Minyan Martini Mania at the home of Alan and Julie Piaker. Those planning to attend should RSVP to the office and indicate what dish they will bring.

Those who wish to recite the Mourner's Kaddish during a weekday service can contact Howard Schwartz at schwarz@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. Temple Israel holds weekday minyan services on Tuesdays and Fridays at 5:30 pm.

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Norwich Jewish Center

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

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Friday, Feb. 9 5:10 pm
Shabbat, Feb. 10 9 am
..... Mincha after the kiddush
..... Maariv 6:35 pm
Weekday Services:
Mornings:
Sun., Feb. 11 8:30 am
Mon.-Wed., Feb. 12-14 7 am
Thurs.-Fri., Feb. 15-16 6:50 am
Evenings:
Sun., Feb. 11 5:15 pm
Mon.-Thurs., Feb. 12-15 7 pm
Classes: Rabbi Zev Silber will hold his weekly Talmud class every Tuesday evening after services.

Penn-York Jewish Community

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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

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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, February 9, light candles 5:10 pm
Shabbat ends Saturday, February 10 6:12 pm
Friday, February 16, light candles 5:19 pm
Shabbat ends Saturday, February 17 6:21 pm

Temple Concord

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

On Friday, February 9, at 8 pm, Shabbat services with visual tefillah will be led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Saturday, February 10, at 9 am, there will be religious school; at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study; at 10:35 am, there will be family Shabbat services; and at 6 pm, there will be Happy Hour and Havdalah.

On Tuesday, February 13, at 5:15 pm, there will be religious school.

On Thursday, February 15, at 10:30 am and 7 pm, the Mahloket Matters Program will be led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell; and at 5:15 pm, there will be religious school.

On Friday, February 16, at 8 pm, Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Saturday, February 17, at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study. There will be no religious school or service due to the secular weekend holiday.

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, February 9, the Teen Takeover service will be held at 6:15 pm, followed by Shabbat dinner.

On Saturday, February 10, Shabbat Yeladim services will be held at 11:15 am.

On Sunday, February 11, at 7 pm, "Israeli Cinema: a Viewing and Discussion" will be led by Deborah Starr, associate professor of modern Arabic and Hebrew literature and film in the Department of Near Eastern Studies at Cornell University.

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 Friendship Club

The JCC Friendship Club met on January 31 and celebrated Tu B'Shevat a little early. Rabbi Benjamin Kellman presented a program with an explanation of the meaning of the holiday. He said that in ancient times it was a day that the people paid their taxes in Israel. The farmers would count their trees and pay 10 percent of their earnings. The money went to the poor and the Temple. This holiday was not celebrated for many years after the Jews were forced to leave the country. Today, the holiday is a celebration for the New Year of the Trees. Rabbi Kellman said that when a tree is planted the fruit is not harvested for the first three years.

The seven species of fruit to eat on this holiday are wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates. He gave us food made with these species. The mushroom barley soup was delicious. He brought a dish of trigo kichi, which is from Turkey. It is made of cut-up fruits and nuts. We also had sparkling catawba grape juice and pomegranate juice. He passed around fig bars and olives. His 10-month-old son enjoyed looking around and nibbling on some of the foods.

Rabbi Kellman also played on his guitar and sang "Am Israel Chai" and "Siman Tov Mazel Tov." He said, "The Jewish people live on because our Father lives on. There will always be Jewish people." He then sang an original song that started with, "Where the Chenango and Susquehanna meet." It is about the Jewish community in the Binghamton area. He then said the final blessing after the meal.

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia Diamond. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ann Brilliant said the blessing over the food with the help of Rabbi Kellman. On February 14, we will prepare *shalach manot* packages to deliver to Jewish residents in nursing facilities and shut-ins. If you would like to help, come to the JCC at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, February 14.

Sylvia Diamond,
President

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Individuals who have not received a packet with details concerning all aspects of the *shalach manot* service can obtain one by calling Chabad Center at 797-0015. Women's League is also seeking volunteers to help with the assembly of the packages and especially individuals who can help with the local delivery on Purim day. Those who would like to volunteer are asked to call the Chabad office.

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species? Can you cook a goat in cow's milk or a calf in sheep's milk? Obviously, in the end, the rabbis did not take the verse literally and ruled that any type of meat could not be cooked in any type of milk.

Rabbinic methods of interpretation declared that there is no repetition in Torah. Therefore if something is said more than once, each time it must have something different to teach us. As I mentioned before, the verse "You shall not seethe a kid in its mother's milk" appears three times - Exodus 23:19 and 34:26, and Deuteronomy 14:21. The rabbis offered a variety of explanations. One opinion said that the three mentions refer to the three covenants God made with Israel - one at Horah, one on the plains of Moab and one on Mount Gerizim. In a second opinion, the three repetitions are said to refer to three different kinds of flesh: the first to domestic animals, the second to beasts of chase and the third to fowl. A third suggestion claimed that the first mention teaches that we are not supposed to cook meat and milk together; the second mention means that we can't eat this mixture if it is cooked (the Torah text says nothing about eating); and the third mention shows that we are not to derive any benefit from a mixture of meat and milk (for example, feeding it to our dog or selling it to a non-Jew who isn't prohibited from eating it). This opinion is the basis for many legal decisions that prohibit Jews from cooking, eating and benefitting from mixtures of meat and milk.

And what about the tricky question of chicken and other forms of fowl? That was a difficult one, since fowl lay eggs and don't produce milk. Technically they could be considered the same as fish, who also lay eggs and don't breast feed their young. Fish can be eaten with meat or milk. In fact, the Talmud records examples of rabbis who ate cheese and chicken at the same meal. In the end, though, chicken was declared a form of meat.

When we study the laws of meat and milk today, we usually only learn how to practice the commandment as determined by the rulings of our ancestors. We rarely take time to address the questions that Talmud raises. However, I find that knowing the history and development of our laws and customs enriches my Jewish practice. It also allows me to be part of the continuing evolution of our religion.

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

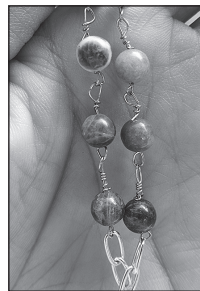
chair to use during the movie. Light refreshments, including popcorn, will be provided. All proceeds generated from the event will go to benefit the JCC Youth Department.

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

JCC offers creative classes for teens and adults

The Jewish Community Center will hold two classes geared toward teens and adults - "Make Your Own Bath Bomb" and "Wire Wrapping and Beading." The bath bomb class will be held on Sunday, February 11, from 1-3 pm, at a cost of \$20. The wire wrapped jewelry class will be held on Sunday, March 25, also from 1-3 pm, at a cost of \$40. Prices for both classes include supplies. The entire community is welcome and encouraged to attend.

The "Make Your Own Bath Bomb" class, taught by Harry Cohen, "is perfect for anyone who needs a fun afternoon or a romantic gift for a loved one," he says. Those who take the class will end up with four chocolate truffle scented bath bombs, in the color of their



The "Wire Wrapping and Beading" class will include learning how to make a necklace.

choice, as well as a copy of the step-by-step instructions on how to continue to make their own bath bombs.

The "Wire Wrapping and Beading" class, taught by Kuwana Dyer-Pietras, will give those attending the chance to learn how to make a matching set of jewelry - a pair of earrings and a necklace. Participants will get to pick their own beads to customize their jewelry to their liking. If participants want to continue to make jewelry once the class is over, there will be the option to purchase the tool kit from the instructor for an additional fee.

For more information about the classes, JCC Adult Programming, or the JCC, contact the JCC office at 724-2417.

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by Israeli defense company Elbit Systems. The Skylark 1 has been the flagship drone used by the unit so far. It is carried in parts by soldiers on backpacks, assembled on the spot and released into the air with the help of a sling.

In late January, the Skylark 3, a larger version, entered service. This drone requires vehicles for deployment and is launched from a vehicle-towed launcher. It can stay in the air for a far longer period of time and cover a much wider area, meaning that it can serve the intelligence needs of entire IDF brigades. "The Skylark 3 will come with its own truck and [command] cabin. The whole way of activating it is different. This is still in the early phases," Faran said.

Even the Skylark 1 is undergoing an upgrade, allowing it to direct firepower in a more effective manner and to help commanders control their forces. "We are building an increasing number of scenarios for the unit," said Faran.

Recently, female soldiers have enlisted in the unit. Instead of lifting half their body weight like their male counterparts, they will receive vehicles to move the Skylark 1 drone. "This way, we enable them to work in the unit," Faran explained.

These changes seem apt for a unit that just received its first female commander, who can be identified only as Lieut.-Col. Reut for security reasons. "We see the female soldiers as taking a full part in operations, during routine times and emergencies," she told Israel's Channel 2 in recent days. "They will cross the border and do all that is necessary along with the combat crews."

As its real-life missions expand, the unit's training school is adjusting itself accordingly. Faran described how, over the past six months, the school has started having newly arrived cadets simulate the enemy in the field during training drills.

"They are accompanied by intelligence personnel, to make this training as realistic as possible," he said. "When the new cadets turn into experienced trainees, and, four months later, fly the drones in training, they see what it is like to be above, from the other side."

Training includes learning how to navigate, use firearms



Members of the IDF's Skylark Unit made repairs on one of the drones. (Photo by IDF)

and carry heavy weights before eventually flying the drone, using simulators and real flights. As the unit looks ahead to becoming part of the IDF's ground offensives, the training school has improved firearms training and instruction on combat skills in built-up areas, to better prepare the soldiers for what could lie ahead.

In the past year, there have been several reports of Skylark drones crashing during missions, but Faran said that this is simply a reflection of the increased usage of the platform. "Most of these errors are technical and a few that we found after inquiries are human errors. But it's important to say that the flight hours are going up from year to year. We are currently at 1,000 flight hours a year, and this is continuing to rise. The number of technical faults matches this level of activity," he said.

"This is a cheap and light platform," Faran added. "When it falls in enemy territory, no intelligence damage is caused. The drone automatically erases its encrypted communications when it knows it's coming down in enemy territory."



The IDF's Skylark Unit prepared one of its drones for flight. (Photo by IDF)

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Paul Simon says his upcoming tour will be his last

Paul Simon says he is going to stop touring, save for the “occasional performance” for charity. “I’ve often wondered what it would feel like to reach the point where I’d consider bringing my performing career to a natural end. Now I know: it feels a little unsettling, a touch exhilarating, and something of a relief,” the beloved Jewish songwriter said in a statement on Feb. 5. Simon, 76, noted that the death of his longtime guitarist Vincent N’guini last year contributed to his decision, along with the amount of time he spends away from his family during a tour. His upcoming “Homeward Bound” tour, which will span nearly 30 dates across the U.S. and Europe this year, will be his last. The singer had hinted at retiring from touring two years ago, saying that “Showbiz doesn’t hold any interest” for him. Simon grew up the son of Jewish parents in Queens, NY, and rose to fame alongside his singing partner and fellow Jewish New Yorker Art Garfunkel in the 1960s.

Construction begins on Western Wall section for egalitarian prayer

Construction has begun to upgrade the section set aside for egalitarian prayer at the Western Wall. Workers reportedly arrived at the site on Feb. 1 and began erecting scaffolding at the southern end of the Western Wall. The work, which has a budget of more than \$7 million, comes more than a year after a more comprehensive plan was approved, and more than half a year after the plan was frozen. In June, the Cabinet suspended the deal passed in 2016 as a result of negotiations between the Reform and Conservative movements, the Women of the Wall, the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Israeli government. The suspension came after the government’s *haredi* Orthodox coalition partners pressured Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to scrap the agreement. The plan also would have included a common entrance to the Western Wall plaza for all three sections

and a public board to oversee the egalitarian prayer space and would include representatives of the non-Orthodox movements and Women of the Wall. Israel’s Supreme Court during a four-hour session on the issue of prayer rights for women at the Western Wall in January indicated that physical upgrades to the section set aside for egalitarian prayer is key to satisfying the government’s suspended agreement with the liberal Jewish groups. Israeli’s Masorti and Reform movements told the local media that the government did not consult or coordinate with them on the physical changes. The Supreme Court also has not yet ruled on whether the government had the right to freeze the comprehensive plan.

Republican Party in Illinois rejects Holocaust denier nominee for Congress

A Holocaust denier, antisemite and white supremacist is about to become the Republican nominee for an Illinois congressional seat. Arthur Jones, a perennial candidate since the 1990s for the 3rd Congressional District representing parts of Chicago and its southwestern suburbs, in a political fluke is the only Republican candidate on the ballot, the *Chicago Sun-Times* reported on Feb. 4. The primary will be held on March 20. Jones, 70, is a retired insurance salesman. His website for this congressional run, Art Jones for Congressman, says by way of introduction: “I am not now, nor have I ever been a follower of any political party, though I am a registered Republican.” A section of the site headed “Holocaust?” says that “The idea that ‘Six Million Jews’ were killed by the Nationalist Socialist government of Germany in World War II is the biggest blackest lie in history.” It also calls the Holocaust a “racket” designed to “bleed, blackmail, extort and terrorize the enemies of organized world Jewry into silence or submissiveness to Zionism and communism – both movements founded, financed and led by Jews.” Tim Schneider, chairman of the Illinois Republican Party, said in a statement to the *Sun-Times*: “The Illinois Republican Party and our country have no place for Nazis like Arthur Jones. We strongly oppose his racist views and his candidacy for any public office, including the 3rd Congressional District.”

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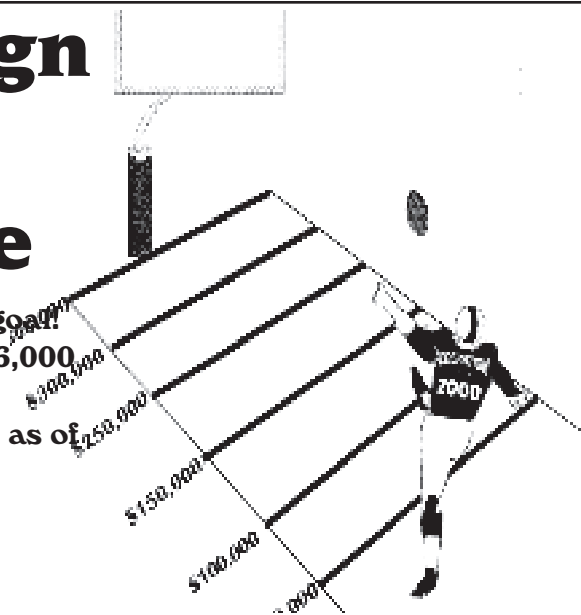


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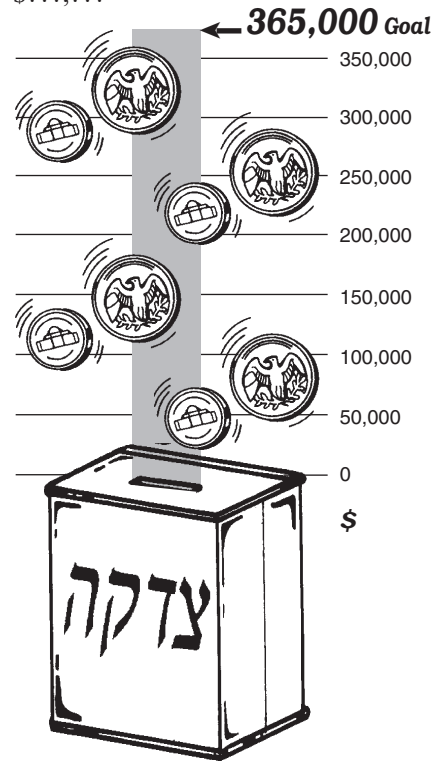
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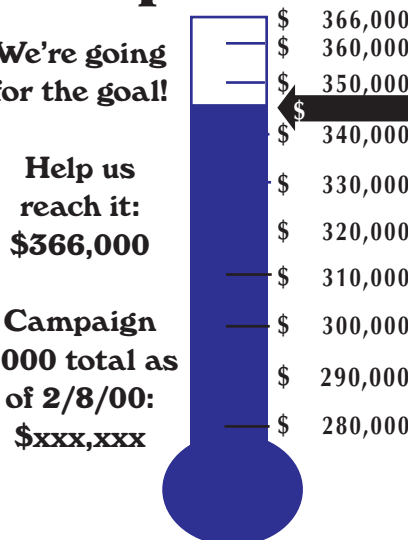
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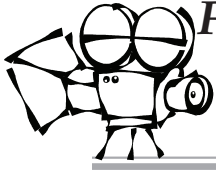


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