

Lecture on “Ghetto: Invention of a Place, History of an Idea” on April 11 at Cornell University

On Wednesday, April 11, at 4:30 pm, in KG70 Klarman Hall at Cornell University, Mitchell Duneier, professor of sociology at Princeton University, will give a talk on his book “Ghetto: The Invention of a Place, The History of an Idea,” a New

York Times Notable Book of 2016.

“In this sweeping and original account, Duneier traces the idea of the ghetto from its beginnings in the 16th century and its revival by the Nazis to the present. As Duneier shows, we cannot comprehend the

entanglements of race, poverty and place in America today without recalling the ghettos of Europe, as well as earlier efforts to understand the problems of the American city,” said organizers of the event.

The lecture is sponsored by the Cornell

Jewish Studies Program and is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Ayla Cline at akc52@cornell.edu or 255-6275. Individuals with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact her by e-mail or phone as soon as possible.

Tenth annual Literacy Day event at the JCC on April 12

The Jewish Community Center will hold its 10th annual Preschool Literacy Day event on Thursday, April 12, from 5:30-7:30 pm. It is a free event aimed at preschoolers and their parents, and the entire community is welcome and encouraged to attend.

This year’s theme is the children’s book “The Rainbow Fish,” by author and illustrator Marcus Pfister. In addition to “The Rainbow

Fish,” several of Pfister’s other works will be featured in an “immersive experience” for young children, with themes such as under the sea, forest and dinosaurs, created through collaborations with several local organizations: WSKG, Roberson Museum and Science Center, The Discovery Center and the Vestal Public Library. The event is also made possible in part by a donation from

the Judith and Edwin Cohen Foundation. It will also feature Johnny Only, a local children’s DJ, and Finch Hollow Nature Center.

The event consists of numerous activities for preschool-aged children. In addition to the live entertainment from Johnny Only, there will be different stations set up with hands-on activities focusing on literacy, art, science and sensory play, all based on the

works of Pfister. “The goal of events such as Literacy Day is to bring books to life and get children excited about reading,” says Marlene Schwartz-Patrick, director of the JCC’s Early Childhood Center and organizer of Literacy Day.

For more information about Literacy Day, the Early Childhood Center or the JCC, contact the JCC office at 724-2417.

Comedian Judy Gold to perform at JCC on March 25

Emmy award-winning comedian Judy Gold will appear at the Jewish Community Center, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, on Sunday, March 25, at 7 pm. Doors will open at 6 pm. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$35 on the day of the show. The tickets may be purchased at the JCC desk.

Gold won two Emmy Awards for writing and producing “The Rosie O’Donnell Show”

and was nominated twice for the American Comedy Award’s funniest female stand-up. She was awarded the *Keshet Hachamat Lev* Award 2012 for GLBT activism in the Jewish community and the United Jewish Appeal – Mother of the Year Award in 2007. She also received the GLAAD Media Award 2007 Outstanding New York Theater: Broadway and Off-Broadway for “25 Questions for a

Jewish Mother.” *The New York Times* called “25 Questions for a Jewish Mother” “fiercely funny, honest and moving.”

Gold has had stand-up specials on HBO, Comedy Central and LOGO. She has also written and starred in the Off-Broadway show “The Judy Show – My Life as a Sitcom,” which received an Outer Critics Circle nomination.

Gold recently appeared on “The Late Show with Stephen Colbert” and has had numerous appearances on talk shows such as “The View” and “The Today Show.” Her other recent TV appearances include



Judy Gold (Photo by Eric Korenman)

guest-starring roles on “Broad City,” “Friends From College,” “The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt” and “The Jim Gaffigan Show.” In addition, she has written for *The New York Times*, *Huffington Post* and *CNN.com*.

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Spotlight

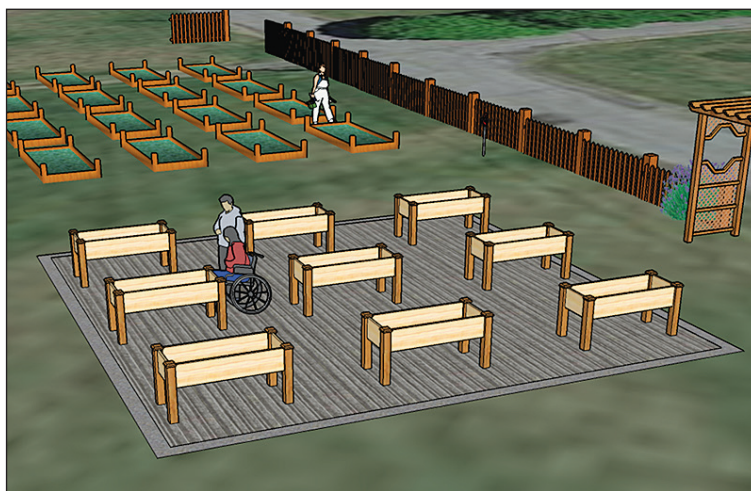
TI to build community garden

By Rabbi Rachel Esserman

“Gardens and Judaism go wayyyyyy back,” said Rabbi Geoffrey Brown, spiritual leader of Temple Israel. That’s only one of the reasons his synagogue is building a community garden. Work on the Deerfield Place Community Garden will begin in April; the garden will be located on temple property next to Hillel Academy’s play enclosure. The synagogue has been working with Volunteers Improving Neighborhood Environments for what will be VINES’ first community garden in Vestal.

In an e-mail interview, Brown noted the impetus for the garden. “When I was first hired as the new rabbi at Temple Israel one of my earliest thoughts was, ‘How do we build community and what are the most tangible ways to energize a community?’ It wasn’t long before a community member suggested a community garden concept,” he said. “Community gardens are especially designed with the thought of bringing people together. What better way to encourage people of all ages to interact than to do something that feels good and tastes good, too. The importance for Temple Israel is based in providing yet another reason for members to value their commitment to the neighborhood by siting the garden on our property. It shares our space with our neighbors and, by extension, it helps create a productive (food producing!) community.”

At right: A VINE drawing of the Temple Israel Community Garden

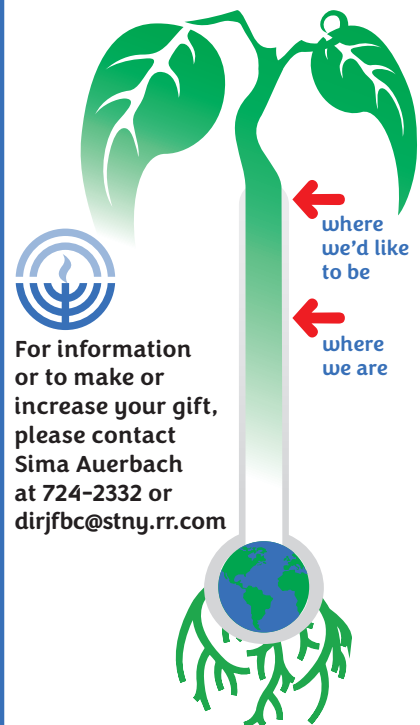


The community member who spoke with Brown was Chereshe Wiesner. “I was very inspired by the work VINES was doing in Binghamton, and a group of volunteers connected to the Vestal Museum and I asked VINES if they would start a garden in Vestal,” she said in an e-mail interview. “They agreed and it took a few months to find the right spot. Rabbi Brown expressed interest in bringing a community garden to Temple Israel. We met up and the VINES garden on Temple Israel property is a go.”

Brown feels the temple’s location will help create community connections. “Our site is surrounded by a neighborhood that is a composite of Vestal’s population: Other

houses of worship, a [Jewish] community center with a dynamic children’s based caring program, an assisted living center and an elementary school,” he noted. “This exemplifies community from the newborns to school-aged children to families of all age configurations to adults who have fully lived their lives. Involvement in the larger community is two-fold: making a donation to the structure and creation of the community garden and/or gardening one of the raised bed plots, [which] is the way to real involvement. The best case scenario of community involvement is growing food, whether for your family or to be shared with others in need.” See “Garden” on page 3

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Opinion

From the Desk of the Federation Executive Director

Hello, this is Sima

SIMA AUERBACH

I cannot believe that Passover is almost here. Passover in March? My gut says it cannot be so early. But then, don't we go through this every year at the High Holidays? Rosh Hashanah usually feels too early or too late.

This year, Edythe Jean Auerbach will be awake at the seders. She will be 14 months old – too young to ask the four questions, but not too young to make us all smile. A few weeks ago, “she” (or, her mother) called and Edy said, “Hi, Bubbe.” My heart melted and my eyes welled up in tears.

I do not know what part she will play at the seder, but we all will know she is there.

When my children were teenagers, the *afikomen* search transposed into a game – a mental search, not a physical one. I asked Jewishly related questions and, if you got the right answer, you gained the privilege of asking me a yes or no question. I hid the *afikomen* somewhere real or imaginary that somehow related to the holiday or a Jewish issue. Over the years, the game left my hands into first my daughters' and is now into the hands and creative minds of two grandsons. When the hiding place

was discovered, the winner got to name the charity we all donated to that night. For my family, Passover has been connected to *tzedakah* and righteousness.

We will play again this year – but this year, we will be in Vermont. My youngest daughter, Rebecca Rubinstein, has invited us all to her home where the Rubinstein family will host the seders. I realize that it is time for a change and for me to pass on the responsibility. Along with the seder plate, gefilte fish, matzah balls and potato kugel – *tzedakah* and giving will take place in Vermont.

This is the bread of affliction

By Jason Flatt

Store brand pasta, instant rice, frozen pizza and baked potatoes. These are the true breads of affliction. For the duration of Passover, we eat unleavened bread to remind ourselves of the oppression we withstood in Egypt. We eat matzah to retain our humility now that we are free. For millions of Americans in modernity, they do not need to go out of their way to be reminded of their circumstances. More than 40 million citizens a month find themselves relying on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to afford food for their families. Store brand pasta, instant rice, frozen pizza and baked potatoes. For so many of our neighbors, these are the breads of affliction they must eat every day.

Last month, I partook in what is called a SNAP challenge. I spent only as much on groceries for a week as I would be able to if I relied on SNAP for purchasing food. This amounted to \$30.26 for seven days. This experience felt more in the spirit of *Pesach* for me than any matzah pizza or chocolate lollipop I can remember. It was an opportunity to be reminded personally of the hardships of food insecurity as well as to educate others on the reality of hunger in the U.S. When we recount the story of our Exodus from Egypt every year, it is so we can try to connect to the ancient struggles of our people and the ways they continue to manifest today. This connection does not always feel tangible, though. The SNAP challenge provided me seven days of concentration on the affliction SNAP recipients endure.

SNAP was never designed to be the sole means for people to procure food. Yet, for so many, it has become the only dignified way to ensure their families have enough food and have food that is filling, although often at the sacrifice of optimal nutrition. The average \$134 a month per individual SNAP recipients receive goes a long way toward filling stomachs, which, in turn, contributes to everything from greater attention in school for children and greater contribution to the local economy.

The Torah commands us to help feed the poor and the stranger (Leviticus 19:9-10). Food and eating are essential components of holidays and rituals. Partake in your own SNAP challenge and encourage your friends and family to do so with you. It not only provides the individual opportunity to be reminded of the hardship millions endure every day, but collectively, it provides an opportunity to work toward a hunger-free future. Learning first-hand the difficulties of living on a SNAP budget is impactful, but we can have greater impacts by using these experiences to harden our commitments to feeding the poor and the stranger.

We are supposed to invite strangers to our seder on Passover so that all who are hungry can be fed. The hungry do not cease to be hungry after the seder ends. My goal with completing a SNAP challenge was to inspire others to learn about the realities of hunger in our country and to learn what we can do to be a part of fighting against it. My hope is that this Passover season, some others may try a SNAP challenge, in the spirit of the *chag*, and for those who do not, that they

learn its lessons all the same.

It is not our responsibility to finish the work, but we may not desist from partaking in it (Pirke Avot 2:16). The SNAP challenge is merely a creative vehicle for learning about an essential human rights issue. It should not be seen as the answer to hunger in our communities. It is easy to allow the glamor of such an experience overtake the value of its lessons. Make certain before, during and after your challenges to share your experience wide, but be sure to do so in ways that highlight the hunger others endure indefinitely and not merely your own momentary hunger.

We were all once slaves in Egypt, as the Passover story commands us to recall. But now, we are free. So, as free people, may we help to lead others to freedoms of all kinds, including the freedom to live confidently in the guarantee of when and where the next meal will come from. Whether through a SNAP challenge or a volunteer visit to your local soup kitchen, hunger is a problem we have the power to solve. It is not a matter of insufficient food supplies. If that were so, grocery stores would be barren and restaurants would never dump unused food. Hunger is an issue of inequitable distribution of food across the United States. If we all just invite one more person to have a seat at our Passover seder, literally or otherwise, those more than 40 million food-insecure Americans may have the freedom to be food-insecure no longer.

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In My Own Words

Beyond my ability

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

During a recent meeting, I said, “I have absolutely no idea how to do this.” In fact, I not only had no idea how to accomplish the task, I couldn't envision where to begin learning the necessary skills.

The statement “I don't know” is not a common statement in today's society. Too many people look at complex tasks and say, “Oh, this problem is easy to solve.” “Oh, that dilemma can be put to rest in a minute.” “Oh, it's not a big deal to figure out what we should do.”

Unfortunately, recently appointed and elected government officials are among those who think there are easy solutions to all America's problems. Unfortunately, they don't understand the skills and knowledge it takes to formulate answers to pressing societal questions. The ability to implement rules and regulations can't be absorbed in a day or two. The underlying causes of problems can't be discovered in a quick glance. In fact, treating something complex as simple is often a recipe for disaster. There are important reasons for

governmental regulations, even if they sometimes seem extreme.

Why do we require all packaged food to carry labels listing their ingredients? That's because non-food material used to be put in processed food, for example, sawdust in sausages. (If you don't believe me, just read Upton Sinclair's “The Jungle.”) My grandfather refused to eat hot dogs because when he was young, he worked in a butcher shop and knew exactly how they were made. Consumers should know what ingredients go into their food and expect consistency when it comes to labeling. If you think that companies will do that on their own and never cheat, then you know nothing about history. The regulations came into being because people were regularly cheated. Even when those rules seem dense and overbearing, they protect all of us.

Why do we need regulations limiting air and water pollution? Because without them, money will be considered more important than our health. Do you really think that companies won't pollute our waters if they aren't required

not to by law? Actually, some still do this even when it is illegal. The government's job is to protect the health of its citizens.

Why do we have safety regulations? One again, the answer is basically the same: businesses are out to make money. Workers' safety was once of so little importance that people were regularly injured or killed on the job. After that, they and their families were on their own, especially before workers' compensation and other governmental benefits were available.

The business of business is making money. I have no problem with that. However, the government's job is to protect its citizens and that means making certain the businesses are forced to follow rules. The current U.S. government doesn't seem to understand this, particularly those individuals who are getting rid of protections without truly understanding why they were put in place. They think all these problems are easy to handle. If only they would look at themselves and admit how little they truly know.



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TC to hold Sisterhood elections on April 11

Temple Concord Sisterhood elections will be held on Wednesday, April 11, at 7 pm, at the temple, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. All Temple Concord Sisterhood members are encouraged to attend and vote. Elections will be followed by a night of mahjong.

The Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers including Helene Philips, president; Sandy Gutman, treasurer; Janet Hayman, financial secretary; Marty Eisenstadt, recording secretary; Hayman, corresponding secretary; Babs Putzel-Bischoff, nominating committee chairwoman; and directors Deb Williams 2017-2019, Putzel-Bischoff 2018-2020 and Marsha Luks 2018-2020. Vice

presidents will be administration TBD, Ways and Means Deb Daniels and Education Lani Dunthorn.

Under administration will be Putzel-Bischoff and Lauren Epstein, publicity; Sylvia Diamond, Eisenstadt, Barb Dickman (paperwork) and Genevieve Ado-Mai, Friday night *onegs*; Sue High, Carol Herz and Phyllis Kellenberger, membership/retention; Hollie Levine and Cathy Eckert, Sisterhood Sabbath; Ani Loew, Intersisterhood; Hayman, house; Putzel-Bischoff, chairwoman; Dickman, Gayle Klein, Luks and Tracy Putzel-Bischoff, Rosh Hashanah Kiddush; and Jean Hecht, scholar-in-residence *oneg*.

Under ways and means will be Williams, Vicki Niman and Barbara Thomas, Whale of a Sale team; Pam Burgman and Hayman, rummage; Daniels, High and Allison Epstein, donor co-chairwomen; Herz and High, Judaica Shop; and Philips and Marilyn Strosberg, co-chairwomen of Holiday Artisan Marketplace, plus Allison Epstein, Roz Antoun (bake sale) and Luks (bake sale).

Under education will be Thomas, cradle roll; Amanda Donahue, High Holiday child care; Rachel Coker, (Jeff Heilveil), Lisa Blackwell and Shari Klotzkin, religious school parties; Dunthorn, Kellenberger and Lisa McCarthy, adult education/programming; Arlene Krassin, Linda Lisman, Eckert, Allison Epstein, Sandy Foreman, Dunthorn, Loew, Ado-Mai and Jodi Sampey, hospitality; and Herz, Foreman and Coker, women's seder.

Nominating committee members are Dunthorn, Hayman and Philips. Hecht will be in charge of Sisterhood funds.

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JTA

European countries reportedly propose plan to keep U.S. in Iran nuclear deal

Several European countries reportedly have proposed new sanctions on Iran in a bid to keep the United States in the 2015 nuclear deal. The new European sanctions would punish Iran for its ballistic missiles that it publicly tested and its interference in Syria's civil war, according to a confidential document seen by Reuters. In January, the Trump administration said it would halt providing sanctions relief to Iran under the deal by May 12 unless the European powers that signed the pact in July 2015 agreed to "fix the terrible flaws." The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action between Iran and six world powers – Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and the United States – could collapse if the U.S. pulls out. The joint document by Britain, France and Germany said they were engaged in "intensive talks with the Trump administration to achieve a clear and lasting reaffirmation of U.S. support for the (nuclear) agreement beyond May 12," Reuters reported. Foreign ministers of European Union countries were set to discuss the proposal on March 19 in a closed door meeting, Reuters reported, citing an unnamed diplomat. The document also indicates that the European powers would not be breaking the terms of the nuclear deal by adopting new sanctions that are not nuclear-related and that new sanctions are justified because Iran "did not commit further to stop undertaking ballistic missile destabilizing activities" under the nuclear agreement. Meanwhile, on March 18, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Sen. Bob Corker (R-TN), in an interview on the CBS news program "Face the Nation" said he thinks that President Donald Trump will pull the U.S. out of the Iran deal in May. "Right now it doesn't feel like it's gonna be extended," Corker said. "I think the president likely will move away from it, unless our European counterparts really come together on a framework. And it doesn't feel to me that they are." Corker added that he did not think the United States pulling out of a nuclear deal with Iran would affect possible negotiations with North Korea over its nuclear weapons program.

Bernie Sanders helps launch global peace movement

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) helped launch what purports to be a global peace movement on the anniversary of the Iraq War, which he said precipitated much of the chaos in the Middle East. Organizers of the Global Call for Peace said 11,000 callers from around the world, including Israel, participated in the March 18 launch. The emphasis of the call, which was initiated by MoveOn.org, a U.S. left-wing activist group, was on the tensions between the Koreas, but speakers also noted that it was the 15th anniversary of the Iraq War. Sanders made what he said were the failures of that war the centerpiece of his appeal to join the movement. "The war in Iraq was a foreign policy blunder of enormous magnitude," he said, describing the ensuing chaos in Iraq and consequently the civil war in neighboring Syria and the spread of the Islamic State terrorist group, or ISIS. "Had it not been for the Iraq War, ISIS would almost certainly not exist," he said. "It undermined American diplomatic efforts to resolve the Palestinian-Israeli conflict." Sanders was among four speakers who counseled peaceful mass protests and online actions.

Israeli parole board cuts prison time for soldier who killed downed terrorist

The prison sentence for the former Israeli soldier convicted of shooting and killing an injured Palestinian terrorist in Hebron, on March 24, 2016, as he lay on the ground was reduced by the military parole board. Elor Azaria's sentence was cut by one-third on March 19, with a release date of May 10. He has served seven months of a 14-month sentence. Azaria had requested an immediate release ahead of Passover. "I shot a murderer terrorist, release me today," he reportedly told the court. In September, the Israeli army's chief of staff, Lt.-Gen. Gadi Eisenkot, shortened Azaria's sentence to 14 months from 18 months. Eisenkot had earlier declined to pardon Azaria, who has not expressed remorse for the shooting.

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Wiesner agrees with Brown that the garden will make a real contribution to the greater community. "For me, I loved the idea of creating a community around gardening: working outside together, learning new skills and finding a way to give back to a larger community by growing real food," she said. "My goals for the Vestal garden would be to help create a space that brings people from different groups together and where we can grow food for ourselves and to donate to local food banks."

Some of these elements are already falling into place. "Rabbi Brown is already reaching out to Vestal Hills Elementary School and the Catholic Church," Wiesner noted. "We have the Jewish Community Center and the assisted living community to plug into, as well as the people who live in Vestal that want to get involved. There is a kitchen at [Temple Israel] where we could potentially host canning and fermentation workshops. VINES has so much to offer the community and I am very excited about the partnership. ... Once work starts on the garden, we can publish pictures of people working there, etc., which should also help generate community interest."

In an e-mail interview, Amelia LoDolce, the executive director of VINES, noted the role her organization was playing in getting the garden off the ground. "VINES provides technical expertise and resources needed to develop a successful garden while empowering people from the community to lead the effort and manage the garden in the long run," she said. "The key ingredients for a successful garden are the right site (i.e. good sun exposure, accessible to the community), leadership and community interest."

LoDolce sees Temple Israel as having all ingredients needed to make the garden a success. "For the Temple Israel garden, we're working with Rabbi Brown, members of the congregation and community members to help them develop a plan for designing and constructing the garden, engaging the community in the process, and to raise the funds for the project," she said. "We're also providing some financial support for the garden through a grant, offering education on everything from gardening to community outreach and leadership, and will support the garden in the long term by providing support to the garden site coordinators and education for gardeners. This will be our 13th community garden since our inception 10 years ago. We've learned a lot from the successes and challenges of running community gardens over the years and have been refining our process every year. We love that we are able to share this knowledge and experience to help others build vibrant, successful community gardens in their neighborhoods."

The community building aspect of these gardens is also important to LoDolce. "People are looking for ways to connect, and community gardening gets people out of their house, away from their screens and involved in a rewarding activity," she said. "The relationships built in community gardens allow us to meet our neighbors and engage with people of all backgrounds over a common interest."

Brown noted an additional aspect of the garden – a very Jewish one. "I am not suggesting that we try to bring back the Garden of Eden," he said. "However, the concepts of being protective stewards of the earth is relevant. In Genesis 2:15, God took the newly created human, 'and placed him in the Garden of Eden, to cultivate it and to guard it.' Siting a community garden in Temple Israel's backyard is making a tangible statement. Our ethical undergirding is based in not only taking care of the earth, but in providing for those in need."

Temple Israel needs to raise \$15,000 to create and support the garden. The two-phase project will include raised garden beds, soil, seeds and water, handicap accessible beds, deer-proof fencing and a small orchard. All donations will go toward garden needs. The synagogue is also looking for people to help build the garden on Sunday, April 14, from 9 am-4 pm. People will also be able to rent a bed for the 2018 season for \$25. Donations may be made online at <http://deerfieldplacecommunitygarden.causevox.com> or by writing a check payable to Temple Israel with "for Deerfield Place Community Garden" on the memo line and sending it to Temple Israel/Deerfield Place Community Garden, 4737 Deerfield Pl., Vestal, NY 13850.

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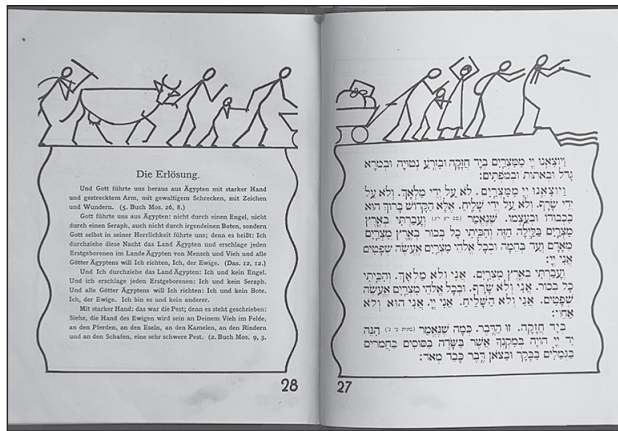
Off the Shelf

Illustrations in the haggadah

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

Illustrations are not common in most traditional Jewish texts. There are no drawings of biblical characters in the majority of Hebrew Bibles for adults. The artistic vision of the Talmud is displayed in its arrangement of the Hebrew text. While the Torah scroll has beautiful calligraphy, there are no depictions of the events drawn on its parchment. The main exception to this pictorial deficiency is the haggadah, the text used during the Passover seder. Artists have been illustrating this work since at least the 14th century. Stunning examples of these illustrations – from the 1300s to contemporary times – can be found in Adam S. Cohen’s “Signs and Wonders: 100 Haggada Masterpieces” (The Toby Press). Cohen offers general comments about the history of the haggadah, in addition to discussions of each illustration. These include information about the artists (if known) and about the development of the different motifs used over the centuries.

Cohen looks at haggadot from medieval times to contemporary ones, with the final illustrations having been published in 2014. He admits this is not a complete survey. Most of the works were published in Europe, North America or Israel, although one comes from Australia. Cohen notes he restricted his work for two reasons: “First, and most important. Jewish communities outside these areas rarely illustrated their haggadot.... Second, I excluded such items as a 1874 haggada from Poona, India... to include one such work in a historical vacuum would not do justice to it



“Geismar Haggada” (1928): Covering two pages, artist Otto Geismar shows the Egyptians pursuing the Israelites, whose passage is blocked by the Red Sea. (Photo reproduced with permission of the artist’s descendants)

or, worse, would appear as a form of cultural tokenism. I therefore chose to focus on those works that could not only stand as compelling examples on their own merit but also form part of a larger tradition.” To help readers appreciate these features, he cross-references works to make it easier to compare specific motifs and different parts of the seder. My favorite sections discussed the varying motifs and

types of drawing used over the centuries. For example, many haggadot in the past included illustrations of biblical tales from other sections of the Bible, in addition to ones showing scenes from the Exodus. Drawings of Kings David and Solomon were common, as were illustrations of events drawn from the lives of the patriarchs. These individuals were usually drawn in clothing of the era – for example, in a Renaissance era haggadah, the individuals wear Renaissance garb – with Cohen suggesting, this made it easier for readers to relate to the stories and characters portrayed. Many haggadot included drawings of families gathered around dinner tables, representing those who owned the haggadah. One particularly interesting section in the “Second Nuremberg Haggada” (15th century) offers detailed illustrations of the entire matzah making process. Cohen also compares different versions of the four sons and the order of the seder.

An unexpected image occurred in the “Greek Haggada” (1583) – that of a naked woman. This illustrated a passage from the prophet Ezekiel, which is recited during the seder. Cohen notes that “Ashkenazic haggadot tended to pass over this passage without illustration... Jews in Sephardic lands were less reticent, and some Italian haggadot include images of voluptuous nude women.” The author believes the woman represents Eve since she is shown with a naked man and the quote from Ezekiel contains a reference to the Garden of Eden.

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Introduction to the JFEW Binghamton Scholars Program

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In 1880, Minnie Dessau Louis established the Louis Downtown Sabbath School in New York to help Eastern European Jewish girls adapt to life in the United States; by 1885, Louis founded the Hebrew Technical School for Girls to give these young immigrant women a vocational trade and the promise of a secure future for themselves and their families. Through the sale of the building that once housed "Hebrew Tech," Louis' dream of supporting female education and economic security has since developed into the Jewish Foundation for Education of Women (or JFEW), a non-sectarian foundation dedicated to helping women with financial need attain their dreams of a college degree.

I am proud to say that I am a product of JFEW's mission and generosity. When I first came to Binghamton University in 2012, I was a pre-law student whose grandfather's experience as a German refugee pushed her to become an international human rights attorney. I thought that law was the only channel to work on human rights issues, and my scope of international relations itself was very limited. However, this all changed when I was approached by a political science professor during my sophomore year who said she needed to "discuss" something with me. As any student would, I automatically assumed that I had done something wrong. I remember my heart pumping as I nervously walked over to her desk. Instead of condemning me for being a few minutes late to class, she said that she recognized a passion within me for international affairs. She introduced me to the JFEW SUNY International Relations and Global Affairs Scholarship Program and strongly encouraged me to apply.

Being a JFEW scholar completely changed my career trajectory, perspective on the world and how I viewed myself. During this two-year program, I participated in monthly seminars with experts in the international relations field; interned at Freedom House, a think tank that promotes human rights, where I did research on modern authoritarian leaders; networked with professionals at the United Nations, Chinese Consulate and Carnegie Council on Ethics; and prepared for post-college life through professional develop-

ment guidance. I should mention that I gained all of these benefits while also receiving extremely generous financial support and a summer internship stipend. The research I did, connections I made and overall knowledge I gained showed me that there were alternative ways that I could promote human rights, especially in regards to research and policy. I feel confident as a female leader and know that my participation in the JFEW SUNY Program has given me many advantages in the international affairs field. My appreciation and admiration for the JFEW organization and its mission led me back to Binghamton post-graduation to coordinate the JFEW SUNY International Relations and Global Affairs Program on campus, as well as a new JFEW Binghamton Leadership and Career Development Program.

The JFEW Binghamton Leadership and Career Development Program is unique as it begins to prepare students for post-graduation success in their freshman year and continues through graduation. Scholars are selected who have displayed strong academic success and leadership abilities throughout high school, and who demonstrate financial need along with an interest in participating in a four-year program, including an internship, service learning project, career readiness training and much more. Additionally, they must maintain a 3.0 GPA throughout their undergraduate studies. Our first cohort is currently made up of 13 scholars from various disciplines of study: eight are in Harpur College, two are studying engineering in the Watson School, one is in the nursing program in the Decker School and two are pursuing degrees in Binghamton's College of Community and Public Affairs. They are all from the Greater New York City area and were heavily involved in their local communities in roles such as leading athletic teams, volunteering in nonprofit organizations and creating fund-raisers to benefit different causes.

The program's first semester is designed to form a close-knit and cohesive cohort, as well as provide the scholars with on-campus resources. We meet weekly to discuss challenges that the scholars are facing in their transition into college, and invite faculty and staff mem-

bers from around campus to speak on different topics. Our discussions this semester focused on themes such as time management, goal setting and values. Staff members have also introduced specific offices, including the Dean of Students, Academic Advising and the Center for Civic Engagement. Additionally, the scholars participated in a Leadership Challenge Ropes Course to build teamwork skills with Binghamton University's Outdoor Pursuits staff as well as team-building exercises during weekly meetings. The goal is to not only facilitate the scholars' bond with one another, but also to ensure each individual knows where she can go for different issues that may arise throughout her undergraduate studies.

Currently, the scholars are planning a service learning project that will be carried out later this spring. We want the scholars to feel connected with the local community and provide assistance with ongoing projects or needs. The scholars are broken up into four different teams that complete unique tasks to advance the overall progression of providing service to the community. Each scholar is excited about her role and knows that she is laying the foundation to strengthen the local community's relationship with both Binghamton University and JFEW.

After freshman year, the scholars will begin to meet monthly and participate in different career development academic courses and events. As sophomores, they will be required to attend Binghamton in the City Week activities in New York, take the Bridging Academics to Careers online winter course, and attend the Fleishman Center's Connections for Success Retreat, where they will meet and network with alumnae. During the summer between junior and senior year, the scholars will participate in a summer internship of their choosing and will complete a capstone project on their internship and participation in the JFEW/Binghamton Scholars program before they graduate. Binghamton University's Fleishman Center for Career and Professional Development serves as the program's backbone, cultivating the skills needed for post-graduation success.

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Haggadah Continued from page 4

Cohen discusses the political leanings of many modern and contemporary *haggadot*. For example, the "Munich Haggada" (1946) draws comparisons between ancient Egypt and Nazi Germany. The "Forst Haggada"

(1949) focuses on modern Israel. Cohen shows the way "modern Israelis now take their place alongside such biblical figures as Jacob, Moses, David and Solomon." The illustration features a "strapping, clean-shaven kibbutz pioneer in khaki standing guard before a tractor, symbolizing the renewal of the land, while his rifle indicates that the modern Jew is prepared to fight on his own behalf."

The drawings become increasingly abstract in contemporary *haggadot*. Several artists use minimalistic drawings to create emotion. For example, Otto Geismar's figures in the "Geismar Haggada" (1927) are little more than stick figures, yet the artist manages to create movement and emotion with these simple drawings. The same is true for the "Kibbutz Alonim-Kfar Giladi Haggada" (1959), although Gidi Kaikh's illustrations are slightly more three-dimensional and use red accents. Most of my favorite artworks are found in contemporary *haggadot*: the beautiful interpretation of Joseph's dream by Gérard Barouste; the almost psychedelic rendition of the parting of the Red Sea by Raphael Abecassis; Asher Kalderon's "kinetic animation," which almost completely obscures the Hebrew lettering; and the playful, imaginative work of Miki Mottes, who draws strange, weird creatures to represent the Israelites crossing the Red Sea.

"Signs and Wonders" would make a great

hostess gift and is the perfect present for anyone who collects *haggadot*. Yet, it is more than a coffee-table book since Cohen offers insight into not only the meaning of the illustrations, but how they relate to the text. This beautiful book would make an excellent addition to any Jewish bookshelf.



"Kibbutz Alonim-Kfar Giladi Haggada" (1959): Shown are illustrations of the 10 plagues by Gidi Kaikh. (Photo reproduced with permission of Dovi Keikh)



"Nathan Ben Abraham Speyer of Breslau Haggada" (1768): The illustration shows the aftermath of the 10th plague, the killing of the firstborn. Portrayed are the clothing and funeral practices of the 18th century, rather than that of ancient Egypt. (Photo reproduced with permission of the National Library of Israel)

Mailbox Shorts Jewish Lives Book Club

Jewish Lives, which publishes biographies that seek to illuminate the Jewish experience, is forming a book club. Participants can receive the first book at no cost by signing up at www.jewishlives.org/bookclub. Participants will receive details by May 1 about the 2018-19 program, which will begin this fall. The club will offer reading guides developed by subject experts and join virtual author events, live-streamed from the Park Avenue Synagogue in New York City.

Jewish Lives is a prize-winning series of interpretative biographies of Jewish figures who have been active in the fields of literature, religion, philosophy, politics, cultural and economic life, and the arts and sciences. Jewish Lives is a partnership of Yale University Press and the Leon D. Black Foundation.



PREPARE FOR PASSOVER

Chabad to hold community seder on March 30

Reservations are being accepted by Chabad Center for the seder it is hosting for the general community on Friday, March 30. Services will begin at 7 pm followed by the seder; the festivities will be held at the Chabad Center, 420 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal. The seder will include all of the traditional observances, a full course dinner, handmade *shmurah* matzah and "mystical insights." The haggadah will be read with participation from all present in both Hebrew and English, and the

many customs and traditions of the seder will be explained. No prior knowledge or level of observance is required of those wishing to attend. There is no charge for the seder. but a suggested minimum donation of \$18 per person can be sent to the Chabad Center before or after the holiday.

"We will be serving a full course, traditional holiday dinner, but I do urge participants to have a bit to eat earlier in the evening to tide them over the ceremonial, opening portion

of the seder which precedes dinner," added Rivky Slonim.

For more information and reservations, e-mail aslonim@Jewishbu.com or call the Chabad office at 797-0015.

Handmade *shmurah* matzah will be available for purchase through the Chabad Center for \$15 a pound (three matzahs can be purchased for \$9) as long as the supply lasts. Interested parties are urged to place their orders as soon as possible. To order *shmurah* matzah, call the Chabad Center at 797-0015.

Here's a Passover menu low on calories and carbs

By Megan Wolf

(JTA) - I'm a big fan of healthy whole grains, but they can easily become heavy - even the healthy ones. Instead of packing my Passover meals with heavy dishes, I'm offering a lighter, lower calorie and lower carbohydrate option this year.

If you have seen my recipes before, you may know that I love cauliflower as a stand-in for potatoes and rice. There is truly no better substitute! Not only is it delicious, it's now incredibly easy to find already riced. And who can't use a time saver in the kitchen?

I prefer frozen riced cauliflower to fresh. The more I make these dishes, the more I realize this is by far the best method of purchase. I think it works so well in part because there is already some water in the cauliflower and it helps the vegetable to cook more evenly.

These recipes are delicious and well-suited for any time of year, but they are especially welcome at Passover, when we're all looking to lighten our load a bit. I also love how these dishes come together in color, taste and texture. The sweet and crunchy aspects of the broccoli play off the creamy cauliflower and punchy salmon.

Simple Lemon Salmon

4 6-ounce salmon portions
Salt and pepper
2 Tbsp. olive oil
2 lemons, juiced
1 lemon, sliced
Preheat oven to 400°F. Place sheet pan in the oven to heat.
Whisk olive oil and lemon.
Season salmon with salt and pepper. Brush salmon with half of the lemon mixture.



Simple Lemon Salmon (Photo by Megan Wolf)

Place salmon skin side down on the hot sheet pan, roast until cooked to your liking, or about 8-10 minutes.

Serve salmon by topping the fish with the remaining oil mixture and sliced lemon.

Seared Mushroom Cauliflower Risotto

1 Tbsp. olive oil
1 medium onion, diced
10 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
4 cups frozen riced cauliflower
½ cup dry white wine
2 cups water or more
1/3 cup shredded Parmesan cheese



Seared Mushroom Cauliflower Risotto (Photo by Megan Wolf)

1 lemon, juiced
1 pint crimini mushrooms, quartered
1 tablespoon olive oil
Salt to taste
Sauté onions and garlic over low heat until cooked through and translucent.

Add frozen cauliflower and mix to combine. Add white wine and continue stirring.

Add water ½ cup at a time, stirring frequently and adding more water as each batch is absorbed.

While the cauliflower is cooking, sauté mushrooms in olive oil in a separate pan, set aside.

Once the cauliflower is soft and resembles risotto, add Parmesan cheese and stir to combine.

Serve risotto with mushrooms atop or stirred into cauliflower, topped with lemon juice.

Burnt Broccoli

2 heads broccoli, cut into florets
2 Tbsp. olive oil plus more for drizzling
1 Tbsp. honey
Salt to taste
Steam broccoli until just tender and bright green, about 2 minutes.



Burnt Broccoli (Photo by Megan Wolf)

Toss broccoli with 2 tablespoons olive oil and place on a large baking sheet. Roast until crispy and starting to char, about 15-20 minutes.

Microwave honey until it's liquid, then immediately pour evenly over broccoli. Drizzle broccoli with olive oil and season with salt.

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On the silver screen Itzhak Perlman's inspiring musical journey – and his 50-year marriage – captured in a documentary

By Curt Schleier

(JTA) – Itzhak Perlman, arguably the most famous violinist in the world, has heard plenty of questions in his 50-year career. But when asked if his religious heritage has affected his playing, he sounds stumped.

“I’m a violinist. I’m Jewish, so that makes me a Jewish musician,” he tells JTA on the phone recently from Singer Island, where he is to perform at a benefit. “I’m a musician who just happens to be Jewish. When I play klezmer...”

He doesn’t get to finish the thought because he is interrupted by Toby, his wife of more than 50 years. “I think that’s not true,” she says in the background. “I think you’re the embodiment of a Yiddle with a fiddle.”



Itzhak Perlman, shown in a scene from the documentary “Itzhak.” (Photo courtesy of Greenwich Entertainment)

Perlman, 72, is the subject of a new documentary, “Itzhak.” His Jewishness is not front and center – the film spans his entire life, from his birth in Israel and early struggle with polio, to his appearance on “The Ed Sullivan Show,” to the enormous concerts he has played around the world – but it inevitably appears.

In one scene, he shares a Shabbat meal with his children and grandchildren. (He never travels or performs on Friday evenings.) In another, shot in Israel, he takes director Alison Chernick on a tour of the many streets named for figures in Israeli and Jewish history. Then there’s a visitor, a friend from Boston, who worries that the pickles she brought as a gift don’t have the Kasher K on their label.

The film is most interesting when it shows Perlman in private moments, often in conversation with Toby. The pair met at a music camp and, after hearing him play just once, Toby went to Itzhak’s bunk and proposed to the Israeli virtuoso, then 17.

“I was hopelessly in love with him,” she says in the film. Perlman had one other girlfriend after that, but eventually came back to her, and they have been married since 1967.

At one point in the film, Toby points out that a note he played was out of tune. “About his playing, nobody else is going to be honest with him,” she tells JTA. “Everyone is going to tell him ‘you’re so great.’ I’m going to say ‘you’re so great,’ too. Do I think he’s the greatest? Yes. But if he’s sharp, or I believe I see a bad habit that [has] crept into his playing, I’ll tell him – I’m truthful.”

Perlman hasn’t encountered much criticism of his playing over the decades. The Tel Aviv native first fell in love with his instrument at the age of 3, when he heard Jewish violinist Jascha Heifetz playing on the radio. “It’s very interesting what makes kids who study instruments choose the instrument. It’s what speaks to you. The sound just appealed to me. I wanted to do that,” he said in the phone interview.

But Perlman has faced hardships: He contracted polio at 4. It was the late 1940s, and Israel was in its infancy as a nation and



Itzhak Perlman with his wife, Toby, in a scene from “Itzhak.” (Photo courtesy of Greenwich Entertainment)

had limited medical facilities. Many died from the disease, even in the most advanced nations. Part of his treatment involved inhaling the smoke of burning parchment on which religious sayings had been written.

Perlman survived, with paralyzed legs, and went on to reveal musical brilliance. Still, many experts saw his disability and discouraged thoughts of a music career. His break came at 13, when he caught the eye of Sullivan – who sent talent scouts to Israel See “Perlman” on page 11

Documentary spotlight

Arthur Miller's daughter made an intimate HBO documentary about her father

By Curt Schleier

(JTA) – “Arthur Miller: Writer,” a lovingly crafted documentary about the

award-winning playwright set to air on HBO, doesn’t reveal a lot of new information. A good portion of the film involves

Miller himself speaking from the audio version of his 1987 memoir, “Timebends: A Life.” And much has already been written elsewhere about the tumultuous life of the Jewish author who gave us classics such as “Death of a Salesman” and “The Crucible,” and spent much of the 1950s in the public eye.

But the film succeeds at filling the gaps between Miller’s public and private lives, painting a fuller and more nuanced portrait of one of the 20th century’s most celebrated writers. That’s probably in large part because the film’s director is Rebecca Miller, Arthur’s daughter.

The movie, which premiered on March 19, is as much a warm and intimate father-daughter conversation as it is a summary of his life. It traces Miller’s story from his childhood in New York City to his marriage to Marilyn Monroe to his run-in with the notorious “anti-Communist” House Un-American Activities Committee.

But the film also captures Miller in unguarded moments, in his woodworking shop and in his garden with his third wife, Inge Morath, who was Rebecca’s mom and a noted photographer. Rebecca follows him through these moments, asking questions that search for the secrets behind his creative process.

In a phone conversation, Rebecca Miller told JTA that though she wanted to be a filmmaker growing up, her sessions with her father, which began over two decades ago, started as more of a family project than a potential film. (These days, she is a respected indie filmmaker and author, and is married to Oscar-winning actor Daniel Day-Lewis.)

“In the beginning, I just wanted to get the stories down,” she said.

In film school, though, Rebecca Miller



Arthur Miller with wife Marilyn Monroe in 1956. (Photo by Fox Photos/Hulton Archive/Getty Images)

won a prize for an unrelated project and was given reels of professional-grade 16 millimeter film. That made her “think of doing more formal interviews and turning it into a more serious film.”

Rebecca eventually found a treasure trove of old family films dating back to the 1940s and added interviews with her two half-siblings, Robert and Jane (born to Miller’s first wife, Mary Slattery); Arthur’s older brother, Kermit, and his younger sister, Joan Copeland; as well as with Jewish playwright Tony Kushner and the late Jewish director Mike Nichols.

On its own, Arthur Miller’s story has enough ups and downs to pack far more than the film’s 98 minutes. A lackluster student, Miller took a job after high school that required a 90-minute commute. He began reading what he called “thick books” on his way to work that awakened literary ambitions. At the University of Michigan, Miller twice won the school’s Hopwood See “Miller” on page 11



At right: Rebecca Miller filming her father. (Photo by Inge Morath/The Inge Morath Foundation/Magnum Photos/HBO)

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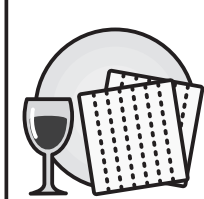
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A new study for cancer risk in Ashkenazi Jews aims to be a model for genetic testing

By Josefina Dolsten

NEW YORK (JTA) – A new study will provide free testing for three mutations that substantially increase the risk for developing breast, ovarian and prostate cancer among people with Eastern European Jewish ancestry. The BRCA Founder Outreach Study (or BFOR), which was launched recently, will test 4,000 men and women in four U.S. cities – New York, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Boston – for mutations in the BRCA gene that are more common among those with Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry. Those who test positive for one of the mutations will receive genetic counseling to figure out next steps.

“We think it’s important because it will save lives,” Dr. Kenneth Offit, who is serving on the study’s Executive Committee, told JTA earlier in March.

The BRCA gene is found in all humans, but mutations can cause it to function improperly and increase the risk of developing certain cancers: breast and ovarian in women, breast and prostate in men. Those with Ashkenazi Jewish roots are 10 times more likely to have a BRCA mutation than the general population, with one in 40 carrying a mutation in the gene.

But the study’s goal extends beyond cancer or Ashkenazi Jews, said Offit, who serves as chief of the clinical genetics service at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center here. “We think it’s a model for the future of genetic testing in health care,” he said.

What’s new about the way testing is conducted in the BFOR study, Offit said, is the fact that patients sign up online and can choose to receive their results from their primary care provider.

The testing will be free for participants and the study is open to anyone over 25 years old who has health insurance and at least one grandparent with Ashkenazi heritage.

“This study is different because we’re making an effort to ensure that the testing is not done at a distance from your doctor. We’re really reaching out to have doctors involved,” Offit said.

In 1996, Offit discovered the most common BRCA gene mutation for Ashkenazi Jews, but he said the vast majority of people have not been tested for the mutation or the two others that are prevalent in the group. “In the [Ashkenazi] Jewish community, where these mutations are quite common, we think that probably 90 percent of people who could be tested have not been tested,” he said.

Offit said some people are scared of finding out the results and view testing as too much of a hassle. In addition, insurance companies only cover testing for those with a family history of breast, ovarian and prostate cancer, but up to 40 percent of those with the mutation do not have a family history of those types of cancer, according to Offit. An Israeli study published in 2014 recommended that all Ashkenazi women age 30 and over should be screened for BRCA mutations.

Women with a BRCA mutation have a risk as high as 80 percent of developing breast cancer and as high as 40 percent of developing ovarian cancer. Men with a mutation have an increased risk of developing breast and prostate cancer.

The BFOR study, which received funding from the Sharon Levine Corzine Foundation, the Breast Cancer Research Foundation and other donors, allows people to

register on their smartphone or computer, receiving testing at a local laboratory. They can choose whether to receive the results from a primary care provider or a cancer specialist. Primary care providers will receive training about how to provide follow-up counseling if a patient tests positive.

For those who test positive for a BRCA mutation, there are steps that can be taken to lower cancer risk, Offit said. Since ovarian cancer is almost always discovered at an advanced stage, it is recommended that women with a BRCA mutation have their ovaries surgically removed after they finish child-bearing. In terms of reducing the risk of developing breast cancer, some women choose to undergo a mastectomy, while others elect to get frequent breast screenings.

Men should be screened regularly for prostate cancer, including by taking a test to measure the level of PSA, a protein that could indicate prostate cancer. Offit said doctors should use a lower cutoff for the level of PSA for men who have a BRCA mutation in order to perform a biopsy to check for cancer.

Offit hopes to learn more about how people opt to receive the test results – whether through their primary care providers or a specialist – and how many primary care providers will feel comfortable giving the information to their patients. “Yes, we will be testing many individuals of Ashkenazi background and we will save lives for sure because we know that,” he said, “but the research question is to improve the way we offer this information to the whole population.”

Offit said similar testing could be offered for the general population for a wide variety of diseases.

See “Cancer” on page 12



Your brakes may be trying to tell you something

(NAPSI) – If your brakes are trying to tell you something, you should pay attention. A properly operating brake system helps ensure safe vehicle control and operation and it should be checked immediately if you suspect any problems.

“While an annual brake inspection is a good way to ensure brake safety, motorists should not ignore signs that their brakes need attention,” said Rich White, executive director of the Car Care Council. “Knowing the key warning signs that your brakes may need maintenance will go a long way toward keeping you and others safe on the road.”

Motorists should look for the following warning signs that their brakes need to be inspected:

- ☞ Noise: screeching, grinding or clicking noises when applying the brakes.

- ☞ Pulling: vehicle pulls to one side while braking.
- ☞ Low pedal: brake pedal nearly touches the floor before engaging.
- ☞ Hard pedal: you must apply extreme pressure to the pedal before brakes engage.
- ☞ Grabbing: brakes grab at the slightest touch to the pedal.
- ☞ Vibration: brake pedal vibrates or pulses, even under normal braking conditions.
- ☞ Light: brake light is illuminated on your vehicle’s dashboard.

Because brakes are a normal wear item on any vehicle, they will eventually need to be replaced. Factors that can affect brake wear include driving habits, operating conditions, vehicle type and the quality of the brake lining material. Be sure to avoid letting brakes get to the

metal-to-metal point as that can mean expensive rotor or drum replacement.

The Car Care Council is the source of information for the “Be Car Care Aware” consumer education campaign promoting the benefits of regular vehicle care, maintenance and repair to consumers. For a copy of the council’s “Car Care Guide” or for further information, visit www.carcare.org.

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Weekly Parasha

Tzav, Leviticus 6:1-8:36

Light my fire

RABBI DANIEL SWARTZ, TEMPLE HESED OF SCRANTON;
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COALITION ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND JEWISH LIFE

From the earliest *midrashim* to the most recent Torah commentaries, our sages have paid attention to *lashon y'teirah* – literally, extra language, what most of us would call redundancy. Since the style of Torah is so often terse, they reason, when seeming redundancies appear, there must be a reason. In this week's Torah portion, Tsav, there is a six-fold redundancy – so you can imagine that the commentators have a field day.

In three separate sentences (verses 6:2, 6:5 and 6:6) the Torah recounts Moses being commanded to convey to Aaron and his sons that the fire upon the altar must be kept going – and in each of these sentences, there is some variation of the phrasing: “keep it going, it must not go out.” The Talmud (Yoma 45b) interprets all these warnings as referring to multiple fires, each of which must be

maintained constantly. In contrast, Abarbanel explains the repetition by arguing that each sentence warns against a different possible reason to let the fire go out.

Personally, I like Ibn Ezra's much simpler explanation better: it's simply a matter of emphasis. Since it is extra important to keep the fire going, people have to take special care that it won't go out – thus, repeated warnings are necessary. It's sort of an ancient version of NASA's standard protocol – if it is a vital system, make sure you have at least one backup in place. Or, perhaps a better analogy is the method used by most e-mail marketers, whether they are selling goods, promoting a cause, or presenting a candidate – most people need to see at least three e-mails before they respond. Certainly, as a parent, I repeat the most important reminders I give my daughter – which a)

causes her to roll her eyes and b) has proven again and again to be critical if I really want something to actually be remembered.

But even if we go with Ibn Ezra's explanation for the repetition, there is still a bigger question left unanswered: Why is it so important to make sure the fire never goes out? And for us reading the Torah today, that question is accompanied by a more personal one: what can I learn from that, how can I apply that teaching to my own life, thousands of years removed from the original text and living a life without any animal sacrifices, altars or ritual fires? In countless cultures around the world, fire is a symbol for passion – and, in this case, this fire we need to constantly guard could be understood as symbolizing our deepest

See “Fire” on page 11

Congregational Notes

Temple Israel

Orientation: Conservative
Rabbi: Geoffrey Brown
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E-mail: titammy@stny.twcbb.com
Website: www.templeisraelvestal.org
Service Schedule: Tuesday, 6 pm, Friday, 5:30 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am.

On Friday, March 23, at 5:30 pm, there will be a Kabbalat Shabbat dinner. The cost is \$10 per adult and \$8 per child. Call the temple office to make a reservation.

On Saturday, March 24, at 9:30 am, services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Leviticus 6:1-8:36. The haftarah will be Malachi 3:4-24. The kiddush sponsor will be Lois Levitt.

On Sunday, March 25, at 11 am, there will be a model seder for the religious school students and their families.

There will be no religious school on Sundays, April 1 and April 8.

The temple office will be closed Tuesday-Tuesday, April 3-10.

Those who wish to recite the Mourner's Kaddish during a weekday service can contact Howard Schwartz at schwerz@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.

Rohr Chabad Center

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Rabbi: Zalman Chein, E-mail: zchein@JewishBU.com
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Phone: 722-3252

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.

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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.

Beth David Synagogue

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Shabbat Services:
Friday, March 23 7:05 pm
Shabbat, March 24 9 am
..... Mincha after the kiddush
..... Maariv 6:45 pm

Weekday Services:
Mornings:
Sun., March 25 8:30 am
Mon.-Fri., March 26-30 7 am
Evenings:
Sun., March 25 7:05 pm
Mon.-Thurs., March 26-29 7:05 pm
Fri., March 30 7:10 pm
Classes: Rabbi Zev Silber will hold his weekly Talmud class every Tuesday evening after services.

Penn-York Jewish Community

President-Treasurer-Secretary: Harvey Chernosky, 570-265-3869
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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.

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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, March 23, light candles 7:01 pm
Shabbat ends Saturday, March 24 8:02 pm
Friday, March 30, light candles 7:09 pm
Saturday, March 31, light candles after 8:10 pm
Sunday, April 1, yom tov ends 8:11 pm

Temple Concord

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism
Rabbi: Barbara Goldman-Wartell
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Office hours: Tues.-Fri., 10 am-2 pm
Phone: 723-7355
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Office e-mail: TempleConcordbinghamton@gmail.com
Website: www.templeconcord.com
Regular service times: Friday, 8 pm; Saturday, 10:35 am, when religious school is in session.

On Friday, March 23, at 6:30 pm, there will be a BYO picnic dinner and at 8 pm, there will be Shabbat services led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Saturday, March 24, at 9 am, there will be a religious school Passover program; at 9:30 am, there will be Tot Shabbat; and at 10:35 am, there will be Shabbat family services led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell, Jeff Strosberg and Victoria Heilveil.

On Tuesday, March 27, at 5:15 pm, there will be religious school.

On Thursday, March 29, there is no religious school.

On Friday, March 30, at 6 pm, there will be a community Passover seder.

On Saturday, March 31, there will be no religious school, Torah study or Shabbat family services.

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

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

On Friday, March 30, erev Pesach, the siyyum bechorim service will be held at 7:30 am. A study session will be conducted by Rabbi Suzanne Brody.

There will be no evening services on the first two nights of Passover (March 30 and 31).

On Saturday, March 31, Pesach day one, services will be held at 10 am.

On Sunday, April 1, Pesach day two, services will be held at 10 am.

On Thursday, April 5, erev Pesach day seven, services will be held at 7:30 pm.

On Friday, April 6, Pesach day seven, services will be held at 10 am; erev Pesach day eight services will be held at 7:30 pm.

Temple Beth El of Oneonta

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

Jewish Community Center

Camp JCC and after school info night on March 27

On Thursday, March 27, the JCC will be holding an informational session about summer camps at the JCC and year-round after school programs. The event will be held in the JCC meeting room from 5-6:30 pm, with an informational presentation at 5:15 pm. Informal questions and tours will follow. There are many options at the JCC for children entering kindergarten through age 15.

Camp JCC is an on-site day camp for children ages 5-15 with overnight and travel opportunities for campers entering grades four and up. Campers can attend all six weeks, or just a week or two. Campers will explore art, science, nature, the world of drama, sports and more during daily electives and group activities. All groups will participate in daily swim lessons and weekly off-site field trips. All campers registered by Thursday, May 10, will receive a 10 percent discount if they are paid in full by Thursday, May 31.

Information on summer co-ed sports camps, theater



Camp JCC's Maccabee and Osem campers took a trip to the Rosamund Gifford Zoo in Syracuse last year.

camp, art camp and swim camps, for all ages and skill levels, will be available as well.

Kids Connection, the JCC's school age after school program, is a New York State Office of Children and Family Services licensed program that seeks to offer children an engaging, safe and fun-filled environment. Kids Connection is open Monday through Friday from 3-6 pm while school is in session and offers a long day program, from 7:30 am-6 pm, on days off from school, snow days and early-release days. Kids Connection follows the Vestal School District calendar. Children attending the Vestal School District can be bused to the JCC after school. Lynette Errante, youth and camp director, and youth and camp staff will be available to answer any questions. Registration paperwork will be available for both Camp JCC and Kids Connection at the event.

For additional information regarding the event, or to RSVP, contact the JCC Youth and Camp Department at 724-2417, ext. 421, or via e-mail at LynetteE@binghamtonjcc.org. RSVPs are encouraged, although walk-ins will be welcome.

JCC to offer spring break sports camps

The Jewish Community Center will be holding two basketball camps, for ages 5-13, from Monday-Thursday, April 2-5. Pricing varies per camp, with member and non-member rates. All camps are co-ed and a camp t-shirt is provided. The entire community is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Little Stars is a camp aimed at children ages 5-10, perfect for those just beginning to play basketball. Little Stars will run from 9 am-noon and will focus on building

fundamental basketball skills. There will also be competitions and gameplay. The cost is \$50 for JCC members and \$75 for outside patrons.

The 3 on 3 Tournament is a camp designed for older children with more basketball experience. This camp will run from 1-4 pm and will divide the campers into teams of three for a tournament run throughout the week. There will also be skill development drills and competitions. The 3 on 3 Tournament costs \$50 for JCC

members and \$100 for outside patrons.

For more information about the spring break camps, JCC sports programming or the JCC, contact the JCC office at 724-2417.

JCC Friendship Club

The JCC Friendship Club met on March 14. The previous week's meeting was cancelled because of snow. This week, it was still snowing, but four of us managed to make it to the meeting. We were happy to see Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu, who sang "Manishtana" and "Hatikvah." He also told a joke about a Jewish soldier in the Queen's army. Then the young children from Hillel Academy came and sang songs about Passover. Rabbi Shmaryahu invited the club members to a model seder at Hillel Academy on Thursday, March 29. The children are so enthusiastic and it is a pleasure to have them visit.

After the children left, we saw part of a PBS home video titled "A Taste of Passover" hosted by Theodore Bikel. We will see the rest of it next week.

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia Diamond. We said the Pledge of Allegiance and had tea and cookies. Sylvia read a letter sent by Ruth Dorfman to thank us for the Purim basket that was delivered to her. Roz Antoun said that someone made a donation to Jewish Family Service to thank us for the Purim basket she received. Thanks go out to those who delivered the food: Sylvia Diamond, Lani Dunthorp, Susan Hubal and Bruce Orden.

Those who would like to join us can come to the JCC on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm.

Sylvia Diamond,
President

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Award for creative writing. While there, he met and married Slattery, a lapsed Catholic.

"She wanted an intellectual and Jewish artist, and I wanted America," Miller says in the film.

The newly married Millers moved to New York, where his first Broadway effort, "The Man Who Had All the Luck," had none, closing after six performances. Miller's fortunes changed in 1947 with the debut of "All My Sons,"

his initial collaboration with director Elia Kazan. The play, which involved a company that knowingly manufactured defective airplane engines, won multiple Tony Awards.

Miller followed that with "Death of a Salesman," which debuted in 1949 and is widely considered one of the great American plays of the last century. The protagonist Willy Loman was based on one of the playwright's uncles.

"There is an ongoing debate on how Jewish the Lomans are," Rebecca said. "They're Jewish if you want them to be Jewish. Certainly they were based on his own family."

Asked in the documentary if he was Jewish, Miller responds, "Absolutely Jewish. But I inherited from my father the attitude of being American more than being a Jew."

That was typical of his generation of American Jews, who hoped to assimilate, Rebecca noted. But she also said she had heard Miller's great-grandfather was a rabbi. His mother kept kosher at home until she developed a "taste for bacon." In one of their last conversations in the film, Miller says a play "is the process of approaching the unwitting, the unspoken and the unspeakable." Rebecca suggests that that sounds a lot like Kabbalah, and he agrees.

At the height of the McCarthy era, Miller penned "The Crucible," a thinly veiled indictment of the House Un-American Activities Committee, using the Salem witch trials as backdrop. (The committee later found him guilty of contempt of Congress when he refused to out fellow artists as communists. He received a suspended prison sentence and was fined \$500.) In 1956, he married Marilyn Monroe, who converted to Judaism. They divorced in 1961 and Monroe died of an overdose little over a year later.

Three years after Monroe's death, Miller reunited with Kazan for "After The Fall," a roman a clef that re-created his life with Monroe. It was savaged by reviewers. When talking about the play in the film, Miller laments the future of playwriting and his treatment at the hands of critics.

Miller never enjoyed superstar success again. Among his subsequent plays were "Incident at Vichy" (1964), about a group of men detained by Nazis; "The Price" (1968), which featured Gregory Solomon, a Yiddish-accented character; and "Broken Glass" (1994), about a Jewish couple from Brooklyn set around the time of Kristallnacht.

In the film, Rebecca is able to bring out a warmth and honesty from her father - he was hardened by public scrutiny and decades of waning critical relevance - that a stranger might not have elicited. The viewer can hear her say things such as "OK, Pops, you're on" while filming.

"[His] public persona is so different from the man I knew," she said. "I felt I was the only filmmaker he would let close enough."

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to look for acts for his "immensely popular" variety show and eventually visited the Jewish state himself.

In the documentary, Perlman admits he suspects Sullivan brought him to New York as much for the inspirational impact of his disability as for his skill. Nevertheless, he was a hit after performing on the program in 1958. From there, the rest is history - he has performed at the White House, in concert with Billy Joel, before a New York Mets playoff game and with countless orchestras around the world. After winning the 2016 Genesis Prize - known as the "Jewish Nobel" - he directed the \$1 million in prize money toward projects that foster the inclusion of people with disabilities in Jewish life, Israeli society and classical music.

The film illustrates how collaborative and generous Perlman is. While visiting a friend who tunes up his violin before a tour and teaching gifted students in one of his many workshops, he comes across less like a classical music Beatle than a peer.

He is not a fan of giving interviews, though, and when Toby voices her opinion, Perlman sees a way out. "You've asked enough questions," he says at one point, and asks Toby to pick up the phone.

Fortunately, she is an astute observer of the seasoned maestro. "He doesn't know a lot of things about himself because so much of it comes so naturally," she says. "It's like breathing. We don't think about breathing, and that's the way he plays."

There is one thing Perlman is acutely aware of: He has a gift that can't be taught. "You can teach almost everything with one exception: the magic that makes performances special. You can have two people - both great - play the same piece, and one will move you and one won't," he said.



Itzhak Perlman, right, having dinner with Alan Alda from a scene in "Itzhak." (Photo courtesy of Greenwich Entertainment)

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passions - for a meaningful life, for a connection to the Divine, for relationships that give us purpose and strength.

One of my teachers, Rabbi Shefa Gold, has written a chant/spiritual practice based on the last of these three verses. (You can listen to the chant and read about the practice here: <http://www.rabbishefagold.com/fire-on-altar-aish-tamid/>.) She writes: "Inside our hearts is a flame that must be kept burning. ... We keep that fire burning by engaging in spiritual practice, by surrounding ourselves with beauty, by giving and receiving love and support and by fully connecting with what (and whom) we love. It is crucial to bring attention to that flame on the altar of the heart - to feed that fire and to guard it with loving vigilance."

Through its six-fold repetition, the Torah reminds us to tend to that inner fire not just sometimes, but all the time, as a constant and central part of our awareness. So many things in modern life conspire against our fire-tending - getting caught up in social media, being addicted to our phones, focusing on division and anger rather than connection and love. But if we keep the fire going, it brings a warmth to our lives that Twitter and Facebook never can. Don't let it go out.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

Abbas calls U.S. Ambassador Friedman "son of a dog"

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas publicly railed against U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman in a furious ad hominem attack, calling him a "son of a dog" and a "settler." Addressing a Palestinian leadership meeting, Abbas mentioned U.S. President Donald Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and said Trump "views the settlements as legitimate," adding that "more than one official has said that. ... The ambassador, David Friedman, said they are building on their own land," Abbas said. "You son of a dog, building on your own land! You are a settler, and your family are settlers." Hours earlier, Friedman had taken to Twitter to criticize the Palestinian Authority for neglecting to condemn the recent attack by a terrorist who killed two Israeli soldiers with his car, and the fatal stabbing by a P.A. resident of a Jewish father of four in Jerusalem's Old City. "Tragedy in Israel," Friedman posted to his Twitter account. "2 young soldiers, Netanel Kahalani and Ziv Daos, murdered in the north, and father of 4, Adiel Kolman, murdered in Jerusalem, by Palestinian terrorists. Such brutality and no condemnation from the PA! I pray for the families and the wounded - so much sadness." Friedman responded to Abbas' remarks at a conference on antisemitism in Jerusalem, adding "antisemitism or political discourse? I leave this up to you." American envoy to Israel-P.A. negotiations Jason Greenblatt called Abbas' statements "highly inappropriate insults" and said that while the White House is "committed to the Palestinian people," Abbas must "choose between hateful rhetoric and

concrete and practical efforts to improve the quality of life of his people and lead them to peace and prosperity." Abbas's "verbal attack on U.S. Ambassador David Friedman says it all," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said. "For the first time in decades, the U.S. administration has stopped spoiling the Palestinian leaders and tells them 'enough is enough.' Apparently the shock of the truth has caused them to lose it." In January, Abbas railed against the White House, cursing Trump, saying, "May God demolish your house."

French consulate employees arrest for smuggling weapons from Gaza to Judea, Samaria

A driver and security guard employed by the French Consulate in eastern Jerusalem were arrested by Israeli police in February for allegedly smuggling weapons from Hamas in the Gaza Strip to Judea and Samaria, according to the Shin Bet on March 19. French national Romain Franck, the consulate's driver, is charged with using his diplomatic vehicle to smuggle 70 handguns and two assault rifles for the terror organization through the Erez Border crossing. A guard employed by the consulate, an Arab from eastern Jerusalem, was also arrested in the case, along with several Gaza Palestinians found illegally in Judea and Samaria. The arms were able to pass through the crossing on several occasions in the past few months because diplomatic vehicles are subject to less stringent security checks. Franck is believed to have received the weapons from a Palestinian employed by Gaza's "French culture center." He transported the arms to a Palestinian in Judea and Samaria, who then sold them to illegal arms dealers. The embassy is not being connected to the crime and French authorities have fully cooperated. French lawmaker Meyer Habib, who represents French residents overseas, noted that "this isn't the first problematic affair the French Consulate in Jerusalem has been involved in. And even if only junior staff were involved, there is a feeling, unfortunately, that the consulate has actually become the French Embassy to the Palestinian Authority."

Prenatal vitamins markedly lower autism risk, according to Israeli researchers

A four-year study of tens of thousands of Israeli children has concluded that mothers who take folic acid and multivitamins prior to and during pregnancy are at a significantly lower risk of giving birth to children with autism than women who do not. Professor Stephen Levine of the University of Haifa's community mental-health department led a study from 2003-07 investigating the prescription data for the mothers of 45,300 Israeli children. By 2015, 572 of these children were diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Mothers who took folic acid, multivitamins or both prior to pregnancy were 61 percent less likely to give birth to an autistic child, according to the study. When women took the supplements during pregnancy, that number jumped to 73 percent. The results were published in the Journal of the American Medical Association Psychiatry. Vitamin deficiencies in mothers have long been associated with neural defects, with pregnant women advised to take folic acid and multivitamins. But research has not been conclusive as to whether the supplements can affect autism risk. In an interview with Reuters Health, Levine emphasized that "factors before pregnancy may be a target for further scrutiny to reduce the likelihood of autism." Autism currently affects one out of every 160 children in the world, according to the World Health Organization.

Tel Aviv ranked ninth most expensive city in the world

Tel Aviv has been ranked the ninth most expensive city in the world in The Economist's Intelligence Unit annual report. The White City's cost of living skyrocketed from the 34th most expensive city on earth, a distinction it held just five years ago. Singapore was dubbed the world's priciest city, followed by Paris, Zurich, Hong Kong and Oslo. Tel Aviv is the most expensive city in the Middle East. Asia was home to four of the 10 most expensive cities in the ranking, with New York and Los Angeles falling to 13th and 14th, respectively, due in part to the weakening of the U.S. dollar. The Israeli shekel's appreciation has driven up consumer costs across the board, according to the 2018 Worldwide Cost of Living Survey published on March 15. Car ownership costs 79 percent more than New York prices, though the average Israeli income is less than half the American average. An average loaf of bread, which cost \$2.98 a decade years ago, cost \$4.44 five years ago and \$5.10 today.

Israel becomes first country to approve medical cannabis vaporizers

Israel has become the world's first country to approve cannabis vaporizers for medical use. The Israeli Ministry of Health has granted initial approval to the VapePod vaporizer developed by Kanabo Research, a Tel-Aviv-based medical cannabis research and development company, according to a report by Israel21c. Most medical marijuana patients receive the benefits of cannabis from smoking. The approved vaporizer will free users from the detriments of smoking and deliver consistent, accurate dosing in a more effective manner. "We expect that due to the transition of most of the cannabis consumers to the use of vaporizers, our company is projected to reach \$10 million in sales within three years in the Israeli market, while the Israeli cannabis market is expected to reach \$100 million in sales within three years, Avi Hu Tamir, cofounder and CEO of Kanabo Research said. "The Israeli market is a platform to deliver our technology to global markets in North America and Europe." The organization is currently performing preclinical trials to treat sleep disorders with VapePod.

Israeli researchers say smart home devices can be hacked

Researchers at Israel's Ben-Gurion University have revealed that off-the-shelf smart devices like baby monitors, air conditioners, robot floor cleaners, cameras and doorbells can be corrupted by malware and used to spy on users. In a paper appearing in Smart Card Research and Advanced Applications, Yossi Oren of Ben-Gurion University's software and information systems engineering department revealed that almost any nonstandard computing device that can connect to a wireless network can be used to transmit data. The senior lecturer noted that many web-connected devices "lack even basic security protections such as secure password authentication," and that thousands of "Internet of Things" devices are infected with malware, with many more left vulnerable. The researchers conducted a test and were able to reverse engineer several home devices using low-cost methods, uncovering serious security issues. "It is truly frightening how easily a criminal, voyeur or pedophile can take over these devices," said Oren. "Using these devices in our lab, we were able to play loud music through a baby monitor, turn off a thermostat and turn on a camera remotely, much to the concern of our researchers who themselves use these products." The BGU researchers discovered that the same default passwords are used for similar products sold under different brands, and that consumers and businesses rarely change them after purchase. The paper urged consumers not to buy used devices that could already have malware installed and to change passwords after purchase.

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The Executive Committee consists of doctors from institutions in the four cities. Offit said he is hoping to launch a larger study later this year.

For those who are not eligible to participate in the study, he recommends speaking to a doctor about risk factors. For those who do not have a family history of breast, ovarian or prostate cancer, insurance does not cover testing for BRCA mutations. In those cases, Offit recommends regular screenings for breast and prostate cancer.

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