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Federation to hold PJ Library Sunday Funday on April 22

By Reporter staff

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, with the help of Binghamton University students from the JFEW Binghamton Scholars Program, will hold a PJ Library Sunday Funday on Sunday, April 22, from 3-5 pm, at the Jewish Community Center, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal. The event will include the reading of PJ Library books, a crafts activity and a snack. "There will also be the chance to meet new friends and have lots of giggles," said organizers of

the event. RSVPs are requested so enough material will be available and may be made by calling 724-2332.

"Come join us for a fun afternoon," said Sima Auerbach, executive director of the Federation. "Our generous benefactor this year has enabled us to ensure that each child receives a free book monthly. The donation was made in memory of Buddy Koffman who loved poetry."

Auerbach added, "The PJ Library sends wonderful Jewish books to young children

and our Federation has been part of the program for years. I've wanted to do something to celebrate their work for a long time. It's wonderful to bring children and parents together to celebrate books and enjoy a craft program. I am so grateful to the JFEW scholars who are helping make this possible."

The PJ Library sends free Jewish children's books to children ages 6 months through 8 years. It offers books that teach Jewish values through literature. A program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, PJ Li-

brary is made possible through partnerships with philanthropists and local Jewish organizations. The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton is one of the communities that offers the program to its members.

The JFEW Binghamton Scholars Program is an educational learning program for Jewish female undergraduates at Binghamton University. The Sunday Funday is their service project for the semester and a way for them to engage with the local Jewish community.

Yom Hashoah commemorations

Hillel at Binghamton to hold ceremony on April 11

Hillel at Binghamton will hold a Yom Hashoah ceremony on Wednesday, April 11, at 7 pm, in the Mandela Room in the University Union building on the Binghamton University campus. The theme of this year's ceremony is "Our Legacy" and the speaker will be Emily Wanderer Cohen, a second generation survivor who wrote about transgenerational trauma in her book "From Generation to Generation: Healing Intergenerational Trauma Through Storytelling." The book, which has a five star rating on Goodreads, has been called part memoir/part self-discovery; it seeks to illustrate the Holocaust's impact on current and future generations.

In addition to the event, the group Binghamton 3G, Third Generation Descendants of Holocaust Survivors, has started an initiative called the Shoah Legacy Project. The project is collecting stories from second and third generation descendants of Holocaust survivors. The group is looking for stories from community members, as well as BU students. Those interested in participating can fill out the Google form at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfEPuy_HrutrWHdfpNobibu-CI0bNnNVE6Ff9NAOaFhmsvAkA/v or visit the Binghamton 3G Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bing3g/ for the link.

Talk by Holocaust survivor in Ithaca on April 12

On Thursday, April 12, at 7 pm, the Ithaca community will hear a first-hand account of the Holocaust from a woman who survived it. Lea Malek, of Rochester, NY, will be the featured speaker at the annual Holocaust Memorial Day lecture to be held at Temple Beth-El, 402 N. Tioga St., Ithaca.



Lea Malek

Malek was 5 years old when her family was taken from their home in Hungary to board a train to Auschwitz. Along the way, the train suddenly stopped and was split. A large land owner needed some slave laborers and the people in Malek's car were sent to work the farm instead of to Auschwitz. Malek would not have survived if that

hadn't happened. Her train was part of the failed "Blood for Goods" deal, where Adolf Eichmann put 20,000 Jews "on ice" for future trading by sending them to work camps in Austria instead of to Auschwitz. Only three Jewish children – Malek, her sister and one other girl – survived to return to their hometown in Hungary.

The event is free and open to the public. A reception will follow the presentation. In past years, people of all ages and backgrounds have attended. The presentation is appropriate for ages 10 and above. School and Scout groups are welcome.

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Federation seeks board members for 2018-19 term

By Reporter staff

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton is looking for volunteers to become board members for 2018-19 for three-year terms. The Federation board meets once a month September-June to discuss issues relating to the Jewish community.

"We've had wonderful board members over the years," said Sima Auerbach, executive director of the Federation, "but we are always looking to include new people and new ideas to help make this community even better."

The Federation strives to make the local community and the world a better place to live for Jews and non-Jews alike by:

- ◆ Enhancing the viability of Jewish life in Broome County by strengthening all local Jewish organizations and groups.
- ◆ Fostering the common good within the Jewish community.
- ◆ Running a unified annual fund-raising campaign and soliciting gifts.
- ◆ Representing the interests of local Jewry in Greater Binghamton.
- ◆ Reaching out to and supporting programs that target uninvolved Jews.
- ◆ Connecting the Jews of Greater Binghamton to Jewish life across the nation, in

Israel and beyond.

"We seek board members from all parts of the community," Auerbach added. "We want to hear all voices and give everyone a voice in communal life."

Nominating Committee Chairman Arieh Ullmann also spoke about community participation in the Federation. "I've been involved in the Federation for many years, first as a board member and later as a member of the Executive Committee and as president," he said. "What I find most satisfying is working with Jews across the spectrum for the benefit of the entire Jewish community."

Among those organizations that receive money from the Federation are the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service, Hillel at Binghamton, Hanukkah House Museum, Hillel Academy, the College of Jewish Studies, The Reporter Group and the *mikvah* at Beth David Synagogue. The Federation also offers grants for children attending Jewish summer camps or taking part in Jewish educational opportunities abroad.

Anyone interested in joining the board or looking for more information should contact Auerbach at 724-2332. "Let's talk or get together to discuss our community's future," she said.

Happy Passover



At right: Hillel Academy students participated in a model seder on March 23. See page 7 for more photos.

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Opinion

On Israel and the theory of everything

By Gary Gambill

(JNS) – U.S. President Donald Trump and Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif are as different as night and day, but they agree on two things: that Twitter is the best thing ever, and that the Middle East's tiny Jewish state is integrally tied to the lion's share of its problems.

In March, Zarif tweeted that Israel's "illegal occupation" of Palestinian land "lies at the heart of most of the calamities in our region," a common refrain among the region's autocratic governing elites. Former Jordanian ambassador to the United Nations Hasan Abu Nimah elaborated on this notion in a recent op-ed: "The Palestinian injustice is the root cause... and the very origin of instability, conflict, radicalisation, terror, extremist trends, cultural diseases, sectarianism, backwardness, economic problems, under-

development, poverty and much more."

Trump, like many others in the West, expresses the sentiment more obliquely, pointing to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as the cause of regional problems. The president has frequently boasted that the "peace between the Palestinians and Israel" he intends to forge will "lead to ultimate peace in the Middle East." Jason D. Greenblatt, the president's chief negotiator, maintains that a peace agreement between Israelis and Palestinians will "improve... security across the region."

Such statements do not explicitly point the finger at Israel, of course, but they beg the question of why the security of the Middle East hinges on the affairs of a tiny nation inhabiting a tiny sliver of its territory. How does that work, exactly?

Some say Israel's conflict with the Palestinians has fueled the rise of radical Islamist movements in the Arab world, which feed off of and exploit society's most deeply felt grievances. Others say it has fueled sectarianism or enabled Iranian meddling in the Arab world.

Some maintain that Israel has poisoned the political development of its Middle Eastern neighbors by providing regimes with "a ready and convenient means of diverting public frustration" away from the lack of democracy, freedom and government accountability. A slightly different variant holds that staunch American support for Israel "prevents the United States from gaining credibility as an advocate of democracy in the Middle East," leaving pro-democracy forces in the lurch.

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In My Own Words

Jews and the weather

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Satire Alert: Who let out the secret? Really, no one outside the Jewish community was supposed to know that we control the weather! If we say snow, then it snows. If we say rain, then it rains. It doesn't matter the season because we control that also. It's going to be problematic to use this power now because our secret has been revealed! – End Alert.

Let me explain the reason for these comments. For those who missed this important piece of news, a District of Columbia councilman claimed that the Rothschilds (meaning Jews) were the reason for a spring snowstorm in Washington, DC. The charge was so absurd it made me laugh. The councilman (no, I'm not going to share his name and give him any more publicity) at first defended his statement and then apologized. However, this is not the first time Jews have been accused of controlling the world – be it the economy or the weather. It's really time to lay these notions to rest, but, since this has been going on for centuries, I have little hope it will stop now.

However, my impulse toward satire rose again after reading an editorial written by a rabbi that said the councilman was correct: Jews do control the weather. Well, the writer then hedged a bit. He backtracked to explain Jews just have great input into what weather occurs. Our prayers and actions are the reason that God decides to give us good or bad weather.

The main problem I have with this idea is that many people – good, innocent people – suffer damage or death caused by hurricanes, floods, mudslides, snowstorms, etc. Does God only hear the prayers of the Jews? That was not the religious tradition in which I was raised. Judaism does not require that someone convert in order to be considered a righteous person. This also raises another question: When bad weather creates problems for Jews, does that mean we are to blame? Are the Jews who lived in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina at fault for not being better Jews? What does this say about the Orthodox synagogue in Houston

that has suffered through several floods? Are its members the reason for the flooding?

My answer to these questions is an emphatic, "Of course not." It's hubris to think that we can control God or Mother Nature or whatever force we believe determines the weather and the seasons. That would make our prayers more magic – words that force God to do something – rather than a request for the type of weather we'd like. And, as we all know, our prayers are not always answered.

It's also not helpful to make claims of great power that can actually harm the Jewish people. I know the rabbi who wrote that column didn't mean any harm, but his claim is not helpful. There is no point in giving those who believe in Jewish conspiracy theories any more ammunition. It's not good for us to pretend that we have more control over the world than we really do. As anyone who has studied Jewish history knows, our faith is no guarantee that floods, earthquakes, famines or war won't negatively affect us.

Letters

Passover provides a message of relevance for all of us

To the Editor:

In an increasingly polarized society where social acceptance and popularity continue to pressure our youth to conform to a certain "mold" and "acceptable behavior," a holiday commemorating an ancient miracle may have some solid wisdom and lessons for us.

Passover, the most observed Jewish holiday, and arguably the holiday with the greatest global name recognition, was observed Friday evening, March 30, and Saturday evening, March 31. It commemorates the Israelite redemption from Egyptian slavery over 3,330 years ago.

Retelling the story (the reading and discussing of the haggadah) is a central theme of the holiday's ceremonial celebration called the seder. The Bible speaks of four children – four archetypal children or students – and imparts instruction as to their education.

There is the scholarly child who asks probing and intellectually stimulating questions, the rebellious one who challenges the very premise of the holiday rituals and defies any sort of authority, the simple one who is satisfied with hearing the basics and is pleased with whatever they're given, and, finally, the child who could care less about the proceedings.

Passover provides a message of relevance to each of them, and in fact, to all of us today. The message inherent in the Jew's Exodus from Egypt speaks to the intrinsic human need to serve a purpose higher than ourselves. It empowers us with the knowledge that our behavior is important to God and that every thought, speech and action makes a profound impact on our universe.

Although we are blessed to live in an era of unprecedented educational success, many feel a lack of direction, purpose and meaning. Perhaps focusing on this theme – while appreciating the sensitivities of each child – is a way to bring more meaningfulness and fulfillment to everyone.

Even children who wish to buck societal norms or do everything they can to tune out the mentorship of their elders can be engaged in this essential conversation. Passover teaches us that it is possible and that it is our obligation to do so.

This is the essence of education.

In truth, everyone is an educator, as education is most effective through personal example. We don't often enough ponder how profoundly our actions and speech impact others.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, of righteous memory, taught that education, in general, should not be limited to the acquisition of knowledge and preparation for a career; rather, the educational system must pay more attention, indeed the main attention, to the building of character, with emphasis on moral and ethical values: to live life with the awareness that every positive action can have a profound impact on our universe. To be ever conscious of the fact that if the individual was created, that is God's way of telling him or her: "You matter and you have a purpose to achieve in this world."

Over the past four decades, the U.S. Congress set aside "Education and Sharing Day," proclaimed annually by presiding U.S. presidents, on the anniversary of the Rebbe's birth, four days before Passover, in tribute to his commitment to teaching the next generation of Americans the values that make our country strong – a call to all Amer-

icans to pause and recognize our responsibility in ensuring that our young people have the foundation necessary to lead lives rich in purpose and fulfillment.

On Monday, March 26, Mayor Richard David issued a proclamation declaring Tuesday, March 27, as Education and Sharing Day – Binghamton. He joins hundreds of mayors, county executives and governors of nearly all 50 states and beyond in signing similar proclamations in their respective states, counties and cities. (See photo on page 5.)

By recognizing this day as Education and Sharing Day by our local government, it is a call to all citizens of the Greater Binghamton area to reflect on the vital role of education in preparing our youth to be the leaders of tomorrow, with an emphasis on inspiring a moral and ethical obligation. The emphasis of this day of education and sharing is on serving a cause greater than self and anchoring one's life in virtues such as courage and compassion.

I am very proud of the resolve of our community leaders to instill in the young minds and hearts of our children the empowering message that one act of goodness and kindness can tip the scales to usher in an era of world peace.

May our Binghamton community serve as a beacon of light for all people of all walks of life.

Best wishes for a kosher and happy Passover.

To learn more about Passover, please visit JewishBU.com/Passover.

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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.

New JLI course: "What Is? Rethinking Everything We Know about Our Universe"

Everything that we experience, we experience inside our heads, leading to the question: Maybe there is no existence outside of our minds? But perhaps a more fundamental question would be: What practical difference does it make whether or not the world is real?

When we think about our relationship with time, it usually evokes feelings of helplessness, even despair. The future is impenetrable, the past is irretrievable and the present moment seems too fleeting to meaningfully inhabit. What is time, anyway? Is it the engine that drives the whole of existence, or is it just a product of our subjective experience?

Why do bad things happen to good people? The question has been asked – and answered – for thousands of years. But even if we understood the purpose of evil, would this make it more palatable and acceptable? Would it aid us in our efforts to fight evil?

All injustice and strife, all spiritual obtuseness and personal unhappiness, can be traced to selfishness. Yet self-esteem is considered essential for a healthy psyche and a productive life. To navigate this paradox, we first need to unravel the mystery.

If God already knows what we will do tomorrow, is our "free choice" nothing more than an illusion? And with so

many powerful forces outside of our control – or even our awareness – influencing our choices, how "free" could our choices possibly be?

These and other questions and theological conundrums will be addressed in a "comprehensive manner" in the new spring JLI course titled "What Is? Rethinking Everything We Know about Our Universe."

"I am very excited about this course. The material is mind expanding, yet eminently relevant. The questions are old, but the answers set forth for consideration are novel. This is going to make our brains jump for joy and our souls tingle," said Rivkah Slonim, course instructor.

The course will be offered at two times each week, Mondays at 7 pm beginning on April 23 and Wednesdays at 9:30 am beginning on April 25.

The cost for the course, which will be taught at the Chabad Center, is \$79 for individuals or \$120 for couples (this includes the text book). Interested participants can register by calling Chabad at 797-0015, e-mailing rslonim@Jewishbu.com, or visiting www.myJLI.com.

Dr. Diane Butler to speak at April 10 BD luncheon

Dr. Diane Butler, director of Binghamton University's Art Museum, will be Beth David's Luncheon Speaker Series presenter on Saturday, April 14. In her talk, she will share the latest findings of a two-year study of an Italian baroque painting that had been in the possession of Binghamton businessman Max Eisenstein, who died in 1980. The large Italian Baroque painting by the Milanese painter Nuvolone, titled "The Vision of Saint Benedict," depicts the saint flanked by two cherubs. It was given to Binghamton University's Art Museum in 1982 by Eisenstein's son Norbert, also a Binghamton resident, and is part of the museum's permanent collection. The painting is the focus of an exhibition that began on March 15. On the afternoon of Thursday, May 3, there will be a symposium on the painting, to which the community is invited. To be held at the Art Museum, it will focus on the painting, the effect of World War II on the Eisenstein family, and Max Eisenstein's connection to the painting and others in his collection.



Dr. Diane Butler

"The exhibition," says Butler, "is presented as one stage in a research project that has taken team members as far away as Vienna to undertake archival research, as well as to Arizona to interview surviving family members of Max Eisenstein. Many of the findings are presented on labels in the exhibition, but much more will be given by team members and invited guests at the May 3 public symposium at the museum, near the closing of the exhibition. I hope that my talk at Beth David will inspire many not only to come see the painting in our museum, but to attend the symposium as well!"

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There are a number of Holocaust survivors and their descendants living in the Ithaca area. At the commemoration, several of them will be honored in a candle-lighting ceremony. The Ithaca Children's and Youth Choir will also perform.

The event is sponsored by the Ithaca Area United Jewish Community, a non-profit organization that supports Jewish communities locally and around the world. The IAUCJ website can be found at www.iaucj.org.

Funding has been provided by the Jacob and Jeannette Geldwert Holocaust Memorial Lecture Fund of IAUCJ, Tompkins Trust Company, Wegmans, Area Congregations Together, Temple Beth-El and Congregation Tikken v'Or.

For further information, contact Marjorie Hoffman at 257-9924 or Marjorie@twcny.rr.com.

The painting, which lay in storage for more than 30 years because of its compromised condition, intrigued Karen-edis Barzman, BU professor of art history, who initiated the research on the painting and its owner. She presented her initial findings two years ago when she was the speaker at Beth David's luncheon series. "I wanted to know much more about what had caused this exceptionally high quality oil painting to be cut into six pieces, and then reassembled," said Barzman, "and what relation its condition may have had with the Holocaust period and Max Eisenstein and his family's fleeing from Austria in November 1938."

In the last two years, under the auspices of Binghamton University's Art Museum, an interdisciplinary team of professors and consultants has engaged in different aspects of research and restoration. In addition to Barzman, they include Binghamton University's Neil Christian Pages, associate professor of German and comparative literature, and Jonathan Karp, associate professor of history and Judaic studies. The team also includes Joseph Tanski, professor of chemistry from Vassar College, and Susan Blakney, conservator from West Lake Conservators.

"We have sought to understand this painting as an object that generates multiple narratives," says Butler. "These include information about the artist, the creation of the painting, and its iconography; the state of the painting at the moment BU received it; the donor's family story and their migration from Vienna to the United States in 1938, the possible significance of Italian Baroque painting for Eisenstein; Max's restitution claims after the end of World War II; and the painting's restoration which was undertaken by the museum. Of course, question marks still remain, but in the past two years, our team's research has uncovered See "BD" on page 6

OF NOTE

Esserman

Rabbi Rachel Esserman will be one of the speakers at the interfaith program "A Bridge to Interfaith," which will be held on Sunday, April 15, at 2 pm, at All Saint's Episcopal Church, 475 Main St., Johnson City. She will be speaking on the Jewish faith tradition. Also speaking will be Episcopal Deacon Dorothy Pierce and Khaula Rehman, local president of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community. The entire community is invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served after the program.




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Off the Shelf

Nazi spies in Hollywood

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

It sounds like the plot of a spy novel: one man creates a spy ring to monitor Nazi infiltration of American manufacturing, prevent assassination attempts against prominent media figures and stop the overthrow of the American government. If you think this sounds too farfetched to be true, then you should read two recent works of history: "Hollywood Spies: The Undercover Surveillance of Nazis in Los Angeles" by Laura B. Rosenzweig (New York University Press) and "Hitler in Los Angeles: How Jews Foiled Nazi Plots Against Hollywood and America" by Steven J. Ross (Bloomsbury). The fascinating story of Jewish lawyer Leon Lewis and the remarkable way his small group of undercover agents managed to thwart Nazis in the United States is not well known, mostly because Lewis let other groups – for example, the Justice Department and the FBI – take credit for his hard work.

Both books tell similar tales. During the 1930s, United States law enforcement departments were obsessed with stopping the communist menace, which they saw as threatening the American way of life. Members of the Los Angeles Police Department not only hated communists, but supported any group that opposed communism. These groups included fascist ones that were connected to the growing Nazi movement in Germany. Some members of the police department didn't view fascism as a problem because they were antisemitic and/or equated Jews with communists. The American Jewish community, however, was concerned with the growth of Nazism not only in Germany, but in the U.S. Although disagreements within the Jewish community prevented action on many fronts, Lewis began a small spy operation in Los Angeles – one supported by motion picture executives whose identities were kept quiet.

The overwhelming majority of undercover agents Lewis

used were not Jews, but Christians – some of German heritage – who disliked the Nazi German government and felt its supporters were a danger to the American democracy. Many of the spies were recruited through such organizations as the American Legion, and several husband and wife teams worked to infiltrate fascist groups, including the German American Bund. The Nazi groups portrayed themselves as patriotic Americans, but were more open about their fascist connections in private meetings – and some of their members worked directly with the German government. Both authors list a variety of Nazi plots against America – some more serious than others. These include gathering information about American defense industries in California; planning to overthrow President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's presidency; assassinating Lewis, the heads of the movie studios and several actors; and placing workers in a variety of industries who were expected to sabotage production of military weapons. These threats were taken more seriously once the U.S. entered the war and Lewis was able to supply information to a variety of governmental groups that had done little to no surveillance of these fascist organizations during the 1930s.

While both works cover much of the same material, there are differences between the two, particularly in style. Rosenzweig, an independent scholar who has taught American Jewish history at several universities, is interested in dates and facts, and spends less time analyzing the life histories of the people involved. For example, while she discusses Georg Gyssling, the German vice counsel in Hollywood, only when his path directly crossed with Lewis' agents, Ross dedicates a chapter to the person he calls "the most charming Nazi in Los Angeles." Ross, a professor of history at the University of Southern California

and the director of the Casden Institute of the Jewish Role in American Life, gives details not only of Gyssling's diplomatic life, but his personal one, including his relationship to his wife, daughter and mistress, and his life after the war. Ross also includes more information about the German attempts to control the movie industry and prevent the studios from producing films that reflected badly in the German Nazi government.

There are also some minor disagreements about facts and interpretation between the two works. One example deals with articles about the Nazi threat written by John Spivack in 1937. According to Rosenzweig, Lewis was upset that Jewish organizations gave Spivack information because his work was being published in a left-wing magazine, rather than a mainstream one. Lewis felt this diluted their impact since those in power still saw socialists and communists as a threat. When Ross discusses these articles, the sense is that Lewis approved of them being published in a left-wing paper, even though they would be less effective there.

Some of the differences in the authors' approach may be due to the fact that the Nazi threat still feels personal to Ross. In his prologue, he notes that his parents were survivors and the terror his mother felt affected him greatly during his childhood. Whether or not Rosenzweig has a personal connection to the material is not mentioned. However, both authors recognize the importance of making public the way Jews in the U.S. fought the Nazi threat within America's borders. "Hollywood Spies" and "Hitler in Los Angeles" are both extremely well done, and reading them together gives a wider view of the U.S. reaction to Nazi Germany before World War II. The work done by Lewis and his spies should be celebrated, and knowledge of their accomplishments deserves a wider audience.

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

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

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Education and Sharing Day – Binghamton declared



On March 26, Binghamton Mayor Richard David issued a proclamation declaring March 27 as Education and Sharing Day–Binghamton. Above: David presented the proclamation to local students and representatives of the Rohr Chabad Center for Jewish Student Life at Binghamton University. (For more information, see the letter to the editor on page 2.)

TC Sisterhood Donor brunch on April 29

By Babs Putzel

Gerald Smith, Broome County historian, will be the guest speaker at the Temple Concord Sisterhood Donor brunch on Sunday, April 29, at 11 am, at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton.

He will discuss several stories about local residents who made an impact on important moments in American history. They will range from helping George Washington to the Civil War to a controversial presidential election. Smith said, “They stepped into history without knowing how their roles could forever change our country.” His presentation, “Sweeping Across America: Stories of Broome County Citizens in American History,” comes from his latest book of the same title.

To attend, one must be a Sisterhood member and a donor. It’s never too late to do this. Send a check for \$30 dues to Temple Concord Sisterhood, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905. Also send a donor check for \$25 to Sisterhood at the same address. For those who want to bring a guest, donor will be \$36. The money may be brought to the event. Brunch will be \$5 per person.

Reservations are required by Thursday, April 26, by calling the temple office at 723-7355. Deb Daniels is donor chairwoman, assisted by Sue High.

Smith, a native of Broome County, has his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in history

from Binghamton University. He has served as Binghamton historian since 1984 and Broome County historian since 1988. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Broome County Historical Society, the New York State Historians Advisory Committee and other boards. He is past president of the Association of Public Historians of New York State and past chairman of WSKG.

Smith has written “Partners All: A History of Broome County, New York” and “The Valley of Opportunity: A Pictorial History of the Greater Binghamton Area.” Smith and George Basler co-authored “On the Seamy Side of the Street: Colorful Characters from Broome County’s History” and “That Happened Here: More Saints and Sinners from Broome County’s History.”

Smith writes the “Spanning Time” and “Southern Tier Throwback” columns for the *Press & Sun-Bulletin* newspaper. He has a monthly radio segment called “Binghamton Then” on the Bob Joseph radio show on WNBF.

Smith is head of the Broome County Local History and Genealogy Center in the Broome County Public Library, where he has been an employee since 1978. He retired from the full-time library position in 2009. Earlier this year, Smith (who likes to be called “Gerry”) received the Herbert H. Lehman Prize for Distinguished Service in New York History from the New York Academy of History.

Planting seeds for the community garden

The Temple Israel-Temple Concord Adult Education Committee will hold a breakfast program on Sunday, April 15, at 10 am, at Temple Israel.

The program is an introduction to the Deerfield Place Community Garden. The garden will be a Volunteers Improving Neighborhood Environments (or VINES) community garden located on Temple Israel property. “Temple Israel and our community partners are committed to making the garden a success,” said an organizer. Some funding has already been received through VINES and the ground breaking for the garden is expected to take place on or around April 15.

The Deerfield Place Community Garden will be VINES’ first community garden in Vestal. VINES is experienced with community gardens, having 12 in the Greater Binghamton area. According to an organizer, “With their support and funding, we can bring produce to our community and ensure everyone has access to ‘growing food and growing community,’ the VINES motto.”

The program, “The Corners of Our



Kaitlyn Sirna

Fields,” will be presented by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown, Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell and Kaitlyn Sirna, community garden and youth program manager of VINES. Sirna will present an overview and plan for the Deerfield Place Community Garden. She has a B.A. in English and is pursuing a master’s degree in sustainable communities at Binghamton University.

In a recent issue of Hadassah Magazine, Paula Maccabee wrote about celebrating Tu B’Shevat, the tree planting holiday. Genesis 1:11 relates that “God said, ‘Let the earth sprout vegetation: seed bearing plants, fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.’” Maccabee writes, “On this day, let us eat fruit, drink wine, say blessings, commit to caring for creation and sustaining life for generations to come.”

The cost for the breakfast is \$5. Call or e-mail Tammy at Temple Israel at 723-7461 or titammy@stny.twcbc.com by Tuesday, April 10, to make a reservation to ensure there is sufficient food and drink.

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U.S. broadcast premiere of “GI Jews: Jewish Americans in World War II” on April 11 on PBS

“GI Jews: Jewish Americans in World War II” is a feature-length documentary spotlighting the little-known story of the more than 550,000 Jewish Americans who served their country in all branches of the military during World War II. Filmmaker Lisa Ades (“American Experience: Miss America”) brings the struggles of these brave men and women to life through first-hand experiences “that reveal their fight against fascism, as well as their more personal war to liberate loved ones in Europe. After years of battle, these pioneering servicemen and women emerged transformed: more profoundly American, more deeply Jewish, and determined to continue the fight for equality and tolerance at home,” according to PBS. “GI Jews: Jewish Americans in World War II” will premiere nationwide on Wednesday, April 11, at 10 pm, on PBS (check local listings) in honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day (April 12). The film will be available to stream the following day on pbs.org and PBS apps.

“GI Jews” features more than 25 original interviews with veterans who speak about the impact of their wartime experiences: Mel Brooks, who served in the Army; Henry Kissinger, a refugee from Nazi Germany who was drafted into the Army; Carl Reiner, the son of Jewish immigrants, who traveled throughout the Pacific theater with the Special Services Entertainment Unit; the late Bea Cohen, who was a member of the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps in England; and Max Fuchs, who served in the 1st Infantry Division and was the cantor at a Jewish service in Aachen, Germany, broadcast by NBC in 1944.

“While Jewish Americans’ relationship to the Holocaust has been covered extensively, the extraordinary experiences of these servicemen and women bring the well-known saga of World War II to life in a new way and with a uniquely Jewish perspective,” said Ades.

In addition to battling the enemy, Jewish Americans often fought a second, more private battle against antisemitism

within the ranks. “They sought to observe their religion far from home while enduring slurs and even violence from their fellow servicemen, and often felt forced to prove their courage and patriotism,” a PBS statement noted. “Fighting together in the trenches, at sea, in the air and in war offices, American servicemen and women forged deep friendships across religious lines, and learned to set aside their differences for the greater good. In the aftermath of the Holocaust, America’s Jewish community was now the largest in the world, and by the end of World War II, the United States had begun to embrace its Jewish citizens as true Americans. With their new responsibility as international leaders, many Jews became passionate about postwar culture and politics, fighting for justice and social change.”

“We’re honored to bring these incredible tales of bravery and perseverance to a national audience as part of WNET’s longstanding commitment to spotlighting veterans’ stories of service,” said Lesley Norman, WNET executive producer.

Author Tova Mirvis to read at BU on April 16

Tova Mirvis will read from her memoir “The Book of Separation” and talk about the process of writing it on Monday, April 16, at 7 pm, on the Binghamton University campus (room to be announced). She will also discuss her novels. The reading and lecture is open to the public and made possible by the generosity of the Judaic Studies Department and the Charles and Rae Grabel Memorial Fund for Judaic Studies.



Tova Mirvis (Photo by Nina Subin)

Mirvis has written three novels – “Visible City,” “The Outside World” and “The Ladies Auxiliary” – and many essays. Her most recent

book is the memoir “The Book of Separation.” (For *The Reporter* review of the book, visit www.thereporter.org/Article.aspx?alD=4838.)

Organizers called “The Book of Separation” a “marvelous, brave book that is not your everyday, garden-variety account of a life. This is Mirvis’ story of separating herself from the only world she had ever known – her story of leaving not only the Orthodox Jewish world in which she had been brought up, but also her marriage. In an essay on the website Literary Hub, Mirvis wrote that she found the challenge of writing

the memoir terrifying. She noted that every time she sat to write, she felt ‘vulnerable at every turn’ and was fearful of being exposed. She also fought an internal battle between allowed and forbidden, appropriate and inappropriate, and nice and not nice.”

Organizers said, “Mirvis noted that with the novels she wrote, she could create worlds and hide her thoughts and feelings in the lives and voices of invented characters, sneak in her truths. But the memoir demanded freedom, fluidity, the honesty to name what she was scared to face and afraid to voice.”

For more information, contact the Judaic Studies Department at 777-3070 or mrago1@binghamton.edu.

“Faces: Holocaust” exhibit on display at the Gallery at 5 Riverside Drive

The Gallery at Five Riverside Drive, Binghamton, is holding the exhibit “Faces: Holocaust” through the end of April. The artists are from SUNY Broome, who are drawing faces of marginalized and overlooked people for the exhibition series “Faces.” The exhibit at the gallery is the second in the series. The exhibit is open daily from 10 am-7 pm.

The classical realist life-size portrait drawings were created by Associate Professor Patricia Evans’ beginning drawing students. The portraits represent survivors and non-survivors of the Holocaust rendered in charcoal, pencil and mixed media. The original photos and personal stories of each person shown have been researched and are on display.

Mary Louise Perot, curator of the gallery, said, “I want to thank Professor Evans for suggesting this exhibit when I contacted her to have SUNY Broome students’ work on display at the Gallery. The purpose of her suggesting this exhibit to her students was to teach them not only drawing, but to study and to care about persons in history who suffered through terrible times and to remember them and honor them and their courage. When you see the portraits, I think that you will agree Professor Evans and her students achieved their goals in this regard.”



At left and above right: The exhibit “Faces: Holocaust” is now on display at The Gallery at 5 Riverside Drive, Binghamton. The artists are SUNY Broome students and the portraits represent survivors and non-survivors of the Holocaust rendered in charcoal, pencil and mixed media.



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some remarkable discoveries that I look forward to sharing with everyone,” says Butler.

Butler is in her sixth year as director of the Binghamton University Art Museum. She earned her Ph.D. in art history from Cornell University. Before coming to Binghamton, she worked at three other academic museums – at Cornell University, Colgate University and Vassar College.

“Diane has done a remarkable job coordinating a complex project that is connected to an important member of our community,” organizers say. “We are absolutely delighted to have her bring us up to date on Max Eisenstein and this mysterious painting that was in his possession. She has done an amazing job in initiating and fostering multidisciplinary collaborations (such as this one) with faculty and students, as well as in helping people with different interests and backgrounds connect with art. She is a gifted speaker who has spearheaded exciting exhibits such as this one, and is making the Binghamton University Art Museum an invaluable asset in our region and beyond.”

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, since its continuation depends on the generosity of contributors. Donations can be made in honor of or in memory of someone, or to mark a special occasion. Those wishing an acknowledgment to be sent to the person being honored or to the family of someone being remembered can indicate that, along with the necessary information. Donations can be sent to Beth David Synagogue, 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905 Attention: Luncheon Fund.

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TC students prepared Passover skits



Above, left and right: Temple Concord students learned about Passover and prepared Passover skits.

Hillel Academy held model seder on March 23



At left, l-r: Sheryl Grafton, public affairs coordinator; Senator Fred Akshar; Dr. Daniel Sambursky, president of the Hillel Academy Board of Directors; and Malvina Sambursky attended the Hillel Academy model seder on March 23.



At right, l-r: Mendel Chen, Sarah Golding, Max Titus and Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu.



Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu read from the haggadah. In back (l-r): Sheryl Grafton, public affairs coordinator; Senator Fred Akshar and Malvina Sambursky.



At left: Sheryl Grafton (seated), public affairs coordinator, listened as Senator Fred Akshar addressed the Hillel Academy students.



At right: Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu watched Sarah Golding light the candles.



L-r: Rabbi Gershon Weiss, Aaron Sambursky, Shmulik Slonim, Anabel Studley and Stella Titus.

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Ronald Sacks & Ilene Pinsker

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Princeton professor to explore intersection between Jewish, American ghettos on April 11

By Yvette Lisa Ndlovu

Mitchell Duneier from Princeton University will speak about his book "Ghetto: The Invention of a Place, The History of an Idea" at Cornell University on Wednesday, April 11, at 4:30 pm. The talk will take place in Rhodes-Rawlings Auditorium in Klarman Hall. The event is free and open to the public. A reception will follow the lecture.

"Mitch's visit and the topic of his talk are vital to the kind of work Cornell's Jewish Studies Program is doing," said Jonathan Boyarin, the Diann G. and Thomas A. Mann Professor of Modern Jewish Studies. "His book demonstrates the links between an older history of Jewish life in Europe, the experience of early 20th-cen-

tury immigrants and African-American life in the 20th century and beyond."

Boyarin added that he and colleague Elissa Sampson, a visiting scholar in the Jewish Studies Program, learned about Duneier's new book just as they were publishing an article about the ghetto in Frankfurt "that served as a touchstone for sociologist Louis Wirth's analysis of what he called the Jewish 'ghetto' on Chicago's South Side."

Duneier is the Maurice P. Doring Professor of Sociology and chairman of the Sociology Department at Princeton. "Ghetto," his most recent book, was a *New York Times* Notable Book of 2016. The book traces the idea of the ghetto from its beginnings in the 16th century and its revival by

the Nazis to the present. It looks at the ghettos of Europe to understand race, poverty and the problems of the American city. Duneier is also the author of the award-winning urban ethnographies "Slim's Table" and "Sidewalk."

The event is sponsored by the Cornell Jewish Studies Program; Department of Sociology; Africana Studies; American Studies Program; Center for Population Studies; City and Regional Planning; and Center for the Study of Inequality.

"The range of units co-sponsoring this event similarly points to the wide importance of his topic, which concerns all who are interested in questions of community and difference," Boyarin said.

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 Guttman, 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 Lismann, 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.

Two favorite Jewish foods, updated for Passover

By Shannon Sarna

(JTA)—Two of my family's favorite dishes are schnitzel and rainbow cookies, and I have a feeling your family may feel the same. Here's some great news about both: They very easily translate into Passover-friendly versions with minor adjustments.

While you could serve them for your seder meals, both are great to enjoy during *Chol Hamoed*, the intermediate days of the holiday, when you're sick of eating leftover brisket and coconut macaroons.

Passover-Friendly Chicken Schnitzel

Schnitzel is satisfying and easy to make, and will be the perfect dinner served with some roasted potatoes and a simple green salad.

2 pounds chicken cutlets
Salt and pepper
2 eggs, beaten
2 tsp. kosher-for-Passover mustard or hot sauce
1 tsp. water



Passover-Friendly Chicken Schnitzel (Photo by Shannon Sarna)

1½ cups matzah meal
½ cup almond meal
2 Tbsp. sesame seeds (optional)
2 Tbsp. dried parsley
½ Tbsp. smoked paprika
1 tsp. sea salt
½ tsp. black pepper
Vegetable or canola oil for frying

1. Combine eggs, mustard or hot sauce and water in a large bowl. Combine matzah meal, almond meal, sesame seeds (if using), parsley, paprika, salt and pepper in another large bowl.

2. Dredge each chicken cutlet into egg mixture, then into matzah meal mixture, pressing down to ensure the entire piece is covered. Lay flat on a plate or baking sheet.

3. Pour oil into large sauté pan to about 1½ inches high over medium-high heat.

4. Fry chicken cutlets in batches, 2-3 at a time, until golden on each side

— depending on thickness of chicken, around 3 minutes

each side. Take care not to overcrowd the pan or chicken will not cook properly.

5. Remove from pan and allow to cool on a wire rack.

6. While chicken is still hot from pan, sprinkle each cutlet with additional pinch of salt.

Passover-Friendly Rainbow Cookies

Rainbow cookies are such a beloved American staple. The task may seem intimidating, but once you make your own — especially this Passover-friendly version — you will never go back to the store-bought version.

For the cake:

4 eggs
1 cup white sugar
4 ounces almond paste, broken into little pieces or processed in food processor for 30 seconds
2 sticks (1 cup) unsalted butter or margarine
½ cup matzah cake meal
½ cup blanched almond flour (not almond meal)
½ tsp' salt
½ tsp' kosher-for-Pass-



Passover-Friendly Rainbow Cookies (Photo by Shannon Sarna)

over vanilla extract

Red and green food coloring (about 8 drops each)

For the chocolate glaze:

1 cup dark or semisweet chocolate chips
1 tablespoon vegetable shortening or vegetable oil
Pinch salt

Special equipment: 3 square baking pans, offset spatula, food scale

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease your pans. Add parchment paper to bottom of each pan. Grease again and add light dusting of matzah cake meal. Tap pan to remove any excess flour.

2. Using a hand mixer (or whisk attachment to stand mixer), mix eggs and sugar until thick and yellow. Add crumbled almond paste and combine.

3. Add melted butter (or margarine), matzah cake meal, almond flour, salt and vanilla.

4. Divide batter into three even amounts. (Try using a food scale if eyeballing is too difficult). Leave one plain. Add green food coloring to one batch of batter. Add red food coloring to the other batch of batter.

5. Pour batter into prepared pans. Bake for 8-9 minutes, or until just set and no longer wet in the middle.

6. Allow to cool completely.

7. Place chocolate, shortening and pinch of salt in a glass bowl. Microwave for 30-second intervals until melted. Stir vigorously to ensure there are no clumps.

8. Place a piece of parchment paper on top of a platter or baking sheet. Add red cake layer to parchment paper. Spread thin layer of raspberry jam. Top with white cake layer. Add another thin layer of raspberry jam. Top with green cake.

9. Carefully spread half the melted chocolate on top. Place in refrigerator for 15-20 minutes or until completely hard.

10. Turn over and spread remaining chocolate on other side. Place back in refrigerator for 30 minutes or overnight.

11. Trim edges and slice into cookies.

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Alex Bregman is baseball's next Jewish star

By Hillel Kuttler

WEST PALM BEACH, FL (JTA) – Sitting on a couch near his locker at the Houston Astros' spring training facility here in mid-March, Alex Bregman is reflecting about an encounter his father had at the World Series last fall. It was in Los Angeles, between innings of the opening game. Sam Bregman was headed for a Dodger Stadium concession stand to grab a nosh wearing his Astros jersey with the No. 2 and his surname stitched on the back – a facsimile of his son's uniform. The young Bregman, a third baseman, had just slugged a home run off Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw.

A fan grabbed Sam's arm. "Are you Alex's dad?" "I am," the elder Bregman replied. "Is he Jewish?" "Yeah."

The man was a Dodger fan, but still he flashed what Sam described as "a look of great contentment" at the ballplayer's heritage.

"I got such a kick out of it," Sam said in a phone interview near his home in Albuquerque, NM. "It made me feel so proud."



Alex Bregman swung against the Los Angeles Dodgers in Game 2 of the World Series at Dodger Stadium on October 25. (Photo by Kevork Djansezian/Getty Images)

Alex's take on the encounter: "It's definitely cool to have fans around the world give their support. It keeps you motivated to know that everyone has your back."

Alex can expect to have more fans on his bandwagon, Jewish and otherwise, following a strong 2017 season and the first World Series title for the Astros – to which he contributed mightily. He knocked in a run in each of the first five games, added a second home run, threw out a runner at home plate to preserve a scoreless tie in Game 4 and had the run-scoring single that ended an epic Game 5 in the 10th inning, 13-12.

During the 2017 season, the former No. 2 overall draft pick out of Louisiana State averaged .284, pounded 39 doubles and 19 home runs, and stole 17 bases. Two days after the Game 7 road victory, Alex celebrated at the championship parade in Houston. Thousands of fans lined streets in a city still recovering from Hurricane Harvey flooding a couple of months earlier.

"To see their pure joy," Alex said, "gave me the chills."

The experience capped a memorable year for Alex that began with his playing for the U.S. team that won the World Baseball Classic title in March. Israel's squad, which finished sixth overall in the WBC, had sought his services.

In retrospect, he said, "I probably should've played for Israel because I got [just] four at-bats" playing as a backup for the American team. Regardless of who comes calling in 2021, Bregman said, he's unlikely to participate.

"There are a lot of things I want to accomplish in this game. Winning is right there at the top," Alex said. "We have a great team to repeat as champs."

Astros manager A.J. Hinch said he expects Alex to "build off the momentum he generated in the postseason and throughout the whole season last year."

"While he's established himself as a major league player – he's not even close to what he's going to be," Hinch said.



Alex Bregman's manager expects the young slugger to get even better. (Photo by Streeter Lecka/Getty Images)

He called Alex "a true baseball rat," someone who "loves the game, loves practice, loves being around his teammates."

But his mother, Jackie, will tell you that her son is more than about baseball. His foundation, AB for AUDS, provides computer tablets to children with autism and Down syndrome. Brady Columbus, a son of Alex's former hitting coach and Alex's godson, is autistic.

Jackie spoke of her son's kindness. "Alex is so patient with people, and I'm really, really proud of him for that," she said in a phone interview.

She recalled her son defending elementary school classmates being bullied. And he was also on the other end: A boy made fun of Alex's pending bar mitzvah as he was leaving school to meet with the cantor, and a Chinese-American teammate on Alex's basketball squad stood up for him.

The experiences, she said, "taught him what it was like to be marginalized."








Years ago, the family attended an appearance by several players of the minor league Albuquerque Isotopes. One player was aloof. "Sam and I said to Alex, 'Don't ever be like that,'" she recalled.

But Jackie also knows her son is driven to excel on the field. "He would not mince words. 'I don't just want to play baseball; I want to be the best,'" Jackie remembered her son saying. "He was determined."

In junior high in Albuquerque, Alex attended a University of New Mexico baseball camp. The Lobos' baseball coach, Ray Birmingham, preached dedication to greatness. "Alex took that so literally that he'd hit in the batting cages until he got calluses," recalled Sam, who had grown up on the field at Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, where his late father, Stan, worked as a lawyer for the Washington Senators. It See "Star" on page 12

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A romantic comedy about an autistic couple who meet at a Jewish Community Center

By Curt Schleier

(JTA) – On the surface, the indie comedy “Keep the Change” tells a conventional love story: A snooty rich boy meets a poor girl. They start dating, despite the objections of his parents, who assume that she’s a gold digger. The two argue. They part. Ultimately, the snooty rich kid finds his better self.

But the film, directed by Rachel Israel, is far from your typical rom-com: The main characters and their friends are all on the autism spectrum, and they are played by amateur actors who are on the spectrum themselves and give professional-quality performances.

The film is also set at a real New York City Jewish Community Center and involves a successful program for people with autism and learning disabilities called Adaptations. Much of what is shown of it in the film mirrors the Adaptations reality: a positive community that offers social and creative opportunities for people often misunderstood by society.

In the film, Brandon Polansky plays a man ordered by a court to attend a summer program designed for people on the spectrum. He’s paired on an assignment with Sarah Silverstein (played by Samantha Elisofon), who says she finds him sexy.

The two begin to date, but there are numerous obstacles to their relationship. David is not quite as worldly as he believes, and Sarah is far more experienced. Sarah is also likely to blurt out whatever is on her mind, which publicly embarrasses David.

“Keep the Change” is often funny and the film has been called a heartwarming journey of self-discovery. It is Rachel Israel’s first feature, and her 16-year odyssey to its release is as fascinating as the film itself.



Samantha Elisofon and Brandon Polansky in a scene from “Keep the Change.” (Photo by Kino Lorber Films)

In 2002, the summer before she entered The Rhode Island School of Design, she took a course in nude drawing at a Florida college. Polansky was a student in the class, and as Israel recalls, he spent breaks “walking around the room hitting on every female” in the room.

At the time, Israel recognized he was different, but not that he was on the spectrum. “I wouldn’t have guessed autism,” the filmmaker said in a recent telephone interview from her home on Manhattan’s Upper West Side, just three days after giving birth to her second child. “My view from Hollywood was that autistic people are introverted. They don’t seek social connections. They definitely don’t like crowds.”

Even though she turned down a date, Israel gave Polansky her phone number when he asked, and the two stayed in touch. “He kept calling and we’d have these phone chats once or twice a week,” she said. “It wasn’t until a year or so of knowing him that he opened up enough to tell me he had autism.”

Polansky told Israel of his efforts at online dating, about “going to bars or big parties trying to meet people, often meeting with insensitive responses.” She counseled Polansky and began to see how these events could work cinematically, especially after he found his first girlfriend through the Adaptations program. That experience changed him, gave him increased self-confidence and “inspired the writing” of the screenplay.

In 2011, Israel decided to turn the story into a short film thesis for her master’s of fine arts program at Columbia University. The entire shoot took less than five days and the final product won several accolades, including the top award at the school’s film festival.

Israel then set about developing a feature version, which meant expanding the cast. She asked other members of the Adaptations community at the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan to play characters on the spectrum.

Directing them sometimes required “special patience and understanding.” Some were able to see their role as part of a greater whole, while others could only see as far as their lines. “All of them were terribly generous and open with me. It was challenging, not uncomfortable,” Israel said. “What was frustrating was raising funding. I had the commitment of the cast and their faith that it would happen.”

Asked what she hoped audiences would take from the film, the director said, “It’s a love story. I hope they walk away with the warm glow of a love story. In terms of autism, I hope it opens up a whole world of people in a very humane way.”



L-r: Brandon Polansky, shown in a scene with Samantha Elisofon, inspired the story behind Rachel Israel’s film. (Photo by Kino Lorber Films)

Mailbox Shorts

Jewish camp for young adults

Trybal Gatherings, www.trybalgatherings.com), which last year launched a series of four-day all-inclusive getaways at Jewish summer camps across the county for young Jewish adults in their 20s and 30s, is back for 2018 with three new camps for young adults. The gatherings are open to non-Jewish partners and friends who want to explore Jewish community. Registration is now open.

Each camp weekend will include both classic and reimagined camp activities for adults, such as color war, ropes courses, a bar mitzvah themed dance party, and inclusive and informal Shabbat experiences. All meals, lodging and an open bar are included.

The gatherings for 2018 are: Midwest, from Aug. 16-20, in Oconomowoc, WI, at URJ Olin-Sang-Ruby-Union Institute; East Coast, from Sept. 6-9, in Berkshires, MA, at Eisner Camp; and West Coast, from Sept. 21-24, in Malibu, CA, at Gindling Hilltop Camp. Early Bird registration for young adult camps is \$499. Regular registration is \$580. Through a partnership with NuRoots, a program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, a number of Los Angeles residents will be subsidized to attend camp in Malibu.

Jacob and his 12 sons exhibit

The Frick Collection, New York City, will hold the exhibit “Zurbarán’s Jacob and His Twelve Sons: Paintings from Auckland Castle” until April 22. The series of 13 paintings depicts over life-size figures from the Old Testament by Spanish Golden Age master Francisco de Zurbarán (1598-1664). On loan from Auckland Castle, the works have never before traveled to the United States.

For more information, visit www.frick.org/exhibitions/zurbaran or call 212-288-0700.

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While there are grains of truth to some of these arguments, there aren’t nearly enough to account for decades of unwavering Western conviction that Israel is responsible for the sorry state of the Middle East. The paucity of anti-Israel banners during the 2011 popular revolts in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and Syria demonstrated pretty convincingly that the Arab masses don’t get that worked up about “injustices” suffered by the Palestinians (at least, not when they feel free to voice other grievances).

Outside of Israel’s immediate conflict zones in Gaza, the West Bank and Lebanon, even Islamists don’t focus much attention on the Jewish state. Al-Qaida and ISIS have virtually ignored the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. As for sectarianism and Iranian meddling in the Arab world, conflict between Sunnis and Shi’ites – and between Arabs and Persians – was going on for more than 1,300 years before Israel came into existence.

For those who subscribe to the “theory of everything” – or what Martin Kramer calls “linkage” – getting Israel to sign a final status agreement acceptable to the Palestinians is the lynchpin of any serious effort to bring stability and peace to the region as a whole. Indeed, the widely used shorthand “Middle East peace” (a vague oxymoron in any other context) refers only to this particular conflict.

That’s a fine publicity pitch if the Trump administration is determined to have a go at getting Israelis and Palestinians to make nice. But the rest of us mustn’t labor under the delusion that brokering an Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement will do much to improve security in the rest of the Middle East, and we certainly shouldn’t let it distract us from addressing the pathologies that have effectively destroyed Syria, Libya, Yemen and much of Iraq in a span of less than seven years.

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National Geographic's first Jewish editor-in-chief opens up about racism in the magazine's past

By Josefina Dolsten

(JTA) – The editor-in-chief of National Geographic Magazine made waves when she admitted that the magazine's past coverage was tinged with racism. "For decades, our coverage was racist. To rise above our past, we must acknowledge it," Susan Goldberg wrote in a letter for the magazine's April issue, which marks the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination.

The letter forced readers and staff to grapple with the legacy of the magazine, which has been reporting on the world's far-flung peoples and places since 1888 and has reflected – and been a reflection of – all the cultural changes, and prejudices, since then. But Goldberg also made waves in 2014 when she became the first woman – and, incidentally, the first Jew – to serve as editor-in-chief of a magazine that has often stumbled in reporting on women and Jews.

"It was a place with a lot of white men," she told JTA, referring to the magazine's beginnings as the journal of the National Geographic Society, an elite club of academics, philanthropists and adventurers interested in travel and exploration.

Even an otherwise sympathetic article on the Jews in the July 1919 issue suggested that their persecution by Christians "increased their intense activity, their cunning in business, in order that they might live at all against such opposition, and it produced in them the traits that are now made the basis for denouncing them."

In her letter, Goldberg details how she enlisted John Edwin Mason, a scholar of African history and the history of photography at the University of Virginia, to critically examine the magazine's past. He found that the publication largely ignored the lives of African Americans in the United States until the 1970s, while also covering people of color outside the country in a way that perpetuated stereotypes. Natives were pictured "as exotics, famously and frequently unclothed, happy hunters, noble savages, every type of cliché," Goldberg wrote.

In a recent phone interview with JTA, Goldberg, 58, said she was not surprised by Mason's conclusions, pointing out that racism in the magazine had been written about previously, including in a book by Robert Poole. Some of Mason's most "egregious" findings did shock her, like a 1916 article on Aboriginal Australians that called them "savages" who "rank lowest in intelligence of all human beings."

"It's very difficult to read something like that," she said.

Goldberg said the issue of race is especially important in light of recent events, such as the white supremacist and neo-Nazi rally in Charlottesville, VA, last year. "After Charlottesville, if it wasn't already clear, it became even more clear that we have a very fraught situation going on in the United States with regard to any kind of discussion around race," she said.

The April issue launches a series of articles on race, which will continue through the end of the year, but Goldberg felt it important that the magazine first look inward. "I just really didn't see a way to do an entire issue on race, and then spend the year covering race if we didn't look



Susan Goldberg is National Geographic Magazine's first female and Jewish editor-in-chief. (Photo courtesy of National Geographic)

into our history as well," she said. "I just didn't think we would be credible."

Goldberg, who identifies as a Reform Jew, grew up in Ann Arbor, MI, the granddaughter of immigrants from Eastern Europe who came to the country in the beginning of the 20th century and settled in predominantly Jewish neighborhoods in Detroit. "These neighborhoods were really so ghettoized that my mother, who was born in the United States, in Detroit in 1927, went to kindergarten when she was 5 years old [and] she didn't speak English, she only spoke Yiddish," Goldberg said.

Growing up, her family celebrated Jewish holidays, but was "probably more culturally Jewish than religiously Jewish," she said. She was involved in the Hahonim Labour Zionist youth movement, and at the age of 17 she lived for six months on a *kibbutz* in southern Israel.

Though she describes the experience at Kibbutz Grofit as "a fantastic thing to do as a very young woman," she said it made her realize that she did not want to immigrate to the Jewish state. "The lives of the women on the *kibbutz* were to my way of thinking kind of constrained. You didn't have a world of choice. This was a small *kibbutz* in the middle of the desert, right on the border of a bunch of other countries, and it just made me realize that it wasn't going to be the lifestyle for me," she recalled.

Instead, she set her sights on pursuing a journalism career in the U.S. She enrolled at Michigan State University, but dropped out to accept a job as a full time reporter at the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*. She later returned to Michigan State to pursue a bachelor's degree in journalism.

Throughout her career, she has been the first woman in many of her positions, including as managing editor of the *San Jose Mercury News*, editor-in-chief of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* and executive editor of Bloomberg News' Washington bureau. She joined National Geographic as executive editor in January 2014, and succeeded Chris Johns as editor-in-chief a few months later.

Goldberg's letter drew both praise, from those who lauded her for looking critically at the magazine's coverage of race, and criticism, from others who wondered why it took the magazine so long to do so and said the letter did not go far enough in addressing the issue.

"I can't explain why other editors haven't done this directly. I'm not criticizing them in any way. What I will say is we're in a moment of reckoning as a society, as a country, where people are willing to look back at actions of themselves or their organizations and lay out maybe a lot of really great history but [also] some things that weren't so good," she said.

The magazine also plans to focus on Muslims, Latinos, Asian Americans and Native Americans. Though the magazine examines racism and other forms of bigotry there are no plans at the moment to look into antisemitism, she said. "That's not to say in the future that we wouldn't, but we don't have anything that we've planned right now," she said.

Goldberg, who lives in Washington, DC, with her husband Geoffrey Etnire, a real estate lawyer, said that since starting her position, her "biggest push" has been

to increase gender, ethnic and racial diversity on the staff. Currently, about a quarter of the staff are people of color. "I just don't think that you are going to end up with authentic stories if you've only got an all-white staff, and a majority male staff, and that is what it was," she said. "We've been working very hard to change it. We're not there yet, but we've been making a lot of progress."

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From JTA

Netanyahu officially cancels African migrants deal

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu officially canceled an agreement made with the United Nations that would have relocated thousands of African asylum seekers to Western countries. The cancellation on the afternoon of April 3 came a day after the agreement was first announced and hours after the prime minister said he would freeze the deal in order to consult with members of his government coalition, as well as the residents of southern Tel Aviv, where many of the migrants live. "In the past 24 hours, I have held many consultations with Interior Minister Aryeh Deri, with professionals and representatives of residents of southern Tel Aviv," Netanyahu said on April 3 in his announcement. "I listened attentively to criticism of the agreement. As a result, and after evaluating a new balance of advantages and disadvantages, I decided to cancel the agreement." He also said: "Despite the growing legal and international difficulties, we will continue to act with determination to exhaust all the possibilities available to us to remove the infiltrators. At the same time, we will continue to seek additional solutions." Under the agreement announced on April 2 with the U.N. High Commission for Refugees, Israel would have allowed thousands of African migrants to stay in the country on a temporary residency permit for up to five years. The rest, some 16,000 or so, would have been settled in countries such as Canada, Germany and Italy. The deal put Netanyahu under fire from several conservative politicians, including some in his own Likud party. Naftali Bennett, head of the right-wing Jewish Home party, said the agreement would "turn Israel into a paradise for infiltrators." It is not known what will happen now to the up to 40,000 African asylum seekers in Israel; an Israeli government plan to deport them this month was put on hold following the announcement of the U.N. deal. Israel had been scheduled to begin deporting the migrants next week under a plan and budget approved by the country's Cabinet in January. The Supreme Court had frozen the deportations in mid-March after a petition filed by opponents, and had been waiting for the government to respond to the petition. According to the government plan, migrants who had chosen to leave by March 31 would receive a payment of \$3,500 as well as free airfare and other incentives. The Prime Minister's Office said in a statement on April 2 that the original mass deportation plan was canceled "because of legal considerations and political difficulties on behalf of third-party countries."

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Thirty years later, the author of "The Devil's Arithmetic" has a new young adult Holocaust novel

By Penny Schwartz

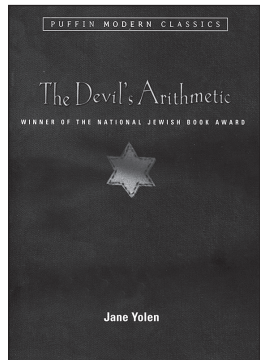
BOSTON (JTA) – More than 30 years ago, Jane Yolen had already made her mark in the world of children's literature. Among the nearly 100 books she had written were fantasies and folk tales, picture books and the popular "Captain Toad" chapter book series. Her gift for spinning original fairy tales earned her the reputation as the American Hans Christian Anderson.

But when her editor, Deborah Brodie, suggested she write a Jewish children's book, Yolen dismissed the idea. Sure, she was Jewish, she recalled telling Brodie, who was Jewish, too. But, growing up, Yolen's family wasn't particularly observant. And although she had minored in religious studies at Smith College, Yolen told Brodie she would have to do as much research as someone who wasn't Jewish.

Brodie persisted. "She was a classic *nudz*," Yolen recalled fondly all these years later of the late editor, considered a giant in the world of children's publishing.

But Yolen, best known as a fantasy writer, had a spark of an idea for a Holocaust story that would lead with a girl bored and indifferent at her grandparents' Passover seder. When Hannah opens the door to symbolically welcome the prophet Elijah, she finds herself transported back in time to a Polish shtetl where the Jewish villagers are on the verge of being shipped to a German Nazi concentration camp. Only Hannah knows the horrifying tragedy that the future will bring.

Yolen relented and wrote a first chapter. She assumed it would end at that. Instead, Brodie sent back a contract. "I thought, 'OK, I'm going to try this,'" she said in a phone conversation with JTA from her home in western Massachusetts.



"The Devil's Arithmetic" was a hit after being published in 1988. (Photo by Penguin Random House)

The result was "The Devil's Arithmetic," a Holocaust novel that, when it appeared in 1988, was nothing like anything that had come before. The book garnered critical acclaim, earned multiple book awards and was made into an Emmy-winning Showtime film starring Kirsten Dunst.

The popular fantasy novel has sold more than 1.8 million copies, is used widely in middle schools across the country and has been in continuous print since publication.

Now, three decades later, Yolen, 79, has written "Mapping the Bones" (Philomel), a Holocaust novel for a new generation of teens. The year is 1942, in the Lodz ghetto in Poland, where 14-year-old twins Chaim and Gittel Abromowitz make a daring escape with their family. Separated from their parents in the forest, the twins hide with Polish partisans, and are later captured by German soldiers and forced into a slave labor camp.

Through brutal treatment, suffering and loss, the sister and brother bond with other camp prisoners, sustain each other and find light through the young boy's poetry that serves as a testament to loss and memory.

"Mapping the Bones" is Yolen's third Holocaust novel; the second was "Briar Rose" (1992).

"I look at all three and I realize it's not just the Holocaust that binds them together. It's remembering," she said. "Whenever we think of the Holocaust, we think of remembering. We think of never forgetting. Soon all we will have are the stories. Soon we will have no one left who was there."

"The Devil's Arithmetic" was a trailblazer, according to Norman H. Finkelstein, an author of nonfiction for older kids and two-time winner of the National Jewish Book Award. Three decades ago, at a time closer to the war, the idea of writing about the Holocaust was still difficult, said Finkelstein, a retired public school librarian in the Boston suburb of Brookline.

"It was a different Holocaust book. It was not strictly factual, it was not a memoir," Finkelstein told JTA in a recent conversation. "Jane did a superb job in taking the story of the Holocaust down to a level that ordinary American kids could understand and digest, and present it in a sympathetic manner. The characters were realistic, not paper cutouts." Educators immediately seized on the book to teach about the tragedies of the Holocaust, he recalled.

There's an inherent tension in presenting the Holocaust in young adult fiction, according to Daniel Magilow, a Holocaust scholar and professor of German studies at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. On one hand, writers need to create young characters with whom readers can identify, said Magilow, a former fellow at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum who writes on the subject of Holocaust representation. Books for younger readers tend to be redemptive, and if not upbeat, they, at least, suggest that adversity can be endured and overcome.

The problem? This does not square with the historical reality with how children were treated during the Holocaust. "We are reminded that the very young and the very old were immediately slated for the gas chambers," Magilow said.

Magilow cautioned that Holocaust fiction should not be presented uncritically, but should be taught "in the context of the uncomfortable truths." It's important to educate kids about tragedies that occur in the world, but it's a complex balancing act.

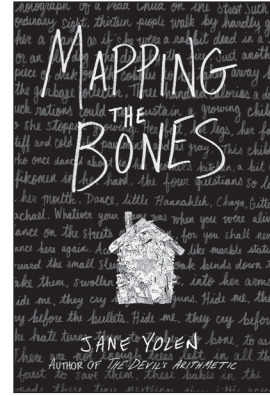
"It's devastating material," he said, "and there's no way around it."

Yolen acknowledged the balancing act in an author's note for "Briar Rose, which is set at the Chelmno extermination camp in Poland.

"[T]his is a book of fiction. All the characters are made up," she wrote. "Happy-ever-after is a fairy tale



Jane Yolen (Photo by Jason Stemple)



"Mapping the Bones" is the third Holocaust-themed book by Jane Yolen. (Photo by Penguin Random House)

notion, not history. I know of no woman who escaped from Chelmno alive."

"The Devil's Arithmetic" struck a chord for Deborah Berlin, who read the book more than 15 years ago, when she was about 10 years old, she recalled in a recent phone conversation. As a child growing up outside of Boston, she knew that half her family had perished in the Holocaust. Reading Yolen's historical fantasy stirred an emotional connection to the incomprehensible loss, she recalled.

"It was my gateway" to read more books in a quest for a deeper understanding of the Holocaust, said Berlin, now a middle-school math and science teacher at the Rashi School, a Reform Jewish kindergarten-eighth grade day school in suburban Boston. Yolen's fantasy and other works of fiction are especially important to today's teens, who may feel disconnected from the Holocaust, she has observed.

"Mapping the Bones" is Yolen's 366th book. As Yolen sets out on a whirlwind series of book talks and conferences, the author said she had not planned to write a third Holocaust novel. The idea for the Hansel and Gretel-like narrative emerged in a conversation with an editor, who, like Brodie three decades earlier, urged Yolen to take on the project.

In four years of being immersed in Holocaust research and writing, there were also lighter and happier books, Yolen said. Among them was "Jewish Fairy Tale Feasts: A Literary Cookbook," written with her daughter, Heidi E. Y. Stemple. "But the things that feed the soul are [books] like 'Mapping the Bones,'" Yolen reflected. "As hard as it was, I know I was meant to write this book."

Community Calendar

The Community Calendar can be found on the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's website, www.jfgb.org, by clicking on "calendar."

Updates or additions of events for the calendar can be made by contacting the Federation through its website (click on "calendar" and then "click here to request a change to the calendar") or by calling 724-2332.

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was Stan, "Grandpa Zayde," who gave his grandson a card set of Jewish baseball players.

Someone else who witnessed that commitment was Darvin Ham, who coached the New Mexico Thunderbirds, an NBA Development League team the Bregmans owned.

In postgame conversations and at the Bregman home, Alex "was like a sponge" of information about the makings of athletic achievement, said Ham, now an assistant coach with the Atlanta Hawks. "He was a very good listener. He took mental notes," said Ham, who considers Alex "a little brother."

Alex explained his early competitive drive. "Coach Birmingham said you have to decide," he recalled. "I woke up at 5 am to go to the cage to school to the cage: defense and hitting. I did that every day for years, [beginning at] probably age 12 or 13. I never went to the school dance."

On this day, Alex departed for a practice field and chatted in Spanish with fellow infielders Jose Altuve and Carlos Correa, natives of Venezuela and Puerto Rico, respectively, at second base during a running drill. Bregman is fluent in the language.

Jerick Paquinto, a 19-year-old from Houston wearing a Bregman jersey, was among hundreds of fans watching. "I like that he's not the biggest guy and he has a lot of heart," Paquinto said of the 6-foot-Alex, words similarly applicable to the 5-foot-6 Altuve, last year's American League MVP. "I liked him since he was at LSU [where Bregman was a first-team All American at shortstop]. I saw him hit a homer, and I fell in love with him as a player."

The trio jogged toward a batting cage, Bregman stopped to sign autographs after he finished hitting. The Astros came home on April 2 for their opener at Minute Maid Park, where he'd sign plenty more. His parents planned to be there.

Sam joked about guarding the championship ring his son will receive.

"I know that the Jewish community around the country is so proud of him," Jackie said. Referring to the card collection of Jewish players, she added, "I hope that one day he's in that collection."



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Israel on the international stage

Israeli doctors perform lifesaving spinal surgeries in Ethiopia

By Josefín Dolsten

(JTA) – Israeli doctors performed surgeries to fix severe spinal deformities as part of a weeklong medical mission to Ethiopia. Eight doctors, two nurses and one physical therapist from the Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem traveled on the mission in March to the city of Mekelle, in the African country's north.

The Israeli medical team performed five surgeries at the Ayder Comprehensive Specialized Hospital, which serves some eight million patients but does not have a spine surgeon, according to Dr. Josh Schroeder, a spine surgeon at Hadassah who led the mission with Dr. Allon Moses, the chairman of Hadassah's Department of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Disease.

The patients, all aged 18 and under, had

spine deformities so severe that they were causing potentially lethal complications, including pressure on internal organs and lung infections, Schroeder told JTA on March 26. The surgeries were complex, with some taking eight hours.

"The problem with pediatric cases is if you don't treat them in time, they progress," he said, "and these cases were so bad that if we wouldn't have operated on these children, at least half of them would be dead by next year."

In addition to performing the five surgeries, the Israelis also provided medical training to Ayder staff. The medical device company Medtronic donated the equipment necessary for the surgeries.

Schroeder said he was happy to have coordinated and participated in the mission. "We're working in a really privileged soci-

ety, both in Israel and the United States, and things that we have at our fingertips don't exist over there," he said. "These people, you can really change their lives with a reasonably short intervention."

The Hadassah and Ayder hospitals have a partnership dating back five years, with Israeli medical students doing rotations in Mekelle, and Ayder physicians receiving training and supplies from Hadassah.

At right: Unidentified medical personnel from Hadassah Medical Center in Israel and the Ayder Comprehensive Specialized Hospital in Mekelle, Ethiopia, conferred during a Hadassah team's mission in Ethiopia to perform spinal surgeries on young patients in March. (Photo courtesy of Hadassah)



Israel is the star at a national security conference in Mississippi

By Ben Sales

BILOXI, MS (JTA) – A homeland security conference took place in a southern Mississippi town with an Air Force base and a shipbuilding yard. Among those in attendance were the commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard; a general from India, the world's second-largest country; and representatives from Taiwan and South Korea, a U.S. ally in a key trouble spot. But Israel was the star.

The International Homeland Defense and Security Summit, organized by the state government, was held March 13 in this Gulf Coast city far from any Jewish population center, in a state the local Israeli consul visits only twice a year. But representatives of 16 Israeli companies attended, along with a delegation from its Defense Ministry and arms industry. And speakers, especially Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant, couldn't stop talking about it.

Bryant credited a national security conference he spoke at in Israel in 2016 as the inspiration for this one. One of the first pictures he showed during his speech was of him grinning with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"If there's anyone that knows about homeland security, it's the Israelis," he

At right: Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant at a press conference with Israeli officials at the Homeland Defense and Security Summit in Biloxi, MS, on March 13. (Photo by Ben Sales)



said at the start of his address opening the conference, whose organizers paid for JTA's flight to Biloxi along with hotel costs. "They have a tough neighborhood they live in."

The admiration went beyond the governor. Paul Zukunft, the Coast Guard commandant, said of Israel that "[t]here's no better example of a country that finds itself in the bullseye." A panelist said "Israel is literally our anchor in the Middle East." Israelis spoke on two panels, and at a news conference the governor invited a few Israeli officials to stand alongside him and some U.S. military officers.

The Israeli delegation featured companies specializing in security technology. They were there to expand into the U.S. market and introduce themselves to local officials and private companies.

One tool, Smart Shooter, promises to make guns more accurate. Another, Magal Security Systems, is a border security sensor system that's used on Israel's northern and southern frontiers. A third, Beeper, is a surveillance system – already deployed by the Israeli military and police departments in Baltimore and Houston – that can pinpoint where a gun is fired and instantly take video of who fired the weapon.

While there are no hostile borders in Mississippi, Magal has already done work there and elsewhere in the United States securing the perimeters of prisons, power plants and Secret Service sites. It's played a role in securing 80 percent of Israel's borders, as well as some borders in Europe, the manufacturer claims.

"I don't think they suffer from any illegal movement on the border," said Saar Koursh, CEO of Magal. "But for us, securing Mississippi's critical sites is definitely an opportunity, and besides that, collaborating with the industries doing projects out of Mississippi as well." Israel Aerospace Industries has two facilities in Mississippi.

The threats discussed in Mississippi were a far cry from those in Israel, where militant groups aim missiles across a border, terrorists try to infiltrate from the barely self-governing territory next door and at least one regional rival threatens annihilation.

Instead, discussion focused on the Gulf Coast's maritime economy. Panelists talked about boats ferrying drugs, migrants and See "Security" on page 15

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Passover thoughts

RABBI STEVEN P. NATHAN, JEWISH FELLOWSHIP OF HEMLOCK FARMS

Judaism is a religion based on a system of 613 *mitzvot*, or commandments. Some of these *mitzvot* are no longer practiced because they relate to the ancient service of sacrifice and worship in the *Beit Ha'mikdash*/Holy Temple in Jerusalem. The remainder are still valid. Of course, each Jewish person observes different *mitzvot*, or not, depending upon their custom or tradition. However, even if one does not observe some or all of the *mitzvot*, or if we observe *mitzvot* in a different way, they are still there to connect us to our tradition. They are our heritage. Even if we disagree with them. They are part of what keeps Jews in New York or Pennsylvania in sync with Jews in Brazil or Poland. And, of course, Israel. Usually.

Occasionally there are times when the *mitzvot* aren't in sync. There are times when differing traditions serve to

separate rather than connect. Questions such as: What is kosher? Who is counted in a minyan? Who can be a rabbi? Who is considered a Jew? What foods are permissible to eat on Passover? These are all questions that get debated on a regular basis in our age. Yet, debate and argument need not separate us when they are practiced *l'shem shamayim*... for the sake of heaven (read: for the sake of the greater good for our people and/or our world). After all, the Talmud and other rabbinic writings are basically a collection of disagreements between the ancient rabbis. And even though the majority opinion rules, the minority opinion is still recorded and respected. This respectful debate and dialogue often seems to get lost in the Jewish world today. And so the *mitzvot* and traditions that are meant to connect us and keep us in sync often do just the opposite.

I realize this may seem a strange way to begin a Torah commentary for the eighth day of Passover. However, this year April 7, 2018/22 Nisan 5778 is a day which is an example of how tradition can differ and yet not divide. And so, I want to focus on this fact, rather than on the Torah reading itself.

According to the Torah, Passover is a seven day feast and we are to participate in a seder on the first night. However, as with all holidays, in the Diaspora outside of the land of Israel an extra day (and extra seder) is added to the festival (I don't have the space to explain why, but for an explanation go to <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/do-i-need-to-have-two-passover-seders/>), making it eight days long. In addition, in the Diaspora, most Reform See "Passover" on page 15

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 Shabbat Services:
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 Shabbat, April 7 9 am, Yizkor approx. 10:45 am
 Mincha after the kiddush
 Maariv 7:05 pm
 Weekday Services:
 Mornings:
 Sun., April 8 8:30 am
 Mon.-Fri., April 9-13 7 am
 Evenings:
 Sun., April 8 7:20 pm
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 Regular service times: Friday, 8 pm; Saturday, 10:35 am, when religious school is in session.

On Friday, April 6, at 10:30 am, there will be a last day of Passover service with a Yizkor memorial service and potluck lunch. At 8 pm, there will be a Shabbat evening service led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Saturday, April 7, at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study. There will be no religious school or Shabbat family service.

On Sunday, April 8, from 10 am-2 pm, there will be a Sisterhood rummage sale (buy one, get one free).

On Tuesday, April 10, at 5:15 pm, there will be religious school.

On Wednesday, April 11, at 6 pm, there will be a Sisterhood board meeting; at 7 pm, there will be Sisterhood elections followed by mah jongg; and at 7 pm, there will be a community Yom Hashoah commemoration at Binghamton University. Light your Yom Hashoah yellow candle in your home.

On Thursday, April 12, at 5:15 pm, there will be religious school, and from 5-7 pm, the CHOW pantry will be open.

On Friday, April 13, at 8 pm, there will be a Shabbat evening service remembering Yom Hashoah led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Saturday, April 14, at 9 am, there will be religious school; at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study; and at 10:35 am, there will be Shabbat family services led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

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 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, April 6, light candles 7:16 pm
 Shabbat ends Saturday, April 7 8:18 pm
 Friday, April 13, light candles 7:24 pm
 Shabbat ends Saturday, April 14 8:26 pm

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

On Saturday, April 7, at 9:30 am, services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17. The haftarah will be Isaiah 10:32-12:6. The kiddush sponsor will be Maxine Rosenberg.

There will be no religious school on Sunday, April 8. The temple office will be closed Tuesday, April 4-Tuesday, April 10.

On Thursday, April 12, at 7 pm, there will be a Ritual Committee meeting.

On Sunday, April 15, at 10 am, there will be an Adult Ed. brunch about the VINES Community Garden Project. The cost is \$5 per person. (See article on page 5.)

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

On Saturday, April 7, Pesach day eight services will be held at 10 am and Yizkor will be recited.

On Thursday, April 12, at 7 pm, the IAUJC will hold the annual Jacob and Jeannette Geldwert Holocaust Commemoration at Temple Beth-El with guest speaker and Holocaust survivor Lea Malek, who is now retired from Malek's Bakery in Rochester. The event is free and open to the public. (See article on page 1.)

On Saturday, April 14, Tot Shabbat will be held at 11:15 am.

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 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.

Zach Braff is happy to be back on TV

By Curt Schleier

(JTA) – Lightning struck Zach Braff in 2001. The up-and-coming Jewish actor, who had appeared in a few films – perhaps most notably a small role in Woody Allen’s “Manhattan Murder Mystery” – landed the lead role of John “J.D.” Dorian in the hospital-based sitcom “Scrubs.”

Along the way to starring in 175 episodes of the show, which became one of the “most beloved” comedies of the 2000s, Braff wrote and directed “Garden State,” released in 2004. The indie dramedy film, which also starred 23-year-old Natalie Portman, established the kid from South Orange, NJ, as a promising director in addition to being a first-rate comic actor.

But he surprisingly left “Scrubs” in 2009, while its ratings were still respectable. “When it’s something you’ve been doing for so long, well, I didn’t want to phone it in,” Braff said in an interview with JTA. “I was tired. I don’t mean to complain. It’s the best job in the world, but you do get burned out. I wanted to go out on a high note.”

After Braff quit the show, he largely vanished from the mainstream film and TV world. He performed in theater on and off Broadway, notably in the adaptation of Woody



Zach Braff (left) with Tiya Sircar, center, in a scene from “Alex, Inc.” (Photo by ABC/Tony Rivetti)

Allen’s “Bullets Over Broadway: The Musical.” He also wrote a play; “All New People” had a run at New York’s Second Stage. His 2014 film “Wish I Was Here,” which he wrote and directed, was called heartfelt, but mostly panned by critics following a limited release.

As he headed further down “the directing path,” Braff realized something was missing. “I missed acting, I missed comedy,” he said. “And when this was put in my lap, it seemed perfect.”

“This” is a reference to “Alex, Inc.,” an ABC sitcom premiering March 28 with Braff as its protagonist and main star. The network gave the show a coveted slot, on Wednesdays between “The Goldbergs” and “Modern Family” (that’s 8:30 pm eastern standard time).

Braff plays Alex Schuman, a Jewish character based on real-life Jewish podcast pioneer Alex Blumberg – a former producer for NPR’s “This American Life” and “Planet Money” podcasts. Blumberg gave up the relatively cushy world of NPR – with its salary, health benefits and paid time off – to start his own podcast company, Gimlet Media, in 2014. Gimlet has spawned several of its own “very successful” podcasts, including “StartUp” and “ReplyAll.”

In “Alex, Inc.,” Schuman leaves his feel-good radio show (“NPR on Prozac,” he calls it) when his idea for a meaningful, but depressing, story is rejected. He attempts to start his own show to prove the innocence of a convicted murderer. When that doesn’t pan out, Schuman decides to make the podcast about the process of starting a podcast business – mirroring the arc of Blumberg’s “StartUp.”

Of course, like most ABC sitcoms, “Alex, Inc.” mostly deals with the ups and downs of family life. There is a narrator via voiceover, a happy ending complete with warm fuzzy feelings in each episode and the recurring theme that fathers don’t always know best.



Zach Braff stars in the new ABC sitcom “Alex, Inc.” (Photo by ABC/Tony Rivetti)

The cast includes Tiya Sircar, whom many may know from NBC’s hit comedy “The Good Place,” as Schuman’s wife. Braff said that if the show is renewed for a second season, it will explore the dynamics of a mixed religious family. (Blumberg is married to Nazanin Rafsanjani, a fellow media producer who is Asian, like Sircar.)

Braff also reserved praise for Elisha Henig, a recent bar mitzvah who plays Schuman’s son, Ben. “Family Ties” was supposed to be a star vehicle for Meredith Baxter until this kid Michael J. Fox took over. [Henig] is going to be the next Michael J. Fox,” Braff said.

Braff is not religiously observant, but he is aware of his distinctly “Jewish sense of humor,” which he infuses into almost everything he works on. He greeted JTA with a cordial “Shalom.”

“I was raised on Mel Brooks and Woody Allen and Neil Simon. I totally inherited that from my father,” he said. “I grew up in North Jersey and he would bring us in to see Neil Simon plays and Mel Brooks movies. I think there is a [comic] timing ingrained in me, that New York sense of humor.”

Braff attended Hebrew school and was a bar mitzvah at Oheb Shalom Congregation in South Orange. As Passover approached, he was reminded of his father’s love of the seder. “My father could make a Passover seder longer than anyone else,” Braff said. “He always wanted to do the after-dinner part, and we’d all say, ‘Oh, no. Not the after-dinner part, too.’”

Judging by his enthusiasm for the new project, Braff is enjoying “Alex, Inc.” far more than his dad’s seders, despite the hectic schedule. He directed four of the 10 episodes. “With kids in the mix and physical comedy, you’re always racing. There’s no down time,” he said. “There’s some behind-the-scenes video where I look like I’m schizophrenic.”

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weapons across the water. They discussed natural disasters like Hurricane Katrina – its effects are still visible here – and how climate change could exacerbate future storms. They talked about the area’s military presence and how manufacturing equipment like drones can boost the state.

But the governor said there’s still plenty of opportunity for Israelis to do business in the state. Bryant pointed to the border tech they have developed, from sensors to surveillance, as a way to secure the coast without a physical barrier. He has made supporting Israel a priority of his administration, visiting three times since he took office in 2012.

“What we can learn from the real world experience, unfortunately of having someone on your border in a threatening manner, can be very beneficial here in the United States of America,” the governor said at a news conference. “Israel has shown the world that you can secure a border with the use of technology as well as the new advanced

structures that we see being used here.”

Israel and Mississippi also share cultural similarities, said Lior Haiat, Israel’s consul general for the region, who is based in Florida. Its population of fewer than three million makes it intimate like Israel. And the high percentage of soldiers and veterans makes military service a familiar and appreciated part of life, as it is in Israel, where there’s a mandatory draft.

“It’s very similar because Mississippi is a very small place where work is very centralized,” Haiat said. “The governor knows all of the key players personally, and he personally opens the door for Israeli companies.”

In his closing speech at the conference, Bryant said: “Should there come a day when there will be a threat, and it will, we will have friends around the world. We are preparing ourselves in the event that that terror attack does occur.”

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and Reconstructionist Jews follow the biblical, or Israeli, calendar. Therefore, for some American Jews April 7/22 Nisan is both Shabbat and Passover while for others it is simply Shabbat. In other words, the Jewish world is not in sync on this day. This is a reminder of the different traditions that exist within our complicated tradition, but it is also a reminder that differences don’t need to separate us.

It may be true that on April 6 some will chant the Torah reading for the eighth day of Passover, while others will read the next Shabbat Torah reading, which is *parsahat Shemini*. However, even if we are celebrating different things or reading different verses, we are still gathering together to celebrate. This periodic “glitch” in the calendar also means that for a few weeks Jews in Israel, as well as Reform and Reconstructionist congregations in the Diaspora, will be reading different Torah portions than Conservative and Orthodox Jews in the Diaspora. Yet, we will still be celebrating Shabbat each week, even though our observances may differ, and eventually we will get back in sync and on the same schedule.

This symbolizes how we as Jews, whether in the Diaspora or Israel, need to look at our tradition. For there will always be times when we are out sync. There will always be times when we disagree. There are even times when the disagreements become heated. But if we always keep the good of the Jewish people and our world in the forefront, when all is said and done, we can still come together as a community even with our disagreements.

The festival of Passover is known as *z’man heirutainu*, the time of our freedom. The festival represents our ancestors being freed from slavery to Pharaoh. But we must always remember that they were freed not in order to simply be able to do as each one pleases, for that would simply lead to anarchy. Rather, our ancestors were freed in order to serve the Divine. Whether one looks at the story as historical fact or religious mythology, that is the meaning of the festival. And the best way to serve the Divine is by remembering

that it is God and the people Israel which are at the center, not the individual Jew. The best way to remember that is by coming together, even when we disagree, in order to celebrate God and celebrate Judaism. Let this day of non-synchronous Jewish practice and belief remind us of this important message. This will enable us to repair our broken community and our broken world. This will enable us to say that live today and every day as *z’man heirutainu*, the time of our freedom.

Shabbat shalom and/or *chag sameach*, happy Passover.



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Saudi crown prince: Israelis have a right to their own land

Saudi Arabia's crown prince said in an interview on April 2 that Israelis are entitled to live peacefully in their own land, a remarkable statement from one of the Kingdom's most powerful men. In an interview with *The Atlantic* magazine, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman said that he believes the Jewish people have a right to their own country in at least part of their ancestral homeland. "I believe the Palestinians and the Israelis have the right to have their own land. But we have to have a peace agreement to assure stability for everyone and to have normal relations." The crown prince, who has gained considerable influence since his father, King Salman's, ascension to the throne in 2015, and is also heir apparent to the throne, is currently in the United States to grow business ties as well as seeking support for his efforts to halt Iranian influence in the Middle East. "We have religious concerns about the fate of the holy [al-Aqsa] mosque in Jerusalem and about the rights of the Palestinian people. This is what we have. We don't have any objection against any other people." At the same time, Saudi Arabia has also been concerned with the growing threat from Iran. The crown prince told interviewer Jeffrey Goldberg that Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei is the "new Hitler." "Hitler didn't do what the supreme leader is trying to do. Hitler tried to conquer Europe. This is bad, but the supreme leader is trying to conquer the world. He believes he owns the world. They are both evil guys. He is the Hitler of the Middle East. ...In the 1920s and 1930s, no one saw Hitler as a danger. Only a few people. Until it happened. We don't want to see what happened in Europe happen in the Middle East. We want to stop this through political, economic and intelligence moves. We want to avoid war," he said. The increase in tensions between Saudi Arabia and Iran have led many to speculate that their shared interests with Israel in thwarting Iranian aggression would push the two countries closer together. For years it has been rumored that both countries have had clandestine cooperation, especially between intelligence services, and more recently Saudi Arabia opened its airspace for the first time for a commercial airliner to fly over it to Israel. "Israel is a big economy compared to their size and it's a growing economy, and of course there are a lot of interests we share with Israel, and if there is peace, there would be a lot of interest between Israel and the Gulf Cooperation Council countries and countries like Egypt and Jordan."

Anti-Jewish discrimination at San Francisco State University

According to the Lawfare Project, attorneys representing five student and two non-student plaintiffs filed a second amended complaint against San Francisco State University on March 29, alleging that the school has "fostered a pervasively hostile, anti-Jewish environment, knowingly and intentionally discriminated against Jewish and Israeli students and community members, and failed to protect their civil rights and physical safety." Under California's Public Records Act, the amended complaint supplements an earlier report that SFSU failed to release detailed findings of national origin discrimination under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Lawfare Project reports that in the past nine months since legal action has been taken, students have endured even more physical threats by peers and have been ignored by campus administrators. Professors have demonized Jewish and Zionist students through public statements; a posted a message on the Facebook page of an official SFSU Academic Center that asserted that Jewish and Zionist students' existence on campus was a "declaration of war" against Arab and Muslim students; and through flyers and posters that announce "Zionists are NOT welcome" and "Zionists support genocide." The Lawfare Project reports that General Union of Palestine Students President Mohammad Hammad wrote "graphic and lurid Tumblr posts describing his desire to set children on fire, radicalize his classmates, join Palestinian

terrorist organizations and behead Israeli soldiers." When one of Hammad's classmates, an Israeli student, reported that she feared for her safety, they removed her from the classroom rather than discipline or force Hammad to leave the class. Executive Director of the Lawfare Project Brooke Goldstein said, "Jewish students at San Francisco State University are afraid to publicly display their identities and live in fear of systematic discrimination, harassment and even death threats. If any other minority community faced similar treatment on campus, the university would be rightly outraged." She noted that "the Lawfare Project exists to protect and defend the civil rights of the Jewish community. We will not rest until American college students are safe, welcome and treated equally on the campuses they call home."

U.S. blocks U.N. statement calling for inquiry into IDF actions during Gaza riots

The United States blocked a draft of a U.N. Security Council statement on March 31, expressing "grave concern at the situation on the border" following the massive "Land Day" Palestinian march on March 30, in which some 30,000 protestors violently rioted at the Israel-Gaza border. The Israel Defense Forces killed as many as 17 armed protestors during the riots. According to AFP, the statement presented by Kuwait requested an "independent and transparent investigation of the violence," and "called upon all sides to exercise restraint and prevent a further escalation." The draft also referred to the Palestinian "right to peaceful protest" and expressed "sorrow at the loss of innocent Palestinian lives." U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres called for "those concerned to refrain from any act that could lead to further casualties." In response to requests for the inquiry, Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman stated that the "attempt to break through the fence" was specifically carried out to "harm our sovereignty. ...Any state whose borders people tried to crash would act in an even more severe way than we did, and therefore the procession of hypocrites calling for a committee of inquiry must understand that there will be no such thing," he said. "There will not be any international inquiry. We will not cooperate with any inquiry of this kind." On the night of March 31, the IDF posted the names and photos of 10 of the protestors killed, identifying them as members of known terrorist organizations. IDF spokeswoman Keren Hajjott released a video statement on Facebook summarizing the riot and Israel's response, stating that "the IDF has an obligation to protect the citizens of Israel, which is exactly what we did."

Poll: 20 percent of Central, Eastern Europeans do not accept Jews as fellow citizens

(Israel Hayom/Exclusive to JNS via JNS) – About one-fifth of people polled in Central and Eastern European countries say they do not accept Jews as fellow citizens and do not want Jewish neighbors. Some 32 percent of Armenians, 23 percent of Lithuanians, 22 percent of Romanians, 19 percent of Czechs, 18 percent of Poles, 16 percent of Greeks and 14 percent of Russians do not accept Jews as fellow citizens, according to a Pew Research Center survey of 18 Central and Eastern European countries conducted in 2015-16 and published the week of March 30. While 18 percent of Poles do not accept Jews as fellow citizens, an even higher percentage do not accept Jews as neighbors (20 percent) or as members of their families (30 percent). Poland's recently passed libel law, which criminalizes the attribution of Nazi crimes to Poland, has raised concerns that it will serve to whitewash Poland's history of antisemitism and racism. According to the survey, although a sizeable percentage of Poles does not accept Jews, Jews are more favorably viewed than other minorities, such as Muslims and Roma.

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