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## CJS spring program on “Speaking Through Art as a Jew” – “Painting for Freedom” on May 3

The first lecture in the College of Jewish Studies spring 2018 program “Speaking Through Art as a Jew: Visual Expressions of Jewish Culture” will be on Thursday, May 3, at 7:30 pm, when art historian Diana L. Linden will speak on “Painting for Freedom and the Freedom to Paint: Ben Shahn’s Murals and the M.S. St. Louis.” Her illustrated talk will examine murals painted by American artist Ben Shahn (1898-1969) under the auspices of the New Deal art projects that challenged America’s immigration policies. Linden specializes in

American art of the 1930s, public art, feminist art, art and social movements and social realism. Her book, “Ben Shahn’s New Deal Murals: Jewish Identity in the American Scene” was selected as a finalist in the Visual Arts category of the 2015 National Jewish Book Awards.

Linden received her undergraduate degree from SUNY Binghamton. During her first year at SUNY Binghamton while



Diana L. Linden

enrolled in the “Intro to Art History” class, Linden, as she puts it, had an “aha” moment and realized that she had decided on her major. Many courses later, working at the school’s museum, holding internships at such institutions as the Metropolitan Museum of Art and after graduate study, Linden says she still can feel that “aha” moment when looking at works of art. After college, Linden went on

to receive her M.A. in art history at Williams College, where she was selected by the faculty as the top graduate student. She worked full-time at the Brooklyn Museum in its education department while pursuing her Ph.D. in American art history at the City University of New York, The Graduate Center. Her dissertation was on American Jewish artists’ New Deal murals, which became the subject of her book “Ben Shahn’s New Deal Murals: Jewish Identity in the American Scene.” She was also the visual See “CJS” on page 5

## Federation’s 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.

## Fashion for Inter-sisterhood meeting on May 2

By Paula Rubin

Women in the community are invited to the annual Inter-sisterhood meeting on Wednesday, May 2, at Beth David Synagogue, 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. The event is hosted this year by Beth David Sisterhood. Beginning at 7 pm, the cost is \$5 per person, which includes refreshments, payable at the door.

“Fashion Week Comes to Inter-sisterhood” will present a look at today’s latest fashions and vintage or pre-owned apparel. Fashions will all come from Vintageness and will be modeled by Sisterhood members.



Inessa Raytenberg

“There will be something for all ages and all sizes,” said organizers of the event.

Vintageness is owned and managed by Inessa Raytenberg, a Binghamton native who received her B.A. from Binghamton University and continued her studies there, receiving her M.B.A. Her expertise is in high end retail, including several years at Saks Fifth Avenue’s

New York flagship store and eight years at Goldsmith of Binghamton. “Her love of great value, panache and luxury labels has laid the groundwork for building Vintage-

ness into the blend of pre-owned garments and collection of brand new, hand-selected season must haves reflecting the lifestyles of the Southern Tier community,” said organizers of the event.

All women in the community are invited to attend, and to bring their neighbors and friends. To RSVP, call Beth David Synagogue at 722-1793, Temple Concord at 723-7355 or Temple Israel at 723-7461.

## Federation board meeting open to community

The Jewish Federation will hold a full board meeting on Wednesday, April 18, at 7:30 pm. The community is invited to attend. Those interested in attending should make a reservation by calling the Federation at 724-2332 so that enough materials will be available.

## Rabbi Zev Silber to receive the Jack and Mary Ferber Memorial Award of Beth David Synagogue

By Arich Ullmann

Beth David Synagogue will host its annual dinner on Sunday, May 6, at the synagogue, 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. This year’s honoree is Rabbi Zev Silber, who will receive the Jack and Mary Ferber Memorial Award. The award is named after Jack and Mary Ferber and recognizes individuals’ outstanding contributions to the congregation. Jack was president of Beth David Synagogue in 1964-65 and again from 1969-74. He was known as “Mr. Beth David” because of all he did for the synagogue.

Silber grew up in Brooklyn, NY, and received his ordination from the Rabbi Isaac

Elchanan Theological Seminary, Yeshiva University in New York where he was a student of Rabbi “The Rav” Yosef Dov ha-Levi Soloveyichik. In the tradition of his teacher, Silber also pursued a secular education. He holds a bachelor’s degree in mathematics and a master’s degree in Talmud, both from Yeshiva University, as well as a master’s degree in educational leadership from the University of Alabama, Birmingham. Silber has worked as an educator in many places from the Deep South to the Northeast. He came to Binghamton in 1999 when he was hired as principal of Hillel Academy of Broome County, having held similar positions before in Indianapolis, IN, and

Rochester, NY. He became the rabbi and spiritual leader of Beth David in 2005 and since then has served the congregation in many ways, ranging from delivering sermons on Shabbat and *yom tov*, to teaching weekday courses to conducting life cycle events and supervising *kashrut*, the *mikvah* and the *eruv*. He has been an active member on the board of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton and works with Jewish Family Service to help people in the community who are struggling.

“He and his wife, Judy, have opened their home to visitors and students who not only appreciate their hospitality, but also the rabbi’s breadth and depth of Jewish

knowledge that invariably enriches the conversations during meals,” said organizers of the event. “Being honored at the annual dinner expresses the gratitude and admiration of the Beth David family for its rabbi and his caring leadership.”

The event will begin at 3 pm with cocktails and the dinner will follow at 3:30 pm. The cost is \$50 per person, with three sponsorship levels: gold (\$375) and silver (\$275), both of which include two dinners; and bronze (\$175), with one dinner included. Reservations are requested by Monday, April 23.

Anyone who did not receive an invitation, but would like one, can call the synagogue office at 722-1793.

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## Opinion

## Israel at 70: It's time to reclaim the Z-word, Zionism

By Gil Troy

(JTA)—All too often, when I ask campus organizations that are pro-Israel and deeply Zionist why they avoid using the “Z-word” in their messaging and literature, I’m told, “Zionism doesn’t poll well.”

True, not polling well is one of today’s great sins. But imagine what our world would be like if our ancestors feared the polls. The American Revolution wouldn’t have polled well. Suggestions that Northerners crush slavery in 1860 wouldn’t have polled well. And proposing a new Jewish state in 1897 wouldn’t have polled well either. At the time, most European Jews believed enlightened Europe was outgrowing antisemitism – that polled well.

Let’s learn from our heroic predecessors – and from feminists, gays and African-Americans, whose first attempts to defend their rights didn’t poll well either. Take back the night, resist internalizing our oppressors’ hatred of us.

Reclaim the Z-word: Zionism.

You cannot defeat those delegitimizing Israel by surrendering Zionism, the movement that established Israel. If a century ago Zionism brought pride back to the term “Jew,” Jews and non-Jews today must bring pride back to the term “Zionist.”

In his book on “the strange career of the troublesome” N-word, African-American Harvard Law professor Randall Kennedy explains the “protean nature” of political words. Groups can triumph with linguistic magic by defining themselves and their aims; when enemies define them, they lose. Kennedy warns against allowing the hater to define the hated, and that’s what is happening.

First, “shame on them”: Shame on the anti-Zionists who single out Jewish nationalism, meaning Zionism, in a world organized by nationalisms, and call it “racist.” Shame on them for libeling a democratic movement. Shame on them for ignoring Judaism’s national-religious duality, which allows non-Jews to convert into the Jewish religion and join the Jewish nation, making Zionism among the least biologically based, least racist, most permeable forms of nationalism. And shame on them for racializing the national conflict between Israelis and Palestinians – inflaming hatred, making peace more elusive.

Alas, shame on us, too. Zionism should be a more popular term than “Israel.” Until 1948, Zionism was the movement affirming that Jews are a people with a homeland and that like other nations, Jews have the right to establish a state on that land (others may, too: nationalism involves collective consciousness, not exclusive land claims). Since

1948, Zionism has been the movement to perfect that state.

Like all countries, Israel makes good and bad moves. If you’re anti-Zionist, you reject Israel’s very existence. If you’re critical of Israel somehow, you’re a thinking human being.

America’s president offers an opportunity to understand that distinction. The 77 percent of American Jews who hate Donald Trump still remain proudly American. Why can’t we love Israel and Zionism regardless of particular prime ministers or policies, too?

Here’s the real question for Jews: Do you feel connected to Israel, today’s great Jewish people project? If so, you stick with it because you belong to the Jewish people. And you help perfect that state through Zionism – embracing different schools of Zionist thought. It could be Religious Zionism or left-leaning Labor Zionism or right-leaning Revisionist Zionism or Cultural Zionism.

**If Zionism as an idea asserts that Jews are a people with a homeland, and Zionism as a movement builds, protects and perfects the state, Zionism as a value is more personal. Zionists see it as a way of explaining Judaism as a culture, a civilization, an ethnicity, a tradition, not just a religion.**

In honor of Israel’s 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, I just published “The Zionist Ideas,” updating Arthur Hertzberg’s classic anthology “The Zionist Idea.” Adding the “s” broadens the conversation, from the 38 thinkers in his book to the 170 in mine. As part of its publication and in honor of Yom Ha’atzmaut, Israel’s Independence Day, I am urging readers to host Zionist salons, home-based conversations addressing “what Zionism and Israel mean to me today.”

Establishing Israel in 1948 fulfilled the Zionist idea – that powerless Jews need a state as a refuge, immediately, and as a platform to flourish and express Jewish values, long-term. Seventy years later, debating Zionist ideas welcomes debate from left to right, religious and nonreligious, about what Zionism and Israel can mean to me as Jew, as a person – and how some of these ideas can help Israel become a model democracy.

That’s why Zionism didn’t end in 1948 – the debates continue.

If Zionism as an idea asserts that Jews are a people with a homeland, and Zionism as a movement builds, protects and perfects the state, Zionism as a value is more personal. Zionists see it as a way of explaining Judaism as a culture, a civilization, an ethnicity, a tradition, not just a religion. It anchors us in a self-indulgent, throwaway society, providing a sense of community in an often lonely, alienating culture, and a sense of mission in an often aimless world.

Reclaiming Zionism often entails moving from Political Zionism – asking what we can do for our country – to Identity Zionism – asking, with apologies to JFK, what your country can do for you. There’s a reason why Israel ranks 11<sup>th</sup> on the world “Happiness Index,” despite the nation’s many challenges. Most Israelis are instinctively Identity Zionists. Their identity blossoms from the Zionist state – which appreciates strong family values, robust community ties, deep patriotic feelings – and a broader sense of mission in life. That’s part of the package Birthright participants and other tourists appreciate when visiting Israel. And that’s the recipe that makes so many Israelis happy despite the rush-rush of their society and the roar-roar of some Palestinian neighbors demanding their destruction.

Zionism isn’t the only way or the best way, it’s just my way, my people’s way. I’m not smart enough to improvise another framework.

Identity Zionism includes commitments to Jewish education, Jewish action, to making Jewish ethics come alive, to Jewish peoplehood and Jewish community – these are core Zionist values I, for one, would – in Churchill’s words – never surrender.

Today, the #MeToo conversation spotlights how often victims – especially women – internalize persecution, letting bullies win. Anyone interested in abandoning Zionism first should ask: How much of this internalizes the delegitimization campaign?

If we don’t stand up for ourselves, who are we? If we let those haters win, what are we? And if we don’t start celebrating and reclaiming the Z-word now – at Israel’s 70<sup>th</sup> – then when?

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## In My Own Words

## Running scared

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Are they really so scared of what those students might accomplish? That strikes me as the main reason behind the attacks on Parkland student activists. For those unfamiliar with the situation, a mass shooting – called one of the worst school shootings ever – took place at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL, on February 14. Seventeen students and staff were killed, and 14 others, were injured during the attack.

You would think that having lived through this horrific experience – with some students fearing for their lives, even as others watched their friends bleed and die – would generate sympathy for the survivors. However, that’s not what has occurred. Why? Because instead of sitting back and waiting for government action – government action that didn’t take place after too many other school shootings – these students founded a movement in order to prevent future shootings.

Their statements and actions were behind the recent March for Our Lives. In Washington, DC, about 800,000 people gathered for the march. The number in New York City was nearly 200,000 and the Binghamton March, which I attended, numbered almost 2,000. These numbers scare people who don’t want gun control or more funding for mental health issues or a discussion of white male rage.

These student activists have one goal: preventing mass shootings. They deserve to be applauded for their activism. Instead, they are attacked and lectured for their effort to make our schools and country safe.

The list of misconceptions and/or lies printed or spoken about these students is horrifying. A few of them are printed below:

◆ Lie: The student activists are paid actors, not young people who attend school in Parkland. Truth: Not only aren’t they paid actors, they did not receive money to serve as a front man for any political party or organization. Can legislators make the same claim?

◆ Lie: This wouldn’t have happened if the students had been nice to the shooter. Truth: Even if we ignore the horror of blaming the victim, at least one student reported on her time tutoring the shooter, who has problems far beyond any student’s ability to cure. Being nice just doesn’t cut it when it comes to solving the problems of mental illness.

◆ Lie: One of the students ripped up the U.S. Constitution, showing her disdain for our nation. Truth: What she really ripped up was a shooting target with a bullseye. The video was altered to not only change the paper in her hand, but to make her look scary.

◆ Misconception: The students should be doing something practical instead of protesting, such as learning CPR or how to respond to a shooter. Reality: As one student retorted, CPR doesn’t work on someone whose head has been blown off. As for responding to the shooter: since when are students expected to have the ability of a SWAT team? That’s so absurd it’s difficult to respond seriously.

◆ Misconception: These students are too young to understand the issue. Reality: Those making this claim don’t understand the issue. It’s very simple: find a way to stop massacres in our schools.

In a world where young people are said to be uninterested in anything beyond their phones and other electronic devices, we should feel grateful for these student activists. But their positive actions are what makes those in power frightened of them. If these students gather enough people behind their cause, they might force change. What politicians need to remember before they dismiss these students is that in a few years they will be old enough to vote. I’m betting their memories will be long enough to remember who supported their cause and vote appropriately. Those of us who are already old enough to vote will recall these politicians’ stances come next election day.



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# Author Edwin Black to speak at BU, SUNY Broome about IBM's role in the Holocaust

An ad hoc coalition of students from both Binghamton University and SUNY Broome have joined with local social justice activists and Binghamton alumni around the country to demand Binghamton University immediately remove Thomas Watson's name from the Thomas J. Watson School of Engineering. Watson micromanaged IBM's 12-year relationship with Nazi Germany from the first days of the Third Reich in 1933 right through the Holocaust and until the last hours of the Hitler regime in 1945, according to investigative historian Edwin Black, who authored the award-winning *New York Times* bestseller "IBM and the Holocaust."

To make their point, the group has arranged for Black to come to Binghamton and present the latest documentation in a lecture "How Thomas J. Watson and IBM Co-Planned and Organized the Holocaust" to be held on Monday, April 23, at 5 pm, in Binghamton University's Lecture Hall 10. Black stated in advance, "IBM, under Watson's close management, organized and greatly accelerated all six phases of the Holocaust: identification, exclusion, asset confiscation, ghettoization, deportation and even extermination. With their advanced punch card technology, IBM conducted the census and identified Jews, religious or not, made the railroads run on time and pinpointed Jewish bank accounts. Every concentration camp had its own IBM customer site. The evidence will be robust and irrefutable."

The *Washington Post* has called Black's material "beyond dispute." Harvard International Review said the charges were "undeniable," and the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* concluded, "no question." Since "IBM and the Holocaust" was first published in 2001 in the United States and now in 17 languages in 80 countries, and despite hundreds of articles, IBM has never denied any information in the book.

The push to remove Watson's name came in October

2017, after Binghamton University history student Michael Harel penned an editorial in the campus newspaper, *Pipe Dream*, titled "BU Should Rename the Watson School." Harel wrote, "We have named our engineering school after a man who represents polar-opposite values and who assisted the Nazis in the killings of millions of Jews, homosexuals, gypsies, paraplegics and other non-Aryans."

The widely circulated article was seen by BU alumni around the country, including Eyal Eisig, now an attorney in Ft. Lauderdale. Eisig had started a similar campaign 16 years ago, but says the university pushed back. Local activists James Little and SUNY Broome film documentarian Nick Bongiorno have likewise for years been concerned about the magnitude of Watson's name in Binghamton, despite his Reich years record. The idea has been revived at a time when similar movements across the nation are removing monuments to the Confederacy.

Black's April 23 lecture on IBM will kick off a series of five human rights presentations in Binghamton. On Tuesday, April 24, at 5 pm, Black will discuss "American

Eugenics - from Long Island to Auschwitz," based on the award-winning bestseller "War Against the Weak: Eugenics and America's Campaign to Create a Master Race," sponsored by BU's Department of Sociology, in BU's Lecture Hall 10. On Wednesday, April 25, at 6 pm, in BU's Lecture Hall 10, he will present his award-winning research into "Nazi Policy and Black Victims - from Africa to Berlin to North Carolina." His final two presentations will be on Thursday, April 26, when he will appear at SUNY Broome for an event titled "Journalism in the Age of Misinformation," at noon, in Titchener Auditorium 102, and then at 6 pm, in Binghamton University's Science Library 212, to present "Israel and International Law - The Historical Underpinnings."

All of Black's lectures are planned as global events with participation by individuals across the country. Eisig will make opening remarks remotely from his office in Ft. Lauderdale. Other questioners will be included by video conferencing.

Black can be reached at [www.edwinblack.com](http://www.edwinblack.com).

## New JLI course on "What Is?"

Last minute registration is still being accepted for the spring JLI course titled "What Is? Rethinking Everything We Know about Our Universe."

The course will tackle questions like: Is the world real? What is time? Where does our sense of self come from? Why does evil exist? If God already knows what we will do tomorrow, is our "freedom of choice" nothing more than an illusion? Does the word "God" actually mean something, or is it just a way of referring to whatever

it is that we cannot explain?

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](mailto:rslonim@Jewishbu.com), or visiting [www.myJLI.com](http://www.myJLI.com).

## Dr. Diane Butler to speak at April 14 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!"

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

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Off the Shelf

# Follies and foibles from the Jewish past

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

We tend to look at the lives of our Yiddish-speaking ancestors through rose-colored glasses. Of course, all these Jews were upstanding citizens who behaved appropriately, no matter what the provocation. While the world may have treated them poorly, they took great care in their dealings with each other. Those of you who *don't* want to be disabused of this notion should definitely *not* read Eddy Portnoy's entertaining and amusing "Bad Rabbi and Other Strange But True Stories From the Yiddish Press" (Stanford University Press), which shows just how badly some of our ancestors behaved.

Portnoy, a senior researcher and director of exhibitions at the YIVO Institute, notes that his book is not a traditional scholarly monogram, but rather a work of popular history – one that reflects an excellent sense of humor. This is the first time someone's "Notes on Orthography" made me laugh. After explaining his method for phonetically translating Yiddish into English, Portnoy mentions that he considered "writing the entire book using YIVO orthography. Bot yu no, meybi its not sotsh a greyt aydiya efter ol."

"Bad Rabbi" focuses on a specific Jewish social group, Eastern European Jews, who "had their own unique culture, their own foods, their own folktales, their own music, their own literature – all carried in their own language, Yiddish. The only thing they lacked was their own country. Or did they? After all, they lived in Yiddishland." Yiddishland could be located in Warsaw, Poland, across the ocean in New York City, or anywhere with a Yiddish-speaking population. The chronicles of this country were Yiddish newspapers and magazines, and there was one for almost every interest: "The Yiddish press catered to virtually every political

and social orientation. Everything from anarchist to traditionally religious – and whatever lay between – appeared on the newsstands. Among umpteen others, one could find women's magazines, socialist literary magazines, vegetarian monthlies, satirical weeklies and religious dailies – all available on the corner for just a few pennies." Since print media was the mass media of the times, many Jewish organizations also published their own magazines or newspapers.

Some papers tried to appeal to a wide audience by including stories about all aspects of Yiddish culture. For example, communist writers and religiously observant ones often found themselves published in the same edition of a paper. The press – and its readers – loved sensationalist tales or unusual news, including stories from Warsaw's Yiddish crime blotter. The stories Portnoy prints run the gamut from the petty to the serious, including theft, physical assault, prostitution and more. Not every story ended in an arrest by the police. For example, "Blood-drenched Scandal on Account of... Davening" tells of a religious father who beat his free-thinking son with a stick because he wouldn't attend the synagogue. The son was left a bloody mess, with the final result being that "medical help was called and the boy's wounds were bandaged" – with no one informing the police of the assault.

Cultural misunderstandings underlie "The Great Tonsil Riot of 1906" in New York City's Lower East Side, when Yiddish speaking mothers thought their children's throats were being cut open while they attended school. What really happened was that doctors from the Board of Health were performing tonsillectomies on some of the students. The misunderstanding occurred because, although the parents had been informed, they were unable

to read the English documents they'd been given. The New York City Police Department was so disturbed by the women's behavior, that it stationed police at the school building until the end of classes that year. Fortunately, there was no further rioting.

Other chapters feature interesting people and events that may not be familiar to many readers. For example, Portnoy writes about Warsaw's Miss Judea Beauty Pageant, which took place in 1929; Martin "The Blimp" Levy and his wrestling career; and an intriguing tale of "Bigamy, Blackmail, and the Radimmer Rebbetzin." Nineteen newspaper stories featured in a chapter about rabbinic courts show that divorce was more common than one might think, and a chapter on "Suicide Jews" shows the large number of suicides that took place in Warsaw in the 1920s and '30s. Portnoy notes that "there are stretches in which one finds at least one and sometimes several suicide reports per day. Not only were Jews killing themselves on a regular basis, but also Yiddish newspaper readers seemed to love nothing more than a juicy story with an unhappy ending."

This eye-opening view of Yiddishland and our ancestors was fun and fascinating. Portnoy definitely does not show this world at its finest. When writing about the criminal cases, he notes that these people "are the two-bit nobodies of Jewish history. Essentially unknown, the derelicts who populate the Yiddish crime blotters are the unsung heroes of the Jewish underclass, a group that tends to resist documentation." Those of us who want to understand Jewish history need to understand all aspects of that history – the heroic and the nefarious. "Bad Rabbi" does an excellent job revealing the dark underbelly of Yiddishland.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE UNDER NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 206

Notice is given of the formation of Get Air Vestal, LLC (the "Company") for the transaction of business in the State of New York and elsewhere.

1. The name of the limited liability company is Get Air Vestal, LLC.
2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on February 14, 2018.
3. The county in which the office of the Company is to be located is Broome County N.Y.- principal business location 2220 Old Vestal Road, Vestal, NY 13850.
4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served against the Company to the Company to the LLC, c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Ste 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228.
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the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 1504 Pine Street, Endicott, NY 13760.

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# 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.

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?aID=4838](http://www.thereporter.org/Article.aspx?aID=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



Tova Mirvis (Photo by Nina Subin)

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 [mdragojl@binghamton.edu](mailto:mdragojl@binghamton.edu).

# TC-TI adult ed. talk on planting seeds for the community garden on April 15

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



Kaitlyn Sirna

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 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](mailto:titammy@stny.twcbc.com) by Tuesday, April 10, to make a reservation to ensure there is sufficient food and drink.

# 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 WBNF.

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.

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essayist for the scholarly team that produced "City of Promises: A History of the Jews of New York," edited by Deborah Dash Moore, which was selected as the Jewish Book of the Year in 2012. She is a co-editor of "The Social and the Real: Political Art of the Western Hemisphere in the 1930s," which is the first hemispheric look at social realism throughout the 1930s. Linden has taught at Pitzer College, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, University of Southern California and Pomona College.

CJS programs are open to the entire community. All programs will begin at 7:30 pm at the Jewish Community Center. General admission is \$8 per program, or \$20 for all three programs; senior admission is \$5 per program or \$12 for all three programs. BU students are welcome to attend at no charge. Individual sponsorship is available and donations are always welcomed. Individual sponsorship of \$100 includes admission to both fall and spring programs. For more information on how to become an individual sponsor or to make a donation, e-mail [bingcjs@gmail.com](mailto:bingcjs@gmail.com). CJS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

CJS provides opportunities for adult Jewish education for the Broome County

community by offering fall and spring programs. Drawing on local resources, and inviting scholars and experts from a range of universities and cultural and religious institutions, CJS sponsors an array of programs dealing with Jewish history, culture, religion and politics.

CJS, founded in 1986, is an informal coalition between the Judaic Studies Department of Binghamton University and several area Jewish sponsoring institutions: the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, Beth David Synagogue, Temple Concord and Temple Israel. Programming for CJS would not be possible without the support of a grant from The Community Foundation for South Central New York – David and Virginia Eisenberg Donor Advised Fund, and additional financial support from the Jacob and Rose Olum Foundation, the B'nai B'rith Lectureship Fund, the Victor and Esther Rozen Foundation, an endowment fund from the former Temple Beth El of Endicott, a grant from the JoyVel Charitable Fund and the donations of individual sponsors.

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# SUMMER CAMPS

## An effort to infuse more about Israel into Jewish summer camp

**Shiryn Solny**

(JNS) - A new initiative that's pushing for more Israel education at Jewish summer camps is the collaborative project of three organizations with a shared goal: to enrich and grow an intention about how camps connect to the Jewish state.

Every year, the Israel @ Camp Intensive offers eight camps in North America the opportunity to participate in a 20-month process aimed at discovering, and ultimately executing, how they want Israel to have a role at their camp. A collaboration between the iCenter for Israel Education, Jewish Agency for Israel and the Foundation for Jewish Camp, the intensive has teams from the three organizations work closely together with camp, young staff members and *shlichim* (Israeli emissaries) who help create camp programs.

Aliza Goodman, director of professional development at the iCenter, told JNS.org: "The ultimate goal is to help a camp uncover or discover where Israel currently lives in their camp and really ultimately where they want it to be. How they infuse Israel throughout the fabric of camp and how they continue to enhance their program so that their campers are experiencing Israel in an everyday way at camp."

The camps that join the 20-month intensive receive mentors, attend a joint training seminar in Israel with *shlichim* and obtain a box filled with interactive material and resources that help integrate Israel in their environment and programs, depending on what area they want to focus on. Goodman said when Israel @ Camp started in the spring of 2017, one of the most popular boxes was designed for a cooking program called "Golda's Kitchen Cabinet." It included spices, programs, aprons and recipes that highlighted an array of popular Israeli dishes.

The Israel @ Camp Intensive is free, but does require a time commitment and a key point person at the camp who can "own the process" and take on the "role of implementer," said Goodman.

The intensive begins in the winter with an individualized mentorship. Camp leaders and an expert in the field of education and Jewish camping work together to assess the role of Israel at the specific camp and the leadership's vision for growth. The camp leaders choose from seven focus areas related to camp and together with their mentors develop a plan of action on how to infuse Israel in those areas. During the following summer, camp leaders experiment by trying to implement the course of action and, in the fall, they reconnect with their mentors to reflect on what worked and what didn't in terms of reaching their goal. The entire pattern is repeated the second year.

"Again, winter planning, spring training and, by the second summer, we hope they achieve growth and solidify for themselves their path toward really infusing Israel throughout their camp and achieving their vision in a long-term way," said Goodman.

Each part of the intensive is made to help camp leaders have an easier time accomplish their vision of where Israel falls into place in their environment. "It's a challenging time to figure out what Israel is, what do you want Israel to be to your camping community and how do you sharpen the message there," Rabbi Avi Orlow, vice president of program and innovation at FJC, told JNS.org. "For many camps, Israel education is a bit of a third rail. It's either going to be left as 'we'll do it the same way we've always done it and become irrelevant' or 'if we do too much change, we'll suffer the consequences of roughing too many feathers.' So I think there's a great opportunity for them to get expertise, practice and things that can work for our kids, and be relevant in terms of bringing Israel live in the 21<sup>st</sup> century to our campers and our staff."

The intensive is individualized and based on the values on which each camp is founded. Orlow noted that "we're not trying to homogenize camp." And Goodman explained that Israel @ Camp helps programs identify for themselves where they want to be in the future and how to get there.



Campers made pita on their outdoor oven with recipes received through their Israel @ Camp Resource Box. (Photo courtesy of iCenter for Israel Education)

The mentors are simply there to nudge them in the right direction.

"Sometimes, the outside perspective is super-important for camps because they have their tunnel vision of where they are and where they want to go," she said. "Our outside voice, with experts in the field of Israel and Jewish education and camp, can say, 'Well, have you ever considered this idea?'"

Are camps lacking in the areas of Israel and Jewish education? Orlow said not necessarily, but he told JNS.org that camps need to constantly be "refining and renewing if they want to stay relevant." They also need to realize that "good enough is not good enough."

Goodman added: "Often, camps have Israeli *shlichim*, and they do an 'Israel Day,' and then everything else is happenstance. I don't think of it as a 'lack of,' but I think of it as there's always opportunity for growth, and I think that's really what we try to do with this process is to help camps both identify for themselves where they're doing great work and where there's opportunity for continued growth... If we were doing the same thing every year, then we would all be bored with our jobs. I think everyone wants to continue to improve and enhance their program, and to really make an impact on the relationship campers have with Judaism, Israel, Israelis and their community."

The Israel @ Camp Initiative combines JAH's expertise and role in training *shlichim*, FJC's leadership and support nationally in the Jewish camping field, and the iCenter's years of experience and past initiatives related to fostering Israel education at camp.

Together, the three organizations are not only helping

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Campers showed off their Hanoch Piven-inspired portraits in front of their Israel @ Camp banner. (Photo courtesy of iCenter for Israel Education)



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# Israel at 70: How 1948 changed American Jews

By Ben Sales

(JTA) – One year after Israel’s establishment, in the dead of night, three students ascended a tower at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York and raised the Israeli flag. The next morning, the Conservative rabbinical school’s administration took it down.

That act of surreptitious Zionist protest was one of several at JTS during the years surrounding 1948, when Israel gained independence, Michael Greenbaum wrote in an essay in “Tradition Renewed,” a JTS history edited by Jack Wertheimer. Students supported the new Jewish state. However, the seminary’s chancellor, Louis Finkelstein, opposed American Judaism focusing all its efforts across an ocean, and also needed to appease a board wary of Jewish nationalism.

But the students persisted. Once, they sang the Israeli anthem “Hatikvah” following graduation ceremonies. Another time, they convinced their colleagues at the Union Theological Seminary, the Protestant school next door, to play the anthem from their bell tower.

Today, nearly all American Jewish institutions are vocally, even passionately, pro-Israel. But even in the years after the Jewish state won its independence 70 years ago, that feeling was not yet universal.

Before the Holocaust, Zionism itself was polarizing among American Jews. Many, especially in the Reform movement, felt support for a Jewish homeland would cause their loyalty to America to be called into question. The other side was represented by Louis Brandeis, the first Jewish Supreme Court justice, who saw no conflict between American values and Zionist aspirations.

By the time Israel declared independence on May 14, 1948, American Jews – scarred by images of the Holocaust and Nazism, and inspired by newsreels of tanned



David Ben-Gurion, who was to become Israel’s first prime minister, read the new nation’s Declaration of Independence in Tel Aviv on May 14, 1948. (Photo by Zoltan Kluger/Israeli Government Press Office via Getty Images)

kibbutzniks – were largely supportive of Zionism. But they were not yet turning out for organized political advocacy and mass tourism to Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Instead, they were getting used to the idea of a Jewish sovereign state – gradually incorporating it into their culture, prayers and religious outlook.

“After the mid-1930s, the majority of American Jews had come to be positive one way or another about the idea of a Jewish homeland,” said Hasia Diner, director of the Goldstein-Goren Center for American Jewish History at New York University. “While 1948 on the one hand was very exciting and [had] lots of communal programming and celebrations, it was slightly anticlimactic in the sense that opposition had been gone for at least 10 years.”

North American Jewish support for Israel was turbocharged by the Truman administration’s quick recognition of the state, and by the Israeli army’s victory against the Arab states in its war of independence. In February of that year, Golda Meyerson (later Meir), raised \$400,000 in one day (the equivalent of some \$4 million today) on behalf of the provisional state on just one stop in Montreal. In the weeks following independence, she started a drive in the United States and Canada for \$75 million more (or about \$750 million in 2018 dollars).

“There was a sense that once America recognized the state, Zionism had won, and everyone wanted to link with the winners,” said Jonathan Sarna, a professor of Jewish history at Brandeis University. “It was growing very quickly, it took in all of these refugees, which solved that problem.”

After Israel secured its independence, American Jews began to engage with the new nation in small ways. There was no rush of tourism, but American Jews would show their support by purchasing goods from Israel, reading books about Israel or holding Israeli dance classes in their community centers.

“Here’s this new state they had to kind of develop this relationship with, [and] the cultural realm was really the place it was happening,” Emily Alice Katz, author of the 2015 book “Bringing Zion Home,” told the New Books Network podcast. “There were these years in which it wasn’t as much about rallying the troops for these massive outpourings of aid or political influence, but it was more of this coming to know Israel.”

Part of the reticence to support Israel stemmed from the ethos of 1950s America, with its focus on suburban growth, the “melting pot” and assimilation. Against that backdrop, American Jews were trying to prove they belonged as social See “Changed” on page 9

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camps re-evaluate and discover their connection to Israel, but also their relationship with being Jewish. Orlow explained that among the ones they’ve worked with, there are a group of camps where “dealing with their ‘Jewish identity’ was inaccessible until they dealt with their Israel identity.”

“There are camps that do not self-understand themselves to



Campers worked on a community art project, making signs for cabins and buildings around camp, named after and based on cities in Israel. (Photo courtesy of iCenter for Israel Education)

be religious camps; they understand themselves as community camps, or secular camps or cultural camps,” he explained. “And the process of thinking about where Israel lived in their camp gave them a place of reflection from which they can ask, ‘Who are we Jewishly?’ So I think the camps we’ve been working with in this process, they’ve really welcomed not only what [it] did for them in terms of bringing Israel more intentionally into camp, it actually helped them think more intentionally about how they do in the larger umbrella

of Jewish identity, of which Israel is a huge part of.”

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# An exhibit on soccer during the Holocaust is on display at one of Buenos Aires' biggest stadiums

By JTA Staff

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (JTA) – One of Argentina's most popular soccer clubs is hosting an exhibition of harrowing stories about the sport from the Holocaust era. "It Wasn't a Game" (or "No Fue un Juego") opened recently at the River Plate museum in the team's stadium building complex here, and will remain on view through May 15, a month before the start of the World Cup, soccer's premier international tournament. The curators have split the exhibit into 11 parts – one for each player on the field at one time for each team.

In an exhibit produced by the Buenos Aires Shoah Museum, panels tell the stories of teams and individuals throughout the museum, which receives some 25,000 visitors each month.

One is about Emerico Hirschl, a Hungarian Jewish coach who led River Plate to multiple national and international championships in the 1930s. Hirschl also was instrumental in helping Jews who did not have visas gain asylum in Buenos Aires at the time, despite the prohibitions of the Argentine government. Using his popularity, the coach convinced guards to allow people to enter the city's ports.

Gabriela Hirschl, his daughter, told JTA at the exhibit's inauguration that one of the Jews he saved later became his girlfriend, then his wife – and eventually Gabriela's mother.

There are also the stories of European teams that suffered under the Nazis and were forced to rebuild after the war, such as Bayern Munich and Borussia Dortmund in Germany, Ajax in Holland and Austria Wien in Vienna. Some notable examples: Bayern Munich's president, Kurt Landauer, and coach, Richard Kohn, were forced to resign because they were Jewish. And an Ajax player, Eddy Hammel, helped the club win multiple championships before he was deported to Auschwitz in 1943.

The exhibit also looks at teams on the other side: Schalke 04, for instance, was taken under Hitler's wing and coasted to several German championships in the 1930s.

One panel illustrates how the Nazis set up a soccer league at Theresienstadt to fool the Red Cross into believing life was normal at the concentration camp. The Nazis sched-



L-r: Gabriela Hirschl and Leandro Albajari at the exhibit. (Photo by Tabare da Ponte/Courtesy of "No Fue un Juego")

uled matches, assembled crowds and took photos, all for propaganda purposes.

There are also tragic stories of many players, such as Julius Hirsch, the first Jew on the German national team. He also fought for Germany in World War I, but later died in Auschwitz. Matthias Sindelar was a non-Jew on the Austrian national team, but he refused to play for Germany after it annexed Austrian territory and forced its players to suit up for the German national team in 1938. Six months later, Sindelar was found dead in his apartment. Antony Liko, who played for the Wisla Krakow club, joined and fought with the Polish resistance, but was captured and later killed in Auschwitz.

The exhibit is the brainchild of Jewish Argentine sports writer Leandro Albajari, who has been interested in the Holocaust since he read "The Diary of Anne Frank" as a 13-year-old. Researchers Gustavo Asmus, Guillermo Ibarra



A panel showing Otto Nerz, Germany's national soccer team coach from 1926-32, saying "In the end, there will be a Europe free of Jews with a sport free of Jews." (Photo by Tabare da Ponte/Courtesy of "No Fue un Juego")

and German Roitbarg assisted in the effort.

"We want to spread to soccer fans a history rarely told in Argentina, and expand knowledge about events that took place during Nazism and its direct consequences that led to the Shoah," Albajari told JTA.

River Plate President Rodolfo D'Onofrio and the president of the Buenos Aires Shoah Museum, Marcelo Mindlin, inaugurated the exhibition. Part of the exhibit will be featured at the museum when its renovated facilities open next year.

The World Cup, a quadrennial event, is being hosted this year by Russia.

## Mailbox Shorts

### Online social justice site

Repair the World, <https://wererepair.org>, says its goal is to inspire American Jews and their communities to give their time and effort to serve those in need. It aims to make service a defining part of American Jewish life. Included in its initiatives are a 10-month call for young adults to Act Now, which included the 2017 High Holidays (Act Now for a Different Kind of Service), Thanksgiving (Act Now Against Hunger), Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Act Now for Racial Justice); and, after #ShareHerStory, which will conclude with the Jewish holiday of Passover.

Repair the World looks to address specific issues with specific moments in the calendar to increase mobilization for people who look to connect their celebration of a holiday with what they care about. Nearly 10,000 people participated in service experiences as part of MLK Jr. Day's Act Now for Racial Justice.

### Family film on the Holocaust

The Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City is showing the short film "The Number on Great-Grandpa's Arm" through April 29. The film seeks to introduce Holocaust history to a new generation. The film's story begins when 10-year-old Elliott asks his 90-year-old great-grandfather, Jack, about the number tattooed on his arm. That sparks a conversation about Jack's life that spans happy memories of childhood in Poland, the loss of his family, surviving Auschwitz and finding a new life in America. Their exchange is woven with historical footage and hand-painted animation to tell a story of Jewish life in Eastern Europe before and during the Holocaust.

For more information, visit <https://mjhnyc.org/exhibitions/number-great-grandpas-arm/> or contact the museum at [info@mjhnyc.org](mailto:info@mjhnyc.org) or 646-437-4202.

### Maimonides Scholars Program

The Maimonides Scholars Program for high school students will take place from June 24-July 8. It is an immersive summer institute for high school juniors and seniors that is hosted at Yale University. The mission of the program is to immerse students in the foundational texts and "great questions" of Jewish and Western civilization; to explore the history and future of modern Israel; and to prepare them to be civically engaged, intellectually curious Jewish citizens and leaders. Among those scheduled to be at the program are Daniel Gordis, Dara Horn, Rabbi Meir Soloveichik and Danny Danon.

For more information, visit [https://tikvahfund.org/maimonides-scholar-program/maimonides-overview/?utm\\_source=jrb&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=speakers](https://tikvahfund.org/maimonides-scholar-program/maimonides-overview/?utm_source=jrb&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=speakers).

### Art of Yiddish Children's Literature

The Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, MA, will hold the exhibit "Through the Looking Glass: The Art of Yiddish Children's Literature" from April 29 through this fall. It will look at illustrations from hundreds of children's publications appeared, including those found in storybooks, magazines and school textbooks. The exhibit will showcase the artwork of these materials along with artifacts of the life children lived in Yiddish before World War II.

For more information, call 413-256-4900 or visit [yiddishbookcenter.org/events](http://yiddishbookcenter.org/events).



The exhibition at River Plate's museum includes six illustrated soccer balls. This one was by Gustavo Nemirovsky. (Photo by Tabare da Ponte/Courtesy of "No Fue un Juego")



A soccer ball illustrated by Jorge Meijide. (Photo by Tabare da Ponte/Courtesy of "No Fue un Juego")

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# A historian is dispelling some long-running myths spawned by a notorious pogrom

By Sue Fishkoff

SAN FRANCISCO (J. The Jewish News of Northern California via JTA) – There was a time when “Kishinev” was all you had to say. The three days of brutal anti-Jewish violence in 1903 in the capital city of present-day Moldova introduced the world to a new word—pogrom—and for years afterward colored the way Jews and others viewed Jewish life in the Russian empire.



Steven Zipperstein is a history professor at Stanford University. (Photo by Tony Rinaldo)

Soon other names took its place in the lexicon of anti-Jewish horrors – Auschwitz, Bergen-Belsen, Babi Yar. But Kishinev, even with its “mere” 49 dead, echoed as a foreshadowing of the century’s horrors.

Steven Zipperstein’s new book, “Pogrom: Kishinev and the Tilt of History” (Liveright/W. W. Norton and Co.), does much more than retell a story worth remembering, although it does that in what critics call “compelling, heartrending detail.”

Through dedicated research in several countries and as many languages, including a gift of handwritten documents from someone considered the most notorious antisemite in late tsarist-era Kishinev, the Stanford University historian shows an early example of the power of the press, brought to light the story of a San Francisco Jewish woman considered instrumental in forming the NAACP, built an ironclad case for the true authorship of the “Protocols of the Elders of Zion,” and explained how the fallout from this tale gave rise to the myth of the weak Diaspora Jew that persists to this day.

And he reveals how much of what is thought to be known about the pogrom itself is wrong.

Zipperstein didn’t set out to write this book. He had planned for a larger work on 200 to 300 years of Eastern European and Russian Jewish history. But the Kishinev pogrom, carried out by a mob beginning on Easter Sunday, April 6, 1903, caught his attention early on.

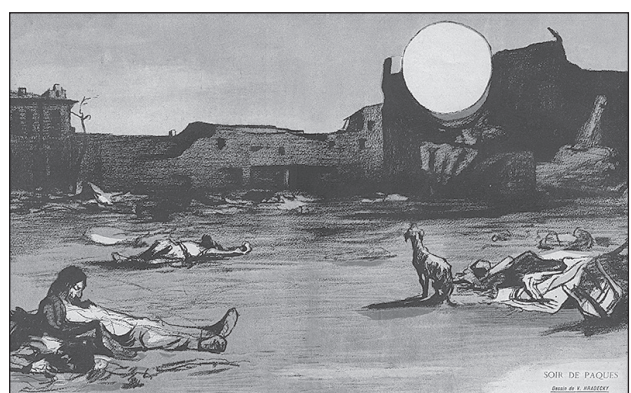
“This event helped shape so much Jewish self-perception

this past century,” he told J. “But it did so much more than that.” And much of its lingering impact is due to misunderstandings – and also a cluster of forgeries – that have shaped the memory of Russian Jewry’s best-known disaster ever since. We learn so much about Russian Jewry from press coverage of Kishinev, and so much gets skewed.”

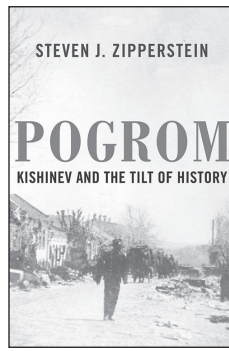
Myth No. 1: The Jewish men of Kishinev hid in fear while their wives and daughters were raped and killed. That’s the story told in Israeli textbooks of the 1950s, one cemented in the worldview of the prestate Haganah, itself colored by Hayim Bialik’s poem “In the City of Slaughter.” The highly influential work told of “husbands, bridegrooms, brothers” who crouched “in that dark corner and behind that cask” watching as their “virginal daughters... were fouled.”

In fact, as Zipperstein came to understand it based on his archival work, Bialik’s poem erased much of the truth: that there were Jewish men who fought back against the marauders who attacked and wounded more than 600 of their people and destroyed more than 1,000 of their homes and businesses. Most were themselves wounded or killed.

Myth No. 2: The Kishinev pogrom was sanctioned, if not instigated, by the tsarist government, with the complicity of the local police. Not so, says Zipperstein.



An illustration of the aftermath of the Kishinev pogrom in April 1903, published in “L’Assiette au Beurre – The Crimes of Tsarism and the massacres of Kishinev.” (Photo by Culture Club/Getty Images)



“Pogrom: Kishinev and the Tilt of History” (Photo by Liveright Publishing)

The ground was laid and the hatred fanned by a local antisemitic newspaper run by a Jew hater named Pavel Krushevan, himself the most likely author of the “Protocols of the Elders of Zion.”

“I discovered that the word ‘pogrom’ was only sketchily used before mid- to late 1903,” he said. “It was part and parcel of a larger arsenal of words used for riots in Russia, not necessarily against Jews.”

That changed after news of the Kishinev violence spread. “While the term well into 1903 is italicized by the European press, by 1904-05,

it is a term as widely recognized as the words vodka or tsar,” Zipperstein said. “In the West it comes to mean a government-condoned or organized attack on Jews. That’s all the more intriguing because the event that led to this understanding, Kishinev, was not organized by the government.”

Two portraits of little-known actors emerge from the pages of “Pogrom: Kishinev and the Tilt of History,” each worthy of a separate book. First is Krushevan, to whom Zipperstein devotes an entire chapter.

Just about a month before completing his manuscript, Zipperstein came across a collection of the man’s handwritten documents that had been carried to the United States in the 1990s by a Moldovan Jewish immigrant, who obtained them from a mental hospital where Krushevan’s nephew was incarcerated. This primary source material bolsters the notion that it was Krushevan himself who wrote the “Protocols.” Appearing just months after the massacre, the fake manuscript suggests that the extensive press coverage of this “tiny” incident in a neglected corner of the empire is further evidence of the global power wielded by world Jewry. Zipperstein says this same pogrom gave rise to the enduring twin canards of the powerless Jew and the all-powerful Jew.

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and cultural equals in American society. So again they were fearful of “dual loyalty” charges that could stem from vocal support for a Jewish state.

In a watershed moment in that debate, Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion sent a letter in 1950 to Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, which for many years had been hesitant to throw its support behind the Jewish national movement. Ben-Gurion pledged not to speak for American Jewry or intervene in its affairs, and to dial down his insistence that American Jews move to Israel. In exchange, Blaustein recognized “the necessity and desirability” of supporting Israel in its nation building.

“The 1950s were the heyday of American Jewish assimilation,” said Sara Hirschhorn, an Israel studies professor at Oxford University. “It was the post-war era, when American Jews were benefitting from the same things everyone else was benefitting from – the GI bill, all kinds of ways for people to move into the middle class – and they wanted to continue to make the most of that.”

Nevertheless, Israel began to show up in American Jewish religious practice. A Conservative prayer book published in 1949 had readings about Israel, but not the prayer for Israel that is now standard in many prayer books. Religious schools gradually shifted their pronunciation of Hebrew from European Ashkenazic to Sephardic-inflected Israeli. Non-Zionist religious leaders, like Finkelstein of JTS, eventually were sidelined.

The biggest shift, Sarna said, was American Jewry view-

ing Judaism’s history as one of “destruction and rebirth.” That outlook posed the Holocaust and the establishment of Israel as its two poles and, Sarna said, remains dominant in American Jewish thinking today. He noted that Israel’s Holocaust Remembrance Day and its Independence Day are commemorated about a week apart by design.

“The theme of destruction and rebirth becomes a very important theme in the lives of American Jews,” he said. “So much so that American Jews don’t know the history of Zionism going back, and have bought the idea that it’s all about the Holocaust being linked to the birth of the state of Israel.”

American Jews became more open in their celebration of Israel about a decade after 1948. “Exodus,” the 1958 novel by Leon Uris that painted Israel in heroic terms, was a national best-seller and was adapted into a movie in 1960 starring Paul Newman and Eva Marie Saint. In 1961, Yiddish star Molly Picon starred in a Broadway musical about a visit by American Jews to Israel, “Milk

and Honey,” which ran for more than 500 performances. A few years later, the Israel Pavilion at the New York World’s Fair showcased the country’s charms. And as Cold War tensions continued into the 1960s, Israel began to be seen as a U.S. ally against the Soviet Union.

In 1967, Israel’s existence was again threatened by Arab armies. Between the buildup to that war and Israel’s lightning victory, American Jewish acceptance of Israel had turned to adulation, placing the Jewish state at the center of their identity. The few dissenters are found on the non-Zionist left, among various *haredi* Orthodox movements, and in the quiet grumblings of some mainstream leaders and rabbis who think the emphasis on Israel has thwarted the development of distinctly American Judaisms.

“Slowly but surely, Israel became more important for American Jews,” Sarna said. “[The year] 1967 is at once a reflection of Israel’s growing importance, but at the same time it is a great intensification of Israel’s centrality.”

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# Eight is not seven

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The word *shemini*, which is the name of this week's *parasha*, means the eighth. Specifically, it refers to the eighth day that followed the seven days of inauguration of the *Mishkan*, the Tabernacle. On this day, the Divine glory and presence was revealed in the *Mishkan* for the first time. It was on this day, too, that Aaron and his sons were officially inducted into the *kehuna*, the priesthood.

Many commentaries question the reference to this day as eighth in a sequence. On one hand it seems logical, for it was indeed the day that followed the week of installation. However there are better reasons, it would seem, to treat this day as distinctive. It was, in fact, the first day of something quite spectacular and new – the resting of the *Shechina*, God's presence, among the Jews in clear and

manifest form. There is no reason to regard this day as a continuation or outgrowth of the service conducted by Moshe and Aaron in the preceding week. As lofty as their service was, it was still within the human, finite realm and, therefore, incapable by itself of effecting the descent of the *Shechina*. In light of the above, it would seem more appropriate for this singular day in history to be referred to as the first. Why the eighth?

The number eight appears consistently, woven into our tradition at pivotal times. Limitations of space do not permit a full listing, but let us take one example to explore the power of eight. When a Jewish male child is born the Torah mandates that the circumcision be performed specifically on the eighth day. There is much in mystical and

Chasidic literature that illuminates the specific quality of eight. Seven represents the natural strata; the cycle of time that defines the creation and nature of this place we call the world. The number eight, however, indicates transcendence, that which defies the limitations of this world. Eight is not simply one more than seven; it bespeaks a qualitative rather than a quantitative difference. Eight is where the natural and supernatural merge.

In the case of circumcision, God enters into a covenant with the Jew. A covenant with the Divine can, by definition, not be on the mortal's terms within nature (the number seven). On the other hand, the Jew is a finite creature of flesh and blood; it is with him and not an angel that God See "Eight" on page 11

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On Saturday, April 14, services led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown will be held at 9:30 am. The Torah portion will be Leviticus 9:1-11:47. The haftarah will be Samuel I 20:18-42. The kiddush sponsor will be Jonathan Weiss.

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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 Religious School: Preschool through seventh-grade classes meet on Sunday mornings. Sixth-grade Hebrew and seventh-grade b'nai mitzvah classes meet on Wednesday afternoons. Adult Ed: Mini courses throughout the year. Adult Hebrew offered regularly. Call the office for details.

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 Office e-mail: TempleConcordbinghamton@gmail.com  
 Website: www.templeconcord.com  
 Regular service times: Friday, 8 pm; Saturday, 10:35 am, when religious school is in session.  
 Hebrew school: Hebrew school meets at 5:15 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year unless otherwise noted.

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 and Jeff Strosberg.

On Sunday, April 15, at 10 am, there will be a Temple Israel/Temple Concord Adult Ed. brunch at Temple Israel about VINES community gardens and Jewish agricultural traditions. The cost is \$5 per person. (See article on page 5.)

On Tuesday, April 17, an Executive Board meeting will be held at 6:30 pm and a board meeting at 7:30 pm.

On Thursday, April 19, at 7 pm, the Mahloket Matters Program with Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell will be held.

On Friday, April 20, at 8 pm, there will be a Shabbat evening service celebrating Israel's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell and Jason Flatt.

On Saturday, April 21, religious school will meet at 9 am, Torah study at 9:15 am and Tot Shabbat at 9:30 am. At 10:35 am, the Shabbat family service will celebrate Israel's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and all April birthday celebrants, and will be led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell and Jason Flatt.

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 Service leaders: Lay leadership  
 Shabbat services: Either Friday evening at 7:30 pm or Saturday at 10 am from Rosh Hashanah to Shavuot. Holiday services are also held. Check the weekly e-mail for upcoming services. Contact the president to get on the e-mail list.  
 Religious School: Students are educated on an individual basis. Temple Brith Sholom is a small equalitarian congregation serving the greater Cortland community. Congregants span the gamut of observance and services are largely dependent on the service leader. The Friday night siddur is "Likrat Shabbat," while the Saturday morning siddur is "Gates of Prayer." The community extends a warm welcome to the Jewish student population of SUNY Cortland, as well as the residents of local adult residences.

Friday, April 13, light candles ..... 7:24 pm  
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 Friday, April 20, light candles ..... 7:32 pm  
 Shabbat ends Saturday, April 21 ..... 8:34 pm

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 Friday, April 13 ..... 7:15 pm  
 Shabbat, April 14 ..... 9 am  
 ..... Mincha after the kiddush  
 ..... Maariv 7:15 pm  
 Weekday Services:  
 Mornings:  
 Sun., April 15 ..... 8:30 am  
 Mon., April 16 ..... 6:50 am  
 Tues.-Fri., April 17-20 ..... 7 am  
 Evenings:  
 Sun., April 15 ..... 7:30 pm  
 Mon.-Thurs., April 16-19 ..... 7:30 pm  
 Fri., April 20 ..... 7:15 pm  
 Classes: Rabbi Zev Silber will hold his weekly Talmud class every Tuesday evening after services.

On May 2, at 7 pm, Beth David will host the Inter-sisterhood meeting, "Fashion Week Comes to Inter-sisterhood." (See article on page 1.)

### Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

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

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

From Friday-Saturday, April 20-21, Rabbi Naomi Levy will be the scholar-in-residence. On April 20, a Kabbalat Shabbat service will be held at 6:15 pm, followed at 7:30 pm by a Shabbat dinner (reservation required). On April 21, Shabbat services at 10 am will feature Levy discussing "Sometimes a Push Gets You Going On Your Way"; at noon, there will be a lunch (reservation required); and at 8 pm, there will be Havdalah and a prayer writing workshop with Levy titled "From Your Mouth to God's Ear: Talking to God, How to Make Prayer Come Alive in Your Life," followed by a wine and cheese reception (reservation required). RSVPs for the dinner, lunch and reception were required by March 23.

### Temple Beth El of Oneonta

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 For schedules of services, classes and events, see the website.

# The music of Holocaust victims returns to the Dutch concentration camp where they suffered

By Cnaan Liphshiz

WESTERBORK, Netherlands (JTA) – On a foggy Sunday, cabaret music pierces the silence that hangs over this former concentration camp, one of the largest facilities of its kind in Nazi-occupied Western Europe. Blasting from the recorder of an Israeli visitor in March, the music draws disapproving looks and remarks from several locals touring the grounds in respectful silence. They find the sound of music inappropriate at a place whose name in the Netherlands is synonymous with wholesale murder.

But to the visitor and his five Jewish companions, Westerbork is perhaps the most appropriate place in the world to play these tunes. After all, the upbeat music was composed and performed here by inmates of the camp before the Nazis shipped them to their deaths at Auschwitz. Those inmates include Max Ehrlich, a celebrated German comedian in the 1930s who settled in Holland and was sent to Westerbork after Germany invaded in 1940.

On March 25, his nephew Alan Ehrlich, an amateur historian of the Holocaust, led a tour of the camp for an international delegation that also included a musicologist and three journalists. The visit is part of a project spearheaded by the Jewish National Fund in the United Kingdom that is breathing life into musical works that were written during the Holocaust and almost lost forever – and in the case of Max Ehrlich’s work, reconstructing compositions based on texts he smuggled out of the camp.

“Notes of Hope” features performances in Israel by the Ashdod Symphony Orchestra together with young musicians from Israel’s south. Culminating around Israel’s Holocaust Remembrance Day in April, the project offers another way to teach about the Holocaust as the number of eyewitnesses dwindles, said Samuel Hayek, chairman of JNF-UK. “Nothing symbolizes the Jewish people’s revival better than Israeli musicians performing Holocaust victims’ works ahead of Israel’s 70<sup>th</sup> Independence Day,” Hayek said.

But to Alan Ehrlich, the reconstruction of his uncle’s works 75 years after their creation carries more than symbolic significance, he says during the visit to Westerbork, where he listens to those compositions playing from the recorder. “Above all, it’s a historic document that tells of the great determination to survive by prisoners who would do anything, whatever it took, to stay alive,” he says.

In the case of Max Ehrlich, trying to survive meant producing with the Westerbork theater group of approximately 20 prisoners the most entertaining, wittiest and glitziest productions possible. Ehrlich ultimately was deported to Auschwitz and murdered. But before that, his lives and that of his crew depended on their stagecraft. The camp’s Nazi commander, Albert Konrad Gemmecker, was

“stagestruck,” as Alan Ehrlich describes it. Serving as a warden in a prison in a remote corner of the Netherlands, he was probably starving for the music and entertainment to which he was accustomed in Germany.

Like Max Ehrlich, other German Jewish artists fled Nazi Germany for Holland, including his fellow composer Willy Rosen. When Germany invaded, “Gemmecker suddenly found himself running a camp that had star inmates, a Hollywood cast at his disposal,” says Alan Ehrlich, a New York native who lives with his wife and two children in Switzerland.

For months, Gemmecker kept the names of his theater group off the weekly transport lists of people who were to be murdered in Auschwitz, Sobibor and other extermination camps in the east. “At the height of the Westerbork Theater Group, they had a full production crew, lighting technicians and all,” Ehrlich says. “The lives of the people in that crew depended on their ability to put on a good show.”

Gemmecker would invite his buddies from other SS units to show off his Jewish theater, according to research by Ehrlich and Katja Zaich, who wrote her doctoral thesis, titled “I Urgently Request a Happy Ending,” about German Jewish theater productions by exiles in the Netherlands. The Nazi spectators would occupy the two front rows of a theater that was constructed especially for cultural events at Westerbork.

But Max Ehrlich, an eternal optimist who knew he wanted to be a performing artist from a very young age, nevertheless recognized that Gemmecker would grow tired of the distraction he and his crew provided. “He sensed, he was aware of a big unrest among the people in Westerbork,” Ehrlich says. “People were shipped every week on trains east never to be heard of again.”

Aware that memories of the performances would be erased along with their creators and performers, Max Ehrlich approached a non-inmate who paid a rare visit by an outsider to the camp. He asked the visitor – a relative of a prisoner whom Ehrlich knew – to smuggle out some lyrics, notes and scripts. Decades later, the works were found in a Dutch attic and were given to Alan Ehrlich, who donated them to a Dutch museum.

“I was deeply moved. I had works my uncle wrote in his last days before he was sent to his death,” Ehrlich says.

His father, Max’s brother, was a cinema owner who immigrated to the United States when Max Ehrlich went to Holland. Ehrlich says that his father’s greatest regret in life was not being able to arrange a visa for Max. “I wanted to at least bring Max Ehrlich’s last works to light as a tribute to my father, who died in 2008,” Ehrlich says.

But the discovered documents contained no musical score or any other indication of a melody. Ehrlich, Zaich and Francesco Lotoro, a Jewish musicologist from Italy who specializes in works written during the Holocaust, went



Alan Ehrlich, right, spoke with Francesco Lotoro in Amsterdam on March 25. (Photo courtesy of Jewish National Fund-United Kingdom)

about reconstructing the music. They recorded Westerbork survivors who either saw the performances or participated in their production. They struck gold with Louis de Wijze, a survivor who delivered an accurate rendition of several numbers and even funded a studio recording of the tunes.

One is titled “Tatata,” a jaunty song in German composed by Max Ehrlich and Rosen. It describes an experience of a camp resident whose life is punctuated by the “sound of gramophone and saxophone.” Another, “You Already Want Someone Else,” is a jilted spouse’s lament. Given the circumstances in which it was written, it may well have referred to the life that the inmates were forced to leave behind.

Max Ehrlich’s songs are only a part of the repertoire of Holocaust-era works that the Ashdod Symphony Orchestra was scheduled to perform on April 15, three days after this year’s Holocaust Remembrance Day, or Yom Hashoah. Many of the works were reconstructed by Lotoro and will be performed for the first time since the genocide.

To some observers today, the creation of art under the threat of annihilation is a triumph of humanism over barbarity. But to others, it’s the chilling result of behavior that borders on collaboration.

Etty Hillesum, a lawyer who wrote a diary during her imprisonment in Westerbork before her murder at Auschwitz, referred to the theater group in the diary as See “Music” on page 12



Samuel Hayek, in jacket, met young musicians in Ashdod, Israel, in January. (Photo courtesy of Jewish National Fund-United Kingdom)



A view of the former Westerbork camp (Photo by Wikimedia Commons)

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seeks to be joined. The eighth day connotes abandonment of the “days of the week,” earthly time, and entrance into a place where the finite and infinite can bind.

Our *parasha* represents the same dynamic on the national scale. On this day, the Jews were to bear witness as the omniscient, all powerful God who fills and transcends all was to “descend” and “rest” within a structure of their own creation. The *Mishkan* is this same type of bond that connotes the synergy between the earthly and heavenly strata, between the fixed and the endless, and it is only on the eighth day, drawing on the energy of the transcendent, that this can occur.

The quality of eight, this miraculous meshing of the natural and the supernatural, is a defining characteristic of the Jewish people; we are “in the world, but not of the world,” as it were. We operate within the confines of the “seven day” earthly existence. On occasion, however, a hint of the miraculous bursts to the surface, the eight days of Chanukah being one example.

We pray daily for a new age to dawn, for the fulfillment of the prophetic promises with the coming of the *moshiach*. Interestingly, the Talmud (Sukkah 52b) refers to the *moshiach* as the eighth prince; a leader for a time marked clearly by the energy of eight: a physical world yet unencumbered by temporal limitation. At that time, says the Talmud ( Erchin 13b), we will enjoy the music of the harp in the Temple, a harp that will have eight strings.

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Another portrait features Anna Strunsky, a Jewish journalist from San Francisco and a graduate of Stanford University who married a fellow Jewish writer with similar radical sympathies. It was his New York apartment that hosted the founding meeting of the NAACP in 1909.

This linking of the black and Jewish causes, which led to a decades-long alliance culminating in the civil rights struggle of the 1960s, was – if one can say such a thing – a happy outgrowth of the Kishinev pogrom. As news of the tragedy flooded the New York press, it energized the leftist Jews of the Lower East Side. Eager to universalize their championing of the underdog, they began to draw comparisons between Jewish oppression in Russia and black oppression in the United States. Anti-black lynchings had their parallel in anti-Jewish pogroms, and both were deserving of (progressive) Jewish attention.

Above all, Zipperstein’s book is about the power of the media, politics and folklore to shape history and memory. As he writes in conclusion: “The interplay between the wealth of readily accessible information regarding Kishinev’s massacre – a veritable mountain of data – and the proliferation of distortions regarding it remains perhaps the saga’s most profoundly intriguing legacy.”

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

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## Arab students at Hebrew University call for "intifada"

Arab students at Jerusalem's Hebrew University called for "intifada" against Israel during a protest held on April 9 at the university's Mount Scopus campus in response to riots in Gaza. "From Gaza a decision was made: intifada and victory; Oh, shahid, rest in your bed, we will continue the struggle; Zionists get out, our land is Arab and free," were among the slogans chanted at the protest. A counter-demonstration was held by activists from the Zionist organization Im Tirtzu, who waved Israeli flags and sang Israeli songs including "Hatikvah," Israel's national anthem and "Kudos to the IDF." Last year, Arab students at Hebrew University staged a number of similar protests calling for violence against Israel. So far, the university has taken no measures to discipline the students involved in the protests. Alon Schwartzer, Im Tirtzu's director of policy, called the protesters hypocrites. "Instead of standing with the State of Israel that provides them equal rights and opportunity under law, these students opt to incite against Israel and the IDF, and support terrorism." He added that "the university must take this incitement seriously and immediately discipline those students responsible."

## Journalist killed on Gaza border was reportedly a Hamas officer

(NGO Monitor via JNS) – A journalist contracted by the Norwegian Refugee Council, who was killed on April 6 during the violence along the Gaza-Israel border has reportedly been exposed as an officer in the Hamas terrorist group. According to an April 9 NRC statement, "Yasser Murtaja ... had agreed to document for NRC the bitter prolonged struggle faced by Palestinian refugees in Gaza. The work was planned to start the day after he was killed." According to NGO Monitor, an Israeli watchdog that investigates the work non-governmental organizations (NGO's) operating against Israel, Murtaja's

hire by the council is part of a pattern in which NGO's have employed known terrorists. In a recent U.S. court settlement, the Norwegian People's Aid organization admitted to working with Hamas and other Palestinian terrorist organizations in Gaza. In 2016, World Vision's manager of operations in Gaza was arrested, and is currently on trial for funneling 60 percent (approximately \$50 million) to Hamas for use in terror tunnels, military installations and other terrorist activities. "The repeated instances in which international organizations are hijacked by Hamas highlights the urgent need for greater oversight by both NGOs and their donor governments," stated the president of NGO Monitor, Professor Gerald Steinberg. He added that "organizations must take vetting procedures very seriously in selecting employees, and conduct frequent financial reviews and audits to actually help the vulnerable population of Gaza and prevent diversion." According to a statement, NGO Monitor "has documented concerns that non-governmental organizations like NRC do little to mitigate the risks of aid diversion when operating in conflict zones and areas controlled by terrorist groups," adding that "NRC's statements criticizing 'counter-terrorism measures' designed to prevent Hamas and other Palestinian terrorist factions from commandeering materials and funds... are highly problematic."

## Israel's Labor Party cuts ties with U.K. Labour head over antisemitic incidents

Israel's opposition Labor Party has cut ties with the head of the United Kingdom's Labour Party, Jeremy Corbyn, over concerns regarding antisemitism and his relationship with the Jewish community. Israeli Labor Party leader Avi Gabbay wrote a letter to Corbyn, who serves as opposition leader, to tell him the decision, emphasizing that the suspension only applies to him and not the U.K. Labour Party as a whole. "It is my responsibility to acknowledge the hostility that you have shown to the Jewish community, and the antisemitic statements and actions you have allowed

as leader of the Labour Party U.K.," said Gabbay. "This is in addition to your very public hatred of the policies of the government of the state of Israel, many of which regard the security of our citizens and actions of our soldiers – policies where the opposition and coalition in Israel are aligned." The decision by Gabbay comes amid accusations that Corbyn has not done enough to address the issue of antisemitism within his party. Additionally, Corbyn, who has in the past expressed positive views of terror groups Hamas and Hezbollah, has been accused of having connections to antisemites, and ties to anti-Israel groups and figures. Over the April 8 weekend, Corbyn called for the United Kingdom to review its arm sales to Israel amid the escalation in tensions along the border between Gaza and Israel. He also recently attended a Passover seder with a far-left anti-Israel Jewish group, Jewdas, that has called Israel a "steaming pile of sewage which needs to be properly disposed of."

## Israel to offset five-year drought with two new desalination plants

Israel's Ministry of Energy and Water announced on April 9 that two new desalination plants will be built to offset the deficits of an extended five-year drought that has left Israel's sensitive water sources at their lowest levels in nearly 100 years. Currently, Israel has five active desalination plants, built in the last 13 years, to extract water suitable for drinking from the Mediterranean Sea and distribute the desalinated water through Israel's national water carrier. Each facility is expected to cost approximately \$400 million. The plan will include the expansion of pipelines for use in agriculture, and is intended to help Israel to rehabilitate dried-up rivers. The plans may include pumping fresh water into Israel's primary source for drinking water, the Kinneret – also known as the Sea of Galilee – which has continued to suffer receding levels. The Kinneret is also the primary feeder of Israel's Jordan River, which runs south to the Dead Sea and is another body of water suffering severe ecological damage due to receding water levels.

## "Never Again Education Act" to teach U.S. students about the Holocaust

Proposed legislation, if passed in the U.S. House of Representatives, would grant money raised through donations to American schools as part of the Holocaust Education Assistance Program. A draft of the "Never Again Education Act" calls Holocaust education "a national imperative to educate students in the United States so that they may explore the lessons that the Holocaust provides for all people, sensitize communities to the circumstances that gave rise to the Holocaust, and help youth be less susceptible to the falsehood of Holocaust denial and distortion and to the destructive messages of hate that arise from Holocaust denial and distortion." New York Rep. Carolyn Maloney, the lead sponsor of the legislation, planned to promote the bill on April 10 at the Olga Lengyel Institute for Holocaust Studies and Human Rights in New York City, accompanied by representatives of Hadassah, B'nai B'rith International and the Association of Holocaust Organizations. Also sponsoring the bill are Reps. Peter Roskam (R-IL); Ted Deutch (D-FL); Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL); Eliot Engel (D-NY); Kay Granger (R-TX); Nita Lowey (D-NY); and Dan Donovan (R-NY). Lowey and Granger both sit on the House of Appropriations Subcommittee.

## Israeli chief rabbi: Jews have "moral obligation" to help end genocide in Syria

Israel's Sephardic Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Yosef declared that Israel has a "moral obligation" to intervene in what he called a genocide being committed against the people of Syria by its president, Bashar Assad. As many as 150 people were killed in the latest chemical-weapons attack on the city of Douma on April 7, with hundreds more injured. First responders have accused Assad of targeting the Douma hospital with a poisonous chlorine bomb. "I have said in the past and I will say it again, what's happening in Syria is genocide of women and children in its cruelest form, using weapons of mass destruction," Yosef said in a statement. "We have a moral obligation not to keep quiet, and to try and stop this massacre. It is an obligation no less important than the moral obligation to destroy [the] nuclear reactor in Syria."

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"buffoons" fulfilling a macabre mission for the Germans. She wrote that the performances were designed to inject a false sense of normalcy into the lives of people they sought to subdue in order to facilitate their murder.

Ehrlich is not quick to dismiss this allegation. "Was it collaboration on the part of the Jews or was it resistance? It was something that, in the very beginning, troubled me a lot, too," he says. "What is the morality of them having participated in these theater presentations?"

It's a question he has raised in interviews with dozens of survivors, especially with those who participated in the Westerbork theater group. The most pungent answer came from de Wijze, the man who reconstructed Max Ehrlich's tunes and survived Westerbork largely thanks to his skills at soccer.

To him, the morality debate is a moot point. "You just do anything to survive," he told Alan Ehrlich. "Under those circumstances, surviving is your only mission in life. Everything else is a side note."

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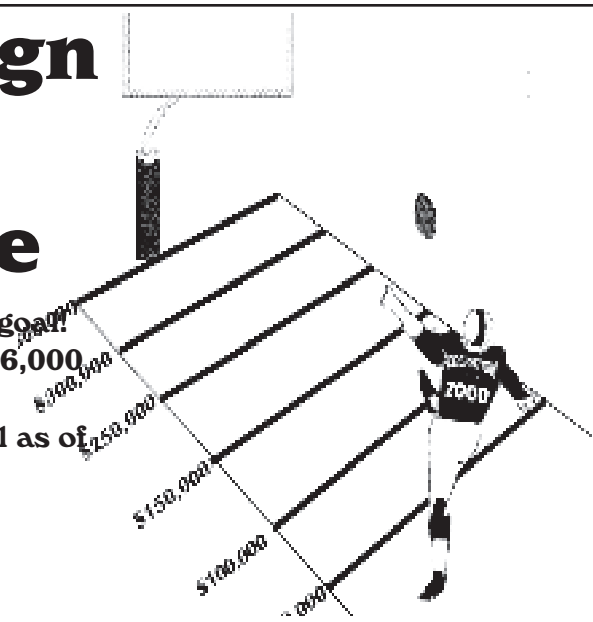


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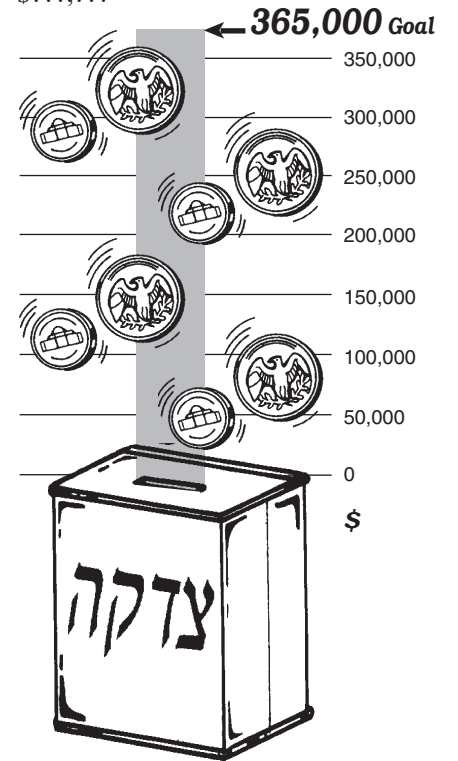
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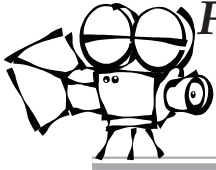


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