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TC-TI adult ed. program on “Remembrances of growing up in Nazi Germany” on May 12

Walter Selan will give a *Havdalah* program for the joint Temple Concord-Temple Israel adult education program on Saturday, May 12, at 7:30 pm, at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton.

Selan and his family emigrated from Germany in November 1938 to the United States, when he was 10 years old. Selan “has vivid recollections of his young life as Germany became increasingly Nazified. He and his family suffered and finally escaped after Kristallnacht, under harrowing conditions,” said organizers of the program. Selan’s family arrived in Chicago in June

1939, and he later graduated high school and university. He enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserves in 1947 and was on active duty after the Korean War. He coached basketball while in the service. He married in 1954, meeting his future wife in Miami Beach. He became a successful businessman in his new country and founded his own company, Walco Toys. He also became a professional bass fisherman, winning cash and prizes.

In 1981, his daughter and her family moved



Walter Selan

to Broome County, and he began visiting here. He moved to Vestal 20 years later. He attended the bar mitzvah of his grandson at Temple Concord. Coincidentally, the rabbi of Temple Concord at the time, Lance Sussman, was a distant relative of Selan’s mother.

Although not required, call Temple Concord at 723-7355 for reservations. There is a nominal \$5 attendance fee and a nosh will be served. A question-and-answer period will follow the presentation.

May 12 BD luncheon speaker Dr. Howard Warner: “The Synagogues of Italy and their Jewish Legacy”

By Dora E. Polachek

Beth David’s luncheon speaker series on Saturday, May 12, will feature Dr. Howard Warner, who will talk about his November 2017 trip to Italy and his personal investigation of the history of the synagogues, communities, ghettos and Jews of Italy.

“While our daughter, Shelley, was spending her semester abroad in Italy,” said Warner, “my wife and I decided to visit, with Shelley serving as our guide. We had a chance to explore the Jewish heritage of Rome, Venice and Florence, and we even attended services in Florence.” Warner will provide insights into the multi-faceted history of Jewish

presence in these cities, and share what new discoveries he made while there. Warner’s talk will include photos and illustrations.

A longtime resident of Binghamton, Warner grew up in Brooklyn, majored in biology at University of Washington, St. Louis and received his dental degree from New York University. Before opening his own practice in Kirkwood, he was a dentist in Bainbridge and Greene, NY.

An active member in the Jewish community, Warner has served on Temple Israel’s board for



Dr. Howard Warner

many years, and was its president from 2009-11. He served on the rebuilding committee for Temple Israel, and is house chair for the synagogue. A longtime board member of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, he is currently its president.

Beth David’s luncheon speaker series takes place the second Saturday of the month after Shabbat morning services and is open to the community. There is no charge for the luncheon. Since the monthly series’ continuation depends

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CJS spring program: “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 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

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Diana L. Linden

Judaic artist Flora Rosefsky on May 10

The College of Jewish Studies will continue its theme of “Speaking Through Art as a Jew: Visual Expressions of Jewish Culture” on Thursday, May 10, at 7:30 pm, at the Jewish Community Center. The guest speaker will be Flora Rosefsky, a visual artist, who will speak on “Inspiration and Influences in a Personal Artistic Journey.” It is a journey which began in Binghamton, her former home. “CJS is delighted to welcome Flora back for this program,” said organizers.

Rosefsky’s presentation will begin in Binghamton, where she told organizers “the spark of an artistic career started with a beginning quilting class at the JCC, while I was also creating highlights of a life in drawings called FLORAGES® in the early 1970s.”

Now Rosefsky is a visual artist living in Atlanta, GA. Her artworks, comprised of drawings, illustrations and mixed media collages are often inspired by her Jewish heritage; through her art, she interweaves her secular world “with a unique spirituality.” Almost 48 years later, she states that she “incorporates repurposed mixed materials on contemporary issues and themes to elicit a dialogue between the artist and those who view the work.”

Rosefsky is a graduate of Syracuse University with a B.S. in education. It wasn’t until she raised her four children in Binghamton that she decided to pursue a career as a visual artist. Taking advantage of courses at BU, she took classes with several art professors. Rosefsky exhibited her work in several juried competitions and invitational shows

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Flora Rosefsky
(Photo by Duane Stork)

“People of the Image:” on May 17

The third lecture in the College of Jewish Studies spring 2018 program “Speaking Through Art as a Jew: Visual Expressions of Jewish Culture” will be held on Thursday, May 17, at 7:30 pm, at the Jewish Community Center, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal. Professor Marc Michael Epstein will speak on “People of the Image: Jews and Art.” The program is open to the entire community. 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.

“Everyone knows that Jews are a ‘People of the Book,’” said organizers of the event. “But everybody also ‘knows’ that the second commandment prohibits the making of art. As it turns out, everybody knows wrong: Jews, while indisputably bookish, are also the ‘People of the Image’ as well, creating art that can give us insights into their views of God, the Universe and other people – Jews and non-Jews – with results ranging from the conservative to the controversial.”

Epstein has been teaching at Vassar College since 1992 and is currently a professor and the Mattie M. See “Image” on page 2



The Golden Haggadah will be discussed during Marc Michael Epstein’s lecture.

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Hillel at Binghamton held "Good Deeds Day"

On April 15, Hillel at Binghamton's Committee for Social Justice organized a community service event at Recreation Park in downtown Binghamton. As part of their "Good Deeds Day," multiple students dedicated their Sunday afternoon to come together to beautify one of Binghamton's parks. Organized by student Sarah Pincus, students of Hillel benefitted their community by painting benches, lamp posts and cleaning up the general area.

One reason why Pincus decided to benefit the community in this specific way of service was based on how many young students work the land in Israel. Because many See "Hillel" on page 7

At right, l-r: Ori Karudo, Tamir Cohen, Hadar Arens, Jacob Jaffe, Israel Fellow Bar Darchi, Jessica Rubin, Emily Lahm and Hannah Bartell.



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Paschall (1899) and Norman Davis Chair in Religion and Visual Culture. He was Vassar's first director of Jewish studies. He is a graduate of Oberlin College and received his Ph.D. from Yale University. Epstein did much of his graduate research at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He is the author and editor of numerous scholarly books and articles, recipient of several awards and has lectured widely, holding several distinguished lectureships over the years.

His 2011 book, "The Medieval Haggadah: Art, Narrative, and Religious Imagination" (Yale University Press), was selected by the *London Times* Literary Supplement as one of the best books of the year. His "Skies of Parchment, Seas of Ink: Jewish Manuscript Illumination" (Princeton University Press, 2015), a large-format survey of the genre with more than 300 illustrations in digital color, was the winner of the National Jewish Book Award in 2015. During the 1980s, Epstein was the director of the Hebrew books

and manuscripts division of Sotheby's Judaica department, and continues to serve as consultant to various libraries, auction houses, museums and private collectors throughout the world. Epstein has written widely on various topics in visual and material culture produced by, for and about

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in upstate New York. After moving to Atlanta in 1995, her work started to reach larger audiences.

Her paper cutouts have appeared in many print publications, while some of her quilt designs were licensed by Hallmark. In Atlanta, Rosefsky's designs have been transferred to synagogue stained glass windows, Torah covers, community narrative quilts and other Judaic textiles pieces.

In 2015, Rosefsky was one of five artists invited to exhibit

at the Bascom Contemporary Art Center in Highlands, NC with the show "Contemporary Collage: Found Images, Mutable Meanings." Rosefsky is a member of the Atlanta Collage Society, and is a signature member of National Collage Society, where her collage work is part of the Kent State University's permanent collection. She is a board director of the American Guild of Judaic Art, and belongs to the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework in Atlanta.

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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 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.

College of Jewish Studies programs are open to the entire community; 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. An individual sponsorship, of \$100, is available and includes admission to all fall and spring programs. Donations are always welcomed. For more information on how to become an individual sponsor or to make a donation, e-mail bingcjs@gmail.com. The College of Jewish Studies is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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The College of Jewish Studies, 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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Opinion

In My Own Words

Not above the law

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

My favorite parts of the original "Law and Order" TV series were those that focused on the district attorney's office, particularly the episodes that dealt with specific legal issues - for example, whether or not a person living in a tent in Central Park should have the expectation of privacy (meaning, did the police need a warrant to search his tent). I was reminded of another episode after a cartoon appeared on the editorial page of a recent issue of the local, secular newspaper. It showed the FBI as a car running through a barrier marked client-attorney privilege.

In that episode of the show, a defense lawyer was charged with a crime related to client-attorney privilege. The lawyer was said to have knowledge of the ongoing illegal acts of his client. In fact, he was in the room when they were discussing these continuing illegal acts, which, according to the prosecuting attorney, meant that he participated in said illegal acts. The lawyer was found guilty. However, since I know better than to accept legal advise

from TV writers, I decided to see if anything could revoke client-attorney privilege.

According to www.nolo.com, which acts as the central address for a variety of legal websites, there is an exception to client-attorney privilege, which is called the crime-fraud exception. That means "a client's communication to her attorney isn't privileged if she made it with the intention of committing or covering up a crime or fraud." The site notes that this exception applies "if the client was in the process of committing or intended to commit a crime or fraudulent act, and the client communicated with the lawyer with intent to further the crime or fraud, or to cover it up." This is true not only in criminal cases, but in civil ones. The sites give an example: "the exception could apply if a landlord sought advice about unlawfully evicting a tenant."

Now, I have no specific knowledge of why the FBI took files from Michael Dean Cohen, President Donald Trump's lawyer, and if what it did was legal. That's for the courts

to decide. What I do know is that lawyers and politicians are *not* above the law. That's true in both the American and Jewish legal systems. In fact, in Deuteronomy 17:18-20, the Torah clearly states that the king must write a copy of the biblical laws for himself and keep it with him so he can read it all the days of his life. The king is also reminded that he must obey *all* the laws and statutes found in that book. Being the king dies not exempt him from those rules.

I don't expect my leaders to be perfect. No one is. However, what I do expect is that they *try* to set a good example for us. It really isn't too much to ask that the person running this country and those working for him obey the law. It doesn't seem too much to expect those people to tell the truth when speaking to police, FBI officials or members of Congress. It doesn't seem too much to expect them to be more concerned with the betterment of our country than their own personal gain. Unfortunately, it seems like I am expecting far more than some of our elected officials are willing to give.



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TI Sisterhood to host book review on May 22

The Sisterhood of Temple Israel invites the Sisterhoods of Temple Concord and Beth David Synagogue, as well as all local rabbis, to join its members on Tuesday, May 22, at 7 pm, for a dairy dessert event at which Merri Pell-Preus will present a review of Ruth Gruber's book "Haven."

According to organizers, "This book offers a first-hand account of a remarkable rescue that took place during the Holocaust and which, unknown to many of our local

residents, has an important historical connection to an area here in upstate New York."

"Haven" tells the true story of the 1,000 World War II refugees who were personally escorted to the U.S. in August 1944 by Gruber, a Jewish American journalist. It details how the author went to Italy and managed to shepherd refugees from 17 countries all the way to Fort Ontario, a retired U.S. Army camp in

Oswego, NY. Gruber was also considered instrumental in helping them to obtain United States citizenship after the end of the war.

All attendees will be guests of Temple Israel Sisterhood, as there is no charge for the program. However, to ensure an adequate supply of desserts, advance reservations are requested. RSVP by Friday, May 18, to the temple office at 723-7461 or e-mail titammy@stny.twcbc.com.

Beth David annual dinner to honor Rabbi Zev Silber

By Arieh Ullmann

This year's Jack and Mary Ferber Memorial Award honoree at the Beth David Synagogue annual dinner is Rabbi Zev Silber, who has served as rabbi of Beth David since 2005. Silber will be recognized for his "tireless work as the leader and teacher at Beth David Synagogue and for his commitment to the Jewish community at large," according to organizers of the event. The event will be held on Sunday, May 6, at the synagogue, 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, starting at 3 pm, with cocktails followed by dinner 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.



Rabbi Zev Silber

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 Soloveychik. 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, and 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. Since then, he 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 a member on the board of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton and works closely with Jewish Family Service to help people in the community who are struggling.

"Together with his wife, Judy, they 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."

Invitations have gone out for the dinner. Those who did not receive one, and would like one sent, can call Beth David Synagogue at 722-1793.

Music in the Kilmer mansion on May 6

On Sunday, May 6, at 3 pm, the Ensemble Concord will present its sixth annual spring concert in the Kilmer mansion at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. Organizers expect this to be "an afternoon of beautiful chamber music."

Pianist John Isenberg, violist Jennifer Myers, violist George Myers, cellist Stephen Stalker and guest pianist Carol Bernstein will join together for a concert of music by Bruch, Dvorak and Mozart.

Isenberg, a native of Endicott, holds a B.A. in music and Italian, as well as an M.A. in Italian from Bingham-

ton University. He served the Tri-Cities Opera in various capacities from 2001-12. He has performed with various other groups in the Binghamton area, including the Binghamton Downtown Singers and the Summer Savoyards. He is currently an organist and the choir director at Sarah Jane Johnson Methodist Church in Johnson City.

Jennifer Myers, a native of Ithaca, is a violinist in New York state, performing with the Glimmerglass Opera Orchestra and the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra. She also performs with the Fenimore String Quartet and the Catskill Chamber Players.

George Myers, a native of Brooklyn, began his performing career as a violinist at the age of 11, performing live on New York City radio for the broadcast "Young America Plays." He's been guest conductor for regional All-State festivals in New York, as well as at Binghamton University. He recently retired as director of orchestras at Ithaca High School, and is currently violist with the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra.

Stalker has performed in chamber groups throughout the United States and Europe, was a finalist in the Evian See "Music" on page 7

Rosefky to discuss JCC "Threads of Tradition" quilt at BD Sisterhood Donor on May 9

By Paula Rubin

The annual Beth David Sisterhood Donor will be held this year on Wednesday, May 9, at 7 pm, at the home of Marti Klionsky, 34 Avon Rd., Binghamton. "This is one of our biggest fund-raisers," noted Marlene Serkin, Sisterhood fund-raising VP. The minimum donor to attend is \$25 per person, which includes dessert. The event is open to all women in the community.

This year's event will welcome back former Binghamtonian Flora Rosefsky, who now resides in Atlanta,

GA. Rosefsky is a visual artist who will reflect back on the creation and execution of the "Threads of Tradition" quilt she designed while living in Binghamton. While she was program director at the Jewish Community Center, she designed 25 different panels, all with a Jewish theme that she and volunteers put together as a quilt for the community. Today, the quilt hangs in the library of the JCC. It was the first of many community quilts she has designed.

Rosefsky says she has been interested in visual arts

since her first memories of "loving to draw and do art projects." Along with traditional mediums such as pens and brushes, her artistic talents have included the use of scissors, recycled drawings, painted papers, and store bought or homemade papers and photos. Rosefsky admits her "work is often spiritually driven and artistically inspired by her Jewish heritage" through collage and mixed media work, stained-glass windows and Judaic-inspired art.

The program will highlight Rosefsky's earlier years in Binghamton as she looks back on her years as program director at the JCC. To RSVP, call Serkin at 729-3235 by Monday, May 7.

Inter-sisterhood program to feature fashion on May 2

By Paula Rubin

Last minute reservations are still being accepted for this year's annual Inter-sisterhood program on Wednesday, May 2, at 7 pm. Beth David Sisterhood will host the program at Beth David Synagogue, 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. There is a \$5 admission charge, payable at the door, that covers refreshments.



Inessa Raytenberg

"Fashion Week comes to Inter-sisterhood" will feature models from all three Sisterhoods modeling clothing from Vintageness, a market place for pre-owned fashion and new designer clothing. "There will be something for everyone," organizers noted. "Vintage-

ness is owned and managed by Inessa Raytenberg, whose expertise in fashion selection and accessorizing will help every woman find the right fashion for her lifestyle."

Raytenberg is a Binghamtonian who received her bachelor's degree from Binghamton University and graduated from Hillel Academy.

The event is open to all women in the community. RSVP to Beth David Synagogue at 722-1793, Temple Concord at 723-7355, or Temple Israel at 723-1461.

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

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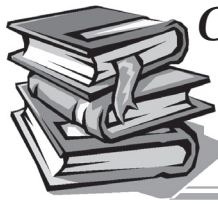
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Off the Shelf

Comedy is serious business

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

When is a book about humor not a compendium of jokes? When it's Jeremy Dauber's "Jewish Comedy: A Serious History" (W. W. Norton and Company). That doesn't mean jokes aren't included. In fact, Dauber, the Atran Professor of Yiddish Language and Culture at Columbia University,

features a variation of one of my favorite Jewish jokes on the first page of his introduction. In that same introduction, Dauber acknowledges the difficulties of talking about humor in a serious way. However, he also feels it's important to explore how Jewish humor developed and discuss the different forms it takes.

What makes humor Jewish? Dauber has two rules. The first – "Jewish humor has to be produced by Jews" – may seem simplistic, but the author notes that defining Jewishness can get tricky. Dauber accepts a comic's self-definition: If they say they are Jewish, then he includes their work, even if it's done in collaboration with someone who is not Jewish. However, being Jewish isn't enough. Dauber believes "Jewish humor must have something to do with either contemporary Jewish living or historical Jewish existence." That means the humor must give insight into Jewish life – however one defines that.

Dauber offers seven distinct strands of Jewish humor, although he admits the boundaries blur between several of them. Each strand is explored in its own chapter, which looks at its development from biblical to contemporary times. This means that Dauber can (and does) discuss the biblical book of Esther, Franz Kafka, the Marx Brothers and Jerry Seinfeld in the chapter that looks at humor based on "the blurred and ambiguous nature of Jewishness itself." In simpler terms, the author talks about the difficulties Jews face when deciding whether their Jewishness should be part of their public persona – particularly when living in a country that has little overt antisemitism.

The most easily defined strand – and my favorite chapter – focuses on "Jewish comedy as a response to persecution and anti-Semitism." It includes another one of my other favorite jokes, this one about a Christian/Jewish dispute that is done completely by hand gestures. The humor comes from the way each side completely misinterprets what the other is saying. Another strand pokes fun at "Jewish social and communal norms." While most of us don't think of the biblical prophets as being funny, Dauber sees much of what they write as satire and features them in this chapter. He also looks at jokes about rabbis who exempt themselves from the rules others must follow and ends with a discussion of Jon Stewart's use of satire on "The Daily Show."

The remaining four strands suggest that Jewish humor

has much in common with other humor: it covers almost anything someone would want to joke about. For example, Jewish humor can be bookish, witty and intellectual or it can be vulgar and raunchy. It may approach its subject through an ironic, metaphysical viewpoint or concentrate on Jews' everyday, folksy lives. Since this covers almost all types of humor, it was more difficult to see these strands as specifically Jewish, rather than general categories of humor that just happened to be told by Jews and which focus on Jewish subjects.

While I appreciated individual sections of "Jewish Comedy," I had difficulty finding connections between its different chapters. It was helpful to review Dauber's introduction, which reminded me that he was looking at such a wide range of humor that no one theory could encompass everything under discussion. For Dauber, the most important lesson is showing how "Jewish history and comedy... can be seen not as a progression, but as a series of constantly repeating conditions." In those terms, his work is a great success.

Reviewer's note: It seems unfair to review a book about comedy and not include any jokes. Although my favorites are too long to repeat in this review, here are two shorter, but still funny, jokes:

◆ "Sara in Jerusalem hears on the news about a bombing in a popular café near the home of relatives in Tel Aviv. She calls in a panic and reaches her cousin, who assures her that thankfully, the family is all safe. 'And Anat,' Sara asks after the teenager whose hangout it had been. 'Oh, Anat,' says her mother, reassuringly. 'Anat's fine. She's in Auschwitz.'" – From the chapter "What's So Funny About Anti-Semitism."

◆ "Hershele visited an inn and asked for a meal, to which the innkeeper, no stranger to shnorrs [beggars], asked him whether he had the means to pay for it. Hershele admitted that he didn't, but said, meaningfully, that if they didn't provide him with a meal regardless, he'd have to do what his father did in such circumstances. Quite disturbed, the innkeeper and his wife served him a sumptuous repast, and then, once he had eaten his fill, timidly asked if they could find out what his father did. 'Why,' Hershele replied, 'he went to bed without any supper.'" – From the chapter "The Tale of the Folk."

Mailbox Shorts

Bialystoker Synagogue tour

The Lower East Side Jewish Conservancy of New York City will hold the tour "Bialystoker The Beautiful" on Tuesday, June 19, and Wednesday, July 18, from 7-8 pm. The Bialystoker Synagogue, which was built in 1826 as a Methodist Church, is believed to have been a stop on the Underground Railroad. The tour will include a presentation of Lower East Side history and information about the largest active congregation on the Lower East Side today. The synagogue is decorated with murals and Tiffany-inspired glass windows.

The Bialystoker Synagogue is located at 7-11 Bialystoker Place/Willett Street. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.nycjewishtours.org/public-tours-and-events.

Online course on "Jewish Ideas and the American Founders"

Tikvah Fund is offering the online course "Jewish Ideas and the American Founders" taught by Rabbi Dr. Meir Soloveichik. The course explores America's biblical heritage and shines a light on how Jewish wisdom guided the founding fathers to create a Republic where both faith and freedom could flourish. Eight episodes are offered and an in-depth study guide allows students to see original source material and helps put historical events in context.

The cost for enrollment is \$40 for lifetime access. For more information, visit <https://tikvahfund.org/course/jewish-ideas-american-founders/>.

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BU Art Museum symposium on Eisenstein painting

On Thursday, May 3, from 4-7 pm, the Binghamton University Art Museum will host a public event titled "Vienna to Binghamton: A Symposium on Max Eisenstein and His Painting." It will feature talks by Owen Pell '80, partner at White and Case LLP and chairman of the Auschwitz Institute, and Tim Corbett, Inaugural Prins Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow, Museum of Jewish Heritage, as well as presentations by the co-curators of the exhibition, Karen Barzman from art history and Neil Christian Pages from German studies and comparative literature. Refreshments will be provided.

The symposium is held in conjunction with the "Binghamton Nuvolone: Restoring an Object in Six Parts," an exhibition on view through Thursday, May 19. The exhibition is presented as one stage in a research project that has taken team members

as far away as Vienna to undertake archival research and Arizona to interview surviving family members of Max Eisenstein. Visitors to the exhibition may come to understand the Binghamton Nuvolone as an object that generates multiple narratives: its creation in the 17th century by Carlo Francesco Nuvolone; the life of its most recent owner, Eisenstein, in Vienna, his flight in 1939 to Binghamton and his efforts over many years to restore his property; the puzzling condition of the painting that had been cut into six pieces; and its recent conservation. Many of the findings are presented on labels in the exhibition, but more will be given by team members and invited guests at the public symposium.

For details on the symposium, visit the Binghamton University Art Museum homepage at www.binghamton.edu/art-museum.

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JTA

Israel suspends plans to deport African asylum seekers

Israel has suspended a plan to deport tens of thousands of African migrants after failing to find a third country willing to accept them. On April 24, the government told the country's Supreme Court that it will stop issuing expulsion orders to Eritrean and Sudanese asylum seekers, and that all orders already served will be rescinded. The asylum seekers will have to renew their visas every 60 days as they did before the deportation plan. The government's statement filed with the court also said that "Israel will continue to act on the issue of the infiltrators, including attempts to encourage them to leave on their own accord or relocating them involuntarily, in accordance with the law. Israel's immigration officials will continue to refer infiltrators to the 'voluntary departure' office, allowing them to relocate to a third country, but without conditioning the renewal of their legal status of their willingness to leave to a third country." Following the announcement in court, the Prime Minister's Office issued a statement saying that Israel will reopen detention centers for the migrants. Israel had been negotiating with Uganda to take the deportees. There are some 38,000 African asylum seekers in Israel that the government had planned to deport under a plan announced in January. The plan to deport the migrants had prompted an outcry from migrant advocates in Israel and a broad swath of the U.S. Jewish organizational community.



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Lessons in time management

RABBI LEVI Y. SLONIM, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING AND DEVELOPMENT,
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Shakespeare once said, "I wasted time, and now doth time waste me." If you Google "time management," you will get at least 190 million results. The truth is that our ultimate inability to control time is a fact of life. But even the limited ability to properly manage the time we ostensibly have control over, is an art form that eludes too many of us.

We currently find ourselves in the very period that is all about time and its unparalleled value is relevant.

The Bible commands us to reckon the time between Passover and the holiday of Shavuot.

This commandment is understood as a re-enactment of the 49-day process of self-refinement that began with the Exodus from Egypt and culminated with the revelation at Sinai that is celebrated each Shavuot.

This mitzvah is rather fascinating. Unlike all others, with this commandment we don't seem to be actually "doing anything" other than saying a blessing and enunciating the particular day of the count. There is no action, no ritual item to wear, eat or affix. Just the marking of time.

And that is precisely its power. It is a mitzvah meant to teach us something frightfully important: every moment is precious; we dare not squander it. The *Kabbalah* teaches that each moment in time actually has a soul and a particular energy. When we miss the opportunity to use it wisely, we literally "kill that time." Unlike money which is spent unwisely, time wasted can never be recouped.

The words in this Torah portion that teach this commandment are: "And you shall count for yourselves, from the

day after the day of rest (*Pesach*) from the day on which you will bring the *omer* wave-offering, seven complete weeks they shall be. Until the day after the seventh week, you shall count 50 days" (Leviticus 23: 15-16).

Interestingly, the Bible makes a point of saying both seven weeks and 49 days and in fact, to this day, when counting the *omer* both days and weeks are mentioned in the liturgical formulation.

This mitzvah teaches us, that in fact every day counts, and that days too quickly add up to weeks. "Teach us to number our days, that we may acquire a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90), prayed King David. To this we can only say "Amen."

Based on the teachings of the late Lubavitcher Rebbe.

Congregational Notes

Temple Israel

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Website: www.templeisraelvestal.org
Services: Tuesday, 6 pm, Friday, 5:30 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am.

On Saturday, April 28, at 9:30 am, services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Leviticus 16:1-20:27. The haftarah will be Amos 9:7-15. The kiddush sponsor will be Howard Warner.

On Tuesday, May 1, at 7 pm, there will be an Executive Board meeting.

On Wednesday, May 2, at 7 pm, there will be an Inter-sisterhood program at Beth David Synagogue. (See article on page 3.)

On Saturday, May 5, at 9:30 am, there will be the bat mitzvah of Moira Shirvan.

On Tuesday, May 15, at 7 pm, there will be the Annual Congregational/Board of Trustees meeting.

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

Rohr Chabad Center

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Regular service times: Daily 7:30 am, Friday evening 6 pm, Shabbat morning 9:30 am, Maariv and Havdalah one hour after candle-lighting time, Sundays 9:30 am.

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

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Temple Beth El of Oneonta

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Phone: 607-432-5522, E-mail: TBEOneonta@gmail.com
Website: www.templebetheloneonta.org
Regular service times: visit the temple website for days of services and times
Religious School/Education: Religious school, for grades kindergarten through bar/bat mitzvah, meets Sunday mornings. Rabbi Karp conducts services and holds classes in Torah, beginning Hebrew and Maimonides.
For schedules of services, classes and events, see the website.

Congregation Tikun v'Or

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism
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Phone: 607-256-1471, E-mail: info@tikunvor.org
Website: www.tikunvor.org
Presidents: Miranda Phillips and Shawn Murphy
Rabbi: Brian Walt
Religious School Director/Admin. Coordinator: Naomi Wilensky
Services: Fridays at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted. Family services and Tot Shabbat once a month at 6:30 pm. Call for weekly schedules.
Religious School: Preschool through seventh-grade classes meet on Sunday mornings. Sixth-grade Hebrew and seventh-grade b'nai mitzvah classes meet on Wednesday afternoons. Adult Ed: Mini courses throughout the year. Adult Hebrew offered regularly. Call the office for details.

Temple Concord

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism
Rabbi: Barbara Goldman-Wartell
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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 27, at 8 pm, there will be a Shabbat evening service led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell and Jason Flatt.

On Saturday, April 28, religious school will meet at 9 am, Torah study at 9:15 am, and at 10:35 am, Shabbat family services will be led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell and Jason Flatt.

On Sunday April 29, at 11 am, there will be a Sisterhood Donor brunch.

On Tuesday, May 1, the Tuesday Morning Book Club will meet at 10:30 am; there will be religious school at 5:15 pm.

On Wednesday, May 2, at 7 pm, there will be an Inter-sisterhood event at Beth David Synagogue. (See article on page 3.)

On Thursday, May 3, there will be religious school at 5:15 pm.

On Friday, May 4, at 8 pm, there will be a Shabbat evening service led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Saturday, May 5, at 9 am, there will be a last day of religious school pajama day with a potluck breakfast; at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study; at 9:30 am, there will be Tot Shabbat; and at 10:35 am, Shabbat family services will be led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell and Jeff Strosberg.

On Sunday, May 6, from 10 am-2 pm, Sisterhood will have a rummage sale; from 11 am-2:30 pm, there will be a Sacred Sites Open House; and at 3 pm, there will be an Ensemble Concord spring concert.

Penn-York Jewish Community

President-Treasurer-Secretary: Harvey Chernosky, 570-265-3869
B'nai B'rith: William H. Seigel Lodge
Purpose: To promote Jewish identity through religious, cultural, educational and social activities in the Southern Tier of New York and the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania, including Waverly, NY; Sayre, Athens and Towanda, PA, and surrounding communities.

Norwich Jewish Center

Orientation: Inclusive
Rabbi: Dena Bodian
Address: 72 South Broad St., Norwich, NY 13815
Contact: Guilia Greenberg, 373-5087
Purpose: To maintain a Jewish identity and meet the needs of the Jewish community in the area.
Adult Ed.: Saturday morning study is held at 10 am. Call for more information and to confirm.

Temple Brith Sholom

Affiliation: Unaffiliated
Address: P.O. Box 572, 117 Madison St., Cortland, NY 13045
Phone: 607-756-7181
President: Louis Wilson, louiswilson1995@yahoo.com
Service leaders: Lay leadership
Shabbat services: Either Friday evening at 7:30 pm or Saturday at 10 am from Rosh Hashanah to Shavuot. Holiday services are also held. Check the weekly e-mail for upcoming services. Contact the president to get on the e-mail list.
Religious School: Students are educated on an individual basis. Temple Brith Sholom is a small equalitarian congregation serving the greater Cortland community. Congregants span the gamut of observance and services are largely dependent on the service leader. The Friday night siddur is "Likrat Shabbat," while the Saturday morning siddur is "Gates of Prayer." The community extends a warm welcome to the Jewish student population of SUNY Cortland, as well as the residents of local adult residences.

Friday, April 27, light candles 7:40 pm
Shabbat ends Saturday, April 28 8:41 pm
Friday, May 4, light candles 7:47 pm
Shabbat ends Saturday, May 5 8:49 pm

Beth David Synagogue

Affiliation: Orthodox Union
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Shabbat Services:
Friday, April 27 7:15 pm
Shabbat, April 28 9 am
..... Mincha after the kiddush
..... Maariv 7:30 pm

Weekday Services:
Mornings:
Sun., April 29 8:30 am
Mon.-Fri., April 30-May 4 7 am
Evenings:
Sun., April 29 7:45 pm
Mon.-Thurs., April 30-May 3 7:45 pm
Fri., May 4 7:15 pm
Classes: Rabbi Zev Silber will hold his weekly Talmud class every Tuesday evening after services.

On Wednesday, May 2, at 7 pm, Beth David will host the Inter-sisterhood meeting, "Fashion Week Comes to Inter-sisterhood." (See article on page 3.)

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
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President: Jerry Davis
Sisterhood President: Julie Paige
Director of Education: Rabbi Suzanne Brody
Administrative Assistant: Jane Griffith

Services: Friday 8 pm; Saturday 10 am, unless otherwise announced. Weekday morning minyan 7:30 am (9 am on Sundays and legal holidays).

Religious School/Education: September-May: Classes meet on Sunday, 9 am-12:30 pm and Wednesday afternoons, 3:45-5:45 pm. The Midrashah (eighth-grade and high school) classes will meet at times designated by their respective teachers.

Adult Ed.: Numerous weekly courses, several semester-long courses and a variety of mini-courses and lectures are offered throughout the year. Call the temple office for more details.

From Friday-Saturday, April 27-April 28, the bat mitzvah of Hannah Shvets, daughter of Isabella Khavash and Gennady Shvets, will be celebrated.

On Sunday, May 6, at 3 pm, Temple Beth-El Sisterhood invites those interested to "Explore Winemaking in Italy" with certified sommelier Dr. Laura Winter Falk and taste kosher wines paired with food. The cost to attend is \$15 per person (must be 21 or older). RSVPs soon as possible to Samantha Lesser at slessers@frontiernet.net.

Kol Haverim

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Kol Haverim: The Finger Lakes Community for Humanistic Judaism, is an Ithaca-based organization that brings people together to explore and celebrate Jewish identity, history, culture and ethics within a secular, humanistic framework. KH is part of an international movement for Secular Humanistic Judaism and is affiliated with the Society for Humanistic Judaism, a national association with over 30 member communities and congregations around the country. Established in the spring of 1999, it offers celebrations of Jewish holidays, monthly Shabbat pot-lucks, adult education, a twice-monthly Cultural School for children, and a bar and bat mitzvah program. KH welcomes all individuals and families, including those from mixed religious backgrounds, who wish to strengthen the Jewish experience in their lives and provide their children with a Jewish identity and experience.

Jewish Community Center

“Little Brush, Big Brush” parent-child painting event at JCC on May 6

The Jewish Community Center will hold a “Little Brush, Big Brush” adult/child painting class on Sunday, May 6, from 1-3 pm. The cost is \$50 a pair, or \$70 for one parent and two children, for both members and non-members of the JCC. The entire community is welcome and encouraged to attend.

The class, run by JCC youth director and licensed art educator Lynette Errante, is an opportunity for any adult and child to complete their own painting, guided by art teachers. The paintings, when completed, will form one image when put together. Two canvases, all paint and brushes, and light refreshments will be provided for the event.

Adults and children of all skill levels are welcome to attend – there will be templates for those who need them, as well as instruction from two art instructors. Those who plan to attend must pre-register and prepay at the JCC

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young adults spend their time cleaning and organizing the land through their hopes of *tikkun olam*, benefitting the world, many of the Jews of Hillel at Binghamton felt the desire to do the same. Organizers said, “The students were incredibly passionate about benefitting and helping to recover sections of the park that needed repairing, even in the windy spring weather.”

Israel freshman Hannah Bartell said she was incredibly excited to dedicate her time toward contributing to the community: “I did this last year on my gap year in Israel, and the fact that I could come back to America and do the same thing here was an incredibly rewarding experience,” she said. “I’ll never forget it, and I look forward to doing amazing things with the Jews of Hillel at Binghamton in the near future.”

Birthright fellows Emily Lahm and Jacob Jaffe also said they were excited to be making a positive impact on Binghamton’s community. “Even if it’s only a few hours of my Sunday, I felt like I was making a true difference,” Jaffe said. “I hope to do this kind of activity in Israel the next time I visit.”



L-r: Emily Lahm, Tamir Cohen and Jessica Rubin.

Music.Continued from page 3
International String Quartet Competition and the Naumberg Chamber Music Competition, and is a member of the Prometheus Ensemble based in Danbury, CT.

Those attending are invited to a reception following the concert.

Tickets are \$15 per person, \$5 for students or \$30 maximum for a family with children, and are available by calling Temple Concord at 723-7355 and leaving a message, by e-mailing templeconcordbinghamton@gmail.com or at the door on the afternoon of the concert.



L-r: Jennifer Myers, John Isenberg, George Myers and Stephen Stalker.

Community Calendar

The Community Calendar can be found on the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton’s website, www.jfgeb.org, by clicking on “calendar.” Updates or additions of events for the calendar can be made by contacting the Federation through its website (click on “calendar” and then “click here to request a change to the calendar”) or by calling 724-2332.

main office to ensure space. All proceeds from the class will go to benefit Camp JCC, the JCC’s summer day camp for school-age children.

JCC Friendship Club

The JCC Friendship Club met on April 18 and talked about Yom Ha’atzmaut, Israel’s Independence Day. It began at sundown on April 18 this year. The state of Israel was established on May 14, 1948. In Israel it is a formal holiday. American Jews celebrate the holiday to express solidarity with Israel. The holiday is celebrated in different ways in different communities. Bruce Orden read a paper about the holiday that Rabbi Rachel Esserman got from the computer. Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu was present and said that he served in the Israeli army years ago.

Sue Herzog, our new program chairwoman, introduced a poem called “Look Closer See Me.” It was found with the belongings of an elderly woman who died in a geriatric ward of a hospital near Dundee, Scotland. Sue passed

around the paper and each member read a verse. The writer described the different stages of her life until old age when she needed care. Some of us recalled days in our youth and problems getting along with our siblings.

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia Diamond. Ann Brilliant said the blessing over the refreshments after the Pledge of Allegiance. Sylvia gave the treasurer’s report. Sue told us about some of the upcoming programs. On Wednesday, May 2, there will be a book review and on Wednesday, May 9, we will attend a program at the Opera House on Clinton Street.

Come join us at the JCC on Wednesdays at 1:30pm.
Sylvia Diamond
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From JNS.org

Hebrew University study: Extended acetaminophen use during pregnancy increases risk of ASD/ADHD

For the first time, prolonged use of medication containing paracetamol or acetaminophen by pregnant women has been linked to an increased risk of autism spectrum disorder (or ASD) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (or ADHD) in their children, according to researchers at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Pregnant women are standardly prescribed acetaminophen or paracetamol as safe for pain or fever management during pregnancy. However, new evidence gathered from 132,738 mother-child pairs over the course of three to 11 years by Dr. Ilan Matok and doctoral student Reem Maarwa at the Institute for Drug Research in Hebrew University Medical Faculty's School of Pharmacy, in partnership with Dr. Amichai Perlman and Dr. Hagai Levine of Hebrew University and Hadassah University Medical Center, has concluded that acetaminophen and paracetamol have neurodisruptive properties that may affect the development of the fetal nervous system when given in low doses over an extended period. The study, published in the American Journal of Epidemiology, reveals that prolonged exposure to acetaminophen throughout pregnancy is associated with a 30 percent increase in risk for ADHD and a 20 percent increase in risk for ASD, in comparison to those who did not take the medication. The researchers were quick to point out that the results should be interpreted with caution. They emphasized that pain and fever have negative effects on the developing fetus, and that pregnant women should not be anxious about limited use of acetaminophen or paracetamol to manage those symptoms, as the drug is still safe to use in the short term. "[T]he observed increase in risk was small, and the existing studies have significant limitations," said Matok. "While unnecessary use of any medication should be avoided in pregnancy, we believe our findings should not alter current practice, and women should not avoid use of short-term acetaminophen when clinically needed."

U.S. Central Command visits Israel for the first time

For the first time, the head of the United States Central Command (or CENTCOM) arrived in Israel on April 23 for an official meeting with top Israeli military officials. Gen. Joseph L. Vote is scheduled to meet with Israel Defense Forces Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Gadi Eisenkot, Israeli National Security Council members and senior IDF officials to discuss security issues in the region. As Vote arrived, the IDF fired on a position held by Syrian President Bashar Assad's troops after a mortar shell landed near Israel's security fence on the northern Golan Heights on April 23 close to Quneitra. The shell is believed to be spillover from the ongoing Syrian civil war. The IDF reported that the return of

fire is in line with Israel's policy of holding the Assad regime responsible for any and all errant projectiles in its effort to provide security to citizens in the north.

Netanyahu delays "Override Clause" vote after consult with Supreme Court president

Israeli Supreme Court President Esther Hayut convinced Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to postpone a vote on a Knesset bill that would enable legislators to override Supreme Court rulings on Knesset laws, saying she would not meet with him otherwise. The prime minister had invited her to meet on April 23 in advance of the vote, but Hayut told him she conditioned their talk on the postponement of the vote by at least one week. Dubbed the "Override Clause," the new law would alter Israel's Basic Law on Human Dignity and Liberty, and empower the Knesset to overrule the Supreme Court and re-enact laws nullified by the court. The new law is meant to address what supporters view as an activist and left-leaning political position taken by the court. It is being brought by Israeli Education Minister and Jewish Home Party leader Naftali Bennett, in response to the Supreme Court's recent decisions to deem illegal two different laws passed by Knesset to deport illegal Eritrean, Somali and Sudanese immigrants, compromise agreements between the government and citizens living in Judea and Samaria, and plans by the Israel Defense Forces to demolish the homes of terrorists. If passed, the Knesset will be able to reverse court rulings on Knesset laws with a 61 majority vote. Most other laws require only a majority of Knesset members voting at any given time. Hayut is expected to tell Netanyahu that she objects to the 61 majority vote. Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit said he would support the legislation if the required voting majority was raised to 70 Knesset members, but the Ynet news site reported that the court would accept the legislation if it was raised to 80.

Gaza activists use "firebomb kites" to ignite Israeli fields

(MEMRI via JNS) – Various sources reported on the activity of the "Sons of Zouari" unit, which uses burning kites to fly over the border and set fire to Israeli fields, forests and houses. In an April 18 report, Al-Jazeera interviewed an activist, who, wearing a Guy Fawkes mask, threatened: "Not dozens but hundreds of kites will be flown toward the enemies, burning their crops, and causing them confusion and panic, Allah willing." The Wattan News Agency, in an April 20 report, interviewed a masked activist, who explained how they prepared the kites, which are "just like the ones kids fly on the beach," but used "for something more important – as a Molotov cocktail." The report included footage showing the activists set fire to the kites and fly them, as people, including children, milled around. Mohamed Zouari was a Tunisian engineer with the Al-Qassam Brigades, who supervised the unmanned aircraft-manufacturing program of Hamas, before his assassination in December 2016 in Sfax, Tunisia.

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