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JCC Annual Meeting on June 14

On Thursday, June 14, the JCC will host its Annual Meeting. All JCC members, friends and supporters are welcome to attend. The evening will begin at 7 pm with drinks and a dessert buffet prepared by chef Victor Torres. Background music will be performed by Kim Metaxas and the JCC Community Band.

After some opening remarks by JCC

President Carrie Wenban, the cast of the Jan DeAngelo and Company's production of "Cabaret" will perform a few numbers from the show. The evening will continue with the presentation of awards honoring those individuals who went above and beyond in their service and dedication to the JCC this past year.

The meeting will conclude with the

installation of the 2018-2019 JCC Board of Directors.

The Executive Committee includes Carrie Wenban, president; Jeff Platsky, treasurer; Bonnie Brown, secretary; Lillian Levy, past president; Mark Walker, Federation liaison; and Susan Walker, fund-raising.

The board members include Neil Auer-

bach, Lisa Berk, Bonnie Brown, Amanda Chiarot, Michelle Foster, Charles Gilinsky, Gerry Hubal, Rhonda Levine, Jeff Loew, Sarah Manasse, Emily Rose, Justin Salkin, Jeff Shapiro and Rita Shawn.

The event is free to the community. Anyone planning on attending is requested to call the JCC office to make a reservation at 724-2417.

Aaron Alweis and Richard Lewis to speak at June 9 Beth David luncheon

By Dora E. Polachek

Beth David's final luncheon program of the season will take place on Saturday, June 9. Aaron Alweis and Richard Lewis will discuss "The Torah and American Law: Perspectives on Capital Punishment."

"We are delighted to have two experts speaking on a subject that was central in biblical times, and continues to be a hot topic of discussion to this day," organizers say. "Both are excellent speakers, making for a strong way to end our current season of the Second Saturday of the Month Beth David Luncheon Speaker program."

Alweis and Lewis will discuss what the Torah has to say about the death penalty and will compare it with the textual foundations for capital punishment in the United States Constitution. What does each set of laws have to say about the imposition, structure and use of capital punishment? What kinds of interpretative debates have been raised in each sphere? "Judicial attitudes toward taking another's life have always been provocative," organizers say, "and Aaron and Dick's presentation will certainly make for a lively event!"

Since 1986, Alweis has been a senior court reporter with the New York State Unified Court System. He is a registered professional reporter, certified realtime re-



Aaron Alweis



Richard Lewis

porter and a certified realtime captioner in the National Court Reporters Association. An active member of the Jewish community, he is a former president of Hillel Academy of Broome County, and is currently second vice president, *gabbai* and chairman of the Ritual Committee at Beth David Synagogue.

Lewis is an attorney at Hinman, Howard and Kattell. He has served as past president of the Broome County Bar Association, and is licensed to practice law in New York, Florida, Pennsylvania and Illinois. Currently, he is vice president for the Sixth Judicial District for the New York State Bar Association. He has been a member of the Binghamton Jewish community for more

than 40 years, and was a past president of Temple Israel and of Hillel Academy of Broome County. He serves on many community-related organizations and is also on the board of *The Reporter*.

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 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.

Save the date

Federation to celebrate Israel at 70 on June 24

By Reporter staff

The Federation of Greater Binghamton will hold an "Israel at 70 Celebration" on Sunday, June 24, at 5:30 pm, at the Jewish Community Center, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal. Jonathan Tobin, the editor-in-chief of JNS – Jewish News Syndicate, will speak about "The Miracle of Israel." The event will also include a dinner with Israeli cuisine. The cost to attend will be \$20.

More information will appear in next week's edition of *The Reporter*.

TI/TC Adult Ed. to present "My Name is Asher Lev" reading on June 10

The Temple Israel/Temple Concord Adult Education Group will present a brunch program on Sunday, June 10, at 10 am, at Temple Israel. The program will be a reading of the play "My Name is Asher Lev" by Aaron Posner – a spin-off from the book written by Chaim Potok.

The role of Asher Lev will be portrayed by Andy Horowitz, a graduate of Binghamton

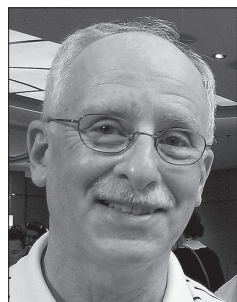
University who also has an M.B.A. from Syracuse University. Horowitz is the artistic director of Galumph Dance Company. He has also performed in multiple films and stage productions. Over a 25 year professional career, Horowitz has performed his choreographic work at more than 3,000 venues in 30 countries. He is the co-winner of the Edinburgh Festival's Critics Choice



Sima Auerbach as Rivkeh Lev



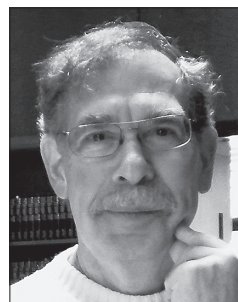
Rabbi Geoffrey Brown as the Rebbe



Steve Gilbert as Aryeh Lev



Andy Horowitz as Asher Lev



Ben Kasper as Jacob Kahn

Award, the Moers International Comedy Arts Prize, and was the 2007 recipient of the Broome County Heart of the Arts award.

The other readers include Steve Gilbert as Aryeh Lev, Sima Auerbach as Rivkeh Lev, Rabbi Geoffrey Brown as the Rebbe and Ben Kasper as Jacob Kahn.

In a review of "My Name is Asher Lev" which was performed in Washington, DC, in

November 2017, Tim Treanor wrote: "The business of an artist is not much different than the business of a baseball umpire, though his field of vision is bigger. The artist must see the world, and then call it as he sees it. Thus the artist finds himself at odds with his world's participants and enthusiasts, the players and the fans, who see the world through the conventions and protocols

of their communities. He is at best misunderstood and frequently scorned and even hated. This is particularly true when the community itself is beleaguered by the outside world."

The play raises a series of questions: What do we owe our parents? What do we owe ourselves when we possess a special gift? Is there a way to honor both? Is it inevitable to cause pain? How do we make choices and what are those consequences?

Contact Tammy Kunsman at Temple Israel by Tuesday, June 5, to make a reservation and allow organizers to prepare sufficient food. Call or e-mail the temple office at 723-7461 or titammy@stny.twcbc.com. The cost of the breakfast brunch will be \$5.

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JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE NOTES

Chicago, ideas and change

ROZ ANTOUN, DIRECTOR

It is a gargantuan task to describe to you my fantastic experiences at the Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies conference in Chicago, which I attended in April, because, by the second full day at the sessions, my brain was on fire with excitement and vast amounts of newly acquired knowledge. There were more than 400 people from around the U.S. in attendance – leaders and workers in the human services field and other support components, including David Axelrod of the Obama administration, a representative of HIAS, a documentary film-maker who showed his film on the plight of Jewish refugees from the former Soviet Union, and a role play theatre group dedicated to education on mental illness, to list just a few.

So, let's have some fun. Think about this. If someone said to you, "Tell me about an egg cream," what would you say? Maybe, before the words came out of your mouth, you'd find yourself salivating with memories of that New York City childhood drink. Or you'd mention the ingredients: cold milk, Fox's u-bet chocolate syrup and seltzer. And you could describe the process of putting those items one by one into a tall glass, briskly stirring the milk and syrup together and pouring in the seltzer until the glass is filled with froth and foam. You know and I know that there is a perfect balance, and a special technique that produces that treat, like so many things in life. And the ingredients, each transformed from standing alone become anew in concert with the other items, thereby creating something totally unique, fulfilling and, with each stir, growing to fill the void.

You're wondering what this yummy soda fountain delight has to do with my attending the NJHSA conference. I'll explain. The whole experience was delicious, just like egg creams of the past, and I was able to savor all of it knowing it was energizing me with creative thinking. In addition, I saw it as a personal growth opportunity that could translate into my making changes to benefit me and my work.

Speaking of making changes, they can be very difficult and scary. But they are part of life. We probably all try to hold them back, but they come anyway, whether we are ready or not.

This conference gave me a broader vision of my responsibilities at JFS, leaving me to contemplate where I can lead the agency into making changes to benefit the community and the people we serve. Change that is not well thought through can become chaos. But with deliberate leadership, change can be healthy and good.

What does it take to do this? I believe it is necessary to share ideas, knowing that every voice is important and valuable to the process of change. This is not to say that every idea will be used, but each idea has the potential of spurring on more creative thinking and serves as a foundation of positive change. Every volunteer in this community adds to the mix. And each volunteer is valuable and should be cherished for giving their time and energy to the process. No volunteer should ever walk away from a task feeling that their time and talents were wasted.

Just coming off my trip and wanting to see change in action, at the last JFS board meeting, I suggested that the agenda be set aside and that each board member speak about their thoughts about serving on the board, what they like and dislike about coming to board meetings. It was like a light bulb being lit; energy filled the room as ideas were shared. There was laughter and joy. At the end of the meeting, all agreed that this was the most useful and satisfying meeting that JFS has had in a long time.

Pushing for change is taking a risk. There is nothing that says change will result in success, but staying complacent can lead to stagnation. There is always the possibility that what you are trying to accomplish with change may not work out, but it should not be viewed as a failure. It is an opportunity for learning and then moving on. New possibilities abound if we reach out to tackle them.

The next task at JFS is three-fold. The first is looking at our past accomplishments to analyze what was positive in our programming and led to success, as well as gaining understanding of where we could do better. The second is assessing where we are now in the process of serving this community and the last is presenting the question of where we want to be two years from now and setting goals to get there. For sure, a mighty set of tasks are before us.

I am asking you to think about serving on the JFS board. We will meet in small groups that are task oriented and large groups to discuss the overall organization of JFS. For more information or to volunteer, contact me at 724-2332 or Rozjfs@stny.rr.com.

Opinion

What's wrong with defining antisemitism?

By Jonathan S. Tobin

(JNS) – If there is one issue on which there ought to be a political consensus even in an era of almost unprecedented partisan division, it should be opposition to antisemitism. Yet a dispute over whether the federal government has any business defining Jew-hatred threatens to undermine what should be a bipartisan coalition opposing its spread.

That's the dilemma facing the Republican and Democratic sponsors of the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act of 2018. The legislation, which is being championed by Rep. Ted Deutch (D-FL) and Rep. Pete Roskam (R-IL), has hit a roadblock in the form of opposition from the American Civil Liberties Union and Arab-American groups who are angry about the fact that the bill includes a definition of antisemitism. They worry that any law that does that will chill free speech about Israel.

The reason for the dustup stems from a problem with

enforcement of Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act that banned race and national-origin discrimination, but not religious bias. That was corrected by a 2010 ruling from the Department of Justice that specifically sought to include discrimination against minority faith communities, such as Jews, Muslims and Sikhs. The current bill would codify that ruling in law.

The letter, which was written by Assistant Attorney General Tom Perez (the current Democratic National Committee chairman), stated that a definition of antisemitism used by the U.S. State Department should be used when the Department of Education is asked to deal with acts of antisemitism on federally funded college campuses. The definition states that antisemitism involves, among other things: "Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor; Applying double standards

by requiring of it a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation; Using the symbols and images associated with classic anti-Semitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis."

But that's a bridge too far from some civil libertarians and anti-Israel activists. They don't merely want to exercise their right of free speech that allows them to spew hate at Jews; they want the government to turn a blind eye when their hate spills over to acts of illegal discrimination.

The necessity of the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act stems from a long legal battle over a spate of incidents at the University of California at Irvine in 2003. As Kenneth Marcus, a former head of the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (his nomination by U.S. President Donald Trump to be assistant secretary See "Defining" on page 7

In My Own Words

Caste, class and oppression

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

I recently read an article in the local secular newspaper about a wedding that is occurring this summer in India. The reason for the article is that the wedding party has asked for police protection. Why? Because the groom wants to ride a horse during the wedding procession through his village, something that is customary for grooms in India. So, why is it a problem for this particular groom? Because he is a Dalit, also known in English as an untouchable. Only those of a higher caste are allowed to ride a horse so, without police protection, the groom and his guests are in danger of being beaten or killed.

In case you think this case is an anomaly and that India is not still ruled by its caste system, you should read Sujatha Gidla's memoir about her family, "Ants Among Elephants." Gidla notes that she is part of the untouchable caste and never thought about what that

meant until she arrived in the United States for graduate school. What's interesting about her book is that she shows not only the way caste plays a role in India, but how class also affects the way people think about each other. She shows how ingrained these feelings are, and how difficult it is for people to look beyond caste and class to see others as equals.

I know that in contemporary times it's considered politically incorrect to criticize the customs of other religions and nations, but it's the voices of those who are part of that system – at least, those in the lower castes – who are claiming the caste system is oppressive. In her book, Gidla speaks about this oppression in clear terms, including the fact that Mahatma Gandhi said that the Dalits should accept their lot as the way of the world, something they are no longer willing to do.

Gidla has also written about the wedding. Her Twitter account notes that the police, rather than seeking to protect the Dalits, see them as the offenders because they're upsetting the status quo.

This argument – that those seeking equal rights are the problem – hasn't just been used in India. Nor are Indians the only ones who can't see past caste and class. In the U.S., it's usually race and financial status that blind us to our prejudices. Even our various religious traditions can be used against equality, for example, with some claiming that everyone should be content with their lot in life. However, when it comes to prejudice and discrimination, we should not accept that as God's will. As Jews, we are obligated to fight against oppression because all humans are born *b'shelem Elohim*, in the image of God. That means we must respect the Divine spark that is in us all.



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TC Happy Hour with Jan DeAngelo on June 2

On Saturday, June 2, at 6 pm, Jan DeAngelo will sing and play piano at the Temple Concord Happy Hour in the Kilmer Mansion at 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. All members of the community are invited. Happy Hour is free and sponsored by the Temple Concord Outreach Committee.

"Jan DeAngelo has recorded several albums and is a much sought after vocalist and pianist," according to Happy Hour organizers. He has performed all over the United States, Canada and Italy.

DeAngelo plays and sings in many styles, including musical theater, cabaret, opera and pop. He was the recipient of the Friars Club Award from the Theater Department at Binghamton University in 1987. DeAngelo received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Broome County Arts Council in 2012.

"Spend time with friends and make new ones at Happy Hour. Enjoy refreshments, DeAngelo's entertainment and sing along," said organizers of the event.

After a brief *Havdalah* service to close Shabbat, attendees who wish may continue with dinner at 7:30 pm at a downtown Binghamton restaurant.

RSVP by calling Temple Concord at 723-7355 or sending an e-mail to templeconcordbinghamton@gmail.com so organizers know how many to plan for. Those coming to dinner are asked to leave their name and the number in their party for a reservation. Reservations were required

Weiss couple to be honored at TI on June 2

The community is invited to honor and celebrate Dr. Robert "Bob" and Diana Weiss for their dedication to Temple Israel on Saturday, June 2, at 10 am, at the synagogue, 4737 Deerfield Pl., Vestal. A celebratory *kiddush* luncheon will follow Shabbat services. The celebration is free and open to the public.

Bob is part of four generations of members of Temple Israel. His parents, Dr. Martin and Gertrude Weiss, were among the original founders of Temple Israel, when it opened on Exchange Street in Binghamton in 1923. At that time, Martin served as vice president of the temple, while Gertrude served as president of the first Temple Israel Sisterhood.

Bob and Diana were involved in the development and construction plans for two Temple Israel buildings, culminating in the newest Temple Israel, which opened its doors in 2016. Bob was on the building committee of the original Vestal synagogue and Diana was a participant in the adult bat mitzvah class at Temple Israel under Rabbi Jacob Hurwitz.



Diana and Robert Weiss

For those who are unable to attend, but would like to honor Bob and Diana, contributions may be made to Temple Israel in their honor.

TI to celebrate historic anniversaries of its adult *b'not* mitzvah on June 8

The Sisterhood of Temple Israel invites the entire community to attend an *erev* Shabbat service on Friday, June 8, at 7:30 pm, to commemorate the milestone anniversary of the congregation's original adult bat mitzvah class.

It was on April 7, 1978, that, for the first time at Temple Israel, 27 adult women conducted the Friday evening Shabbat service as a culmination of a year of study for their bat mitzvah. In 1979, an additional 20 women celebrated the completion of the second adult bat mitzvah class at the synagogue, and, in 1980, 11 more women were bat mitzvahed in the third class.

As 2018 marks 40 years since the *siyyum* (graduation) of the original class, members from all of the adult bat mitzvah classes will participate in leading the *erev* Shabbat service.

The evening service will be followed by a celebratory *oneg* Shabbat. To ensure an adequate supply of refreshments for the occasion, RSVP to Tammy Kunsman in



Members of the 1978 adult bat mitzvah class.

the Temple Israel office at 723-7461 or e-mail titammy@stny.twcbc.com.



Members of the 1979 adult bat mitzvah class.



Members of the 1980 adult bat mitzvah class.

OF NOTE

Appel

Stephen Appel's photographs will be on exhibit in "The Many Images of Stephen Appel" at the Marica Brown and Raymond Loft Galleries from May 25-June 11. The gallery is located at 27 West Main St., Norwich. Appel began taking photographs while attending Harpur College in Binghamton during the early 1970s. He then worked as a photojournalist at a daily newspaper and in photo processing before opening his own studio in 1978. His focus is on industrial, commercial and portrait photography.

For more information about the exhibit, call the CAC at 336-2787 or visit ChenangoArts.org.

The Jewish Community wishes to express its sympathy to the family of **Dr. Nathan Brown**

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.

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Off the Shelf

Philosophical exploration of Jewish law

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

Educating readers is the main purpose of the reviews that appear in this paper, whether it's informing people about novels and nonfiction they might otherwise never learn about, or giving an overview of scholarly material that people are interested in, but might never read. I have eclectic tastes, meaning I read works in a wide variety of genres. Readers of this column might note, though, that I rarely review works about politics or philosophy.

The reason for this preface is to help explain my reaction to "The Going: A Meditation on Jewish Law" by Leon Wiener Dow (Palgrave/Macmillan), which is a 100-page hybrid construction of philosophy, *halachah* and personal reflection. Parts read as if they were intended for a scholarly journal, for example, each chapter opens with an "abstract" giving details of the chapter and a listing of "keywords." Wiener Dow, who is a research fellow and on the faculty at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Israel, begins his work with a philosophical look at God, Torah, the world, the word and the community. I have to confess that had I picked this work up at a bookstore, I might have stopped after reading after the first page. However, then I would have missed Wiener Dow's wonderful meditations on *halachah*.

"The Going" combines two different streams of

thought: one about Jewish philosophy and the other about *halachah*. Perhaps for philosophers, the two parts would more easily combine. However, I struggled with some sections, often having to look up words (including some Greek terms) to determine their specific philosophical meaning. What is more interesting is Wiener Dow's discussion of his movement toward observance. He talks about being "commanded," about wanting to live in a consistent way. He is not concerned about who is doing the commanding, though, but the experience of being commanded. He writes, "I close my eyes and listen hard for the command, to the command. I open them, and then perform a kind of visual squint, eyeing the commandment up and down until my eyes glass over and the commandment blurs and fades away, and again I can shut my eyes and listen to the command, listen for the command, hear the command. I open my eyes to the world once more, seeing it with a new clarity, and behold, it may well be that the command is part of the world, it is at home in the world, it belongs to the world."

This sense of being commanded led Wiener Dow to become more ritually observant. However, he does not define his particular practice, although it is clear parts are not strictly Orthodox. For example, he and his wife

exchanged rings at their wedding, rather than following the more traditional path of having the groom give a bride a ring and receiving nothing in return. The author believes in an egalitarian *halachah* and notes that he's been influenced by the feminist movement. There are times he has difficulty living what he feels is a "life of truth" and observing traditional *halachah*. He solves this problem by declaring the purpose of his religious practice is to experience "Torah-as-deed," meaning that action matters more than theology.

My favorite parts of "The Going" are when Wiener Dow writes about learning and studying Torah. For example, he sees Torah as a way to "testify to the presence of the Divine through our actions by living a commanded life of holiness. Holiness is the path I travel; it is not a destination." When speaking about the Oral Torah, Wiener Dow notes that the ancient rabbis claimed that Torah has 70 faces, one for each of the 70 nations the rabbis thought existed. He compares this to "a powerful speaker who addresses a room full of listeners, only to have each and every listener experience that the speaker was addressing her. The Divine voice contains the radical potential to address each and every member of the audience as its unique recipient."

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TC to host interfaith service for Pride Month

Temple Concord will host the People of Blessing Service as part of Pride Month on Wednesday, June 13, at 7 pm. The service affirms diversity in community, lifting up the common thread amongst us and affirming people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. The theme for this year's service is "Celebrating Our Differences."

The service will include music, readings, speakers and a shared blessing by commu-

nity clergy. The offering for the evening will go to support this annual service and other programs of the Pride Coalition. All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided following the service.

Temple Concord is located at 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. For more information, contact Carol Gallagher (cgallagher@gmail.com) or Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell at Temple Concord (723-7355, rabbigoldmanwartell@gmail.com).

TC Annual Meeting honors members' service

At right: Temple Concord held its annual meeting on the evening of May 21. Honors were given to recognize members' service to the synagogue. L-r: Deb Williams, Cathy Eckert, Elliot Niman and Jon Burgman showed their certificates of appreciation. Jeff Strosberg and Susan High also received mention, but were not at the meeting. A special honor was given to the late Mark Eisenstadt, whose plaque was accepted by his wife, Marty Eisenstadt.



Spring CJS looked at "Speaking Through Art as a Jew"



Diana Linden, visual artist, spoke on Ben Shahn's murals and the M. S. St. Lewis as part of the CJS spring program on "Speaking Through Art as a Jew: Visual Expressions of Jewish Culture."



Marc Michael Epstein answered questions after his lecture on "People of the Image: Jews and Art."



Flora Rosefsky (at right) spoke with Faith Zinner before her talk for CJS.



Flora Rosefsky answered questions after her talk on "Being a Judaic Visual Artist."



At right: The audience at a CJS spring 2018 program.

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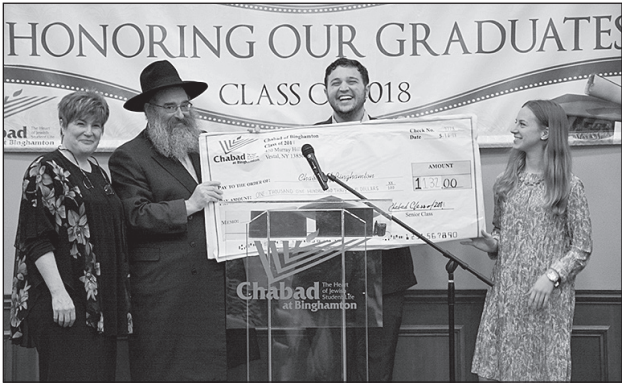
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Chabad celebrated BU graduation weekend



Graduates Gilad Greenstein (holding check) and Rachel Spiro (far right) presented a gift from the class of 2018 to the Chabad Center, which was accepted by Rabbi Aaron and Rivky Slonim.



BU President Harvey Stenger spoke with graduate Meir Berkman at the Wine and Cheese send-off reception for graduating students at the Chabad Center held on May 16.



L-r: Graduates Jessica Hill, Mariah Stein and Rachel Spiro lit Shabbat candles.



Graduates gathered to take a "class picture" at the start of the Good Bye Shabbaton on May 11.



L-r: Jacob Salner, Zachary Levy, Rabbi Levi Slonim, Dan Greenberg and Cole Tobias, who delivered remarks on behalf of the graduating class at the Wine and Cheese send-off reception.



Rabbi Aaron and Rivky Slonim presented the "Kli Kodesh" award, for coordinating the student committee who checked the Sholom Staiman Eriv each week, to graduate Rebecca Roffe. Also receiving awards were Yank Fishman, "Kli Kodesh" for his work as the Chabad shul gabbai; Gilad Greenstein, the Emor M'at V'aseh Harbeh (say little and do much) award; and Meir Berkman, the Haosek B'zorchei Tzibur (the one involved with the need of the community) award.



Stu Mayer '00 spoke on behalf of Chabad alumni at the reception.



Rivky Slonim and some of "her girls" celebrated.



Dean April Thompson addressed the graduates.



Each graduate received personal gifts. L-r: Rabbi Zalman Chein presented Matt Yeckes with his gifts.



L-r: Risa Sharf, the graduate who spoke at the tekes siyum, received her gifts from Rochel Chein.

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For Wiener Dow, the magic of Torah study occurs in "the *beit midrash*, a place where two or more learners gather together to read the text, attack it, be surprised by it, fall in love with it, be outraged by it, identify with it, feel alienated by it, be touched by it: to demand of it, to allow it to demand of them; to bring it into conversation with their lives, to bring their lives into conversation with it. The connection between learned Torah and life is immediate, urgent, and paramount... Accrued life is brought into direct contact with the text... [the learners in the *beit midrash*] are the mouths of Torah, of the ongoing Oral Torah, as well as the locus of revelation." That statement is one of the most meaningful and thoughtful I've read about what occurs when people truly wrestle with the Torah text.

I found parts of "The Going" extremely difficult, although those with a background in philosophy will find those parts easier. My preference was for the sections about Jewish law, although having some background in *halachah* is helpful and the author assumes a familiarity with Jewish ideas and concepts. Wiener Dow clearly loves Torah and *halachah*, and that love shines throughout his book.

What are right-wing extremists doing in Republican primaries – and what can the party do about it?

By Ron Kampeas

WASHINGTON (JTA) – “Republicans seek alternative to ‘Nazi’ candidate after he secures nomination,” one headline reads.

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“GOP House candidate in Illinois is a 9/11 truther, said Beyonce had ties to the Illuminati,” another says.

Both headlines would be alarming enough if they weren’t about two separate congressional races. The emergence of fringe candidates as the top challengers in these two districts and elsewhere is giving Republicans headaches. And it is raising questions as to who or what is to blame for the seeming mainstreaming of hate- and conspiracy-mongering.

Is it Donald Trump and his “America First” populism? An emboldened “alt-right”? Social media’s megaphone effect?

In Illinois’ 17th Congressional District, in the state’s northwestern corner, Democratic incumbent Cheri Bustos will face a GOP nominee named Bill Fawell, who believes, according to CNN research posted on May 25, that the 9/11 terrorist attacks were an inside job, and that Beyonce and Taylor Swift are stumping for the Illuminati, a worldwide domination sect that some conspiracists insist exists.

In the same state’s 3rd District, comprising southwest Chicago and its suburbs, Arthur Jones, a Nazi – not a sobriquet, his preferred affiliation – became the GOP candidate despite being rejected by national Republicans and the state party for denying the Holocaust.

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for human rights at the Department of Education is still pending) wrote in 2010 in Commentary, the school was racked by antisemitic demonstrations resulting in acts of violence and intimidation directed at Jewish students. The context was the Second Intifada, during which Palestinian terrorists killed more than 1,000 Jewish Israelis.

When Jewish leaders called for action from the Department of Education to combat this wave of anti-Semitism, the government failed to act because this form of hate was not considered actionable under the Civil Rights Act. But now that the department has closed this loophole for hate and Congress is prepared to confirm that action, critics are claiming that the new law will chill the free speech of those who want to criticize Israel, even though the bill specifically states that it doesn’t infringe upon anyone’s First Amendment rights.

There is good reason to be wary of any measure that expands the power of the federal government. But the notion that the open acts of discrimination against Jews that generated the controversy should somehow be protected speech is not one that stands up to scrutiny.

At the heart of the dispute is the desire on the part of those who harbor hatred for Israel to pretend that anti-Zionism isn’t antisemitic. They say one can oppose Israel without discriminating against Jews. But since they are demanding that the Jewish people should be denied rights that are not denied to others, that is a distinction without a difference. If you think that only the Jews have no right to a homeland or to self-defense, then you are practicing discrimination against them and, as the lawyers say, the term of art for such unique discrimination is called antisemitism.

It is not and should not be illegal to voice calls for Israel’s destruction or to engage in the sort of double standards and libels against Jews that the State Department definition entails. But when advocacy for such hateful opinions crosses over into discriminatory actions, that is illegal. This is why the bill proposed by Deutsch and Roskam clarifying the authority of the government to act in such cases ought to be passed – and quickly.

Contrary to its critics, the law does not forbid criticism of the Israeli government and its policies. That’s a point that Israel-haters, specifically pro-BDS groups like Students for Justice in Palestine and Jewish Voice for Peace, seek to obscure. Their stands are not rooted in a desire to alter Israel’s policies or to change its borders so as to accommodate a Palestinian state. They want Israel – the one Jewish state on the planet – to be eliminated. Every time they raise the banner of BDS, acts of antisemitism up to and including violence and intimidation of Jewish students inevitably follow. And they don’t want the relevant federal authorities to be able to enforce the law against such discrimination.

That’s why the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act has the support of a broad coalition of groups, including the more liberal Anti-Defamation League and American Jewish Committee, as well as centrists like AIPAC and the Jewish Federations of North America. Defining antisemitism won’t impinge on advocacy of diverse opinions about faith or the Middle East. But the idea that antisemitic intimidation ought to be given a pass requires a discriminatory mindset towards Jews that has no place at federally funded institutions or the public square in a democratic republic where the rule of law prevails.

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Party leaders have also gone out of their way to denounce Paul Nehlen, who is seeking the soon-to-be-vacated seat of House Speaker Paul Ryan in Wisconsin’s 1st, and Patrick Little, who is running for the U.S. Senate in California. Nehlen attacks his enemies as Jews and Little is a white supremacist.

The GOP’s critics are taking notice. “Republican Anti-Semites on the Rise” was the subject line on a recent newsletter distributed by the Jewish Democratic Council of America.

What’s going on? Here are some answers.
◆ Funds are limited when you’re fighting for your political life.

In the 17th, Illinois Republicans declined to run a viable nominee in a district where Trump won by less than a percentage point in 2016, though he gained 16 points over Mitt Romney in 2012. That opened the door for Fawell, a one-time Libertarian with a conspiracist streak. The Republicans’ decision reflects a system in which both parties are strapped for cash and forced to prioritize some seats over others – leaving the same seats vulnerable to extremists who otherwise would never make the cut.

Republicans are very much on the defensive this year, fearing a “blue wave” that will hand the House of Representatives back to the Democrats. It doesn’t make sense under those circumstances, party leaders say, for a state or national party to throw away fund-raising on unwinnable districts and, if there’s no real apparatus within the district to run a credible candidate, anyone can sneak in.

“With the map of competitive races so extensive this cycle, neither the national party or local parties have the luxury of working to attract candidates to run as a suicide mission in an unwinnable race,” Matt Brooks, the Republican Jewish Coalition’s executive director, told JTA in an e-mail. (JTA also has a query into the Illinois State Republican Party.)

◆ Suicide mission, you say? Extremists like suicide missions.

Mark Pitcavage, the director of investigative research at the Anti-Defamation League, says extremists have a longstanding tradition of lying in wait for establishment parties to abandon “unwinnable” primaries and then rushing

in – often at the last minute to avoid legal counteractions – to seize the prize. And both major parties have been targets. The tactic dates at least to 1980 when Tom Metzger, a white supremacist, won the Democratic nomination in California’s 43rd District comprising the San Diego area. Democrats ended up endorsing the Republican incumbent to keep Metzger out of Congress. (He lost.)

“They know they have no chance to win the congressional or senatorial seat they’re running for,” Pitcavage said. “But then they become the nominee, and for the rest of their lives they can use that – major party nominee – for credibility or attention.”

◆ The alt-right is emboldened.
Nehlen in Wisconsin and Little in California are not stealth candidates – not this time anyway. (Nehlen obscured some of his more toxic views when he first ran against Ryan in 2016.) Now the candidates are upfront about their views and affiliations; Little was forcibly removed from the California State Party convention earlier in May, kicking and dragging an Israeli flag. He has opined at length on YouTube about the “Jewish problem.” Nehlen obsesses about Jews in the media.

Coming out makes sense at a time when there is at least the appearance of mainstreaming of some of their views. A number of past and current officials in the Trump administration have affiliations with the alt-right, and the president has not wholly repudiated the movement’s views.

Pitcavage said that the resulting media oxygen for the alt-right emboldens some of its figures into believing their ideas can fly in an election. “There’s been more attention given this year to people like Nehlen and Jones,” he said.

◆ What to do?
Nothing, said the RJC’s Brooks. Bad apples are the price one pays for an open system. “In a democracy, ballot access is sacrosanct and anyone can run,” he said.

Wake up, the ADL’s Pitcavage said. Run party-sanctioned candidates even in unwinnable districts. “This is true for both parties. Even if you can’t win, it’s never a good idea to not have a candidate for an important seat,” he said. “What if something happens to the [opposition party] incumbent which might make the contest viable? If you cede the ground, crazy people might come forward to take it and embarrass you.”

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As night falls, Jerusalem's old-school Jewish market transforms into a hipster hangout

By Ben Sales

JERUSALEM (JTA) – In another life, Kobi Frig would have been sitting behind vats of spices in Jerusalem's bustling, labyrinthine Mahane Yehuda market, hawking paprika, zaatar and cinnamon like his grandfather and father did before him. Instead, Frig obeyed his father's wishes, went to college and started a chain of events that transformed the market and led to the closure of his family's shop. He became a community activist, organizing art and music fairs in the market that opened it up to a young clientele and brought in a wave of cafes and restaurants.

Last year, when Frig's father retired, he shuttered the spice shop and leased the space to a bar. "The third generation didn't see itself selling nuts and wanted to make a change," said Frig, 42, an event producer. "There's no question something changed. Whether it's for the best is a matter of perspective. You have good relationships between the stores and the restaurants. The food businesses buy [ingredients] from their neighbors, so the market is maintaining itself."

The story of Frig's family shop has been happening across Mahane Yehuda, known to locals simply as the *shuk*, Hebrew for market. By day, it's a traditional Middle Eastern bazaar that serves the residents of Israel's capital city. But by night, it is increasingly becoming a tourist attraction filled with cafes, bars and sit-down restaurants. The change, which began about a decade ago, is thrusting Mahane Yehuda's older merchants into a new era.

"It's changed from end to end," said Yosi Avrahami, who has sold nuts in the market for more than 40 years. "You used to see stores with vegetables and food – tons of vegetable stores – I think that will be disappointing, if it will all become beer."

Covering a network of a dozen streets in central Jerusalem, the *shuk* is a crowded pedestrian mall with hundreds of shops. Since the market began operating in the late 19th century under Ottoman rule, most of those shops have sold staple foods like produce, baked goods, meat, fish, spices, dried fruit, nuts and household items. Other stores sell inexpensive clothing, Judaica, sweets or souvenirs. It has been the target of at least seven terrorist attacks since 1968. It invariably opened for business the next day, if not the same afternoon.

It has undergone a few renovations since its founding: Merchants now sell their food from physical stalls, rather than tarps spread on the ground, and many have hung signs above their shops. But it's still far less formal than a grocery store. Sellers will sit on stools at the front of their stores, hawking tomatoes, halva or chicken in loud, hoarse, competing voices. Regulars from all walks of Jewish Jerusalem life conduct business on a first-name basis – and pay in cash. The food is kosher – and the entire market shuts



A dried fruit and nut seller gave change to a customer in Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda market on May 7. (Photo by Ben Sales)

down for Shabbat before sundown on Fridays.

On a recent weekday evening, the *shuk*'s central avenue looked like it has for decades. Shoppers lugged collapsible carts from stand to stand, doling out money and accumulating plastic bags of fresh food. Counters piled with olives, challahs, dried apricots and rice seasonings beckoned locals and tourists alike – though a branch of Israel's largest coffee chain, Aroma, has also taken up shop there.

In the center of the street, a young girl in a pink fleece played the recorder in front of a donation basket. Off to the side, an emissary of the Chabad Chasidic outreach movement checked his phone while manning a table with a pair of unraveled *tefillin*.

But a side street looked like it came straight out of the city's Zagat guide. A stand near the entrance sold fresh-pressed juice and smoothies – advertising an acai bowl in English and Hebrew. Nearby was Fishenchips, one of the *shuk*'s first small sit-down places geared toward 20-somethings. Farther along was a gelato shop, and there were bars around the corner. Young people sat chatting over meals and beer at elevated tables.

"It's an amazing atmosphere – good people, always smiling, a fantastic atmosphere, bro," said Dima Kasachuck, 20, who worked behind the counter at a Mexican restaurant and sported bleached hair, ear gauges and a long-sleeve t-shirt emblazoned with a skull. "I worked in lots of other restaurants, but it was a lower-key atmosphere there. There were more serious people, less fun, less chilling, fewer jokes, just serious work, and it's not fun."

The transformation began in 2006, when Frig persuaded merchants to remain open late one night for a party on the



Employees of Sus Ye'or, a Mexican restaurant in Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda market, pose behind the counter. Small eateries have taken the place of many traditional food shops in the market. (Photo by Ben Sales)

Jewish holiday of Purim. It ended up drawing 4,000 people. In subsequent years, he put on a series of art, music and culinary festivals in the *shuk* that exhibited its potential as a communal space for the city's youth. Restaurateurs soon began renting out storefronts and replacing traditional sellers. See "Market" on page 11

Israel rocks, according to bassist Dave Rublin

By Oren Peleg

(JNS) – In 2012, Dave Rublin, 31, was a struggling New York musician with the long hair, tattoos and a restaurant job to prove it. His Jewish mother in New Jersey played her part, worrying about her starving son, "the artist."

Just a year later, Rublin and his bandmates – friends he met at the Berklee College of Music in Boston a few years earlier, penned a catchy rock tune called "Best Day of My Life." (Millions have heard it on the radio and in major films, television shows and commercials.) The rest is rock-n-roll history.

Since hitting it big as the bassist with his band American Authors, Rublin has toured the world and recorded two hit albums, "Oh, What a Life" and "What We Live For." He took time out of his schedule to talk about the band's upcoming third album, which remains untitled and was slated for a late-May release, as well as his thoughts on artists touring in Israel... and, well, his cats.

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

JNS: Before I forget, I hear you have two roommates, right?

Dave Rublin: That's right! I have two cats named Hamburger and Froggy. They're downstairs just hanging out.

JNS: So what can you tell me about the new album?

DR: The new album is coming along great. We're putting it out starting with one song sometime [in May], then others coming out in batches. We don't want to overwhelm everyone with two years of intense work. It's very intriguing right now, getting all the songs back every week.

JNS: How's your sound evolving on this one?

DR: We're really departing from the world people remember us in – that poppy, banjo, fun, positive band. We all hit our 30s, and we want to tap into the reality and struggles of everyday people, things we've seen on the road that have resonated with us in our lives. This record is going to be very introspective, and more rock and more serious. Almost like a Kings of Leon meets Imagine Dragons meets Kanye West.

JNS: Your Jewish background is pretty interesting. Can you tell me more about it?

DR: I grew up in Maplewood, NJ. Yeah, my upbringing



American Authors bassist Dave Rublin performed onstage. (Photo courtesy of Twitter)

was really interesting. My brother is Mexican. My sister is Colombian and I'm Colombian. We were all adopted by this wonderful Jewish family. I did the Sunday school thing, I did the bar mitzvah thing, the Hebrew school thing, and I even went to a Jewish summer camp. Half the reason I'm here is because Jewish people let me into their home. If I wasn't let into their home and they didn't nurture me, I wouldn't have met those guys in college, formed the band and written "Best Day of My Life."

JNS: Were you guys observant?

DR: The thing I love the most about my parents is they let me embrace Judaism in my own way. They didn't pressure me at all. I went to synagogue sometimes. That's where my love for music really began actually.

JNS: Oh, yeah?

DR: I remember going to temple, and it was all very music-based, with all the prayers being sung. It was the first time I exercised my muscle memory for remembering melody. To this day, I can recite all the prayers I grew up learning. I remember all the melodies.

JNS: That's so cool. Excluding singing in synagogue, what's your favorite place you have played?

DR: I loved playing Red Rocks Amphitheatre in Morrison, CO. That was one of the biggest moments of my life. I know how many people great artists have graced that stage. It felt like a rite of passage.

See "Rocks" on page 11

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Why a gory Holocaust film is a blockbuster in Russia

By Cnaan Liphshiz

(JTA) – A decade ago, relatively few people in Russia even knew about the existence of Sobibor, the smallest-scale facility of the six killing centers that the Nazis built in occupied Poland. This relative obscurity persisted for decades in Russia, Israel and beyond despite the fact that the camp is tied to a dramatic story of heroism: In 1943, Russian inmates led a successful escape, one of only two such occurrences during the Holocaust (the other happened that same year in Treblinka).

Following the Sobibor uprising, however, the Nazis razed the camp so that little more than a forest clearing remained in the remote area where SS guards and Ukrainians murdered 250,000 Jews. This is why Sobibor receives a fraction of the visitor traffic observed at the Auschwitz or Majdanek camps, whose gas chambers and other structures remained intact and were turned into museum exhibits.

Ten years on, though, Sobibor has made a huge splash in Russia thanks to a government-led commemoration campaign that culminated this year, the uprising's 75th anniversary, with the recent commercial release of Russia's largest-ever Holocaust movie production. Featured prominently in national media, the war drama "Sobibor" is a box-office hit with \$2 million in ticket sales – an unprecedented success for its genre in Russia, especially for a movie unsuitable for children.

The two-hour Russian-language film – a multi-million dollar production with state funding – features Konstantin Khabenskiy, one of Russia's best-known actors. It has an international cast and convincing visuals, but its main significance is that it goes into finer detail and nuance than any feature film made before about the camp, according to Michael Edelstein, a lecturer at Moscow State University and the film's scientific consultant.

Visually, the film is one of the goriest of its kind. Its opening scene features the death throes of hundreds of naked women in a gas chamber. There's a rape scene, immolation, savage beatings, floggings, stabbings, a bludgeoning to the head and firearm executions.

"It's a very difficult film to watch," Rabbi Alexander Boroda, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Russia, told JTA.

The film also goes further than any previous production – including the 1987 British television film "Escape from Sobibor" starring Alan Arkin – in exploring the internal politics within the camp. In the days before the uprising, its conspirators suffered violence and feared betrayal by other inmates – including kapo, Jews who worked for the Nazis as camp police.

Whereas the 1987 film ignores this issue, it is ever-present in the Russian production, informing at every step the viewer's interpretation of the actions and dilemmas of the film's main protagonist, the partisan and Red Army veteran Alexander Pechersky, who led the revolt and whose character is played by Khabenskiy.

The film even features one scene of a kapo practicing the Nazi salute – a reference to Herbert Naftaniel, a German Jew nicknamed Berliner. According to testimonies from Sobibor, Naftaniel was crueler to inmates than the German and Ukrainian guards. It also shows the hostility harbored



Extras being filmed in Lithuania for "Sobibor." (Photo courtesy of Rosiya Segondiya)

by some Russian Jewish soldiers toward other Jews, whom they call "kikes" in the film.

Under Pechersky, a dozen-odd men and a few women eliminated the Nazi chain of command by stealthily assassinating several camp officers, who were lured into a trap with promises of exquisite possessions taken from victims. With weapons they stole, the rebels then engaged the watchtower guards as more than 300 people exited through the main gate. Only 57 escapees, including Pechersky, avoided being murdered in the subsequent manhunt. Eleven German officers were killed in the uprising.

But while these acts of bravery at Sobibor highlight the rebels' resourcefulness and determination, they and the movie also underscore how Jews' relative obedience at Sobibor created total complacency among the Nazis – who were famously vigilant, disciplined and effective in countering threats by enemies, partisans and even prisoners of war.

"A body has two hands, and so does this story," said Edelstein. "On the one hand, there was the dehumanization and mechanized killing. On the other, the heroism. And I think Sobibor is remembered for the heroism thanks to the rebels' actions."

The film also addresses perceived passivity, exploring the grinding effect of hard labor, hunger and trauma as well as the elaborate deception employed by the Nazis to trick the condemned into submissively entering the gas chambers, which the killers said were showers. Victims' suitcases were tagged and they received slips to recover them. Separation between the sexes was "temporary," they were told.

Pechersky, a Red Army prisoner of war who was transferred to Sobibor because he was Jewish, realized within a few days that no one was meant to survive the camp, he said in testimonies. But others wholeheartedly believed they were about to be resettled. Some of the most poignant findings from Sobibor were discovered last year: name plaques that five Dutch-Jewish families had brought with them to Sobibor to install on their new mailboxes.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu referenced Sobibor's dual legacy for Jews during a speech in January that he gave in a joint appearance with Russian President Vladimir Putin at a commemoration ceremony for the Sobibor Uprising at Moscow's Jewish Museum and Tolerance Center. "There were those who thought that [Sobibor] was our history's rock bottom, when in fact it marked the opposite: Our will to never surrender to those who want to destroy us," Netanyahu said. "That moment more than any other marked the turning point in the history of the Jewish people."

But this modern view was not universally shared in Israel in the years immediately after the Holocaust. In celebrating Holocaust-era bravery, authorities highlighted the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and other cases that did not carry Sobibor's complex mixture of heroism, passivity and treachery. For decades, "the Sobibor Uprising was barely known in Israel," according to Yoram Haimi, the Israeli archeologist who in recent years unearthed parts of the gas chamber at the camp. The only commemoration it had was when survivors' families gathered each year on the uprising's anniversary at the home of Dov Freiberg for a dinner party that featured neither speeches nor ceremonies, he said.

Meanwhile, the Sobibor Uprising did not meet the Soviet Union's standards for heroism either, according to Edelstein, the film's scientific consultant. "Pechersky couldn't be celebrated as a hero not only because he was a Jew, but also because he let himself be taken prisoner. Celebrating him was out of the question" during communism, Edelstein said.

But that changed in Russia following Haimi's archeological excavations, which drew intense interest in international media. The process that led to the film's creation began with a visit to Israel in 2012, Edelstein said. Knesset



Christopher Lambert, right, portraying a German Nazi officer in "Sobibor." (Photo courtesy of Rosiya Segondiya)

Speaker Yuli Edelstein, who is Michael's brother, proposed the two countries cooperate on commemorating the 75th anniversary of the uprising.

Russian authorities have since facilitated the establishment in Moscow of a foundation devoted to commemorating and researching the uprising. They also bestowed posthumous honors on uprising leaders and invited descendants of the Sobibor uprising leaders to official events in Moscow – including the annual May 9 military parade celebrating Nazi Germany's defeat. Schools have been named for Pechersky in Russia and monuments built in his honor for the first time in decades. Haimi, the archeologist, describes this as a cynical "appropriation" by Russian authorities of the story.

Pechersky, who died in 1990, was "never recognized by the Russians. Only now they reinvent this story, make it their own and recast him as some Red Army hero," Haimi said. "He did what he did as a Jew trying to survive, not for Mother Russia."

The film does carry some nationalistic Russian references, including one in which Pechersky is said to have "Stalin in his heart."

But for a state-funded movie, "Sobibor" generally treads lightly through a political minefield. Surprisingly, perhaps, the film devotes very little attention to how Sobibor had Ukrainian guards or to the fact that many of the escapees were betrayed by Poles – aspects of the story that would mesh comfortably with the Kremlin's campaign of vilification against those nations, where anti-Russian sentiment is rife.

In recent months, Poland and the Netherlands have worked to exclude Russia from a committee planning a new museum on the Sobibor grounds, prompting protests by Israel.

"Fortunately, the film doesn't deal with these politicized issues," Edelstein said. "Nor should it. The story of Sobibor is not only a Jewish story, but also a story about the best and the worst of us as human beings. Its message needs to be universal."



"Sobibor" explores the Nazi camp's internal politics. (Photo courtesy of Rosiya Segondiya)

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Weekly Parasha

BeHa'alotcha: Numbers 8:1-12:16

You can't have it all

RABBI MOSHE SAKS, TEMPLE ISRAEL OF SCRANTON

Two stories in this week's *parasha* peaked my interest. First, Numbers 11, in which we read that the Israelites are once again unhappy and complain to Moses:

"We remember the fish that we ate for nothing in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions and the garlic. Now our gullets are shriveled. There is nothing at all! Nothing but this manna to look to!" The Torah makes clear that they are not suffering for lack of food nor was the food they had uneatable! "The manna was like coriander seed, and in color it was like bdellium." The people would go about and gather it, grind it between millstones or pound it in a mortar, boil it in a pot and make it into

cakes. It tasted like rich cream.

It is not that they are lacking, nor that what they have isn't good; it just isn't good enough for them. They want something else, something more. God accedes to their request. He sends them quail to eat. They gorge themselves until they are literally sick. They were not satisfied with the good they had. Instead, they sought more, suffering the consequences.

In chapter 12, we are told that Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moshe because of the Cushite woman whom he had married. It is not clear from the text what this incident is all about, but it is clear that it was just a pretext. In the next verse the Torah records: "They said: Has the Lord

spoken only through you? Has he not also spoken through us. And the Lord heard." They are jealous. Something has transpired and they feel slighted. Aren't they as good as Moshe? Hasn't God spoken through them as prophetic figures? Moshe, perhaps because of his humility, does not respond. He may not have even heard their remarks, but God heard. His response is clear. He tells Miriam and Aaron that there is a qualitative difference between Moshe and any other prophet. All the other prophets experience the word of God in dreams and riddles, while Moshe sees God face to face and experiences a clear message. **See "All" on page 11**

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 Shabbat Services:
 Friday, June 1 7:15 pm
 Shabbat, June 2 9 am
 Mincha after the kiddush
 Maariv 8:05 pm
 Weekday Services:
 Mornings:
 Sun., June 3 8:30 am
 Mon.-Fri., June 4-8 7 am
 Evenings:
 Sun-Thurs., June 3-7 8:20 pm
 Fri., June 8 7:15 pm
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 Religious School: Students are educated on an individual basis. Temple Brith Sholom is a small equalitarian congregation serving the greater Cortland community. Congregants span the gamut of observance and services are largely dependent on the service leader. The Friday night siddur is "Likrat Shabbat," while the Saturday morning siddur is "Gates of Prayer." The community extends a warm welcome to the Jewish student population of SUNY Cortland, as well as the residents of local adult residences.

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 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 Israel

Orientation: Conservative
 Rabbi: Geoffrey Brown
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 Website: www.templeisraelvestal.org
 Service Schedule: Tuesday, 6 pm, Friday, 5:30 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am.

On Saturday, June 2, at 9:30 am, services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Numbers 8:1-12:16. The haftarah will be Zechariah 2:14-4:7. Dr. Robert and Diana Weiss will be honored at Shabbat services. A kiddush luncheon will follow the services.

On Friday, June 1, and Monday, June 4, the office will be closed.

On Friday, June 8, at 7:30 pm, the adult bat mitzvah classes of 1978, 1979 and 1980 will celebrate their 40th, 39th and 38th anniversaries. (See article on page 3.)

On Sunday, June 10, at 10 am, there will be an adult ed program at Temple Israel. Andy Horowitz, Steve Gilbert, Sima Auerbach, Rabbi Geoffrey Brown and Ben Kasper will read the play "My Name is Asher Lev." (See article on page 1.)

On Tuesday, June 19, at 7 pm, the annual congregational meeting will be held.

On Thursday, June 21, at 7-9 pm, iEngage session two will be held at Temple Israel. Sessions are led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown and Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell. The cost for the series is \$20 per person for materials. Contact the Temple office to register.

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

Norwich Jewish Center

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 Rabbi: Dena Bodian
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 Purpose: To maintain a Jewish identity and meet the needs of the Jewish community in the area.
 Adult Ed.: Saturday morning study is held at 10 am. Call for more information and to confirm.

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

On Friday, June 1, at 7 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat will be celebrated as part of the Ithaca Festival.

Friday-Saturday, June 1-2, the barmitzvah of Shalom Lavender, son of Nora Pozos and Ryan Lavender, will be celebrated.

On Friday, June 8, the oneg Shabbat will be hosted by Barbara and David Regenspan.

On Saturday, June 9, services will be held at 10 am; Mincha at 4:30 pm will include the bat Torah celebration of Barbara Regenspan.

Friday, June 1, light candles 8:14 pm
 Shabbat ends Saturday, June 2 9:16 pm
 Friday, June 8, light candles 8:19 pm
 Shabbat ends Saturday, June 9 9:21 pm

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 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, June 1, at 8 pm, Shabbat evening services will be led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Saturday, June 2, at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study and, at 6 pm, there will be Happy Hour and Havdalah with Jan DeAngelo on the piano followed by dinner (reservations required) at Little Venice. (See article on page 3.)

On Sunday, June 3, from 10 am-2 pm, there will be a Sisterhood Rummage Bag Sale; and from 1-3 pm, there will be an "Exterminator Event" at Temple Concord through the Broome County Arts Council.

On Tuesday, June 5, at 10:30 am, the Tuesday Morning Book Club will meet.

On Friday, June 8, at 8 pm, Shabbat evening services will be led by Suzanne Holwitt.

On Saturday, June 9, at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

From JTA

Israel will grant temporary residency status to 300 Sudanese refugees

Israel will grant temporary residency status to some 300 Sudanese refugees. The Israeli government informed the country's Supreme Court that it would extend the humanitarian visa to the refugees from the Darfur region and the Nuba Mountains and Blue Nile region, where genocides have occurred.

Rocket sirens continue to sound in Israel despite reports of a cease-fire

Rocket sirens continued to sound in Israel despite earlier reports that Egypt had brokered a cease-fire between the Jewish state and terror groups in Gaza. On May 29, Israeli media outlets reported that Egypt had brokered the agreement following the firing of at least 50 rockets and mortar shells from Gaza into Israel that day.

Baby removed from list of Gazan Palestinians killed in border violence

An 8-month-old infant who died during clashes between Palestinian protesters and Israeli troops has been removed from the list of those killed during the violence. The baby's name, Layla al-Ghandour, was removed from the list the week of May 25, the Times of Israel reported, citing the British newspaper The Guardian.

All

For acting in this manner, for attacking Moshe, Miriam is stricken with leprosy, the punishment for speaking evil of others. They wanted a bigger role and they were "cut down to size."

The rabbis tell us in Pirkei Avot: "Who is rich? He who is happy with his portion." When dissatisfied, grasping for more seldom results in happiness.

Look what we want for our children. We want them to play sports, learn to dance, play an instrument, go to a school for arts or gifted, learn Hebrew etc. etc. All of this, and then we want them to be healthy and well-adjusted.

Men and women want to be at the top of their field, spend appropriate time with their family, be involved in community programs and have some time to play golf.

Somewhat, we want to do all of this in what is still only a 24-hour day with only seven days in the week. We want it all, even if parts conflict with each other. It doesn't work. I hate to be a spoil sport, but none of us can have it all, not if we want to maintain sanity.

The rabbis said it wisely: "If you grasp too much, you haven't grasped anything." We must set priorities in our lives. We must decide what is truly important and what is

Jewish Community Center

JCC Friendship Club

The JCC Friendship Club met on May 23 and had a great time playing "Name That Tune." Sue Herzog, program chairwoman, introduced Linda Conroy, a part-time activities director at Good Shepherd Village, who played golden oldies on the piano.

all the songs. Many of the songs were from the 1920s and 1930s. Nobody wanted Linda to stop, but all good things must come to an end.

Sylvia called the meeting to order and Ann Brilliant said the blessing over the cookies, after the Pledge of Allegiance.

On May 30, the members will eat out at a local restaurant. The following week, we will meet at the JCC on Wednesday at 1:30 pm. Come join us.

Sylvia Diamond President

Rocks

JNS: Speaking of touring, playing in Israel is a hot topic these days. What are your thoughts on Roger Waters and others trying to prevent artists from playing shows in Israel?

DR: What's the point of music if it's not bringing people together? It's about saying we love this one thing, and it's great, so let's all enjoy this and forget about the hate for a minute. If we can do that, then we're doing the world a service. Music should be shared.

JNS: So, would you guys play in Israel?

DR: Definitely. We got offered a couple of shows there, which was awesome. This was in 2014, with our first record out. We were about to confirm in Israel, but then, with all of the missile warnings [related to the Israel's "Operation Protective Edge" and the conflict with Gaza], we had to cancel. It was devastating because of course we'd like to play there.

JNS: Birthright! How was your trip?

DR: It was amazing, a life-changing experience. The band wasn't big yet. We were nothing. I was working at a restaurant in New York called ABC kitchen. My mother kept pushing me to go on Birthright. I finally got the time off to do it. I was 25 at the time. For me, it was a religious "second coming." Our tour guide opened my mind to Judaism not only being a traditional path, but a modern path as to how you carry yourself into the future with the ideals of Judaism.

JNS: Who are some artists out there that you're paying attention to right now?

DR: Someone I really enjoy a lot is Jack Garratt, a music producer from the U.K. who writes really incredible music. I really love all the stuff Miguel is putting out. Vince Staples is another one. I'm also really loving Brockhampton, and I'm really into Francis and the Lights, and obviously, Bon Iver. I'm obviously way into him.

JNS: Obviously.

DR: Obviously.

Market

Even the merchants that have remained have contributed to the market's new feel. Many of their gates are painted with graffiti portraits of Jewish historical figures, so when the stores close, the market becomes a public art exhibit.

Baristas and waiters at the market's newer shops say they love their workplace and its fusion of old and new. At Roasters, a third-wave cafe, Esther Bromberg said she loves hearing neighboring merchants yell their cappuccino orders to her - while she feels free to store milk in their refrigerators. "What I like the most about the shuk is the combination of the old-school Middle Eastern vibes and the hipster up-and-coming young vibes that we have going together," said Bromberg, 24, an Australian expat.

But some of Bromberg's neighbors feel differently. The market's older occupants do not all appreciate the new atmosphere and clientele, who sometimes come along with loud music, drunkenness and loud conversation. Worse, they said, tourists are there to stroll, gawk and take selfies - not to actually buy the food they're selling. "It used to be good, now it's not," said Chai Noach, a produce merchant. "It's becoming an entertainment zone. People don't come to buy. They come to hang out, to travel."

Some new stores have tried to bridge the gap between old market and new. The front of Beer Bazaar, which opened in 2015, could almost pass as a Middle Eastern market for Israeli craft beer. It's narrow and crowded, advertising a wide range of Israeli breweries and selling varieties that can be hard to find elsewhere. But the back looks like a comfortable pub, where patrons can order dinner along with their drink. One sandwich on the menu is named after filmmaker Quentin Tarantino, in honor of the time he ate there with his Israeli fiancée, Daniella Pick.

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Beer Bazaar, a craft beer shop in Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda market, aims to combine the variety of a bazaar with the atmosphere of a chic pub. (Photo by Ben Sales)

Yarden Rivlin, who works at Beer Bazaar, pointed out that the bars and restaurants tend to keep different hours than the food stands, so there is not too much conflict. He feels the shuk has retained its character - even if the offerings have changed.

"In the shuk, everyone needs to be friends with everyone," said Rivlin, 25. "Everyone brings a different kind of personality. During the day, the stores are open and there are fruits and vegetables and nuts and sweets, and at night we open up the tables and the atmosphere changes. It's a shuk - just a little different."

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I see this when parents come to me to talk about Jewish education for their youngsters and requirements for Shabbat bar/bat mitzvah. Frequently, I am asked about tutoring that will allow a youngster to study less than our minimum requirement. This, while the child is taking dance lessons or playing sports in the early morning several days a week; not including the weekend skiing.

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From JTA

Mike Pompeo: "You have my word" on filling antisemitism monitor post

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo pledged to take action on naming an antisemitism monitor. "You have my word, we'll move on that," Pompeo said on May 24 during his appearance testifying before the U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee. Pompeo had been pressed on the issue by Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ), who helped author the 2004 law creating the position. The monitor tracks and reports on antisemitism worldwide, and makes representations to foreign governments about U.S. concerns regarding antisemitism in their lands. The position has not been filled since January 2017, when Donald Trump became president, and the office shut down in July of that year. Since then, Jewish groups and lawmakers have been pressuring the Trump administration to fill the post. Pompeo's ascension last month to the secretary of state position has spurred hopes that he will act where his predecessor, Rex Tillerson, did not. On May 24, 120 members of the House Bipartisan Taskforce for Combating Anti-Semitism wrote to Pompeo urging him to fill the job. "This appointment would demonstrate the commitment of the United States to Jewish communities around the world and to the fight against the persistent evil of antisemitism," said the letter, which included Republican and Democratic signatories and virtually every Jewish member of the House. The Anti-Defamation League and Human Rights First, a watchdog, separately the week of May 25 urged Pompeo to name an antisemitism monitor. The Foreign Affairs Committee the week of May 18 approved a bill that would enhance the role of the antisemitism monitor and require the president to name someone to the role within 90 days of its passage.

Britain's Prince William to make historic visit to Jerusalem in June

Prince William will come to Jerusalem at the end of June, the British royal family said, during the first visit to Israel by a senior British royal. The announcement on May 25 about the visit sometime between June 24 and 28 was the first confirmation that William, whose official title is the duke of Cambridge, will visit the Israeli capital, according to a report by the Associated Press. The visit to Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian Authorities was announced in March, but it did not contain specific dates or mention Jerusalem. It did say that the prince's visit "is at the request of Her Majesty's Government and has been welcomed by the Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian authorities." William will also visit Tel Aviv, according to the report on May 25. In Jordan, he will go to Amman and Jerash, and in the Palestinian Authority he will visit Ramallah, the seat of the government in the West Bank. Like most of the world, the United Kingdom does not formally recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, pending the resolution of peace talks with the Palestinians, whose leaders also claim Jerusalem as the capital for their future state.

Top Democrats want to know why Israeli firm was hired to spy on Obama officials

The top Democrats on the House Oversight and Foreign Affairs committees want an Israeli spy firm to share data on its alleged campaign against Obama administration officials associated with the Iran nuclear deal. "We are writing to request documents relating to reports that Black Cube conducted a 'dirty ops' campaign against former Obama Administration officials Ben Rhodes and Colin Kahl at the behest of associates of President Donald Trump," said the letter sent on May 24 by Reps. Elijah Cummings (D-MD), the top Democrat on the Oversight Committee, and Eliot Engel (D-NY), his counterpart on Foreign Affairs. "If these reports are accurate, they raise grave questions about how and why a foreign entity was engaged to attempt to secretly influence the foreign policy of the United States." The letter was mostly symbolic: As the minority, Democrats do not have subpoena powers – and even with such powers, congressional authority over a foreign entity would be limited. Black Cube, a company also alleged to have tracked alleged victims of movie mogul Harvey Weinstein, who was arrested on May 25 on rape charges, does not comment on its cases. At the time of the revelations that it was behind spying on Rhodes and Kahl, the firm said, "It is Black Cube's policy to never discuss its clients with any third party, and to never confirm or deny any speculation made with regard to the company's work." Separately, a spokesman told *The New York Times* that "Black Cube has no relation whatsoever to the Trump administration, to Trump aides, to anyone close to the administration or to the Iran nuclear deal." *The Guardian* first reported that Trump administration officials were behind the operation to dig up negative information about Kahl and Rhodes, who were among dozens of Obama administration officials who helped shape the Iran deal, which swapped sanctions relief for a rollback in Iran's nuclear program. According to that reporting, the operation supposedly was a bid to help justify Trump's recent decision to pull out of the deal. Other reporting said Black Cube was hired by an entity with commercial interests in quashing the Iran deal. Cummings and Engel, both pro-Israel, said they were not taking on face value Black Cube's claim that it has no ties to the Trump administration.