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Federation to hold "Israel at 70 Celebration" on June 24

By Reporter staff

The Jewish 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. Reservations must be made for the evening in order for the Federation to have enough food for those attending. To make a reservation, contact the Federation at 724-2332 by Tuesday, June 19.

"Leave politics at home and join us in cel-

brating the miracle of the state of Israel," said Sima Auerbach, executive director of the Federation. "Jonathan Tobin wrote a wonderful column that appeared in *The Reporter* that reminds us not to take for granted Israel's existence. The evening will give our community a chance to spend time with friends, enjoy Israeli food, learn about Israel and celebrate the Jewish homeland that came into being in 1948."

In addition to being the award-winning editor in chief of JNS.org, Tobin is a contributing writer for *National Review*,



Jonathan Tobin

a conservative magazine of opinion and ideas. He is also a columnist for the *New York Post*, *The Federalist*, *Haaretz* and the *New York Jewish Week*. In his writing, he covers on a daily basis the American political scene, foreign policy, the U.S.-Israel relationship, Middle East diplomacy and the Jewish world.

Before coming to JNS, Tobin was first executive editor and then senior online editor and chief political blogger for *Commentary* magazine for eight years. Prior to that, he was editor-in-chief of the *Jewish Exponent*

in Philadelphia for 10 years and before that, the editor of the *Connecticut Jewish Ledger*. His writing has appeared in many other publications, including *The Jerusalem Post*, where he wrote the "View From America" column for many years. He has won more than 50 awards for his writing and appears regularly on television commenting on politics and foreign policy. Along with J.J. Goldberg of the *Forward*, he tours the country debating politics and Jewish issues.

"I'm looking forward to hearing Jonathan Tobin speak," Auerbach added. "His talk promises to be fascinating. Help us celebrate this 'who-would-believe-it-event': the 70th birthday of the Jewish state."

U.S. lawmakers introduce bill to end Palestinians teaching hate in schools

By JNS staff

(JNS) – U.S. lawmakers have introduced new legislation aimed at holding the Palestinians accountable incitement in their school curriculum by increasing transparency on foreign aid.

The Palestinian Authority Educational Curriculum Transparency Act, which was introduced by Reps. David Young (R-IA), Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ), Peter Roskam (R-IL) and Brad Sherman (D-CA) on June 7, requires the U.S. secretary of state to submit annual reports reviewing the educational material used in schools in the West Bank and Gaza run by the Palestinian Authority and UNRWA, the United Nation's Palestinian-refugee agency. The legislation seeks to determine whether U.S. foreign assistance is being used, directly

or indirectly, to fund dissemination of such material by the P.A. and UNRWA.

The Jerusalem-based IMPACT-se, a research institute that analyzes educational materials that participated in crafting the bill, hopes the legislation will lead to a more peaceful future for Palestinians. "Congressman Young's vision in initiating and introducing this bill is timely, remarkable and potentially extremely significant in offering young Palestinians a peaceful vision for the future," Marcus Sheff, CEO of IMPACT-se, said in a statement.

IMPACT-se, which has worked with European lawmakers to pass similar legislation to prevent aid from the European Union to the P.A. from being used to teach hate, also previously worked with Sen. Todd Young's (R-IN) office to challenge UNRWA's use of P.A. textbooks

that radicalize Palestinian children.

Sheff said Palestinian textbooks hinder the development of a peaceful future for their children and hopes that the new legislation will mark the beginning of a change in education for the Palestinians. "Ultimately, these text-

books are a major impediment to the possibility of peace," said Sheff. "They deny young Palestinians the chance of a violence-free and peaceful future, and perpetuate eternal war. We look forward to the swift passage of the bill through the U.S. Congress."

Federation board meeting open to community

The Jewish Federation will hold a full board meeting on Wednesday, June 20, at 7:30 pm. The community is invited to attend. Those interested in attending should make a reservation by calling the Federation at 724-2332 so that enough materials will be available.

Spotlight

Tens of thousands in New York cheer Israel's anniversary with signs, song and wonder

By Shiryn Solny

(JNS) – Decorated signs were in full display on June 3 at the "Celebrate Israel" parade, many of them paying homage to this year's theme of "70 and Sababa!" Others held by the tens of thousands of people from the New York and elsewhere focused on Israel's unity, strength and freedom. One sign read "Israel @70: Still Putting Its Stamp on the Future," while another said "70 Years a Free People in Our Own Land." Some marchers held signs that said "70" or "sababa" in big, bright letters, while others held posters that depicted Israel's innovations, such as the navigation app Waze. Another group of marchers held a banner that featured pictures of Israel's popular sites, such as the Western Wall, Dead Sea and the open-air Middle Eastern marketplaces known as "shuks."

The America China Public Affairs Institute had a float that boosted Israel's friend-



The America-China Public Affairs Institute float that boosted Israel's friendship with China by featured an enlarged photograph of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and China's President Xi Jinping. (Photo by Shiryn Solny)

ship with China by featuring an enlarged photograph of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and China's President Xi Jinping. Another banner held by marchers read "70 years of turning desert land into green land," and one group toward the end of the parade held signs with the pictures of Lt. Hadar Goldin and Sgt. Oron Shaul – two Israel Defense Force soldiers killed in action by Hamas during Israel's "Operation Protective Edge" in 2014. Written on the same signs was a Jewish phrase that translates to: "All of Israel is responsible for one another."

The five-hour procession, which went up Manhattan's 5th Avenue from 57th Street to 74th Street, included a number of guests, including Dr. Ruth Westheimer, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, Israeli Minister of Culture and Sport Miri Regev, New York Sen. Chuck Schumer, Israeli Ambassador See "Anniversary" on page 8

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From the Desk of the Federation Executive Director

Hello, this is Sima...

SIMA AUERBACH

I know it has been a while, but sometimes that just happens. Life has been very busy, but it's also been very exciting.

First things first, though: an update on Edy. A few weekends ago, we met at the Bronx Zoo – truly a remarkable place, especially if you are with a grandchild. Edy was curious about everything. We walked and walked – from the birds to the seals to the lions and tigers and bears (oh, my!) to the gorillas. We said “hello” to every peacock who passed us on the path and gazed for a long time at the giraffes. Edy looooved feeding the goats, so we dropped many quarters into the vending machine for the

food. There was not an animal we did not see, including many I didn't know existed. It was a beautiful day and sharing it with Edy made it oh so special. By the way, Edy will be a big sister in December. Grandchildren are truly miracles.

Which brings me to another miracle – Israel. For those of us who lived before the birth of the state of Israel, the fact that it exists is a miracle. That it is now celebrating its 70th year is beyond miraculous. When I was a child, I sold Jewish National Fund stickers for 10 cents apiece as our Talmud Torah's fund-raising program for Israel. The prize for the student who raised the most money –

drumroll please – was an autographed picture of Chaim Weitzman, the first president of Israel. Trust me, it was not a sought after prize. But as I look back as an adult, I can imagine that the originators of the challenge thought it would be. Who in the 1950s didn't think that Israel's existence was truly a miracle? Being its president could only be a dream.

On Sunday, June 24, join me at 5:30 pm to hear about the “Miracle of Israel.” Our speaker is the executive editor of the Jewish News Service and, of course, we are serving a delicious meal of hearty Israeli food. (For more information on the program, see the article on page 1.)

The current administration can build trust and cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians – if it wants

By Kenneth Bob and Brad Rothschild

(JTA) – The recent escalation of violence emanating from the Gaza Strip serves as a depressing reminder that the Middle East lacks a peace process and shows the hopelessness of the situation in Gaza. It also reinforces the sinking feeling that the United States is no longer interested in or able to be an “honest broker” in the region, which inevitably will have deadly consequences for both Israelis and Palestinians.

Given the current climate of mistrust and despair, it's hard to believe that behind the scenes, there actually had been a certain level of progress made by Jason Greenblatt, President Donald Trump's Middle East envoy, in returning trust between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. Late last year, he brokered a deal in which Israel began selling water to the Palestinian Authority at a discounted rate. The arrangement didn't get a lot of media attention, but it represents the type of cooperation on which more could be built given the right circumstances.

Another example of American-backed Israeli-Palestinian cooperation is the Arava Institute's Track II Environmental Forum. Working with local communities, regional governments and international donors to solve small-scale infrastructure problems, the Forum has developed concrete proposals to build solar panel fields to power wastewater treatment plants and to install solar panels for homes in poor

communities in Gaza. The program has also developed a portable solar pump system to give Palestinian farmers immediate access to water regardless of the electricity supply from the unreliable grid. With funding from the European Union and the Friends of the Arava Institute, there will be training sessions for Gazans to build technical capacity in the strip for solar energy independence.

Interestingly, despite the overall cut in American foreign aid spending, USAID has actually increased its grant programs by 20 percent to support grassroots “people to people” organizations that strengthen civil society.

One such initiative, Project Rozana, focuses on health care, an area in which Israelis and Palestinians interact in great numbers every day. Under this initiative, Israeli volunteers transport thousands of Palestinian children and their adult chaperones each year to receive treatment in Israeli hospitals, and large numbers of Palestinian health professionals train in Israeli medical facilities. Israelis and Palestinians meet and interact with each other on a human level while improving the Palestinian health care infrastructure. This is precisely the kind of program that builds trust and cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians, and can serve as an important foundation for a future peace process.

Gaza is in need of major infrastructure and economic development, something that can alleviate the sense of

hopelessness that has caused thousands to resort to desperate and violent attempts to change the status quo. It's hard to envision Hamas taking up the challenge of responsible leadership when it has failed to do so for the 11 years it has had control over the area. But that doesn't mean it can't or shouldn't happen.

Another alternative is international intervention that combines the efforts and resources of the U.S., European Union, United Nations, Egypt and Gulf states along with Israel and the Palestinian Authority to head off a humanitarian catastrophe. There are some obvious first steps that can be taken to kick-start the process.

Following the ill-timed and poorly conceived embassy move, the United States can rebuild trust with the Palestinians by immediately reinstating funding to the U.N. Relief and Works Agency, which supports food supply, access to education, health care, social services and employment. Essential funding should also come from the collection of unpaid pledges made for the rehabilitation of Gaza after the 2014 war at the conference held in Cairo.

Additionally, serious consideration should be given to the various proposals to increase Gazan exports and imports, which would create jobs. Israel's minister of transportation recently proposed building a Gaza offshore sea port, or alternatively expanding the Kerem Shalom crossing into a **See “Trust” on page 5**

In My Own Words

Mixed-up priorities and the cultural war

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

My mornings are usually pretty hectic, but if I time it just right, I can catch the top stories on the TV news. Those tell me what the broadcasters think are the most important stories of the day. During one recent morning, the three lead stories were 1) Rosanne Barr's racist tweet, 2) fears that a dam might break in North Carolina and 3) a study suggesting that the Hurricane Maria death toll in Puerto Rico of 64 people was underestimated by more than 4,000 people.

Notice anything wrong with that order? I know that celebrities grab people's interest, but the two remaining stories deal with life and death, something far more important than yet another celebrity making a fool of themselves on Twitter. Yet, the continuing saga of Rosanne's tweet is still making news while information about the flooding in North Carolina, which caused the evacuation of 2,000 people and the recount of deaths in Puerto Rico is now buried at the bottom of most newscasts and newspapers.

Something is wrong with our priorities. I realize that the conflict about Rosanne's tweet and the canceling of her show on ABC are part of the current cultural war occurring in the

United States. However, we make a mistake if we focus on what celebrities say rather than on what's happening in our state legislatures, Congress and the White House. Just because a TV or movie star, an athlete or best-selling author's name is well known doesn't mean they're experts on anything outside their particular area of expertise.

I also don't understand why people feel the need to share their every thought on Twitter. At least on Facebook, you have the option of limiting the number of people who see what you post, but Twitter is open to everyone, unless a person is specifically blocked. Why did Rosanne feel the need to share her thoughts about Valerie Jarrett, an advisor to former President Barack Obama? Why would anyone in 2018 think it is OK to compare anyone – black or white – to an ape?

If you post something on Twitter, you're opening yourself to comments from the general public (unless you make your account private, which few people do.) If you didn't want people to comment, then why post it? If you're hoping that no one will make negative comments or criticize you, then anyone who is a public figure (politicians, the children of

politicians, actors, athletes, singers, artists, etc.) should either stop posting or grow a thicker skin.

Sometimes an innocuous tweet causes a fuss – for example, Ivanka Trump's recent photo of herself with one of her children. It is a lovely photo of a parent and child. However, people felt she was tone deaf to post that photo the same week that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services admitted that the agency lost track of nearly 1,500 children, and her father's administration was removing children of undocumented immigrants from their parents. If Ivanka was just Trump's daughter, the criticism might not have appeared, but the administration calls her one of his advisors. If she hadn't felt the need to share that photo on Twitter – if she had just shown it to friends and family – no one would have said a word.

See how easy it is to get distracted from writing or talking about the real problems we face? It's fun to write about the cultural war, but doing so doesn't help the people in North Carolina, nor does it restore electrical power in Puerto Rico, which as a territory of the United States is our responsibility. We need to get our priorities in order ASAP.



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Tuesday Morning Book Club chooses books for 15th reading season

On June 5, the Tuesday Morning Book Club chose books for its 15th reading season, which will begin in July. By popular demand, a 13th date was added. There will be two meetings in October to sneak in an extra book discussion in late November.

The reading list – 15 books for the 15th year – consists of three memoirs, one biography and 11 novels, including one by BU Professor Liz Rosenberg. In memory of Philip Roth, his first novel – “Goodbye, Columbus: and Five Short Stories” – will be discussed.

In January and March, there will be “double headers.” Rabbi Rachel Esserman reviewed “Eternal Life” and “The Immortalists” together for *The Reporter*, and the club members decided to discuss both at the January meeting. In March, two short novels by Israeli writer Aharon Appelfeld, who died in January, will be reviewed.

This year’s book list includes:

- ◆ July 3 – “Windy City Blues” by Renee Rosen
- ◆ August 7 – “Sweet and Low: A Family Story” by Rich Cohen
- ◆ September 4 – “The Weight of Ink” by Rachel Kadish
- ◆ October 2 – “As I Knew Him: My Dad, Rod Serling” by Anne Serling
- ◆ October 30 – “All the Rivers” by Dorit Rabinyan, translated by Jessica Cohen

- ◆ November 20 – “The Bridge Ladies: A Memoir” by Betsy Lerner
- ◆ December 4 – “The Laws of Gravity” by Liz Rosenberg
- ◆ January 8 – “Eternal Life” by Dara Horn and “The Immortalists” by Chloe Benjamin
- ◆ February 5 – “The Trick: A Novel” by Emanuel Bergmann
- ◆ March 5 – “Unto the Soul” and “Adam and Thomas” by Aharon Appelfeld

- ◆ April 2 – “Faraway Home” by Marilyn Taylor
- ◆ May 7 – “Lioness: Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel” by Francine Klagsbrun
- ◆ June 4 – “Goodbye, Columbus: and 5 Short Stories” by Philip Roth. This will also be the annual summer luncheon and book selection.

Meetings are free and open to the public. Light refreshments are served.

The Reporter wants the community to kvell with you

If your baby was born between July 2017 and July 2018, submit your baby’s picture to *The Reporter* for the annual Family Focus issue, which will be published on July 6. Pictures must be delivered by Tuesday, June 26. Parents and grandparents are welcome to put a photo into an envelope and stop by or mail to *The Reporter’s* office at the JCC (500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850),



slide it under our door if we’re not open, or e-mail to TReporter@aol.com as a JPG or TIF. Please include the baby’s name, sex, date of birth, parents’ names, grandparents’ names and great-grandparents’ names.

Photos may be picked up at *The Reporter* after July 7 or include a self-addressed stamped envelope and it will be mailed back to you.

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

Austria’s Kurz says it took his country too long to own up to Holocaust

Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz, who is on a visit to Israel the week of June 11, said that it took his country “too long to be honest” about its role in the Holocaust. “To remember means also to admit the truth. At that time, many Austrians supported the system which killed over six million Jews from all over Europe and beyond. Among them, 60,000 fellow Austrian Jewish citizens in Austria alone,” Kurz said in a speech at the American Jewish Committee’s Global Forum in Jerusalem on June 11. “It took Austria a long time to be honest about its past. We’ve realized that Austria was not only a victim, but also a perpetrator,” added the Austrian leader. “Nevertheless, Austria has looked away far too long and has fulfilled its historical responsibility too late.” But Kurz said that given this history, Austrians today “have a great responsibility” to make sure the Holocaust never happens again. AJC’s CEO David Harris praise Kurz, noting that “this is the first time since 1945 in which an Austrian chancellor says clear: We have a historical responsibility to the State of Israel and its security.” Kurz became chancellor last December after his Conservative Austrian People’s Party won the general elections. He formed a coalition government with the far-right Freedom Party of Karl-Heinze Strache, which was founded by former Nazis in the 1950s. After forming his coalition, Kurz said it would focus on fighting antisemitism after Israel made it clear it would not work directly with any ministers from the far-right party. Kurz also met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on June 11, at which time the Israeli leader thanked Kurz for his strong support of Israel and his commitment to fight antisemitism in Europe, saying that he is a “true friend of Israel and the Jewish people.” In a possible shift in Israeli policy, Netanyahu also instructed the Israeli foreign ministry to “intensify contacts” with Austria’s foreign ministry.

OF NOTE

Basmann

Nancy Basmann’s photographs will be on display at the Vestal Museum from June 16-August 18. Her show at the museum falls into two categories: portraits “with a humanistic view” and photos of the Broome County region. The former are portraits of beggars, alcoholics and paupers. The latter offers a record of the historical decline of the region through architectural imagery.

Basmann, of Vestal, has won several national awards for her photographic images. She received her formal training at the New York Institute of Photography (2011-13) and studied for the certification exam offered by the national trade organization Professional Photographers of America. Her artwork that was presented during three years to PPA judges won her the degree of master of photographer. Basmann is the only photographer in Broome County who is a PPA certified professional photographer and a master photographer. A write-up of one of her photographs recently appeared in the magazine of the American Society of Photographers. That photo is on display at the Vestal Museum.

For more information about the show or the Vestal Museum, visit vestalmuseum.org.

Goldstein

Barry Goldstein is featured on the cover of the July/August 2018 issue of *Golf Tips Magazine*. Goldstein was picked as “One Of America’s Top 30 Golf Teachers” by *Golf Tips Magazine* and has a 12-page photo shoot with accompanying lessons in the issue. Goldstein lives in Coral Springs, FL, and Vestal, NY.



Barry Goldstein

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Using Rashi to encourage Torah discussions

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

The project began in 2013, when attorney Steven Levy was inspired to study Rashi's Torah commentary after his rabbi requested congregants to set a "meaningful goal for the new year." Steven started to record his thoughts about the different ways Rashi approached the Torah text so he wouldn't forget what he read. That led him to ask his wife, Sarah Levy, who is a psychologist, whether she would write a book with him – one that would feature essays about Rashi's commentary and offer questions to encourage discussion of the Torah text. Their work together led to the publication of "The JPS Rashi Discussion Torah Commentary" (Jewish Publication Society).

An introduction offers a short biography of the medieval commentator Rabbi Shlomo Yitzhaki, also known as Rashi, along with information about his method of interpretation and the time period in which he lived. The remaining sections of "The JPS Rashi Discussion Torah Commentary"

are divided into *parashot* (the Torah portions of the week). The two authors picked three Rashi comments from each *parasha*; the Torah verses and Rashi's comments appear in Hebrew and English. Then they offer a very short essay that explains their interpretation of Rashi's commentary. Each essay is followed by three questions that are, according to the authors, "a modest attempt to relate the Torah's timeless message to the experiences of our modern lives."

An excellent example of the way "The JPS Rashi Discussion Torah Commentary" works can be seen in the first *parasha*, Bereshit. The authors quote from the beginning of the Torah: "When God began to create heaven and earth. (Gen. 1:1)" They then note that "Rashi is bothered by why the Torah, which is ostensibly a book of law, does not begin with the first commandment." They quote from Rashi's commentary about how this statement proves that, since God created the world, God could give the Israelites

whatever land God chooses. The authors not only mention the ancient sages Rashi quotes, but the fact that Rashi was writing during a time that the state of Israel did not exist. That leads them to include several questions about Israel in order to stimulate discussion about how the Torah relates to contemporary times.

Sometimes the authors and Rashi go beyond the simple meaning of the text in their discussion. In Tazria, the comments about eruptions on the skin that a priest must view (Lev. 13:12) lead Rashi to say that a priest with a vision impairment cannot perform this role. The authors then write about how modern medicine has changed the way disabilities are viewed, which makes them ponder whether older adults should be required to retire if they feel they can still work. The authors' questions for discussion include, "Do you think reasonable accommodations should be

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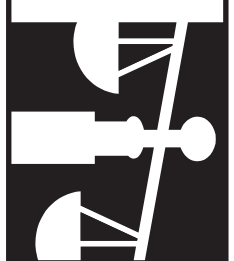
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A groundbreaking project aims to study the Latin American Jewish experience

By Josefín Dolsten

(JTA) – Growing up in Venezuela, Menachem Bandel said he was deeply aware of the unique culture and history of Latin American Jews, including the experiences of his Holocaust survivor grandparents who settled there. Thus it came as a surprise to him when he started his studies at Brandeis University and discovered that most of his fellow students did not even know Jews lived in Latin America.



A man bought Jewish newspapers from a stall in Buenos Aires, circa 1956. (Photo by Evans/Three Lions/Getty Images)

“The Latin Jews were kind of forgotten. No one knew about them,” said Bandel, who graduated in the spring. “People didn’t even know you could speak Spanish and be Jewish at the same time. That to me was pretty mind-blowing.”

A new project seeks to change that. Developed by Dalia Wassner, a Jewish studies scholar who was raised in the United States and Mexico, the Brandeis initiative aims to shine a light on the Latin American Jewish experience.

During his senior year, Bandel worked with Wassner to develop the program, which is being launched in November at the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, a research institute on women and gender. The project aims to be a corrective to Jewish studies departments that gloss over the region in favor of focusing on the experience of Jews in Europe, Israel and the United States. It also will use the lens of gender in order to examine the experiences of Latin American Jews, making it the first academic initiative in the world to do so, Wassner told JTA.

“Our mandate is to explore fresh ideas about Jews and gender, and the full range of Jewish women’s experiences in particular,” said Lisa Fishbayn Joffe, director of the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute. “Part of what I want to do is expand understanding of who Jewish women are and where these experiences take place and the complexity of their experiences.”

The project will explore the topic of immigration. Latin America’s Jewish population has declined in recent years as many Jews have left for Israel and the United States, motivated by economic reasons and Zionism, Wassner said. An estimated 300,000 to 400,000 Jews live in the region today, compared to more than 500,000 in the 1970s.

Still, Jewish communities continue to thrive in countries



A woman walked across Israel square in Guatemala City on December 27, 2017. (Photo by Orlando Estrada/AFP/Getty Images)

like Mexico, Brazil and Argentina, and immigrants who settle elsewhere bring their culture with them, creating a second Diaspora with Latin America as its center.

Wassner herself is one such immigrant. She grew up in a Mexican Jewish family in San Diego, but when she was 12, her parents decided to return to their native country. They wanted Wassner and her siblings to “know and connect to our Latin American Jewish identity in our own skin,” she said. Mexico City’s Jewish culture had a different flavor than the one she had known in San Diego. Her family moved back to the U.S. five years later, but the experience had a deep impact on Wassner that she says enriches her field of study. “I think I understand these questions in a very personal way,” she said.

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made for older employees who desire to continue to work despite some age-related disability? If so, at what point do these accommodations cease to be “reasonable”? Should this determination be made by the employer, or should it be subject to government regulation?”

Another interesting discussion is found in the essay “Honorable Mention,” which is found in *parashat Shoftim*. The authors quote from Deuteronomy 20:8 how soldiers who are afraid should be allowed to return home, rather than endanger their lives in battle. They note that Rashi uses a comment from the Talmud to show that “if a soldier fears he is vulnerable on the battlefield because of his transgressions, his officers should let him return home before the battle – and let him cover up the true reason for his departure.” People could then assume the soldier went home because of other reasons listed in the Torah: the soldier has built a new house, but not lived in it; he has planted a vineyard, but not enjoyed the produce from it; or he is engaged to someone, but has not yet married. The authors then offer questions about military service, in addition to one about what people might find too embarrassing or shameful to publicly admit.

“The JPS Rashi Discussion Torah Commentary” is an excellent way for those unfamiliar with Rashi to begin studying his commentary. Readers do not need to have any previous experience with Rashi’s commentary, although they may want to have the Bible handy in order to place some of the discussion in context since the authors do not provide a summary of the complete *parasha*. The essays and questions offer discussion material for a variety of ages – from children to adults. The book is a good resource for use in adult study sessions or Hebrew school classes.

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logistic trade hub and a source of employment for adjacent communities in Gaza, Egypt and Israel.

De-escalating violence in the current climate will require a level of leadership that neither Israel nor the Palestinians seem to have at the moment. To bridge this leadership gap the parties will need a U.S. administration that resumes its traditional role as an honest broker. It is time for behind-the-scenes deal making to create concrete efforts at public reconciliation. It has yet to be seen if the Trump administration is up to the task.

Kenneth Bob and Brad Rothschild are respectively president and chairman of policy and advocacy of Ameinu, a progressive Zionist organization.

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Community Calendar

The Community Calendar can be found on the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton’s website, www.jfgeb.org, by clicking on “calendar.”

“Have you forgotten the date of your organization’s event? Can’t remember when the CJS lecture is? Do you want to hear what’s happening at the next Federation board meeting? Are you planning an event and want to make sure there are no conflicts? Then go to www.jfgeb.org and hit ‘calendar,’” said Sima Auerbach, executive director of the Federation. “This is your Community Calendar! All the events this amazing community holds are listed – and if you do not see what you were looking for, call us at 724-2332. In a community of this size – where people belong to several organizations or synagogues – we want to make certain that people don’t miss an important event or meeting.”

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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Jonathan Tobin is the award-winning editor in chief of JNS.org, a contributing writer for National Review. He is also a columnist for *The New York Post*, *The Federalist*, *Haaretz* and *The New York Jewish Week*. In his writing, he covers on a daily basis the American political scene, foreign policy, the U.S.-Israel relationship, Middle East diplomacy and the Jewish world. Before coming to JNS, Tobin was first executive editor and then senior online editor and chief political blogger for *Commentary* magazine for eight years. Prior to that, he was editor-in-chief of *The Jewish Exponent* in Philadelphia for 10 years and before that, the editor of the *Connecticut Jewish Ledger*. His writing has appeared in many other publications, including *The Jerusalem Post*, where he wrote the “View From America” column for many years. He has won more than 50 awards for his writing and appears regularly on television commenting on politics and foreign policy. Along with J.J. Goldberg of *The Forward*, he tours the country debating politics and Jewish issues.

Multi-sensory exhibit explores Yemenite Jewish culture and history

By Shiryn Solny

(JNS) – A recent exhibition in New York City invited the public to see, smell, listen and touch artifacts and items pertaining to the Yemenite Jewish culture. The American Sephardi Federation’s “The Teimani Experience,” which was done in partnership with E’eleh BeTamar and the Institute for Semitic Studies in conjunction with the Yeshiva University Museum, was a multi-sensory exhibit that features photographs, religious items, Yemeni wedding jewelry, clothing, fragrances, music, voices and more. It was part of the Yemenite Conference – the first-ever three-day symposium that focused on the shared cultural values and history of Jews and Arabs in Yemen.

The conference, held at the Center for Jewish History at 15 W. 16th St., with the closing ceremony at the United Nations, ran from June 3-5, and featured presentations by more than 35 scholars and artists from Yemen, Israel, the United States, the United Arab Emirates, Germany, France and



A recreation of a “Birth Mother’s Room.” (Photo by Shiryn Solny)

other countries. Also on tap were cultural workshops and performances by Israel’s top Yemenite musicians, plus more than 70 Israeli-Yemenite dance-troupe and choir members.

Many of the artifacts on display were on loan from conference participants, according to co-curators Drora Arussy and Eddie Ashkenazi. For example, Arussy explained that one of the conference speakers is an OB-GYN in Israel who enjoys collecting stamps. He owns one of the first stamps produced in Yemen and offered to it to curators to have on display as part of the exhibit. Afterward, Arussy and Ashkenazi discovered that another person had about 400 letters written between Yemen and Israel that they were willing to loan for the exhibit.

“The idea for the exhibit came to be after the conference program had already started to become finalized,” said Ashkenazi. “People were like, ‘I am speaking about this, and I kind of actually have it. See “Yemenite” on page 11

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Jewish camps ready to welcome children with all abilities

By Jennifer Laszlo Mizrahi

It’s already “find-your-camp” season, as parents look to find outstanding summer experiences that will help their children thrive.

When my children were younger, there were few good options for children with disabilities/special needs to be welcomed, included and appropriately accommodated

in Jewish summer camps. Thanks to the outstanding leadership of the Foundation for Jewish Camp and many wonderful nonprofit Jewish camps around the country, there are now many outstanding choices.

Camps have done their part to create environments and supports for success. But See “Camps” on page 7

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Play ball! In Israel! With some hard-hitting American Jews

By Howard Blas

(JNS)— There is a scene in the recently released film “Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel” where Moshe Abutbul, the mayor of Bet Shemesh, invites the 10 visiting American baseball players from Team Israel and their significant others to help him dig a hole in the ground on the site of a future baseball field and stadium. He shares that in the Chasidic tradition, “If you want something to grow, you plant seeds.” Hopeful that the team’s success and baseball’s popularity in Israel will continue to grow, he and the Team Israel players “plant” a fresh white baseball in the ground.

Judging from film footage showing the enthusiastic reception and request for autographs the rock-star-like players received all over Israel – and from the cheers of the audience that packed the Marlene Meyerson Jewish Community Center in Manhattan for the New York premier of the 85-minute film – Team Israel and Israel baseball are off to a great start.



Team Israel wore their kippot during the playing of “Hatikvah” before the game against Great Britain on September 22, 2016. (Photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons)

its perfect record in Round 1 in Seoul in March 2017, to their games in Tokyo in Round 2. They also came to hear about their 10-day Birthright-style trip to Israel in January 2017 and to catch a glimpse (and maybe get an autograph) from some of their Jewish baseball heroes.

Some came clad in Team Israel blue-and-white hats and shirts. (One fan made a beeline in the JCC entranceway for team CEO Peter Kurz to ask him if Atlanta Braves pitcher Max Fried is Jewish. Kurz proceeded to tell him he was, and that he was a member of the gold-medal-winning 2009 Maccabiah Games Team USA Juniors baseball team.) Others wore New York Mets gear in honor of former New York Met and current Team Israel player (in attendance) Ike Davis. At least one father and son carried white baseballs in anticipation of autographs during the celebratory rooftop reception.

The crowd came to relive the story of Team Israel’s dramatic run in the World Baseball Classic – from winning the Qualifiers in Coney Island, NY, in September 2016 through

The film begins with Kurz and assistant general manager Margo Sugarman combing through birth, circumcision and **See “Ball” on page 9**

SUMMER CAMPS

Don't let lice ruin summer camp

(NAPSI) – When sending kids to summer camp, parents have always worried about homesickness, safety and sunburns. One more concern is head lice. The likelihood of exposure to lice increases at places such as school and camp, where children share belongings and are in close proximity to other kids.

Many camps now perform head checks at registration to help prevent lice transmission at camp. Children who have lice may be delayed from entering camp to be treated or potentially sent home. Here are some tips from www.vamousslice.com on what you can do to prevent that from happening:

1. Conduct a Pre-Camp Head Check. Parents who examine their child at home for lice can detect an infestation early and save their child the frustration of being diagnosed with lice during camp registration. Here’s how:

◆ Part your child’s hair to examine the scalp under a light. Watch for movement. Lice will move quickly away from the light.

◆ Lice eggs (“nits”) may look like dandruff, but cannot be flicked off with a fingernail. Eggs will be attached to the hair shaft within half an inch of the scalp.

◆ Use a lice comb to work through small sections of hair looking for lice or nits. Pay extra attention to the nape of the neck, behind the ears, under bangs and to the crown of the head.

2. Treat Any Infestation. If you find an infestation, get your child camp-ready quickly with a product that allows you to end an infestation in a single treatment rather than needing to reapply seven to 10 days later.

3. Keep Lice from Returning Home from Camp. It takes four to six weeks for telltale itching symptoms to start. This

means a child returning from camp may not be diagnosed until family and friends have been exposed. While kids are away, have them use a daily defense shampoo, which has been shown to kill lice during routine hair washing. Encourage your child to keep belongings separate, and pull long hair into a ponytail or braid it to minimize contact.

Remember that although lice are an annoyance, they are very common and do not spread disease or pose serious health risks. By making anti-lice products part of your plan for summer, you can look forward to hearing camp memories rather than, “Mom, my head itches!”

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families need to do their parts, too. For example, parents should be open about sharing their child’s strengths as well as sharing the areas where their child will need additional support. For example, if your child takes ADHD or other medications during the school year, it is not fair to the camp or other campers to take your child off their medication before sending them to camp unless it is done with the involvement and understanding of the camp and medical supports. After all, parents should view themselves as partners in creating a successful summer for their child(ren).

In preparation for the search for a Jewish camp families should take a look at Foundation for Jewish Camp’s guide to finding the right Jewish camp for your child with disabilities, The Search for Summer Fun (online at <https://cdn.fedweb.org/>

fed-29/2/Disability%2520Parent%2520Camp%2520Guide_PDX.pdf?v=1457570073). This guide will walk you through the considerations and questions to ask to find the perfect fit for your camper. With more than 155-plus Jewish overnight camps in North America, there are plenty of choices out there. You can learn more about them and refine your search using the Find A Camp tool at www.jewishcamp.org/find-camp.

And, first-time campers can save up to \$1,000 off their summer through the One Happy Camper program! See more details at OneHappyCamper.org.

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Jennifer Laszlo Mizrahi is president of www.RespectAbilityUSA.org.

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Ugandan rabbi: "We as a Jewish community need to be treated like any other Jewish community"

By Josefina Dolsten

(JTA) – A Ugandan rabbi called on Israel to recognize his community after the government ruled against allowing members to move to the Jewish state.

Rabbi Gershom Sizomu confirmed a report in *Haaretz* the week of June 1 that the Israeli Interior Ministry had denied a community member's immigration application. The Interior Ministry, according to Sizomu, said the decision represented its stance on the Ugandan Jewish community, not just the applicant, Kibita Yosef. Sizomu, who leads the community of



Rabbi Gershom Sizomu in 2003. (Photo by Ken Hively/Los Angeles Times via Getty Images)

approximately 2,000 people, urged Israel to give Ugandan Jews the same rights afforded to Jews worldwide. "We as a Jewish community need to be treated like any other Jewish community in the Diaspora," he told JTA from Kampala, where he serves as a member of the Ugandan parliament.

Israel's Law of Return gives anyone who has at least one Jewish grandparent, is married to a Jew or has converted to Judaism the right to move there. Yosef, who is currently staying at a *kibbutz* in southern Israel, is the first Ugandan Jew to try to immigrate

to Israel, according to Sizomu.

Sizomu emphasized that his community was not looking to immigrate to Israel en masse and that the decision would not change their practices. "We are not Jewish for purposes of immigration," he said. "We are Jewish because that is who we are, and we will never change that, whether they recognize us or not."

The Ugandan community, also called the Abayudaya, traces its roots to the early 20th century, when a former leader read the Bible and embraced Judaism. Most members were converted under the auspices of U.S. Conservative rabbis in the early 2000s and thus are not recognized as See "Rabbi" on page 11

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to the United Nations Danny Danon, New York City Public Advocate Letitia James (who is running for New York attorney general), Israeli chef Eyal Shani and Israeli Consul General Dani Dayan. Earlier in the day, Israeli Consul General of New York Dayan, said that outside of Jerusalem, New York is "the capital of the world."

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, who is running for re-election, served as the parade's honorary grand marshal. "Too often today diversity is seen as a weakness, but we know it's our strength. NY wouldn't be NY without the Jewish community," Cuomo said in tweet.

American Friends of Magen David Adom, one of the sponsors of the parade, noted that the organization works alongside the Israel Defense Forces, saving lives 24 hours a day. The parade is important, an MDA spokesman told JNS, because it helps New Yorkers feel connected to that same mission, "even when we're thousands of miles away."



New York Governor Andrew Cuomo marched in the Celebrate Israel Parade as the honorary grand marshal. (Photo courtesy of Twitter)

Jewish rapper Koshier Dillz and singer Lipa Schmeltzer were among the event's performers. Many of the groups that marched in the parade played Israeli songs, including the now ever-present "Toy," the song performed by Israeli Netta Barzilai that won this year's Eurovision.

Security was tightened at this year's event, with double metal barricades placed on each block down the path of the parade – something not done in previous years. The New York City Police Department said that more than 1,000 officers, bomb-sniffing dogs, sharpshooters on rooftops and radiation-detection devices were used to secure the area surrounding the event, according to the Associated Press. Sanitation trucks filled with sand blocked streets, stationed to prevent vehicle attacks. NYPD Chief of Patrol Rodney Harrison noted that precautions were taken in response to threats of terrorism in Israel, the Middle East, Europe and around the world.

Anti-Israel protesters at the parade were confined to a small area on 5th Avenue, south of Central Park. At the end of the parade, they were escorted by police officers to a nearby parking garage, where many of them had left their vehicles, to avoid any violence that may have ensued with Israel supporters. No incidents were reported.

Rachel [last name held on request], 75, a native New Yorker who lives a few blocks away from the site of the parade, said she has been attending the parade every year, and it always makes her emotional. She told JNS: "I started to cry just now [watching the parade]. Every year, I get so enamored. What we go through in life, and yet we survive. My dad was a Holocaust survivor. You realize the chutzpah and courage we have to survive anything that we're going through.

"We have survived all these attacks that we've had," she added. "Hashem is taking care of us. We are his people. His chosen people."

Lior Arussy, also a New Yorker, said he is proud of Israel's innovation and how the country is making a

change in the world. He told JNS, "I think Israel has made a lot of impact on the world, and the fact that such a small tiny place can do that, it's cool... It's all about the lax way in which Israel just makes it happen, even though it's not disciplined and rigid. I think the country has shown a lot of flexibility in order to survive both the threats and the opportunities."

Menachem Jacob, a father of two, said he believes Israel's greatest accomplishment in the last 70 years is bringing democracy to the Middle East. He added that Israel provides safety net for those seeking refuge. He explained, "My parents are Holocaust survivors. So just to feel safe that my kids and their kids can grow up knowing that they have a country they can go to if they get in the same kind of trouble my parents got into... that's my favorite part about Israel."

Although the parade ended at 4 pm, additional celebrations were held in Central Park, with festivities continuing in the evening in Times Square with music by Israeli singer Shiri Maimon and DJ Omri Anghel. There was also a display of Israeli innovation and a recap of the country's first 70 years across the screens of Times Square. Dayan addressed the hundreds of people who gathered there, talking about the significance of taking over the Manhattan hotspot and covering it "in blue and white" to celebrate Israel's 70 years of independence.

And Danon said: "It's gratifying to see the support that Israel receives in New York, throughout the United States and from all over the world."



Parade marchers featured pictures of Lt. Hadar Goldin and Sgt. Oron Shaul – two Israel Defense Force soldiers killed in action by Hamas during Israel's "Operation Protective Edge" in 2014. Written on the same signs was a Jewish phrase that translates to "All of Israel is responsible for one another." (Photo by Shiryn Solny)



A large group of Jewish teenagers celebrated Israel's 70th anniversary with a banner featuring Israel's ReWalk, a bionic walking assistance system. (Photo by Shiryn Solny)

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Iran warns North Korea of not being able to trust Trump

Ahead of the widely anticipated U.S.-North Korea summit in Singapore on June 12, Iran warned its fellow rogue state that the United States does not live up to its pledges. "U.S. has a long history of broken promises of international treaties, [and] we believe that the North Korean government should be cautious of U.S. repetitive failures to fulfill its obligations and pledges," said Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Ghasemi, the state-run Mehr News Agency reported. Early in May, U.S. President Donald Trump pulled America out of the Iranian nuclear deal, citing Tehran's past lies about its nuclear program, as well as its continued regional aggression, sponsorship of terrorist organization and pursue of a ballistic-missile program. The week of June 8, Iran announced that it will increase its uranium-enrichment capabilities and opened a new nuclear facility for centrifuge production. Despite international sanctions, both Iran and North Korea have a long history of military cooperation, especially on exchange of ballistic-missile technology.

Netanyahu tells Iranians he can save them from drought

In a video clip posted to Facebook with Farsi subtitles, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reached out to the Iranian people, offering to help them solve the problem of drought that is plaguing the country. Pouring a glass of water for himself from a full pitcher on his desk, Netanyahu detailed his plans to launch a Farsi website teaching Iranian farmers to recycle wastewater for agricultural use. "Today, I'm going to make an unprecedented offer to Iran. It relates to water. Israel stands with the people of Iran, and that is why I want to help save countless Iranian lives. Here's how," he said. He blamed Iran's theocratic regime for "mismanagement, incompetence and the theft of vital resources" that has led officials to warn that tens of millions of Iranians could be forced from their homes due to environmental damage and drought. "Now, Israel also has water challenges," said Netanyahu. "We've developed cutting edge technologies to address them. Israel recycles nearly 90 percent of its wastewater. That's far more than any other country on earth. Israel has the know-how to prevent environmental catastrophe in Iran," he continued. "I want to share this information with the people of Iran. Sadly, Iran bans Israelis from visiting, so we'll have to get creative." He pledged to start a website that will "show how Iranian farmers can save their crops and feed their families. ... The Iranian regime shouts 'Death to Israel,' " said the Israeli prime minister. "In response, Israel shouts 'Life to the Iranian people.' ... The people of Iran are good and decent," he said in conclusion. "They shouldn't have

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The idea for the project grew out of a course Wassner taught at Brandeis in 2015. The class focused on the Latin American Jewish experience and identities, how they have shaped the region's history and gender issues. The Hadassah-Brandeis Institute provided seed money, and additional funding came from private donors and Targum Shlishi, a foundation promoting Jewish culture, education and women's issues.

In addition to promoting academic study and research, Wassner wants to foster community for Latin American Jews and others interested in their culture. To that end, in addition to its offering courses, hosting a conference and publishing articles, the initiative will host cultural events, such as film screenings and talks at synagogues.

Though it has yet to officially launch, the initiative held events in the past academic year. Fishbayn Joffe said the turnout showed a need and desire among Latin American Jews living in the U.S. for community. At a film screening of "Cuba's Forgotten Jewels," a documentary about European Jews who fled to Cuba during World War II, attendees spoke of how happy they were to attend an event that spoke to their Jewish identities.

"The people in the audience were saying, 'This is my story, Latin America is part of my Jewish identity, my family sought shelter there, my family lived there,'" Fishbayn Joffe recalled. "This narrative of the Jewish community as just being Ashkenazi or Sephardic doesn't capture the complexity of our identities."

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Kenyan Airways asks Sudan to fly over its airspace to reach Israel

International cooperation and tacit recognition of Israel has received a boost, with Kenyan Airways submitting a formal request to fly commercial planes from Kenya to Israel over Sudanese airspace. Israel and Sudan currently have no diplomatic ties, though Sudan has distanced itself from the Shi'ite Islamic movement led by Iran and developed a greater alliance with Saudi Arabia. The airline's request comes just weeks after Saudi Arabia granted permission to Air India to establish a commercial route to Israel over Saudi airspace. Kenya Airways is planning to begin operating weekly flights between Israeli and Nairobi in 2019. On June 7, Transportation Minister Yisrael Katz met with the CEO of the airline, Sebastian Mikosz, to discuss additional steps toward actualizing the plan.

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wedding documents as they attempt to verify the "Jewishness" of potential players for Team Israel. Under the Heritage Rule, to represent a country a player need only be eligible for citizenship of that country. For this reason, nearly the entire team is comprised of American players – most with a tenuous connection to Jewish religion and culture. The experience of playing for Team Israel and visiting Israel (for the 10 men who went) has been called transformative.

The film includes footage of all of Team Israel's World Baseball Classic games, but mostly focuses on the trip to Israel (starting with the flight on casino mogul Sheldon Adelson's private plane). The story is told through the eyes of Josh Zeid, Ike Davis, Ty Kelly, Sam Fuld and Cody Decker. Audience members spoke to seatmates as familiar sites such as the Dead Sea, Masada, Yad Vashem, the Western Wall and the Arab *shuk* in Jerusalem appeared on the screen. The filmmakers captured scenes of the players doing karaoke, watching belly dancers and buying shirts of their former or current Major League teams – written in Hebrew.

Following the film, MLB's sportswriter Jonathon Mayo moderated a question-and-answer session. Panelists included all three directors – Daniel Miller, Jeremy Newberger and Seth Kramer – in addition to Kurz, Davis and Israeli-born pitcher Shlomo Lipetz. Mayo noted some in attendance who were connected to the team, including Jeff Aeder, a restaurant owner from Chicago, founder of jewishbaseballmuseum.com and team supporter; Nate Fish, the team's first-base coach; and Dan Rootenberg, the strength and conditioning coach, and so-called "Mensch on the Bench" (AKA the team's mascot and inspiration).

The filmmakers, who have been friends since their days as campers in Young Judea, spoke about their experiences and observations. Miller noted that "it is incredible how articulate they are. We all went to camp and experienced our spiritual metamorphosis in our teens. These guys were playing baseball and went through it later in life – through experiencing antisemitism and from feeling disconnected."

Davis spoke in the film about conducting family history of his non-Jewish father and Jewish mother. He noted that he could go back five or more generations on his father's side, but barely a generation on his mother's side, as most were killed during the Holocaust. "The trip to Israel was a learning process, a spiritual journey," he said. "We were representing family members killed for being Jewish."

Lipetz, who was on Team Israel's 2013 and 2017 teams, described playing baseball for the Jewish state as "the best experience I've ever had on a personal level." Prior to the

Bomb near Tomb of the Patriarchs detonated by police

A bomb found near the Tomb of the Patriarchs and Patriarchs in Hebron was detonated by police on June 10. Border police stationed outside of the ancient historic and religious site noticed the suspicious device and scrambled sappers to the area, clearing it of all civilians. The device, which included two small gas canisters, was blown up by the police bomb squad in a controlled explosion, near one of the entrances typically used by Muslims. Police launched an investigation, and issued a statement in which they promised to "protect the security of all the citizens, residents and visitors" to the Judea burial place of biblical forbears Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebecca, Jacob and Leah. According to local law enforcement, "in the area of the tomb, there is unique coexistence that the security forces, including border police, protect with the goal of allowing freedom of worship and religion to both Jews and Muslims at the Tomb of the Patriarchs."



L-r: Peter Kurz, president of the Israel Association of Baseball and general manager of WBC Team Israel; former MLB player and Team Israel star Ike Davis; and Team Israel pitcher Shlomo Lipetz. (Photo by Howard Blas)

screening, he told JNS that he recently got to see teammate Jeremy Bleich pitch for the Nashville Sound. "I wish more guys [from the team] were still playing ball – that's the nature of the beast."

During the JCC's rooftop after-party, with music by American Jewish rapper Kosha Dillz (his song, "Jews With Bats," is featured in the film), Miller and Kurz opened up about the experience. Miller said he is delighted that the "response to the film has been electric," with people "celebrating the team's victories in real time." He was also shocked to learn of the large number of Jews who didn't know anything about Israel playing in the World Baseball Classic. He acknowledged being moved watching the players traveling to Israel for the first time: "They came in with negative experiences and returned with great pride."

Kurz said he's pleased with the team's success and its impact on baseball in Israel. He reported a 30 percent increase in Israeli children playing baseball since the World Baseball Classic. The film continues to play to crowds in Israel. And Kurz is looking to the future, saying "five WBC players are working on making *aliyah* through Nefesh B'Nefesh. They are looking forward to helping Israel baseball in its quest for the Olympic qualifiers." Kurz went on to explain the complicated process of qualifying for the Olympics and noted that "Israel loves the Olympics! If they qualify, it will be the first time since Montreal in 1976 when Israel qualified for a team sport." He also noted that only six teams will make it there.

Perhaps the baseball planted deep in the ground in Beit Shemesh will bear fruit in time for Tokyo 2020, so Israel can have a rematch against Team Japan.

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Korach, Numbers 16:1-18:32

Breaking societal laws and customs

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR, THE REPORTER GROUP

This week's *parasha*, Korach, tells the story of two different rebellions that are based on societal laws and customs. Interestingly, the final decisions on who has a just claim for leadership are not the ones one would be led to expect from a study of the laws found in other sections of the Torah.

The rebellions can be characterized in two ways. One could be called the rebellion of the first-born. This was led by Dathan and Abviram, who were members of the tribe of Reuben. Reuben was the first-born of Jacob and, in the normal course of history, his descendants would have been the leaders of the Israelites. In fact, leadership by the first-born is common not just in Israelite culture, but in most cultures. The Torah actually legislates that a double portion of an inheritance must go to the first-born. In Deuteronomy 21:15-17, the law states that a father must give his first-born son this inheritance even if he prefers the son of another wife. According to that law, Dathan and Abviram seem correct in challenging the authority of Moses and Aaron, since Moses and Aaron are the

descendants of one of Jacob's younger sons. However, when we look at the stories of the patriarchs, another pattern emerges.

Neither Isaac nor Jacob were the first-born of their fathers. According to standard inheritance practices, not only should their older brothers have inherited their father's wealth, but they also should have inherited the covenant that God made with Abraham. However, God approved the younger sons inheriting in these cases, just as God approved the special status of Joseph (another younger son). There is a multitude of such occurrences. Jacob gave a greater blessing to Joseph's younger son Ephraim rather than the older Manasseh. God also chose Moses and Aaron, descendants of another non-eldest son, Levi, to lead the Israelites out of Egypt (which is what caused this first rebellion). Later, David and his descendants would be chosen to rule as kings even though they were from the tribe of Judah, yet another non-elder son. When God opens the earth to swallow Dathan, Abviram and their households, they learn the hard way that it is not necessarily the letter

of the common law, but God's approval that counts.

The second rebellion might be referred to as a rebellion over the family business. Moses, Aaron and Korah were cousins who descended from Jacob's son Levi. The family business in this case was the priesthood and the running of the Tabernacle. Only Aaron and his descendants could be priests (Kohens). The rest of the tribe of Levi were servants to the priests. Korah objected to this status, feeling all the Levites should have priesthood status and were equally holy. In fact, his thoughts echo something that God said in an earlier Torah portion. In Leviticus 19: 1-2, God tells Moses to "speak to the congregation of Israel and tell them that you shall be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy." Later, after the destruction of the Temple, this verse in Leviticus was used to say that all Israel must act like a nation of priests – and remain holy – by following God's laws. Yet when Korah laid claim to the same mandate and legacy, he and the men with him were devoured by God's fire.

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Congregational Notes

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Shabbat Services:
 Friday, June 15 7:15 pm
 Shabbat, June 16 9 am
 Mincha after the kiddush
 Maariv 8:10 pm

Weekday Services:
 Mornings:
 Sun., June 17 8:30 am
 Mon.-Fri., June 18-22 7 am
 Evenings:
 Sun-Thurs., June 17-21 8:25 pm
 Fri., June 22 7:15 pm
 Classes: Rabbi Zev Silber will hold his weekly Talmud class every Tuesday evening after services.

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

On Saturday, June 16, at 9:30 am, services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Numbers 16:1-18:32. The haftarah will be I Samuel 11:14-12:22.

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

On Thursday, June 21, from 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.

From Monday-Friday, June 25-29, the temple office will be closed.

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.

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 Religious School: Preschool through seventh-grade classes meet on Sunday mornings. Sixth-grade Hebrew and seventh-grade b'nai mitzvah classes meet on Wednesday afternoons.
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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-Saturday, June 29-30, the b'nai mitzvah of Maya and Alex Green, children of Rivka and Keith Green, will be celebrated.

Friday, June 15, light candles 8:23 pm
 Shabbat ends Saturday, June 16 9:24 pm
 Friday, June 22, light candles 8:25 pm
 Shabbat ends Saturday, June 23 9:25 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 15, at 8 pm, a Pride Shabbat service will be led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Saturday, June 16, at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study.

On Thursday, June 21, at 7pm, the iEngage Program with Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell and Rabbi Geoffrey Brown will meet at Temple Israel.

On Friday, June 22, at 6:30 pm, there will be a BYO Picnic in the Garden and, at 7:30 pm, Shabbat in the Garden services will be led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell and Shari Neuberger.

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 Religious School: Students are educated on an individual basis. Temple Brith Sholom is a small egalitarian 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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Jewish by Israel's mostly *haredi* Orthodox Chief Rabbinate.

In 2016, the Jewish Agency for Israel recognized the community for the purposes of the Law of Return, seemingly opening a path for its members to immigrate to Israel. However, the Abuyudaya have struggled to obtain government recognition to do so. In December, Israel denied a visa application by another member of the community to study at a yeshiva in Israel, leading to

accusations of racism. Today the community, which is based in the rural town of Mbale, has seven synagogues – including a 7,000-square-foot synagogue center that opened in 2016 – a *mikvah* and two Jewish schools. “We feel like we have an established Jewish community that deserves to be recognized by Israel,” Sizomu said. On June 1, Rabbi Julie Schonfeld, who leads the Conservative movement’s

Rabbinical Assembly, called the Israeli decision “unlawful. ...This is completely inconsistent with more than two decades of Israeli practice of Conservative converts – who are by the way *halachically* converted to Judaism under our auspices – who had been recognized as Jewish for the purposes of the Law of Return,” she told JTA, using a phrase meaning that something was done in accordance with Jewish law, or *halachah*. Schonfeld said that the movement and its

allies were planning “to use all means at our disposal to see that this is reversed.” Sizomu said that despite the latest decision, he remained hopeful about his community gaining status in Israel. In August, 40 young Ugandan Jews will travel to the Jewish state on a trip organized by Birthright, an organization that provides free trips to Israel to young Jews around the world. It is the first time Ugandan Jews will participate in such a trip.

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Do you wanna do something with it?’ Be it jewelry, letters, books. So we were like, ‘Sure!’ and we slowly but surely turned it into an exhibit.”

Among the literary, decorative and cultural materials were samples of trilingual letters in Hebrew, Aramaic and Arabic from Jews in Sana’a, the capital of Yemen, written to people in Israel; handwritten religious texts; mural art depicting the setup of a typical Yemenite Jewish home; robes and head dresses worn by Jews in Yemen; Yemenite spices to smell and music to hear; and recordings of Yemenites reading biblical texts in three languages.

Visitors were also invited to touch jewelry made by Yemenite Jews. Some of the pieces were crafted by Jewish silversmiths exclusively for the Jewish women of Sana’a, to be given to a bride by her father or future husband. At the wedding, it was attached to the sides of the bride’s headpiece.

The centerpiece of the exhibit was a recreation of a “Birth Mother’s Room,” a Yemenite tradition that celebrates a successful birth and healthy mother, but also keeps her isolated during the state of postpartum bleeding, which is considered impure in Jewish tradition. The new mother would sit opposite the entrance door, behind a triangular box, and receive guests from her secluded corner of the room, where she would sit in a solemn position for several hours at a time, for 30 days. The room was recreated in Israel by Yemenite women from Sana’a who wanted to continue the tradition.

Symbolic items in the room were intended to ward off the “evil eye” from the mother. Green bottles lined up overhead, ostrich eggs and other objects were used to confuse and dispel the “evil eye” from the

new mother and enable her to recuperate. The exhibit’s recreation included music that was traditionally played for a new mother.

“If I say that the exhibit grew around this, that’s 100 percent accurate,” acknowledged Ashkenazi. “We needed a way to showcase the beauty and this unique custom of a ‘Birth Mother’s Room,’ and it would look empty if there was nothing to support it and give additional insight into the life [of Yemenite Jews]. So this led to the rest of the room.”

Artifacts in the exhibit also gave a glimpse into the religious life of Jews in Yemen. When Torah was read in the synagogue, it was said in Hebrew, followed by Aramaic and sometimes Arabic. Men would also study Torah in three languages; until this day, some communities in Israel read Aramaic alongside the Hebrew texts.

Because there was no printing press in Yemen until about the 1950s, the country was a “manuscript culture,” said Ashkenazi, meaning that everything was written by hand. Many religious texts were handwritten because ordering numerous printed books from out of the country was expensive and often hard to obtain. Fathers taught their sons Torah and Jewish law either during or after work, and due to the scarcity of books available, boys would sit around one book and learn to read it from all directions, even upside-down.

The co-curators said they gathered facts about Yemenite Jewry from interviews, their own research and that of the Dianna Geo-Museum of North African and Middle Eastern Jewish Life, which digitally preserves the physical manifestations of Jewish history throughout the region.

“The study of Yemenite Jews is seminal to all aspects of Jewish studies,” said

Professor Ephraim Issac, founder of the Institute for Semitic Studies. “Yemenite Jews are known by scholars worldwide to be devotedly religious, having preserved a distinctive Jewish history and culture going back to the late Second Temple period. As many scholars – Sholomo Goitein, Haim Rabin, Shelomo Morag, among others – have maintained no other Jewish community has made such distinctive contribution in the preservation of the language, religion and literature of Judaism like Yemenite Jews. They are the only Jews who to this day still read the Torah and *haftarah* in both Hebrew and Aramaic [Targum], as prescribed in the Mishnah, on Sabbath and festivals, and pronounce every letter of Hebrew distinctively in their readings.”

The exhibit explained that Yemenite-Jewish history started in the First Temple period. According to one tradition, following the meeting between King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, the king sent her home with a group of Jewish scholars and advisers. They represented the 12 tribes of Israel, and this group was at the center of Yemenite Jewry developing. Another tradition states that Yemenite Jewry emerged a short while later when a group of upper-class Jews left Jerusalem after the prophet Jeremiah foresaw the Kingdom of Judah’s destruction. Their travels took them to Yemen, where they eventually settled.

Jewish settlement in Yemen was not



A young Jewish bride in Yemen wearing many pieces of bridal jewelry along with a headpiece. (Photo by Shiryn Solny)

centralized, noted Ashkenazi. Jews were scattered throughout the entire country, and communities tended to be very small, with maybe two to 10 families in a village. When there was a need to assemble for schools or minyan, multiple villages would come together. Some of the larger cities, however, did have Jewish quarters with multiple synagogues and places of study. Today, only about 100 Jews remain in Yemen, concentrated in Sana’a.



Jewelry created by Yemenite Jews (Photo by Shiryn Solny)



A photo showing a Yemenite Jewish family sitting in the multi-function room of their home, which would be used for sleeping, eating and entertaining. (Photo by Shiryn Solny)

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The point of these stories was to prove that the social order of the time when the Torah was compiled was not only the correct and proper one: it was the one approved by God, even if it did seem to contradict societal customs or norms. Therefore, the kingship of David and his descendants, who were of the tribe

of Judah – another of Jacob’s younger sons, was correct because it was blessed by God. Even though all Israel was holy, the priests, who performed the sacrifices, were somehow holier than everyone else and deserved the tithes (taxes) that they received as their livelihood. This disposition, too, was God’s command.

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“The Band’s Visit” wins 10 Tony Awards, including for best musical

“The Band’s Visit,” a jewel-box musical based on an Israeli film about an Egyptian band stranded in a Negev town, won the 2018 Tony Award for best musical. “The Band’s Visit” dominated its categories during the 72nd annual Tony Awards ceremony at Radio City Music Hall on June 10. Ari’el Stachel, the California-born son of an Israeli-Yemeni father and an Ashkenazi mother from New York, won the award for best featured actor in a musical for his performance as a romantic Egyptian trumpeter in the musical. Tony Shalhoub (“Monk”) won for best actor in a musical and Katrina Lenk for best actress in a musical for their roles as, respectively, the leader of the band and the Israeli café owner who takes him in. “The Band’s Visit” also won awards for best book (by Itamar Moses), best direction of a musical, best original score (by David Yazbek), best lighting design, best orchestration and best sound design. Stachel, 26, is making his Broadway debut in “The Band’s Visit.” The play is based on the 2007 award-winning Israeli movie directed by Eran Kolirin. Stachel thanked producer Orin Wolf “for telling a small story about Arabs and Israelis getting along at a time where we need that more than ever.” “Angels in America,” playwright Tony Kushner’s 1993 epic about the AIDS epidemic, won the award for best revival of a play for the 2018 iteration starring Andrew Garfield. Lindsay Mendez won for best performance by an actress in a featured role in a musical for the revival of “Carousel.”

Patriots’ Julian Edelman apologizes to fans for failed drug test

New England Patriots wide receiver Julian Edelman responded to reports that he violated the NFL’s policy on performance-enhancing drugs with an apology. Edelman is appealing the four-game suspension for the violation, which was reported first on June

7 by ESPN. “I am very sorry – I don’t know what happened,” Edelman wrote on June 8 on Instagram. “I’ve taken many, many tests obviously over the course of my career, and nothing like this has ever happened. I apologize to the Kraft family, my coaches, teammates and fans. As this matter is being appealed, I can’t say anymore but no matter what, I will be ready to play and pursue another championship with our team and for Patriots fans around the world.” Edelman, 32, will miss the Patriots’ first four regular-season games. He would be permitted to participate in training camp practices and preseason games. The Jewish Pro Bowler missed all of last season after suffering a knee injury in the preseason. Edelman, one of quarterback Tom Brady’s favorite targets, is entering his 10th season. He has caught as many as 105 passes in a season, played in three Super Bowls, starred in a series of comedic videos and written a children’s book. In April, he was credited with helping to stop a potential school shooting by a Michigan teen.

Jerusalem not the only Israeli city to be considered as Eurovision host

Jerusalem reportedly isn’t the only Israeli city in the mix to host the 2019 Eurovision song contest. Israeli officials are set to present four cities as possible hosts for the contest after the Ministry of Communications announced on June 10 that politics would be kept out of the decision. The ministry said in a statement following a meeting between Israel Public Broadcasting Corp. CEO Eldad Koblenz and Communications Ministry Director General Nati Cohen that the public broadcaster, and not the government of Israel, will conduct negotiations with officials from the Eurovision song contest. A delegation from Israel’s public broadcaster is scheduled to travel to Geneva, Switzerland, to meet with EBU officials the week of June 18, the Israeli business daily *Globes* reported on June 11. The Israelis reportedly will present Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Eilat as possible host cities. The cities will have to submit detailed bids to be considered. Israel won the right to host the 2019 Eurovision after Netta Barzilai won May’s competition with the song “Toy.”

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