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## JCC announces yearbook honorees

By Paige Bartholomew

The Jewish Community Center announced that its 2018 yearbook honorees will be Sima and Neil Auerbach. Sima is currently the executive director of the Federation of Greater Binghamton. Neil is on the Board of Directors of the Federation and the JCC. The Auerbachs belong to all three synagogues in the area, and Sima is a member in all three Sisterhood groups, as well as other committees and activities within the temples. As Federation director, Sima's favorite project has been the Jewish Film Festival, which she said she is proud to have brought to the area. Neil also serves on the JCC Fitness Committee where he worked on the triathlon, and was honored by the JCC Sports Hall of Fame.

"It is not only the Auerbachs' dedication to helping others that makes them exceptional; the humility and warmth that they exude is beyond comparison, as anyone who has had the privilege of meeting them in person would surely agree," said members of the JCC Yearbook Committee. "Their wealth of experiences and actions does speak for itself, but what cannot truly be conveyed through just listing their accomplishments is the depths to which Sima and Neil care about

other people, as individuals, and as an entire community. They have given of themselves beyond comprehension, above and beyond a hundred times over. Not only have their actions and their caring improved and touched the lives of countless people, but the legacy of service and community impact that they have created will continue to inspire people to action for generations to come."

Being Jewish was more than just a single factor in Sima's early life and beyond – it defined her. "Being Jewish is part of my soul and being – it's who I am," said Sima, describing what it was like to grow up in an Orthodox home, while attending both public school and a Jewish Talmud Torah. The influence of her Jewish identity continued throughout her life; an original career goal was to become a professor of Judaic studies, though literature was also a passion. She received her degree in Greek and classical civilizations, teaching brain-injured chil-



Sima Auerbach



Neil Auerbach

dren for one year before pausing her career ambitions to raise her family.

As her children grew older, Sima began working part-time at the Mid Island YM/YWHA, running programs for children, before switching to become a financial futures trader on Wall Street. After 10 years, Sima decided to do something that made a difference by deciding to work for non-profit organizations. She worked at Yeshiva University, raising money for research at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She then took a position at Hadassah "connecting and empowering Jewish women to effect change."

Neil attended Sewanhaka High School in a class of 1,500. The number of students only served to make him "a better athlete, because of all the competition." Winning a gold medal in the 1957 New York State Championship for track led him to Emporia State University on a track scholarship, the alma mater of his former coach. After Neil

suffered an injury, the college retained his scholarship and he became a soccer goalie and helped to train other athletes, which helped him get into coaching. He spent summers working at camps, developing a lifelong ambition to own and operate a summer camp of his own.

Neil went on to teach at Floral Park High School, as a teacher and coach, for 33 years. Upon retirement, he taught driving to people with disabilities for eight years. He started a gymnastics school, and coached basketball and wrestling, all in addition to his career as a track coach. He coached track in college for a few years, but decided he was away from his family traveling across the country with his team and so retired. He is currently an official in track and field for the Southern Tier, at both the high school and college levels.

Neil also organized the New York Senior Games, and the Long Island Senior games for several years, and helped organize the Special Olympics on several occasions. He said he believed this to be especially important work, as it gave the athletes "their time to be special," continuing his legacy of service through his chosen field of expertise. See "JCC" on page 5

## 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. Reservations were required. No walk-ins will be accepted.

"Leave politics at home and join us in celebrating 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*, a conservative magazine of opinion and ideas. He is also a columnist for the *New York*



Jonathan Tobin

*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 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Jewish state."

### Spotlight

## An exhibit shows ordinary Americans knew a lot about the Holocaust as it was happening

By Ron Kampeas

WASHINGTON (JTA) – When Holocaust historians ask what Americans knew at the time, the focus often is on the politicians and lawmakers whose votes and initiatives may have mitigated the Nazi genocide against the Jews. An exhibit that opened in May at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum here asks the question, "What did Americans know?" On a more literal level: What did American voters, the constituents who may have done more to pressure their lawmakers to intervene, know at the time?

The answer – a lot – is less than comforting to those who may harbor a sentimental belief that if only the common folk knew, their leaders may have done more. "Visitors will be surprised at how much Americans



A meeting of the Board of Directors of the War Refugee Board in Secretary of State Cordell Hull's office, March 1944. From l-r: Hull, Henry Morgenthau, Henry Stimson and John Pehle. (U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum/Courtesy of Franklin D. Roosevelt Library)

knew about Nazism and the Holocaust and how early they knew it," curator Daniel Greene said in a release announcing the exhibit, which is titled "Americans and the Holocaust."

The exhibit, twisting chronologically along the museum's first floor, is punctuated by backlit pillars with poll questions spanning the period of Nazi rule in Germany and then throughout Nazi-occupied Europe. Typical is the American Institute of Public Opinion poll from November 1938: "Should we allow a larger number of Jewish exiles from Germany to come to the United States to live?" Spin the pillar around and the answer is a resounding "No" at 71 percent. Even until after the war ended, the percentages opposing refugee See "Exhibit" on page 7

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First person

# Elaine Holstein, last surviving parent of one of the Kent State shooting victims, dies at 96

By Steve North

(JTA) – For nearly half a century, Elaine Holstein was periodically confronted with one of the most haunting images in modern American history: the bone-chilling picture of Kent State University student Jeffrey Miller lying on the pavement seconds after being fatally shot in the mouth by an Ohio National Guardsman during an anti-war protest. Photographer John Filo later said, “The volume of blood that was flowing from his body was as if someone tipped over a bucket.” And, of course, there was the teenage girl kneeling over Jeff, screaming in horror,

her arms raised in anguish.

Most baby boomers remember that photo as a symbol of May 4, 1970, the day four unarmed college students were killed on their own campus. For Elaine Holstein, however, the photograph depicted the cruel death of her beloved 20-year-old son.

Holstein died on May 28 at age 96; she was the last surviving parent of one of the four Kent State victims. (Three of the four students were Jewish; nine other students also were wounded in the gunfire.) I’d known her since May 1980, when as news director of the Long Island, NY, radio station WLIR, I invited

her to my studio to speak about Jeff on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of what became known as the Kent State Massacre.

I was immediately impressed with this tiny, typical Jewish mother. She had worked as a high school secretary in Plainview, NY, before returning to college, earning her master’s degree and becoming a psychiatric social worker when she was nearly 60.

As we began the interview, Holstein *kvelled*, proudly telling me about her boy.

“He was a cute kid; dark curly hair, very bright and See “Kent” on page 5

## Opinion

### From the Desk of the Federation President

## Looking to the future

DR. HOWARD WARNER

June brings warmer days and blooming flowers to our area; this period also marks the beginning of the last five months of my term as president of the Federation. Several programs have been planned for this time and I hope that our community will participate in making these meaningful and successful.

On Sunday, June 24, we are planning to present a talk on the “Miracle of Israel,” celebrating the nation’s 70 years in existence. We are fortunate to have Jonathan Tobin, the editor-in-chief of the Jewish News Syndicate, visit Binghamton to give us his perspective. A dinner consisting of Israeli cuisine is being offered to those who have already made reservations. (We cannot accept walk-ins.)

The autumn Jewish holidays begin earlier this year and will conclude the first week of October. In the past, the Federation, together with the JCC, hosted a Jewish Ethnic Festival. This October, after a hiatus of several years, we will

endeavor to bring back this event in a different format. The idea this time is to spread the “Joy of Being Jewish” over the month. We hope to have participation by many of the Jewish organizations in our community. By this approach, we will highlight the great diversity within our community. We know that our traditions are a source of pride for our heritage. Each group can provide their concept of Jewish traditions. If you wish to help with these events, please contact Sima Auerbach at the Federation office at 724-2332.

Over the next months, I will address issues facing the Federation in the future. We may have different solutions to issues, but our common goal should be to strengthen and enhance the prospects for the next generation. The Greater Binghamton community is among the smallest metropolitan areas in the country. This accentuates the demographic changes that affect communities. Our area is aging and the number of Jewish members continues to decline. As a result,

the impact upon our various institutions is multiplied. Yet, we have managed to continue excellent services thanks to the generosity and participation of our volunteers. Again, you deserve the acknowledgment for this support.

We have many different synagogues and houses of worship. Yet, we have on many occasions helped each other during trying times. We hope there will be increasing participation in joint programming. Cooperation is a splendid thing.

This past Monday, Hillel Academy graduated its fifth-year class. Although the school is smaller than during past years, it is vibrant and contributes to our diversity. Our youth are our greatest legacy. Our history may contain change and loss, but our future is bright if we are committed to participate and engage. To that end, join the Temple Concord/Temple Israel program “iEngage” to better understand the history of modern Israel.

### In My Own Words

## A newly discovered treasure

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

My father, who served in the Marines during World War II, often told me that he wanted daughters because (at least during those years) girls weren’t sent off to battle. So it should be no surprise that he shared anti-war novels with me – everything from “Johnny Got His Gun” by Dalton Trumbo to “Catch-22” by Joseph Heller. However, one writer was special. That was Eric Maria Remarque and not just because his book “All Quiet on the Western Front” is considered by some to be the greatest anti-war novel of all time. My father also loved his novels about the adjustment soldiers faced when returning to civilian life after living in the trenches during World War I. Their stories appeared in “The Road Back” and “Three Comrades.” My favorites were Remarque’s “Flotsam” and “Arch of Triumph” – novels that spoke about the difficulties refugees in Europe faced after the Nazis took over the government of Germany. I so loved Remarque’s work that the first hardcover book I bought was his last novel, “Shadows in Paradise,” about refugees in New York City after World War II.

During my teen years, I read all of Remarque’s novels, some more than once. As an adult, I bought a copy of each book, even the ones that were not my favorites. They sit on a shelf of honor because their influence helped make me into the person I am today. When I was a teenager, they were also a way I connected to my father: they made me better understand the person he was and the forces that influenced him.

I thought I’d read all of Remarque’s writing so you can imagine my surprise to learn that a book of uncollected

short stories was coming out in June. I discovered the fact by accident: I was looking through New York University Press’s spring 2018 catalogue to see if there were any Jewish books for me to review. It’s not going too far to say that seeing Remarque’s name was a surprise that left me almost speechless. I quickly noted when “Eight Stories: Tales of War and Loss” was coming out and, since I couldn’t ask for a review copy (no Jewish content), I added it to my list of June books to order.

When starting a new book by a beloved author, there is a special type of nervousness. Will this new work live up to his/her prior works? Will I find myself deeply disappointed or pleasantly surprised? Adding to my normal nervousness when I received the book in the mail was the fact that thinking about Remarque brought back memories of my father handing me books he’d read in his youth – books that formed my world view.

The tales in “Eight Stories” were published between 1930 and 1934. That means that most of them were written (or at least published) before Hitler came to power. (Remarque left Germany permanently in 1933 and was stripped of German citizenship in 1938.) The stories deal with World War I and the suffering felt by those involved in the war. These powerful works brought tears to my eyes and reminded me of why I’ve held Remarque in such high esteem. Two things stood out, one of which would not have affected those reading the stories when they were originally published.

I was stunned to see the words “never again” in the story “Where Karl Fought.” Two former soldiers return to

a battlefield that is now treated as a tourist site and pass by memorials to those who fought in the battle. One comments that a memorial “does not tell all the story, no, not by any means. But they are right to put up monuments, for more was never suffered than yonder and all about. But they left out one thing: Never again. That is missing...” In 1930, Remarque was writing about “never again.” He meant war – please, let there never again be war – but he’s also talking about suffering. Unfortunately, that lesson still needs to be taught, although, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, I wonder if it’s a lesson that will ever be learned.

Another story gives readers a bit more hope – hope that someone can recover after experiencing the horrors of war. In “I Dreamt Last Night,” the narrator feels a “curious thing.” He notes, “I experienced, for the first time since I had become a soldier, a feeling of peace; I recognized that something had been completed, and that it was good. I knew once more that beyond and above war and destruction there was something else, and it would return again.”

I finished “Eight Stories” and wished my father was still alive to read and discuss the stories with me. As an adult, I understand far more than I did when first reading Remarque’s work. I also realize how my father sought to share something about his life when he gave me books to read, something that created a lasting connection between us. New York University Press gave me a gift not only by publishing these wonderful works, but by reminding me of how and why Remarque’s books became so important to my life.



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# Tuesday Morning Book Club date changes for 15<sup>th</sup> reading season

On June 5, the Tuesday Morning Book Club chose books for its 15<sup>th</sup> reading season, which will begin in July. Since then, a few date changes have been made, as Liz Rosenberg has agreed to speak about her novel "The Laws of Gravity" on May 7.

This year's book list includes (note date changes from previous article):

- ◆ 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 – "Goodbye, Columbus: and 5 Short Stories" by Philip Roth
- ◆ 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 – "The Laws of Gravity" by Liz Rosenberg
- ◆ June 4 – "Lioness: Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel" by Francine Klagsbrun. This will also be the annual summer luncheon and book selection.

All of the book club meetings will take place at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, at 10:30 am, on the dates listed above. Meetings are free and open to the public. Light refreshments are served.

## TI celebrated b'not mitzvah anniversaries



Prior to conducting the crev Shabbat service at Temple Israel on June 8, representatives from the adult bat mitzvah classes of 1978, 1979 and 1980 gathered for a group portrait with Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. Back row (l-r): Rabbi Geoffrey Brown, Sylvia Horowitz, Stephanie Horowitz, Bobbi Markowitz, Harriet Horowitz and Florence Balin. Front row (l-r): Jennifer Schutzer, Ilene Pinsker, Diana Weiss, Diane Gartell, Janet Levine, Sandy Foreman, Francine Stein, Barbara Zelter, Ferne Weintraub and Arlene Osber. (Photo by Steve Gilbert)

### OF NOTE

## Auerbach

Neil Auerbach, of Binghamton, was recently presented with the Dick Ferziger Memorial Award at the New York State Track Championship. The award is for those who have made outstanding contributions to the sports of track, field and cross country. Twenty-five years ago, Auerbach and Dick Ferziger began the Floral Park Invitational in Floral Park, NY.



Neil Auerbach

The award was given to Auerbach in June "in recognition of his distinguished service to the New York State High School Field and Track Championships and to New York State officials of track, field and cross country. Given in honor of his sincere dedication to the sport, its athletes, coach and officials."

## 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.

## TC Sisterhood held installation



Temple Concord Sisterhood members at the May 20 installation.

## Community Calendar

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

"This is your Community Calendar!" said Sima Auerbach, executive director of the Federation. "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.

### Simcha Photos

The Jewish Community Yearbook needs photos from July 2017-present for their simcha pages!

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Off the Shelf

# Rabbi Akiva and the ancient rabbis

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

What do we really know about the ancient rabbis? Most scholars say that the legends of the Talmud are not biographical works as we currently think of biography. Rather, the stories teach us as much about the compilers of the Talmud as the rabbis themselves. In Rabbi Reuben Hammer's biography of Rabbi Akiva (see *The Reporter's* review at [www.thereportergroup.org/Article.aspx?aID=4264](http://www.thereportergroup.org/Article.aspx?aID=4264)), the author suggested that it would be easier to write a novel about his subject because so many of the stories about him are clearly legend. Israeli author Yochi Brandes has taken on this challenge in "The Orchard" (Gefen Publishing House) – writing a novel not only about Rabbi Avika, but the other sages of his time. In her introduction to the English edition of her book, Brandes is clear that, while she did a great deal of research, her work is a novel: "I take Jewish culture, in all its richness and complexity, and turn it into a work of contemporary literature... The Sages in my book are no vague abstractions, but rather flesh-and-blood beings – great ones, to be sure, but also impulsive, status-conscious, cutting, and damaging." What Brandes has produced is an intriguing and moving work that gives insight into the different methods of rabbinic interpretation, in addition to showing details of Jewish life at the end of the first century C.E. and the beginning of the second.

The novel's narrator is Rachel, the wife of Rabbi Akiva. The daughter of a rich man who wants her to marry a scholar, she instead falls in love with a poor, uneducated, older shepherd, a man named Avika, who, one day, will be considered one of the greatest sages of all time. Anyone familiar with the talmudic stories and other Jewish legends may think of their marriage as a grand love story. Brandes, however, shows all the difficulties the couple

faced, some from the outside world and some from within themselves. Rachel and Avika are not saints, but people who hold grudges and hurts close to their hearts. The author takes liberties with the legends, which may disturb some readers, but soon that matters less than the engaging plot and interesting characters.

The parts of Akiva's life that Rachel does not experience first hand she learns about from her conversations with Rabbi Elisha, the first sage to befriend her husband. Elisha speaks of the different schools of interpretations that create disharmony in the Sanhedrin, the legal assembly of the rabbis. There is a split between those who prefer a strict interpretation of the biblical text and those who manipulate the words to find additional meaning. While most students choose between the two different schools of thought, Akiva strikes his own path to find even greater meaning in the text. Akiva notes that he's not interested in what the original writer intended the text to mean, but rather the way the words can be twisted and turned. However, it's not only differences of interpretation that cause division within the Jewish world: there is the ever present threat of the Roman Empire, which rules the country, and class differences. For example, the sages debate whether only the rich should be allowed to attend the study halls or if they should be open to everyone, regardless of income and social status.

Rachel also discusses what will become the beginning of the split between Judaism and Christianity, even though no one in the novel speaks of a second religion at the time. Saul of Taurus visits his nephew, Eliezer, and encourages him to leave the family farm and study. Saul also says he wants to bring God's word to non-Jews, although he still considers the Jews to be the

chosen people and does not seek to convert the Gentile nations. Talking to his uncle leads Eliezer to consider the differences between the many Jewish sects of the time: "[Eliezer] knew he preferred the learned Pharisees who believed in the World to Come over the wealthy Sadducees who paid no mind to the simple folk, the aloof Essenes who frightened people with their prophecies of the Day of Judgment, the brutish Sicarii who murdered and plundered anyone who happened to be nearby, and the messiah-obsessed Nazarenes who, just like the Pharisees, believed in the World to Come but are certain the messiah has already been here."

Anyone familiar with the rabbis Brandes includes in her novel will be waiting for her interpretations of several well known legends. One is the story Rabbi Eliezer and the oven of Akhnai. Rabbi Eliezer maintains that the oven is pure, while the other sages declare it's impure. The argument becomes a battle between human and mystical elements. While Brandes follows the outline of the story as found in the Talmud, she adds a human element, reflecting the emotions and thoughts of the characters. The other legend is referenced in the novel's title: Four rabbis visit *Pardes* (Hebrew for orchard, but which can also mean paradise). Once again, Brandes follows the general outline of the tale, but shows a more human side to it. The climax of the novel is the revelation of what Rabbi Akiva saw, something the Talmud never reveals, but which clearly explains the reaction of all four rabbis.

"The Orchard" does an excellent job making this exciting period of Jewish history come alive. While some may quibble with her dramatic choices, that will matter less to lovers of literary fiction. Brandes' explanations of the times See "Rabbi" on page 7

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The Application For Authority of MVP Innovative Solutions LLC was filed with the NYS Secretary of State (NYSS) on April 17, 2018. The Certificate of Formation was filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware on November 17, 2017. Office and principal business location is in Broome County, New York. NYSS designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYSS shall mail process to: 65 Hospital Hill Road, Binghamton NY 13901. Registered Agent and address required to be maintained in State of Delaware: Agents and Corporations, Inc. 1201 Orange St- Ste. 600, Wilmington, DE 19801. Authorized officer where copy of Certificate of Formation is filed with: Secretary of State of Delaware, PO Box 898, Dover DE 19903. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is CARRILOU, LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is May 25, 2018.
3. The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.
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5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

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the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was May 10, 2018. The county in which the principal place of business of the Company shall be located is Broome County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company, to Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP, Attn: Christopher L. Roma, 80 Exchange Street, Suite 700, Binghamton, NY 13901. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

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1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is CARPE IV, LLC.
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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY:** The name of the limited liability company is: VCP Enterprises, LLC (the "Company"). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was June 6, 2018. The county in which the principal place of business of the Company shall be located is Broome County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company, to Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP, Attn: Christopher L. Roma, 80 Exchange Street, Suite 700, Binghamton, NY 13901. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY:** The name of the limited liability company is: C.J. 3, LLC (the "Company").

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Notice of Formation of Go Victual, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/19/18. Location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: Joy Yarkoni, 109 Red Fox Run, Vestal, NY 13850. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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precocious," she said. "He did very well in school and skipped first grade, which became a problem because he was short and always felt like a baby. When he was little, he wasn't that easy to get along with because I think he was a protester from the very beginning. Jeff had a kind of strong will. But his saving grace was he had a great sense of humor and a great intelligence, so he was marvelous company and I always enjoyed him. We had a very good, close relationship."

As a teenager, Holstein recalled, Jeff was typical of the times. "He liked the Mets, music, math and motorcycles. He had posters up all over his room: Jimi Hendrix, The Grateful Dead, Jefferson Airplane... I don't think that's the group's name anymore, right? I got a good education from him. He was very insistent that I share in what he loved so much," she said.

In early 1970, on a visit to New York City, she and Jeff strolled around Greenwich Village, and he bought a small leather ring with a peace insignia. He had been an anti-Vietnam War activist since the age of 16, when he wrote a poem titled "Where Does It End?" It included the lines, "A teenager from a small Ohio farm clutches his side in pain, and, as he feels his life ebbing away, he too, asks why, why is he dying here, thousands of miles from home?"

At the time, Jeff had never been to Ohio and had no idea his own life would end in the state.

In 1970, Jeff transferred to Kent State from Michigan State University. That May, Holstein received a phone call from her mother. "She heard on the radio there were protests at Kent State, and she was worried about Jeff. So I called Jeff and told him Nana was upset," Holstein said. "He said it's nothing to worry about. We talked about him getting a summer job in which he'd make those posters that said 'War is unhealthy for children and other living things.'"

"Two days later, Jeff called me in my office. He was concerned I might hear about more demonstrations and get nervous about it, and he wanted to reassure me. He mentioned Nixon's speech calling the anti-war students 'bums,' and the impression I got wasn't so much of anger but of wry amusement. There was going to be a rally at noon, and he said 'I think I'll go over there; is that OK with you?' I thought, what power do I have to tell him no, from Long Island?" Her voice breaking, Holstein said "And that was the last...."

Miller took part in the May 4 protest against the expansion of the Vietnam War into Cambodia and against the presence of the Ohio National Guard on the Kent State

campus. The shooting of those unarmed protesters led to massive demonstrations across the country. A federal commission later determined that the shootings were unjustified, although no criminal convictions were obtained against any National Guardsman.

Holstein, who was divorced from Jeff's father, Bernard, heard about the shootings on the radio as she drove home from work and thought to herself, "I'm going to call Jeff and tell him to come home and wait until this blows over." She dialed his number at college; a young man answered, and she asked to speak with Jeff. After a pause, he said, "He's dead."

As Holstein sank onto her bed, thinking it had to be a mistake, her soon-to-be second husband, Artie, grabbed the phone and was given the name of the hospital where the victims had been taken. "I thought maybe somebody had borrowed Jeff's wallet. This doesn't happen to people you know," Holstein said. "But then I heard Artie say, 'Oh, he was wearing a leather ring with a peace insignia?' And I knew it was Jeff."

Within hours, the entire country had seen the iconic photograph, which won the Pulitzer Prize later that year. I asked Holstein how she managed to deal with it.

"In the first year," she remembered, "I was just running. We drove across country to California, and walked into a place, and there was that photo, wall-sized, of Jeff lying there. I felt like someone was hitting me on the head, just pounding me. I think what's happened over time is that's how Jeff looked when he was lying in bed, so the only way I can bear to look at it is to think that's Jeff sleeping. I kind of resent the fact that everyone knows Jeff as the figure on the ground and not as he really was."

We ended our interview, I shut off the mike and Holstein grabbed her pocketbook. "I don't want you to only think of Jeff like that either," she said, taking out a well-worn red wallet. "Come, look."

She showed me pictures of Jeff with her older son, Rus-

sell, photos from elementary school, of his bar mitzvah, of him playing drums. It was beyond heartbreaking. Holstein gave me a copy of Jeff's 1966 poem that day, which I've had framed on my wall ever since. I began a tradition of calling or writing her every May 4, on Jeff's secular "yahrzeit."

Three years ago, she e-mailed saying, "It means so much to me that you still keep Jeff in your thoughts. It's amazing, so long after his death, you and other people who never knew Jeff still think of him. How he would love that!"

In 2016, at age 94, Holstein drove to my house for lunch, and for the first time I showed her Jeff's poem on the wall; she beamed. This year, on May 4, I e-mailed her, as usual. The next day my phone rang. "Steve? It's Elaine. Thank you for the e-mail. I actually was planning to fly to Kent State this week to speak at the annual ceremony. But I was just diagnosed with terminal cancer, and I was about to call you and let you know," she said.

I expressed my sorrow and concern, but Holstein immediately said, "Really, I'm perfectly content to settle for this. I'm 96, a good age, and it looks like this will go pretty fast."

And then, she sighed. "I had a good life. The only horrible thing that ever happened to me was Jeff's death."

Holstein raised her children in New York, first in the Bronx and later Plainview. After her 1969 divorce from Jeff's father, she lived in Queens with her second husband, Artie Holstein, a high school principal, whom she married in 1971.

Elaine remained in Queens after Artie's death and spent the winters in Florida until her cancer diagnosis. She then moved to an assisted living facility in Wayland, MA, near her son Russell's home.

Elaine Holstein once told me that on May 4, 1970, she woke up as one person, and by the time she went to sleep that night, she was someone else entirely. I think many of us who remember that horrendous day can say exactly the same thing.



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Sima and Neil met when working at Ramapolo-Anchorage Camp in Rhinebeck, NY, which was a summer camp for emotionally disturbed children. Upon meeting Sima, Neil said knew he wanted to marry her. Seeing her for the first time, "was like a light went off," he remarked, though their courtship didn't begin until August that summer. It wasn't long before they were engaged and then married in March, in an Orthodox ceremony at Sima's cousin's synagogue in Queens.

The Auerbachs were familiar with the Binghamton area because, when their children were young, they worked with Frankie Lowy, son of Gerhard and Iwo Lowy, who owned of a camp in Deposit, NY, and who were looking to sell the camp. After a summer spent with Neil running the camp, the Auerbachs and their longtime friends, Stephen and Toni Grekin, bought Farm Camp Lowy, where their children and thousands of others grew up together over the years. Farm Camp Lowy was one of the first non-sectarian and interracial camps, catering to children with all types of backgrounds and identities. Camp counselors were brought over from Europe to encourage diversity, helping the campers learn about diverse cultures. Horseback riding and farm animals were a part of the camp to teach the campers various skills. "Sleep away camp is a special time for kids," Sima said, "It gives them a chance to explore and find out who they are."

In January 2007, the couple moved to Binghamton when their son, Joshua, asked Sima for help running his Black and White Cookie Company. Sima was immediately offered the position of executive director of the Federation. She turned the offer down three times, but did join the board in September 2007. She noted that after falling in love with the local community, she accepted the position in January of 2008, and still holds it to this day. She said, "It was a 'good decision!' because she enjoys when people come into her office just to sit and talk, give opinions and share ideas. She considers herself 'very lucky to have worked with smart and generous of spirit Federation presidents.'"

Sima and Neil have three children – Cassandra, Joshua and Rebecca – and eight grandchildren, with another one on the way.

Friends, family, colleagues and others have an opportunity to honor the Auerbachs by submitting a personal ad, or by having their name included in an Honor Page Listing in the 2018 JCC Yearbook. An Honoree Recognition Contract can be picked up at the JCC office or by calling the JCC at 724-2417. Ad submissions can be dropped off or mailed to the JCC at 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850 or e-mailed to Marcia Monforte at Marcia@binghamtonjcc.org.

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Chukat, Numbers 19:1-22:1

# Water

RABBI MOLLY KARP, TEMPLE BETH EL, ONEONTA

In *parashat* Chukat, we read the instructions for the ritual that must take place when a person has been in contact with a corpse. Since it is expected that when a loved one dies their family will see to their burial, this is a situation that will at one time or another affect everyone. These practices are crucial to helping to make the transition from the burial of a loved one back to the life of the community. Key to the performance of these rituals is adding the ashes of the Red Heifer to water and washing with this water to attain ritual purification.

Immediately following these instructions, the text informs us that the people arrived at the wilderness of Zin, where Miriam, beloved sister of Moses and Aaron, died and was buried. The text does not describe the burial rituals performed for Miriam, or the purification rituals that Aaron and Moses must have undergone before returning to the community. Instead, the text immediately reports that the people were without water.

In the Bible, Miriam is associated with water: she stood watch over her brother while he floated on the Nile in a basket, she led the women in song after the crossing of the

parted sea, and it is on her merit that the people have a well of water that travels with them through the wilderness, "Miriam's Well."

Water is life. It is water that allows Moses to be reborn as the son of Pharaoh's daughter, it is the parting of the water that allows Israel to pass through the birth canal of the Sea of Reeds to be born into freedom and, in the wilderness, it is water that gives life to the people by its presence and death by its absence.

The death of his beloved sister brings about not only personal grief for Moses, but also the sudden absence of water for the people, who immediately rise up again to complain. The Torah here does not record any ritual for Miriam's burial, does not record any grieving process for Moses, and does not record that he follows the purification ritual, prescribed in this *parasha*, for one who has been in contact with a dead body. Indeed, the people do not give Moses any time to mourn his sister, or to purify himself following her burial.

Deep in unattended grief, it is no surprise that Moses lashes out against the people and hits the rock instead of

talking to it. Self-described as "not a man of words," in this moment of terrible grief and, perhaps, rage, Moses is indeed speechless.

In this personally terrible moment for Moses, he fell back on his rage and took the staff that he used to kill the Egyptian and set it loose on the rock. The rock yielded Miriam's water to him only for the sake of the people, but Moses was left to bear his punishment. He would be forbidden to cross water again. Born of the river, together with Miriam birthing the people through the parted lips of the sea, no future body of water would allow Moses to cross her, for he used his rod to strike in anger, when he should have used words to speak from his heart with love on behalf of the people.

It is vital that when a loved one dies, we take the necessary time to grieve and process the death. Jewish tradition wisely provides for this in an extensive catalogue of burial and mourning practices. We should take the lesson from Moses, and make sure that we not only look after the burial of a loved one, but that we also look after our own needs as mourners.

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 Shabbat, June 23 .....9 am  
 ..... Mincha after the kiddush  
 ..... Maariv 8:15 pm  
 Weekday Services:  
 Mornings:  
 Sun., June 24 .....8:30 am  
 Mon.-Fri., June 25-29 .....7 am  
 Evenings:  
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 Fri., June 29 .....7:15 pm  
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On Saturday, June 23, at 9:30 am, services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Numbers 19:1-22:1. The haftarah will be Judges 11:1-33.

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

On Wednesday, July 4, 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. Temple Israel holds weekday minyan services on Tuesdays at 6 pm and Fridays at 5:30 pm. For those who prefer a different day to coincide with a yahrzeit date, contact the temple to make arrangements.

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On Friday-Saturday, June 29-30, the b'nai mitzvah of Maya and Alex Green, children of Rivka and Keith Green, will be celebrated.

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Hebrew school: Hebrew school meets at 5:15 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year unless otherwise noted.

On Friday, June 22, at 6:30 pm, there will be a BYO picnic in the garden and, at 8 pm, Shabbat in the garden services will be led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell and Shari Neuberger.

On Saturday, June 23, at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study.  
 On Friday, June 29, at 8 pm, there will be Shabbat Services in the library with Visual Tefillah led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Saturday, June 30, at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study.

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intake consistently hover in the low 70s – a substantial majority.

“Public opinion doesn’t move,” Greene said in an interview while leading a reporter on a tour of the exhibit. (In the same poll, Americans were asked, “Do you approve or disapprove of the Nazi treatment of Jews in Germany?” Ninety-four percent disapproved.)

An exhibit visitor accrues a sobering assessment of how Americans reacted to the news coming out of Europe. Sympathy for the plight of the Jews is a constant, but so is resistance to the measures that might mitigate the impending genocide, including military intervention and bringing in refugees.

It’s easier to pin the charge of apathy on a select group of villains, and many historical accounts in recent years have named them: State Department mandarins, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, a media hesitant to emphasize the plight of the Jews, a Hollywood system hesitant to identify Jews as the principal victims. But the exhibit corrects these impressions, or at least places them in the context of populace that did not want to engage – at least until it was too late.

Did *The New York Times* bury some of the more shocking reports? Yes, we know it did. But the wire services were unstinting in covering the truth of the Nazis’ persecution of the Jews. Thanks to the results of a museum crowdsourcing initiative launched in 2016, where high school students and others researched Holocaust coverage at local libraries, we know these reports were given “prominent play” across the country.

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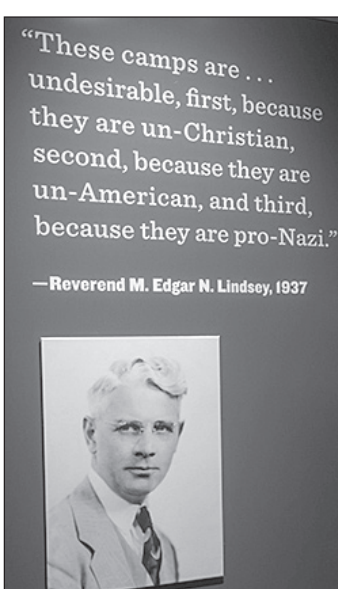
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**Netanyahu saves Palestinian homes from destruction**

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu postponed the evacuation and demolition of five illegal Palestinian buildings in southern Hebron, following the application of international pressure. The police action was scheduled for the morning of June 19, with hundreds of police officers and soldiers in position with heavy equipment and demolition explosives, but the illegal buildings, located in Khirbet Susya in the southern Hebron hills, were saved at around 10 pm on June 18 by order of the Prime Minister’s Office, according to a report by Ynet. This is the third time the buildings were spared in the last few months. The Regavim movement, which petitioned the High Court to demolish the Palestinian outpost, expressed outrage that Netanyahu would save the illegal Palestinian buildings, but destroy two Jewish neighborhoods in less than a week. Thousands of Jews arrived at Netiv Ha’avot in Judea and Tapuach West in Samaria the week of June 15 to protest the destruction of the neighborhoods, which were situated on land not owned by the government and claimed by Palestinians, working in coordination with left-wing political groups. Representatives of the neighborhoods, along with numerous government officials, implored the prime minister to stop the execution of the orders to destroy the Jewish homes and buildings, arguing that it is not uncommon for Supreme Court orders of this nature not to be carried out to completion. However, Netanyahu did not stop the evictions and subsequent demolitions. The final destruction of the illegal Palestinian homes in Khirbet Susya has come to symbolize the fight for control between the P.A. and Israel in Judea. Destruction of the homes was expected to receive news coverage from international outlets. Analysts speculate that the demolition may have been postponed in anticipation of the arrival the weekend of June 23 of U.S. President Donald Trump’s envoy to the Middle East, Jason Greenblatt, and his special advisor and son-in-law, Jared Kushner.

**Britain: U.N. Human Rights Council must end its anti-Israel bias**

The United Kingdom called on the U.N. Human Rights Council to end its long-standing bias against Israel and drop the controversial agenda item singling out the Jewish state. “We share the view that the dedicated Agenda Item 7 focused solely on Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories is disproportionate and damaging to the cause of peace, and unless things change we shall vote next year against all resolutions introduced under Item 7,” Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson told the council at the opening of its 38th session in Geneva on June 18, AFP reported. Israel is the only country with a dedicated item at the UNHRC, known as Agenda Item 7, which mandates a discussion of Israel’s conduct with the Palestinians at every session. The statement by the British come as the U.S. appears to be close to pulling out of the UNHRC over its continued anti-Israel bias. “When the Human Rights Council treats Israel worse than North Korea, Iran and Syria, it is the council itself that is foolish and unworthy of its name,” U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley said in March after the council passed five anti-Israel resolutions under Agenda Item 7.



*The Rev. M. Edgar Lindsey of Connecticut denounced Nazism in the United States. (U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Collection/Gift of Lois Lindsay Brown, Carol Lindsay Hagy and Joan Lindsay Redford)*

“You didn’t have to live in a major metropolitan area to know,” Greene said, tapping his finger on the Midwestern portion of an interactive U.S. map and pulling up a front page of the *Indianapolis Star*, among 15,000 articles in the database reporting atrocities against Jews as they happened. National news outlets, from *Time* to *Cosmopolitan*, covered not only the rise of Nazism, but its inherent threat to Jews.

Did Hollywood erase Jews from fictional depictions of the Nazi threat? It did: Why were those refugees hanging around Rick’s in “Casablanca”? What drove them across the Mediterranean, exactly? We never know. Why is exposing the Nazi Bund in the United States so personal for Edward G. Robinson in “Confessions of a Nazi Spy”? It’s never made clear.

Theories have been advanced recently to explain these anomalies – the Jewish executives in Hollywood were hesitant to appear invested in any Jewish cause, or some of them maintained distribution deals in Germany. What is made clear through the exhibit, though, is that moviegoers were not left out of the loop: If “Casablanca,” “Confessions of a Nazi Spy,” “Sergeant York” and other movies didn’t mention the Jews, the accompanying newsreels did. A screening room at the museum runs the newsreels that moviegoers would have sat through to get to the main feature – at a time when two-thirds of Americans visited the cinema at least once a week. These current affairs updates do not hold back: The Nazis’ prime victims, it is made clear in the newsreels, are Jews.

The exhibit contextualizes – but does not excuse – the Roosevelt administration’s failure to rescue and allow refugees into the United States. “FDR tries to lead opinion on going to war,” Greene said, and eventually succeeds in turning American opinion in favor of intervention in Europe – quite dramatically: Even as late as May 1940, more than 90 percent of the public opposed intervention. “On the refugee issue, he doesn’t lead, he follows,” Greene said. “He spends his political capital on the war.”

The exhibit attempts to explain the popular reluctance to intervene, starting with stark representations of America’s own racist legacy – depictions of lynchings, coupled with restrictive anti-immigration laws passed in 1924 – and of the profound economic uncertainties seeded among Americans during the Depression that would have fueled anxieties about taking in large numbers of foreigners.

Haunting the exhibit are the similar isolationist trends that helped propel Donald Trump to the presidency and have mitigated action on behalf of the Syrians under massive assault by their government and other populations in crisis. Greene said the echoes are not intentional – the exhibit is five years in the making – but are inevitable. “The questions we ask are resonant today,” he said. “They speak to American responsibility here and abroad. What are our responsibilities

to refugees, when do we intervene in a foreign war?”

The exhibit closes with an answer to these questions that is considered achingly poignant. Raphael Lemkin, the Jewish refugee who coined the term “genocide,” is quoted in 1944 as saying “All over Europe the Nazis were writing the book of death . . . Let me now tell this story to the American people, to the man in the street, in church, on the porches of their houses and in their kitchens and drawing rooms. I am sure they would understand me.”

**Jewish Community Center**  
**JCC Friendship Club**

The JCC Friendship Club met on June 13 and had a discussion about an article that appeared in *The Reporter* of April 20. The title was “Author Edwin Black to speak at BU, SUNY Broome about IBM’s role in the Holocaust.” In the article, it told about Watson’s micro management and his 12-year relationship with Nazi Germany, from 1933 through the Holocaust, until 1945. Under Watson’s close management, the process of identification, deportation and extermination was accelerated. The students at Binghamton University and SUNY Broome want the name of Thomas J. Watson removed from the Thomas J. Watson School of Engineering.

The discussion continued with those of us who went to local museums showing IBM equipment and progress. Bruce Orden told us IBM started as a time punch card company. We discussed episodes of antisemitism that we experienced in this area. Most of us present had ties to IBM. We took a vote by those present whether to have the name removed. It was unanimous to remove the name.

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia Diamond. Ann Brilliant said the blessing over the cookies after the Pledge of Allegiance. Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu sang a song in Hebrew titled “My Little Leaf.”

On June 27, there will be a cantorial soloist from Paradise Valley, AZ, who is visiting the area, to entertain us at our meeting. Come join us at the JCC at 1:30 pm.

*Sylvia Diamond*  
 President

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create a work for all readers, although those familiar with the tales of the ancient rabbis may experience additional pleasure from seeing these legends come alive.

Readers who enjoy “*The Orchard*” may be interested in an earlier novel by Brandes, “*The Secret Life of Kings*,” which looks at the biblical stories of Saul and David. The Reporter’s review can be found at [www.thereporter.org/Article.aspx?aID=4753](http://www.thereporter.org/Article.aspx?aID=4753).

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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.

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**CNN gets rare tour of Islamic Jihad tunnel, missile site**

A CNN reporter was given a tour of an Islamic Jihad tunnel in the Gaza Strip. The reporter, Ian Lee, described the tunnel as "hot and humid, narrow and low hanging. It feels claustrophobic," in the report released on June 17. He adds: "Israel has a different name for them: terror tunnels." In the video, the masked terrorists are seen getting a pep talk from their leader, identified as Abu Abdallah, and praying from the Koran. Lee noted that access to Islamic Jihad and its operational sites for journalists is "rare." He allows himself on camera to be blindfolded in order to be taken to the next site, a rocket launcher used to fire rockets into southern Israel. Islamic Jihad in May fired more than 100 rockets and mortars, triggering a massive Israeli response. One of the rockets shot from Gaza hit an Israeli kindergarten an hour before the children were scheduled to arrive. Abdallah told the reporter: "The world needs to know that the resistance never plans to target children," but that sometimes their aim is off. "The world hears the conflict only through Netanyahu's voice. We try to make it hear us through the sound of these simple missiles, to say that we are here, we have land, we are human beings. We want to live in dignity," Abdallah also said.

**Orthodox Union joins Jewish communal letter opposing family separations**

The Orthodox Union joined an open letter signed by 26 other Jewish organizations opposing separation of migrants' families at the border. The decision to sign the letter on June 15 came two days after the O.U., an umbrella Orthodox group, hosted Attorney General Jeff Sessions at its annual conference in Washington DC, where he spoke to a "friendly" crowd about protecting religious liberty for houses of worship, as well as other matters. In May, Sessions' department instituted a policy to separate migrant

families after they cross the U.S. border illegally. O.U. officials were assailed on social media and in a petition organized by the liberal rabbinic human rights group T'ruah for feting Sessions, and replied that they had brought up the immigration issue with him privately. On June 14, one day after hosting Sessions, the Orthodox Union released a statement criticizing the Trump separation policy. Under the policy implemented in recent months, every illegal migrant who crosses the United States border is prosecuted and detained. Because children cannot be prosecuted with adults, they are reclassified as unaccompanied minors and taken away, either to mass children's shelters or foster homes. Critics of the policy say forcibly separating parents and children is traumatizing and draconian. Sessions says it's a necessary measure to enforce border security. "This policy undermines the values of our nation and jeopardizes the safety and well-being of thousands of people," the Jewish open letter says. "As Jews, we understand the plight of being an immigrant fleeing violence and oppression. We believe that the United States is a nation of immigrants and how we treat the stranger reflects on the moral values and ideals of this nation." The letter signed by 26 national Jewish organizations, including the Anti-Defamation League, Jewish Council for Public Affairs and HIAS, urges the administration "to immediately rescind the 'zero tolerance' policy and uphold the values of family unity and justice on which our nation was built." Among the signers of the letter are the leading organizations of the Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist movements. The addition of the O.U. means that top representative bodies of all four major American Jewish denominations have come out against the policy. It is rare that the O.U., which generally takes conservative political positions, agrees with the other three movements on a matter of domestic government policy. Religious groups across the spectrum, Jewish and not, have opposed the policy, and the O.U. is among the most recent conservative religious organizations to oppose it. It has been criticized in recent days by the Southern Baptist Convention, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Rev. Franklin Graham, the late Billy Graham's son.

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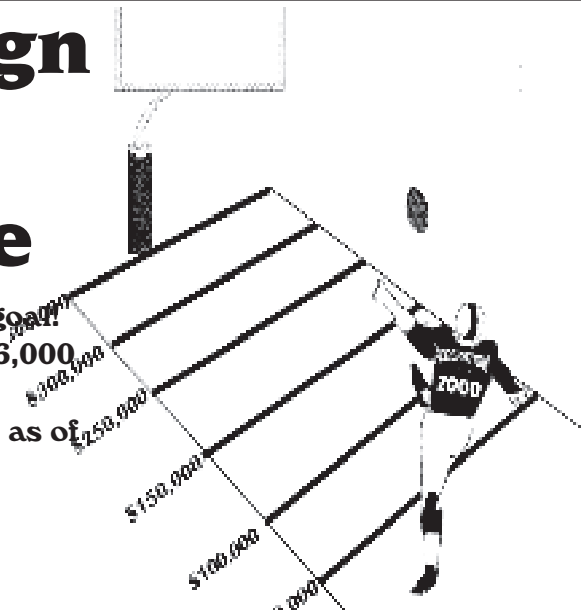


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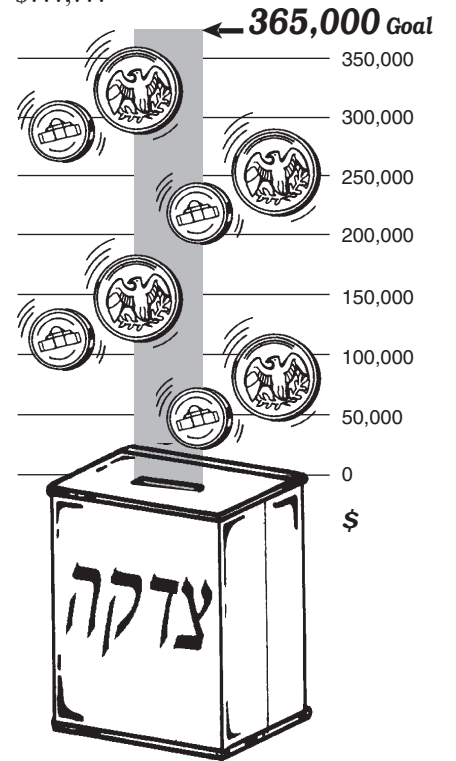
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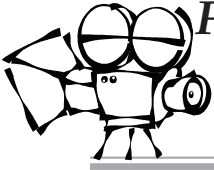


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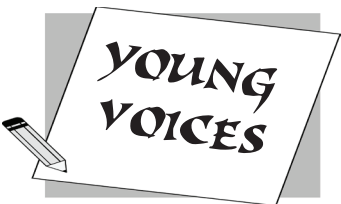


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