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## Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan to give community performance at the JCC on July 19

By Lynette Errante

The Israel Scouts will perform on Thursday, July 19, at 7 pm, at the Jewish Community Center, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal. Their performance will be followed by refreshments and a meet-and-greet with the Scouts. The Scouts will spend the day with the campers at Camp JCC playing traditional Israeli games. The evening performance will be free to the community, but RSVPs are appreciated by calling the JCC office at 724-2417, ext. 110.

Founded in 1919, the Israel Scouts were the first Zionist youth movement in Israel and the first egalitarian Scouting movement in the world where boys and girls participated together. The first delegation was sent to the United States in 1958. Today, the Israel Scouts, *Tzofim*, remain the only non-political youth movement in Israel and are supported mainly by the Ministry of

Education and Culture.

Like Scouts throughout the world, the *Tzofim* are said to be “always prepared” and learn the principles of “working with spirit” and “providing community service.” Out of 60,000 *Tzofim* throughout Israel, only 100 are chosen annually for the *Tzofim* Summer Delegation.

The *Tzofim* Friendship Caravan travels throughout North America, visiting summer camps and cities. In representing Israel, the *Tzofim* Friendship Caravan members use song and dance as their means of expression. The Caravan features 10 teenagers and two adult leaders.

To become part of the Friendship Caravan, the *Tzofim* must go through a four-tier elimination process. They are selected on the basis of personal interviews, their knowledge of Israel, English communication skills, general



The members of the Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan.

group interaction and leadership abilities.

After they are selected to be part of the Friendship Caravan, the Scouts rehearse weekly for four months in Tel Aviv under the direction of entertainment professionals. By the end of the rehearsal period, they are said to have attained the level of a professional entertainment troupe.

The Caravan’s performance will convey Israeli culture, music and tradition, bringing with them a message of peace and friendship. Their professionally choreographed song and dance routines are charged with natural enthusiasm and energy. Audiences are encouraged to dance, sing and enjoy the spirit of Israel.

“Camp JCC campers and counselors look forward to this event every year,” says camp counselor Jil Foster. “The Scouts get the crowd dancing and singing along with them, it’s so much fun!”

## Federation celebrates Israel at 70

By Reporter staff

On June 25, the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton celebrated Israel’s 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a dinner featuring Israeli cuisine and speaker Jonathan Tobin, who discussed “The Miracle of Israel.” More than 60 people attended the event. After the dinner, Federation President Howard Warner and Federation Executive Director Sima Auerbach spoke about their personal relationships to Israel before introducing Tobin, the award-winning editor-in-chief of the Jewish News Service.

Tobin asked attendees to step outside their normal political perspectives about Israel and look at the country from a historian’s point of view, which he believes is the only way to truly grasp the magnitude of Israel’s accomplishments. Although many people now see the state as inevitable, more than a 100 years ago, few would have believed its existence



Jonathan Tobin (standing on left) discussed “The Miracle of Israel.”

possible. Tobin mentioned that many Jews who lived in Western nations did not originally support Zionism. Even after the Holocaust, most Jews thought the idea of a state was farfetched, he noted. “The Jewish state was a pipe dream up

until it really happened,” Tobin said.

For Tobin, Zionism is the national liberation movement of the Jews. However, he said that Theodore Herzl was wrong thinking that a Jewish state would solve the problem of antisemitism.

“What Herzl did get right was that the establishment of the state would change the life of all Jews on the planet,” he added, “and change the way the world looked at Jews.”

He also noted that, while people take Israel’s existence for granted in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, they need to acknowledge just how unlikely it was that Jewish sovereignty would be resurrected. Tobin mentioned that among “the miracles” of Israel is that the state has not only survived against all odds, but has thrived and become a first world economic power. For Tobin, the fact that people still question whether or not the Jewish people have the right to their own country or whether that one country has the right to exist just shows how extraordinary Israel’s existence is. Yes, he noted, the state is not perfect, but he feels that doesn’t make its existence any less remarkable. See “Celebrated” on page 5

### Spotlight

## Separating fact from fiction

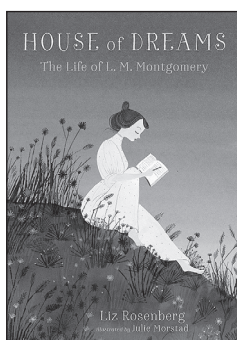
By Rabbi Rachel Esserman

There’s something special about books that one read and enjoyed as a child, at least according to Liz Rosenberg. For her, one of those books was “Anne of Green Gables.”

“I’ve always loved the work of L. M. Montgomery and still have the green cloth hardcover copy of ‘Anne of Green Gables’ my mother bought me when I was about 10 years old,” Rosenberg said in an e-mail interview. The novel made her wonder about the life of the author: “I became curious about which parts of that book were based on true events, and which were not. And let me assure you, I found many surprises along the way! L. M. Montgomery led a fascinating life, a life of checkered sunshine and shadows.”

Her curiosity led Rosenberg to not only

learn about Montgomery’s life, but to write the biography “The House of Dreams: The Life of L. M. Montgomery” (Candlewick Press), which is aimed at those in grades five-nine. However, Rosenberg doesn’t think the book will only appeal to that audience. “I always thought of this as a book for younger readers, though I believe it will end up being read by just as many grownups,” she said.



The cover of Liz Rosenberg’s “House of Dreams: The Life of L. M. Montgomery”



Liz Rosenberg

“As a child I loved reading biographies – especially biographies of women. I still do – and often I read biographies supposedly for young readers, because they aren’t as jam-packed with tiresome details, and they don’t run 800 pages.”

Rosenberg noted that although Montgomery was a successful writer, she faced many difficulties in her personal life. That led to the question of whether to include these more troublesome aspects in the biography. “The choice here really was whether

to create a biography for much younger readers, and leave out a lot of the material, or go for the 12-18-year-old readers and include more about her life. I decided to go for the latter,” she said. “There were a lot of struggles in Maud’s life, especially toward the end, and her death by overdose was an intentional or unintentional suicide. I wanted to be able to deal with those issues, yet still focus on all the triumphs and joys in her very productive life.”

The next step in writing the book was to decide how to approach the material as nonfiction, rather than fiction. “In a biography, all the facts are a given. You don’t need to ‘make up’ a story, but you do still need to tell a story,” Rosenberg noted. “So the challenge is to take the facts of a life See “Fiction” on page 3

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## Opinion

## Let's abolish Jewish celebrities

By Jonathan S. Tobin

(JNS)—Like any embattled minority that needed positive role models, early- and mid-20<sup>th</sup>-century Jews living in the United States embraced celebrities with any sort of tie to the tribe. In that era, Jews were still largely excluded from many sectors of power and society, as well as subject to antisemitism. So American Jews were happy to treat any of their co-religionists who broke through to the big time — whether in entertainment, sports or any other endeavor — as heroes of a sort.

Though most were not Jewish heroes in the sense that they used their celebrity to stand up for their people or to promote Jewish values or faith, they were still lauded for somehow succeeding in a world where the odds seem stacked against them.

Happily, over the decades, the circumstances of American Jewry have changed for the better. Though the virus of antisemitism persists and motivates much of the hatred expressed against Israel, the barriers to Jews throughout American society have collapsed. Even as hatred continues to be a factor, it's also true that Jews do not cower in fear at the power of enemies. We don't need Jewish baseball legends to prove that we aren't weak any more than we need songwriters or comedians to prove that we fit in, or Supreme Court justices and senators to establish the importance of our many contributions to society.

So why are many Jews still obsessed with Jewish celebrities and willing to treat their utterances as important

when we ought to know better?

That's the lesson some of us should have learned from the self-destruction of Roseanne Barr.

The point here is not to add to the chorus of condemnations of her disgusting and racist comment about Valerie Jarrett, a key advisor to former U.S. President Barack Obama. There's no excuse for that kind of verbal ugliness, which was neither funny nor cogent, about a person's background or heritage, even if, in this case, she was a public figure whose work is fair game for criticism. Nor is the decision of ABC to cancel Barr's recently rebooted hit television sitcom a question of free speech or related to her support of President Donald Trump. No one has a right to a television show and, if the network understandably doesn't wish to be associated with her, that is its choice.

What is worthy of discussion is the way the Jewish world, especially in the pro-Israel community, was willing to treat Barr as not merely noteworthy, but somehow possessing some insight into the world of politics or even the Middle East. As anyone who followed her Twitter account before the slur at Jarrett was published, the nicest word one would apply to Barr could be "eccentric." (Most of the time, "unhinged" was more apt.)

The odd thing about Barr was that while she was once known as an ardent liberal with little interest in Jewish issues, in recent years she had become an open and vocal supporter of Israel and a critic of antisemitism. That was

praiseworthy, but along with it came scads of tweets that were either unintelligible or the product of conspiracy theories. While it was nice to see a famous Jew support Israel at a time when so many Jewish celebrities are at pains to distance themselves from the Jewish state, you didn't have to scroll down very far in her Twitter feed to realize that she was not exactly a reliable source of commentary.

Yet that didn't stop her from being booked at the annual *Jerusalem Post* conference in New York and treated not merely as a star, but as someone whose voice should be heard. I don't so much blame the *Post* for trying to exploit her celebrity as I do a Jewish community that still labors under the delusion that what Jewish celebrities say about politics or policy matters.

I know that to some, the original version of her eponymous sitcom was a rare tribute to the American working class. Others liked the new edition because her character, like the actress, voted for Trump, and served as a touch of American working-class realism that made many on the left unhappy. None of that made her an authority on the issues of the day, but that didn't stop many of us from cheering when her random comments on Twitter sometimes were supportive of Israel and vented anger at antisemites.

That's the thing about treating people who are famous for talents other than those rooted in knowledge and wisdom about contemporary social and political issues. Perhaps it is human nature to do so, but it seems to me that a Jewish community that should have long ago outgrown its infatuation with famous members of the tribe was particularly foolish to give someone like Barr this sort of treatment.

The object lesson to be learned is not just that we are obligated to condemn hatred wherever we encounter it, especially when it comes out of the mouths of those who identify as Jewish. It's that in a free society where Jews need no heroes in the way we once did, we should stop obsessing over Jewish celebrities — whether it means making lists of Jewish actors or tallying up how many of those suiting up for Major League Baseball can count as Jews (*halachically* or not).

Difficult as it may be to do in a culture that glorifies notoriety for its own sake, it's especially important for Jews who care about the furtherance of Jewish values to eschew the cult of celebrity.

It may be a lot these days to ask to expect American Jews to find our heroes among the ranks of our great scholars and thinkers. But when you realize what comes from godding up the likes of Roseanne Barr, perhaps it won't be so difficult.

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## How Holocaust comparisons are muddying the immigration debate

By Andrew Silow-Carroll

(JTA)—Let me start by stating what should be obvious: Holocaust comparisons are lazy and more often than not hysterical. They diminish Nazism and genocide by making them synonyms for "very bad things." You may regard the Trump administration's zero-tolerance stance at the border, and its policy of separating parents and children, as inhumane and un-American. But if you think that's Nazism, you don't know Nazism.

But wow, was Attorney General Jeff Sessions' reply weird when Laura Ingraham asked him about the Nazi comparisons.

Here's the June 18 exchange on Fox News' "The Ingraham Angle":

Ingraham: "This is how your opponents, [Attorney]

General Sessions, are demagoguing this issue. ... Nazi Germany, concentration camps, human rights violations. Laura Bush has weighed in. Michelle Obama, Rosalynn Carter, you've got all of the first ladies, going back to Eleanor Roosevelt, she's apparently weighed in as well. [Attorney] General Sessions, what's going on here?"

Sessions: "Well, it's a real exaggeration, of course. In Nazi Germany, they were keeping the Jews from leaving the country. But this is a serious matter. We need to think it through, be rational and thoughtful about it. We want to allow asylum for people who qualify for it, but people who want economic migration for their personal financial benefit, and what they think is their families' benefit, is not a basis for a claim of asylum. But they can make that See "Debate" on page 11

## In My Own Words

## Sounds of music

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

At this writing, my most recent journey into the world of music took me to the 1980s. Some weeks, I concentrate on the late '60s to early '70s, although I've also been known to cover a wide variety of time periods in one sitting when I focus on musicals — everything from Rodgers and Hammerstein to Stephen Sondheim. Sometimes it's rock and pop, other times it's folk music. I always knew I had eclectic taste when it came to books, but, until I had to practice listening to music with my cochlear implant, I hadn't realized that I liked so many different styles of music.

There are still limits to which songs I can enjoy: it's much easier to grasp a melody when it's sung by a human voice than when it's played by musical instruments. Low pitched voices still sound better than high pitched ones. It helps to already know the melody and/or remember how the song sounds. I've been surprised by just how many songs have choruses I can hum and, yet, I still can't remember how the verses sound.

It's been fun rediscovering music from my teen years. I get on kicks and listen to some of the same songs for weeks before going in a completely different direction.

Listening to music on YouTube has an additional draw, one not based on the music. When on a Three Dog Night kick, I listened to several concert versions of the same song; each concert took place in a different decade. It was amusing to see how the clothing, hairstyles and facial hair of the group changed.

I used to be a big fan of sad songs: those were my particular favorites when listening to the band Dr. Hook. While I still like those ballads (for example, "Last Morning" is Dr. Hook's greatest hit in my opinion), I've also come to appreciate their up-beat music. For example, I like the song "Cover of the Rolling Stone" far more than I did when it first came out. That's also true of a silly, but fun, piece called "You Make My Pants Want to Get Up and Dance."

It's also been wonderful to watch and listen to selections from Sondheim's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday concert. While Patti LuPone's "Ladies Who Lunch" is good, I still prefer the original version. However, Elaine Stritch does an outstanding job singing "I'm Still Here." The close-ups of the other women sitting behind Stritch on the stage show just how much they were enjoying her performance. There's

also a great version of the song "A Little Priest" featuring LuPone with two actors who've played the leading role in "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street": George Hearn, whom I'd seen with Angela Lansbury in a video of the staged version, and Michael Cerveris, someone with whom I was unfamiliar, but who has a beautiful voice. "A Little Priest" is a bit bizarre: not many comical songs combine puns and cannibalism. However, in the musical, it follows one of Sondheim's darkest songs, "Epiphany," and serves as much needed comic relief.

My ability to listen to new music is still limited, although it has increased a bit. Listening to music that I liked in the '90s is also difficult because my brain has a hard time remembering the melody, even when reading the lyrics. (Thanks to the Internet, I can find lyrics for a wide variety of songs. Believe it or not, knowing the lyrics helps make the singing sound like music, rather than noise.) Perhaps over time, my ability to hear music will increase. In the meantime, I'm enjoying my excursions into a world that was lost to me for more than 15 years. I've also discovered that I enjoy writing about music almost as much as I enjoy writing about books.



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# Big splash at Caesarea Harbor with new Crusader market and upcoming visitor's center

By Eliana Rudee

(JNS) – New promenade walls and a 700-year-old Crusader market at the Caesarea Harbor were unveiled on June 10 in Caesarea National Park, in the presence of Baroness Ariane de Rothschild and various representatives from funding and cooperating parties.

The project was excavated and reconstructed in the course of 12 months in cooperation with the Antiquities Authority and the Israel Nature and Parks Authority, with a direct investment of NIS 10 million (about \$2.8 million). It seeks to develop the area's beach and public access, as well as excavate and restore the Caesarea port, bringing three million tourists by the year 2030.

The preservation and renovation of the promenade walls, fortifications, towers and the Crusader market will be open to the public, with a visitor's center opening within the next few months, housed in an original Herodian structure.

Peter Gendelman, senior archaeologist at the Israel Antiquities Authority and head of the Caesarea excavations, told JNS, "This is one of the largest and most amazing archaeological sites in Israel, if not in the whole eastern Mediterranean, including the discovery two years ago of the foundation of the high altar of the temple that King Herod built in Caesarea."

He said, "What we have done in the last four years has completely changed our idea of the heart of the old city of Caesarea, which started as the largest artificial harbor in the world when it was built and became the capital of the Judean Province after Jerusalem fell.

"Caesarea was connected from its beginnings with Jewish rabbis, who lived and worked there," he continued. "Caesarea is mentioned dozens, if not hundreds of times in Mishnah and Talmud, as well as several connections with early Christianity."

The city's history spans several periods, from the time of Herod until the 13<sup>th</sup>-century Crusader era, including the Roman and Byzantine Empires. In addition to the altar of King Herod's temple that was built 2,000 years ago, discoveries at the site of excavation have included a first-century

public fountain, marble statues, columns and pottery, which according to Israel Antiquities Authority chairman Israel Hasson "will transform this region to be one of a kind in the world." This initiative, he said, will serve as a springboard for the revelation of finds yet to be revealed.

The recent opening occurs in the context of a NIS 150 million (\$42 million) investment in the past decade by the Edmond de Rothschild Foundation, with the goal of developing the Caesarea tourism industry and funding archaeological excavations of what were formerly sand-covered ruins. Guy Swersky, vice chairman of the Edmond de Rothschild Foundation, maintained that the investment for restoring, preserving and providing accessibility to the old city and the port will "make the project the largest of its kind in Israel – and perhaps even in the world."

"These restoration and accessibility works were designed specifically to enable visitors walking the restored promenade to view illustration aids in order to enjoy a genuine glimpse into the glorious past of a city that united religions, cultures and multiple rulers and conquerors," said Caesarea Development Corporation CEO Michael Karsenti.

Explaining the new features of the site, Caesarea Development Corporation spokesperson Tal Rabina said, "The newly unveiled wall promenade route begins near the southern gate to the Crusader city and continues to the observation tower overlooking the ancient Roman 'amusement quarter' in all its glory – with the theater, the hippodrome, the bathhouse and the reef palace. From there, along the top of the walls and beside them, visitors can learn about the period-typical fortification system before reaching the Crusader market area."

According to Rabina, "the market affords a look and a whiff of some of the goods displayed by the merchants, conducting vibrant and colorful trade of food, handicrafts and exotic accessories that the European Crusaders were first exposed to as they rode their horses into the heart of the city, bags filled with gold coins, some of which were discovered in the archeological excavations at the site."

Karsenti added that "you can touch reconstructed parts of the walls and peer through the embrasures, and the brave-hearted are invited to descend through the mysterious access tunnel that Crusader knights used to access the moat surrounding the fortifications to bring food and ammunition



Baroness Ariane de Rothschild spoke at the Caesarea promenade opening. (Photo by Eliana Rudee)

supplies without risking a breach of the walls."

On the quarter's second level, visitors can take in the residential Crusader-built apartments, decorated with mosaic floors and marble slabs. The Caesarea Development Corporation will soon hold a variety of period-inspired events on the new promenade in a theatrical atmosphere during day and evening hours, with stalls of oil and wine pitchers, fruits, vegetables and breads reminiscent of the Crusader cuisine.

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The newly renovated Crusaders Promenade. (Photo by Eliana Rudee)

## OF NOTE

### Castle Creek Fly Fishing

Castle Creek Fly Fishing announced that it would give 10 percent of proceeds received from members of the Jewish community using its services to the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton. The company is owned by Jennifer Kakusian, who is also the administrative assistant of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton.

"Seeing the good that the Federation and other agencies do for the Jewish community makes me want to give back," Kakusian said. "Discounts are also available for veterans, especially Marines!"

Castle Creek Fly Fishing offers instruction in fly tying and fly casting. Kakusian also gives guided tours of the Delaware River and local lakes, creeks and streams. For more information, contact her at 237-4000 or jkakusian@stny.rr.com.

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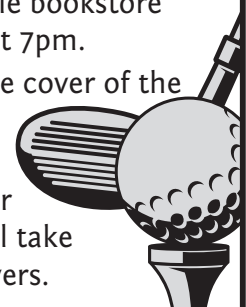
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**Robert Kellenberger**

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Goldstein is featured on the cover of the July/August 2018 issue of *Golf Tips Magazine*.

Copies will be available for purchase. Goldstein will take questions and answers.



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and make the best story out of them that you possibly can. It's almost a work of translation. You try to stay as close as possible to the spirit and letter of the original. And in some ways it's like being a detective, too – you hunt down clues and little scraps of evidence, and you try to solve the many riddles. (Why did she do that? What really happened next?)"

Although Rosenberg often includes Jewish characters in her novels, she found no Jewish connection to Montgomery except when pausing to consider whether they could have been friends. "While I was writing [the biography], I was often conscious of, 'oh, here I am, a modern Jewish American, and Maud probably wouldn't have liked me much,'" Rosenberg said. "I'm not really sure she'd have wanted to spend any time with me. She could be a bit of a snob – was definitely a Canadian patriot – and showed her prejudice on more than one occasion toward more than one group, including native peoples. She wasn't sure about the Baptists, I can imagine how she'd have felt about the Jews! I cannot recall a single Jewish character in the book."

Rosenberg is now working on a biography of another writer she admires: Louisa May Alcott. "I am currently under contract for and working every day on a new middle-grade biography of Louisa May Alcott – another childhood idol! Louisa and her world are completely fascinating to me," Rosenberg noted. "She knew every shining star in the Transcendentalist movement – her family's close friends were Emerson and Thoreau; Hawthorne was a next door neighbor. Henry James came to dinner and warned Louisa not to believe other people when they said she was a genius."

Rosenberg is also looking forward to the publication of a new work for adults this fall. "This November, I'm coming out with a new novel called 'Indigo Hill,' set in Worcester, MA. It's a book about family, secrets, history, friendship, inheritance and love." Until then, she'll be busy writing the "best story" she can about Alcott.



Off the Shelf

# Life on Barren Shoal

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

Immigrants who arrived in the United States in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century had few choices when it came to employment. Old World skills were often little help when it came to New World jobs, and men and women took whatever was available in order to feed their families. In the novel "Barren Island" (New Issues Prose and Poetry/Western Michigan University), Carol Zoref tells the story of Marta Eisenstein Lane, who, at age 80, looks back at her childhood on the small island of Barren Shoal. Her father and the other men on the island worked at "the factory," a building that served as an incinerator for New York City. Garbage barges brought dead animals to the shoal—animals that were first dismembered and then burned. The families lived in shacks near the factory and paid for the privilege.

In "Chapter 0," Marta tells in blunt prose of the island's distinguishing feature—a smell that was difficult to escape: "Wet smells settled in the creases of human skin, rose like cruel heat across the harbor, lingered on the silent curls of factory smoke. They were smells one could touch, a gummy scrim over every breathing hour. Fleas, flies, snakes, worms, beetles, lice, mites, ticks, mold, mildew and fungus gorged on the smell that not even the furnaces on Barren Shoal burned away." Work at the factory was dangerous and living conditions crude. With only 20-some families on the island, everyone knew everyone else's business. The immigrants were easy to exploit because it was clear they were easily replaceable. Marta notes that, in her own house, her parents worried about being sent back to Europe: underlying their lives was a "perpetual, low-grade fear, an existential fever that never broke."

Even in these surroundings, Marta, her older brother

Noah and her younger sister Helen make friends and find ways to keep themselves amused. Although the adults' social lives are partly connected to their religious and ethnic backgrounds, the children generally ignore those divisions, except for the racial ones. Marta notes that the adults had little to do with the black workers, who did the hardest and most dangerous labor. As with many thoughts and actions she's come to see differently, Marta writes, "I am not making excuses for how we did things. I'm just describing how it was." It wasn't possible for the Eisenstein family to keep kosher. However, even though shellfish was plentiful around the shoal, Marta's mother refused to let her children bring what they caught into the house.

Differences between Marta and the other children on the shoal become clearer as they enter their teen years. One major question is whether they see their future on or off the shoal. If male, will they follow in their father's footsteps and work at the factory, or leave for school and other employment? The same is true for the teenaged girls, except knowing their only future on the shoal can be as wives. Another split occurs over attempts to form a union on the shoal—a split between the older men who are afraid of losing their jobs and the younger men who want better wages and working conditions. Noah supports bringing a union to the island, something of which his father technically approves, but also sees as very dangerous. When Noah talks about the right to have a union, his father tries to dissuade him from acting on the idea. He tells his son, "A 'right' is an idea... A 'protest' is an act. Between an idea and an act are the New York City police, who will bust in your brains if they can find you, never mind arrest the

bunch of you, throw you in jail, who knows what. What gives you the 'right' to that?"

In addition to concerns about unions, as the decades pass, Marta's parents begin to worry about their relatives in Europe. Trips to HIAS, which helped bring immigrants to the U.S., were of limited help as World War I was followed by the Depression and the years leading up to World War II. Marta didn't even feel completely safe in the United States, a time when Hitler Youth in Nazi uniforms strolled through the streets of New York. The 80-year-old Marta still has difficulty understanding why people hated Jews: "Two Nazis had walked by so closely I could see the salt grains on their pretzels. Two young men who for no good reason wanted me dead. When I tell that to people now, to younger people like my grandson, they reply with a patient smile that makes me know that they think I exaggerate. They still want to believe that the danger was only in Europe. They do not imagine the consequences of things turning out otherwise. And the non-Jews? I have never heard a Catholic wonder aloud if their parents or grandparents listened to Father Coughlin on Sunday nights. Millions of them listened" to his antisemitic rants.

"Barren Island" is a remarkable work. The novel builds with unexpected power and passion, surprising readers with Marta's often wise thoughts about human nature. For example, she offers one piece of wisdom that may remain with readers long after the last page of "Barren Island" is read: "The measure of a good life is not whether or not we live in a kind of Eden; it is how we compensate for the fact that we don't." Marta's path to that life is well worth reading.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### JTS Claims LLC - NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ("LLC")

Articles of Organization of JTS Claims LLC filed with the NYS Secretary of State (NYSS) on 5/4/2018. Office of LLC is in Broome County, NYSS designated as agent for service of process against it. NYSS shall mail process to PO Box 2531, Binghamton, New York 13902. Business purpose: any lawful activity

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF MVP INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS LLC

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.
4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 297 West Whitcomb Hill Road, Barton, NY 13734.
5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

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Butler Show Stable, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 5/15/2018. Cty: Broome. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 2276 Mill Rd., Binghamton, NY 13903. General Purpose.

### Stewart Park Homes LLC

Articles of Organization of this Limited Liability Company (LLC) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 5, 2018. The LLC maintains its office in Broome County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served to Stewart Park Homes LLC, 26 Fourth Street, Midland Park, New Jersey 07432. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law.

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

1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is CARPE IV, LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is June 4, 2018.
3. The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.
4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the

Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 70 Woodland Ave, Binghamton, NY 13903.

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Notice of Formation of REK Properties, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/24/18. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 13 Kalliste Hill Rd., Great Barrington, MA 01230. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of MAJB Partners, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/04/18. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 16 Canal St., Port Crane, NY 13833. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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.

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### TJ Diversified, LLC - NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ("LLC")

Articles of Organization of TJ Diversified, LLC filed with the NYS Secretary of State (NYSS) on 5/31/2018. Office of LLC is in Broome County. NYSS designated as agent for service of process against it. NYSS shall mail process to 447 Plaza Drive #50, Vestal, New York 13850. Business purpose: any lawful activity

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Notice of Formation of Superior Sentiment Care and Services, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/08/18. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 24 Leekville Rd., Glen Aubrey, NY 13777. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: NOI SOFTWARE, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 6/15/18. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated LLC agent upon whom process against it may be served.

SSNY shall mail copy of process to: LLC, Attn: John G. Dowd, PO Box 1905, Binghamton, NY 13902. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Date of dissolution: None.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: The name of the limited liability company is: West Side Enterprises, LLC (the "Company"). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was June 14, 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, Esq., 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 UNDER NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is Outstanding Services 1, LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is June 26, 2018.
3. The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.
4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: PO Box 1171, Binghamton, NY 13902.
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Notice of Formation of Stop That Game Truck, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/19/18. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 19 North Morningside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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# In "The Catcher Was a Spy," Paul Rudd is a Jewish baseball player turned Nazi hunter

By Curt Schleier

(JTA) – It's rare enough for a Jewish baseball player to make it to the major leagues. A New York Jew named Moe Berg took it even a step further – he added war spy to his extraordinary resume.

Berg pulled off the feat more than 60 years ago. As a catcher in the majors for 15 seasons during the 1920s and '30s, he was known more for his intelligence and introverted personality – famed manager Casey Stengel once called him the "strangest man ever to play baseball" – than his athletic skills. He read several newspapers each day, spoke



Paul Rudd plays Moe Berg in "The Catcher Was a Spy." (Photo courtesy of IFC Films)

more than 10 languages (seven fluently) and graduated from Princeton at a time when Jews normally weren't admitted.

During World War II, after his baseball career, Berg worked for the U.S. government and eventually rose to a position in the Office of Strategic Services, or OSS – a precursor to the CIA. He went on missions in then-Yugoslavia, where he tracked resistance groups, and Italy, where he interviewed physicists about the German nuclear program.

The story sounds like great fodder for a movie and that's what it has become: "The Catcher Was a Spy," based on a 1994 biography of the same name by Nicholas Dawidoff, opened recently in theaters. Paul Rudd (who happens to be Jewish) stars as Berg alongside Mark Strong and Sienna Miller.

The film begins in 1939, his last season as a player, with the Boston Red Sox, before picking up several years later when Berg has a boring desk job at the OSS. His boss, Gen. William Donovan (played by Jeff Daniels), eventually assigns him a mission in the field and, with Sam Goudsmit (Paul Giamatti), Berg helps rescue the Italian physicist Eduardo Amaldi from the Nazis.

A more crucial assignment is to kill the German physicist Werner Heisenberg, a task with which Berg is not completely comfortable. There is no certainty that Germany has the resources to build a bomb (the Brits don't believe they do) or even that Heisenberg, despite being a loyal German, will help them build a weapon of mass destruction. But Donovan decides not to take a chance and orders the hit.

Berg was an enigma to most who knew him and the film, directed by the Australian filmmaker Ben Lewin, paints a nuanced portrait of the complicated character. Though he had a longtime girlfriend, Estella (Sienna Miller), some questioned his sexual orientation. The general asks him point blank at one point if he's "queer," but Berg doesn't answer. (Later in life, Berg became unemployed and subsisted with the help of relatives.)

As a whole, though, the movie falls in a bland area between truth and fiction. While Berg's missions are fascinating on paper, the content isn't particularly cinematic, the way a good James Bond film is. So while the end product stays honest to the facts, it sacrifices some enjoyment for the viewer.

The film does address Berg's Jewish identity, however, and conveys how uncomfortable he was in his Jewish skin. At one point he tells a new acquaintance: "I'm a Jew. Not a practicing Jew. But I was different than the other boys. I never even told them my real name. I wanted to blend in ... I don't fit in even now."

(Rudd's personal story mirrors Berg's a bit on this front – he explained last year on the genealogy show "Finding Your Roots" that he grew up in places with few Jews and was called "Jew boy" despite his attempts to blend in to his communities.)

Lewin, 71, the son of Polish Holocaust survivors, migrated with his family at a young age to Australia, where he grew up in an observant Jewish household. He had never heard of Berg before the film opportunity arose and, though now Los Angeles-based, has never been to a baseball game other than his sons' Little League contests.

But he told JTA his Jewishness informs his "sense of connection with the subject matter." In 1985, Lewin directed See "Catcher" on page 11

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During the question-and-answer period, the various problems Israel faces were mentioned. These questions led Tobin to note that while he was a short-term pessimist, particularly on the question of peace, he is a long-term optimist about Israel's future. He believes the state will continue to thrive. As for its relationship to the U.S., he sees a strong connection. Although he suggested the press doesn't seem to like Israel as much as it did when the country was an underdog, polls of Americans show that their support of Israel has increased. In terms of the Arab nations, Tobin said, some no longer see Israel as a threat, but rather as an ally against Iran and extremists. He noted that while these countries might never be friends with Israel, they are tired of the continuing conflict in the area.



L-r: Federation President Howard Warner, speaker Jonathan Tobin and Federation Executive Director Sima Auerbach.

At right: Those attending schmoozed with friends before the dinner began.



At left: People enjoyed talking with friends during the dinner.

At right: People socialized during a dinner featuring Israeli cuisine.



The crowd of more than 60 people listened to the talk on "The Miracle of Israel."

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## Babies bounce into community families



Elliot Aigen

Information was supplied by area synagogues:

**Elliot Aigen**

Born: April 8, 2018  
 Parents: Jennifer and Nadav Aigen  
 Grandmother: Carmela Aigen  
 Great-grandmother: Marilyn Aigen

**Adin Netzach Alweis**

Parents: Michael and Malka Alweis  
 Grandparents: Aaron and Miriam Alweis

**Yael Chaya Baum**

Parents: Laura Van Metre and Aaron Baum  
 Grandparents: Jim Charam and Linda Baum Charam

**Noah Vasserman Blumkin**

Parents: Ariela and Zachary Blumkin  
 Grandparents: David Zimet, Melanie Kalman, Daniel Blumkin and Ben Szeto

**Madon Joseph Brown**

Born: April 30, 2018  
 Parents: Stephen and Cathleen McEvoy Brown  
 Grandparents: Howard and Bonnie Brown, and Toni and Joe McEvoy

**Benjamin Ephriam Climato**

Born: February 22, 2018  
 Parents: Chris and Adina Pearlman Climato  
 Great-grandparents: Al and Pam Lavker

**Aden Cohen**

Born: September 23, 2017  
 Parents: Alegria and Matt Cohen  
 Grandparents: Rachel and Michael Aigen  
 Great-grandmother: Marilyn Aigen

**Nora Rose DuBois**

Parents: Jeff and Melissa DuBois  
 Grandparents: Richard and Rosalyn DuBois

**Maya Erbach**

Parents: Rachel and Jason Erbach  
 Grandparents: Ann and Howard Erbach

**Lilah Joy Goldstein**

Born: March 2, 2018  
 Parents: Lisa Thirer and Alex Goldstein  
 Grandparents: Heidi and Joel Thirer, and Alma Barozzi  
 Great-grandmother: Connie Kapel

**Maxwell Isaac Granoff**

Parents: Ariel Granoff and Adam Granoff  
 Grandparents: Harry and Jan Katz

**Talia Alexis Holwitt**

Born: July 29, 2017  
 Parents: David and Dominique Holwitt  
 Grandparents: Suzanne Holwitt, Gary Vienneau and Veronica Mohr



Madon Joseph Brown



Benjamin Ephriam Climato



Aden Cohen

**Gordon Jacob Krigstein**

Born: January 24, 2018  
 Parents: Leslie and Alex Krigstein  
 Grandparents: Eileen Krigstein and Ken Krigstein  
 Great-grandparents: Carol Krigstein and Paul Thorne

**Aryeh Leib Lazarus**

Born: September 13, 2017  
 Parents: Abigail and Betzalel Lazarus  
 Grandparents: Harold and Meryl Sasnowitz, and Libby and Chatz Lazarus

**Theodore James Levine**

Born: April 3, 2018  
 Parents: Zach and Amanda Levine  
 Grandparents: Bill and Birdie Levine, and Matthew and Clara Vahabi

**David Benjamin Levy**

Parents: Melissa and Jacob Levy  
 Grandparents: Stu and Barbara Bergman

**Evelyn Ruth MacClellan**

Parents: Aliza and Peter MacClellan  
 Grandparents: Dana and Linda Mandel

**Meyer Andrew Mandel**

Parents: Adam and Rachel Mandel  
 Grandparents: David and Linda Mandel

**Jacob Mehta**

Parents: Julie Finkelstein and Saurabh Mehta  
 Parents: Karl Mellander and Lauren McKown Mellander

**Levi Nachman Ostrovsky**

Born: July 5, 2017  
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**Elan Reuben Polachek**

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**Alexander Daniel Pollack**

Parents: Adam and Annie Pollack  
 Grandparents: Brad and Rachele Pollack

**Harvey Dean Resnick**

Parents: Jackie and Nathan Resnick  
 Grandparents: Sid and Minna Resnick

**Gideon Raafat Ragheb**

Parents: Teegan Dellibovi-Ragheb and Daniel Ragheb  
 Grandparents: Will Russell and Susan Arnsten-Russell

**Jonah Raafat Ragheb**

Parents: Teegan Dellibovi-Ragheb and Daniel Ragheb  
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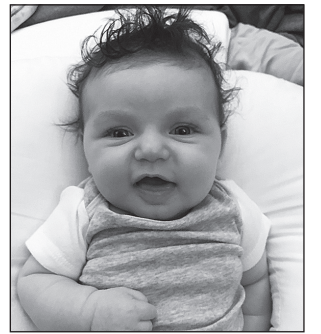
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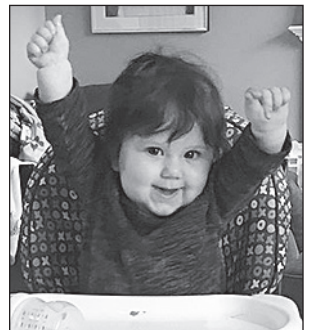
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Born: November 16, 2017  
 Parents: Taryn and Ted Schwartz  
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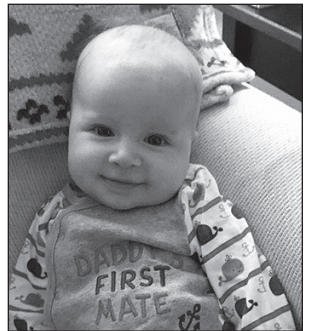
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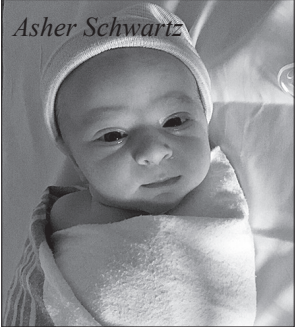
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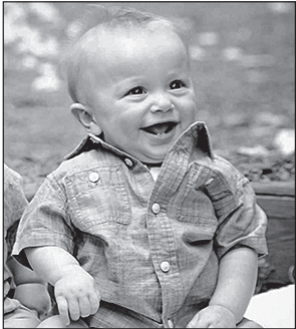
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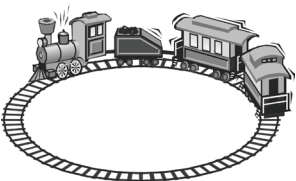
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## Dental health is important for children's "baby teeth"

(StatePoint) - Parents and caregivers may be underestimating the importance of dental care for children's "baby teeth." According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, only 63 percent of children ages 2 to 4 see the dentist at least annually. Most dental benefits cover preventive care visits twice a year with no out-of-pocket costs, and these visits are important for small children.

Baby teeth (also known as primary teeth) play an important role in a child's overall healthy development. If cavities begin and are left untreated, they can become painful and possibly infected. Loss of these teeth prematurely may impact eating, speaking, learning and self-esteem. Baby teeth help guide the way for permanent teeth to erupt into proper position.

"Tooth decay is preventable. The investment of only a few minutes each day on the part of parents and caregivers, coupled with regular dental checkups, goes a long way in creating healthy smiles to last a lifetime," says Dr. Diane Monti-Markowski, clinical program director for Cigna Dental.

She offers these oral hygiene tips for those caring for small children:

- ◆ Plan to have your child visit the dentist by his or her first birthday or within six months after the first teeth appear.
- ◆ As a child's teeth start to come in, brush them gently twice a day with a child-sized toothbrush and water.
- ◆ Begin flossing a child's teeth daily when there are two teeth that touch.
- ◆ Do not put your baby to sleep with a bottle of formula, milk, juice or any other liquid other than water.
- ◆ Consider introducing toothpaste for children who are 2 and older, and are able to follow directions to spit after brushing. The American Dental Association recommends using fluoride toothpaste about the size of a grain of rice

for children younger than 3 years old and a pea-size amount for children 3-6 years old. By age 3 or 4, your child should be able to brush with your supervision.

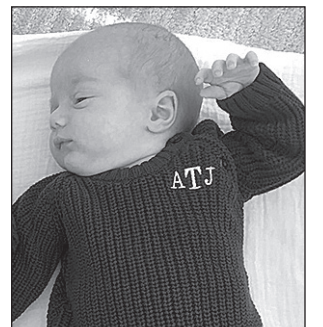
◆ Make brushing fun. Let your child pick out the color of his or her toothbrush. Play a favorite song or set a timer to help children understand that good brushing takes about two minutes twice a day.

Find more tips at [Cigna.com/dental-resources](http://Cigna.com/dental-resources). For detailed questions or concerns about a child's oral health, it is important to consult a dentist.

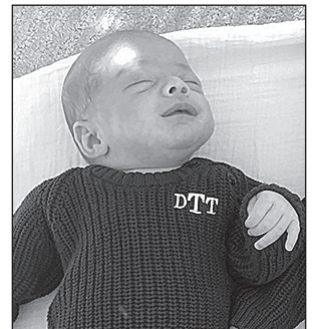
"Adults can also reinforce the importance of oral health by their attitudes," adds Monti-Markowski. "Encouraging good habits and showing a positive manner when visiting the dentist can lay the foundation for children to maintain healthy teeth throughout their lives."



Gittel Leah Slonim



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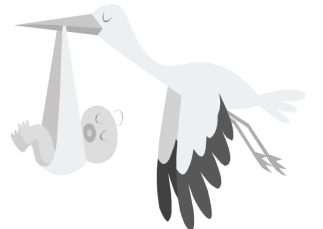
## Don't let kids drown: teach them to swim



(NAPSI) - Cooling off in a pool, lake or ocean can be a refreshing idea - but only if you know how to avoid the dangers. Drowning is a leading cause of death in children under 14. One reason is that 70 percent of African-American and 60 percent of Hispanic children don't know how to swim, the USA Swimming Foundation reports. Minority children are also less involved in competitive swimming when compared to their white peers, comprising only 1 percent of USA Swimming membership.

- Some of the reasons include:
- ◆ Lack of Swimming Access. Facilities in traditionally underserved communities are few and far between and tend to be expensive.
  - ◆ Cultural Constraints. Data shows there may be a legacy of fear, perpetuated through generations.
  - ◆ Parental Perceptions. Adults who don't swim may not know what needs to be done so that their children learn to swim safely.

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## Babies. . . . . Continued from page 6

- Gittel Leah Slonim**  
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Grandparents: Rivky and Aaron Slonim, and Bentzion and Chana Stein
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Parents: Shmuli and Nechaman Slonim  
Grandparents: Rivky and Aaron Slonim
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Parents: Lauren and Ben Szekely  
Grandparents: Yoram and Beatrice Szekely
- Asher Turnbull**  
Born: December 5, 2017  
Parents: David Turnbull and Anne Eisenhower Turnbull  
Grandparents: Anthony and Cynthia Turnbull, and James and Nora Eisenhower
- Dylan Turnbull**  
Born: December 5, 2017  
Parents: David Turnbull and Anne Eisenhower Turnbull  
Grandparents: Anthony and Cynthia Turnbull, and James and Nora Eisenhower
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# FAMILY LIVING

## Have fun, stay safe: family safety tips for outdoor fun

(NAPSI) - Your kids should move... move around, that is. The American College of Sports Medicine recommends that children participate in 60 minutes of physical activity every day. Physical activity on a regular basis, combined with healthy eating habits, will prevent obesity and other diseases.

Kids need outdoor play to be active, burn up excess energy and have fun. There are, however, a few steps you can take to protect them from injury. Here are seven simple safety tips from Joan Lawrence, Toy Industry Association's "Toy Safety Mom," and [www.PlaySafe.org](http://www.PlaySafe.org) to help keep your child's outdoor play as safe as it is fun:



1. Make adult supervision a crucial part of outdoor play.
2. Watch children carefully whenever they're near water. Kids should never be left alone near swimming pools, beaches, lakes or other bodies of water - even "kiddie" pools - no matter what their ages or swim capabilities. Children under 5 should always be no more than an arm's length from an adult near water sources.
3. Always keep toys away from unsupervised and high-traffic areas, such as driveways and sidewalks, so they

don't lure a child into a dangerous situation.

4. Ride safely. Make sure your kids wear helmets, knee pads and other protective gear when playing with bikes, trikes, scooters and other ride-on toys. Accidental falls are the No. 1 cause of childhood injury, according to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.

5. Organize and store toys to prevent slips, trips and falls. Designate "parking" spaces for bikes and other ride-on toys and store smaller items, such as skateboards, on shelves.

6. Uninflated balloons and broken balloon pieces can pose a choking hazard. At parties and other festive events, and especially when kids are playing with water balloons, remember to supervise children and throw away any broken latex pieces you find.

7. Be sure to check and follow age guidance on toy packaging. The age grading doesn't have anything to do with how smart your child is - it's safety guidance that's based on the developmental skills and abilities of children at a given age, and the specific features of a toy.

## Did you know?

(NAPSA) - Asking questions, expressing feelings and getting reassurance from adults helps children after a disaster or crisis. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration offers some tips and resources on how to have the conversation. Learn more at <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/Tips-for-Talking-With-and-Helping-Children-and-Youth-Cope-After-a-Disaster-or-Traumatic-Event-A-Guide-for-Parents-Caregivers-and-Teachers/SMA12-4732>.

(NAPSA) - Symptoms of stroke include speech impairment, arm numbness and weakness, severe headache, sudden confusion, trouble seeing out of one or both eyes, as well as uncontrollable drooping of the face. The experts at Genentech say such signs mean you should call 9-1-1 immediately. Learn more at [www.stroke.org](http://www.stroke.org).

(NAPSA) - Children can get protection against cancer-causing human papillomavirus with only two doses of HPV vaccine. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says this vaccine schedule, down from three doses, still provides safe, effective and long-lasting protection. Learn more at [www.cdc.gov/hpv](http://www.cdc.gov/hpv) or talk to your pediatrician.

(NAPSA) - When dog owners don't pick up their dog's poop, parasites from the dog's intestines can enter the soil and infect other dogs and even people. Children are especially at risk, because after playing in the dirt they may put their unwashed hands in their mouths. Learn more at [PetsAndParasites.org](http://PetsAndParasites.org).

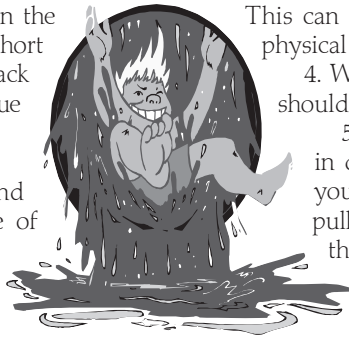
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Children should learn fundamental water safety skills that include what to look for in a safe place to swim, what to do if they find themselves in the water unexpectedly, and how to swim a short distance on their front, roll over onto their back to rest, and then roll on their front to continue swimming to safety.

### Water Safety

If you know how to stay safe in and around water, swimming can be a lifelong source of fun and exercise. Here are six things you should know:

1. Never swim alone. Swim only when a lifeguard is on duty.
2. Supervise children whenever they are in or near water. Whether it's a bath, the ocean or anything in between, stay within arm's reach of the child at all times.



3. Don't hold your breath. When swimming, children should avoid holding their breath for any length of time. This can lead directly to drowning and other severe physical side effects.

4. Wear a life jacket. Novice and non-swimmers should wear Coast Guard-approved life jackets.

5. Don't jump in to save someone struggling in deep water. Even if you're a great swimmer, you can be overpowered by a panicked person, pulling you underwater. The Y teaches the "reach, throw, don't go" concept of using a long object to reach for the swimmer and pull him or her to safety.

6. Enroll in water safety classes. The Y and other community centers with pools teach fundamental water safety skills and how to react if you find yourself in water unexpectedly.

## How to protect pets from fleas and ticks

(NewsUSA) - With the arrival of long, sunny days, people and pets alike are eager to spend more time enjoying the great outdoors. However, pet owners must be especially vigilant during the warmer months of the dangers fleas and ticks can pose to their four-legged friends.



Flea bites can cause pets to scratch excessively, and their saliva can transfer tapeworms, while ticks can spread Lyme disease in pets and cause tick paralysis, a condition that can result in death from respiratory failure as chest muscles become paralyzed. The following tips from the

National Pest Management Association, [www.pestworld.org](http://www.pestworld.org), can help protect pets from fleas and ticks this summer:

1. After walks or playtime outside, inspect your pet thoroughly. Brush their coat to remove any debris or insects, especially if your pet has been in wooded areas or high grasses.
2. Bathe dogs regularly, using a shampoo that can kill pests.
3. Be on the lookout for skin irritations on your pet, such as bite marks, red, itchy skin, or excessive scratching.
4. If your pet has long hair, consider having him/her groomed in the spring and summer to help to prevent insects from latching onto the long hair and help you to spot any that do.
5. Consult with a veterinarian to determine if a preventative medicine is recommended for your pet.
6. If you notice a change in your animal's behavior, such as lack of appetite or decrease in energy, take your pet to the veterinarian ASAP. This could be a sign of Lyme disease or other health issue caused by pests.
7. Wash your pet's bedding, crate, toys, food bowls and sleeping areas on a regular basis.
8. Keep your home clean and clutter-free to deter pest infestations and make it easy to spot any pests that do find their way indoors. Vacuum frequently and wash linens on a regular basis.
9. Keep your lawn cut short, and gardens well maintained, to prevent breeding grounds for pests. Fleas and ticks often hide out in tall grasses.
10. If you find a tick on your pet, remove it immediately, being careful to extract the head and mouthparts completely. If your pet has fleas, bathe them and seek the advice of a veterinarian.



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**Israel using advanced tech to fight Gaza's incendiary kites**

Israel has deployed a new system that it says can neutralize much of the threat from the thousands of incendiary kites and balloons that Gazans have been sending into Israel in recent weeks. The Sky Spotter system, which was designed to deal with drones, was deployed around Israel's border with Gaza earlier in June and has been able to pinpoint and track multiple targets during peaks of activity by dispatchers of incendiary objects, Channel 2 reported. The system, which is based on powerful optics, provides an interactive 3-D image of the border area at great resolution. Flagged objects appear as red lines suspended above the topography. The system tracks the objects as they drift eastward from Gaza on breeze blowing inland from the Mediterranean. Operators can then engage the objects with remote-operated drones. The system can also calculate the projected point of impact with or without interception, allowing operators to dispatch firefighters to the expected area to extinguish the flames before they spread or even when they are still in the air, the report said. The report said the system, which was developed by the Rafael Advanced Defense Systems, detects and tracks 100 percent of all incendiary objects sent Israel's way even when dozens are launched almost simultaneously. Before the system's deployment, the Israel Defense Forces recruited drone operators to intercept the incendiary objects. The use of incendiary objects as a tactic began this spring. Hundreds of acres of farming land and natural forest have been consumed in the flames.

**American-Israeli man convicted for JCC bomb threats**

A 19-year-old American-Israeli man was convicted of making hundreds of bomb threats to Jewish community centers and Jewish schools in the United States, as well as airlines. Michael Kadar, who holds dual U.S.-Israeli citizenship and whose name is barred from publication in Israel, was convicted on June 28 in Tel Aviv District Court on several counts including extortion, conspiracy to commit a crime, money laundering and assaulting a police officer. Reuters reported that the conviction was based partly on Kadar's confession. The judge said Kadar was competent to stand trial and understood that his actions were improper, despite the claims by defense psychologists that he is autistic and incompetent. The hoax threats to the JCCs and other Jewish institutions in the first three months of 2017 forced widespread evacuations and raised fears of a resurgence in antisemitism. Kadar's parents and lawyer have not disputed his involvement in the bomb threats but asserted in his defense that he has a brain tumor and a low IQ. Earlier this year, it was revealed that Kadar managed to make another 100 hoax bomb threats to schools in Israel from prison. Kadar was charged in Israel in April 2017 with thousands of counts on offenses that include publishing false information, causing panic, computer hacking and money laundering. He had been arrested in Israel the previous month in a joint operation with the FBI. In March, the U.S. Justice Department indicted Kadar on federal hate crimes charges.

**Israel gives at least 60 tons of gear, food to displaced Syrians**

Israel's army gave food, equipment and medicine to Syrians fleeing the fighting in the southern part of their country. The transfer took place the night of June 28 and included the delivery to refugee camps on the Syrian side of the Golan Heights of 300 tents, 13 tons of food, 15 tons of baby formula, three pallets of medical gear and medicine, and 30 tons of clothing, the Israel Broadcasting Corp. reported. Thousands of displaced Syrians live in tent camps near the border with Israel, with many hundreds pouring in in recent days following fighting in Syria's seven-year civil war in which approximately 500,000 people have died. More than 120,000 people are believed to have fled their homes the week of June 29 alone amid a major offensive by the army of President Bashar Assad to recapture areas that have been under the control of Sunni rebels. Israeli military sources said that Israel will not allow anyone to enter its border from Syria, citing security concerns. Israel has remained largely neutral in the war in Syria, which is largely fought along sectarian lines. The Jewish state, which is technically in a state of war with Syria, has intervened several times to take out weapons before they reach Hezbollah. The Shi'ite terrorist group is aiding the army of Assad, who is an Alawite – a minority group with ties to Shi'ite Islam. Iran, a Shi'ite Muslim nation, is an ally of Hezbollah and Assad. Syrian Druze are also a part of Assad's coalition, which is supported by Russia under President Vladimir Putin.

**Berlin museum returns Nazi-looted sculpture to heirs of Jewish owners**

A Berlin museum said a 15<sup>th</sup>-century religious sculpture looted by the Nazis was returned to the heirs of its former Jewish owners and then sold back to the museum. The Bode Museum said on June 25 that it had reached an agreement with the heirs, THE LOCAL reported. The piece was sold for an undisclosed sum. Michael Eissenhauer, the head of Berlin's public museums, said the agreement was "righting an injustice" and thanked the heirs for their "grand gesture," which keeps the piece on display. The carved sculpture circa 1430, which shows three angels floating on clouds and a sleeping infant Jesus, once belonged to the private collection of the Jewish industrialist Ernst Saulmann and his wife, Agathe, one of the few female pilots of her era. The couple fled Germany in 1935, initially for Italy. The Nazis confiscated their land, business, mechanized cotton mill, private library, art collection and Agathe's plane. Their more than 100 artworks were sold off at a Munich auction in 1936. The Saulmanns left fascist Italy for France, but when the Nazis invaded that country, the couple was sent to an internment camp. They survived, but Ernest died in 1946, a year after the war ended, due to health issues that started at the camp. Agathe committed suicide in 1951. The Saulmanns' descendants hired researchers who managed to locate 11 artworks from their collection, which landed in five German museums and three private collections. "My family was able to reach different agreements with all these institutions and collectors," Felix de Marez Oyens, one of the heirs, said at a recent news conference. On the verge of tears, he said: "I am convinced that Ernst and Agathe Saulmann would have welcomed this agreement."



**Six tips to help you manage kids' screen time**

(NAPSI) - If any of the nearly 51 million schoolchildren in America today is someone you care about, you may find this information on kids and the Internet helpful. To help your young students make the most of the online world while staying safe, heed these hints from Comcast's Xfinity xFi:

1. Have a shared family computer in a common space. This lets you supervise your kids' online time without hovering.
2. The length of an online session should match your child's natural attention span. School-age kids' brains can focus for about 30 minutes at a time, so they won't really get much from sessions longer than that. A good idea is to set a schedule of computer time with dinner acting as a halftime.
3. Gradually give your children freedom to decide how to use the Internet as they grow into teenagers. They will probably push for more freedom, a natural part of preparing for adulthood. Trust your teens to make good decisions and appropriately manage time online.

4. Everyone has preferred shows or spaces online, and can watch anywhere via tablets and laptops. Instead of each family member staking out his or her own corner of the house, encourage everyone to gather in one room. This encourages you to share online activities and encourages conversation. When possible, seek out shows or online sites that appeal to all family members so at least some online activities become shared experiences and a focus of learning with and from each other.

5. Use the computer system's parental controls to manage kids' access online and prevent accidental exposure to content for which your children aren't ready.

6. Teenagers need to prioritize and manage their time, making sure that a healthy amount of sleep, an "unplugged" family meal, and academic and family obligations come first. A tool such as Xfinity xFi can help by letting you set and manage scheduled Wi-Fi hours.

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Pinchas, Numbers 25:10-30:1

# Dividing the land of Israel

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This week's Torah portion, Pinchas, takes place near the end of the book of Numbers, in which the Jewish people were counted several times. Indeed, one such census is found in Parashat Pinchas. Another name for this book is Bamidbar, meaning "In the Desert," as this book recounts in detail many of the events that transpired during the forty years that the Jewish people were in the desert following the Exodus from Egypt.

As the 40 years draw to an end and the Jewish people's arrival in the Land of Israel nears, God instructs Moses regarding the division of the Land among the twelve tribes.

"Only through lot shall the Land be apportioned; they shall inherit it according to the names of their fathers' tribes. The inheritance shall be apportioned between the numerous and the few, according to lot." (Numbers 27:55:56)

These instructions may seem a bit puzzling. In our own experience, we may have made calculated decisions by doing research, gathering information, and using the data to make an educated choice. Alternatively, there are times that we make decisions by flipping a coin. Dividing the Land of Israel among the 12 tribes, some more numerous and some with fewer members, should seemingly have been a methodological process, utilizing the data from the census taken earlier in this very Torah portion. Why then does God command Moses to divide the land by casting lots?

The Chassidic masters explain that every individual is created by God with a unique mission to accomplish during their lifetime. We are not told what our personal mission is though. We therefore must be cognizant of the possibilities in every situation in which we find ourselves,

always seeking opportunities to do good.

Similarly, each of the 12 tribes, and each family within those tribes, had a spiritual connection with a specific area of the Land of Israel, a mission to accomplish there, to serve God and bring light and holiness into their particular portion. Through the lots, God informed each tribe which portion was meant to be theirs, giving them a head start in their task.

In our personal lives, we, like the tribes, can be aware of the fact that God directs us where we are meant to be. When we find ourselves somewhere – even if it's the result of a wrong turn – God is sending us a message. There is some good that can be accomplished here, some act of kindness that we can do, some more light that we can bring into the world.

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 On Friday, July 6, at 8 pm, there will be Shabbat services in the library led by Rabbi Rachel Esserman.  
 On Saturday, July 7, at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study.  
 On Thursday, July 12, at 7-9 pm, there will be iEngage Israel's Milestones and Their Meanings, Session 3, at Temple Concord.  
 On Friday, July 13, at 8 am, there will be Shabbat services with Visual Tefillah in the Library led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.  
 On Saturday, July 14, at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study.

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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 Sunday, July 8, from 10 am-noon, Keif B'Kayitz (Summertime Fun) will be held at Stewart Park. The event is free and open to all children, teens and their families. Those attending are encouraged to wear a bathing suit, and bring a towel and picnic lunch.

On Saturday, July 21, the eve of Tisha B'Av service will be held at 9:30 pm.

On Sunday, July 22, at 9 am, the Tisha B'Av service will be held.

Friday, July 6, light candles..... 8:23 pm  
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### Temple Israel

Orientation: Conservative  
 Rabbi: Geoffrey Brown  
 Address: 4737 Deerfield Pl., Vestal, NY 13850  
 Phone: 723-7461 and 231-3746  
 Office hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am-4 pm; Fri. 8 am-3 pm  
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On Saturday, July 7, at 9:30 am, services will be led by members of the Ritual Committee. The Torah portion will be Numbers 25:10-30:1. The haftarah will be Yirmeyahu-Jeremiah 1:1-2:3.

On July 4-8, Rabbi Brown will be on vacation.

On Thursday, July 12, at 12:30 pm, there will be Sisterhood's annual programming meeting at Chat-A-Whyle in Apalachin. RSVP to thegolfermom@gmail.com or call 729-4100.

On Friday, July 13, at 5:30 pm, there will be a Kabbalat Shabbat and a vegetarian pot-luck dinner at the home of Sylvia Horowitz. RSVP to the Temple Israel office at 723-7461.

On Saturday, July 21, Steven and Barbara Gilbert will sponsor the kiddush in honor of Barbara's birthday.

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

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### Temple Beth El of Oneonta

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For more information, contact the site at 347-708-2077, [elizabeth@jgirlsmagazine.org](mailto:elizabeth@jgirlsmagazine.org) or JGirls Magazine, 25 Broadway, Suite 1700, New York, NY 10004.

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claim, we will process it, and I will review the situation and make a decision."

Let's start with the word "exaggeration." If a wife accuses her husband of adultery, and he replies "You're exaggerating," I'm pretty sure this marriage can't be saved. "Exaggeration" suggests you are overdoing it, but there's, you know, a continuum.

If somebody compared something I did to the Nazis, I hope in outrage I would jump right to the heart of Nazism: "The Nazis' aim was to harness all the power of the state to murdering people and destroying an entire race. Unless you are actually talking about genocide, it's demagoguery to compare any policy with which you disagree to Nazism."

I hope I wouldn't narrowly parse what I and the Nazis do and don't have in common.

It gets weirder when you finish Sessions' thought for him after he says "they were keeping [people] from leaving the country." As opposed to what: "We are trying to keep them out"? That's the difference between the Nuremberg Laws and our immigration policy? You can almost hear the thought process as, "Yes, we both had problems with alien populations. But ours is ethically defensible because they aren't our citizens." It's telling that it's the first distinction he can think of.

I don't believe Sessions is soft on Nazism. The problem here is defending what more and more people on both sides of the aisle insist is an indefensible policy. And it's what happens when some members of your own administration insist there is no such policy, others insist it is a necessary policy, others - namely Sessions - defend it on biblical grounds and still others - namely, the president - say they hate the policy, but deny their own ability to rescind it. Confused and indefensible policy leads to confused and indefensible thinking and rhetoric.

It also leads opponents to overdo it. A detention center or shelter is not a concentration camp, as upsetting as it is to see children and adults separated into facilities that include chain-link holding areas. Wikipedia has even included the U.S. Customs and Border Protection facilities on a list of concentration and internment camps. But these centers are troubling and cruel on their own terms. Putting them on the same list as Auschwitz and Sachsenhausen only diverts the conversation - and actually gives the purveyors and defenders of a bad policy, a la Ingraham, the opportunity to claim hurt and insult.

Holocaust analogies also force Jews to become language police over a policy most seem to abhor. Nearly 30 Jewish groups have signed a letter asking the government to suspend its family separation policy, including representatives of all the major Jewish denominations. As author Ijeoma Oluo put it so succinctly on Twitter, "Hey, if Jewish people say that they are uncomfortable with the use of 'concentration camps' to describe the horrific treatment of undocumented immigrants bc it feels like an exploitation of their trauma from genocide, IT'S NOT BECAUSE THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING."

Exactly. Responsible Jewish groups guard against loose Holocaust analogies not because they want to claim all the world's suffering for themselves, but because they believe distinctions matter. And they fear that if you can prove that something isn't Nazism, then hey, it might not be all bad. But as Oluo continues, "We don't actually have to invoke the deep trauma of Jewish people in order to point out that separating families is wrong and putting people in cages is wrong. It is outrageous on its own. It should be enough to force us into action on its own."

So Jeff Sessions is right: "[T]his is a serious matter. We need to think it through, be rational and thoughtful about it." Being rational is putting our immigration policy in proper historical and political perspective. And being serious is listening to your critics and taking responsibility for the actions you and your colleagues have ordered and defended.

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# Jewish Community Center

## JCC Friendship Club

The JCC Friendship Club met on June 27 and was entertained by Todd Herzog, the son of Sue and Howard Herzog. Todd is visiting from Phoenix, AZ. Sue introduced him by saying that he was always singing as a child. He attended the New England Conservatory of Music and has been writing music and singing ever since. He started the program by playing guitar and singing two original pieces: "Memory Lane" and "Coming Home." He wrote "Shehecheyanu" for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his rabbi, who has been serving at Temple Solel in Pleasant Valley, AZ. He played the piano and sang in Hebrew and English. He said that his song "Tree of Life" ("Atz Chayim") is somewhat biographical. He ended by playing "Here and Today," which he wrote to encourage people to work for social justice. We sang along with him. He sang a line and

we repeated it. We hope he will return again when he comes to visit his parents.

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia Diamond. Ann Brilliant said the blessing over the cookies after the Pledge of Allegiance. We welcomed many guests who came to hear Todd. We hope that Mandy Donahue and her young child Grace, who danced to the music at the beginning; Sue Hubal; Myra and Irving Memis; Wendy Neuberger and her mother, Phyllis Dembita; Sheryl Brumer; and Betty Rappaport will honor us with their presence again.

The following Wednesday was July 4, so there was no meeting. On Wednesday, July 11, we will celebrate the birthday of Sylvia. As a fun party, we will play Bingo. Come join us at the JCC at 1:30 pm.

Sylvia Diamond  
President



Todd Herzog sang for the Friendship Club during the June 27 meeting.



Members of the Friendship Club and friends listened to Todd Herzog sing during the June 27 meeting.

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the award-winning "The Dunera Boys" a miniseries about 2,000 English Jews who were somehow suspected of being Nazi spies and deported to Australia.

In one scene late in "The Catcher Was a Spy," Berg attends a *Kol Nidre* service at a Zurich synagogue during his mission to kill Heisenberg. While the film is based on true events, the Yom Kippur moment almost certainly never occurred. It was a conceit added by Lewin (even though Robert Rodat wrote the script).

Lewin doesn't know whether Berg actually attended services, but he finds it a plausible possibility. "[Berg] was a very modern and secular Jew, but at the same time he couldn't escape his Jewishness," the filmmaker said. "Before going out to kill someone, I don't know that he didn't go inside a synagogue. I know myself as a secular Jew that I find comfort in that kind of environment. I go to *Kol Nidre* services every year even though I'm not a believer because I have that one day to reflect on my life."



L-r: Sienna Miller stars alongside Paul Rudd in the film about Moe Berg. (Photo courtesy of IFC Films)

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Baroness Ariane de Rothschild, chairwoman of the Edmond de Rothschild Foundation, said at the opening of the new promenade, "Caesarea's Crusaders Wall Promenade is not only a tourist attraction, but also another important element in the Edmond de Rothschild Foundation's social and economic impact on Caesarea, Or Akiva, Jisser al-Zarqa and the surrounding towns."

She continued, "The baron de Rothschild's family is determined to continue to pursue, as a central partner to the state of Israel, its contribution to the development of Israel in general and of the Caesarea area in particular. Providing access to the promenade and opening the Crusader market also in the evening hours will upgrade the Israeli tourism product and provide visitors from all over the world with a 'Caesarea standard' experience.

"But for me," she stated, "this is much more than a tourist attraction. The NIS 150 million investment of the foundation in the region over the last decade is yet another important element in the social and economic 'impact investments,' which constitute a multiplier of power for development, employment, tourism, education and empowerment."



Pottery making demonstration at the Caesarea promenade opening. (Photo by Eliana Rudee)

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The Israeli government minister whose approval is needed to advance the plan for the Western Wall's egalitarian section has dropped her support for the proposal. Miri Regev, the culture and sport minister, announced in a Facebook post late June 27 that she would not approve the plan in her position as chairwoman of the Knesset Committee for Holy Places. The chair's permission is necessary to advance the plan. On June 28, in an interview with Army Radio, Regev said that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu would replace her as committee chair. Regev wrote in her Facebook post: "In the past months I have been torn. My conscience would not let me rest. ...The Reform Movement's demand to turn the Wall into a place where men and women pray together is unacceptable to me or to Jewish tradition." Plans to renovate the site, with a budget of more than \$7 million, have continued, despite the suspension of a comprehensive

plan approved in 2016. Regev had voted to approve the comprehensive plan. Natan Sharansky, the outgoing chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Israel and a key architect of the plan, criticized Regev for her change of heart. "Minister Regev's conscience is her own matter, but her public about-face regarding the need to set established prayer practices at the site is most regrettable," he said in a statement. "I hope the prime minister brings about the completion of the expanded prayer area known as *Ezrat Yisrael*, as he has repeatedly promised the Jewish people in Israel and abroad that he would." Lesley Sachs, director of the Women of the Wall, in an open letter to Regev said, "While state-sanctioned hate – in the form of organized harassment and violence against Women of the Wall, as well as the indifference shown by those appointed to protect our freedoms – is tolerated, even encouraged, words of prayer 'degrade' the holy site, in your view. ...I am disappointed and frustrated by your willingness to trample on women to achieve your political ambitions. I am horrified at the extent of your pandering to a loud minority of ultra-Orthodox bullies, while ignoring your commitments to the whole of your people, and in particular, to Jewish women."

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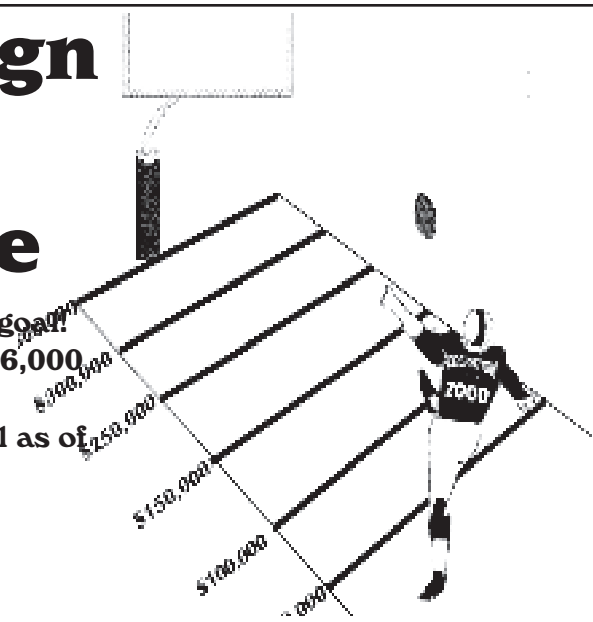


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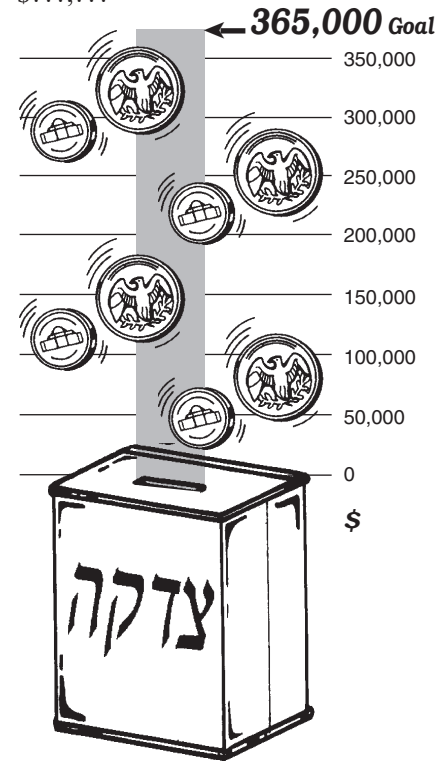
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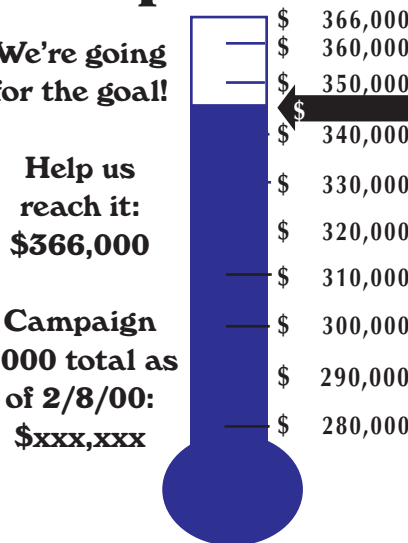
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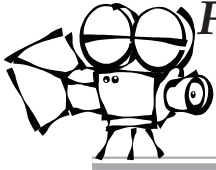


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