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Remember the Sack!

In villages and shtetls across Europe, a big sack was passed throughout the village from person to person. If you had money, you added to the sack; if you needed money, you withdrew your needs from the big sack. The big communal sack is symbolic of the role the Jewish Federation plays today. If you have money – a lot, a little, or enough to be comfortable - your responsibility is to donate to the communal fund – “Our big sack.” If any segment of this community needs help, they come to the Federation for ideas, advice and their fair share of the sack. It worked hundreds of years ago and it works today.

We haven't reached our 2018 goal yet. Give now if you haven't yet, or think about sending in a "bissel" more. Help us keep the promises made in November for a vital community in the future. And a very gracious & sincere "thank you" to all who have already fulfilled their commitment.

On October 21, we will begin asking you for a commitment to fill "our sack" for 2019. 24 days later, the Board will meet to hear allocation requests from our local Jewish organizations. After thoughtful discussions, decisions are made to distribute the funding. The Federation works hard to fulfill the needs of our community. Your generosity makes it all work.

For information or to make your pledge, please contact **Sima Auerbach, Executive Director**, at (607)724-2332, dirjfb@gmail.com or drop by our office and say hello.

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Hillel Academy

Mission Statement:
Hillel Academy of Broome County is a pluralistic Jewish day school educating students in a nurturing environment, from pre-kindergarten to fifth grade. Hillel Academy develops lifelong learners, critical thinkers and caring individuals who are passionate about Judaism, and will make lasting contributions to the Jewish community, American society and the world-at-large.

The value of a day school education extends far beyond learning history, customs and ceremonies, and prayers. Hillel Academy helps young students form strong Jewish identities.

As a true community school, Hillel Academy brings together children from all corners of Binghamton's Jewish community – Conservative, Orthodox, Reform and unaffiliated – in a warm, nurturing environment. Hillel Academy fosters a community spirit based on mutual acceptance, and recognizes, respects and values diversity. Hillel Academy has served Binghamton for more than 50 years, providing the best in secular and Judaic education.

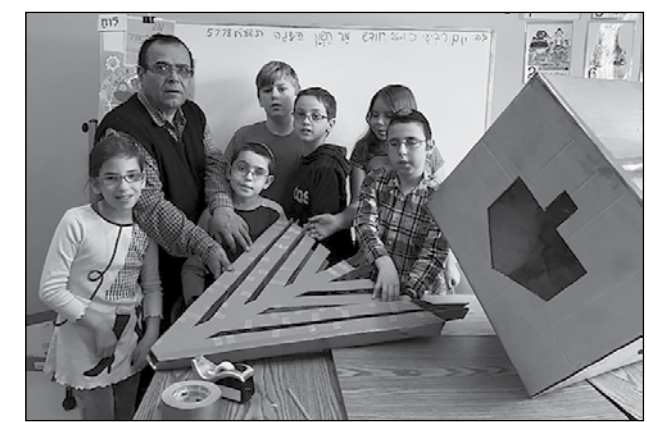
Hillel Academy's faculty teaches to each student's learning style. The school offers mixed classrooms, and students thrive in a dynamic learning environment. As a small private school, Hillel Academy customizes each student's learning experiences, allowing for maximum growth

and development. Hillel Academy trains its students to be lifetime learners, instead of test-takers. Hillel Academy offers foreign language instruction in Hebrew, art, music, science, social studies and Jewish learning, all beginning in pre-kindergarten.

For more information, contact Dr. Caleb Conklin, school principal, at 304-4544 or e-mail hillel@stny.rr.com.



L-r: Sheryl Grafton, public affairs coordinator; Senator Fred Akshar; Dr. Daniel Sambursky, president Hillel Board of Directors; and Malvina Sambursky attended the Hillel Academy model seder on March 23.



Hillel Academy students in the fourth and fifth grade made a menorah and sevivon (dreidel) with Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu. L-r: Shira Green, Shmaryahu, Berke Chein, Maxwell Titus, Isaac Sambursky, Sarah Golden and Mendel Chein.



L-r: Rabbi Gershon Weiss, Aaron Sambursky, Shmulik Slonim, Anabel Studley and Stella Titus at the Hillel Academy model seder on March 23.

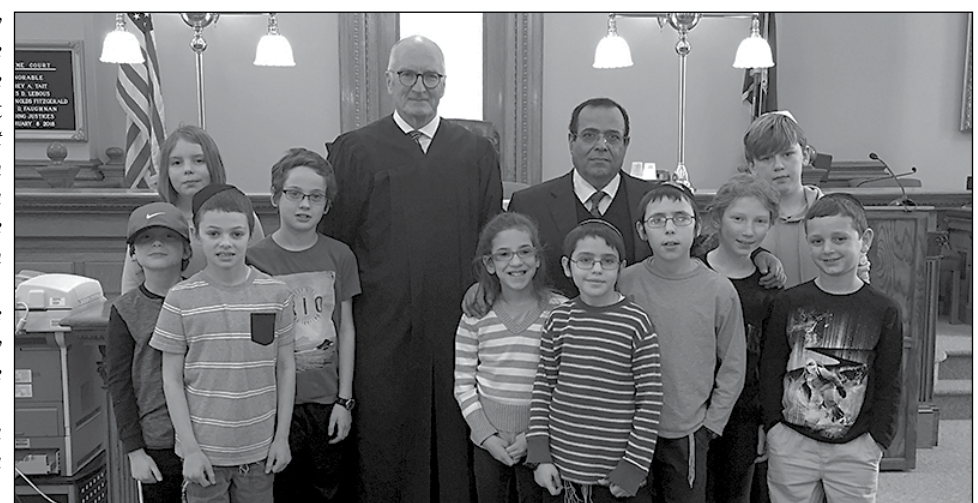


L-r: Mendel Chen, Sarah Golding, Max Titus and Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu at the Hillel Academy model seder on March 23.



The students at Hillel Academy listened as Dr. Howard Warner spoke about the synagogues in Italy.

Atright: After Hillel Academy students in grades three-five discussed and studied some of the issues in parashat Mishpatim and were taught about citizenship by Sarah Thomas, they went on a field trip to the court house in Binghamton. L-r: Aron Sambursky, Sarah Goldin, Mendel Slonim, Isaac Sambursky, Judge Jeffrey Tait, Shira Green, Berke Chen, Rabbi Shmaryahu, Mendel Chen, Mika Friedman, Max Titus, Ezra Weiss.



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Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton

Established locally in 1937 and incorporated in 1957, the Federation is a volunteer-run organization. The mission of the Federation is to serve and further the welfare of the Jewish community. The Federation is an advocate for local Jewish organizations, as well as for the needs of Jews in Israel and other countries. Since its origination, the Jewish Federation has focused on a unified fund-raising Campaign, the proceeds of which provide grants to local Jewish organizations through an allocation process, and sponsoring educational and cultural activities throughout the year. Grants are also made throughout the year funding needs of organizations and individuals. Federation is proud to report that in the recent past it was able to lend critical financial support to local projects enabling the Jewish Community Center to refurbish its parking lot and a grant to Hillel Academy helping the school rebuild classrooms within the new Temple Israel. These grants come from the Federation Endowment Fund, which over the years received donations and, from time to time, funding from wills. Those interested in planning a legacy gift can contact the Federation, ensuring that the Jewish community of Greater Binghamton will remain vital and strong.

Annual grantees this year include Hillel Academy, Hillel at Binghamton, the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Fam-



JFEW Binghamton Scholars Program students read PJ Library books to the children at the Federation's PJ Library Sunday Funday event on April 22.



About 80 people attended the Super Sunday on October 22. The event kicked off fund-raising for the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's 2018 Campaign.

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ily Service, PJ Library, *The Reporter* and Jewish Federations of North America. Other needs or emergencies requiring the Federation's assistance often occur during the year.

On a Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the community once again continued a local tradition, that had disappeared decades ago, by holding a service in front of the memorial monument erected by the Get-Together Club in 1952 in the Temple Israel Cemetery in memory of the victims of the Holocaust.

During the past year, the Federation has strengthened ties with Jewish student organizations on the Binghamton University campus and in the Department of Jewish Studies. Federation is now regularly exchanging information of upcoming events and community attendance at BU events is increasing.

The 2018 annual Campaign was kicked off in October 2017 at Super Sunday. The day started at 10 am with a breakfast, followed by updates on the 2017 Campaign, and culminated with honoring outstanding volunteers for their commitment and accomplishments with the Federation's Yasher Koach awards.

The Federation continually tries to outreach to all segments of the community and years ago created a cultural arm to offer programs from the 92nd Street Y in New York City, an International Film Fest and organized trips of interest. The fourth International Film Fest was held from September 10-October 8. Opening night included dinner and a film. The films covered a wide range of styles (comedy to drama to musical) and a wide range of topics – from history, the Holocaust and the daily issues of living in Israel, to political intrigue.

The Federation is now in the seventh year of the PJ Library program – Jewish Bedtime Stories and Songs for Families – which is a program free of charge to the recipient of storybooks mailed monthly to the homes of children of the community. The Geller family made a generous donation in memory of their friend Buddy Koffman, who loved poetry and books, covering the cost of this program for the entire year. The PJ Library can be enjoyed by all families regardless of their affiliation or observance. To support this program or add your child to the list, call the Federation office.

The Federation is the community organization responsible for the coordination of the activities planned by the Jewish organizations in the community and maintains a yearly calendar of events, which can be found on its website at www.jfjb.org. Additionally, it is responsible for leadership development and renewal – helping the Jewish community continue to thrive. The Federation provides scholarship assistance to educational and enrichment programs through its Endowment Fund.

Jewish Family Service, an agency of the Federation, addresses a myriad of requests for counseling, financial help, prevention of eviction and so many other needs. It also works to provide a caring community for the elderly and inbound, promoting get-togethers, distributing holiday treats and listening to their concerns. JFS, in addition to all that it does, will once again outreach to all the local nursing homes and invite residents to attend a viewing of one of the Film Fest films.

The Jewish Federation publishes *The Reporter*, the



On June 25, the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton celebrated Israel's 70th anniversary with a dinner featuring Israeli cuisine and speaker Jonathan Tobin, editor-in-chief of the *Jewish News Service*, who discussed "The Miracle of Israel." More than 60 people attended the event. L-r: Federation President Howard Warner, Tobin and Federation Executive Director Sima Auerbach.

nationally recognized weekly newspaper of the Jewish community. News of international, national and local importance is found in its pages, as well as announcements and information about upcoming and recent community events. Executive Editor Rabbi Rachel Esserman has won numerous journalism awards.

The Federation's Community Relations Committee communicates the importance of Jewish religious holidays to all area school districts through the use of a five-year planning calendar and through consultations with school personnel. The committee is also responsible for safe-guarding the rights of all individuals, whether in the school systems or in the workplace.

The Federation provides balanced public information about Israel and Jewish culture to Broome County, works to promote good relations with other ethnic and religious groups, and actively combats antisemitism and discrimination.

The Federation's Endowment Committee meets to discuss requests for grants, offers recommendations to the Executive Committee and oversees the investment of funds.

The Federation's primary international beneficiary is the Jewish Federations of North America. JFNA carries out life-supporting work through its affiliates (the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Joint Distribution Committee) in Israel and around the world. The Jewish Agency provides job training for new immigrants in Israel and supports preschools, youth services, nursing homes, health care, agricultural settlements, neighborhood rehabilitation and higher education. The Joint Distribution Committee provides emergency services, disaster relief, and access to religious and educational materials to Jews in Eastern Europe and other countries outside of Israel.

Overall, the Federation remains a central and active node in the network of the multifaceted local Jewish community. Thanks to the generosity of the community, Federation leadership is confident that this will continue in the forthcoming years.

For additional information, to make a contribution, or to volunteer for one of the programs, stop by the Federation office at 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850, visit its website www.jfjb.org or call 724-2332.



At left: Diners enjoyed the dairy meal and chatting with friends at Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's Film Fest's opening dinner on September 10.

Jewish Family Service

Jewish Family Service delivers essential human services to individuals and families facing challenges to their well-being. By providing information, referrals and advocacy, JFS assists people in navigating the complex safety net systems in the Greater Binghamton area – all in the hope of easing hardships, sustaining healthy relationships and supporting people in times of need. Financial assistance is provided within specific guidelines as funding permits. It is through thoughtful listening and compassionate caring that JFS can help people move from instability to a more secure and positive place.

"We Remember You," a much appreciated JFS program, distributes gift baskets to low income families in the local Jewish community, thereby enabling the recipients to follow Jewish tradition and celebrate the High Holidays. At Rosh Hashanah, more than 10 families receive a chicken, challah, apples, honey and handmade craft items.

Not only are the recipients touched by the community's outreach, but this program serves to unify donors, volunteers, the various local Jewish organizations and supermarkets for a valuable mitzvah. In addition, JFS collects and distributes money for the celebrations of Chanukah, Purim and Passover, and invites people to be guests at the Temple Concord community seder. The JCC Friendship Club partners with JFS in visiting adult care facilities with greeting cards and *shalach manot* baskets for Purim.

JFS is a resource for families looking for caregivers and home services for their elderly family members. Through The Blue Card, Holocaust survivors have been helped to receive services that allow them to stay in their own homes. As a goal of providing opportunities for socialization and diminishing isolation, JFS has coordinated Games Day programs, luncheons with guest speakers and invitations to attend the Jewish International Film Festival. Since JFS is a



On February 15, the Jewish Community Center's Friendship Club members prepared almost 40 shalach manot gifts for those who are homebound or living in nursing homes. L-r: Ann Brilliant, Sylvia Diamond, JFS Director Roz Antoun and Renee Fromer.

small agency and is unable to provide all necessary services alone to help recipients maintain their highest quality of life, the human services network in Binghamton collaborates with JFS to fill in the gaps.

"JFS Notes," a column in *The Reporter* newspaper, keeps people informed about topics relevant to JFS activities and other problems in society. Volunteers are much appreciated and carry out the programs and tasks that Roz Antoun, director of JFS, can-

not do alone. Anyone interested in joining the JFS board should contact Antoun at 724-2332 or Rozjfs@stny.rr.com.

Monetary donations from community members allow JFS to help many people in the community. Remember, JFS is there for you in times of need. Feel free to call the JFS office for a confidential appointment or to schedule a home visit.

Roz Antoun
Director of Jewish Family Service



At left: Students from the Temple Concord Religious School made honey cakes to be included in the boxes being given out by the Jewish Family Service We Remember You project.



At right: Students from Hillel Academy collected money to brighten the Purim holiday for members of the Jewish community. On February 28, they gave the funds to Jewish Family Service to be distributed. In front (l-r): Zoe Friedman, Moussia Slonim and Sherna Chein. In back: Morah Hadassah Slonim and Roz Antoun, director of Jewish Family Service.

Community Relations Committee

The charge of the Community Relations Committee is to educate the larger community about Judaism, explain Jewish viewpoints and Israel, and to help foster amicable relationships. In cooperation with other organizations, the CRC stands ready to respond to issues and developments of concern to the Jewish community.

The ongoing campaign of terror against the people of Israel, attempts to isolate and delegitimize the state of Israel, and the growing anti-Israeli sentiment that often has antisemitic overtones in the media, on university campuses and throughout the international community continue to be of great concern. Members of the CRC monitor the local and national media for distortions, misrepresentations or instances of overt antisemitism so as to provide an immediate response to set the record straight and to educate the public. These efforts are undertaken in coordination with national and international media watch groups in an effort to maximize the positive impact they can achieve in the local community and elsewhere. Fortunately, the past year has seen fewer threats against local Jewish institutions.

Issues of separation of church and state continue to be of concern at the national and local level in light of demands from certain political groups for the removal of the wall of separation between church and state. The CRC speaks out in opposition to such efforts, and lobbies congressional and legislative representatives in its

efforts to deter further erosion of the constitutional protection afforded to the people of this country.

At the local level, the CRC responds to instances of antisemitism and to inappropriate actions by local school officials with regard to observance of religious holidays in the schools. The CRC works to sensitize and educate school officials with regard to making reasonable accommodations as to the observance by students and teachers of the religious holidays. Publication and distribution of a five-year calendar to all area school officials is one of the means utilized to accomplish this.

Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the CRC organizes the memorial service at the Holocaust Memorial Monument in the Temple Israel Cemetery, on Conklin Avenue in Conklin, that brings together the entire local Jewish community, including Binghamton University students. The CRC attempts to reach out beyond the Jewish community to mark the ceremony as an inclusive testament to humanity.

The members of the CRC stand ready to respond to developments that affect the local Jewish community in a positive and meaningful way, and to initiate initiatives that promote a peaceful coexistence with all groupings within the region. As always, the support and input of the entire community is sought and appreciated. The CRC's greatest success comes from widespread participation.

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July 28 – Mermaids and Unicorns – Discover the magical powers of the unicorn and the legends and stories of merpeople. Join us at 12:30pm for a mermaid parade. Costumes welcome!

August 4 – Dragon Day! Explore the myth of the dragon as told around the world in every culture. Make a dragon egg and a special dragon pouch for dragon treasure.

August 11 – Fairies and Elves – Do you have a fairy or an elf that lives at your house? We'll tell you the clues to look for. Make a fairy bell and see if you can find a fairy!

August 18 - Superheroes - It's going to be a Superhero Party so all Superheroes are called to action for this most important mission! Come in costume and enjoy crafts, activities, games

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College of Jewish Studies

The College of Jewish Studies was founded in 1986 as a coalition between the Judaic Studies Department at Binghamton University and several local Jewish sponsoring institutions, including the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, Beth David Synagogue, Temple Concord and Temple Israel. Its mission is

to provide opportunities for quality adult Jewish education in Broome County. The CJS Committee strives to bring scholars from local and regional campuses for enlightening lectures; an effort is made to combine broad appeal with intellectual and stimulating content and challenge. The programs are open to the community.

The fall 2017 program theme was "Divided by Victory: The Legacy of the Six-Day War." There were two speakers



Diana Linden spoke on Ben Shahn's murals and the M.S. St. Lewis at a CJS spring program.



The audience at a spring CJS program.

for the fall program. Lior Libman, assistant professor and associate director of the Center for Israel Studies at Binghamton University, spoke on "Between the Seventh Day and 'The Movement for Greater Israel': The Aftermath of 1967 in the Kibbutz and Labor Movements and the Significance of 1948." Assaf Harel, assistant professor of Israel studies at Binghamton University, spoke on "Jewish Settlers Today: From Religious Zionism to Religious Post-Zionism."

The spring 2018 program theme was "Speaking Through Art as a Jew: Visual Expressions of Jewish Culture." See "CJS" on page 7A



Lior Libman discussed the impact of the Six-Day War on the labor and kibbutz movements at a CJS fall program.

International Jewish Film Fest of Greater Binghamton

After four completed series, the International Jewish Film Fest of Greater Binghamton, under the auspices of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, has been established as a solid addition to the cultural life of the Greater Binghamton community.

The film festival began in 2012 with a committee of five (Ben Kasper, Rita Shawn, Roz Antoun, Sima Auerbach and Susan Hubal). In April 2013, four films were shown: "Live and Become," "Remembrance," "Nicky's Family" and "The Human Resources Manager." The films were well-received and, with the assistance of grants, the film festival made a small profit, which was put toward the second film fest.

In June 2013, four of the committee members attended the Film Presenters Conference at the JCC of Manhattan to gather suggestions for improving the film festival. The 2014 series kicked off with the film "When Comedy Went to School." Prior to the screening, a Catskill hotel-type



Cooks gathered on September 8 in the Jewish Community Center kitchen to prepare the dairy meal that opened the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's Film Fest.



People had an opportunity to catch up with friends after the summer at the dinner before the first film shown at the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's Film Fest on September 10.

dinner for 80 guests was held and the room contained a display on the Catskill hotels. Members of assisted living facilities were invited to attend an afternoon viewing. The other films shown in 2014 were "The Ballad of the Weeping Spring," "The Jewish Cardinal," "The Other Son" and "Kaddish for a Friend."

The 2015 Film Fest Committee chose six films for the Film Fest. Five films were shown in October and one this past spring. The first evening included dinner and a movie. The film was "The Outrageous Sophie Tucker," followed by "The Gett," "Hunting Elephants," "If the Trees Could Talk," "The Green Prince" and "Sophie Scholl." "Run Boy Run" was shown in the spring.

The fourth International Jewish Film Fest was held on five successive Sundays at 7 pm starting September 10 and running through October 8: "Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy," "Fanny's Journey," "On the Map," "Walk on Water" and "The Women's Balcony." The films covered a wide range of styles - comedy to drama to theater to sports - and a wide range of topics - history, the Holocaust, daily issues of living in Israel, and political intrigue. Film fest organizers and viewers agreed there was a film for everyone.

The fifth Film Festival will occur this fall (two films) and in spring 2019 (three films). The committee will research options and provide another showing of excellent films.

Those interested in being part of the International Jewish Film Fest of Greater Binghamton should contact the Federation office at 724-2332.

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The Reporter Group

The Reporter, a weekly newspaper published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, provides a voice for an inclusive Jewish community. Still going strong well into its fifth decade, The Reporter holds true to its roots as a community newspaper. Members of the community are encouraged to share their news, simcha or sad, via The Reporter.

The paper also publishes national and international news of Jewish interest, features and opinion pieces. The Reporter, an essential source of information and communication for the local Jewish community, has received recognition and professional awards for distinguished journalism.

The dedicated and exceptional staff of The Reporter Group not only produces The Reporter, the weekly paper for the local community, but also produces newspapers for four other communities: Scranton, PA; Syracuse, NY; Stamford, CT; and Southbury, CT. Each newspaper is tailored to meet that community's needs. The news staff is assisted by a group of volunteer proofreaders.

The Reporter Group is led by Rabbi Rachel Esserman, whose commitment to the community, journalism and Judaism shapes the papers. Her mix of business structure and literary creativity keeps the paper fresh, while helping to maintain a level of excellence the community has come to expect.

The paper focuses on coverage of local events and activities of interest to the community, from pictures of sports, schools and camps to ongoing series spotlighting local businesses and leaders, including many items submitted by local organizations. The Reporter's website (www.thereportergroup.org) and Facebook page complement the print edition.

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It all began with two nurses more than 100 years ago. Since then, Hadassah has built the foundation for health care in Israel with schools of medicine, nursing, dentistry, public health and occupational therapy.

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cation are high priorities for Hadassah. Voter registration, women's rights and bias-free school curricula are just some of the other projects that help round out Hadassah's interests. This past year, Hadassah took part in hurricane relief by sending hospital personnel to devastated areas who were often the first outsiders to arrive on the scene with medical and emotional support. Hadassah encourages its members to be strong women who follow a healthy lifestyle with programs like "Every Beat Counts" and "Every Step Counts."

Even though membership has gotten

smaller over the years, support for Hadassah Hospital and the other programs Hadassah runs needs continued support. This fall, Hadassah will hold its annual donor campaign with an incentive for its newest project: Vision 360 Degrees of Healing.

Visit www.hadassah.org/360degrees for more information.

For more information on the Binghamton Chapter of Hadassah, or to find out how to become a member, call Paula Rubin at 797-0181.

Board of Rabbis

The Broome County Board of Rabbis is an informal association comprised of the active pulpit rabbis in Broome County. The rabbis also serve on the board of the College of Jewish Studies and give lectures under its sponsorship.

The rabbis participate in the annual communal Yom Hashoah u'Gevurah observance to commemorate the Holocaust. The rabbis also serve on the board of the College of Jewish Studies and give lectures under its sponsorship.

William H. Seigel Lodge of B'nai B'rith

The William H. Seigel Lodge of B'nai B'rith serves Bradford County (Pennsylvania) and southern Tioga County (New

York). The Lodge is affiliated with the Penn-York Jewish Community, and it draws members mostly from the Southern

Tier of New York and the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania.

As part of B'nai B'rith International,

the oldest and largest Jewish service organization in the world, the Lodge sponsors a variety of community activities.

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Art historian Diana L. Linden spoke on "Painting for Freedom and the Freedom to Paint: Ben Shahn's Murals and the M.S. St. Louis." The second speaker was Flora Rosefsky, a visual artist, who spoke on "Being a Judaic Visual Artist: A Personal Inspirational Journey." The final speaker in the spring program was Marc Michael Epstein of Vassar College, who spoke on "People of the Image: Jews and Art."

Programming for the College of Jewish Studies is made possible through program admission fees, contributions from its sponsoring institutions and additional financial support from a grant from The Community Foundation for South Central New York - David and Virginia Eisenberg Donor Advised Fund, the Jacob and Rose Olum Foundation, the B'nai B'rith Lectureship Fund, the Victor and Esther Rozen Foundation, an endowment fund from the former Temple Beth El of Endicott, a grant from the JoyVel Charitable Fund, and the generous donations of individual sponsors.

The College of Jewish Studies committee

is comprised of representatives from the local Jewish community and faculty from Binghamton University.



Flora Rosefsky discussed "Being a Judaic Visual Artist" at a CJS spring program.



Assaf Harel discussed changes in religious Zionism today at the College of Jewish Studies fall program.

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Ithaca Area United Jewish Community

The Ithaca Area United Jewish Community (www.iaujc.org) is dedicated to enriching Jewish life locally as well as supporting Jews in Israel and all around the world. IAUJC's local endeavors range from supporting the B'Yachad Ithaca Jewish Preschool to hosting an annual communitywide Holocaust Commemoration Program, funded through the Jacob and Jeannette Geldwert Holocaust Memorial Lecture Fund. This year, IAUJC hosted Lea Malek, who was born in Hungary. Malek spoke about her experiences during World War II. Malek and some of her family were placed on a train that was diverted for slave labor rather than Auschwitz. A candle lighting ceremony was held in honor of local Holocaust survivors as brief excerpts of their stories of survival were narrated. Once again, Temple Beth-El provided a place to hold this important program.

IAUJC also has a Holocaust Speakers Bureau that provides volunteer speakers who travel to local middle and high schools. Working with the Holocaust Speakers Bureau, the Ithaca College Park Scholars recorded the stories of local Holocaust survivors and created 15-20 minute videos that can be shown in the classroom. The videos are available on the IAUJC website, https://iaujc.org/family-stories-videos-local-interest.

Through the generosity of a bequest from Robert and Marcia Ascher, as well as gifts from Linda and Stephen Pope, IAUJC is in its fourth year of providing grants to families who need help paying for Jewish summer camp and teen programs.

The PJ Library program is already in its 10th year, now expanded to include children ages 9-11, and serving more than 100 children every month. In partnership with the Grinspoon Foundation, the IAUJC is able to provide free monthly book and audio subscriptions to Jewish children on a variety of Jewish themes. In addition, the IAUJC holds a number of events for PJ families during the year, which have ranged from sukkah parties, to Purim and Chanukah carnivals.

In addition to the above programs, local grants this past year were made to the Hillels at both Cornell University and Ithaca College, the religious schools of Temple Beth-El and Congregation Tikken v'Or, and Chabad of Ithaca. IAUJC local grants are awarded through a formal grant application process.

On May 15, IAUJC held its Second Annual Campaign Lunch Party. The evening was an opportunity to bring the Greater Ithaca Jewish community together. Those attending heard from Chair Marcia Zax about the many local programs. Mathew Ribera, a recipient of a campership grant from the Ascher Endowment, shared his thoughts on the many ways that attending Jewish summer camp has helped him grow as a young Jewish leader. IAUJC honored three local couples for their generous work in the community and the world: Rosalind and Howard Feinstein, Sorel and Kurt Gottfried, and Heather and John Rosenthal.

In 2015, an anonymous donor family gave a large gift to the IAUJC to support humanitarian needs in Israel over a 10 year period. This family was initially motivated by the Lunch N Learn program in Dimona. With the gift, IAUJC has been able to add three additional programs: At the Lunch N Learn program in Dimona, a hot meal as well as educational and social programming is provided after school for children ages 6-12, which also enables the parents to work full-time; the Youth Futures program in Dimona provides a team of mentors and educators to families at the lowest rung of the economic ladder to facilitate scholastic success by addressing the most basic needs often lacking in the home; the Beer Sheva Ethiopian National Project's SPACE (scholastic achievement and community empowerment) program for middle and high school students provides tutoring and meals, as well as facilitating students' promotion to higher level classes in each grade, making them better equipped to pass the high school matriculation exams and pursue higher education; and the AMIT Elaine Silver Technological High School, which provides mentoring and vocational training to teenagers who have previously dropped out of high school and come from disadvantaged/dysfunctional homes.

Globally, IAUJC also allocates designated funds to the Hesed Eliyahu Relief Center in Tbilisi, Georgia, which supports community through social activities while providing food, home care, medical care and winter relief to impoverished Jewish seniors. In November, the Ithaca Jewish community heard from students who attended a Cornell Hillel sponsored trip to Tbilisi and Gori to see firsthand the dire need of the poor, elderly Jews living there and the assistance being offered by the Joint Distribution

Committee, an international partner of Jewish Federation. Any Jewish resident of the Ithaca area (18 years-plus) may be a member of the IAUJC. Hundreds of individuals and households, representing many facets of the Ithaca Jewish community, contribute to IAUJC's Annual Campaign. Donors indicate what portion of their donation should be spent locally and/or globally, and can also designate to specific programs.

The IAUJC invites members to become active volunteers and donors. It also seeks feedback and suggestions from the community. For further information, e-mail info@iaujc.org, visit www.iaujc.org, like the IAUJC on Facebook at IAUJC, or write to Ithaca Area United Jewish Community, P.O. Box 4214, Ithaca, NY 14852.

Seen around the community...



L-r: Lynne Green, Maxine Rosenberg and Barbara Wolfson at the Intersisterhood event on May 2 at Beth David Synagogue.



Tables were set up so people could make their 2018 pledges at the Federation's Super Sunday on October 22. L-r: Arieh Ullmann and Charles Manasse.



L-r: Mendel Slonim and Sarah Goldin watched as Isaac Sambursky, the defense witness, was sworn in by Carol Fabrizio to "tell the truth and only the truth" during a Hillel Academy field trip for grades three-five to the court house in Binghamton.



Marc Michael Epstein lectured on "People of the Image: Jews and Art" at a CJS spring program.

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Broome County Synagogues

Beth David Synagogue

Beth David Synagogue is a member of the Orthodox Union and the only Orthodox congregation in the area. Beth David can trace its history to 1905 when the informal "minyán" was incorporated as the Hebrew Brothers Association. Outgrowing their facility in a house on Susquehanna Street, members purchased a building on Carroll Street in 1930 and changed their name to United Hebrew Brothers Congregation. The "little shul" became Beth David Synagogue in 1956, and the revitalized Orthodox congregation became more active and saw its membership grow sizably. Having outgrown its facility, Beth David Synagogue purchased the property on Riverside Drive in 1962 and formally relocated to its present location in 1964.

Beth David is known throughout the community for its activity and involvement in all community functions, events and organizations. Its members occupy leadership roles in communal organizations and its rabbi is involved in community planning and events. All services and activities at Beth David are always open to any member of the community, regardless of synagogue affiliation. Members seek to make everyone and anyone comfortable, and welcome all with open arms. Beth David's services, traditionally chanted in Hebrew, are made easy to follow. Many parts of the service are sung to traditional tunes, which help make them accessible to the novice and experienced alike. The veteran participants can always be counted upon to guide

the visitors through the service, helping one feel at ease as a participant.

Youth activities have always been integral part of Beth David. Members are proud of the award winning youth program, affiliated with NCSY, the National Council of Synagogue Youth. The synagogue is prepared to revive these programs when the number of potential participants increases to make them viable.

See "Beth David" on page 12A



Members of Beth David Sisterhood at their paid-up membership dinner, which was held on November 6. Kerry and Susan Wright were the cooks for the dinner. Seated (l-r): Miriam Alweis, Kerry Wright, Susan Wright and Marilyn Bell. Standing (l-r): Susan Hubal and Saba Weisner. (Photo by Nancy Basmann)



The Beth David Choir provided entertainment at the Beth David Sisterhood Chanukah program on December 13 with Songs of Tradition. L-r: Rabbi Benny Kellman, Gerry Hubal, Aaron Alweis, Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu and Steve Gilbert. (Photo by Nancy Basmann)



Rabbi Zev Silber (standing, far right) led the discussion at Beth David Synagogue's sukkah during the Sukkot Across Greater Binghamton event on October 15.

Rohr Chabad Center of Binghamton

The Rohr Chabad Center in Broome County is an affiliate of the international Chabad-Lubavitch network, which maintains educational and social service

institutions in approximately 4,000 locations. The Chabad Center is located at 420 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal. While the primary focus of Chabad is its programs

and services geared toward the thousands of Jewish students at Binghamton University, Chabad is open to all members of the Jewish community. There is no membership fee, nor is a prior background or experience in Jewish life necessary.

The people who avail themselves of Chabad's numerous services and programs span the gamut of religious affiliation; the varied group includes those without formal affiliation at all. Chabad provides commu-

nity members with many opportunities for enhancing their Jewish education and experience. To this end, it offers an extensive schedule of weekly classes on a variety of topics, presented on multiple levels, free of charge. Private tutorials are offered as well. Chabad Center is an affiliate of the prestigious Jewish Learning Institute and offers three semesters of JLI university level Judaic classes annually. Chabad sponsors

See "Chabad" on page 21A



Children from Hillel Academy and Temple Israel Hebrew School marched in parade procession from Binghamton University's student union to the Chabad Center on September 17 as part of the celebration of the installation of the Binghamton Legacy Torah.



The annual Salute to Jewish Womanhood hosted by Chabad's Women League was held on November 12. Clockwise from bottom left: Susan Kasper, Karen Rozen, Marcia Hofstein, Sandra Paston, Louis Levitt, Harriet Horowitz, Filomena Kiessling and Maida Piaker enjoyed their dinner.

The Abraham Piaker Free Loan Association

The Chabad Center maintains the Abraham Piaker Free Loan Association for the purpose of providing short term, completely confidential, interest-free loans to aid worthy persons in the Jewish community who have a pressing need. The fund is governed by Michael Wright; Steven Piaker, son of Abe Piaker in whose memory the fund was established; Rabbi Aaron Slonim, director of Chabad Center;

and community members Alan Piaker, Rita Bleier and Gerry Hubal.

For an application or for more information about the fund, call the Chabad Center office at 797-0015. Persons interested in making a donation to this fund can mark them as such and mail them to the Chabad Center, 420 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal, NY 13850. Acknowledgment of gifts will be sent to the Piaker family.

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B'Yachad Ithaca Jewish Preschool

B'Yachad Ithaca Jewish Preschool is the only Jewish preschool in the Ithaca area. B'Yachad (which means "together") offers a strong Jewish component within the community preschool program. Children learn about Jewish holidays and values through stories, games, art and music.

The Jewish background of B'Yachad's children is diverse. B'Yachad is committed to fostering an environment of acceptance and inclusion of all children, and staff meet all children as individuals, without judgment or expectation. B'Yachad's goal is to instill within all children a love and excitement for their Jewish identity, and to offer a warm, caring and enriching environment.

B'Yachad's educational approach is to foster learning through play, exploration, relationship-building, music and art, while building security, stability and self-esteem. The program emphasizes meaningful – and fun – experiential learning, and seeks to provide a positive and nurturing social experience for its children. A large outdoor play yard, with climbing structures and a sand box, offers snow play in the winter and gardening activities in warmer weather.

During the school year, B'Yachad offers a full day program from 9 am-3 pm for children ages 2.5-5 years, along with a 9 am-noon half day option. To learn more about aftercare options, contact byachadithaca@gmail.com.

B'Yachad Ithaca Jewish Preschool is licensed by the Office of Child and Family Services. The preschool is located at Temple Beth-El, 402 North Tioga St. Ithaca, NY 14850. For inquiries and registration, visit the B'Yachad website, www.ithacajewishpreschool.com, e-mail byachadithaca@gmail.com or call 273-5775 (the Temple Beth-El office).

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Temple Concord

Temple Concord, a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism, represents a modern interpretation of Jewish tradition, designed to meet the individual in his or her search for personal Jewish meaning within the context of community. Temple leaders reach out to members in the three areas important to Judaism: worship (*avodah*), community (*am Yisrael*) and education (Torah).



Temple Concord member Lauren Epstein joined other synagogue members to bake hundreds of hamantaschen in time for Purim last spring.

Worship
Friday evening Shabbat services are held weekly, usually at 8 pm. There are two "Shabbat in the Garden" creative services in the summer at 7:30 pm to enhance worshippers' appreciation of nature in a Jewish context. Saturday morning family services are held at 10:35 am when religious school is in session.



Temple Concord has a comprehensive religious school and Hebrew school program, starting with younger children and progressing to confirmation.

Jewish holidays are an important part of the year. High Holidays, festival and holiday services are open to all. Services are designed for people to find the joy of Judaism within the context of community worship. As part of Shabbat and holiday celebrations, Temple Concord congregants often will come together for a celebratory meal.

Community
Temple Concord's community consists of many smaller communities. Temple Concord Sisterhood is the largest and most active auxiliary. It consists of dedicated, hardworking and enthusiastic women who work to support the temple, its religious school and the community. Sisterhood, a service and social organization, is affiliated with the national Women of Reform Judaism. Programs include holiday parties for religious school students; educational programs; a women's seder; and a Sisterhood retreat. Whale of a Sale and monthly rummage sales are the major fund-raising events.

The Brotherhood is the men's auxiliary of Temple Concord. Brotherhood activities include brunches, poker nights and sports outings. In addition to these types of social activities, service projects in support of the temple are also part of the Brotherhood's agenda: it has organized High Holiday ushering, Purim dinners and sukkah building for many years. While Brotherhood focuses on social growth and activities oriented to the temple's male membership, many events it

sponsors are open to the entire congregation. The Social Action Committee focuses on *tikkun olam*, making the world a better place. The committee sponsors programs of social and political interest, and engages in political awareness and advocacy efforts. Recently, these have included programs on See "Concord" on page 16A



Temple Concord's most active auxiliary is its Sisterhood, which consists of women who work to support the temple, its religious school and the community.

Temple Israel

Temple Israel, located in Vestal, NY, is a modern, Conservative synagogue founded in 1886. Temple Israel provides a complete range of religious, educational, spiritual and pastoral services dedicated to the principle that the Jewish people's survival and one's personal satisfaction depend upon a living heritage that is loyal to the past and relevant to the present.

In December 2013, the roof over the temple's large social hall collapsed, leaving the building uninhabitable. Temple Israel's Shabbat services were then held at the Jewish Community Center. Temple Israel's new building was completed in the summer of 2016 and is now the congregation's spiritual home for the 21st century.

Traditional in practice, yet sensitive to the diverse needs of all the members of the community, Temple Israel holds that the religious experience, as reflected in the synagogue, should be spiritually satisfying, intellectually honest and aesthetically appealing. The synagogue, with its rich program of education, social and cultural activities, aims to create a community of mutual support, intellectual vitality and spiritual sustenance. The active participation of all its members is encouraged.

Temple Israel has reached its 132nd birthday as a Conservative synagogue. It welcomes all, singles and families, into a friendly, caring environment, replete with a variety of activities on several levels in an effort to enhance the social, spiritual and educational well-being of its members. As an egalitarian congregation, it allows men and women to sit together.

The Hebrew school provides a Jewish education for children ages 5-13, meeting Sunday mornings and Tuesday afternoons. Tuesday afternoon Hebrew study is taught jointly with Temple Concord. Children receive instruction in Hebrew, prayer and knowledge of rituals and traditions. In addition, they study Jewish history, Israel and current events. All study is geared to preparing them to become knowledgeable Jewish adults, taking their rightful place in the congregation.



L-r: Joy Yarkoni, Rebecca Ioffe, age 2, and Maxine Rosenberg the Temple Israel Challah Bake on January 19.



Rabbi Geoffrey Brown and his wife, Elissa Brown, at his installation as Temple Israel's rabbi on August 27.

Temple Israel has an adult library featuring a variety of books on Jewish subjects, and is fortunate to have a children's library that also features many books with Jewish subjects appropriate to the ages of the children attending the Hebrew school.

Adult education and family programming have been successful in providing events and programs with guest speakers, learning and celebration. See the Temple See "Israel" on page 29A



Attendees at the May 22 Sisterhood program gathered in Temple Israel's chapel for prayers and a candle-lighting ceremony prior to the book review concerning "Haven." There were six tapered candles lit in memory of the six million Jews who perished during the Holocaust.

Area Synagogues

Congregation Tikkun v'Or

Congregation Tikkun v'Or (Ithaca Reform Temple) is a vibrant congregation that strives for a warm, personal bond among its members, quality education for the children and a dynamic program for adults. Tikkun v'Or welcomes those from diverse backgrounds, interfaith families, LGBTQ families and people who are newly discovering Jewish connections, as well as those with a wide range of Jewish experiences. The core values of Congregation Tikkun v'Or are best described by three words: spirit, community and justice.

Spirit
At heart, Tikkun v'Or's community embraces living with compassion (*rachamim*), love (*chesed*), awe (*yirah*), gratitude (*hakarat hatov*), joy (*simcha*) and generosity (*nedivat*) – Jewish spiritual values that nurture the congregation and each member as individuals. Members treasure the richness and complexity of the community. The wide diversity of beliefs and relationships to God are a source of strength and learning. Congregation Tikkun v'Or is a safe place for members to share their faith and their doubt as they support one another in the search for meaning and purpose in their lives.



Members of Congregation Tikkun v'Or lit candles together while celebrating Chanukah in December 2017.

Tikkun v'Or offers an array of member and rabbi-led religious services on Shabbat and holidays, and educational programs for children and adults.

Community
A caring and loving community, Tikkun v'Or sanctifies and celebrates significant moments in its members' lives within the frame-

work of Jewish ritual and values.

Members take to heart "my house is a house of prayer for all people" (Isaiah 56:7) and seek to include rather than exclude. Tikkun v'Or welcomes interfaith families, LGBTQ people and others who have been denied full acceptance in the broader community. Tikkun v'Or treasures the members of its congregation who are not Jewish and celebrate the interfaith character of the community.

The final word of the *Shema* – *echad*, all one – resonates as Tikkun v'Or's members join hands with other faith communities, community organizations and activist groups to fulfill shared values.

Justice
Inspired by the prophetic tradition and the historical experience of the Jewish people, Tikkun v'Or is dedicated to the pursuit of justice and peace, locally and globally. The Torah teaches that humankind was created

in God's image and Tikkun v'Or honors this inherent godliness in each person. Toward that end, Tikkun v'Or's community actively seeks to promote racial and economic justice for all, resist Islamophobia, encourage education and dialogue about Israel and Palestine, support refugees in the community, feed the hungry, and protect the environment.

Tikkun v'Or's members are dedicated to justice, equality, human rights, and security for people all over the world, and specifically for all Israelis and Palestinians. Tikkun v'Or See "Tikkun" on page 13A



Members of Congregation Tikkun v'Or celebrated Sukkot in October 2017.

Kol Haverim: The Finger Lakes Community for Humanistic Judaism

Kol Haverim: The Finger Lakes Community for Humanistic Judaism is open to all with an interest in exploring and celebrating Jewish identity and heritage. Kol Haverim provides a warm, welcoming community for Jewish individuals and families who want to celebrate their Jewish identity in a non-theistic way. Membership forms and dues information are available on its website, www.kolhaverim.net.

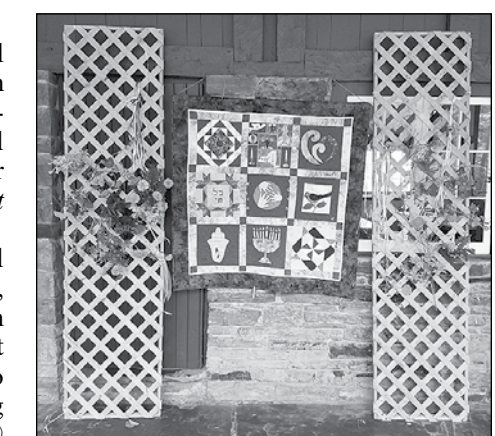
Kol Haverim is a secular Jewish community welcoming those who desire non-theistic ways to celebrate their identity, culture and heritage, offering celebrations of Jewish holidays for the whole family, social, cultural

and youth programs and experiences for adults and families and welcomes individuals and families from mixed religious/ethnic backgrounds. Those interested should consult the website for up-to-date information on holiday celebrations and programs.

As Humanistic Jews, Kol Haverim's members want their children to understand and appreciate the values and traditions of their ancestors, without feeling compelled to agree with all the beliefs and practices of past generations. Kol Haverim offers a bar/bat mitzvah program for sixth- and seventh-graders (or older). Those interested should contact education@kolhaverim.net for more information.

Kol Haverim is part of an international movement for Secular Humanistic Judaism and is affiliated with the Society for Humanistic Judaism (www.shj.org), a national association with more than 30 member congregations, communities and *chavurot* around the country.

For further information about Kol Haverim, write to P.O. Box 4972, Ithaca, NY 14852-4972, e-mail Chair Abby Cohn at chair@kolhaverim.net, or check out the website at www.kolhaverim.net. To receive e-mail announcements of upcoming events, send contact information to info@kolhaverim.net.



Kol Haverim celebrated Sukkot.

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Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

Temple Beth-El is a congregation of caring individuals who wish to identify with the Jewish people and their future through the synagogue. It is a liberal congregation affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Services are held on Friday evenings and on the eve of most holidays at 6:15 pm or 8 pm, depending on the season, as well as on Shabbat and festival mornings at 10 am. There is also a weekday morning minyan at 7:30 am (9 am on Sundays and legal holidays). Changes in the worship schedule and times for the High Holidays are announced in advance.

Temple Beth-El is located at the corner of Court and Tioga streets in downtown Ithaca. While a substantial portion of the membership lives in Ithaca, many members are from outside the immediate Ithaca vicinity.

The temple is available virtually every day for meaningful activity. There are ongoing programs of worship, classes, meetings, social events and a host of activities.

Temple Beth-El provides leadership in all areas where Jews need help and support. The membership supports numerous worthy causes to benefit both the Jewish community and the community at large.

Worship Services
Kabbalat Shabbat services are held on Friday evenings at 8 pm, with occasional services at 6:15 pm. These services are generally followed by an *oneg* Shabbat. Shabbat morning services begin at 10 am and are followed by a *kiddush*.

A weekday morning minyan is held at 7:30 am (9 am on Sundays and legal holidays).

Services on the festivals (*Pesach*, Shavuot and Sukkot) generally follow the Shabbat schedule. A special schedule is published for the High Holidays. The congregation maintains a policy of open seating for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Festival Celebrations
The temple provides special programs for adults, families and children on Shavuot, Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Chanukah and Purim as well as Shabbat.

Youth Community
Temple Beth-El offers a youth program that provides young people with a balanced religious, social and educational activities schedule. The program is run in conjunction with the Tzafon Region of United Synagogue Youth (ninth through 12th grade) and Kadima (sixth through eighth grade).

Religious School
The program of the Rabbi Felix Aber Religious School



Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

of Temple Beth-El begins with preschool and runs through high school. Preschoolers and their parents meet once a month to learn about Jewish holidays.

Kindergartners and first grade students attend classes on Sundays, and study the holidays, Bible stories and Jewish concepts and begin learning some Hebrew.

Second- through seventh-graders attend school twice a week on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons for a comprehensive program that includes Hebrew, liturgy, Bible, Jewish ethics and values, the Jewish calendar and life cycle, history, rabbinics and Jewish literature.

In preparation for greater participation in the life of the community and to enhance their study of liturgy, each class participates in a Shabbat service once a year. Bar/bat mitzvah training begins in the second semester of sixth grade and continues through seventh grade, with sessions in class as well as private weekly lessons with the rabbi. The Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Education unit is an opportunity for all members of the family to take part in the learning which precedes the celebration.

The Midrashah (Hebrew High School) is open to all post-bar/bat mitzvah young people. Classes are held once a week and consist of varied and interesting programs, which may include contemporary moral dilemmas, current events, ancient and modern Jewish texts, and literature in translation.

Adult Education

The Temple Beth-El Adult Education Committee arranges several regular weekly classes, stimulating mini-courses during the academic year and guest lecturers and scholars-in-residence. The regular classes meet at various times during the week. Call the temple or access the website for more information.

Community Activities

In addition to religious, educational and social activities, the temple membership supports a variety of Jewish groups locally and outside of the community that seek to widen and deepen the commitment of Jews to Judaism and the tradition.

Temple Beth-El has worked with the Ithaca Area United Jewish Community on various projects over the years. The congregation contributes to Mazon and encourages members' active support of Mercaz and the Masorti movement in Israel.

Temple Beth-El is a member of Area Congregations Together, an umbrella organization made up of all local congregations, and is actively supportive of ACT's work, particularly Kitchen Cupboard, the local food pantry. Annually, the congregation runs a campaign to provide personal care items to clients of Catholic Charities and throughout the year carries on a program known as "Necessities for our Neighbors," which provides sample/travel size personal care items to Catholic Charities for its clients. The temple's Social Action and Community Outreach Committee coordinates these and other *tikkun olam* efforts.

Temple Affiliated Organizations

The mission of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El is to enhance Jewish life by supporting the Religious School, sponsoring social, cultural and educational programs for the women of the community and encouraging Jewish observance. The Sisterhood is affiliated with the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, which provides members with a voice in national and global arenas.

The Ralph Marvin Men's Club provides a comfortable setting for men to gather socially and also makes available programs of interest to men, helps to organize holiday celebrations and assists with various maintenance projects.

For further information, contact the temple office at 273-5775 or visit www.tbethaca.org.

Scott L. Glass, Rabbi
Jerry Davis, President

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Social activities abound at Beth David. A weekly Shabbat *kiddush* after services reverts into a Shabbat luncheon once a month, free and open to the community. Sisterhood sponsors many *kiddushim* and luncheons for various holidays, and all can celebrate Purim and Shavuot together at the communal festive meals. The Sisterhood also sponsors many social activities throughout the year, both at the synagogue and at other locations. The Men's Club invites all to its periodic Sunday breakfast. The Beth David sukkah is available for the community to use.

Judaism flourishes through the study of Torah. Beth David strives to offer a full array of educational opportunities. There are regular classes, special learning sessions, guest

speakers and video presentations. Student scholars from Yeshiva University and other *yeshivot* enhance Torah study and celebrations during Simchat Torah and Shavuot. The active Sisterhood regularly hosts speakers who are experts in their fields. The *beit midrash*, study hall, and library, both located in the synagogue, are filled with English and Hebrew books, and are always open.

Judaism addresses every aspect of religious life and these can be observed at the *shul*. In addition to daily services both morning and night, Beth David can be helpful to those who wish to observe Judaism in accordance with tradition. Anyone observing a *yahrzeit* can comfortably come to say *Kaddish* for a loved one. The synagogue maintains the Binghamton *eruv* (Sabbath boundary) and *mikvah* (ritual bath).

Beth David is also a resource for life cycle events; feel free to call for assistance in arranging for a *kiddush* to celebrate a happy occasion; a *brit* and/or *pidyon haben* upon the birth of a son; a *simchat bat* upon the birth of a daughter; a wedding ceremony; or, when needed, a funeral. Beth David Synagogue is the main address when

seeking a Jewish religious and social experience. Those with questions may call Beth David's office at 722-1793. Regular office hours are Tuesdays, 10 am-1 pm; Thursdays, 9 am-1 pm; and Fridays, 10 am-1 pm.



Friends of Claire Ladenheim, Beth David Sisterhood members and members of the Jewish Community Center's Yiddish Group met to say farewell to Ladenheim, who was president of Beth David Sisterhood for 11 years. L-r: Mickey Greenberg, Harold Kohn, Toby Kohn, Toni Grekin, Jessica Holbert, Ladenheim, Marlene Serkin and Rita Shawn.



Beth David Sisterhood members who attended the donor event on May 9 included (standing, l-r): Sandra Paston, Margaret Sherman, speaker Flora Rosefsky, Susan Hubal and Marti Kliensky. Seated: Kathy Ashman.



Beth David Sisterhood members attended the annual donor event on May 9 at the home of Marti Kliensky, where Judaic artist Flora Rosefsky discussed the inspiration for the JCC's "Threads of Tradition" quilt which involved the workmanship of local women - many from Beth David.

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Norwich Jewish Center

The Norwich Jewish Center, located at 72 South Broad St., Norwich, NY, serves to meet the needs of the Jewish community in this rural area.

Rabbi serves the egalitarian congregation on a part-time basis. Shabbat study sessions are held the second Saturday of the month at 10 am. Call ahead for confirmation and information.

Call 334-2691 for information. There is an answering machine on at all times. Callers are asked to leave complete phone number including area code and a brief message.

High Holidays services will be held of the evening of Sunday, September 9, at 7 pm, and the morning of Monday, September 10, at 10 am. Yom Kippur services will be held the evening of Tuesday, September 18, at 7 pm, and Wednesday, September 19, at 10 am. The break fast will be held on Wednesday at 7 pm.

There are speakers, concerts and other events throughout the year, including a communal Passover seder and a



The Norwich Jewish Center

Chanukah party. For more information, leave a message on the Center's answering machine.

Temple Beth El of Oneonta

Temple Beth El of Oneonta is an egalitarian congregation affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Located approximately halfway between Binghamton and Albany, its membership of approximately 70 families is drawn from surrounding counties.

Services are held twice a month on Friday evenings. Adult Torah Study, followed by Lunch and Learn, takes place on Saturdays twice a month. A full calendar of services and events is posted monthly on the temple's website. The religious school meets Sunday mornings during the school year. The Men's Club holds Sunday breakfasts on the third Sunday each month with programs of community interest and the Women's Club meets monthly, often on the first Sunday of the month. A community Shabbat potluck dinner as well as an Israeli Film Series are held monthly.

An award-winning remodeling of the entire synagogue included the construction of a spacious, old-world sanctuary complete with Jerusalem stone. The new sanctuary's size and fine acoustics have created opportunities for Temple Beth El to offer guest lecturers, concerts and interfaith events. All programs are open to the public.

The synagogue has its own cemetery, located in Oneonta. Plots are available for purchase by members of the temple and Jewish non-members.

Temple Beth El is located at 83 Chestnut St., Oneonta, NY 13820. The phone number is 432-5522; leave a message for a return call. Rabbi Molly Karp can be reached at rabbimollykarp@gmail.com. For synagogue business, contact President Ken Sider at ksider@hotmail.com.



Temple Beth El of Oneonta

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is committed to an open and respectful dialogue about these issues, and welcome those who feel excluded or silenced by other Jewish communities because of their opinions. The congregation is enriched by the multiplicity of views of its members.

"Spirit, Community and Justice" are integrated into all aspects of the life of the congregation. May all be blessed to witness the day when "love and truth will meet, justice and peace will kiss" (Psalms 85:11).

The congregation offers a religious school for kindergarten-seventh grade and a *b'nai mitzvah* class. There are classes and programs for adults. Members participate in holiday celebrations, community social action projects, Shabbat dish-to-pass dinners, Shabbat-in-the-community, Shabbat-in-the-Park, music and dance programs, guest speakers, discussion groups and special events. There are several active working groups of the Social Justice Committee.

Rabbi Brian Wait serves as Tikkun v'Or's rabbi, leading services and classes on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and monthly throughout the year. He is the rabbi-in-residence about one week each month (except January-March).

The religious school is under the direction of Naomi Wilensky. Other activities of the temple are planned by a full range of committees.

Shabbat services are held every Friday evening, usually at 7:30 pm. The synagogue answering machine is updated weekly with the schedule of services.

The synagogue is located at 2550 Triphammer Rd., Ithaca. For more information about Congregation Tikkun v'Or, call 256-1471, visit www.tikkunvor.org, e-mail info@tikkunvor.org or write to P.O. Box 3981, Ithaca, NY 14852.

Seen around the community...



The Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan gave a community concert at the JCC on July 27.



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Penn-York Jewish Community

The purpose of this congregation is to promote Jewish identity through cultural, educational, social and religious activities in the Southern Tier of New York and the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania, including Waverly, NY, Sayre, Athens and Towanda, PA, and surrounding communities.

The local B'nai B'rith chapter, the William H. Seigel Lodge #1352, provides community service as well as educational and cultural programs.

The Penn-York Jewish Community is a supporting member of the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers.

Future plans include a summer picnic in August, a Sukkot celebration in October and a Hanukkah celebration in December. For more information, contact Harvey Chemosky at 570-265-3869.

Temple Brith Sholom

Temple Brith Shalom is a small, diverse egalitarian community in Cortland, NY. Comprised of about 30 individual and family members, who have learned that compromise is necessary in order to maintain the only Jewish organization in Cortland County, Temple Brith Shalom frequently shares programs with the small, but active, SUNY Cortland Hillel group. High Holiday services this year will be led by Michael Weinstein, assisted by Cantor Nancy Hausman. Shabbat services have recently been led by members of the community. The community maintains a Jewish cemetery.

A community this size provides many opportunities for personal growth through service to the community, whether serving on the Board of Trustees, serving on one of the committees, leading services, or planning a special program. Members welcome new friends at any service or program.

For further information, contact Louis Wilson at louiswilson1995@yahoo.com. For information on Temple Brith Shalom's cemetery, contact Cemetery Committee Chairman Dr. Andrew Chernow at 753-7381.

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Jewish Community Center

Mission Statement and Purpose
The JCC's mission is to provide Jewish and secular programming and services in a safe and welcoming environment. The JCC also strives to cultivate and promote community relations and strengthen Jewish heritage, culture and identity in the Greater Binghamton community.

Seeking to embrace the true spirit of community, the JCC of Binghamton is dedicated to the enrichment of family life and fosters the spiritual, emotional and physical development of its members and friends through all of life's stages and circumstances. The JCC represents the model of acceptance, understanding and diversity. As such, people look to the JCC as a center that epitomizes how shared values can support a vibrant and evolving community. The JCC welcomes social inclusiveness, catering to a wide variety of ages, lifestyles, ethnicities and socio-economic backgrounds.

Founded August 15, 1927, the JCC provides programs and services to the community in its ever-expanding, modern facilities in Vestal. For more than 90 years, the JCC has offered programs in five major service areas to individuals and families with infants to senior adults: (1) Early Childhood Center services include infant care, daycare and preschool classes; (2) Youth and Teen programs/services; (3) Adult and Senior programs/services; (4)



The JCC's Early Childhood Center held a Family Field Day on August 6. L-r: Jacob Hart and Marley Vavra.

Mind, Body and Health program/services; and (5) Summer Day Camp.

Dr. L.J. Rosefsky Early Childhood Center

At the ECC, staff believe in developing the whole child. They take the time to recognize and nurture the physical, emotional, social, linguistic and cognitive skills of each child. The goals of the ECC are to develop positive self-esteem, new skills and a love of learning. The ECC is a busy, happy and creative place for children to play and learn, and offers a broad range of programs for children 6 weeks to 5 years of age. The ECC offers participants on-site swimming, gym, an outdoor playground and lunch.

To register for any of the ECC programs, contact ECC Director Marlene Schwartz-Patrick at 724-2417.

Half-Day Program

The half-day program follows the Vestal school calendar; registration for the fall begins the previous March and continues until the program is full. Children age 3 by December 1 can attend two, three or five days a week, from 9-11:45 am or from 9 am-12:45 pm including a hot lunch. The morning half-day programs provide opportunities for both free play and directed activities. Art, crafts, music, dramatic play, story-time, outdoor play, cooking, nature, science, computers and field trips are included. The program also includes a weekly large-motor gym period, with instruction provided by a qualified physical education specialist, and the opportunity to swim in the JCC's pool, a unique offering among local programs. Morning snack is provided.

The ECC also has its own cook, preparing and serving daily kosher lunches.

An appreciation of Jewish culture is conveyed through Sabbath and individual holiday programs, as the children learn songs, hear stories, do crafts and prepare foods pertaining to Jewish holidays.

An intergenerational program with Brookdale-Vestal East (formerly Emeritus

at Woodland Manor), the senior citizen assisted living center across from the JCC, bridges the gap between young and old, with joint activities such as crafts, stories and conversation.

Full-Day Program

The ECC's full-day program, opened in 1992, brings child care services year-round to families with children aged 6 weeks-5 years, from 7:30 am-5:30 pm Monday-Friday. The activities and cultural experiences described in the half-day program are all included in the full-day program, as well. A lunch and two snacks per day are provided.

Universal Pre-Kindergarten

The JCC is a Universal Pre-Kindergarten provider for the Vestal and Binghamton school districts. The morning session runs from 9-11:45 am and the afternoon session runs from 1-3:45 pm. UPK follows the Common Core standards as set by the New York state Department of Education. Enrollment for Vestal is conducted through the school district. Binghamton residents may enroll directly through the JCC. Students are eligible for UPK the year they are 4 on or before December 1. Community residents can also join the ECC's UPK program as self-paying clients. Contact the ECC at 724-2417 regarding enrollment.

Youth and Teen Programs/Services

The Youth Department provides a variety of classes and vacation programs for children in preschool through sixth grade. A variety of different classes are offered seasonally for youth of all ages and include art, sports, music, dance and special interest. Classes offer instruction in a creative, friendly atmosphere. Special interests expressed by participants often generate new programming ideas.

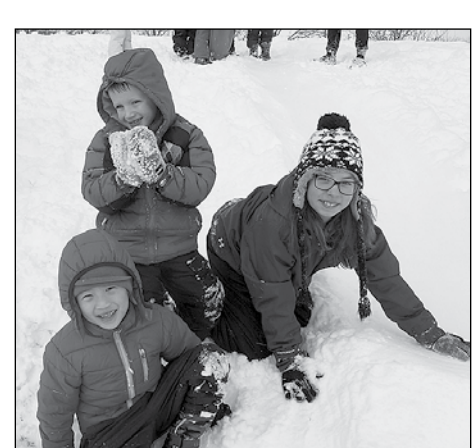
Kids Connection

The Jewish Community Center's licensed school-age child care program, Kids Connection, is open to area elementary school-aged children in grades kindergarten-seventh and offers a diversified program with professional staff.

Kids Connection is scheduled from 3:15-6 pm Monday-Friday, and 7:30 am-6 pm when Vestal schools are closed due to a snow day, vacation day, half day or holiday. At Kids Connection, children can play, do



L-r: Elizabeth Pane and Sylvia Diamond were among the volunteers at the JCC's community Hanukkah celebration on December 13.



L-r: Felix Yu, Andrew Bonsick and Sofia Moroz enjoyed playing in the snow on a day off from school on January 17 at Kids Connection.

homework, have a snack, relax or participate in the weekly themed program. A day may also include swimming, games in the gym, youth sports and fitness, time on the school-aged playground and activities in science, music, cooking and art. A CIT, or Counselor-in-Training, program is available for students in grades six-eight.

JCC Teen Program/BBYO

The JCC Teen Program is affiliated with the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization as part of its Liberty Region. For more than 80 years, BBYO has been the largest, trans-denominational, Jewish youth-led movement in the world. BBYO offers fun activities and meaningful involvement by exposing teens to Jewish culture, history and practice, and introducing new ways to help them apply Jewish principles to contemporary life.

The group is open to Jewish teens in grades eight-12. Locally, teens are involved in a variety of social as well as community service projects, such as gathering for meetings and social events, and volunteering at the JCC for the Community Chanukah Celebration, Purim Carnival, the Jewish Federation's Jewish Film Fest, JCC fund-raising events and more. Regionally, teens attend conventions, which are held at JCCs that span from New York and Pennsylvania to Delaware.

Adult and Senior Programs/Services

The JCC sponsors many cultural, educational and social activities and programs throughout the year, which have included exhibits, lectures, trips, dances, classes, the Jewish Book Fair and Jewish cultural festivals. There is Jewish holiday programming for the entire family for Chanukah and Purim. Senior volunteers prepare and bring holiday food packages to people in adult residences.

In addition, classes and workshops have been offered in the fall, winter and spring in areas that have included crafts, music, dog training, lectures on health topics, book discussions and defensive driving.

Friendship Club

The Jewish Community Center Friendship Club meets every Wednesday at the JCC for a variety of activities and programs. After refreshments at 1:30 pm, in addition to musical, educational, cultural and holiday programs, there is plenty of time to socialize, work on crafts, play cards or just talk. One meeting a month is set aside as a birthday celebration for all seniors whose birthdays fall during that month. The senior group also plans trips and outings during the year.

Yiddish Conversation Group

The Yiddish Group has been meeting at the JCC every Thursday, excluding holidays, for more than 20 years. It is a vibrant See "JCC" on page 15A



Camp JCC's Sabra K and Sabra I campers sat in the big chair at the Discovery Center's Story Garden.

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group of people, from all walks of life, who spend more than an hour each week in Yiddish conversation discussing serious and current topics, telling stories and jokes, writing poetry and more. No knowledge of Yiddish required.

Mind, Body and Health Programs/Services

The JCC provides programs and activities for all interests and levels of mind, body and health in the community. Fall, winter, spring and summer classes make use of the JCC's Fitness Center, gymnasium, pool, loft and outdoor complex.

Certified personal trainers, and yoga and pilates specialists welcome clients in the JCC's comprehensive fitness facility. Ellipticals, treadmills, exercise bicycles, free weights and a complete range of strength training equipment is available for members' use every day, except on the Sabbath when the JCC is closed.

The JCC offers specialized personal fitness programs, post-rehab, strength and conditioning, as well as a variety of exercise classes to members and non-members of all ages. JCC fitness staff believe that being a part of JCC fitness, whether through a personal trainer or group class, is considered the best way to monitor progression and to maintain motivation.

Group exercise classes, including aerobics, spinning, SilverSneakers, pilates and kettlebell pump, are held every day by certified instructors to help clients improve cardiovascular fitness and muscle tone. Anyone can come and try a group exercise class for free.

For a personalized fitness program, contact Jan DeAngelo at 724-2417, ext. 133.

Other activities for adults include men's basketball leagues and open games, water exercise, lap swimming and more.

There are a myriad of sports activities for children at the JCC. Co-ed basketball developmental leagues are run during the winter for children in grades three-eight to provide a competitive and learning environment. Numerous basketball tournaments are also played by all ages at the JCC during the winter, in order to serve the community and showcase some of the local basketball talent.

The Fitness Center and Health Club facilities are open 5:30 am-9 pm Mondays-Thursdays, 6 am-5 pm Fridays and 8 am-5 pm Sundays. Separate steam and sauna, locker and shower facilities are available for men and women members. TV lounges are also part of the Health Club facility and are a way to relax after a workout or just escape for some solitude.

Aquatics

The JCC Aquatics Department provides a broad spectrum of aquatic courses. Offerings include American Red Cross swim levels for parent/child, preschoolers, youth, advanced youth and adult learn-to-swim, which includes competitive swimming and stroke development.

Water exercise and arthritis water exercise continue to grow and stay in demand. The department also provides instruction at the higher aquatic levels in ARC Lifeguarding, Waterfront Lifeguarding, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, AED, Pediatric AED, Community First Aid and Community CPR.

The aquatics facility is designed for easy access with ease-in steps and a chair lift. The water temperature is kept between 85-87 degrees.



The Camp JCC TLCs hiked to the top of Cascade Peak in the Adirondacks, with an elevation of 4,098 feet.

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Personal aquatic training and private lessons are available. Pool rentals are also available during various times throughout the week for birthday parties, Scout outings, etc. Recreational swim is provided to the JCC Early Childhood Center on a weekly basis.

JCC Summer Camp

For more than 40 years, Camp JCC has earned a reputation for providing a quality day camp experience for the young people of the Southern Tier. Open to the entire community, Camp JCC is a place where children from ages 3-16 years come to develop new friendships and take on new experiences and challenges. Camps at the JCC also include week-long co-ed sports camps and specialty camps.

Camp JCC continues to offer new programs designed specifically to address the changing needs of campers and their families. The professionally-run counselor orientation and training ensures the highest quality of camper supervision. Camp structure guarantees that children of all ages will be provided the opportunity to thrive and grow. The program emphasis on outdoor fun, physical growth and learning cooperation encourages children to explore new aspects of the world around them.

Camp JCC is based at the Jewish Community Center complex (indoor and outdoor) at 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal. The location provides children with a safe, clean and flexible environment where they can enjoy all that summer has to offer, rain or shine.

Camp JCC is the perfect place for young children to learn to swim, study nature, sing, dance, play sports, polish their sports skills, learn arts and crafts, explore folklore, and experience day trips, overnights and much more.

All camp information and fees can be found online at www.binghamtonjcc.org.

Kashrut

The JCC adheres to *kashrut*, the Jewish dietary laws. Arrangements for kosher food for programs and activities may be made through the JCC office.

JCC Guest Pass Policy

JCC members in good standing may receive complimentary passes to the JCC for out-of-town house guests for a period of up to two weeks. A \$10 guest pass is required each time a local guest is brought to the JCC accompanied by a member. After three visits per year, local guests can choose to become a JCC member by visiting or calling the JCC office at 724-2417.

Seasonal Program Guide

JCC Program Guides are distributed and posted online in the spring, fall and winter. The Center offers educational, fitness, family-oriented and community-based programs and services for all ages, from toddlers through senior citizens. Day and evening classes, lectures and special programs are scheduled throughout the year. Those interested need not be members to enroll in the many JCC courses listed in the guide. The Program Guide can be found and downloaded from the JCC's website, www.binghamtonjcc.org, at any time. To receive a paper copy, call the JCC office at 724-2417.

The JCC is a member agency of the United Way of Broome County and the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, whose support underwrites priority services for those who cannot afford to pay the full cost of fees and charges.



The Jewish Community Center offers two different basketball camps over spring break for children 5-13 years of age.

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Students from the JCC Early Childhood Center performed during the JCC's community Hanukkah celebration on December 13.



During their first week of Camp JCC, Osem campers practiced their teamwork skills.



Swim lessons, water exercise, arthritis water exercise and community open swim times are held in the JCC's full-sized heated pool.



ECC children planted seeds and did arts and crafts projects for Tu B'Shevat on January 31.

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Seen around the community...



L-r: Lynne Green, Maxine Rosenberg and Barbara Wolfson at the Intersisterhood event on May 2 at Beth David Synagogue.



Temple Concord and Temple Israel Hebrew school students looked at Temple Concord's decorated sukkah.



Eliter and Galgalimer campers set up camp at Mount Pocono campground on their overnight trip during the second week of Camp JCC.



At left: More than 200 people attended the Jewish Community Center's Hanukkah Party on December 13.

Concord.....

human rights, reproductive rights, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and local community involvement. The committee sponsors several mitzvah collection projects where a community agency is selected and a list of needed items is produced. Members of the committee and other congregants help prepare and serve hot meals to the needy at the Trinity Memorial Church in Binghamton. Temple Concord is one of the principle groups in the Children of Abraham of the Southern Tier, which seeks to foster dialogue and understanding between Jewish, Christian and Muslim members of the Greater Binghamton area.

Temple Concord is the site of a weekly CHOW pantry. The CHOW pantry operates through the Social Action Committee, with members volunteering to staff the pantry and pack the food provided to families in need. A CHOW food drive is held during the High Holidays and a CHOW

collection basket is available throughout the year to receive donations of non-perishable food.

Members of the Caring Community make home visits and bring a basket or meal to congregants who are or have been ill, had surgery or been in an accident. They also assist in preparing the meal of consolation after a funeral, and try to provide rides to services for members or Binghamton University students unable to transport themselves.

The temple also has the Tuesday Morning Book Club, which meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am (changes in the meeting schedule can be found in the temple's monthly newsletter and on its website). The book club is open to the public and offers a discussion of the chosen book in a social setting.

The temple's outreach activities include programs for interfaith families, as well as classes for people who wish to learn more about Judaism. *Havdalah* Happy Hour programs have been offered through outreach for the past few years.

Hanukkah House Museum is a seasonal museum established as a teaching museum for the community. Through creative displays of Jewish history and tradition, Hanukkah House provides a cultural and educational experience designed to increase the visitors' awareness and knowledge of Jewish life.

Education

In keeping with the tradition of the Jewish people and the principles of Reform Judaism, Temple Concord has a comprehensive religious school and Hebrew school program, starting with younger children and progressing to confirmation. Religious school for children in kindergarten through seventh grade meets on Saturdays from 9-11:45 am and includes attending Shabbat morning services. Hebrew classes meet on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Children in grades eight, nine and 10, the post-bar/bat mitzvah program, will meet twice a month. The curriculum covers Jewish religious concepts and practices; Torah; Hebrew; Jewish values, morals and ethics; Jewish history from



L-r: Temple Concord spiritual leader Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell celebrated Hanukkah with religious school students Eve Krasno, Ellie Friedman and Victoria Heilveil.

biblical to present times; and comparative religion. Adults have many opportunities to study together. Torah study, led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell, takes place on Saturdays at 9:15 am and is open to all. The rabbi also runs short-term seminars throughout the year on various topics. Temple Concord is located at 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. The temple may be reached by phone at 723-7355, by e-mail at TempleConcordBinghamton@gmail.com, online at www.templeconcord.com and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/templeconcord.

Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell
Rachel Coker, President
Orly Shoer, Religious School Principal



Volunteers from Temple Concord gathered to fry up several hundred potato latkes for this year's Chanukah celebrations.



Temple Concord wrapped up its year of religious school programming with special honors for this year's teachers on May 5.

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In Binghamton, the eruv extends over a significant portion of the West Side. The eruv was updated in September 2011.

Shalom Staiman Eruv in Vestal

The Shalom Staiman Eruv, established in fall 2015, surrounds the Binghamton University campus and adjacent areas in Vestal. The eruv includes the Hayes Community, University Plaza, the Jewish Community Center, Temple Israel and the Marriott Residence Hotel. Those interested in checking the status of the eruv each week, or helping to maintain it, can visit www.Facebook.com/BUEruv or call Chabad Center at 797-0015.

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A guide to Jewish education programs pre-K through adult

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	Orthodox Union	A coalition of local Jewish community organizations	Union for Reform Judaism	No affiliation	No affiliation	Society for Humanistic Judaism	Chabad-Lubavitch	United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism	United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism	Union for Reform Judaism	Conservative, no affiliation
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Contact Person	Rabbi Zev Silber	Rhonda Levine, chairwoman	Naomi Wilensky, administrative coordinator and religious school director	Dr. Caleb Conklin, School Principal	ECC director: Marlene Schwartz-Patrick Adult Program Coordinator: Harry Cohen Youth/Camp Director: Lynette Errante		Rabbi Aaron Slonim Rivkah Slonim Rabbi Zalman Chein Rochel Chein Rabbi Levi Slonim Hadasa Slonim	Rabbi Scott L. Glass Rabbi Suzanne Brody, Director of Education and Youth Programming	Rabbi Molly Karp	Orly Shoer, Temple Concord religious school principal	Hebrew school: Rabbi Geoffrey Brown
Days/Times		Fall and spring programs, topics TBA.	The religious school for grades kindergarten-seven meets Sunday mornings 9 am-noon. Sixth- and seventh-graders also meet on Wednesday afternoons. Religious school classes participate in Family Shabbat Experiences throughout the year.	Monday-Friday from 8:40 am- 3:30 pm.	The Early Childhood Center provides full-day care Mon.-Fri. 7:30 am-5:30 pm all year-round for children 6 weeks-5 years old. The Infant Program is for children 6 weeks-18 months. Half-day care is available for children age 3 by December 1. They can attend two, three or five days a week, from 9-11:45 am or from 9 am-12:45 pm including a hot lunch, Sept.-June (extended day available). The After School Program (Kids Connection) is for elementary school-aged children and runs Mon.-Fri. 3:15-6 pm. Full-day school-age care is available when school is closed for snow or conference days, holidays or vacations; the exceptions are national or Jewish holidays, December 25 and the day after Thanksgiving.	For information on the b'nai mitzvah program and youth programs, contact education@kolhaverim.net.	To obtain a full schedule of events and classes or to arrange for a private tutorial, call Chabad Center at 797-0015.	The Rabbi Felix Aber Religious School preschool program meets once a month. Grades K-1 meet on Sundays. Grades 2-7 meet twice a week on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Each class takes part in a Shabbat service once a year. The Midrasa (Hebrew High School class) is open to all post-bar/bat mitzvah students, who attend once a week and enjoy a varied program.	For preschool and other information, visit www.templebetheloneonta.org. The religious school meets on Sunday days from 9 am-noon. Bar/bat mitzvah study is supervised by the rabbi.	Temple Concord has a comprehensive religious/Hebrew school program, starting with kindergarten and progressing to confirmation. Religious school for children in kindergarten through seventh grade meets on Saturdays from 9-11:45 am and includes attending Shabbat morning services. Hebrew classes meet on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Children in grades eight, nine and 10, the post-bar/bat mitzvah program, meet twice a month.	The religious school meets on Sundays and Tuesdays. On Tuesdays, Temple Israel and Temple Concord have a joint Hebrew school located at Temple Concord.
Youth Programs/Curriculum		None.	Congregation Tikken v'Or offers religious school for students in pre-kindergarten-grade seven and b'nai mitzvah preparation. Hebrew for prayer is studied using Mitkadem, part of URJ's Core Hebrew program. Topics of study include holidays, Torah, history, mitzvot, Jewish calendar and life cycles, God and Israel. Teens v'Or is the Tikken v'Or youth group, for ages 13-17. Teens gather regularly for social programs, social action, leadership and community programs.	Hillel Academy offers programs for pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. Early childhood programs concentrate on developing physical and motor skills, readiness and early reading skills. Math, art, music, reading, Hebrew and computers are introduced through play and focused classroom instruction; faculty are experienced at teaching to variations in student learning. Hillel Academy incorporates the Common Core Curriculum in a creative and effective way, emphasizing learning and not testing. The Judaic studies program develops Jewish values and ethics, fluency in Hebrew language, and practical knowledge and skills in holiday observances, customs, prayer and Bible.	The JCC Early Childhood Center provides an appreciation of Jewish culture through Sabbath and holiday programs. Kids Connection offers weekly themes and a multi-cultural curriculum. Specialty youth classes are available for children ages 3-12 throughout the year. JCC Teen Program/BBYO is for those in grades nine-12.		The Chabad Center library offers a large and diverse collection of books, audio and visual tapes and DVDs on every facet of Jewish philosophy, study and practice. Open daily and wireless equipped, it offers a welcoming environment for the casual browser as well as the researching student.	Preschoolers learn about Jewish holidays. Grades K-1 study the holidays, Bible stories, Jewish concepts and learn some Hebrew. Grades 2-7 learn Hebrew, liturgy, Bible, Jewish ethics and values, the Jewish calendar and life cycle, history, rabbinics, Jewish literature, etc. The Midrasa program consists of ethical dilemmas, current events, comparative religion, and ancient and contemporary Jewish texts. The temple offers a Youth Program, which consists of a religious, social and educational schedule.	The religious school goes through bar/bat mitzvah.	Temple Concord's curriculum covers Jewish religious concepts and practices; Torah; Hebrew; Jewish values, morals and ethics; Jewish history from biblical to present times; and comparative religion.	Regular school programs include class services, holiday programs, family education activities and many tzedakah and gimilit chasidim (acts of loving kindness) projects.
Adult Programs	Talmud is held weekly with the rabbi. Special lecture series are held every few months. There are educational I. J. Rosefsky lectures. The Sisterhood Education Committee arranges study groups and speakers a few times per year. There are Shabbat Luncheons held the second Shabbat of each month, September-June, free and open to the community, where members of the synagogue and community lecture on interesting topics.	The College of Jewish Studies provides opportunities for adult Jewish education. The program offers lectures in both the fall and spring on topics of contemporary or historical Jewish themes. The series are held at the JCC.	Adult education offerings include classes with Rabbi Brian Walt. Adult b'nai mitzvah and conversion classes are also offered as requested.		Adult activities include musical programs, films, talks, trips and Jewish cultural festivals and holiday programs. Adult classes and workshops have included dog training, cooking, crafts, defensive driving, social dancing, art exhibits, tap dancing, aquatics, physical fitness and individual fitness programs. Suggestions from members for additional programs are considered. Classes are subject to a minimum enrollment.		Chabad of Binghamton is an affiliate of the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute, the world's largest Jewish adult education network. JLI offers three university level courses each year, which run for six consecutive Monday evenings and six consecutive Wednesday mornings. For complete details on upcoming courses and registration, contact Chabad. Additionally, Chabad offers a full array of other classes, one-on-one tutorials, special lectures and programs, Shabbatonim and holiday celebrations and more open to the entire Jewish community.	The Temple Beth-El Adult Education Committee arranges several regular weekly classes, stimulating mini-courses during the academic year and guest lecturers and scholars-in-residence. The regular classes meet at various times during the week. Call the temple for details.	Adult Torah study meets bi-monthly on Saturday mornings at 9 am. Adult Lunch and Learn meets bi-monthly on Saturdays from noon-2 pm. Participants bring their own vegetarian lunch.	Adults have many opportunities to study together. Torah study, led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell, takes place at 9:15 am on Saturdays and is open to all. She also runs short-term seminars throughout the year on various topics.	Continuing adult education classes, including Mussar study, and programs begin this fall. Call the synagogue for details or visit www.templeisraelvestal.org. The congregation and its affiliates also sponsor social and fund-raising events, and monthly Adult Education lectures.

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