

Seen around the community...



L-r: Roz Antoun, director of Jewish Family Service, constructed boxes for the We Remember You project with Ellie, Mika and Zoe Friedman.



The cast of the February 28 Temple Concord Purim spiel.



The Camp JCC TLC's traveled to the Adirondacks to hike and raft down Ausable Chasm.



A watermelon eating contest was held at the Jewish Community Center's Early Childhood Center Family Field Day on August 6.



On April 29, Temple Israel's TIKA (Temple Israel Kidz Association) designed and painted a sign that will be in clear view of anyone driving or walking by I1 announcing the Deerfield Place Community Garden. L-r: Jacob Weinstein, Alex Stupple, Susannah Stupple (sign designer), Sonia Horowitz.



L-r (in back, facing camera): Susan Hubal, Merri Pell-Preus, Susan Gilinsky, Marie Werner, Marilyn Bell, Dora Polachek and Saba Wiesner attended Beth David Sisterhood's farewell dessert held in honor of Claire Ladenheim.



At right: First-grader Annabel Studley looked at the chanukiyah at Hillel Academy during Chanukah.



Members of the Friendship Club are shown with Myra Memis and masks used in Chinese opera. Memis spoke about the masks. Seated (l-r): Ada Brummer and Memis. Standing: Susan Herzog, Sylvia Diamond, Bruce Orden, Renee Fromer and Ann Brilliant.



Community members danced hakafof with the new Binghamton Legacy Torah as part of the celebration of its installation at the Chabad Center on September 17.



At right: First-grader Annabel Studley looked at the chanukiyah at Hillel Academy during Chanukah.



People enjoyed the brunch and catching up with friends before the Federation's Super Sunday on October 22 began.



On April 15, Hillel at Binghamton's Committee for Social Justice organized a community service event at Recreation Park in downtown Binghamton. L-r: Ori Karudo, Tamir Cohen, Hadar Arens, Jacob Jaffe, Israel Fellow Bar Darchi, Jessica Rubin, Emily Lahm and Hannah Bartell.



Students at the BU Zionist Organization's Shuk Shack, a cultural event that attracts more than 80 students and gives them a glimpse into Israel's cultural scene (l-r): Gabriel Shore, Arielle Terk, Shiraz Otani, Nadiya al-Noor, Gabi Zweig, Samantha Plotsker and Ben Gurvitch.

Binghamton University

Center for Israel Studies | Judaic Studies Department

Founded in 2016, the Center for Israel Studies offers courses, research opportunities, and programming for students and faculty. Binghamton University now offers a minor in Israel studies supported by the Center. Three core faculty offer courses in modern Israeli history, Hebrew and Israeli literature, and Israeli culture and society.

The Center directly funds undergraduate research during the academic year and through the summer through donor-supported grants and fellowships. A summer course at an archeological site in Akko extend the Center's offerings. The Center also hosts lectures and workshops throughout the academic year.

Community members are invited to participate in courses, and Center activities on campus and online through live-streaming of all events.

For more information about courses and programming, contact the director.

The Department of Judaic Studies offers a major and a minor in both Judaic studies and Hebrew studies, and minors in Israel studies and religious studies. The department collaborates with the College of Community and Public Affairs to offer all courses in Judaic studies and Israel studies. Students are encouraged to work as interns in local institutions through the department. Contact the department chair for information about courses and developing an internship.

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lectures and open forums featuring noted speakers and authorities in diverse fields of interest. On occasion, Chabad brings quality Jewish entertainment, artists and personalities to the area. Chabad Center is also the sponsor of the annual Pauline Piaker Memorial Lecture. Additionally, Chabad maintains a well-stocked, easy-to-use library of Jewish books, tapes and videos; the resource serves both the casual browser as well as the serious researcher. Chabad has a Jewish book shop and Judaica store, and can special-order any item from tefillin and tallit to tapes, CDs and toys with Jewish themes.

Chabad sponsors communitywide holiday celebrations such as dinners in the sukkah; a Chanukah Family Dinner; a Purim Feast that features ethnic food, live music and entertainment; and Passover seders. The Chabad Center staff provides counseling, referrals and pastoral advice, as well as guidance in religious matters and life cycle events. Chabad offers assistance with kashering kitchens, affixing kosher mezuzot and providing the necessary instruction and physical resources necessary to enhance Jewish observance.

The Women's League for Chabad offers special programming geared toward strengthening Jewish women's spirituality and education. It is the sponsor of the annual Salute to Jewish Womanhood and offers a local shalach manot service for the Purim holiday.

The Chabad Center administrated Barrett J. Raff Maasim Tovim Foundation volunteers visits sick patients in area hospitals each Friday before Shabbat. Residents in area nursing homes, as well as shut-ins, also enjoy Chabad-sponsored holiday programming before or on each Jewish holiday and regular visits. Individuals interested in joining this group, or having a friend or relative visited, should call the Chabad office.

Chabad Center publishes the Hakesher magazine, as well as the Jewish Art Calendar, both of which it sends free of charge to community members.

In sum, Chabad Center is many things to many people, but for all it is a warm, open and welcoming environment where Jewish education, enrichment and joy is the priority. For more information, to join the mailing list or to set

up an appointment to visit with the Chabad staff, call the office at 797-0015, fax to 797-0095, or e-mail aslonim@binghamton.edu. Don't forget to visit Chabad's websites at www.chabadofbinghamton.com or www.JewishBU.com.



The parade procession on the Binghamton University campus on September 17 as part of the celebration of the installation of the Binghamton Legacy Torah at the Chabad Center.



Community members danced hakafof with the new Torah with the new Binghamton Legacy Torah as part of the celebration of its installation at the Chabad Center on September 17.

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Rivky Slonim and some of "her girls" celebrated at the reception for graduating BU students at the Chabad Center held on May 16.



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



At left: The top tier student committee from Chabad, SAE fraternity and SDT sorority at BU posed with a display of some of the many toys collected for the annual Chanukah Toy Drive, which raised a record \$32,367.63.

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Hillel at Binghamton

Hillel at Binghamton, established in 2001, sponsors social, educational, religious and cultural programs for the nearly 4,000 Jewish students at Binghamton University. The office is located in the University Union on the second floor and the student lounge is located on the third floor. Hillel at Binghamton is served by a dedicated staff and group of student leaders, including Interim Executive Director Cantor Abbe Lyons and Student President Bradley Goldman (who succeeded Ilana Forchheimer), Senior Jewish Educator Rabbi Marley Weiner, OJLIC educator Tali Katz Weiss, Israel fellow Bar Darchi and JTS rabbinic intern Naomi Zaslow. The commitment and support of

the Hillel at Binghamton lay board – along with the Binghamton Jewish community, Binghamton alumni, parents, friends and other stakeholders – enables the staff and student leaders to create a pluralistic Jewish atmosphere that encompasses students from all backgrounds at Binghamton University. Hillel at Binghamton has just completed its 16th year of programming and is continuing to grow.

The true leaders of Hillel at Binghamton are the students. For the third year in a row, Hillel at Binghamton was recognized as Outstanding Student Organization of the Year by the Dean of Students Leadership Awards. Seven student leaders are elected



At left, l-r: Emily Lahm, Tamir Cohen and Jessica Rubin were among the Hillel at Binghamton students who worked to beautify Recreation Park in downtown Binghamton on April 15.

At right: On November 20, BU students had an opportunity to enjoy a variety of Israeli foods at Hillel at Binghamton's Aroma Café. L-r: Matthew Kreitman, Allison Abrams, Hannah Siegel and Malka Chu.



to the Executive Board and oversee nearly 90 more student leaders in more than 16 program areas. Hillel's hardworking students envision, plan and implement more than 200 programs each semester, ensuring a wide variety of options for Jewish students on campus. Hillel programs reach more than 2,000 different students throughout the year.

Among the highlights of the 2017-18 academic year were:

◆ Israel programming: In addition to two Birthright trips per year, Hillel offers many different Israel programs throughout the semester. Bearcats for Israel hosts several successful programs annually, such as Café Aroma, with hundreds of students enjoying Israeli cuisine and music, and the Leadership Reception, which brings together student leaders from 40 different student organiza-

tions. The annual Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's Independence Day) celebration brings in more than 1,500 students, faculty, administration and community members annually. Debut programs from this year included a discussion with screenwriter Assi Azar, Start-Up Nation Tech Fair, Israeli Scavenger Hunt, YemeNIGHT and Israeli Style Karaoke. Also new this year was the establishment of Mishelanu, which offered Café Ivrit and other programs organized by and for Israeli-American students and friends.

◆ Friday night Shabbat dinners: More than 150 students find themselves in the C4 Multipurpose Room each week in order to spend Shabbat together. They enjoy a traditional meal, words of inspiration and the time to celebrate with their friends. See "Hillel" on page 24A

Binghamton University Zionist Organization

The BU Zionist Organization is a pro-Israel, SA chartered, independently run student organization at Binghamton University. BUZO seeks to educate and promote the pro-Israel message on campus as well as the Zionist ideals on which the state of Israel was founded, specifically the fundamental belief of Jewish self-determination in the historic Jewish homeland.

student body about Israel and the current situation in the Middle East between Israel and her neighbors. Although BUZO is an apolitical organization, it serves as a platform for political discourse. Events include speakers, movie screenings, advocacy programs, dinner and learns, and fund-raisers.

BUZO works with a number of student and non-student organizations to create both educational and cultural events, which serve to enlighten and educate the

For more information and a schedule of upcoming events, e-mail buzo@binghamtonsa.org and "like" BUZO on Facebook at www.facebook.com/buzo1948/info and on Instagram at buzo1948.



Lahav Harkov, the chief Knesset reporter and analyst for The Jerusalem Post, spoke to students about Israel's diverse society and its parliament at a BU Zionist Organization program.



BUZO's Co-Presidents Gabriel Shore and Shiraz Otani ran Israel Peace Week on the Spine, an event to raise awareness about Israel's desire for peace in the Middle East.

At right: Ben Gurvitch (front, center) asked a question during a BU Zionist Organization talk by Lahav Harkov on the Israel Knesset in May.



MEOR Upstate

MEOR Upstate serves the students of Binghamton University, Cornell University and other area colleges. MEOR seeks to create a vibrant Jewish future led by a new generation who are literate in Jewish wisdom, culture and heritage; instilled with a personal identity that inspires commitment to Jewish values; and empowered and engaged in the Jewish community and support of Israel.

MEOR Upstate realizes that each person is unique and that true growth is an organic process. In that spirit, MEOR provides educational, religious and social programming to Jews of all backgrounds at Binghamton and Cornell universities, as well as other Southern Tier and Central New York colleges. Among MEOR's offerings are seminars, fellowships, study abroad programs, talks and other events that are open to the greater community, trips to Israel and regional/national trips.

MEOR's semester-long seminars – named after Maimonides, the Jewish scholar and author – combine interactive learning with social and religious programming, and cover key areas of Jewish thought and practice. The Maimonides Fellows program explores the fundamentals of Judaism and their application to the modern world. The Maimonides Scholars program offers more advanced Torah study; topics have included kosher fundamentals, talmudic ethics, Torah study and a women's class dedicated to the study of women's issues. The Maimonides

Mentors program of classes and hands-on workshops seeks to provide students with the skills considered essential to Jewish leadership, with one track focused on "Kosher Fundamentals" and a second on "Shabbat Fundamentals." All seminars are designed to accommodate even the busiest student's schedule. Interested students must apply for admission to the seminars. Participants receive a monetary stipend upon completion of each seminar, which are made possible by donations from American Jewish philanthropists. All costs associated with each seminar are assumed by MEOR Upstate; there are no out-of-pocket expenses for student participants.

MEOR's Rabbi Chaim Harkavy, his wife Adina and their nine children welcome BU students to their home with homemade meals and religious services in celebration of Shabbat and holidays, and treat guests like family. Throughout the academic year MEOR celebrates Shabbat from Friday sunset through Saturday night at the Maimonides House, located at 401 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal – right next to Binghamton University. Depending on how the Jewish calendar coincides with the BU academic calendar, the following holidays may be celebrated at the Maimonides House: Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Chanukah, Purim, Passover, Lag B'Omer and Shavuot.

MEOR Upstate offers an array of travel opportunities to current students and alumni. See "MEOR" on page 32A

Area Universities

Cornell University Hillel: The Yudowitz Center for Jewish Campus Life

Cornell University Hillel: The Yudowitz Center for Jewish Campus Life is the gateway for Cornell University's 3,500 Jewish students to get involved in a wide variety of cultural, social, educational, political and religious activities on campus. As one of the largest and most dynamic Jewish campus communities in North America, Cornell Hillel provides positive and meaningful Jewish experiences that are relevant to the lives of Jewish undergraduate and graduate students. This is done through a broad coalition of 30 different Jewish student groups,

planning more than 1,000 programs a year, that are constantly developing as the needs of the students grow and change. Whether it's Israeli politics and advocacy, environmental activism, Latin-Israeli dancing, a capella singing, traditional learning, or religious services, there is truly something for everyone.

Cornell Hillel is dedicated to training and nurturing its students to become future leaders and members of the American Jewish community, empowering them to See "Cornell" on page 28A



Student leaders at Shabbat 1000.

The Center for Jewish Living at Cornell

The Center for Jewish Living at Cornell, covering one square acre, includes Jewish traditional housing for men and women students, a 250-seat dining hall (104 West!), also known as the Kosher Dining Hall) and a synagogue open 24/7 for prayer and meditation. The chapel is adorned with stained glass windows with verses from Kohelet. Cornell Dining manages

the Kosher Dining Hall and meals are on the Cornell dining plan. Walk-in visitors are welcomed on a credit card basis. The beautifully appointed facility provides two kosher meals daily during the academic year, as well as traditional Friday night and holiday meals. The Orthodox Union certifies the *kashrut* of all meals under the supervision of a resident *mashgiach*.

CJL provides housing for about 30 students each semester. Students at CJL hold three prayer services a day, have peer-learning groups, bring in speakers and hold other Jewish-oriented programs during the year. CJL has a Jewish Learning Center, which houses an extensive library and classes on Jewish topics and issues. CJL has a rabbi-in-residence, who also reaches out to the

greater Cornell campus community. Jews of all backgrounds and levels of observance are welcome. Jewish festivals are especially emphasized, with meticulous attention afforded to students and guests. There is no charge for attendance at any service.

For more information, contact The Center for Jewish Living at 272-5810 for dining information call 272-6907.

Jewish Studies Program at Cornell

The Cornell University Jewish Studies Program was founded in 1973 on the conviction that understanding the impact and richness of Jewish culture requires training in the languages, literature, and history of the Jewish people, as these developed across the globe and over thousands of years. Jewish studies course offerings cover Jewish civilization from its ancient Near Eastern origins through its contemporary history. It is an interdisciplinary program, the interests of which are diverse and cross-cultural. The program brings together faculty from an array of departments, including Near Eastern Studies, History, Anthropology, German Studies, Comparative Literature, Government and Linguistics.



At left: Jonathan Boyarin, Paul and Bertha Hendrix Director of Jewish Studies and Diann G. and Thomas A. Mann Professor of Modern Jewish Studies

The Jewish Studies Program offers a minor, and provides instruction and specialization in the fields of Semitic languages; the Hebrew Bible; medieval and modern Hebrew literature and film; ancient, medi-

eval and modern Jewish history; Holocaust studies; Jewish ethnography; and Yiddish culture.

Events and lectures throughout the academic year, sponsored by the Jewish Studies Program, serve to explore the depth and breadth of Jewish experience, and also allow partnerships with a broad range of other programs and departments, ranging from the university library to the Near Eastern

Studies Department, the American Indian Program, the Department of Performing and Media Arts, the Institute for German Cultural Studies, the Africana Center, and the Department of City and Regional Planning.

The Jewish Studies Program's public programs are aimed at the general community, as well as a more specialized academic audience. Interested area residents are invited to contact the Jewish Studies Program, to follow it on Facebook at www.facebook.com/JWSTCornell and to join its e-mail list to receive updates about upcoming events and developments in the program. Subscribe to the e-mail list by sending an e-mail message to jwst-l-announcements-request@cornell.edu. The subject of the message should be the single word "join" and the body of the message should be left blank. For more information on the Cornell University Jewish Studies Program, write to jewishstudies@cornell.edu.

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Roitman Chabad Center at Cornell

The Roitman Chabad Center at Cornell University offers a warm and welcoming Jewish environment to all Jewish people in the Greater Ithaca area. Chabad caters to students, community members and visitors. The center, located at 102 Willard Way, Ithaca, provides open and lively Shabbat meals on both Friday night and Saturday for lunch, as well as a traditional service on Friday night and Saturday morning. All Jewish holidays are celebrated at Chabad and open to the public.

There are classes on a variety of topics

offered by Chabad, including Jewish mysticism, the weekly Torah portion, Jewish law and much more. The staff at Chabad are also available for one-on-one learning sessions on any topic.

In addition to events and classes, Chabad provides for all practical Jewish needs – *mezuzahs*, kashering a home, birth of a child, bar and bat mitzvah preparation, marriage, *mikvah* usage and assistance upon the passing of a relative, among others.

Contact Chabad for all of your Jewish needs and RSVP for events via the website at www.chabadcornell.com.

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Hillel at Ithaca College

Hillel's mission is to enrich the lives of Jewish students so that they may enrich the Jewish people and the world. Hillel at Ithaca College, part of the Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, provides the infrastructure for incoming and

current students on campus to develop leadership skills, and become social entrepreneurs and change agents who can help build a meaningful, socially aware student life at Ithaca College.

With more than 100 student programs and initiatives on campus, free and open to all members of Ithaca College community, Hillel prides itself as a partner with the college in building a diverse and inclusive community on campus. Hillel offers a spectrum of initiatives, ranging from holiday celebrations and religious observance, to social, cultural, fund-raising and educational opportunities in various fields of interest to Jewish students and to the general student population.

Hillel co-sponsors programs with various college departments and student organizations. Hillel is committed to offering leadership and professional development to students on campus. Through volunteer board positions, paid internships and other leadership opportunities, Hillel supports a cohort of socially aware student leaders that are shaping the Ithaca College community.

Hillel at Ithaca College is grateful to the ongoing support it receives from Ithaca College. Hillel looks forward to building partnerships with key stakeholders among students, faculty, staff and the larger Ithaca college community, and fulfilling its mission of enriching the lives of Jewish undergraduate and graduate students so that they may enrich the Jewish people and the world.

Hillel at SUNY College at Oneonta

Hillel at SUNY College at Oneonta promotes Jewish identity and culture on campus and in the larger community. Chapter programming emphasizes five areas: supporting ethnic culture and scholarship, providing opportunities for observance of the Jewish religion, engaging in service and philanthropy, sponsoring social activities and developing Jewish leaders. Hillel membership is open to undergraduates who are interested in sharing Jewish heritage. The SUNY Oneonta Hillel chapter is still growing and is devoted to

the continued creation of new programs that capture the interest of all interested students. Throughout the past year, members have also put on programs dealing with various Jewish holidays and have opened them up to the entire community in Oneonta. Hillel members believe educating others about Jewish traditions in order to promote diversity.

Further information on Hillel can be found at connect.oneonta.edu/organization/hillel, or by e-mailing oneonta-hillel@gmail.com.

Chabad of Oneonta

Chabad of Oneonta is a "home away from home" for Jewish students at SUNY Oneonta and Hartwick College. Rabbi Meir and Fraidy Rubashkin, Chabad of Oneonta's staff, strive to create meaningful relationships with a broad spectrum of students. Chabad is always open and welcome to any student of any affiliation, background or level of observance.

Each Friday night, Chabad celebrates students' birthdays of that week and presents each student who is marking their birthday with a home-baked cake (students are sent a birthday card that week to let them know there is a cake waiting for them).

Through its diverse programming, Chabad offers everything from weekly Shabbat dinners to engaging Jewish educational opportunities. Chabad strives to reach every Jewish student and to inspire a positive connection to Judaism and Israel through a non-judgmental, friendly environment.

Chabad also offers the Chicken Soup Express, when notified, for students who are feeling under the weather or who just need a small "pick me up." Chabad will deliver home-made chicken soup and cheer right to a student's room.

Chabad of Oneonta is located at 71 Chestnut St., Oneonta. Visit www.chabadoneonta.com, e-mail rabbi@chabadoneonta.com or call 845-204-7436 for further information.

SUNY Cortland Hillel

SUNY Cortland Hillel is a vibrant club that has grown substantially over the past few years due to its strong, diverse peer leadership. The club meets every Tuesday, usually at 8 pm, in the Voice Office in the Corey Union Building. Each week, there is a new activity or topic of discussion, such as yoga and "Kabbalah," Jewish views on relationships, student bar/bat mitzvah ceremony and celebration, game and dance nights, holiday parties, Holocaust and 9/11 memorials, a student-led Passover seder and more. It has been active in promoting Birthright for interested students.

Temple Brith Sholom, where students are afforded an opportunity to participate in, as well as conduct, a creative service for the High Holidays and for the Sabbath of Parents Weekend.

There is a Chabad House adjacent to campus, where students are welcomed for Friday night Shabbat dinners, holiday celebrations, traditional kosher food and activities. Hillel also participates in inter-club events, charitable fund-raising activities, and trips to nearby campuses and to places such as the Holocaust Museum and Broadway theater shows.

The club welcomes students from all backgrounds who would like to have fun, socialize, engage in civic activities and identify with and learn about Judaism. For more information on Jewish life on campus, contact student President Cami Scher at cami.scher@cortland.edu, or faculty advisor Nance Wilson at nance.wilson@cortland.edu or 753-4375.

Hillel maintains a membership in the local synagogue,

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L-r: Sandra Paston, Sima Auerbach and Fern Sternberg at the Intersisterhood event on May 2 at Beth David Synagogue.

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Themed *Shabbatot* – such as Israel Shabbat and Interfaith Shabbat (a collaboration with the Muslim Student Association) – bring even more students from every walk of life together to experience and celebrate Shabbat, and learn about what unites all Jews. Downtown Shabbat had a second successful year providing monthly Shabbat dinners through the partnership between OU-JLIC and Beth David Synagogue.

◆ Religious life on campus: The Orthodox Union and Hillel continued to partner in the Jewish Learning Initiative (or OU-JLIC) program, maintaining the *eruv* throughout campus and the neighboring community, and weekly learning opportunities, guest speakers, Shabbat programming and support. Conservative students were supported by the Slika fellowship, bringing Jewish Theological Seminary rabbinic students Jeremy Fineberg and Naomi Zaslow on a monthly basis. Reform Jews of Hillel worked closely with Senior Jewish Educator Rabbi Marley Weiner to create their own custom Shabbat siddur.

◆ Social justice: Making the world a better place is an important value to Hillel's students, as seen through both charity and actively volunteering. Hillel's Committee for Social Justice promotes awareness and volunteerism, and fund-raises for philanthropic endeavors. Hillel at Binghamton's Challah for Hunger chapter continues to be called one of the best in the country, and has baked and sold more than 2,500 challahs. Each week, volunteers bake and sell hundreds of loaves of kosher challah at several locations on campus, and 100 percent of sales are donated, half to Mazon and half to local organizations that provide food to the hungry.

◆ Arts and culture: The arts also remain a pillar of Hillel's programming. Kaskeset, Hillel's *a cappella* group, has become regionally well-known and is often invited to synagogues and Hebrew schools for performances. Jewish *a cappella* competitions give the students a chance to show how hard they have worked.

◆ Social programming: Hillel's annual student-led Fresh-Fest program allows new students to get to know other Jewish freshmen through a day-long retreat filled with fun and learning about the Jewish community on campus. Upperclassmen also create programming for first-year students to help them adjust to campus and to develop the next generation of Hillel leaders. Hillel also has regular social programming, including an opening weekend, welcome back barbecue and a formal. The students of Hillel also screened movies related to Holocaust education, sponsored bagel brunches to learn about sexuality and gender in Judaism, enjoyed "Torah on Tap" for graduating seniors, and held ice cream socials.

All Hillel at Binghamton events are open to the community. Those interested can reach the Hillel at Binghamton office by calling 777-3424 or e-mailing hillel@binghamton.edu. Visit Hillel's website, www.hillelatbinghamton.org, to learn more.



On October 22, OU-JLIC, in partnership with Hillel at Binghamton, held the first segment of the series "Super Interesting People with Super Interesting Stories." The first segment featured Binghamton University President Harvey Stenger (standing).

Jewish Holiday Calendar

HOLIDAY	2018-19 • 5779	2019-20 • 5780
Rosh Hashanah - the Jewish New Year; a time of introspection and reflection.	Monday-Tuesday, September 10-11	Monday-Tuesday, September 30-October 1
Yom Kippur - the Day of Atonement.	Wednesday, September 19	Wednesday, October 9
Sukkot - eight-day festival celebrating the harvest season, the last two days of which are Hoshanah Rabbah and Shemini Atzeret.	Monday-Sunday, September 24-30	Monday-Sunday, October 14-20
Shemini Atzeret - marks the end of the Sukkot festival.	Monday, October 1	Monday, October 21
Simchat Torah - immediately follows the festival of Sukkot. Celebrating the ending of the cycle of Torah (Five Books of Moses) readings and the immediate beginning of the cycle anew.	Tuesday, October 2	Tuesday, October 22
Chanukah - an eight-day celebration of religious freedom; commemorates the Jewish victory over Syrian rule.	Monday-Monday, December 3-10	Monday-Monday, December 23-30
Tu B'Shevat - the new year for trees.	Monday, January 21	Monday, February 10
Purim - a celebration of the story in the Book of Esther; a festive celebration of the survival of the Jewish people in the face of antisemitism.	Thursday, March 21	Tuesday, March 10
Passover - an eight-day festival commemorating the Exodus of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery.	Saturday-Saturday, April 20-27	Thursday-Thursday, April 9-16
Yom Hashoah - commemoration of the Holocaust.	Thursday, May 2	Tuesday, April 21
Yom Ha'atzmaut - observance of Israel's Independence Day.	Thursday, May 9	Wednesday, April 29
Lag B'Omer - The 33 rd day of the Omer, the period between Passover and Shavuot. It is a day of rejoicing within S'ifira, a communal mourning period.	Thursday, May 23	Tuesday, May 12
Yom Yerushalayim - marks the reunification of Jerusalem in the Six Day War.	Sunday, June 2	Friday, May 22
Shavuot - commemorates the revelation at Mount Sinai when the Jews received the Torah.	Sunday-Monday, June 9-10	Friday-Saturday, May 29-30
Shiva'a Asar B'Tammuz - a fast day, three weeks before Tisha B'Av, marking the first breach of Jerusalem's walls	Sunday, July 21	Thursday, July 9
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Students celebrated at Cornell University's annual Big Red Bar Mitzvah.



L-r: Ali Pomukhynsky, Mikenna Nolan and James Cruise performed in the Camp JCC play, "3060 Rock Opera," on August 21.

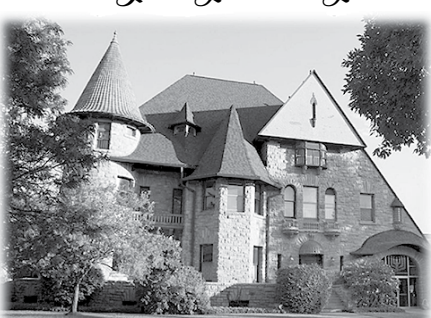


At the "trial" during a Hillel Academy field trip for grades three-five to the court house in Binghamton. L-r: Mika Friedman, Sarah Goldin, Mendel Chen, Max Titus, Rabbi Shmaryahu, Sarah Thomas, Isaac Sambursky, Mendel Slonim, Aron Sambursky, Berke Chen, Shira Green and Ezra Weiss.



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Cornell University students celebrated Shabbat 1000, a university-wide Shabbat dinner, in a tent on the Arts Quad, the center of campus. L-r: Sloane Applebaum, Rachel Marderstein, Andrew Young and Margil Quijano.



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Seen around the community...



Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell lit the first candle of Chanukah with students and teachers at the Temple Concord-Temple Israel Hebrew School. Standing behind the students are (l-r) Religious School Director Orly Shoer and teacher Karen Hammer.



Students from the Temple Concord-Temple Israel Hebrew School gathered around the Hanukkah House dreidel during the first night of Chanukah on December 12.



The Chai Notes, Cornell University's only Jewish cappella group.



L-r: Barbara Zelter, Beverly Rozen and Dora Polachek at the InterSisterhood event on May 2 at Beth David Synagogue.



People enjoyed the brunch before the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's Super Sunday started on October 22.



L-r: Sima Auerbach, Janet Levine and Lynne Green enjoyed the opportunity to socialize and nosh prior to the Temple Israel Sisterhood Paid-Up Dessert program on September 12. (Photo by Beverly Rozen)

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The Tzedakah Quilt Group was formed in 2014. Its members have already made and contributed many quilts, thanks to a donation from the Victor and Esther Rozen Foundation. Quilts are distributed to hospitals, cancer centers, neo-natal units, the V.A. and shelters by the Caring Quilters Project. Those interested in joining the group should call Sandra Paston at 217-4038.

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Temple Israel is hosting the first Vestal sited community

garden though VINES (Volunteers Improving Neighborhood Environments). The Deerfield Place Community Garden is experiencing its first growing season this summer. Raised 3x10 beds are available for an annual rental fee. Call the temple office for more information.

Temple Israel welcomes volunteers for any of the aforementioned committees. For more information and updated calendars, visit the temple's website, templeisraelvestal.org.



Temple Israel Sisterhood members made dreidels for the Chanukah centerpieces that were used at the Shabbat Chanukah Family Dinner held on December 15. L-r: Arlene Osber, Beverly Rozen, Bobbi Markowitz, Maxine Rosenberg and Sandy Paston.



Temple Israel participated in a nationwide program that is sponsored each November through December by NJOP. Known as "Read Hebrew America," the program allows adults to achieve the skill of reading Hebrew within a span of six weeks. The class at Temple Israel, taught by Susan Kasper (standing), held its first session on November 8.



Temple Israel Sisterhood participants helped themselves to a buffet of sweets at the Paid-Up Dessert event held at Temple Israel on September 12. At the table (l-r): Sylvia Horowitz, Debra Martinez, Suzanne Krause and Joyce Sambursky. (Photo by Beverly Rozen)



The Temple Israel Band performed at Rabbi Geoffrey Brown's installation on August 27. L-r: Blake McCabe, Sophia Klin, Steve Gilbert, Rochelle Goldberg and Brown.

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Birth

When a child is born, parents choose a name, which is inscribed on the birth certificate. A Hebrew name also is chosen but is not given officially until the *brit milah* or *simchat bat*.

In Jewish families of European origin (Ashkenazic), a child usually is named after a deceased relative. In families of Mediterranean origin (Sephardic), a child usually is named after a living relative the parents wish to honor.

Brit Milah

Circumcision, or *brit milah*, is performed to symbolize the covenant between God and Israel. A healthy baby boy is circumcised on the eighth day of life. The ceremony includes giving the child his Hebrew name. Traditionally, circumcision is done by a *mohel* (a person ritually trained to perform circumcisions).

Beth David suggests that people call the rabbis to arrange the *brit milah*, including arranging for a *mohel* to perform the circumcision.

Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell of Temple Concord works in coordination with local physicians for *brit milah* ceremonies.

Rabbi Molly Karp of Temple Beth El of Oneonta coordinates the *brit milah* for the congregation.

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca and Temple Israel refer people to a certified *mohel*.

Congregation Tikkun v'Or can arrange for a *brit milah* or alternative Jewish ceremonies (with or without circumcision) to welcome baby boys into the Jewish community.

Simchat Bat

The birth of a baby girl traditionally is marked in the synagogue, when her father or parents are called to the Torah on the Sabbath to give the newborn girl her Hebrew name. There are also baby-naming ceremonies available to be used at home or in a synagogue.

Beth David can arrange a *simchat bat* ceremony in the synagogue or in the home, as can Congregation Tikkun v'Or and Temple Beth-El of Ithaca.

Temple Concord encourages a *simchat bat* ceremony, in the temple, for naming a girl.

Temple Israel will arrange a *simchat bat* ceremony according to the Sephardic ritual, in the home, or according to the Ashkenazic ritual, in the synagogue.

Rabbi Molly Karp of Temple Beth El of Oneonta coordinates the *Ssimchat bat* ceremony for the congregation.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah

From *simchat bat*, before you know it, it is time to plan for the bat mitzvah (for a girl) or bar mitzvah (for a boy). From the time a Jewish child enters religious school, he can be said to be preparing for this master recital. Boys and in many cases today girls reach this milestone at age 13. In Orthodox and some other synagogues, a girl becomes bat mitzvah at age 12. While the core of a bar mitzvah is to be called up to the Torah for an *aliyah* (which entails learning only two relatively short blessings), traditionally the bar mitzvah chants the *haftarah*. He may also read the Torah portion, lead part of the service and give a short speech on the Torah portion, demonstrating his ability to be counted as a member of the congregation. In most Reform and Conservative synagogues, the bat mitzvah ceremony is identical to that of the bar mitzvah. In Orthodox synagogues the ceremony varies.

"Today, I am a man," the old cliché bar mitzvah speech begins and, in a religious sense, it is accurate. A bar mitzvah marks a religious coming of age. A bar or bat mitzvah is now religiously responsible for their actions and can participate in most religious functions as an adult.

And then, after this serious demonstration, there is the party. It can range from an elegant luncheon for the congregation immediately following the service, to a full-blast catered affair on Saturday night. Aside from the ritual blessings associated with any meal, there are no rituals required here, just fun – and a sense of relief on the part of the bar/bat mitzvah.

At Beth David Synagogue, the traditional bar mitzvah ceremony can be held on Shabbat or another day that the Torah is read. The bat mitzvah is expected to give an in-depth talk to the congregation demonstrating serious learning of some aspect of Judaism. The bat mitzvah may also lead some religious ceremonies such as *Havdalah*. Each ceremony is individually planned with the participation of the parents and rabbi.

Temple Israel has a bar/bat mitzvah guide available for parents. The guide covers the history of the ceremony, the honors given out in the synagogue, making party

arrangements, etc. Temple Beth El of Oneonta has a bar and bat mitzvah program, which Rabbi Molly Karp conducts.

Temple Concord has a bar/bat mitzvah guide available for parents. In addition to leading worship services and reading from the Torah, *b'nai* mitzvah students are required to do a mitzvah project.

Congregation Tikkun v'Or offers education and *b'nai* mitzvah preparation as part of the religious school program. Adult *b'nai* mitzvah programs are offered when requested.

Kol Haverim offers a non-traditional, humanistic *b'nai* mitzvah program for 13-year-olds.

To make bar/bat mitzvah arrangements, call any of the synagogues to get particulars on what they require.

Confirmation

For Reform and some Conservative Jews, the confirmation year, 10th or 11th grade, represents a special time of celebration and commitment. Typically, the year includes study and meetings with the rabbi, culminating in a special service, often held during Shavuot since that holiday commemorates the receiving of the Torah by the Jewish people.

The confirmation class at Temple Concord is for 10th-graders. It follows two years of study in eighth and ninth grade in the Kollel program. The curriculum of the class includes Jewish texts that help the students find ways to make Judaism relevant in their own personal lives. A creative confirmation worship service is held on Shavuot.

Mikvah

Mikvah is a ritual bath of water used for spiritual purification. For many Jews, married life involves laws of *taharat hamishpachah* (family purity), after menstruation.

The *mikvah* is also used today by some brides and grooms before their wedding, for purification before the High Holy Days and to renew or establish a deep commitment to Judaism.

Converts to Judaism traditionally go to the *mikvah* as part of the birth of a new Jewish soul. New cooking utensils and dishes are taken to the mikvah before they are used in a Jewish home.

A *mikvah* is located at Beth David Synagogue in Binghamton. It is modern, beautiful, filtered and heated. Persons wishing to use it must schedule their visit in advance by See "Life" on page 31A

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calling Susan Wright at 772-8576. Temple Israel has access to the *mikvah* at Beth David Synagogue in Binghamton.

Rabbi Goldman-Wartell of Temple Concord will work with interested people to use the *mikvah* in meaningful ways to mark important moments and milestones in their lives.

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca has a beautiful *mikvah*, which is adorned with Jerusalem stone. Those interested in using the *mikvah* should contact the temple office at 273-5775 for details.

Arrangements to immerse in the *mikvah* for any reason may be made through Rabbi Molly Karp of Temple Beth El of Oneonta.

for adults when requested.

Illness

Kosher meals are available upon request at all of the local hospitals. With some advance notice they can also often be arranged to meet dietary restrictions.

Each of the hospitals in Broome County has an electric candelabrum, donated by Beth David Sisterhood, to be used in place of candles for Shabbat and holidays.

Many of the synagogues arrange visits to the sick or otherwise remember them.

Beth David Synagogue has a Sisterhood committee that regularly visits people in the hospital. The rabbi visits patients in the hospital upon request.

Temple Israel's Caring Community assists individuals and families with a variety of needs and problems.

Temple Concord includes prayers for those who are ill in all worship services. The Caring Community arranges for visitors at home during long-term illnesses. Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell also visits people in the hospital.

Rabbi Molly Karp of Temple Beth El of Oneonta pays as-needed visits to hospitals and nursing homes.

Rabbi Scott Glass, of Temple Beth-El of Ithaca, visits the sick on a regular basis.

Congregation Tikkun v'Or's Caring Committee can make arrangements for meals, transportation, child care, home visits and any other requests for the ill or their families.



Conversion

Conversion to Judaism is a path that requires both personal commitment and an extended period of study. Most rabbis are available to counsel and/or teach potential converts.

All of the synagogues in town refer someone interested in conversion to Judaism to their rabbi for a private course of study.

The rabbi of Beth David Synagogue asks that anyone interested in conversion contact him to discuss each case individually.

Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell and Temple Concord welcome those who would like to pursue the possibility of becoming a Jew-by-Choice. The following are part of the process of preparing for conversion:

"Introduction to Judaism" course, attending services, involvement in holiday celebrations and meetings with the rabbi.

Call Rabbi Geoffrey Brown at Temple Israel to discuss interest in conversion.

Those interested in conversion to Judaism should consult with Rabbi Molly Karp of Temple Beth El of Oneonta to discuss this and other milestones.

Rabbi Scott Glass, of Temple Beth-El of Ithaca, requests that individuals speak with him personally.

Congregation Tikkun v'Or offers a conversion program

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Temple Beth-El of Ithaca owns two sections in the City of Ithaca Cemetery. All gravesites in both of these sections have been sold. The temple also owns two sections in the Lake View Cemetery. One of the sections is also completely sold out, but the other section still has approximately 100 gravesites available. All gravesites are restricted to use by temple members.

Temple Beth El of Oneonta owns and operates a Jewish cemetery. Call Steven Feuer, chairman of the cemetery

committee, at 432-0108 for information.

There is a Jewish cemetery in Waverly, NY, located on Elm Street. For more information, contact Maynard Miran at 857-7991.

A number of synagogues have committees which try to help their member families, in mourning, with food and other services. The Temple Israel Mitzvah Committee prepares a meal of consolation after the funeral and can be contacted through Marcia Hofstein at 785-6863. Temple Concord has a Caring Community Committee that attends to the needs of the family and prepares the meal of consolation. Beth David Sisterhood has a committee to prepare the meal for the family after the funeral.

Congregation Tikun v'Or's Bereavement Support Committee helps congregants with issues surrounding death and dying, including offering information on Jewish ritual and local resources. Committee members are available to assist families when a loved is dying or has just died, and are also a resource for those who want to discuss or learn more about Jewish practices for death and mourning. The committee can be reached at BereavementSupport@tikunvor.org.

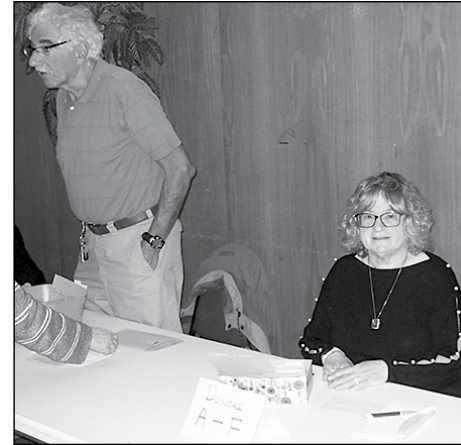
Seen around the community...



Students from Hillel Academy recited the blessing over the Hanukkah candles during the Jewish Community Center's community Hanukkah Party on December 13. Holding the candle is Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu, head of the school's Judaic studies.



L-r: Jewish Community Center Maintenance Coordinator Jamie McLennan and Facilities Manager Jamie VanAbs joined in the Purim fun by dressing as the Cowardly Lion and the Tin Man. VanAbs' dog Tikki stood in for Dorothy's dog Toto.



Tables were set up so people could make their 2018 pledges at the Federation's Super Sunday on October 22. L-r: Neisen Luks and Campaign Co-chairwoman Barbara Greenberg.

MEOR.....

Most trips are either in Israel or North America, though occasionally trips to Poland and other destinations appear. Many of the trips are subsidized and are open to young adults regardless of their involvement in MEOR Upstate. MEOR Upstate staff are available to answer any questions students or their parents may have. Trips to Israel include the free 10-day Birthright for Jewish young adults ages of 18-26, in partnership with Israel Free Spirit; MEOR Israel, a two-three week co-educational program based in Jerusalem that combines Torah study, touring throughout Israel, religious experiences and free-time; and MEOR Vision, a two-three week program based in Jerusalem, with separate men's and women's tracks, that incorporates more advanced Torah study, leadership development and limited touring.

MEOR Upstate facilitates opportunities for students to explore Judaism in the outdoors. The programs include outdoor activities and relaxation time, as well as classes taught by world-class educators. Heritage Retreats runs a men's session and a women's session during both the winter and summer in various locations out West. Sinai Retreats runs three men's sessions and a women's session throughout the summer in the Adirondack Mountains, only a few miles from Lake George, NY.

MEOR Upstate also offers students the opportunity to

study and grow at Jewish institutions both in America and Israel. All of the institutions cater to students regardless of their Jewish educational background, with four-six week programs during the winter and summer recesses, as well as semester and year-long programs for recent graduates or students looking to spend a semester or year studying abroad. MEOR runs two such institutions for young men in Jerusalem: Machon Shlomo and Machon Yaakov. MEOR has also partnered with three Jerusalem seminaries in order to provide comparable opportunities for young women: Neve Yerushalayim, Midrasha Rachel and Shearim. Other institutions include Aish HaTorah, Darchei Noam and Ohr Somayach (both in Israel and America).

Additionally, MEOR Upstate offers internships in an array of fields, both in America and Israel, in partnership with the following programs:

◆ The J-Internship in Jerusalem, Israel, with internships in almost every field of interest and a customized program that incorporates Torah study at top institutions, as well as opportunities to tour Israel's sites, exploring Jewish heritage and enjoying contemporary Israeli society. The program can last anywhere from a few weeks to a few months, depending on a student's schedule. You may be eligible for grants. To be considered for the program you must be

recommended by MEOR Upstate, so contact MEOR if you're interested.

◆ The Lakewood Fellowship offers young men a choice of two internship tracks each summer in finance and medicine. The programs are offered in combination with the Lakewood Fellowship, a one-week Torah study opportunity at America's largest institute of Jewish learning in Lakewood, NJ.

◆ PERI (Peer Educator Research Internship) allows students to enjoy an all-expense-paid internship in Jerusalem, Israel, during the winter and summer recess. The aim of the internship is to enrich the students' campus Jewish community by enabling them to share Torah wisdom with their peers. Interns are eligible for stipends.

◆ Sinai on the Hill places students interested in politics or social activism in a congressional internship in Washington, DC. The unpaid internship is combined with a session at Sinai Retreats in the Adirondacks.

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Seen around the community...



Israeli Scouts visited Camp JCC on July 27 and participated in a variety of activities with the campers.



L-r: Lynne Green and Zina Loffe had fun baking challah at the Temple Israel Challah Bake on January 19.



Temple Concord Sisterhood held a pasta making class on January 21 at Phantom Chef Catering. At the end of the class, attendees had an opportunity to taste the pasta and ravioli they made.



The Intersisterhood event took place on May 2 at Beth David Synagogue. The event featured a fashion show with clothes from Vintageness and commentary by Vintageness owner Inessa Raytenberg (in front with flowers). Modeling the clothes were Sisterhood members from the three local synagogues.



L-r: Jeff Strosberg; Paulina Weinreich, the leader of the 3G group at Hillel at Binghamton; Alan Gutman; Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell; and Sima Auerbach, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, attended the Yom Hashoah ceremony at Binghamton University on April 11.



Beth David Sisterhood's January meeting program on genealogy was held at the George F. Johnson Memorial Library in Endicott.



The Federation Singing Band led the crowd in singing Jewish songs at the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's Super Sunday on October 22. L-r: Steven Gilbert, Shari Neuberger and Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu.



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7	7:09 pm	1	*after 7:27 pm	2	5:38 pm	7	4:13 pm	4	4:27 pm	1	5 pm
9	*7:05 pm	5	6:20 pm	9	4:30 pm	14	4:14 pm	11	4:34 pm	8	5:09 pm
10	*after 8:03 pm	12	6:08 pm	16	4:23 pm	21	4:17 pm	18	4:42 pm	15	5:18 pm
14	6:56 pm	19	5:57 pm	23	4:18 pm	28	4:21 pm	25	4:51 pm	22	5:26 pm
18	*6:49 pm	26	5:47 pm	30	4:15 pm						
21	6:44 pm										
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8	5:43 pm	12	7:23 pm	10	7:54 pm	8	*after 9:19 pm	12	8:21 pm	13	6:59 pm
15	6:51 pm	19	*7:31 pm	17	8:01 pm	9	*after 9:20 pm	19	8:17 pm	20	6:46 pm
22	6:59 pm	20	*after 8:32 pm	24	8:08 pm	14	8:22 pm	26	8:11 pm	27	6:34 pm
29	7:07 pm	25	*7:37 pm	31	8:14 pm	21	8:25 pm			29	*6:31 pm
		26	*before 7:38 pm			28	8:25 pm			30	*after 7:29 pm

Seen around the community...



On November 14, Temple Israel Sisterhood held an open program meeting at which many of the members got together for a brainstorming session and explored creative ideas for future activities. Seated (l-r): Wendy Wolff, Lynne Green, Moira Shirvan, Harriet Horowitz, Beverly Rozen and Lois Levitt. Standing: Nellie Roth, Julie Piaker, Barbara Gilbert, Marcia Hofstein, Barbara Zelter, Maxine Rosenberg, Ann Spitz, Bobbi Markowitz and Arlene Osber.



L-r: Neil Auerbach and Jeff Shapiro volunteered at the JCC's community Hanukkah celebration on December 13.



On November 20, Hillel at Binghamton recreated Israel's Aroma Café. The event brought nearly 400 students together to celebrate Israel, hang out with friends and enjoy refreshments. Top (l-r): Hillel President Ilana Forchheimer and Elan Marlowe. Middle: Julia Lustig and Ariela Orgel. Bottom: Aroma Co-chairmen Hannah Bartell, Max Mandel and Shai Katz.



Sumayah Brown enjoyed sledding on the JCC's hill with Kids Connection on January 17.



Rabbi Rachel Esserman (standing at right) spoke about three books during her annual Temple Concord Sisterhood book review on January 28.



Nicole Odinsky showed what peace means to her at the BU Zionist Organization's table during Israel Peace Week in April.



L-r: Binghamton University graduates Jessica Hill, Mariah Stein and Rachel Spiro lit Shabbat candles at Chabad's Good Bye Shabbaton on May 11.



JFEW Binghamton Scholars Program from Binghamton University ran the PJ Library Sunday Funday event for the Federation on April 22. Sitting (l-r): Samantha Herlands, Leora Schwadron, Hailey Zion and Raya Skopiecki. Standing: Julia Anderson, Katrina Weiner, Michelle Zharkov, Madeline Propis, Mara Licciardi, Alex Rizopoulos, Isabella Weiner, Lena Feler and Mariel Grosshtern.



Members of Beth David Sisterhood and guests attended the opening meeting on September 13. Front row (l-r): Sylvia Diamond, Kathy Shelly, Toby Kohn and Harold Kohn, Second Row: Marlene Serkin, Merri Pell-Preus, Rhonda Levine, Susan Hubal, Marcy Yonaty, Lillian Sommer, Miriam Alweis and Judy Silber. Back row: Rita Shawn, Aaron Alweis (who gave a talk about Rashi at the meeting) and Dick Lewis. (Photo by Nancy Basmann)

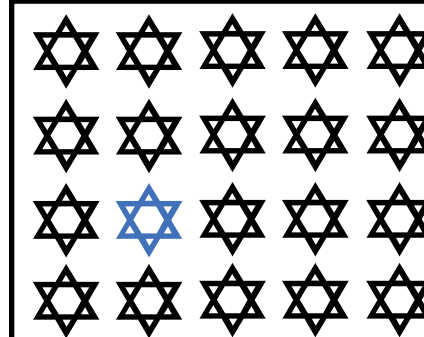
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