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Temple Beth-El Arts Committee hosts summer Jewish Film Festival July 25 and August 22

The Arts Committee of Temple Beth-El of Ithaca invites the community to its annual Jewish film festival with a series of three films this summer. The festival will take place in the social hall of the temple, located at the corner of Court and Tioga streets in Ithaca. "Shalom Bollywood" was shown on June 13. Upcoming films are "The Sturgeon Queens" and "Bagels in the Blood" on Wednesday, July 25, and "The Band's Visit" on Wednesday, August 22. Doors will open at 6:30 pm for free refreshments and socializing. The films will begin at 7 pm. Tickets are \$8 at the door (check or cash only). All films are appropriate for children ages 10 and above. Teens are encouraged to attend.



A scene from "Bagels in the Blood."

"The Sturgeon Queens" (USA, 2014) and "Bagels in the Blood" (USA, 2016)



Russ and Daughters' storefront

are two documentaries concerning food purveyors: Russ and Daughters Jewish

Gourmet Grocery Store in lower Manhattan and Montreal's Fairmount Bagels. "Wait until you taste the refreshments!" said festival organizers.

"The Band's Visit" (Israel, 2007, Arabic, English, Hebrew with subtitles) is now a Broadway musical. This is the original Israeli film about eight Egyptian musicians who comprise the Alexandria Ceremonial Police Orchestra and who arrive by mistake in a small town in Israel's Negev Desert.

The film festival is brought to Ithaca through Menemsha Films, 7th Art Releasing and Sony Classic Pictures.

For further information, call 257-9924.

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

By Lynette Errante

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

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

Education and Culture.

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

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

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



The members of the Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan.

group interaction and leadership abilities.

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

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

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

Yad Vashem says joint Israel-Poland Holocaust declaration has "grave errors and deceptions"

By JTA staff

(JTA) – Israel's main state museum and research body on the Holocaust said on July 5 that a joint statement by Israel and Poland on the genocide contained "grave errors and deceptions."

The Yad Vashem statement pertains to a declaration made on June 27 by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his Polish counterpart, Mateusz Morawiecki, that acknowledges collaboration by some Poles during the Holocaust and the rescue of Jews by others. It also states that during the Holocaust, "unfortunately, the sad fact is that some people – regardless of their origin, religion or worldview – revealed their darkest side."

Newspapers in Israel, Germany and the United Kingdom published the declaration, leading to criticism from opposition leaders and historians in Israel. The PKO Foundation of Poland's Bank Polski paid for the ads. The

bank has close ties to the government.

Beyond the "outrageous insinuation that Jews also revealed their darkest side at that time," Yad Vashem wrote, the Poles who revealed it "were not devoid of identity."

The joint declaration was designed to end the diplomatic spat between Poland and Israel over a law passed in Poland's parliament in February that criminalized blaming the Polish nation for Nazi crimes. Israel protested the law and Poland's government subsequently softened it, adding an amendment that scraps the three-year prison sentence prescribed in the original legislation. Yad Vashem's chief historian, Dina Porat, accompanied the work of Polish and Israeli diplomats who hammered out the declaration finalizing the détente, Netanyahu said.

Porat, in an interview with Israel's Kan national broadcaster on July 10, said "we

can live with" much of the declaration and should be changed, but not canceled. Porat told Kan that she consulted privately with both sides working on the declaration, though on a "voluntary, personal and confidential basis," and not as a representative of Yad Vashem. She said she thinks she was able to "minimize the damage."

Yad Vashem said the week of June 29 that the amendment was "a positive development in the right direction," but on July 5, the museum apparently changed its position, citing "a thorough review by Yad Vashem historians" of the joint declaration published on June 27. The joint declaration "contains highly problematic wording that contradicts existing and accepted historical knowledge in this field," the statement said. The document's wording "effectively supports a narrative that research has long since disproved, namely, that the Polish

Government-in-Exile and its underground arms strove indefatigably – in occupied Poland and elsewhere – to thwart the extermination of Polish Jewry."

The week of June 29, Yad Vashem's academic adviser, Yehuda Bauer, said in a radio interview that the joint declaration was a "betrayal" by Israel of "the wonderful Polish liberals" who may be exposed to litigation in civil court under the law passed by the country's right-wing government.

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in its criticism on July 10 said the declaration "does not secure a future for Holocaust education, scholarship, and remembrance."

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JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE NOTES

Through an "extra's" lens

ROZ ANTOUN, DIRECTOR

Come along, take a stroll with me, to a hotel in the Catskills of Sullivan County, in its heyday. A time when women of this '50s era wore girdles and petticoats, A-line dresses and skirted bathing suits; gents in high waist, pleated pants, thin ties and black/white wingtips made fashion statements. Hairstyles of Hollywood stars, like Grace Kelly, Audrey Hepburn and Elizabeth Taylor were the height of stylishness; hair was kept close to the head with a flat crown and curls/waves were concentrated around mid-length. Long hair, swept into an "updo" was romantic and gorgeous. Aspiring middle-class housewives frequented beauty salons for those looks.

So, what's my point and what does it have to do with Jewish Family Service. A month ago, I answered the phone at my Jewish Federation office, and on the line was a fellow from the casting company of the two time Golden Globe winning show "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," of Amazon Originals notoriety. Sima Auerbach, director of the Jewish Federation, spoke to him about their need for Mah Jongg players and within a few minutes she and I compiled a list of dozens of experienced Mah Jongg players, sent out emails to them asking if they would like to apply to be "extra's" for the TV series being shot in Deposit. Some of us did apply, got hired as the Mah Jongg bobbies, and off we went to be fitted for 1950s period clothing and onto the set. To clarify my purpose in writing this piece, I must explain that my point is not to describe the characters or plot or share trade secrets. If any of you are chomping at the bit for more details about the show, the show's website is filled with tons of information about the actors, the plot and what to expect in the coming season. As the participant-observer that I was for three days as an "extra" my experiences were very personal and also speak to some universal themes in our society today. That is what I want to tell you about.

The work day began with bus transportation from Binghamton University at 7:10 am to Scott's on Oquaga Lake in Deposit. Upon arrival: off the bus, beeline to "holding" for pay stub paperwork, next onto wardrobe where my bubbie clothes, numbered, sorted and ready for me were assembled amongst hundreds of other people's costumes. My own clothes off, 50's clothes on – red, white and blue striped pedal pushers on, resembling the canvass of wooden framed folding beach chairs that my parents schlepped to Jones Beach. Next to makeup and hair, then back to wardrobe for my jewelry, a flowered pin, stretchy bangle bracelet and clip on earrings (ouch!). No detail overlooked for this period production,

including the perfect cap and insistence that I not wear my glasses because they were not of a '50s style. Sorry, but I just didn't keep those cats eye glasses from my youth, so I managed to walk back and forth on set at the lake front in a haze of nearsighted confusion (oy vey!).

What seemed like organized chaos to me I'm sure was a well-oiled machine churning through production of the television show. It was fascinating to see people running here and there, listening through earpieces, speaking into personal microphones, leading actors to their locations, shushing people while "rolling and action" was happening, with each department doing its thing 12 to 14 hours or more per day to recreate a '50s Catskill mountain resort, where Midge Maisel, housewife turned standup comedian, began her career bargaining for spots in the limelight with homemade briskets.

While my makeup was being applied and my hair being curled and sprayed, I had the time to do some interviews with both the local people hired from the Binghamton region and also the SAG-AFTRA union actors from NYC. Emily, a beautiful young woman told me that she was a first timer and that this "was magical. Looking down the line of makeup and hair designers and appreciating their ability to transform people was a cool experience."

Alberto, a makeup artist, said, "I love the work and being with this show. Meeting new people is great." A number of the artists commented that they loved the greenery of the mountains; such a lovely break from NYC. Another artist said, "I don't get involved with scripts because I want to go home, watch the show and be surprised by the plot." Some talked about being ready to go back home after being on this job for two weeks. Adam Auslander, whose home is in Westchester, talked about this acting job as a wonderful working vacation in a beautiful area; couldn't ask for more, as his transportation, housing and meals were provided for two weeks and that Scott's was perfectly reminiscent of hotels of their time.

One woman shared with me that she is turning 60 next year and is on a quest to have 60 new adventures to commemorate that milestone, hence her applying for this show. Dick, who also had a role in "Liberstrom" that was filmed in Binghamton a number of years ago, had a blast doing this show and although he worked like a dog felt that he was treated like gold.

And, as I have learned in my real life, I never know where my information and referral skills will be needed. One of the actors I met while waiting to be called to the set, asked me about synagogues in Binghamton, as he was

staying at the Doubletree Hotel and told me that the previous Shabbat, he made kiddush in "holding" when sunset arrived. We talked about his Shomer Shabbos observances, and I was able to connect him with Rabbi Silber at Beth David for a personal welcome to the shul and to attend the Saturday morning worship service.

For me, although exhausted, I hated to see this scene in my life come to an end. Because the population of Binghamton tends toward middle agers and up, being with these vivacious, adorable, warm, energetic young men and women was a breath of fresh air. In their period clothing with hair and makeup coiffed to perfection, they were a sight to behold, of beauty, elegance and charm, surely of a time gone by. The life to which I was transported on the set brought me to my elementary school days and when my Mom was the suburban homemaker extraordinaire, a Mah Jongg lady herself. I could just see her right there in the Catskills because we used to vacation at such resorts.

There was a sense of community in that place which is in such short supply in our daily lives. Our society is splintered with hatred and anger, so this respite was healing for me. Because there are lots of down times and waiting to be called to the set, there was time for joking, socializing and probably some matches in the making going on. I was welcomed into conversations with people of all ages, sat down with people who taught me about their teaching careers, social activism, previous theatre work and travels. Did it feel good? Oh, yes.

I can only imagine that for these young people trying to find stardom, this road is not easy; it's got to be frustrating, painful, depressing and agonizing but for the very few thrilling and exhilarating. Every young woman on the set was thin and shapely, looking fantastic in the period clothes with their glowing makeup and stunning hairdos. The men were handsome, athletic and picture perfect. Now, think about the competition among them to be "found" by an agent, get a part in a production, and earn enough money to pay the rent. Balancing their drive to make it on the stage, enhance their careers and live a life of personal moral character and fulfillment must place stress beyond stress onto these kids.

I certainly wish them well. And I am feeling so fortunate to have known them and have added this experience to the mosaic of my life. And, by the way, you may not recognize me on the screen, but you won't be able to miss those striped pedal pushers.

Opinion

In My Own Words

A Nazi in North Carolina

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

You know that a candidate is problematic when the members of his party actively encourage people to vote for his opponent in the November election. While this might strike people as amusing, there is nothing funny about Russell Walker, the Republican candidate for the legislative seat in North Carolina House District 48. The Republican Party withdrew its support for Walker after learning about his website www.christdescendedfromjoseph.com. The article I read noted that the essays on the site include such statements as "God is racist and a white supremacist" and Jews are descended from Satan.

I decided to investigate his website rather than just depend on what was reported in the article. Some of the essays talk about the Bible and analyze the text. While they did offer a Christian slant, that was not offensive because Walker is Christian. My thoughts changed after clicking on an article called "Women are the weaker sex." The sexism underlying the writing was not the most offensive part. The article ends by saying, "Women seem to be paralyzed [sic] by the concept of racism. The jew [sic] news media has made the concept

of Racism to be the worst evil in the world. Of course God made the races and he is the greatest racist ever. Further considering the the [sic] jews descending from Satan and are oposed [sic] to Yahweh-God's will, calling evil good and good evil, is the logical consequence."

The author notes that anyone who questions his opinion should check out an article on a different website: <http://incogman.net>. I clicked through the link offered and found something just as horrifying. This new article states, "From the 'Do-I-Give-A-Flying-Flock?' department: Here's a few photo montages (below) of White women who became involved with blacks and paid the ultimate price for their stupidity. I can't entirely blame them, however, since Jew media constantly brainwashes our race to breed ourselves away – so hypocritical considering how this arrogant race does everything possible under the radar, or even quite openly over in Israel, to limit this kind of thing among themselves." Leaving aside the fact that there are Jews of every race and ethnicity, the underlying racism, antisemitism and sexism of these thoughts are appalling.

There is some question about whether voters in North Carolina knew Walker's opinions, although at least one newspaper reported that Walker was seen carrying signs that said, "What is wrong with being a racist" and "God is racist" outside his office. Walker received 64 percent of the vote in the primary. While that was only 824 votes, what were these 824 people thinking? Perhaps they completely agree with Walker, an idea that scares the hell out of me.

There have recently been calls for dialogue and civility in politics, but how can you even start a conversation with someone who says you're descended from Satan? I'm not sure it's possible to convince that person to listen to you. People with opinions like Walker were once considered political outsiders; no major political party would have allowed someone like that to run on their ticket. But the world has changed, and not for the better. The only message I have for North Carolina voters who think what Walker says is offensive and repulsive is to vote next election day. We need to show the bigots, racists and antisemites that true Americans support equal rights for everyone.



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Temple Israel picnic slated for August 12

On Sunday, August 12, from 2-5 pm, Temple Israel will once again hold its annual family picnic on the grounds of the synagogue. The event will include a 3 pm outdoor barbecue, with entertainment also beginning at 3 pm.

In addition to the picnic activities, two fund-raising raffles will be held that day: a 50/50 raffle and the chance

to win a decorative quilt.

Admission to the picnic is \$10 per person; children 13 years of age and younger will be admitted free of charge. The raffle tickets may be purchased at \$3 per single ticket or \$10 for a package of four.

Advance reservations are necessary and all RSVPs must

be made no later than Wednesday, August 1. To secure a reservation, picnic-goers are being asked to indicate the total number of people attending and provide the information by phone to Tammy Kunsman at the Temple Israel office, 723-7461, or via e-mail at titammy@stny.twcbc.com.

National Review columnist defends the Spanish Inquisition

By Ben Sales

(JTA) – Here’s something no one expected: A reputable conservative magazine has published a column defending... the Spanish Inquisition.

Commentary

To be clear, this is not “Monty Python.” This is a column in the National Review. Here’s the headline: “The Spanish Inquisition Was a Moderate Court by the Standard of Its Time.”

Moderate?

Below is a run down of some basic facts about this

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JTA

Britain to lead review of incitement in Palestinian textbooks

The British government and other donors to the Palestinian education system will undertake a review of incitement against Israel and Jews in Palestinian textbooks. “There is no place in education for materials or practices that incite young minds toward violence,” Parliament member Alistair Burt, a Foreign Office minister, said during a debate on July 4 in the House of Commons, the British parliament’s lower house, on incitement in Palestinian Authority textbooks. “Our continued support will come with a continued strong challenge to the Palestinian Authority on education-sector incitement,” he added. “We are in the final stages of discussions to take forward a textbook review jointly with other donors.” The review should be completed by September 2019, he added. The review will be “evidence-based and rigorous,” Burt also said. The debate was convened at the request of lawmaker Joan Ryan, chair of the Labour Friends of Israel. Ryan quoted examples from a report from October about a reform in the Palestinian Authority curriculum. The changes it brought meant that “radicalization is pervasive across this new curriculum, to a greater extent than before,” according to the report by the Israel-based Institute for Monitoring Peace and Cultural Tolerance in School Education. One book for 11th-graders, “Islamic Education, Vol. 1,” states that: “The corruption of the children of Israel in the land was and will be the cause of their annihilation, and this Islamic creed applies to every tyrant and oppressor.” Another book for 10th-graders, titled “Arabic Language, Vol. 1,” ignores Jewish presence in the land of Israel or depicts it as a common cause against which Muslims and Christians must do battle. Separately, Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop announced on July 2 that Australia would cease its funding to the Palestinian Authority altogether over its salaries for terrorists jailed in Israel, including murderers.

Terrorist attacks in Jerusalem drops to three-year low in June

Israeli security services documented six terrorist attacks in Jerusalem in June – the lowest figure on record for a month in at least three years. The tally constitutes a sharp drop in attacks in Jerusalem from May, when security forces documented 34 incidents in the capital. Israeli security services massively increased their presence in Jerusalem in June to prevent disturbances, as the first half of the month was Ramadan, which typically features a spike in terrorist activity. During the month-long Muslim holiday, observant worshippers fast from sunrise to sundown. The decrease was part of an overall drop of 40 percent in the number of terrorist attacks in Israel and the West Bank documented in June, when 220 such incidents were registered, the Israel Security Service said in its monthly report published in early July. The overall figure for May was 365, the highest number in over two years of terrorist attacks on Israelis. Five people were wounded in the June attacks, one moderately and the rest lightly. Through May and June, the Hamas terrorist group organized weekly demonstrations along the border with Israel. Tens of thousands of protesters participated in some of the demonstrations, which featured firebombs hurled at troops near the fence and attempts to breach it. More than 135 Palestinians have died in the rioting since March, the Palestinian Maan news agency reported. At one massive riot on May 14, Israeli troops killed 61 people. A senior Hamas official said that 50 of those killed in or immediately after the riot were members of his organization. Additionally, Palestinians have burned hundreds of acres of land near the border by sending over kites carrying torches and helium balloons.

brutal, centuries-long persecution of the Jews. But first, here are some of the takes from the column by Ed Condon, who was identified as a writer, editor and practicing canon lawyer.

“[W]hile any reasonable person would find a lot not to like about the Spanish Inquisition,” writes Condon, in perhaps the understatement of the year, “[i]n fact, examined simply as a functioning court, the Spanish Inquisition was in many ways ahead of its time and a pioneer of many judicial practices we now take for granted.

“Let’s start with the basic legal concept of an ‘inquisition.’ It just means a court of inquiry in which the judges take the lead in directing proceedings in the pursuit of truth, rather than a prosecution-driven adversarial system. Such courts continue to function in many secular jurisdictions today, and there is, frankly, nothing very sinister about it, though it appears alien to those of us raised on American courtroom dramas.”

Condon goes on to claim that the Inquisition was “actually a reluctant creation of the Church.” To Condon, Tomas de Torquemada, Spain’s grand inquisitor, was “a much more nuanced historical figure than the cartoonish portrayal of him suggests.” He calls the Inquisition’s use of torture – wait for it – “downright progressive.”

He also writes that “the jails of the Inquisition were universally known to be hygienic and well maintained.”

Astonishingly, Condon says that the Inquisition was created to protect Spanish Jews, who were forced to convert to Christianity under threat of expulsion or death.

“The pope hoped, perhaps naively, that by getting directly involved, the Church could bring the situation under control and end the frenzied religious denunciations,” Condon writes.

He acknowledges that that idea didn’t quite go as planned, but blames the Spanish monarchy for “hijacking” the Inquisition. But then, he says, Torquemada brought it under control and set up a relatively fair justice system. He writes that the Inquisition courts were fairer than Spanish civil courts.

That last point may very well be true, but... who cares? During the Inquisition, which wasn’t abolished until the early 19th century, hundreds of thousands were forced into exile, and thousands were converted under duress. Tens of thousands more were murdered.

It was a reign of terror that persecuted people based on their religion and, significantly, their race. Even pious Catholics with Jewish roots were targeted. It struck fear into an entire population that was already forced into secrecy.

Community Calendar

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

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

Updates or additions of events for the calendar can be made by contacting the Federation through its website (click on “calendar” and then “click here to request a change to the calendar”) or by calling 724-2332.

“Once the identity of the accused individuals was established, they would be seized, thrust into inquisitional dungeons, interrogated (occasionally under torture), and sentenced to a variety of punishments, ranging from terms of penitential service to imprisonment or to ‘relaxation,’ that is, death,” Howard Sachar wrote in his book “Farewell Espana: The World of the Sephardim Remembered.”

“Thus, even in its earliest phase, between 1479 and 1481, in a ferocious reign of terror, nearly four hundred individuals were burned at the stake for heresy in the city of Seville alone,” Sachar continued. “Throughout Castilian Andalusia, some two thousand persons were burned alive, seventeen thousand others were ‘reconciled,’ that is, spared the death penalty but subjected to such punishments as imprisonment, confiscation of property, and debarment from all employment, public and private. Their wives and children faced destitution.”

The Inquisitors were particularly vicious in their treatment of conversos, or converts who were suspected of practicing Judaism in secret. In all, some 30,000 conversos were burned at the stake. On Mallorca, 82 conversos were condemned in 1691. Thirty-four were publicly garroted and their bodies were burned in bonfires. Another three, including a rabbi, were burned alive.

In 2011, Mallorca’s regional president offered the country’s first formal apology for the Inquisition’s killing of Jews.

Ben Zion Netanyahu, the late father of the Israeli prime minister and scholar of the Inquisition, did assert that King Ferdinand (that King Ferdinand) backed the Inquisition in part to prevent a wider, popular blood-bath. But Netanyahu also insisted that in its purveyors’ deadly pursuit of racial purity, the Inquisition was a precursor to the Holocaust.

The Jewish Community wishes to express its sympathy to the family of

Ilene Goldman

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Off the Shelf

Comic books and the Holocaust

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

With so many books about the Holocaust being published each year, it can be difficult to remember that, at one time, discussing the subject in public was almost taboo. Yet, during this period, one art format – the comic book – managed to produce works about the event, even if the victims' Jewish identities were often not emphasized. In "We Spoke Out: Comic Books and the Holocaust" (Yoe Books/IDW Publishing), Neal Adams, Rafael Medoff and Craig Yoe discuss how comic books from the 1950s-'80s spoke about the Nazi war against the Jews. The book also includes 18 comic book stories that illustrate the range of these works, with the tales featuring everything from soldiers to superheroes.

In his introductory essay, Medoff, the founding director of The David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies, notes that, after World War II, American Jews looked to downplay their religious identities. That included not discussing the Holocaust: "For American Jews to have spoken loudly about the Holocaust in those days thus would have run counter to the national prevailing mood. It would have focused on a narrow ethnic concern and emphasized the most somber of topics, at a time when the path to speedy Americanization required embracing a positive, upbeat approach of going along and getting along. Certainly within the narrow confines of the Jewish community, there was ample recognition and discussion of the Holocaust during the first decades after the war. But when Jewish organizations and spokesmen articulated the Jewish community's concerns to the wider public arena, they did not focus on the Holocaust."

Medoff believes that comic books were one media that educated American teenagers about the Holocaust during this time. Comic books were very popular and reached a wide audience: "More than 175,000 copies of *Captain*



The first of page of "Master Race."

America were sold each month during the 1970s, and tales of *Batman* were often twice that number. Even the less popular comics represented in this volume enjoyed

a substantial readership; *War Is Hell*, for example, sold an estimated 73,000 monthly." Medoff notes that these numbers do not take into account that comic books were often shared among friends and siblings, which would have greatly increased the number of readers.

"We Spoke Out" offers an introductory essay for each of the 18 stories featured. In addition to information about the writers and artists (when available), the works are placed in historical context. For example, the essay about "Master Race" notes artist Bernie Krigstein's new drawing style, which uses a cinematic technique to create a greater sense of drama. This six-page comic, which tells of a post-war meeting between a Holocaust survivor and a Nazi war criminal, contains a surprising amount of suspense, even for those who've read many stories about the Holocaust. When it first appeared in 1955, its impact must have been even greater.

While most readers would not connect *Batman* to the Holocaust, the story "Night of the Reaper!" is a bit prophetic in showing how Nazi criminals found homes in the United States. The plot line also portrays how survivors relived events even decades after the war ended. The story's dramatic and abrupt ending proved gripping and moving. Plots featuring Nazis who found haven in the U.S. also appear in the two *Captain America* comics featured: "From the Ashes..." and "The Calypso Connection." Cap's landlady Anna Kappleman, a concentration camp survivor, plays a role in both.

Other comics take place during World War II. "Mark Our Graves!" tells the little known story of the Jewish Brigade, a group of Jewish soldiers from British Mandatory Palestine, who fought with the Allies. They are not the main characters in the tale, but do play a major role in helping See "Books" on page 5

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The last link to a doomed Jewish community in Crete watches its rebirth

By Roger Rapoport

HANIA, Crete (JTA)—On June 17, 263 candles were lit at a special interfaith memorial service at this city's historic Etz Hayyim synagogue. The names of local Jews who perished during the Holocaust were read before a delegation that was to include rabbis, Greek Orthodox and Catholic clergy, and ambassadors from Italy, Germany and Israel.

One person who wanted to be here will be missing. His name is Kostas Papadopoulos, who may be the last surviving link to a 2,300-year Jewish lineage and the military decision that virtually eliminated one of Europe's oldest Jewish communities.

His story dates back to May 29, 1944, when he was just 2 years old. On that day, German secret police singled out and rounded up 263 people across Greece's largest island. All were arrested and carted off to Agia Prison for the crime of being Jewish. Eleven days later, they were forced at gunpoint into the hold of a Greek merchant vessel, the *Tanais*, set to sail for Piraeus.

"A higher proportion of the Jewish community of Crete was deported by the Nazis toward a death camp than of any country in Europe," said Rabbi Nicholas de Lange, a professor emeritus of Hebrew and Jewish studies at the University of Cambridge who conducts High Holiday services here.

None of the prisoners would make it to Piraeus

and a train bound for Auschwitz. When the ship left Heraklion as part of an announced "civilian" convoy, a British submarine captain, certain that the *Tanais* was piloted by a German military crew, targeted it near Santorini. Unaware of the human cargo below deck, which also included Christian Greek and Italian prisoners of war, he ordered the crew to blow up the ship. A direct hit with two torpedoes killed nearly everyone on board. The sole survivors were half a dozen Cretan Jews who escaped the Germans in May 1944 by hiding with Christian families.

Papadopoulos is the last of the survivors still living, Jewish historians working at Etz Hayyim believe. I recently met him in Heraklion, Crete's largest city, after a short drive from the ship that brought me to Crete from Piraeus. My overnight journey crossed the same waters where the *Tanais* and its hundreds of victims remain entombed. Papadopoulos, a dealer and appraiser of fine Christian art, spoke at Daedalou Gallery, his shop in the heart of an upscale shopping neighborhood where tourists love to haggle.

His survival traces back to his Jewish mother Xanthippe's decision to marry a Christian during the German occupation. After Papadopoulos was born in 1942, his Christian father moved to Athens, leaving his young son with his mother and grandmother. In 1944, when it became clear that the Nazi roundup was imminent, the three of

them moved into hiding with a Greek farm family outside Heraklion.

"My mother knew the Nazis were coming," Papadopoulos said. "Fortunately my family name was Greek, which helped us escape the Germans. It also made it easier to find a family willing to take the risk of hiding us. Some of the Greeks who heroically hid Jews were executed as collaborators, but fortunately that was not the fate of the family that protected us. They even returned special paintings we had given them to hide."

For Papadopoulos, who grew up in Greece and See "Crete" on page 7

Books

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American troops fight the Nazis in North Africa. "Wall of Blood" offers a rare look at the Nazis' destruction of the Warsaw Ghetto from the point of view of a German soldier. Even when the Jews fight back, the soldiers consider them less than human. The final image in the story is powerful and haunting at the same time.

Some works are less convincing. Those unfamiliar with the complex storylines of the X-Men series may have diffi-

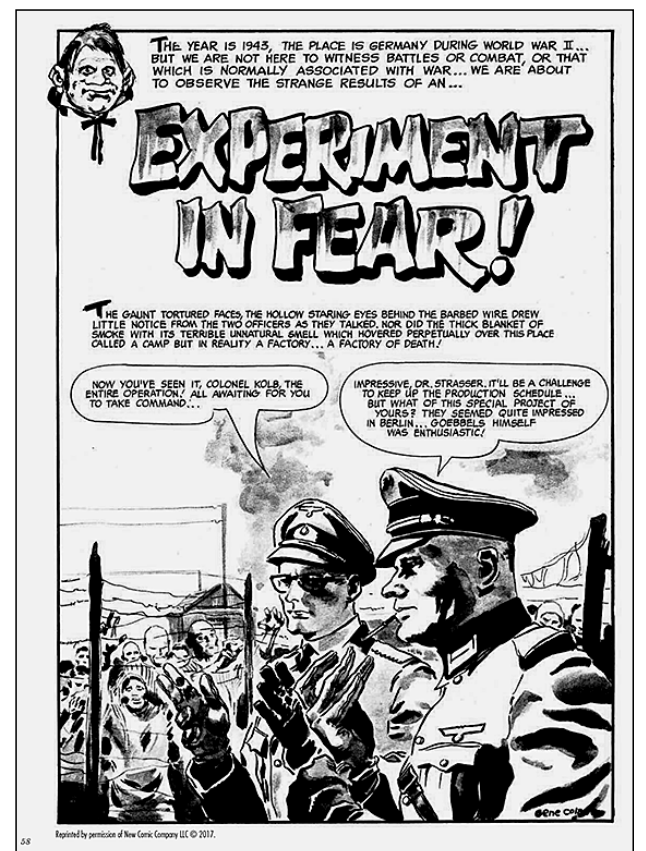
culty understanding the relationships between the different characters in "Gold Rush!" However, the plot line showing Nazi sympathizers who want to resurrect the Third Reich will still resonate. While "Thou Shalt Not Kill" shows how the Nazis herded Jews into synagogues and set them on fire, its use of the mystical Golem detracted from the story. Readers may question why the Golem only came to life in this particular instance, rather than helping during the entire war. Plus, those who already know about the Golem may dislike the comics' deviations from the original legend.

The book concludes with the only comic from the 21st century, "The Last Outrage," which features the real life story of Dina Babbitt. Babbitt survived the Auschwitz concentration camp due to her artistic skill. Forced to make drawings for Dr. Josef Mengele, who performed horrific experiments on the camp inmates, Babbitt thought her works were destroyed during the war. However, some survived and are now on display at the Auschwitz Museum. Before her death, Babbitt tried to reclaim her work, but the museum refused. This real-life story serves as a reminder not only of man's inhumanity to man, but of one woman's courage and determination.

Adams, Medoff and Yoe are to be commended for showing how attitudes toward the Holocaust have changed over the generations. The artists and writers who produced these works sought to educate readers about important issues of the day. Although it's not the focus of their work, the authors note that the Holocaust is not the only social concern to appear in the pages of comic books. They applaud those who continue to use this format to tackle serious and difficult subjects.



The first page of a story included in "We Spoke Out: Comic Books and the Holocaust."



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Weekly Parasha

Mattot-Masei, Numbers 30:2-36:13

Valuing and keeping our word along the long and winding road

RABBI BARBARA GOLDMAN-WARTELL, TEMPLE CONCORD, BINGHAMTON

This Shabbat is Rosh Chodesh Av, when we come to the end of the book of Numbers. The double Torah portion looks at vows, revenge and certain cities that people can flee to who have accidentally killed someone. These cities of refuge are very powerful images. Mattot focuses on vows and oaths. The power of the spoken word is very important in Judaism. In Genesis, God creates with words. We study Torah with the supposition that nothing is superfluous, that every word matters. Hence we find special meaning in “*tzedek, tzedek tirdof*” – “justice, justice shall you pursue” – focusing on the repeated word justice to find even more meaning and import to the verse.

At the same time, Judaism focuses on actions, what we do is important and often speaks more about who we are than what we say. At Sinai, the Israelites said, “*Naaseh v’nishma*,” “We will do and we will hear,” entering into the covenant with God at Sinai before hearing the terms of the covenant which they had entered into. But we are

not left off the hook for what we say.

Words are very powerful, having great potential to hurt and to heal. So Mattot revisits the seriousness of taking an oath and making promises. Oaths and vows made in the name of God must be fulfilled. They are to be taken seriously. Samson Raphael Hirsch defines a “vow” as “self-imposed legislation.” (Etz Hayim Torah Commentary) Did you know the expression “*abracadabra*” comes from the Aramaic meaning “he does as he speaks”? What is now the word of genies and magicians was once a morality that pervaded Israelite society. The world of the Torah and the Talmud is one in which words matter, in which what we say creates an enforceable obligation.

Vows were taken so seriously that the rabbis looked with great disfavor on making vows, since violating the vow would be considered an assault against God. The Mishnah states “a statement is not binding unless intention and expression agree.” In Sifre Zuta, a *tannaitic midrash*

on the Book of Numbers, illustrates this principal: A child came before Rabbi Akiva and said: “Rabbi, I dedicated my shovel.” Rabbi Akiva asked: “Perhaps your dedication is to the sun or the moon?” The child answered, “Rabbi, do not worry. I dedicated it to the One who created them.” Rabbi Akiva said, “Go, my child, your vow is valid.”

Because the child’s intention was grounded in the accurate knowledge of reality and the consequences of the vow, Rabbi Akiva considered the vow to be valid.

We have a lot to learn from the biblical and rabbinic treatment of vows. They share a lofty expectation of human responsibility, a recognition that we are held accountable for what we say, and our word is to be our bond. It would behoove us to think before we speak, and to measure our words with care and compassion. We have two ears and one mouth from which we can learn that we should listen more and speak less. That will allow us to be more aware. See “**Word**” on page 8

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 Friday, July 13..... 7:15 pm
 Shabbat, July 14.....9 am
Mincha after the kiddush
 Maariv 8:10 pm
 Weekday Services:
 Mornings:
 Sun., July 158:30 am
 Mon.-Fri., July 16-207 am
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 Hebrew school: Hebrew school meets at 5:15 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year unless otherwise noted.
 On Friday, July 13, at 8 pm, there will be Shabbat Visual Tefillah in the Library led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.
 On Saturday, July 14, at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study.
 On Friday, July 20, at 8 pm, there will be Shabbat evening serves in the library led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.
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 Adult Ed.: Numerous weekly courses, several semester-long courses and a variety of mini-courses and lectures are offered throughout the year. Call the temple office for more details.

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

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

The Arts Committee of Temple Beth-El’s Jewish film festival with a series continues with “*The Surgeon Queens*” and “*Bagels in the Blood*” on Wednesday, July 25, in the social hall of the temple. Doors will open at 6:30 pm for free refreshments and socializing. The film will begin at 7 pm. Tickets will cost \$8 at the door (check or cash only). The film is appropriate for children ages 10 and above. Teens are encouraged to attend.

Friday, July 13, light candles..... 8:20 pm
 Shabbat ends Saturday, July 14..... 9:20 pm
 Friday, July 20, light candles..... 8:16 pm
 Shabbat ends Saturday, July 21..... 9:15 pm

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 Website: www.templeisraelvestal.org
 Service Schedule: Tuesday, 5:30 pm; Friday, 5:30 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am
 On Saturday, July 14, at 9:30 am, services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Numbers 30:2-36:13. The haftarah will be Jeremiah 2:4-28,4:1-2.

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

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NEWS IN BRIEF

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Abbas declares Israeli legislation won't stop him from paying terrorists

In a meeting with Fatah Party leaders on July 8, Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas declared that he would not stop paying salaries to convicted terrorists and their families, despite new Israeli legislation withholding funds in the amount paid to killers and attackers from taxes collected for the P.A. "We will not allow anyone to interfere with the money that Israel is against us paying to the families of martyrs and prisoners," Abbas said, in a transcript released by the Palestinian Wafa news agency. He said that the P.A. would continue to give salaries to those who participated in terror attacks against Jews, as it has done since 1965. On July 2, Israel's Knesset passed legislation that would subtract the amount used by the P.A. to fund terrorists from tax monies collected for the P.A. by Israel and transfer the funds to organizations that provide assistance to victims of terror. The 2018 P.A. budget included NIS 1.287 million (\$340 million) to be paid to terrorists in Israeli jails, as well as to the families of Arabs who died committing acts of terror against Israelis. Payments for terrorists are issued monthly, with those receiving sentences of three to five years being allocated 2,000 shekels (\$566) a month and those receiving 20-year to 35-year sentences earning 10,000 shekels (\$2829) per month for life. Married terrorists get a bonus of 300 shekels (\$85) per month, with an additional 50 shekels (\$14) monthly per child. Terrorists with Israeli citizenship or Jerusalem residency are given additional bonuses. Abbas also stressed that new attempts to negotiate peace between Israel and the Palestinian Authority led by U.S. President Donald Trump will fail, saying that Palestinians "will not let the 'Deal of the Century' work."

New bill will end Israeli imports of live animals for meat, in light of suffering

In light of revelations as to the poor conditions of animals transported to Israel for food, government ministers on July 8 greenlighted a bill that would gradually phase out the import of animals for slaughter in Israel. The bill would reduce the number of live sheep and calves imported from Australia and Europe by at least 25 percent per year, with a goal of phasing out the practice altogether within three years. Instead, slaughter would take place in the countries of the animals' origin, and the meat would be imported. Controversy arose around the issue of importing live meat animals earlier this year, with exhausted and filthy animals suffering during long and hot sea voyages from Australia being featured on Australia TV's "60 Minutes," as part of an exposé on the conditions of sheep shipped to the Middle East. The bill has the backing of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. He and his wife, Sara, have come out against continuing the imports. Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan has also campaigned against the imports since serving as environmental protection minister, and said it was Israel's "moral obligation" to stop the shipments since there is "a reasonable alternative that causes less cruelty and pain to animals." Earlier in July, 228 lawyers signed a petition calling for a halt to live shipments. In May, 60 senior rabbis signed a letter stating that it was "neither the way of the Torah nor of human morality to allow such cruelty to animals."

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learned his trade as an auction house apprentice in Europe and New York, returning to Crete in the 1970s was not a quick or easy decision. "People who do what I do, selling religious art, live in places like New York or Switzerland," he said. "But I wanted to be close to my friends, the people I grew up with."

One of the challenges that comes with operating a first class gallery in a place like Hania is the flood of bargain hunters arriving by plane and ship, many of them Germans. "Customers are used to looking at knockoffs. When they see real art, some believe the prices are too high," he said. After cultivating his reputation as an art and antiquities appraiser, Papadopoulos has little patience for customers who try to talk him down on valuable icons and jewelry.

Several years ago, when a towering Chinese tourist made a ridiculous offer of 10 euros for a valuable icon worth far more, Papadopoulos stood his ground. The angry customer knocked him down. The art dealer is still recovering from the attack, saying it has limited his mobility and made it impossible for him to return to Hania, two hours away, for the memorial.

While Heraklion's defunct synagogue was destroyed by the Germans at the beginning of the Battle of Crete in May 1941, Papadopoulos says he has eagerly connected with Etz Hayyim in Hania. The historic sanctuary was looted by the Nazis and fell into disrepair following the Holocaust. Years after graves were robbed and the synagogue site became a local dump, an international effort led to its rebuilding under the leadership of the late Nikos Stavroulakis, former head of Athens' Jewish Museum of Greece.

The reconstruction, completed in

1999, was largely the work of a Muslim and Christian crew from Albania. Rededication led to the creation of a *chavurah*, an interfaith community including Jews, Christians and Muslims "enthusiastic about" Stavroulakis' work and inclusive approach. He defined Etz Hayyim as a "place of prayer, recollection and reconciliation," making it open to everyone, in the tradition of Hellenistic synagogues.

This fraternity shares common values of Abraham despite their different religious affiliations. Even a pair of 2010 arson attacks that destroyed many important records failed to slow down the rebirth of this interfaith community supported by donations from around the world.

Anja Zuckmantel, the synagogue administrator at the heart of the event memorializing the 263 *Tanais* victims, moved here from Germany 10 years ago. "Our congregation grows in part because so many Jewish tourists want to come and see what we have done," she said. "At our summer *Kabbalat* Shabbat services, we have services with up to 60 participants. The number of Jews settling in Crete is slowly but steadily growing as Crete is a beautiful place to live."

Papadopoulos may not make it to Hania for the annual *Tanais* memorial service, but he'll be there in spirit. Items on just one table at his Daedalou Gallery are not for sale. It is covered with Judaica, including a menorah, Torah pointers, a *samovar* and other heirlooms. "To be happy," he said, "I always have to see them."

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Jewish Agency to expand school-twinning program with new government funds

The Jewish Agency for Israel says the Israeli government will allocate up to NIS 9 million (\$2.48 million) in the coming years to its Partnership Unit's Global School Twinning Network, primarily to fund the expansion of the groundbreaking educational initiative that cultivates Israel-Diaspora connectedness. The Global School Twinning Network, which successfully operates on the Jewish Agency's Partnership2Gether Platform, connects hundreds of schools in Israel with those worldwide. In the 2017-18 academic year, the network included more than 600 schools, and some 50,000 students and 2,000 teachers. School twinning seeks to change the way students and teachers perceive their roles as members of an international Jewish community, as it intends to foster "dynamic dialogue" on Israel and Jewish identity, and bring the Hebrew language alive. The partnership and investment by the Israeli Ministry of Education and Ministry of Diaspora Affairs represent "an important recognition that the program is impactful on students and teachers in both Israel and the Diaspora," said Andrea Arbel, director of the Partnership Unit at the Jewish Agency. "Twinning brings the ethos of partnerships and Jewish peoplehood to schools around the world, and it is extremely gratifying and exciting that the state of Israel will partner with us to take this initiative to the next level." With the new funding, the network will be able to expand to 500 more educational twinings, and support the development of new pedagogical and curricular resources, online teacher training, branding and more. The ministries are bringing the added twinings to students in grades four to 10. Parent-teacher association sessions and other gatherings will also feature discussions on global Jewry and Israel-Diaspora relationships. In many cases, school twinning is integrated into a communitywide P2G relationship, the Jewish Agency's strategic initiative that connects 46 city-to-city and region-to-region partnerships. These personal interactions engage 350,000 Israelis and other Jews each year. At the same time, a growing number of school twinings are taking place in communities outside of the P2G existing relationship in the former Soviet Union, Latin America and Europe.

Arabic may no longer share equal official status with Hebrew in bill amendment

The Arabic language may no longer be an official language of Israel on par with Hebrew under an amended version of the nationality bill. The bill seeks to enshrine into law the status of Israel as the state of the Jewish people. Under the previous version of the bill, Arabic would receive a special status, with state services made available in the language. With the new version, the official status of Arabic will be determined in separate legislation. Minister of Tourism Yariv Levin altered the bill's language due to a concern that if Arabic were an official language, the Supreme Court would expand on the distinction to mandate that all official documents, signage and other state business be conducted in Arabic, as well as Hebrew. However, he noted that the new language of the bill does not destroy the significance of Arabic, but rather makes it the second official language of Israel, with its usage to be determined in separate legislation that may reduce the amount of government documents mandated to be written in Arabic. Additional elements of the bill include the denoting of Independence Day as an "official" Israeli holiday, the allowance for the creation of communities based around a religious or nationalistic ideals, and will legally enshrine Israel's state symbols, capital city, official language (Hebrew) and the right of return for Diaspora Jews, as well as the democratic system of governance. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu plans to bring the bill to a vote in the Knesset for its second and third readings the week of July 16, at which time it will need a 61 MK majority to pass. According to an interview with Levin in Ynet news, the nationality bill "comes to restore order. In the early days of the state, there was no [need for a] nationality bill, because the courts, mainly the Supreme Court, knew their place, [and] understood the essence of the state and the delicate balance between Jewish and democratic. ...In recent years, the country has turned into a nation of all its people, all of its infiltrators," said Levin. "Everything that has to do with Jewish life became some sort of issue of inequality and discrimination. This is what the legislation seeks to fix." Meretz Party leader Tamar Zandberg called the bill "racist and unnecessary legislation," and called on the coalition member Kulanu Party not to "take on another black mark in the history books."

Earthquakes in Israel's north rattle residents, concern experts

Northern Israel experienced four earthquakes on July 8, causing no injuries or damage, but shaking up local residents, who fear that a week filled with minor quakes may be the precursor of a major seismic event. One earthquake occurred at 5 pm, another at 11 pm and another around midnight on July 8, all below 4.0 on the Richter scale. An emergency hotline for residents was opened in the city of Tiberias on the Kinneret (Sea of Galilee). The city ordered the evacuation of three apartment buildings earlier in the day in light of the earthquakes. The 5 pm earthquake was reportedly felt as far as Haifa to the west and the Golan Heights to the east, with the center of the quake believed to be in the Sea of Galilee. The first recent quake took place in the northern Galilee on the morning of July 4. That 4.3 Richter scale quake was felt in Haifa and in the north, and was followed by aftershocks. Another three weak quakes occurred the next day. Israel sits on the Syrian-African rift, which runs along the border of Israel and Jordan, and is just a part of the Great Rift Valley, stretching from northern Syria all the way to Mozambique in southeastern Africa. Experts have warned that Israel is overdue for a large earthquake. The last major one occurred in 1927 and measured at 6.2, killing 500 people and injuring another 700. Northern Israel, as well as Jerusalem and the Dead Sea area, are at the highest risk of having a quake up to 5.9, with the Negev at risk of a quake measuring 4.9. Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman announced the week of July 6 that the government would put a long-term plan in place Israelis from earthquakes.

Israel weighs measures to counter growing Turkish influence in Jerusalem

Israel's National Security Council has drafted a list of possible measures to take against the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency operating in eastern Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria and Gaza, due to concerns that Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan is trying to increase his power in Jerusalem, according to a report in Hadashot news. Israeli intelligence officials believe that Islamic Movement officials have been hosted at the TIKA offices, and that employees have transferred funds and information to Hamas, according to the report. The new measures may require permits for each project or may restrict all TIKA activities. According to the report, Turkish Islamic groups been sponsoring trips and programs for thousands of local Palestinians, and were a major force behind Temple Mount protests. Recently, Turkey has carried out 400 projects in the area, including restoration work on the Dome of the Rock and new dormitories at Ramallah's Al-Quds University, and has also attempted to purchase property in Jerusalem. According to a report in *Haaretz*, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and the Palestinian Authority have all urged Israel to rein in Erdoğan's encroachment in Jerusalem.

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of others and of our own thoughts before weighing our words. I hope your words will be ones of healing and peace-making in our world which is in need of healing and peace.

We come to a strange chapter, 33, in Ma'aseh, which is a detailed description of the places where the Israelites camped

during the trek from Egyptian bondage to the cusp of Canaan. Why include this chapter?

Rabbis Shai Held and Richard Address both suggest we view the chapter as a way to look at our life's journey. The journey of our life is not linear. It is a journey filled with stops and starts, moving forward and

back, and at times, standing still. This understanding of the chapter resonates with me. Many of us can look back and see the journey of life in a way quite similar to this chapter. We have "camped" at various locations, had to deal with doubt and, at times, had to fight our way to have the courage to move forward. Yet, move forward we have.

As we enter the month of Av, there is more upon which to reflect, to consider and to decide how we act and respond, both here in the United States and in Israel. We are living in tumultuous times with much uncertainty. One predictable part of our lives, is that the more we plan and prepare

and chart our paths, the more we come to realize how so much is unpredictable and beyond our control. There is a Yiddish saying which in translation is "We plan and God laughs."

I hope your words will be ones of healing and peace-making in our world as we continue charting our journey in a world which is in need of healing and peace.

"Chazak, chazak, v' nitchazek": be strong, be strengthened in your journey.

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