

Memorial service at Holocaust Memorial Monument to be held on Sept. 16

By Arieh Ullmann

Area rabbis will lead a memorial service on Sunday, September 16, at 12:30 pm, at the Holocaust Memorial Monument in the Temple Israel Cemetery on Conklin Avenue in Conklin.

The memorial stone, which was originally dedicated on Sunday, November 9, 1952, is one of the earliest acknowledgments in the United States of the Holocaust. It is also one of the few memorial stones of its kind in the United States to contain the names of loved ones lost to Nazism.

The service will continue a tradition of holding a ceremony at the memorial on the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. After the memorial's original dedication, the tradition lasted

for about 20 years; it then resumed three years ago, following a long hiatus. It was the spontaneous reaction to Professor Rhonda Levine's talk about the Get Together Club at the Federation's Super Sunday. The club was a social and philanthropic group formed in 1948 by 13 German speaking Jewish women – mainly rural women and wives of cattle dealers – who had resettled in the Southern Tier after fleeing Nazism.

The placement of a



The Holocaust Memorial Monument in the Temple Israel Cemetery.

memorial stone was considered to be the “most ambitious” project of the Get Together Club. The project came about in response to a comment of a member's husband who bemoaned the fact that his parents, who perished in the Holocaust, had no grave and thus he had no place to say *Kaddish*. More than 250 names were inscribed and placed in a copper box that was buried at the foot of the monument. It listed the names of individuals who had perished without

a marked grave. They were remembered by prayers recited at the unveiling of the monument by the rabbis, followed by one of the survivors reading the names written on the scrolls. A digital copy of the original list of names buried in the copper box at the foot of the monument is available online on the Jewish Federation's website, www.jfjb.org/jfed743/.

Community members and Binghamton 3G students (third generation descendants of Holocaust survivors) have been invited to submit names of loved ones who died during the Holocaust and who have no grave marker to be added to the list. Instructions are given on the Federation's website.

Arieh Ullmann is chairman of the Federation Community Relations Committee.

Annual Pauline and Philip Piaker Memorial Lecture will be held on Sept. 16

The annual Pauline and Philip Piaker Memorial Lecture will be held on Sunday, September 16, at 9:30 am, at the Chabad Center, 420 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal. The program will feature guest speaker Avi Jorisch, who will speak on the topic of his latest book, “Thou Shalt Innovate; How Israeli Ingenuity Repairs the World.”

A brunch and desserts will be served. Jorisch will sign copies



Avi Jorisch

of this book, as well his four previous titles, after the lecture.

According to organizers, “‘Thou Shalt Innovate’ profiles wondrous Israeli innovations that are collectively changing the lives of billions of people around the world and explores why Israeli innovators of all faiths feel compelled to make the world better. This is the story of how Israelis are helping to feed the hungry, cure the

sick, protect the defenseless and make the desert bloom. Israel is playing a disproportionate role in helping solve some of the world's biggest challenges by tapping into the nation's soul: the spirit of *tikkun olam* – the Jewish concept of repairing the world. Following Start-Up Nation's account of Israel's incredibly prolific start-up scene, ‘Thou Shalt Innovate’ tells the story of how Israeli innovation is making the whole world a better place. Israel has extraordinary innovators who are bound together by their desire to save lives and

find higher purpose. In a part of the world that has more than its share of darkness, these stories are rays of light.”

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Correct time for Piaker lecture

There was a typographic error in the mailed invitations to the Pauline and Philip Piaker Memorial Lecture. The event will take place at 9:30 am, rather than 10 am.

Spotlight

Photographing Orthodox synagogues in NYC

By Rabbi Rachel Esserman

It was a roundabout route that led Michael J. Weinstein to the creation of his book “Ten Times Chai: 180 Orthodox Synagogues of New York City” (Brown Books Publishing Group). Although he attended a Conservative synagogue growing up, Weinstein didn't feel a deep connection to Judaism. That changed after a trip to Israel in 2011; when he returned, he began studying Jewish texts on his own.

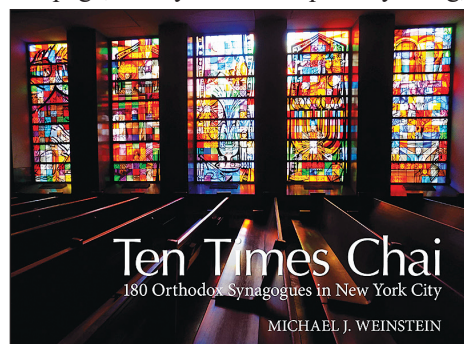
“I started reading ‘Pirkei Avot, Ethics of Our Fathers,’ and this line jumped off the page, ‘study is not the primary thing,

but action is,’” Weinstein said in an e-mail interview. “Around 2014, I knew I wanted to do something [as] part of the *tikkun olam* concept, but I didn't know what to do. I got into Jewish genealogy and worked on my family tree and learned more about my family origins. At some point, I knew my great-grandparents settled in Brooklyn after a few years on the Lower East Side. They were immigrants from Pinsk, Russia, part of the Pale of Settlement under the Russian Empire. Like so many others, they came to escape the pogroms and came to America, looking for a better place.”

Weinstein was inspired by the fact that his grandparents and great-grandparents lived in Brooklyn. He used the Internet to search for the words *mitzvah* and Brooklyn, and what popped up was the website www.themitzvahman.org.

Weinstein spoke to the site's founder, Michael Cohen, who also works as a financial advisor, about what he could do to help. Cohen asked him to do just one mitzvah: visit a Holocaust survivor. What Weinstein discovered is that reading books about, and seeing movies about, the Holocaust is very different from meeting a survivor face-to-face. “I joined www.connect2ny.org, a program called ‘Friendly Visiting

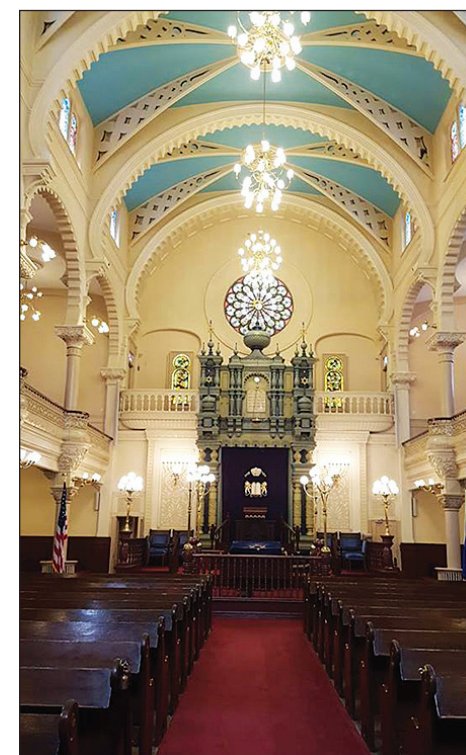
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The cover of “Ten Times Chai” by Michael Weinstein



Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun (founded 1872, Upper East Side, Manhattan)



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Temple Israel held annual picnic

On August 12, the congregants of Temple Israel celebrated their second annual picnic in their new building. More than 130 attendees schmoozed and had a chance to reconnect with local snowbirds, and were treated to musical entertainment performed by Steve Gilbert, Mike Martinez and Blake McCabe. The congregation also celebrated the one-year anniversary of Rabbi Geoffrey Brown as the full-time spiritual leader by presenting Brown and his wife, Elissa, with a gift in appreciation.

Art Siegel, president of the congregation, said, "Thanks to a few event sponsors as well as the raffle

ticket sales, the event was self-funded with a surplus of over \$800 to seed future events!" Siegel also noted that "the TI membership is greatly indebted to the tireless work of the Picnic Committee, chaired by Al Lavker, Arlene Osber and Kathy Hurwitz; to Victor Torres, who manned the barbecue and donated his time; to our generous event sponsors; to the Hurwitz family, who graciously donated their winning 50/50 raffle ticket; to our in-house trio of entertaining musicians; and last, but not least, to all the attendees who made this event a success!"



Art Siegel (center) presented Rabbi Geoffrey and Elissa Brown with a surprise gift from the membership.



L-r: Manning the grill were chef Victor Torres, Howard Warner and Al Lavker.



TI picnic attendees lined up for the buffet.



L-r: Steve Gilbert, Blake McCabe and Mike Martinez entertained the crowd.



At left: The picnic participants dined in the social hall due to the "iffy" weather.

Opinion

In My Own Words

Vacation, technology and more

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

There is nothing like a change of scenery to refresh your senses, even if it's familiar scenery. I was grateful to spend two long weekends this summer visiting friends. If asked the hallmarks of a great vacation, I would say good conversation along with some dedicated time to relax and read. If the days also include a walk (whether in nature or a city area) and/or a visit to a museum, then you have my idea of a perfect vacation. Oh, and some good food never hurts, either. What made these weekends so wonderful is that my friends and I have known each other since 1973; we met the first week of our first semester of college. To be honest, these two women feel more like family than friends because we've known each other so long, they are the folks who double my joy and halve my sorrows. I can't imagine life without them.

That doesn't preclude vacations with newer friends, even if they are of shorter duration. I took a wonderful day trip with a local friend. The miles to Corning never passed as quickly because (once again) good conversation is a mark of almost all my friendships. The thing about new friends is that they encourage you to try something

different – in this case, a class at the Corning Museum of Glass. The beautiful glass flower I made sits on a shelf in my bedroom. That mini-vacation was a great break from the daily grind.

There were some less than perfect aftermaths of my times away. I drove home from one vacation through the horrible rain we had a few weeks ago. Then I discovered that the battery charger for my cochlear implant wasn't working. I learned this just before going to bed – not the best time for me to deal with a crisis. The good news is that I replaced the charger quickly and the even better news is that I tried disposable batteries for the first time and learned they last longer than I expected. (Fortunately, disposable batteries were included among the paraphernalia given to me after I had the implant.) Of course, these particular disposable batteries can't be bought locally, so I am once again thankful for the Internet and now have some additional batteries on hand for emergencies.

While never a part of my vacation, I did manage to go to one typical summer activity – well, typical for people who like sports. I actually went to a Rumble Ponies baseball

game. No, I've never been before and I had never planned to go, but since *The Reporter* was the media sponsor for Jewish Heritage Day, I felt I should show my face. Thank goodness, we sat where there was shade because the day was abysmally hot. The best part was watching Neil Auerbach throw out the first pitch. (He *rocked* it.) I was ready to go home after that pitch, but managed to make it to the seventh inning. I had a legitimate excuse for leaving: a friend was holding a party for her new granddaughter and that was something not to be missed. Will I ever attend another game? Well, maybe if they let me bring a book the next time. Actually, what I enjoyed most was talking to the other folks who came for Jewish Heritage Day.

Writing this made me note a theme: the best part of my summer has been good conversation. My friends and I have always managed to talk about our lives: to share our thoughts and ideas – whether serious or silly – that help us understand each other and make important connections. Even when we disagree, we respect each others' opinions because we know the other person has a good heart. Friends like that are to be cherished.



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BD Shabbat luncheon series to kickoff on Sept. 15

Beth David's first luncheon event of the season will take place on Saturday, September 15. Rabbi Zev Silber's topic will be "Inspiration for Yom Kippur: What's Love Got to Do with It?" "This fascinating topic," organizers say, "is a very timely one, since it relates to Yom Kippur, which will begin on the eve of September 18, just a few days after the rabbi's talk." Silber's talk will focus on one of the most well-known prayers during the Yom Kippur service: the *Al Chet*, the confessional prayer that deals with sins committed during the past year. What is this prayer intended to accomplish? How does its recitation lead to the prayer's goal? In addition to addressing these questions, Silber will discuss the relation of this prayer to love of God. "In my talk," Silber said, "I will discuss what this love can lead to with regard to mistakes



Rabbi Zev Silber

we may have made along the way, and how love of God relates to other kinds of love, including love of other people and love of the stranger."

Silber has served as the rabbi of Beth David Synagogue since 2005. He earned his bachelor of arts degree in math and his master of science degree in Talmud at Yeshiva University. He received his *smicha* (rabbinic ordination) from Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University in 1970. In addition, he holds a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

Silber has been a teacher and principal in Jewish day schools in small and medium-sized Jewish communities for more than 40 years, including 13 years at Binghamton's Hillel Academy, until his retirement in 2012. He continues

serving in his position as rabbi at Beth David, and is now in his 14th year.

Beth David's luncheon speaker series usually takes place the second Saturday of the month after Shabbat morning services, and is open to the community. Because of Rosh Hashanah, it is taking place the third Saturday of the month in September. There is no charge for the luncheon. Since the monthly series' continuation depends on the generosity of contributors, Beth David welcomes donations to the Luncheon Fund in order to keep the program going. Donations can be made in honor of or in memory of someone, or to mark a special occasion. Those wishing an acknowledgment to be sent to the person being honored or to the family of someone being remembered can indicate that, along with the necessary information. Donations can be sent to Beth David Synagogue, 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905, Attention: Luncheon Fund.

JFS prepares for We Remember You 2018

Jewish Family Service is preparing for the distribution of food baskets for the We Remember You project, which is now in its 11th year of service to people in the Jewish community who struggle financially.

As in past years, supermarkets and other businesses have already been contacted and asked to make donations of the special foods that will be distributed in the baskets. Therefore, money will be needed to give out to the recipients so they can shop for the additional food items for their tables that have "special meaning" to them. Those interested can make a donation to JFS by Wednesday, September 5, with checks noted on the memo line for "We Remember You" and mailed to 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850.

JFS Director Roz Antoun noted, "The We Remember You project brings out the Jewish community spirit of kindness and generosity. The children of Hillel Academy have designed greeting cards to put into the baskets. There will be homemade challah and other gifts from our religious school kids. JFS is also asking families with children to pick apples for the baskets and perhaps create some other treats to add a spark of fun."

There is another way the community can help, according to Antoun. "Think about donating small items for the baskets, such as honey. JFS is also requesting donations of spices, because spices are a great way to reduce sodium in the meal, and add minerals and antioxidants while providing

wonderful flavors," Antoun said. "When someone is receiving SNAP benefits or is on a tight budget, buying spices is not a priority. This is a way of providing something really special."

Antoun is asking community members to contact her with to find out what is needed so items will not be duplicated and things that the recipients will not use will not be distributed. Contact Antoun at 724-2332 or by e-mail Rozjfs@stny.rr.com for further information.

"Thank you for 11 years of making this project joyful, compassionate and appreciated. The recipients very much enjoy the gifts and especially being remembered by the community," Antoun said.

Deerfield Place Community Garden back on building track

The VINES' first Vestal-based community garden, which will be located on the property of Temple Israel, is back on track for beginning garden construction this fall.

This summer's ongoing rains thwarted efforts to begin the project. Amelia LoDolce, VINES executive director, commented, "VINES is excited to partner with Temple Israel to construct the Deerfield Place Community Garden on their property this fall. The garden will be the first VINES community garden in Vestal and it has already received a lot of interest from Vestal residents. Together, we'll be making it easier for people to grow their own food, while creating stronger community connections."

Cherese Wiesner-Rosalis, co-site coordinator, added,

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JTA

Charles Schumer wants to name Senate building for John McCain

Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY) has garnered backing from a key GOP senator in his bid to rename a Senate building for Sen. John McCain. The building currently is named for Richard Russell, a Georgia Democrat who served from 1933-71 and who led opposition to civil rights reforms advanced by President Lyndon Johnson and for upholding racial segregation. Schumer and McCain, the Arizona Republican who died on Aug. 25, were both members of the Senate's bipartisan Gang of Eight, which sought in vain to reach agreement on a comprehensive immigration bill. Sen. Jeff Flake, like McCain, an Arizona Republican, said he would cosponsor such resolution, which lends the proposal heft. Because the proposal involves congressional property, it would not need the signature of President Donald Trump. Trump and McCain, a Vietnam war hero and the 2008 Republican presidential nominee, feuded, and Trump refused to honor McCain during his struggle with brain cancer. Since his death on Aug. 25, Trump tweeted condolences to McCain's family, but issued no White House tribute to the former Vietnam prisoner of war and one-time GOP presidential nominee.

Loophole allows expansion of Kotel egalitarian prayer section

A plan to expand the Western Wall's egalitarian prayer section received final approval, using a loophole that applies to handicapped-accessible sites. The approval was first reported late Aug. 26 in *Haaretz*, which did not say when the meeting to approve the work took place. Approval of the work under the special regulation cut months off the time it would take to begin the work, since it need only be approved by the municipal engineer and not also by both the regional and local planning committees. The plan to approve the fast-track process for the work was supported by the Prime Minister's Office, according to the report. The attorney general's office reportedly was against using the loophole of as a way to approve "a major and controversial" project. The plan was approved by the Jerusalem municipality's legal counsel, however.

"Our community garden will be constructed in phases, including a larger space for an orchard, berries, flower beds and a pergola that could be used as a wedding chuppah. We hope that the community is as excited as we are to get involved."

For updates on the garden's construction project, see future issues of *The Reporter*.



The site of the VINES garden at Temple Israel. R-l: Jasmine Wiesner-Rosalis; Cherese Wiesner-Rosalis, co-site coordinator; Madelaine Cotts, VINES landscape architect volunteer; Amelia LoDolce, VINES executive director; Terry Deamer, garden volunteer; Art Siegel, Temple Israel president; and Kaitlyn Sirna: community gardener and youth program supervisor; Not pictured: Kevin Lahode, co-site coordinator. (Photo by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown)

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Off the Shelf

Race relations

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

Jews and blacks: the relationship between the two groups is complicated because it's impossible for either group to completely understand the world in which the other lives. Three recent novels explore not only how race and religion divide us, but those rare moments when a person suddenly acknowledges just how much he/she doesn't know about the other group. That's when it's finally possible to truly sympathize with someone else's needs, joys and trials.

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The book, which is being translated into multiple foreign languages – including Bulgarian, Chinese, Czech, Indonesian, Korean, Spanish and Vietnamese – features 15 Israeli inventions that are said to be changing the world. “Based on extensive research, more than 100 personal interviews and written by a Middle East insider, the book examines the driving force behind Israel's outstanding contributions to technology, science, agriculture, water management and defense,” said organizers of the event.

Jorisch is an entrepreneur and Middle East expert. He is a senior fellow at the American Foreign Policy Council and founder of IMS, a merchant processing company that serves clients nationwide. A thought leader in exploring global innovation trends, the Arab world, counterterrorism and illicit finance, Jorisch previously served in the U.S. Departments of Treasury and Defense. He holds a bachelor's degree in history from Binghamton University and a master's degree in Islamic history from Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He also studied Arabic and Islamic philosophy at the American University in Cairo and al-Azhar University, considered the pre-eminent institution of Sunni Islamic learning. An author of five books, including “Beacon of Hatred; Inside Hizballah's Al-Manar Television” and “Iran's Dirty Banking,” Jorisch's articles have appeared in outlets that include *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Forbes* and *Al-Arabiya.net*. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Entrepreneurs' Organization.

“I am extremely excited about welcoming Avi to deliver the Piaker Lecture, a much sought after and dynamic speaker, a close personal friend (Avi graduated from Binghamton in 1997) and a brilliant scholar. Avi's presentation will enthral, enlighten and make us all feel extremely proud of our Jewish homeland. I look forward to seeing everyone at the event,” said Rivkah Slonim.

There is no charge for the event, but reservations are necessary and can be made at www.JewishBU.com/Piaker or by calling Chabad at 797-0015.

“Goldens Are Here”

During the early 1960s, the status quo was changing in Florida. Those years saw the beginning of the Civil Rights movement, increasing problems with Communist Cuba and the start of the U.S. space program. However, racism and antisemitism had yet to disappear, at least in the orange groves of the central east coast of Florida. In Andrew Furman's “Goldens Are Here” (Green Writers Press), the Goldens – Isaac; his wife, Melody; their sickly son, Eli; and their baby daughter, Sarah – are hoping to create a new life in this changing Florida, one that might give Eli a better chance of survival than in their previous home in Philadelphia. A doctor who left his practice because he could not bear to heal other children when he couldn't heal his own son, Isaac bought a small orange grove. There he hopes to offer his family and himself a new beginning.

While Isaac busies himself trying to create a new type of orange, Melody finds herself out of step with the other women in the community. Even her attempts at baking her favorite family recipes are unsuccessful in the Florida heat and humidity. The one other Jewish family in their small town is no help: their children are grown and their interests differ, leaving Melody to wonder if she will ever feel comfortable in her new home. Eli, on the other hand, quickly adjusts – befriending a neighbor's daughter and wishing for more stamina so he can wander through the orange groves with her. Then, when it comes time to harvest his first orange crop, Isaac finds himself caught between the other growers in his co-op, who want to keep wages for their black workers at a low level, and the workers with whom he sympathizes, but about whose lives he knows little.

Readers may find themselves learning more about the growing of citrus fruit than they ever wanted to know and struggling through Forman's convoluted prose, but the author also manages to create characters with surprising depths and a plot that takes some unexpected turns. Although not easy reading, book clubs interested in discussing race relations and morality may find “Goldens Are Here” a good fit.

“A Narrow Bridge”

What happens when your world crashes, when everything you live for disappears in an instant and your religion no longer has any meaning? If you're Jacob Fisher, an Orthodox Jew living in New York City, you leave all your possessions behind and run away as far as a bus will take you. Jacob's story sets the plot of J. J. Geshler's moving “A Narrow Bridge” (Prospect Park Books) in motion, but he is not the only character looking for a different type of life.

Jacob finds himself homeless in a small town in Alabama. Unable to speak, he is befriended by the caretaker of an African American church and that caretaker's niece, Rosie Yarber,

who has returned to her hometown with her young son after a failed marriage. Rosie finds comfort in music and joins the church choir. Jacob, who has always loved music, finds himself drawn to the voices lifted in song and prayer. Over the course of the novel, readers discover the history of these characters and what they learn from, and about, each other.

It's difficult to discuss “A Narrow Bridge” without giving away too much of the plot. Geshler effectively uses Jewish imagery to inform the lives of these complex and interesting characters. His story is less about black and white relations than it is about faith, family and love. Readers may have mixed feelings about the plot's resolution, but won't be able to deny the author's realistic approach to life. The ending left this reader happy and sad at the same time, in addition to being glad that there were tissues nearby. Geshler's characters slipped under my defenses and found their way into my heart.

“Green”

Middle school is a difficult time for most children as they navigate the changes that occur during the transition from youth to teenager. However, David Greenfield has some additional problems that make his life at his new middle school a challenge. In 1992 Boston, he's one of the few white children at the Martin Luther King, Jr., Middle School, because his hippie parents believe in supporting public schools. In “Green” (Random House), Sam Graham-Felsen portrays the ups and downs of his first year at school, using David's first person narrative to explore what it means to be teased, ignored and refused the joy of owning his own pair of Nike sneakers.

David is surprised to find himself befriended by Marlon Wellings, a black student who lives in a nearby public housing project. Although Marlon doesn't run with any particular group, the rest of the students generally leave him alone. Marlon and David bond over their love of the Boston Celtics basketball games and white basketball player Larry Bird. Both boys hope to attend the city's best public high school – that is, if they score well enough on the test. Unfortunately, misunderstandings create a crack in their friendship. The question becomes whether their friendship will survive or if it is permanently broken.

Although the novel is told from David's point of view, readers can glimpse just how little he understands about the real world of his friend. The difficulties Marlon faces make David's complaints look unsubstantial. However, Graham-Felsen also allows readers to sympathize with David as he slowly matures and comes to realize how lucky he is. The novel may also leave readers feeling fortunate they'll never again have to navigate the halls of a middle school.

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High Holiday services at area synagogues

All information was provided by the synagogues listed below. For further information on any of the services, see the Congregational Notes on page 10 for contact information for all of the area synagogues.

Beth David Synagogue

Saturday, September 1 – Selichot

Service – 10:30 pm

Sunday, September 9 – erev Rosh Hashanah

Service – 7:45 am

Candle lighting – 7:05 pm

Mincha – 7:05 pm

Monday, September 10 – Rosh Hashanah I

Shacharit – 8:15 am

Shofar – 10:45 am

Tashlich at Confluence Park – 6:20 pm

Mincha – 7:05 pm

Candle lighting after – 8:04 pm

Tuesday, September 11 – Rosh Hashanah II

Shacharit – 8:15 am

Shofar – 10:45 am

Mincha – 7:05 pm

Yom tov ends – 8:02 pm

Wednesday, September 12 – Tzom Gedaliah – Fast of Gedalya

Fast begins – 5:16 am

Shacharit – 6:50 am

Mincha – 6:50 pm

Fast ends – 8 pm

Thursday, September 13 – Aseret Yemai Teshuvah – Days of Repentance

Shacharit – 6:50 am

Mincha – 7 pm

Friday, September 14 – Aseret Yemai Teshuvah – Days of Repentance

Shacharit – 6:50 am

Friday, September 14 – Shabbat Shuvah

Candle lighting – 6:56 pm

Mincha – 7 pm

Saturday, September 15 – Shabbat Shuvah

Shacharit – 9 am

Monthly luncheon noon

Shabbat Shuvah lecture during luncheon

Mincha – 6:45 pm

Shabbat ends – 7:55 pm

Sunday, September 16 – Aseret Yemai Teshuvah – Days of Repentance

Shacharit – 8:30 am

Service at Holocaust Memorial Monument – 12:30 pm

Cemetery visitations following – approx. 1-2 pm

Mincha – 6:55 pm

Monday, September 17 – Aseret Yemai Teshuvah – Days of Repentance

Shacharit – 6:50 am

Mincha – 6:55 pm

Tuesday, September 18 – Aseret Yemai Teshuvah – Days of Repentance

Shacharit – 7 am

Tuesday, September 18 – erev Yom Kippur

Mincha – 3 pm

Candle lighting – before 6:50 pm

Fast begins – 6:50 pm

Kol Nidre – 6:50 pm

Wednesday, September 19 – Yom Kippur

Shacharit – 9 am

Yizkor – 12:15 pm

Mincha – 5:30 pm

Shofar – fast ends 7:48 pm

Sunday, September 23 – erev Sukkot

Candle lighting – 6:41 pm

Mincha – 6:45 pm

Monday, September 24 – Sukkot I

Shacharit – 9 am

Mincha – 6:40 pm

Candle lighting – after 7:39 pm

Tuesday, September 25 – Sukkot II

Shacharit – 9 am

Mincha – 6:40 pm

Yom tov ends – 7:38 pm

Wednesday-Friday, September 26-28 – Chol Hamoed

Shacharit – 6:50 am

Mincha – 6:35 pm

Friday, September 28 – Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot

Candle lighting – 6:32 pm

Mincha – 6:35 pm

Saturday, September 29 – Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot

Shacharit – 9 am

Mincha – 6:20 pm

Shabbat ends – 7:31 pm

Sunday, September 30 – Hoshana Rabba

Shacharit – 8:30 am

Sunday, September 30 – erev Shemini Atzeret

Candle lighting – 6:28 pm

Mincha – 6:30 pm

Monday, October 1 – Shemini Atzeret/erev Simchat Torah

Shacharit – 9 am

Yizkor – 10:45 am

Mincha – 6:30 pm

Candle lighting – after 7:27 pm

Maariv and hakafot – 7:20 pm

Tuesday, October 2 – Simchat Torah

Shacharit – 9 am

Hakafot – 9:45 am

Mincha – 6:30 pm

Yom tov ends – 7:26 pm

Chabad Center

Sunday, September 9 – erev Rosh Hashanah

Service – 6:45 pm

Monday, September 10 – Rosh Hashanah I

Service – 9:30 am

Shofar sounded – approx. 11:30 am

Tashlich ceremony to follow lunch and Mincha

Service – 7:30 pm

Tuesday, September 11 – Rosh Hashanah II

Service – 9:30 am

Shofar sounded – approx. 11:30 am

All Rosh Hashanah services will be held at the Chabad Center, 420 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal, and are open free of charge to all members of the Jewish community. All services will be followed by holiday dinners. To attend any of the dinners, call 797-0015 to make a reservation.

Tuesday, September 18 – erev Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre, evening service 6:45 pm

Wednesday, September 19 – Yom Kippur

Morning service – 9:30 am

Neilah, closing service – 6 pm followed by sounding of the shofar and a light break-fast

All Yom Kippur services will be held in the C-4 Multi Purpose Room (Newing/Dickinson College) at Binghamton University. Services are open free of charge to all members of the Jewish community.

TC/TI joint Selichot potluck picnic and service on Sept. 1

Temple Concord and Temple Israel invite the community to join them Saturday, September 1, at 6:30 pm, for a Selichot potluck picnic in the Temple Concord Dorothy Schagrin Garden. Those attending are asked to bring a vegetarian or dairy dish to share. A dessert reception at 7:30 pm will lead into Selichot services at 8 pm. The service will include the LL Peretz story "If Not Higher" interwoven with the prayers. The evening will conclude with the sounding of the shofar and Havdalah.

The evening will be at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr.,

Sunday September 23 – erev Sukkot

Service – 6:30 pm

Monday, September 24 – Sukkot I

Service – 9:30 am

Service – 7:15 pm

Tuesday, September 25 – Sukkot II

Service – 9:30 am

All Sukkot services will be held at the Chabad Center, 420 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal, and are open free of charge to all members of the Jewish community. All services will be followed by dinners in the sukkah. To attend any of the dinners, call 797-0015 to make a reservation.

Sunday, September 30 – erev Shemini Atzeret

Service – 6 pm

Monday, October 1 – Shemini Atzeret/erev Simchat Torah

Service – 9:30 am

Simchat Torah Blast in the C-4 Multi Purpose Room (Newing/Dickinson College) at Binghamton University – 7:30 pm

Tuesday October 2 – Simchat Torah

Service – 9:30 am

All Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah services will be held at the Chabad Center (with the exception of the Simchat Torah Blast on campus), 420 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal, and are open free of charge to all members of the Jewish community. All services will be followed by dinners. To attend any of the dinners, call 797-0015 to make a reservation.

Congregation Tikkun v'Or (Ithaca Reform Temple)

Note: All Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services are held at the Hangar Theatre, 801 Taughannock Blvd., Ithaca, and are led by Rabbi Brian Walt.

Membership and tickets are not required for any services.

Monday, September 4 – Selichot

Services led by Anne Bussard at Congregation Tikkun v'Or – 7:30-8:30 pm

Sunday, September 9 – erev Rosh Hashanah

Evening service at Hangar Theatre – 7 pm

Monday, September 10 – Rosh Hashanah

Morning service – 9-10:30 am

Torah service – 10:30-11:15 am

Children's services – 11:15-11:45 am

Rabbi's sermon – 11:15-11:45 am

Shofar and Kaddish – 11:45 am-12:15 pm

Tashlich at Inlet in Cass Park – 1 pm

Childcare is available all day.

Tuesday, September 18 – erev Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre – 7 pm

Wednesday, September 19 – Yom Kippur

The building will be open all day. People are welcome to stay whether or not they are participating in services.

Morning service – 9-11 am

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Chabad Rosh Hashanah services, hospitality and shofar blowing for the homebound

Chabad Center announces that it will offer Rosh Hashanah services and holiday meals to interested members of the community; there is no fee for attendance. Services will begin at 6:45 pm on Sunday, September 9, and at 7:30 pm on Monday, September 10.

Morning services on September 10 and Tuesday, September 11, will begin at 9:30 am and the shofar will be sounded at approximately 11:30 am. Services will be followed by full course, home-cooked holiday dinners replete with the customary festival foods.

Chabad Center will also send a rabbi to blow the shofar for homebound individuals who reside within a two-mile radius from the Chabad Center in Vestal or the Chabad House on the West Side. "The High Holiday season traditionally finds many Jews

with a need and desire to join in prayer and observance. We are offering these services in the hope that we can make the holidays and observances accessible to every single Jew in our community. No prior experience or level of observance is necessary. We use Hebrew/English prayer books and take care to conduct an explanatory service with frequent guidelines to aid the novice," said Rabbi Aaron Slonim, Chabad Center director.

To make reservations to attend services and meals, or to request a shofar blowing at one's home, call the Chabad Center office at 797-0015.

TC Sisterhood to sponsor kiddush on Sept. 10

Temple Concord Sisterhood will sponsor a Rosh Hashanah kiddush for the entire congregation immediately following services on Monday, September 10, in

the Dorothy Schagrin Memorial Gardens. This is the first Sisterhood function of the new year. In case of rain, it will be held in the mansion.

"The kiddush will feature a variety of sweets for a sweet year and round challahs for a round year," said organizers of the kiddush.

It's a new year, so why not swap in these recipes for old favorites?

By Shannon Sarna

NEW YORK (JTA) - The sweetest time of year is upon us, quite literally: It's Rosh Hashanah. And while I know most families have their standard holiday dishes they make year after year, sometimes it's nice to swap



Beet and Sweet Potato Latkes (Photo by Shannon Sarna)

in a new appetizer, alternating main dish or a quick, but delicious, new dessert to serve.

Trade in your beet and apple salad for some sweet beet latkes. Instead of a brisket, try a slow-cooked pomegranate lamb stew. And if you want the easiest, cutest apple dessert, you have to try my friend Sheri Silver's easy as apple pie cookies.

Wishing you and your family a sweet and delicious new year.

Appetizer - Beet and Sweet Potato Latkes

There's no reason to save latkes for Hanukkah. And beets are actually a traditional food to enjoy for the new year, which makes these appetizers the perfect symbolic, sweet and satisfying dish to serve at the holidays.

- 2 medium beets
- 1 small sweet potato (can also use 2 carrots)
- 1 medium Idaho potato

- 2 eggs
 - ¼ cup all-purpose flour
 - 1 tsp. fresh thyme
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - Additional sea salt for sprinkling
1. Peel beets, sweet potato and potato. Cut each in half. In three or four batches, place vegetables through food processor for a coarse grate (you can also grate coarsely by hand).

2. Place mixture in a large bowl. Add eggs, flour, thyme and salt.

3. Heat around ¼ cup vegetable oil in a large saute pan over medium-high heat. Form bite-size mounds of latkes, taking care not to squeeze too much liquid out of the latkes. Fry until brown and crispy on each side, then place on a wire rack on top of a baking sheet to cool. Immediately sprinkle with an additional pinch of salt while they are still hot.

4. Serve warm with applesauce, if desired.

Main Dish - Lamb Stew with Pomegranate

Brisket is the quintessential American Jewish dish for holidays. But in Israel and for Sephardi Jews, lamb is a far more common main dish to serve for special occasions. This lamb is sweet and savory, and actually takes less time to cook than a brisket. It's perfect to serve on top of fluffy couscous or rice, and it's particularly striking due to the jewel-toned pomegranate seeds and fresh herbs on top.

- 3 lbs. lamb stew meat, cut into 2- to 4-inch pieces

- 1 large onion, sliced
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1-2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 3 cinnamon sticks
- 2½-3 cups water or stock
- 3 Tbsp. pomegranate molasses, plus extra for drizzling

- 1 cup pomegranate seeds, divided
- Fresh parsley, mint and/or cilantro for serving

1. Heat a heavy casserole with a little oil over medium-high heat. Sear lamb pieces on each side until lightly golden.

2. Remove lamb.

3. Add onion and saute until translucent. Add garlic and saute for another 3 minutes.

4. Place lamb back into the pot and add salt, pepper, cinnamon stick, pomegranate molasses and half the pomegranate seeds.

5. Add 2 to 2½ cups water or stock, until meat is cover. Bring to a boil.

6. Reduce the heat to low-medium, cover and continue to cook over low heat for about 2 hours. Check on stew periodically, and add



Lamb Stew with Pomegranate (Photo by Shannon Sarna)

more water if needed. Lamb should be fork tender when it is done.

7. Serve stew over couscous or rice. Drizzle top of stew with additional pomegranate molasses (around 1-2 tablespoons), the remaining pomegranate seeds and freshly chopped herbs such as parsley, mint and/or cilantro.

Dessert - Easy Apple Pie Cookies

By Sheri Silver

This recipe comes straight from a dear friend and colleague, who always knows just how to make dessert super easy, super adorable and super delicious. The secret to these cookies is a rich crumble topping and store-bought pie crust.

For the streusel:

- 4 Tbsp. unsalted butter, melted
- ¼ cup flour
- ¼ cup light brown sugar
- ¼ cup white sugar
- ½ tsp. cinnamon
- Pinch of kosher salt

For the filling:

- 2 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and diced

- 2 Tbsp. brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp. unsalted butter
- Juice from one lemon
- Pinch of kosher salt
- ½ tsp. cinnamon

- 1 store-bought refrigerated pie crust, at room temperature

1. Make the streusel: Line a small baking sheet with parchment paper. Combine the streusel ingredients in a bowl, breaking up any large clumps, and spread onto your baking sheet. Set aside to dry (can be made a day ahead; store covered at room temperature).

2. Make the filling: Combine the filling ingredients in a saucepan and cook over medium heat, stirring until the mixture comes to a simmer. Cook for 5-10 minutes, until the apples are slightly softened. Remove from heat, drain the liquid and cool completely (may be made a day ahead; store in the fridge).

3. Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour a 12-cup muffin tin or line with parchment paper cups. Unroll your pie crust and use a glass or cookie cutter to cut circles that are slightly larger - about ¼ inch - than the base of your muffin cups (I used a 2½-inch cutter).

4. Place the circles in the bottom of each muffin cup, pressing gently along the sides and bottoms. Spoon some apple filling into each crust and top with the streusel.

5. Bake cookies for 20 minutes, or until streusel is golden brown. Cool completely in tins on a wire rack. Serve immediately or store, covered, for up to three days.



Easy Apple Pie Cookies (Photo by Sheri Silver)

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“Out of the blue,” regal biblical color “tekhelet” returns to modern Israel

By Eliana Rudee

(JNS) – A new exhibit exploring the mysterious color *tekhelet*, a vibrant blue dye mentioned 49 times in the Torah and later chosen as the central color of Israel’s national flag, opened recently at the Bible Lands Museum in Jerusalem.

The source of the color *tekhelet* was a mystery for nearly 1,500 years until later identified by archaeological evidence from around the eastern Mediterranean coast. The *tekhelet* exhibit at the Bible Lands Museum was launched in honor of Israel’s 70th year of independence, as the power and significance of *tekhelet* emerged from Jewish memory in modern times as the inspiration for Israel’s vibrant national flag.

The exhibit narrates the quest for the biblical blue color, “yearned for by mankind throughout generations.”

“Its sacred meaning took root in Jewish history when the Israelites were commanded to cover the Ark of the Covenant and Tabernacle utensils with *tekhelet* dyed cloths, and to tie *tekhelet* threads to the corners of their garments as a reminder of God and his commandments,” curator Yehuda Kaplan told JNS.

As the dye industry declined, the origin of the color baffled many for centuries, only to be recently identified by marine biologists and talmudic researchers who discovered the source – murex snails indigenous to the Mediterranean shores, near Haifa. The fade-resistant pigment from a glan-

dular secretion of murex snails was likely used in ancient times by early peoples of the Near East, applied to textiles for the biblical blue. The color mirrors the stone lapis lazuli (called sapphire in the Bible), imported from Afghanistan to the ancient Near East, and prized for its heavenly color of God’s throne and footstool.

Archaeological evidence for the *tekhelet* industry, dating back to 15th century B.C.E., includes remains of crushed murex shells and potsherds bearing remains of the dye, in addition to small pieces of dyed textiles discovered in Syria and documents from the same time period mentioning the color. *Tekhelet* textiles became prized commodities in the See “Blue” on page 12

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Torah service – 11 am-12:15 pm
Children’s services – 12:15-12:45 pm
Rabbi’s sermon – 12:15-12:45 pm
Returning Torah to Ark – 12:45-1 pm
Break – 1-1:30 pm
Yoga led by Jody (Jyoti) Kessler – 1:30-2:15 pm
Meditation led by Ira Kamp – 2:15-2:45 pm
The Isaiah Challenge, lecturer Dr. Nia Michelle Nunn – 3-4:15 pm
Discussion with rabbi – 4:30-5 pm
Avodah service – 5-5:30 pm
Yizkor – 5:30-6:15 pm
Neilah closing service – 6:15-7:15 pm
Havdalah/shofar – 7:15-7:30 pm
Break-the-fast – bring a veggie/dairy dish-to-pass – 7:30 pm

Saturday, September 23

Sukkot service at Congregation Tikkun v’Or – 7:30 pm

Kol Haverim

Sunday, September 9

Rosh Hashanah service at LifeLong (119 W Court St., Ithaca) – 7-9 pm

Saturday, September 15

Children’s Rosh Hashanah celebration and *Tashlich* at Stewart Park Small Pavilion – 10:30 am

Sunday, September 30

Sukkot celebration at Upper Robert H. Treman Park Pavilion – 11 am-1 pm

Norwich Jewish Center

High Holiday services will not be held at the Norwich Jewish Center this year. Members and visitors are encouraged to attend High Holiday services at Colgate University in Hamilton or Temple Beth El in Oneonta. For information on services at Colgate, visit or www.colgate.edu/campus-life/religious-life/jewish-life or call 315-228-7682. For information on services at Temple Beth El, visit www.templebetheloneonta.org/services, call 607-432-5522, or see its service times on this page.

Roitman Chabad Center at Cornell

Note: For all lunch and dinner meals, RSVP online at www.chabadcornell.com.

Sunday, September 9 – erev Rosh Hashanah

Afternoon service – 6:50 pm
Light candles – 7:08 pm
Evening service* – 7:15 pm
Dinner* – 8 pm

*With holiday entertainer Andrew Kener. This event is made possible by the Student Activities Funding Commission.

Monday, September 10 – Rosh Hashanah I

Morning study – 9 am
Morning service – 10 am
Sounding of the *shofar* – noon
Lunch – 2 pm

Afternoon *shofar* blowing at Chabad – 4 pm

Shofar blowing at Ho Plaza – 4 pm

Shofar blowing around campus* – 4-7 pm

Light candles – after 8:07 pm

Evening service* – 8:15 pm

Dinner* – 9:30 pm

*With holiday entertainer Andrew Kener. This event is made possible by the Student Activities Funding Commission.

Tuesday, September 11 – Rosh Hashanah II

Morning study – 9:30 am
Morning service – 10 am
Sounding of the *shofar* – noon

Lunch – 2 pm

Afternoon *shofar* blowing at Chabad – 4 pm

Shofar blowing at Ho Plaza – 4pm

Shofar blowing around campus** – 4-6:30 pm

**E-mail Rabbi Eli Silberstein, es79@cornell.edu, or Rabbi Dovid Birk, dfb86@cornell.edu, to schedule a *shofar* blowing on campus.

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

Sunday, September 9 – erev Rosh Hashanah

Services – 7 pm

Reception tendered by Sisterhood following services.

Monday, September 10 – Rosh Hashanah I

Shacharit – 9 am

Junior congregation – 11:30 am

Mincha and *Maariv* – 7:30 pm

Tuesday, September 11 – Rosh Hashanah II

Shacharit – 9 am

Junior congregation – 11:30 am

Tashlich at Cascadilla Creek following kiddush

Friday, September 14 – erev Shabbat Shuvah

Services – 6:15 pm

Saturday, September 15, Shabbat Shuvah

Services – 10 am

Tuesday, September 18 – erev Yom Kippur

Mincha – 6 pm

Kol Nidre – 6:30 pm

Wednesday, September 19 – Yom Kippur

Shacharit – 9 am

Junior congregation – 11:30 am

Yizkor – approx. 11:30 am

Mincha – 5:45 pm

A break fast hosted by Sisterhood will follow *Neilah*.

Friday, September 21

Kabbalat Shabbat service – 6:15 pm

Sunday, September 23, erev Sukkot

Service – 6:15 pm

Monday September 24, Sukkot I

Service – 10 am

Mincha, erev second day service – 7:45 pm

Tuesday, September 25 – Sukkot II

Service – 10 am

Friday, September 28

Kabbalat Shabbat – 6:15 pm

Followed by potluck supper in the sukkah.

Kiddush in the sukkah will follow all services.

Sunday, September 30 – erev Shemini Atzeret

Service – 6:15 pm

Monday, October 1, Shemini Atzeret/erev Simchat Torah

Service – 10 am

Erev Simchat Torah celebration – 7:30 pm

Tuesday, October 2 – Simchat Torah

Celebration – 10 am

Temple Beth El, Oneonta

Saturday, September 1 – Selichot

Services – 7 pm

Sunday, September 9 – erev Rosh Hashanah

Services – 7 pm

Monday, September 10 – Rosh Hashanah

Services – 10 am

Tashlich – 1 pm

Tuesday, September 18 – erev Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre – 7 pm

Wednesday, September 19 – Yom Kippur

Morning service, *Yizkor* (memorial service) – 10 am

Mincha, *Neilah* – 5 pm

Havdalah and *shofar* blast – 7 pm

Temple Concord

Saturday, September 1 – Selichot

Temples Concord and Israel will come together for a program, *Selichot* and *Havdalah* service at Temple Concord.

Vegetarian/dairy potluck picnic in the garden – 6:30 pm

Dessert reception – 7:30 pm

Selichot and *Havdalah* service – 8 pm

Sunday, September 9 – erev Rosh Hashanah

Family service – 5:30-6:30 pm

Service – 8 pm

Monday, September 10 – Rosh Hashanah

Service – 9:30 am

Rosh Hashanah service followed by Sisterhood sponsored

Super *Kiddush* in the Dorothy Schagrin Memorial Gardens.
Tashlich at Peace Park (Confluence Park) – immediately following Super *Kiddush*

Tuesday, September 18 – erev Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre – 7:45 pm

Wednesday, September 19 – Yom Kippur

Morning service – 9:30 am

Discussion – “Jonah” with Sima Auerbach – 1:15 pm

Meditative music – 3 pm

Yizkor memorial service – 4 pm

Healing service – 4:45 pm

Neilah concluding service – 5:45 pm

Havdalah – 6:30 pm

Congregational break fast following *Havdalah*

Sunday, September 23 – erev Sukkot

Sukkah decorating – 5 pm

Dinner and seder in the sukkah – 5:30 pm

Monday, September 24 – Sukkot

Sukkot festival service – 10:30 am

Followed by potluck lunch (vegetarian dairy)

Friday, September 28

Shabbat wine and cheese reception in the sukkah – 7:15 pm

Shabbat service – 8 pm

Sunday, September 30 – erev Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

Dancing with Torahs and unrolling Torah scroll, with readings from sections of the scroll and *Yizkor* memorial service – 6:30 pm

Monday, October 1 – Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

Festival and *Yizkor* service, followed by potluck lunch (vegetarian dairy) – 10:30 am

Temple Israel

Note: For families with young children there will be a family drop-in room. Children should bring toys and at least one parent/caregiver.

Saturday, September 1 – Selichot

TI/TC egalitarian services at Temple Concord – 8 pm

Sunday, September 9 – erev Rosh Hashanah

Services – 7:30 pm

Monday, September 10 – Rosh Hashanah I

Services – 8:45 am

Junior congregation – 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Shofar service – 11 am

Tashlich – behind Newman House, 400 Murray Hill Rd. – 4:15 pm

Mincha – 5 pm

Tuesday, September 11 – Rosh Hashanah II

Services – 8:45 am

Junior congregation – 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Shofar service – 11 am

Mincha – 5 pm

Sunday, September 16

Visiting at TI Cemetery – noon

Community Holocaust Memorial – 12:30 pm

Tuesday, September 18 – erev Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre services – 7 pm

Wednesday, September 19 – Yom Kippur

Services – 8:45 am

Junior congregation – 10:30 am-12:30 pm

D’var Torah – 12:45 pm

Martyrology/*Yizkor* – 1 pm

Break – 1:30 pm

Study – 5 pm

Mincha – 5:30 pm

Neilah – 7 pm

Break fast – 7:48 pm

Sunday, September 23 – erev Sukkot

Building the Temple Israel sukkah – 10 am

Monday, September 24 – Sukkot I

Services – 9 am

Tuesday, September 25 – Sukkot II

Study session – 10-11 am

Sunday, September 30 – Hoshana Rabbah

Study session – 10-11 am

Monday, October 1 – Shemini Atzeret

Services – 9:30 am

Yizkor – 11 am

Simchat Torah party/service (evening) – 6 pm

Tuesday, October 2 – Simchat Torah

Study/celebration – 10-11 am

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for Holocaust Survivors,' a project of the JCC of Greater Coney Island," he said. "Over the next year, I met over 23 Holocaust survivors at their homes and I have continued ever since. (Fifteen are still alive)."

While walking in Brooklyn, Weinstein began to visit local synagogues and take photographs of their interiors. He also became curious about whether or not anyone had published a book about New York City synagogues and did learn one had appeared in 2000. "I did not want to simply update this book and steal the author's thunder, so I decided to do a book of 100 Orthodox synagogues of Brooklyn," he said. "Not long after, I thought about my family, those same great-grandparents that lived on the Lower East Side, lived in Brooklyn, were buried in the United Hebrew Cemetery in Staten Island - in paupers graves provided by the Hebrew Free Burial Society. My parents moved from Brooklyn to Queens where I was born. My grandfather, who was born in a tenement on Cherry Street on the Lower East Side in 1901, lost his mother at age 8 and was sent to live with an older sister in the Bronx, becoming a lifetime New York Yankees fan. I lived on the Upper West Side in Manhattan after graduating from Cornell [University] in 1985. So I truly had roots in all five boroughs. I decided to photograph existing Orthodox synagogues."

Weinstein decided to present photos of 180 synagogues because 18 is the numerical value of the Hebrew word *chai* (life) and 180 is the numerical value of *chai* multiplied by 10. What is unusual about the photographs is that they feature only the interiors of buildings and don't include any people. "I thought about photos of the outside, but that was well documented," he said. "What was missing, in my opinion, were photos of so many synagogues people see only while driving or walking by. I had to go inside and see for myself. What I discovered was unbelievable beauty in most, certainly not all, Orthodox synagogues. In addition, due to contemporary concerns about terrorism, I decided that photographing the outside of buildings would not be appropriate. There were several times that news organizations caught shady looking people taking photos, caught on video camera. There was one Orthodox synagogue in the Bronx that told me about bomb threats in the past. I quickly decided to photograph only the inside, with a focus on the *aron kodesh* (the ark) and the sanctuary. To protect their privacy, I chose not to photograph congregants or synagogue personnel."

Another unusual aspect of the book is that there are no captions or explanations of the photos beyond the name of the synagogue. Weinstein felt it best not to comment on individual items and allow readers to puzzle out specific features. "Many of the items in these synagogues, such as stained glass windows, were made and donated in honor of congregants or perhaps their parents or great-grandparents. I felt it would be wrong to comment on some, not others," he said. "There are thousands of stories behind all the artwork I saw. For example, there was a stained glass window donated by 'Mr. & Mrs. Rickles and their son Donald,' in Congregation Tifereth Israel in East Elmhurst, Queens. Did Don Rickles give his bar mitzvah speech telling jokes or insulting the guests, in his unique style of comedy? Although tempted, I did not want to speculate. The other Congregation Tifereth Israel, in Corona, Queens, was the synagogue of little Josephine 'Esther' Mentzer and her family, Hungarian Jewish emigrants. Josephine later married but took the name Estee, and became Estee Lauder. I did not want to go there - into the personal stories of famous or not so famous congregants."

Weinstein also noted the difficulty of deciding which synagogues would be featured. "I had limitations, I could not photograph every synagogue in the five boroughs of New York City," he noted. "So I made an arbitrary decision to exclude colleges, universities (such as Yeshiva University in Washington Heights, Manhattan, which has several synagogues) and yeshivas. I also decided to focus mostly on the larger existing Orthodox synagogues in all five boroughs and to exclude the 'shtiebels' the smaller synagogues in apartments, houses and storefronts. I did make a few exceptions such as the Albert Einstein Synagogue, located in a residence hall at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, and Congregation Chassidei Breslov, a 'shtiebel' in Borough Park. Rabbi Nachman of Breslov was the great-grandson of Rabbi Yisroel ben Eliezer, widely known as the Baal Shem Tov, the Master of the Good Name, considered the founder of Chasidism. On a personal level, it was important for me to include this one. Breslov teachings, in my opinion, speak to all Jews, all denominations."

Since Weinstein has no formal training in architecture or synagogue design, he relied on instinct to show the diversity in design of the interiors of the buildings. "The oldest existing synagogue in Manhattan was founded in 1654, Congregation Shearith Israel, the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, built in 1897 on Central Park West, on the Upper West Side in Manhattan," he said. "Within this synagogue is the 'Little Synagogue,' which was the original synagogue on Mill Street on the Lower East Side and bears a striking resemblance to the interior of the



Congregation Kol Israel (founded 1924, Prospect Heights, Brooklyn)

Touro Synagogue, Congregation Jeshuat Israel, founded in 1658 in Newport, R.I. Separate books have been written about these synagogues with exquisite detail. In my book, I was able to determine over 30 countries where people originally came from. So many are the classic Ashkenazi

style, while others are Sephardic style."

He noted that Jews from different towns and countries established synagogues for their specific Jewish ethnic group. For example, not only are there synagogues for Eastern European Jews from specific areas, but ones that cater to those who arrived in the U.S. from the Middle East, and Central and Southeast Asia. "I sometimes think that New York Jewish areas are more like a salad bowl, with people from certain countries staying together, rather than a 'melting pot,'" he added.

Although his book focuses on Orthodox synagogues, Weinstein believes "we are all one people, *Klal Yisrael*. I have family members who cut their ties to Judaism, some who are Reform, Conservative or Modern Orthodox. My book does not discuss our differences. Through photos, I tried to show the beauty of these Orthodox synagogues, most which have never been photographed before. I tried to show the view from different perspectives, whether it was from the main sanctuary or a remote balcony where the women pray. I tried my best to show, to let the photos do the 'talking.'"

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Ki Tavo, Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

Family history narratives

RABBI MARLEY WEINER, SENIOR JEWISH EDUCATOR AT HILLEL AT BINGHAMTON

At my last job, I had a student whose main hobby was the website Ancestry.com. He spent hours tracking his family's genealogy, and discovered distant relatives all over the world. He even contacted some of these people, building new familial relationships facilitated by an intricate blend of past memory and cutting edge technology.

Every now and again, I dip my toes into the website. On my father's side, we know almost nothing about the family before my great-grandparents, so any scrap of information is thrilling. Finding a handwritten census record here, a

picture of a gravestone there, helps me to better understand the family that produced me. And a few years ago, I discovered that I am not unique in my family. Among the currently living Jews, I am the only one who keeps kosher or goes to synagogue regularly, and certainly the only rabbi. However, I learned that a great-great-grandfather was a rabbi as well. It changed my view of my family as secular Jews who raised more secular Jews, and opened the possibility that I might be recovering a thread of family tradition that has been long lost.

And in this week's *parasha*, we explore family history as well. One of the commandments that Moshe exhorts the Jews to follow is the commandment of gathering in the first fruits and presenting them as an offering to the Temple. And when they do, they are exhorted to recite a very specific phrase, "*Amari oved avi, vayered mitzraimah.*" The wording is a bit ambiguous here. Some commentators, such as Medieval French rabbi Rashi, translate it as "An Aramean pursued my father, and he settled in Egypt," indicating See "Family" on page 11

Congregational Notes

Temple Concord

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 Website: www.templeconcord.com
 Regular service times: Friday, 8 pm; Saturday, 10:35 am, when religious school is in session.
 Hebrew school: Hebrew school meets at 5:15 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year unless otherwise noted.

On Friday, August 31, at 8 pm, there will be a Shabbat evening service celebrating Labor Day led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Saturday, September 1, there will not be Torah study. There will be a joint Selichot program with Temple Israel: 6:30 pm – potluck dairy/vegetarian picnic in the garden; 7:30 pm – dessert reception; and 8 pm – Selichot services.

On Sunday, September 2, from 10 am-2 pm, Sisterhood will hold a rummage sale.

On Tuesday, September 4, at 10:30 am, the Tuesday Morning Book Club will meet at Temple Concord.

On Wednesday, September 5, at 7 pm, there will be a Sisterhood board meeting.

On Friday, September 7, at 6:30 pm, there will be a pre-LUMA Shabbat evening service led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Saturday, September 8, at 9 am, there will be the first day of religious school; at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study; and at 10:35 am, there will be a Shabbat family service with August and September birthday blessings.

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 Website: www.tikunvor.org
 Presidents: Miranda Phillips and Shawn Murphy
 Rabbi: Brian Walt
 Religious School Director/Admin. Coordinator: Naomi Wilensky
 Services: Fridays at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted. Family services and Tot Shabbat once a month at 6:30 pm. Call for weekly schedules.
 Religious School: Preschool through seventh-grade classes meet on Sunday mornings. Sixth-grade Hebrew and seventh-grade b'nai mitzvah classes meet on Wednesday afternoons.
 Adult Ed: Mini courses throughout the year. Adult Hebrew offered regularly. Call the office for details.

Beth David Synagogue

Affiliation: Orthodox Union
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 Friday, Aug. 31 7:15 pm
 Shabbat, Sept. 1 9 am
 Mincha after the kiddush
 Maariv 7:05 pm
 Selichot 10:30 pm
 Weekday Services:
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 Sun., Sept. 2 8:30 am
 Mon., Sept. 3 8:30 am
 Tues.-Fri., Sept. 4-7 6:50 am
 Evenings:
 Sun.-Thurs., Sept. 2-6 7:15 pm
 Fri., Sept. 7 7:10 pm
 Classes: Rabbi Zev Silber will hold his weekly Talmud class every Tuesday evening after services.

Norwich Jewish Center

Orientation: Inclusive
 Rabbi: David Regenspan
 Address: 72 South Broad St., Norwich, NY 13815
 Contact: Guilla Greenberg, 336-1523
 Purpose: To maintain a Jewish identity and meet the needs of the Jewish community in the area.
 Adult Ed.: Saturday morning study is held at 10 am. Call for more information and to confirm.

High Holiday services will not be held at the Norwich Jewish Center this year. Members and visitors are encouraged to attend High Holiday services at Colgate University in Hamilton or Temple Beth El in Oneonta. For Colgate U. services, visit or www.colgate.edu/campus-life/religious-life/jewish-life or call 315-228-7682. For Temple Beth El services, visit www.templebetheloneonta.org/services, call 607-432-5522, or see its service times on this page.

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

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 President: Jerry Davis
 Sisterhood President: Julie Paige
 Director of Education: Rabbi Suzanne Brody
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 Services: Friday 8 pm; Saturday 10 am, unless otherwise announced. Weekday morning minyan 7:30 am (9 am on Sundays and legal holidays).
 Religious School/Education: September-May: Classes meet on Sunday, 9 am-12:30 pm and Wednesday afternoons, 3:45-5:45 pm. The Midrashah (eighth-grade and high school) classes will meet at times designated by their respective teachers.
 Adult Ed.: Numerous weekly courses, several semester-long courses and a variety of mini-courses and lectures are offered throughout the year. Call the temple office for more details.

On Sunday, September 9, erev Rosh Hashanah services will be held at 7 pm, with a reception tendered by Sisterhood following services.

On Monday, September 10, Rosh Hashanah I, Shacharit will be held at 9 am, Junior congregation at 11:30 am, and Mincha and Maariv at 7:30 pm.

On Tuesday, September 11, Rosh Hashanah II, Shacharit will be held at 9 am, Junior congregation at 11:30 am, and Tashlich will be held at Cascadilla Creek following kiddush.

Friday, August 31, light candles 7:43 pm
 Shabbat ends Saturday, September 1 8:42 pm
 Friday, September 7, light candles 7:08 pm
 Shabbat ends Saturday, September 8 8:07 pm
 Sunday, September 9, light candles 7:05 pm
 Monday, September 10, light candles after 8:04 pm
 Tuesday, September 11, yom tov ends 8:02 pm

Temple Israel

Orientation: Conservative
 Rabbi: Geoffrey Brown
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 E-mail: titammy@stny.twcbc.com
 Website: www.templeisraelvestal.org
 Service Schedule: Tuesday, 5:30 pm; Friday, 5:30 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am

On Saturday, September 1, at 9:30 am, services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8. The haftarah will be Isaiah 60:1-22. Arlene Osber will sponsor the kiddush following services.

On Monday, September 3, the temple office will be closed for Labor Day.

Temple Beth El of Oneonta

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 Regular service times: visit the temple website for days of services and times

Religious School/Education: Religious School, for grades kindergarten through bar/bat mitzvah, meets Sunday mornings. Rabbi Karp conducts services and holds classes in Torah, beginning Hebrew and Maimonides.
 For the schedule of services, classes and events, see the website.

On Saturday, September 1, Selichot services will be held at 7 pm.

On Sunday, September 9, erev Rosh Hashanah services will be held at 7 pm.

On Monday, September 10, Rosh Hashanah services will be held at 10 am and Tashlich will be held at 1 pm.

Kol Haverim

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 Chairwoman: Abby Cohn

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KH welcomes all individuals and families, including those from mixed religious backgrounds, who wish to strengthen the Jewish experience in their lives and provide their children with a Jewish identity and experience.

On Sunday, September 9, from 7-9 pm, Rosh Hashanah services will be held at LifeLong (119 W Court St., Ithaca).

On Saturday, September 15, at 10:30 am, a children's Rosh Hashanah celebration and Tashlich will be held at Stewart Park Small Pavilion.

Temple Brith Sholom

Affiliation: Unaffiliated
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 Service leaders: Lay leadership
 Shabbat services: Either Friday evening at 7:30 pm or Saturday at 10 am from Rosh Hashanah to Shavuot. Holiday services are also held. Check the weekly e-mail for upcoming services. Contact the president to get on the e-mail list.
 Religious School: Students are educated on an individual basis. Temple Brith Sholom is a small egalitarian congregation serving the greater Cortland community. Congregants span the gamut of observance and services are largely dependent on the service leader. The Friday night siddur is "Likrat Shabbat," while the Saturday morning siddur is "Gates of Prayer." The community extends a warm welcome to the Jewish student population of SUNY Cortland, as well as the residents of local adult residences.

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

Supreme Court: Israel must admit Hamas relatives for critical medical care

Israel's Supreme Court ordered the Israel Defense Forces on Aug. 26 to admit five critically ill women who are close relatives of Hamas terrorists for urgent medical treatment, despite a government ban on providing health care to Hamas relatives. The women appealed to the Supreme Court in July after Israel rejected their requests for entry. Israel enacted a policy of denying entry for medical treatment to relatives of Hamas members in order to pressure the group to stop engaging in acts of terror and to release the bodies of two Israeli soldiers who were taken during the 2014 Gaza War, as well as two Israeli citizens who are being held captive. The women were represented by Gisha (an organization that works for Palestinian freedom of movement), Adalah (a Palestinian legal-rights organization), El Mezan (a Gaza-based Palestinian-rights organization) and Physicians for Human Rights Israel (a medical-rights organization that asserts its rejection of the "ongoing occupation of the Palestinian Territory"). Their petition of July 29 was accepted by Supreme Court Justices Uzi Fogelman, Isaac Amit and Ofer Grosskopf. "Basing the decision on a relative's prohibited activity, with no suggestion that the patient herself is involved in or even aware of the activity, is contrary to the basic principles to which we are committed," said Justice Fogelman, the lead judge in the case.

Israel Water Authority warns of water restrictions if drought continues

Israel's Water Authority announced on Aug. 26 that barring precipitation far above average this winter, Israel's

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that the Aramean is Laban, Jacob's wicked father-in-law who pursued him all the way back to the land of Canaan.

But Spanish rabbi Ibn Ezra translates it differently, as "My father was a wandering Aramean who settled in Egypt." In this case, the Aramean is Jacob, a man who wandered all his life in and out of Canaan, and ended it as the guest of the pharaoh in Egypt. This is striking. In an agricultural society, the moment of first successful harvest is one of triumph. But in that moment of triumph, our ancestors are exhorted to remember not the coming out of Egypt, not the giving of Torah, but the generations of unsettled wandering that preceded coming into the land.

This is a valuable lesson for today, for all of us. Our family history matters, but what matters far more is the narrative we create about our family history. I can equally plausibly say, "I am an aberration, I have no living religious Jewish relatives" and "I am a rabbi, and the descendant of rabbis." Both stories are true, the question is what I want to emphasize, what I want the meaning of my life to be.

In America, we are in the midst of some deep soul-searching around wanderers, and the kind of welcome they deserve. According to HIAS, a total of 68.7 million people were displaced from their homes in 2017, which is a record high and the fifth straight year of record setting numbers of displaced people worldwide. Many of those people seek refuge in this country, as did our ancestors, some hundreds of years ago, and some much more recently.

And as we consider those numbers of refugees, it behooves us more than ever to remember the wandering Aramean Jacob as we consider issues of present-day immigration and asylum. It behooves us to remember that wandering and uncertainty has been a constant of what it means to be Jewish far more than a particular passport or address ever has.

We learn the message of the wandering Aramean to keep us humble. As Ibn Ezra says, "I did not inherit this land from my forefather, for he was a pauper when he came to Aramea, and he was a stranger in Egypt, where he was few in number. Afterward, he became a great nation; and you, God, brought us out of slavery and gave us the good land." The Israelites did not achieve their good fortune through solely their own endeavors, it was Divine intervention.

So it is with our ancestors. They came here because there was nothing for them where they came from. A perfect storm of favorable immigration policy helped to create the flourishing Jewish community that exists in America today, an accident of unfavorable immigration policy meant that so many of us were not able to make it to sanctuary in time.

In a few decades, this period of time will be relegated to the history books. Something that our children and children's children will learn about in school and ask us, their parents and grandparents, about. I wonder what the story will be at that time. I worry that the story of the Jewish people during this time be one of silent indifference, and I pray that it will be a story of compassion and aid in the face of great humanitarian need. I hope the story will be that we stood and said, "My father was a wandering Aramean, and a refugee from the Pale of Settlement, and a survivor of the camps, and we see you fellow refugees, survivors, wanderers." That we will bring the fruits of knowledge and compassion from years of suffering, and use them to feed some of the most vulnerable on American soil.

drought will continue into a sixth year, and water consumption restrictions may be put into place. According to officials, Israel's largest body of fresh water, the Kinneret, or Sea of Galilee, is approaching the critical "Black Line," at which point the water will become unpotable. The low water levels have led to two islands cropping up, with one expected to soon connect to the shore. Though the Kinneret has traditionally served as a main source of drinking water, its levels have sunk so low that two desalination plants on Israel's coast are now providing as much as 70 percent of Israel's drinking water. The Water Authority announced that some of Israel's streams, springs and underground aquifers are on the way to breaking records for lack of water. The total deficit is an estimated 2.5 billion cubic meters of water. Officials added that Israel is in a relatively good situation compared to neighboring countries, which did not plan ahead with the building of desalination plants. Israel is planning to build two additional plants in the coming years. Until then, if drought conditions continue next year, authorities may limit the watering of gardens, and increase the amount of purified wastewater for use in agricultural and public settings.

Bolton: U.S. to cut its funding of U.N. Human Rights Council

U.S. National Security Advisor John Bolton said on Aug. 23 that the United States plans to cut its funding of the United Nations Human Rights Council, which the U.S. withdrew from in June due to the body's anti-Israel bias. "We are going to de-fund the Human Rights Council," Bolton, a former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, told the Associated Press. As the UNHRC's largest donor, the U.S. contributes 22 percent of the council's budget. However, it does not contribute directly; instead, the funds are taken from the overall U.S. payment to the United Nations. "We'll calculate 22 percent of the Human Rights Council and the High Commissioner's budget, and our remittances to the U.N. for this budget year will be less 22 percent of those costs, and we'll say specifically that's what we're doing," said Bolton. "We expect that impact to occur on the Human Rights Council." The UNHRC was founded in 2006 to advocate for human rights globally.

However, its constant double standard and demonization of Israel has frustrated American leadership, among other moves like allowing countries, such as Venezuela, which violate human rights, to be members of the U.N. body. Last May, it passed five resolutions against Israel, which is not a member of the council.

IDF launches plan to improve quality of life for combat soldiers

A new program to improve the quality of life of combat soldiers, initiated by soon-to-be-former Israel Defense Forces Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Gadi Eizenkot, will include increased budgets for upgrades to service conditions. According to the plan, battalion commanders will be given the right to allocate special funds up to NIS 150,000 (about \$40,000) for purchases they see fit to make for their battalions. The effort aims to improve conditions for soldiers, as well as to reduce reliance on outside donations. Each battalion will also receive a 30-day car rental to be used by soldiers with the authorization of the battalion commander. Some bases will be outfitted with entertainment rooms, including televisions and game consoles, as well as mobile fitness areas featuring weights and other workout equipment. The program also seeks to make army doctors more efficient by reducing the amount of time spent on unrelated tasks and assignments on base. An app is also in development that will enable soldiers to learn more about their rights during service.

EU pledges \$21 million in Iran assistance to keep nuclear deal alive

The European Union announced on Aug. 23 financial support to stimulate the declining Iranian economy. The assistance exemplifies the bloc's pledge to maintain the 2015 Iran nuclear accord despite U.S. President Donald Trump's decision in May to withdraw the U.S. from the deal and reimpose economic sanctions on Iran, which took effect earlier in August. The \$21 million is the first part of an overall \$58 million package for Iran. Nonetheless, European companies, including Dutch airline KLM, British Airways and Air France, have announced they will stop conducting business in Iran.

Jewish Community Center
JCC Friendship Club

The JCC Friendship Club met on August 22 and saw a video presented by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell titled "GI Jews: Jewish Americans in World War II." It is based on a book written by Deborah Dash Moore. It told the story of about 500,000 Jewish men and women who served in the armed forces at that time. It was too long to show the whole video at our meeting, so we saw from the beginning when Hitler came to power to D-Day. Next week, we will see the rest on when the war ends. There were people in their 80s, 90s and more who told what they did in the service. The women were nurses or did clerical work. The men talked about their jobs as navigators, bombardiers and more.

We also saw pictures of them when they were young and serving in the armed forces. There were interviews with Carl Reiner and Mel Brooks. It also showed the an-

tisemitism in the armed forces. The men of color served separately from the white soldiers. In the discussion that followed, Rabbi Barbara said that one woman who spoke about her experiences in the service was 101 years old at the time of her interview. We are looking forward to the rest of the video on August 29.

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia Diamond. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ann Brilliant said the blessing over the cookies. Before the program, members donated to the treasury. Thanks to the guests who came to see the program who also contributed to the treasury. On Wednesday, September 5, Rabbi Rachel Esserman will speak on "Thoughts on Rosh Hashanah." Come join us at 1:30 pm at the JCC.

Sylvia Diamond
President



At left: Members of the Friendship Club and friends watched part of "GI Jews" before taking part in a discussion with Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell (standing, far right).

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ancient world, as unique expressions of royalty and divinity. "The large number of snails required for their production and the complex manufacturing process, together with their beauty and resistance to fading, made textiles dyed in blue and purple into luxury items identified with royalty and divinity," said Kaplan.

It is described as the pure color that made up the high priest's robe and the thread used in his headdress, as well as the color used on *tzitzit* (tassels of the Jewish *tallit*, or prayer shawl) to remind the Jewish people of God and his commandments.

"The decline of the *tekhelet* dye industry [and along with it, the skill required to produce these dyes] after the Muslim conquest in the seventh century C.E. led to the disappearance of the blue thread from the *tzitzit*," said Kaplan.

Dr. Baruch Sterman, author of "The Rarest Blue: The Remarkable Story of an Ancient Color Lost to History and Rediscovered," also noted at a Jerusalem press conference ahead of the exhibition opening, "During Roman imperial control of the region, using *tekhelet* was made a crime of treason punishable by execution, and the knowledge of how to make it was lost for 1,200 years."



Threads dyed the color of tekhelet, with the murex snails used to make the dye. (Photo courtesy of JNS)

As *tallit* reverted to a prayer shawl rather than a daily garment, the shawls were decorated with blue stripes as a memento to the *tekhelet* that was once part of the *tzitzit*.

It is thus no surprise that when it came to choosing the colors of the Zionist flag in the 19th century, *tekhelet* was

a strong contender. The leaders of the Zionist movement found that *tekhelet* blue stripes with a Star of David in its center perfectly expressed the identity and national aspirations of the Jewish people, and this is what was used. Mirroring old practices, "This is how the Jews decided to identify themselves and be identified," said Sterman.

David Wolffsohn, who designed the flag for the First Zionist Congress held in Basel in 1897, wrote: "Indeed we have a flag, white and blue. This *tallit* in which we wrap ourselves in prayer – is *tallit* is our emblem."

Then, in 1948, the flag of the Zionist movement became the national flag of the newly established state of Israel. "Now not only an expression of Jewish personal devotion that survived millennia of historical transformations, but also imprinted as a modern symbol of national pride and determination on a global stage, *tekhelet* blue lives on," stated Kaplan.

Since its discovery, *tekhelet* is now seeing a revival. According to Rabbi Tuly Weisz, director of Israel365, "Today, for the first time in centuries, people are once again wearing *tekhelet* on their *tzitzit*. From even the smallest sea creature, we continue to see the wonders of the Bible come to life in the land of Israel."

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