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## Federation to hold dinner and film on Oct. 7

By Reporter staff

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton will hold a dinner and film event on Sunday, October 7, at the Jewish Community Center. The film will be "The Little Traitor," which is about the bond that grows between a British soldier and a Jewish boy during the birth of the state of Israel. The film was made in Israel and is based on a novel by Amos Oz. The dinner

will begin at 5:30 pm, followed by the film at 7:15 pm. The cost for the dinner and the film is \$25. The cost for the dinner alone is \$20; the cost for the film alone is \$10. Reservations for the dinner must be made by Friday, September 28, by calling the Federation at 724-2332. Reservations are not needed for the film.

The award-winning "The Little Traitor" stars Alfred Molina as Sergeant Dunlop,

a British soldier who befriends Proffy Liebowitz (Ido Port), a militant yet sensitive 12-year-old boy who wants nothing more than for the occupying British to get out of his land. A chance encounter between the two leads to a friendship that must remain hidden from Liebowitz's friends, who are plotting against the British. The film, which is in Hebrew (with subtitles) and English, won awards at the Atlanta

Jewish Film Festival for best narrative and at the Palm Beach International Film Festival for best feature.

"Join us for a fun evening," said Sima Auerbach, executive director of the Federation. "Come, schmooze with friends, enjoy some good food and watch a great movie! The heartwarming 'Little Traitor' is the perfect way to begin the fall season."

## Federation to hold Day of Caring on Sept. 30

By Reporter staff

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton will hold a Day of Caring on Sunday, September 30, beginning at 10 am. Volunteers will clean overgrown gravestones at Temple Israel Cemetery in

Conklin. The focus will be on one section of the cemetery; the people buried there were indigent and have no family in the area to care for their graves. Their flat grave markers are covered with grass and dirt, and are difficult to see.

"We thought this would be a wonderful mitzvah for our Day of Caring," said Sima Auerbach, executive director of the Federation. "People visiting the cemetery are often unaware that these graves exist. Especially during this holiday season, we

want to make certain that these people are not forgotten. Join us to do a real mitzvah."

Anyone with questions or who is interested in helping should call the Federation at 724-2332 so there will be enough tools available.

### "The Legacy of the Turbulent Sixties: Jews and Social Justice"

## CJS fall program to kick-off with "Reflections on SDS, Columbia 1968 Protest, and the New Left"

The first lecture in the College of Jewish Studies fall 2018 program will be on Thursday, October 11, when educator and community organizer, Mark Rudd will speak on "Why Were There So Many Jews in SDS? Reflections on SDS, Columbia 1968 Protest, and the New Left." As the title of his talk suggests, Rudd will reflect on his personal experience and share his views as to why so many Jewish college students were part of Students for a Democratic Society and were attracted to other social justice organizations that comprised the New Left. According to Rudd, student radicals like him, "were good Jewish kids, the cream of the crop" who believed in



Mark Rudd's mugshots

democracy and opportunity for all and that universities were open institutions. "Third generation American Jews, who were in

college in the 1960s, soon felt betrayed when realizing that the reality of democracy and equality of opportunity was questionable in light of the Vietnam War, persistent racism and the university's complicity with perpetuating a myth of openness," said CJS organizers.

Mark Rudd is author of "Underground: My Life With SDS and the Weathermen." He was featured in the "The Weather Underground," a 2002 documentary film, based on the rise and fall of the Weathermen,



The cover of Mark Rudd's "Underground: My Life With SDS and the Weathermen."

that went on to be nominated for an Academy Award in 2004. As a leader of the campus protests at Columbia University in April 1968, Rudd was labeled by the press at the time as a symbol of student radicals. In fact, the Mark Slackmeyer character in the "Doonsbury" comic strip was initially modeled after Mark Rudd. Becoming the national secretary of Students for a Democratic Society in 1969, Rudd helped found the Weather Underground. After becoming a

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## Ruth Gavison to speak at BU on Oct. 3

The Binghamton University Department of Judaic Studies and Center for Israel Studies announced that Professor Ruth Gavison will give a lecture on "Is Israel Still a Jewish and Democratic State?" on Wednesday, October 3, at 3 pm, in the Admissions Center on the BU campus. Her lecture will deal with the many questions that have arisen over the years as Israeli legislators have endeavored to preserve both the Jewish character and the democratic nature of their state. She will focus in particular on the new Nationality Law that has provoked controversy in recent months in both Israel and the rest of the world.

An emerita professor of law at Hebrew University, Gavison has been called one of Israel's most distinguished public intellectuals. Her publications include her books "Israel as a Jewish and Democratic State: Tensions and Prospects" (Hebrew, 1999) and "The Two-State Solution" (English, 2015). In Israel, she is also known as the

co-author, with Rabbi Yaacov Medan, of the Gavison-Medan Covenant, a proposal for secular-religious coexistence in Israel (<https://en.idi.org.il/media/5308/gavison-medancompact-mainprinciples.pdf>).

First presented in 2004, the proposed covenant has been called a constant point of reference in all discussions of the relationship between religion and state in Israel. In the 1970s, Gavison was one of the founders of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel. She has been appointed to several governmental committees, including the Winograd Committee, established in 2006 to investigate and draw lessons from the Second Lebanon War. She is also the founding president of the Metzilah Center for Zionist, Jewish, Liberal and Humanist Thought. Gavison has been a frequent visitor to the United States, and has taught at Yale Law School and the University of Southern California. In 2011, she won the Israel Prize in legal research.

## JLI fall course

### "Wrestling with Faith"

"Wrestling with Faith," a new six-session course by the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute that addresses common challenges people have in their relationship with God, will be offered this October.

Beginning on October 22 for the Monday night, 7 pm, section and on October 24 for the Wednesday morning, 9:30 am, section, participants in the course will grapple with issues that many struggle with, including beliefs in Judaism that seem primitive or outdated, reconciling scientific findings with ideas that cannot be proven in a lab, and the role of religion regarding gender roles, relationship choices and other such issues.

"We recognize that almost everyone has some degree of skepticism when it comes to religion," said Rivkah Slonim, the local JLI instructor. "This course was created for participants to think critically about these challenges—to approach them with an array of insightful perspectives—so as to enable

articulating beliefs to oneself and to the next generation, with clarity and conviction."

"Wrestling with Faith" will explore questions such as: "Why do I need God if I can live perfectly well without Him?," "Does God really care about the nuances of Jewish practice?," "Doesn't the concept of 'Jewish chosenness' seem racist?," "How can we relate to a loving and caring God amid the experience of tragedy and suffering?," "How do we reconcile compelling evidence for evolution and the age of the universe with a Bible that tells a different story?" and "Is it even possible to develop a relationship with a God I cannot perceive with my five senses?"

"People often deal with such issues by going on the defense," explained Slonim. "In this course, we stay away from that. Instead, we embrace the challenges wholeheartedly and seek a broader context through which to understand the issues."

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First person**Holocaust memorial ceremony well attended**By **Arieh Ullmann**

More than 60 people gathered under bright sunshine for the annual ceremony at the Holocaust monument located in the Temple Israel cemetery in Conklin on September 16. It was the fourth time the ceremony was held since its resumption under the auspices of the Jewish Feder-



Steve Herz, son of a Get Together Club member, reminisced about the Club.

ation after a hiatus of two decades.

As I stood there watching and listening, I realized what made this ceremony special. It involved individuals who represented the diversity of our Jewish community and connected people across time, practice and location. The ceremony brought together multiple generations. Steven Herz, the son of a Get Together Club member, spoke warmly of his grandmother, the club's meetings at her home and their activities more than 60 years ago. Allison Khin, a sophomore at Binghamton University and a third generation survivor of the Holocaust, reflected on the meaning of the ceremony for her generation.

The poems, readings and prayers were delivered by six rabbis representing the range of Jews in our midst – Orthodox, Conservative, Reconstructionist and Reform, Ashkenazi and Sephardi, both town and gown.

The monument and the story of the Get Together Club are part of our local Jewish history. As we were standing in front of the stone reflecting and remembering, the ceremony's meaning extended beyond our small local community. It connected multiple pasts with the present and hopes for a better future. While recognizing the great diversity in our local Jewish com-



More than 60 people gathered for the annual ceremony at the Holocaust monument located in the Temple Israel cemetery in Conklin on September 16.

munity, the ceremony first and foremost highlighted our commonality and our sense of community.

On a personal level, I felt a great sense of community that reminded me of the power of a common history. After the ceremony ended, it was touching to watch people disperse and walk slowly to the graves of their loved ones as it is customary at this time of the Jewish year.

Thank you to all who participated.

Arieh Ullmann is the chairman of the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton.



The Holocaust monument is located in the Temple Israel cemetery.

**Opinion****Israel's unabating efforts to thwart terror**By **Yoav Limor**

(JNS) – The intense focus on the Iranian issue and, in recent months, on a possible military escalation in Gaza has distracted us from a simple fact: The most complicated front Israel must contend with is Judea and Samaria.

The constant friction between millions of Palestinians and hundreds of thousands of Israelis, the need to defend hundreds of communities and thousands of kilometers of roads and maintain access to the country's center – all these factors continuously foster terrorism, whether by organizations using weapons and explosive devices or lone attackers who need nothing more than a knife.

The reason attacks like the September 16 lethal stabbing outside the Gush Etzion Junction shopping mall do not happen every day is because of prevention. Every night, usually based on intelligence from the Shin Bet security agency, IDF forces raid the homes of dozens of young Palestinian men and women suspected of planning to carry out attacks. Last year, some 4,000 such Palestinians were arrested; for many others, a warning or reprimand to their parents was able to achieve the same effect.

The recent attack is frustrating not only because of its deadly result, but because it was very nearly thwarted. Intelligence officials did not have preliminary information on the terrorist. Absent some electronic signature, it is difficult to know what is going through a person's mind. But just

as the teen arrived at Gush Etzion Junction, his distraught mother showed up at one of the area checkpoints and told security forces of her son's intention to carry out an attack. The information was relayed to all the forces in the area, but it was already too late.

The mother's actions are indicative of an interesting atmosphere that has taken hold among the Palestinian public. They are worried about the repercussions of the attacks. Beyond a parent's natural concern for their child's life, they also know that an attack may lead to the demolition of the family home and the revocation of their permits to work in Israel.

It turns out that the terrorist left his home in Yatta and traveled to the Hebron area. After wandering around for a while and not finding a target, he continued on to Gush Etzion Junction. It may be that given the increased security presence at the junction – the result of a series of lone-wolf attacks in 2014 and 2015 – the terrorist preferred to carry out the attack at the nearby mall.

Ari Fuld, who heroically fought back against his attacker, is the eighth victim to die in the seven terrorist attacks this year. Seven of the victims were attacked in Judea and Samaria, and one in the Old City of Jerusalem. Given the relative ease with which tensions can flare between the Jewish and Arab populations in Judea and Samaria, this can be seen as both an indication of the security forces'

control of the area and the relative difficulty for terrorists to operate beyond the Green Line.

As this type of stabbing has been known to spur copycat attacks, security forces must now ramp up their counter-terrorism efforts, in particular given that the Jewish holiday season is upon us and recreational centers are packed with Israelis. As is the case every year, the territories will be sealed off from the night before Yom Kippur until the end of the holiday. Unfortunately, this does nothing to mediate the threat to Jewish residents in the area, in particular given the open call by terrorist organizations, Hamas at the forefront, to increase efforts to carry out terrorist attacks.

These calls have so far gone unanswered. The Palestinian public has shown very little interest in the matter of the national struggle. Despite concerns that events in Gaza or the relocation of the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem would lead to widespread protests in the territories, this has not been the case. Even the recent American moves against the Palestinians have not really served to inflame the average Palestinian, who is busy trying to put food on the table.

The Israeli interest is to ensure this remains the case in the future. Populist proposals that Israel take punitive steps against the Palestinians in the West Bank, as was suggested after the attack, are in direct opposition to this interest.

Yoav Limor is a veteran Israeli journalist and columnist for Israel Hayom.

**Letters****Thank you for supporting We Remember You**

To the Editor:

Jewish Family Service is taking this opportunity to thank the following businesses for their generosity and kindness in supporting the We Remember You 2018 project: Pack and Mail, Price Chopper and Wegmans. With their help,

gift boxes of food were distributed to 11 families in our local Jewish community.

JFS would also like to thank the Community Foundation for South Central New York – David and Virginia Eisenberg Fund and The Rozen Foundation for their contributions to

support this project. The grants brighten the observance of Rosh Hashanah for the recipients by showing them that they are remembered by our community.

Roz Antoun  
Director, Jewish Family Service



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# JCC to hold Fall Festival fund-raiser on Sept.30

By Paige Bartholomew

The Jewish Community Center of Binghamton will hold a Fall Festival family event on Sunday, September 30, from 11 am-2 pm. The festival will feature traditional fall-themed activities, with age-appropriate areas for toddlers, preschoolers and school-aged children. There will be a hayride, starting at the front circle of the building, with other activities spread throughout the property, such as yard games, sensory activities, and arts and crafts stations. The festival will also feature a face painting station for all ages and a concession stand.

A basket raffle will also take place throughout the festival. The ECC is currently taking donations of fully

assembled baskets or singular items from area businesses and individuals; interested parties may contact Marley Vavra at the JCC by Sunday, September 23.

Admission to the festival is \$5 per person, with a \$20 maximum price per family. The entire community is welcome and encouraged to attend; those who come dressed in flannel will receive a free popcorn.

The festival is a fund-raiser for the JCC's Early Childhood Center. The event and all proceeds raised will directly benefit the JCC's Early Childhood Center. "The ECC is place that provides a warm and caring environment where children explore, experiment, play, grow and learn to ask questions," said ECC staff. Programming is offered for infants through

age 5, including full day daycare and preschool, half day preschool, art and physical education classes, and Universal Pre-Kindergarten. Money raised will be put toward large motor and gym items to be used by daycare students.

For more information about the Fall Festival, the JCC's Early Childhood Center or the JCC, contact the JCC office at 724-2417.

*The JCC is a not-for-profit organization and partner agency of the United Way and the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton that serves the community at large regardless of age, race, religion and sexual orientation. Financial assistance is available to all who qualify as long as funds remain.*

## Department of Judaic Studies and Center for Israel Studies announce fall programs

The Binghamton University Department of Judaic Studies and Center for Israel Studies will hold the following fall programs:

◆ On Wednesday-Thursday, October 3-4, Ruth Gavison will visit campus and give a public lecture in the Admissions Center on the new nationality law. For more information on the lecture, see the article on page 1.

◆ On Sunday, October 16, from 7:30-9:30 pm, Ran Tal will screen his documentary film "The Museum," about the Israel Museum, in Admissions Center

room 189. After the public screening, there will be a question-and-answer session with the director. "The Museum" (Israel 2017, 74 minutes) is in Hebrew with English subtitles. According to publicity material, "It is a film that observes, examines and ponders Israel's most important cultural institution, the Israel Museum. The film follows the visitors, observes the observers, listens to the speakers and descends to the storerooms, labs and conference rooms."

◆ On Tuesday, October 30, from 7:30-9:30 pm, in Admis-

sions Center room 189, there will be a public screening of the recent Israeli horror film "Big Bad Wolves" (Israel 2013, 1 hour 50 minutes directors/writers: Aharon Keshales, Navot Papushado). The film is in Hebrew with English subtitles. In the film, a series of brutal murders puts the lives of three men on a collision course: the father of the latest victim, now out for revenge; a vigilante police detective operating outside the boundaries of law; and the main suspect in the killings, a religious studies teacher arrested and released due to a police blunder.

## TI Sisterhood to offer wine/food program on Oct. 9

Temple Israel Sisterhood has announced that its opening program for the new year will take place at the synagogue on Tuesday, October 9, from 7-9 pm. The event, which is being offered as admission-free to all paid-up members of the Sisterhood, will engage participants in a kosher

wine-tasting and food pairing program to be presented by professional wine/food connoisseur and consultant Bernard Kenner.

Kenner, who retired after having been a high school science teacher for 33 years, is said to have transformed

his lifelong passion for food and wine into a second career, with particular expertise in the ever-expanding marketplace of kosher-certified wines.

In addition to the evening's tasting offerings, wine will also be for sale by the bottle and there will be door prizes.

All interested in attending should make a reservation by calling Tammy Kunsman in the TI office at 723-7461 or e-mailing titammy@stny.twcbc.com.

Admission is free to those who have paid Sisterhood dues for the current year; non-member guests will be admitted at a cost of \$25 per person.

## BD opening Sisterhood meeting on Oct. 10

By Paula Rubin

Beth David Sisterhood's opening meeting for this year will be held at the synagogue, 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, on Wednesday, October 10, at 7 pm. The featured speaker will be Rhonda F. Levine, professor of sociology emerita, Colgate University, who will discuss her forthcoming book, "When Race Meets Class, African Americans Coming of Age in a Small City."

"I hope to explain how a white, Jewish middle aged woman wrote a 15-year ethnographic



Rhonda F. Levine

study on how individual low-income African American youths – from high school to early adult – managed," Levine noted. Her work follows the lives of these youth, showing how their interactions and experiences with a variety of social institutions and people, and how the volatility and constraints they face, continue to shape their lives.

All women in the community are invited. Light refreshments will be served. Call Beth David Synagogue at 722-1793 for more information.

### Early deadlines for The Reporter

Due to holiday closings, the deadlines for the following upcoming issues of *The Reporter* are as follows. *No exceptions will be made.*

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## Judy Silber talk on judges and heroes at Oct. 13 BD luncheon

By Gina Santiago

The second Beth David luncheon of the season will be held on Saturday, October 13, with Judy Silber as the guest speaker. Her talk will focus on the book of Judges, and the title will be "The Judges Were Heroes."

"My talk is inspired by a quote from 'Pirkei Avot,' 'Sayings of Our Fathers,'" says Silber, "which is a tractate of the Mishnah, containing a collection of sayings from the rabbis dealing with ethical and moral principles." Silber indicated that she was particularly struck by the saying, "There is no person who does not have his hour." By examining "seemingly imperfect heroes" who lived between the years of Joshua and the Kings of Judah, and who took on the responsibility of stepping up to make a difference, Silber will show how often it was "unlikely, unexpected people" who had the power to save the nation. She will also discuss to identify some causes and effects of the nation's behavior that necessitated being rescued by these judges/heroes.

Silber grew up in Rochester, NY, and attended Brandeis University. She studied in Israel at Machon Gold, a Judaic teachers' seminary, and spent her junior year at Hebrew University. She graduated with honors from Brandeis with a B.A. in Near Eastern and Judaic studies. Silber was a teacher for 40 years in various Jewish day schools, including Binghamton's Hillel Academy. For the last few years, she has been teaching a class at Beth David Synagogue. Along with her team of helpers, Silber spearheads the preparation of the luncheons for the monthly speaker series.



Judy Silber

Married to Rabbi Zev Silber, she has been part of the Binghamton Jewish community since 1999. "The Silbers have wonderful children and grandchildren," organizers said. "In addition, Judy and the rabbi have enriched our community by their well-known hospitality, regularly See "Silber" on page 7

### Adult October classes at the JCC!

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# Kosher beer label launched in Portuguese town with a few dozen Jews

By JTA staff

Brewers in Portugal have announced the country's first kosher artisanal beer, which will debut at the country's kosher market in October. The first brew in July yielded about 500 bottles, or 50 gallons, of the Cabralinha label, the RTP public broadcaster reported. Its name means "little goat" in Portuguese. The brewery is located in Belmonte, one of the three municipalities in Portugal with their own rabbis and synagogues, and is under the supervision of Elisha Salas, the local rabbi.

A municipality spokesperson said on August 23 that the beer would be part of the kosher market of Belmonte, an annual event that began in 2010. This year, the market

will open on October 14 in the central Portuguese city. The beer is produced with honey from Israel and local ingredients from the Serra da Estrela mountain range on which Belmonte is situated, Ana Bogalheiro, who works for the brewery, told RTP. The area has only a few dozen practicing Jews, but thousands of others trace their lineage to ancestors who were forced to abandon Judaism during the 16th century under the Inquisition campaign of persecution.

Salas is an emissary of the Shavei Israel organization, which works to bring communities who were lost to the Jewish people into the fold of Judaism. The region's historical background is key to understanding the growing popularity there of kosher products there, Michael Freund, Shavei Israel's founder, has said. Last year, one of Serra da Estrela's oldest producers of olive oil, Casa Agricola Francisco Esteves, located in the town of Manteigas, launched a kosher label in time for Hanukkah, the holiday when Jews celebrate a miracle connected to oil.

In the nearby town of Covilha on the range's southern tip is the Braz Queijos cheese factory, which in 2009 obtained a kosher certificate for most of its products, becoming the first to do so in Portugal in modern times. Five years earlier,

a winery in the same town produced what was said to be Portugal's first kosher-certified wine in centuries. A kosher hotel that was opened in Belmonte in 2016 has received 16,000 guests recently, *Jornal Do Fundao* reported.



Visitors browsed the annual kosher market in Belmonte, Portugal, on September 17, 2017. Brewers in Portugal have announced the country's first kosher artisanal beer, which will debut at the country's kosher market in October. (Photos courtesy of Jornal de Belmonte)

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Jennifer Wiseman, a senior astrophysicist at NASA and the director of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's Dialogue on Science, Ethics and Religion, commented about the course: "At a time when science and technology dominate the mechanics and framing of our modern lives, it is more important than ever to ask the bigger questions of life's purpose and values. This course enables the seeker to embrace the achievements of modern science while seeking the higher gifts of wisdom, meaning and a personal relationship with God."

Like all JLI programs, this course is designed to appeal to people at all levels of knowledge, including those without any prior experience or background in Jewish learning. All JLI courses are open to the public and attendees need not be affiliated with a particular synagogue, temple, or other house of worship.

Interested students may call Chabad at 797-0015, e-mail rslonim@Chabadofbinghamton.com or visit www.myJLI.com for registration and other course-related information. The cost of the course is \$79, or \$140 for couples (textbook included). The course is held at the Chabad Center, 420 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal.

JLI, the adult education branch of Chabad-Lubavitch, offers programs in more than 800 locations in the U.S. and in numerous foreign countries, including Argentina, Australia, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, the Netherlands, Panama, Russia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, Uruguay and Venezuela. More than 400,000 students have attended JLI classes since the organization was founded in 1998.

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full-time organizer for SDS and then living underground from 1970-77, he became a community college math instructor, and a perennial organizer and nonviolent activist on such issues as Native American land rights, U.S. military interventions, unionization, environmental justice, and war and militarization. In addition to devoting much of his time to organizing, he also spends time writing and speaking on the history in which he was involved.

College of Jewish Studies programs begin at 7:30 pm at the Jewish Community Center and are open to the entire community; general admission is \$8 per lecture or \$14 for both lectures in the fall 2018 program and senior admission is \$5 per lecture or \$8 for both lectures. BU students are welcome to attend free of charge. Individual sponsorship is available and donations are always welcomed. Individual sponsorship of \$100 includes admission to both fall and spring programs. For more information on how to become an individual sponsor or to make a donation, e-mail bingcjs@gmail.com. The College of Jewish Studies is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

The College of Jewish Studies provides opportunities for adult Jewish education for the Broome County community

by offering fall and spring programs. Drawing on local resources, and inviting scholars and experts from a range of universities and cultural and religious institutions, CJS sponsors a wide array of programs dealing with Jewish history, culture, religion and politics.

The College of Jewish Studies, founded in 1986, is an informal coalition between the Judaic Studies Department of Binghamton University and several area Jewish sponsoring institutions: the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, Beth David Synagogue, Temple Concord and Temple Israel. Programming for CJS would not be possible without the support of a grant from The Community Foundation for South Central New York-David and Virginia Eisenberg Donor Advised Fund, and additional financial support from the Jacob and Rose Olum Foundation, the B'nai B'rith Lectureship Fund, the Victor and Esther Rozen Foundation, an endowment fund from the former Temple Beth El of Endicott, a grant from the JoyVel Charitable Fund, and the donations of individual sponsors.

For more information on the College of Jewish Studies and its programs, go to www.bingcjs.org and www.facebook.com/bingcjs.

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Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/15/2016.

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

1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is Adorpass Enterprises LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is August 23, 2018.
3. The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.
4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 13 Travis Drive, Binghamton, NY 13904.
5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY:** The name of the limited liability company is: K4 Holdings, LLC (the "Company"). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was September 6, 2018. The county in which the principal place of business of the Company shall be located is Broome County. The Secretary of State has been designated as



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

1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is 5050 Enterprise LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is September 10, 2018.
3. The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.
4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 2804 Hall Street, Endwell, NY 13760.
5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

**Notice of Formation of 777 Chenango, LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/28/18. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 16 Canal St., Port Crane, NY 13833.

Purpose: any lawful activities.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY:** The name of the limited liability company is: Screen Aide, LLC (the "Company"). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was August 28, 2018. The county in which the principal place of business of the Company shall be located is Cortland County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company, to Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP, Attn: Christopher L. Roma, 80 Exchange Street, Suite 700, Binghamton, NY 13901. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

**Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC):** Name: KAM512 Realty, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 9/5/18. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated LLC agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: LLC, Attn: John G. Dowd, PO Box 1905, Binghamton, NY 13902. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Date of dissolution: None.

**Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC):** Name: KAM Bookkeeping, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 9/5/18. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated LLC agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: LLC, Attn: John G. Dowd, PO Box 1905, Binghamton, NY 13902. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Date of dissolution: None.

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# Receiving, rebuilding, resiliency: Jewish Houston one year after Harvey

By Deborah Fineblum

(JNS)—A pyramid of sodden prayer books, flood waters pouring into a sanctuary, bed-ridden patients at the Jewish senior residence being rushed up stairs to higher ground, a crib reduced to splintered pieces.

These are the images that continue to haunt the dreams of many of the 51,000 Jewish men, women and children who call the greater metropolitan area of Houston home. It's been a little over a year since 51 inches of rain pummeled the area, beginning on Shabbat morning, August 26, and dumping 19 trillion gallons of water on the area. As the National Weather Service reported: "This event is unprecedented, and all impacts are unknown and beyond anything experienced."

It's been a little over a year since Hurricane Harvey – the worst storm the United States had seen in more than a decade – devastated Houston's Jewish community. Situated at the epicenter of the storm, Houston's Jewish institutions – two major synagogues, a day school, the JCC and the senior residential center – suffered \$50 million worth of damage. In addition, more than 2,000 Jewish homes were destroyed or badly harmed, roughly half of those in the Jewish neighborhood of Mid-Brays/Meyerland.

The above-mentioned crib belonged to Yael and Scott Ross, who, as the waters descended, were expecting their first child. "The baby furniture had been delivered the week before; the room was painted and we were ready," said the first-time mom. Or so they thought. By August 30, the furniture was in pieces, the house flooded and her video producer husband's expensive equipment destroyed, a loss the insurance company would refuse to cover.

The good news: That week an army of volunteers and firefighters went through the neighborhood pulling out anything that appeared to be salvageable. "Jewish and non-Jewish, everyone came out to help," says Ross. "It was amazing to see all kinds of people coming together to do whatever they could."



Standing water in Houston's Congregation Beth Yeshurun synagogue following Hurricane Harvey. (Photo courtesy of JNS)

The competition for an undamaged apartment was fierce then, but a friend finally found them one, and several others contributed to the couple's rent and some new furniture. "I've always worked for nonprofits, helping people in need, but this was the first time I've ever been on the other side as someone needing the help," adds Ross.

Like so many other families, they had to decide whether to rebuild (including the high cost of raising the structure above flood level), or sell and leave the bosom of the Jewish community. "Now we've bought a house that represents a financial stretch, which means we'll have to reassess whether we can afford to send our children to Jewish day schools," she says.

The upshot: Their old house is on the market, along with other houses on the block, with no buyers in sight.

From bake sales to auctions to Jewish Federations across the country mounting Harvey campaigns, fund-raising has taken many turns. A notable contribution was the unprecedented gift of \$1 million from the state of Israel. "I really was astonished," says Gilad Katz, Israel's consul general for the Southwest United States, who requested the support. "We described the devastation and hoped for a donation, but never expected this kind of sum."

It's the first time a gift of this magnitude has been given in money, not in rescue services, he adds. "And the donations are usually the other way around – from America to Israel. But this gift from the citizens of Israel is powerful proof that the solidarity between us goes both ways."

For the last year, healing the community has been the driving force of Joe Kaplan, a private equity investor focused on "who, what and how we can help." Spearheading a fund-raising campaign that has brought in \$22.4 million to date, Kaplan and his team assist with everything from providing grants to rebuilding homes to hiring extra case workers for Jewish Family Service, which administers much of the aid, and works with victims to get insurance and government benefits. Several more millions are still needed for both institutional and residential rebuilding.

"After a year, much of the need remains," says Kaplan. "But it's easy to fall off people's radar screens." One example: After holding services in its social hall this year, United Orthodox Synagogues of Houston is beginning an estimated two-year project: rebuilding its sanctuary on higher ground. With all of its losses – besides its homes and institutions, the community's sense of security has been "badly shaken" – born in its place is a newfound sense of the "R" word: resiliency, a word that's found its way into the communal conversation.

See "Harvey" on page 7



  
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# On acceptance and inclusion

RABBI LEVI Y. SLONIM, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING AND DEVELOPMENT, ROHR CHABAD CENTER FOR JEWISH STUDENT LIFE AT BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

In an increasingly contentious society, many of us find ourselves seeking ways to foster a more tolerant, accepting discourse. We want to raise the next generation of Americans to be more considerate of – and compassionate toward – people who embrace different political views from those we hold. Whoever thought that after years of fighting racial and sexual discrimination, we would find ourselves so fractured over opinion?

While the notion of inclusion in America has become

more prevalent over the last 50 years, one of the essential *mitzvot* performed on the holiday of Sukkot – given to the Jewish people 3,330 years ago – can teach us a thing or two about true acceptance and inclusion.

I am referring to the mitzvah of the lulav and etrog, or the four kinds. The verse states: “You shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of the hadar tree [citron], date palm fronds, a branch of a braided tree, and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the Lord your

God for a seven day period.” (Leviticus 23:40) For the duration of the holiday (except Shabbat), every day we take the four kinds, recite a blessing over them, bring them together and wave them in all six directions: right, left, forward, up, down and toward the back.

The *midrash* (Vayikra Rabbah 30:12) explains that the unity of the Jewish people is expressed and demonstrated in this mitzvah of lulav and etrog. Each of the four species See “Inclusion” on page 7

## Congregational Notes

### Beth David Synagogue

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 Fax: 722-7121  
 Office hours: Mon. closed; Tues. 10 am-1 pm; Wed. closed; Thurs. 9 am-1 pm; Fri. 10 am-1 pm  
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 Rabbi's e-mail: rabbisilber@stny.rr.com  
 Website: www.bethdavid.org  
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 Shabbat Services:  
 Fri., Sept. 28 .....6:35 pm  
 Shabbat, Sept. 29 .....9 am  
 ..... Mincha after the kiddush  
 .....Maariv 6:20 pm  
 Weekday Services:  
 Mornings:  
 Sun., Sept., 30 .....8:30 am  
 Mon.-Tues., Oct. 1-2 .....9 am  
 Wed.-Fri., Oct. 3-5 .....7 am  
 Evenings:  
 Sun., Sept. 30 6:30 pm  
 Mon.-Tues., Oct., 1-2 .....6:30 pm  
 Wed.-Thurs., Oct 3-4 .....6:25 pm  
 Fri., Oct. 5 .....6:20 pm  
 Classes: Rabbi Zev Silber will hold his weekly Talmud class every Tuesday evening after services.

### Temple Beth El of Oneonta

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism  
 Rabbi: Molly Karp  
 Address: 83 Chestnut St., Oneonta, NY 13820  
 Mailing address: P.O. Box 383, Oneonta, NY 13820  
 Phone: 607-432-5522  
 Website: www.templebetheloneonta.org  
 E-mail: TBEOneonta@gmail.com  
 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.

### Rohr Chabad Center

Affiliation: Chabad-Lubavitch  
 Rabbi: Aaron Slonim  
 E-mail: aslonim@binghamton.edu  
 Address: 420 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal, NY 13850  
 Phone: 797-0015, Fax: 797-0095  
 Website: www.Chabadofbinghamton.com  
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 Address: 27 Bennet Ave., Binghamton, NY 13905  
 Phone: 722-3252  
 Regular service times: Daily 7:30 am, Friday evening 6 pm, Shabbat morning 9:30 am, Maariv and Havdalah one hour after candle-lighting time, Sundays 9:30 am.  
 Linking Hearts for youngsters with special needs: This program connects Jewish special-needs children and teenagers, ages 5-14, who have mental, physical and/or functional disabilities, with student volunteers who will visit participating youngsters weekly in their homes.  
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### Congregation Tikun v'Or

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism  
 Address: PO Box 3981, Ithaca, NY 14852; 2550 Triphammer Rd. (corner of Triphammer and Burdick Hill), Lansing, NY  
 Phone: 607-256-1471, E-mail: info@tikunvor.org  
 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.

For a full list of High Holiday schedules provided to *The Reporter*, see page 5 of the August 31-September 7 issue, online at [www.thereporter.org/Resources/Website/file/Current-Past-Issues/bng0829\\_.pdf](http://www.thereporter.org/Resources/Website/file/Current-Past-Issues/bng0829_.pdf).

### Temple Israel

Orientation: Conservative  
 Rabbi: Geoffrey Brown  
 Address: 4737 Deerfield Pl., Vestal, NY 13850  
 Phone: 723-7461 and 231-3746  
 Office hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am-4 pm; Fri. 8 am-3 pm  
 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 29, at 9:30 am, services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Exodus 33:12-34:26. The haftarah will be Ezekiel 38:18-39:16. Debbie Schepis and Judy Simon will sponsor the kiddush following services.

On Sunday, September 30, from 10-11 am, there will be a Hoshana Rabbah study session.

On Monday, October 1, at 9:30 am, there will be a Shemini Atzeret service with Yizkor at 11 am and, at 6 pm, there will be a Simchat Torah party.

On Monday, October 1, Tuesday, October 2 and Monday, October 8, the office will be closed.

On Tuesday, October 2, from 10 am-11 am, there will be Simchat Torah study/celebration.

On Tuesday, October 9, at 7 pm, there will be a Sisterhood paid-up event (wine tasting and food pairing). The event is free for those who have paid their Sisterhood dues and \$25 for all others. (See article on page 3.)

### Kol Haverim

Affiliation: Society for Humanistic Judaism  
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 E-mail: info@kolhaverim.net  
 Website: www.kolhaverim.net  
 Chairwoman: Abby Cohn  
 Kol Haverim: The Finger Lakes Community for Humanistic Judaism, is an Ithaca-based organization that brings people together to explore and celebrate Jewish identity, history, culture and ethics within a secular, humanistic framework. KH is part of an international movement for Secular Humanistic Judaism and is affiliated with the Society for Humanistic Judaism, a national association with over 30 member communities and congregations around the country. Established in the spring of 1999, it offers celebrations of Jewish holidays, monthly Shabbat pot-lucks, adult education, a twice-monthly Cultural School for children, and a bar and bat mitzvah program.  
 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 30, from 11 am-1 pm, a Sukkot celebration will be held at the Upper Robert H. Treman Park Pavilion.

### Temple Brith Sholom

Affiliation: Unaffiliated  
 Address: P.O. Box 572, 117 Madison St., Cortland, NY 13045  
 Phone: 607-756-7181  
 President: Louis Wilson, louiswilson1995@yahoo.com  
 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 equalitarian 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.

Friday, September 28, light candles ..... 6:32 pm  
 Shabbat ends Saturday, September 29 ..... 7:31 pm  
 Sunday, September 30, light candles ..... 6:28 pm  
 Monday, October 1, light candles after ..... 7:27 pm  
 Tuesday, October 2, yom tov ends ..... 7:26 pm  
 Friday, October 5, light candles ..... 6:20 pm  
 Shabbat ends Saturday, October 6 ..... 7:19 pm

### Temple Concord

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism  
 Rabbi: Barbara Goldman-Wartell  
 Address: 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905  
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 Phone: 723-7355  
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 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, September 28, at 7:15 pm, there will be a Sukkot Shabbat wine and cheese reception in the sukkah, and at 8 pm, there will be Shabbat services led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Saturday, September 29, at 9 am, there will be religious school, at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study, and at 10:35 am, there will be Shabbat family services.

On Sunday, September 30, at 6:30 pm, there will be Simchat Torah and Yizkor services.

On Monday, October 1, at 10:30 am, there will be a Festival and Yizkor service followed by a potluck lunch (vegetarian/dairy).

On Tuesday, October 2, at 10:30 am, the Book Club will meet, and at 4:15 pm and 5:15 pm, there will be religious school.

On Thursday, October 4, at 4:15 pm and 5:15 pm, there will be religious school.

### Norwich Jewish Center

Orientation: Inclusive  
 Rabbi: David Regenspan  
 Address: 72 South Broad St., Norwich, NY 13815  
 Contact: Guilia 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.

### Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism  
 Rabbi: Scott L. Glass  
 Address: 402 North Tioga St. (the corner of Court and Tioga streets), Ithaca, NY 14850-4292  
 Phone: 273-5775  
 E-mail: rabbi@tbeithaca.org and secretary@tbeithaca.org  
 Website: www.tbeithaca.org  
 President: Jerry Davis  
 Sisterhood President: Julie Paige  
 Director of Education: Rabbi Suzanne Brody  
 Administrative Assistant: Jane Griffith  
 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 Friday, September 28, Kabbalat Shabbat will be held at 6:15 pm followed by a potluck supper in the sukkah.

On Sunday, September 30, erev Shemini Atzeret service will be held at 6:15 pm.

On Monday, October 1, a Shemini Atzeret service will be held at 10 am and an erev Simchat Torah celebration at 7:30 pm.

On Tuesday, October 2, a Simchat Torah celebration will be held at 10 am.

On Thursday, October 4, at 7 pm, Joe Regenstein, professor emeritus in Cornell University's Department of Food Science, will discuss “Genetically Modified Foods: Religious and Secular Issues” as part of the temple's adult ed. series.

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# Jewish Community Center

## JCC hires Francesca Mujica as new personal trainer

By Paige Bartholomew

Francesca Mujica has joined the Jewish Community Center as the new personal trainer. Mujica is a NASM-certified personal trainer, NASM-fitness nutrition specialist, IFBB figure professional competitor and future licensed massage therapist, and will begin taking clients at the JCC on Wednesday, September 26. Her services are open to both members and non-members of the Center. Members receive discounts on personal training services. Interested members and other prospective clients will be able to book sessions by contacting the JCC Fitness Center. Personal training sessions begin at \$20 per half hour for

members and \$25 per half hour for non-members.

Originally from New York City, Mujica worked as a hairstylist after receiving her cosmetology license. Six years ago, she moved to the Binghamton area to be with her family and began studying criminal justice at SUNY Broome. She received her associate's degree in 2015 and began working as a correctional officer for Broome County in October 2016, a position she left this past June to begin pursuing personal training professionally.



Francesca Mujica

Mujica began her personal fitness journey in 2014, working out at Planet Fitness. In 2016, Mujica began to compete as a professional bodybuilder, placing first in a state competition in Albany out of 15 other competitors. She then went on to win a national competition in New Jersey out of 45 other competitors, earning her pro-bodybuilder status. After realizing that working as a corrections officer wasn't her ultimate goal, she began to study for her personal training certification in March 2017. She

also recently earned her fitness nutrition specialization, and is currently working on earning both a senior fitness specialization and her massage therapy license.

Mujica plans to incorporate all of her skills and knowledge into her work at the JCC. "We all have different problems and different goals," says Mujica. "People need to find what works for them." Mujica plans to take an individualized approach to each client and offer services that will cater to a range of people. She will begin with offering personal training sessions to members and non-members, and will expand to offer nutritional support, recovery and therapeutic services, and massage therapy, as she is able.

## Harvey.....

"We are building on a solid foundation of vibrant Jewish life," says Avital Ingber, Jewish Federation of Greater Houston president and CEO, who accepted the job a few weeks before Harvey's rains began to fall on Houston. "We are determined not to lose a generation – to make sure they still have summer camps, day-school tuition, Jewish preschool and Israel trips," she says. "Even when we're looking at such things as flood mitigation, insurance benefits, government aid and flood walls, we are focused on the sustainability of a strong and vibrant Jewish life."

And being part of the Federation system has been a huge asset, she adds: "Here in Houston, we've had direct experience of the giving and caring that only a collective like the Federation system can accomplish."

Yet much of the caring and sharing is homegrown in Houston. "I've fallen in love with the people of this town," says Ingber. "After Harvey hit, I had no idea what to



Hurricane Harvey flood damage at the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center of Houston. (Photo courtesy of JNS)

expect, but I'm so impressed with the way the people went out of their way to help each other – all streams of Judaism working together to rebuild this community."

Rabbi Brian Strauss agrees. During his

## Silber.....

hosting many guests in their home for Shabbat and holiday meals."

"Those of us who have attended Judy's classes, or have had the pleasure to hear her speak, know what an engaging and learned speaker she is. We are so pleased that she will be our October speaker!" said Dora Polachek, organizer of the luncheon series.

Beth David's luncheon speaker series takes place the second Saturday of the month, after Shabbat morning services, and is open to the community. There is no charge

for the luncheon. However, 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 an 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.

## Inclusion.....

represents a different type of Jew.

The etrog (citron) has both a pleasant smell and taste – corresponding to the Jew that is both rich in Torah study and knowledge (taste), as well as full of observance of *mitzvot* and good deeds (smell). The lulav (date palm), which comes from a date tree, symbolizes the Jew that while may be lacking in observance of *mitzvot*, but is knowledgeable with Torah (taste). The hadas (myrtle) smells good – symbolizing the Jew who excels in action of *mitzvot*, even if s/he is lacking in Torah study and knowledge. And then we come to the aravah (willow) that lacks both a fragrant odor and taste – it does not have any of them, representing the Jew lacking in both Torah and *mitzvot*.

The mitzvah can only be fulfilled when all four of the species are present and bound together; if even one is missing, one has not fulfilled the mitzvah.

The message of this mitzvah is clear:

one cannot truly attain fulfillment unless they are willing to go beyond themselves and connect with the other – every other – person. No matter how rich we may be with talent, knowledge, observance or impact, we can only attain real fulfillment and "completion" in this world – and in the eyes of God – when we respect the contribution of every other. Yes, including the person – like the willow – that seems to lack knowledge and deeds, both taste and odor.

This ancient rite has a lot to teach us Americans at this juncture and remains a crucial reminder to us Jews that the unity of our people is fundamental to our the growth and progress.

It also gives us the courage to retain our unique stance and opinions – it's OK to be different. That's what makes our community so special, after all.

Based on the teachings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, of righteous memory.

18 years at Congregation Beth Yeshurun, the country's largest Conservative synagogue (with nearly 2,000 member families), last August was the first time he ever saw the contents of his office afloat or encountered six feet of standing water in the sanctuary. "It's been a tough year," he says with a sigh. "But it's also been one that's seen a lot of growth. I think we're stronger now, more patient with things not under our control."

A key lesson, adds Strauss, is "that no matter what you are facing, you can always reach out and help someone worse off than you. Many of our congregants who are still struggling to rebuild their lives dig deep to help the next guy."

One victory: Last year's High Holiday services were held in a church. "This year, we'll be back in our own synagogue," he says. "We weren't at all sure we'd make it in time back in our own place, but here we are."

And the natural disaster did not kill the hope that a new baby brought to the Rosses. Now 10 months old, the Rosses' son bears the name of his paternal great-great-grandfather Leo, a founder of the Houston Jewish community. His middle name, Alexander, "means 'protector of life,' honoring all those who helped us," says mom Yael. "Until the flood, I never realized the importance



Baby Leo and Yael Ross in their house after flooding by Hurricane Harvey. Yael's wedding dress can be seen drying out behind her. (Photo courtesy of the Ross family)

of being part of a caring community," she adds as Leo Alexander calls from the next room. "I hope and pray our son grows up to help others the way we have been helped."

To contribute to the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund, send donations to the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston at 5603 S. Braeswood Blvd., Houston, TX 77096 or visit [www.houstonjewish.org/hurricane-harveyrelieffund](http://www.houstonjewish.org/hurricane-harveyrelieffund).

### JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER BINGHAMTON Proposed Slate of Officers and Federation Board Members For 2019-2021

September 2019 through September 2021

Notice is hereby given of the slate of Board Members and Officers to be presented at the October 21, 2018 Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton.

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

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**Israeli report details how Syrian fire took down plane**

Following an urgent meeting between Israeli and Russian military officials after the downing of a Russian spy plane over Syria, a 40-page report reveals that Syria shot down the aircraft while responding to an Israeli airstrike. On the night of Sept. 17, a Russian Il-20 reconnaissance plane carrying 15 crew members was shot down just after Israel attacked a weapons depot outside Latikia believed to be connected to Iranian-backed terror. Russia initially blamed Israel for the incident, but Israel responded that while it had, in fact, performed the attack – an official admission Israel makes only very rarely – it was not responsible for the downed aircraft. Israeli officials traveled to Moscow on Sept. 20 to present the report, which shows that Syria fired dozens of barrages indiscriminately for 40 minutes following the attack, long after the Israeli planes returned to home soil. According to the report, one of the missiles hit the plane, causing it to crash. In the report, Israel noted that Syria has become much more aggressive with its response to Israeli airstrikes, with the May 10 “Operation House of Cards” against more than 50 Iranian targets across Syria being met with approximately 170 Syrian anti-aircraft missiles.

**Texas to require schools to teach “Arab rejection of Israel has led to ongoing conflict”**

The state of Texas will require schools to teach that “Arab rejection of the state of Israel has led to ongoing conflict” in the Mideast. The Texas Board of Education voted during a curriculum review the week of Sept. 14 to keep the sentence in high school textbooks, used by approximately 5.4 million public-school children. The board is comprised of five Democratic members and 10 Republican members, implying that the decision was likely demonstrative of a shift toward a more right-wing educational program. After a period of public input, this decision, among other ones by the board, will be subject to a final vote in November, according to *The Independent*. “Last week was a perfect demonstration of why it’s a really bad idea for politicians to write curriculum standards that guide what public schools teach,” Dan Quinn, communications director of Texas Freedom Network, a religious liberty advocacy group, told *The Guardian*. “Because then you end up with history that’s decided by a majority vote instead of by facts and historical accuracy.” However, Charles Jacobs, the president of Americans for Peace and Tolerance, which supported a lawsuit in Newton, MA, in August over the town’s public schools using anti-Israel materials, told JNS that both the Israeli and Palestinian narrative should be taught, with the perspective that Texas is looking to institute as the truth. “They

should teach the truth and the truth is Arab rejection,” said Jacobs. “At the same time, they should explain to students what the Arab narrative is and how it’s wrong.” The same board also voted to eliminate historical references to Helen Keller, Barry Goldwater and Hilary Clinton.

**Jerusalem-Tel Aviv high speed train has maiden voyage**

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Minister of Transportation Yisrael Katz rode the maiden voyage of the high-speed train line from Jerusalem to Ben-Gurion International Airport in Lod, a line that is expected, on completion, to revolutionize travel between Israel’s capital city in the eastern part of the country and Tel Aviv on Israel’s west coast. The Yizhak Navon Station in Jerusalem (named after Israel’s first Sephardic president) is one of the five deepest train stations in the world, measuring 60 meters to 80 meters below street level. The train includes double-decker coaches pulled by an electric locomotive. The journey from Jerusalem to Ben-Gurion took a speedy 25 minutes, traveling at 120-130 kilometers per hour (75-81 miles per hour). Travelers will be able to buy tickets on scheduled trains arriving and departing every 30 minutes starting on Sept. 23. Tickets will be free for the first three months of operation. The train line is expected to reach Tel Aviv in another six months.

**Lawfare Project launches initiative to protect campus Jewish communities**

The Lawfare Project, a nonprofit human and civil-rights litigation and advocacy group, announced a new initiative on Sept. 20 to protect the civil rights of the Jewish and pro-Israel community on college campuses nationwide. “Antisemitism and the demonization of Israel have become an all-too-common part of today’s campus environment,” the organization’s executive director, Brooke Goldstein, said in a statement about the newly launched Campus Civil Rights Project. “Jewish and Israeli students, student groups and faculty are regularly threatened, marginalized and harassed. In far too many instances, school administrators turn a blind eye to this hostile environment or contribute to it by failing to enforce school policies.” The Lawfare Project will assist Jewish students, professors and campus groups whose “civil liberties have been violated” by, including but not limited to, providing “guidance to affected parties on how to interact with school administrators and help determine steps for remedying a hostile environment both inside or outside of the classroom;” bringing “antisemitic and anti-Israel harassment and threats to the attention of school administrators;” and “when the facts and circumstances warrant, take legal action to ensure that schools live up to their legal obligations to protect Jewish students from antisemitic harassment, intimidation and discrimination.”

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