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Federation to hold Super Sunday and Annual Meeting on Oct. 21, announces Yasher Koach Awards

By Reporter staff

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton will hold a combined Super Sunday and Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 21, at 10 am, at the Jewish Community Center, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal. The cost to attend will be \$10 and reservations should be made by Sunday, October 14, to ensure there's enough food for the brunch. "The Federation has the ever present Jewish mother's fear of not having enough food, so let us know you will be coming," said Sima Auerbach, executive director of the Federation. Reserve a seat by calling the Federation at 724-2332.

"This year, the event will be held after the holidays so people can relax and enjoy the beautiful fall weather of Broome County," she added. "It's the perfect time

to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. Come hungry because there will be a delicious brunch. Don't forget to make a reservation!"

The theme for the 2019 Campaign is

the front porch. "The front porch was an important part of many homes in the Southern Tier," Auerbach said. "Families congregated on the front porch: it was the foundation of the area – of every neigh-

borhood – much like the Federation is the foundation of our community. I put two chairs by my front door to create my own front porch."

Auerbach noted that "the campaign this year will be one of recollection and moving forward – of reminiscences and possibilities. We want to renew and possibly re-look at the way we interact with the Greater Binghamton Jewish Community by bringing you onto our front porch. We invite you to help us map out the future and bring together Jewish people of all ages and demographics to ensure that we ensure our ability to help future generations, just like we have helped those in the past."

People may make their 2019 gift at the meeting, rather than wait for a call. That See "Sunday" on page 5

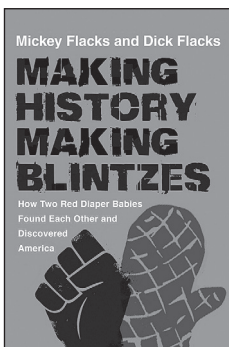
The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton is asking community members to update their phone numbers and e-mail addresses by contacting the Federation office at 724-2332 or dirjfb@stny.rr.com. "Sometimes we can't reach many people because the phone numbers we have on file are no longer accurate and we do not have people's e-mails," said Sima Auerbach, executive director of the Federation. "If you've changed your home or cell phone number, or e-mail address, or would like to be contacted by e-mail, please let us know."

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

CJS Oct. 25 lecture on "Two Red Diaper Babies"

The second lecture in the College of Jewish Studies fall 2018 program will be on Thursday, October 25, at 7:30 pm, when Dick and Mickey Flacks will talk about their memoir, "Making History/Making Blintzes: How Two Red Diaper Babies Found Each Other and Discovered America."

As veteran social justice scholar-activists, they will discuss how their lifelong commitment to making history through social activism can best be understood in the context of their family history – of growing up Jewish



The cover of Dick and Mickey Flacks' memoir:

"red diaper babies" (children of communists) in 1950s New York City, using folk music as self-expression in the 1960s, and of making blintzes for their own family through the 1970s and 1980s. As two of the founders of Students for a Democratic Society, active members of the Civil Rights movement and the anti-Vietnam War movement in the 1960s, and leaders in today's social movements, Dick and Mickey will provide a first-hand account of progressive American activism from the 1960s to the present. The children of immigrants and



Mickey and Dick Flacks

first-generation Jews, Dick and Mickey met in the late 1950s when they were both camp counselors at Camp Kinderland, the

oldest of the communist-initiated children's camps in the United States. Founded in 1923 by Jewish Marxists, Camp Kinderland was established to instill socialist values in the children and to nurture instruction in Yiddish culture and language. Increasingly questioning and eventually breaking from the politics of their parents and the Old Left, together they crafted their own religious identity as secular Jews, created a "critical space" for American progressive activism through SDS, and, ultimately, found themselves raising an "American" Jewish family.

Dick is professor of sociology, emeritus, at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He is the author and editor of See "Red" on page 8

Event to focus on "Early Modern Jewish History"

BU Judaic Studies to hold Margolis Memorial Lecture as symposium on Oct. 28-29

The Binghamton University Department of Judaic Studies will present the annual Rabbi Moses Margolis Memorial Lecture as a symposium on "Early Modern Jewish History," with the contributors and editors of the "Cambridge History of Judaism: Volume 7, The Early Modern World, 1500-1815," from Sunday-Monday, October 28-29.

Prize-winning Princeton University historian Yair Mintzker will deliver the Rabbi Moses Margolis Memorial Lecture on "Joseph and His Brothers: The Notorious Trial and Execution of 'Jew Süß' (1737-38) from a Jewish Perspective." The presentation will be held at Binghamton University's Old Union (UU 215) on October 28 at 7 pm. It is free and open to the general public. A reception, sponsored by Cambridge University Press and also open to the public, will follow. Those planning to attend the events must RSVP

to mdragojl@binghamton.edu.

On October 29, from 9 am-1 pm, in Library North 1106, the symposium will continue with a panel discussion featuring Mintzker; Elisheva Carlebach, director of the Institute for Israel and the Jewish Studies Salo Wittmayer Baron Professor of Jewish History, Culture and Society at Columbia University; David B. Ruderman, the Joseph Meyerhoff Professor of Modern Jewish History in the Department of History at University of Pennsylvania; Lawrence Fine, the Irene Kaplan Leiwant Professor of Jewish Studies and professor of religion at Mount Holyoke College; Francesca Bregoli, the Joseph and Oro Halebua Chair in Greek and Sephardic Jewish Studies, associate professor of history at Queens College and The Graduate Center, CUNY; Todd Endelman, the William Haber Professor of Modern

Jewish History at the University of Michigan; Glenn Dynner, professor of Jewish studies and chair of humanities at Sarah Lawrence College; Adam Sutcliffe, reader in the European History Department of History King's College London, U.K.; and Jonathan Karp, associate professor of Judaic studies and history at Binghamton University, SUNY.

Mintzker's presentation for the October 28 lecture will be based on his 2017 book, "The Many Deaths of Jew Süß," which was published by Princeton University Press and received the National Jewish Book Award. "Mintzker's book is an astonishing work of historical reconstruction," said Karp. "It analyzes the notorious 1738 trial of the flamboyant and controversial Württemberg Court Jew, Joseph Süß Oppenheimer, from the perspective of a handful of its participants and contempo-

raries, affording a kind of Rorschach test that reveals much about both the Jewish and non-Jewish milieu in which Oppenheimer operated."

Mintzker was born in Jerusalem and studied at Tel Aviv University as well as Stanford University, where he received his Ph.D. in 2010. His first book, "The Defortification of the German City, 1689-1866 (2012)," received the Urban History Association Best Book Prize.

The symposium will also celebrate the publication of "The Cambridge History of Judaism: Volume 7, The Early Modern World, 1500-1815" edited by Karp and Sutcliffe. The symposium is sponsored by the BU Department of Judaic Studies and the Margolis Lectureship in Jewish Studies. It is co-sponsored by the Temple Beth El Endowment, BU History Department, Cambridge University Press and CNES.

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Sweden's Jews concerned as far-right and Islamist groups grow

By Dan Lavie

(Israel Hayom via JNS) – The president of Sweden's Jewish Central Council said he is concerned by the significant gains made by a nationalist right-wing party with neo-Nazi roots in the country's recent elections. Aron Verstandig told *Israel Hayom* that while he believes the Sweden Democrats will not be part of the new government, "one can never know."

He said the Jewish community's main concern in recent years was the strengthening of radical movements in Western Europe and North America, which he said could have consequences for Jewish communities there. Verstandig called the nationalist right in Sweden an indirect, but palpable, threat to the local Jewish community because, although it does not explicitly call for Jews to be kicked out of the country, it is no fan of minorities. He noted that "the strength of the neo-Nazis is felt more forcefully in the last two to three years, with them holding marches and event pretty frequently."



The Swedish flag flies over Stockholm. (Photo by Stefan Lins via Flickr)

The Jewish community in Stockholm, where over half of Sweden's 15,000 Jews reside, held an emergency rally recently that included an emergency briefing on the threats facing Swedish Jews. Among those who attended

were representatives from the anti-racist Expo Research organization, Sweden's Military Academy Karlberg, and representatives of the police and security forces.

"Because our community is comprised of many Holocaust survivors and their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, we are naturally shocked at the rise of the underground Nazi movement," he emphasized, calling for local politicians to rein in neo-Nazis and their activities.

Along with the far-right, the Salafi Sunni Islamist movement is also growing in Sweden.

A recent report by the Swedish Defense Ministry described the city of Gothenburg, one of the largest exporters of jihadis in Europe, as a Salafist stronghold. In December, three Syrian and Palestinian assailants were arrested for firebombing a synagogue in the city.

Sweden recently announced plans to build a Holocaust museum with a focus on Swedish survivors in the southern city of Malmö, where dozens of antisemitic incidents are reported. See "Sweden" on page 11

Opinion

From the Desk of the Federation President

Opportunities to participate in our Jewish community

DR. HOWARD WARNER

Time passes quickly, but the people you meet help make memories that remain throughout your life. My term as president will be coming to an end shortly, but I note that this last month will highlight the many organizations and synagogues within our community. This is a busy time of the year for Jews because of the holidays and the activities prior to the snow bird migration to warmer climates.

To highlight some of the activities, I wish to emphasize the varied opportunities for each person to participate in our Jewish community. The College of Jewish Studies is offering two lectures on the 50th anniversary of the student uprising at Columbia University and other campuses. For many who were coming of age at the time, this will be an interesting series. Younger people will be reminded that rebellion and resistance did not originate two years ago.

Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we continued the tradition of memorializing those who perished in the Holocaust. I trust that this service will be performed for many years into the future. On September 30, a Day of

Caring involved cleaning graves of indigent people at the Temple Israel Cemetery.

Our synagogues have incorporated programs that we endorsed into their schedules. The adult education program jointly run by Temple Concord and Temple Israel will present a Sunday morning learning session on October 14 as part of the Temple Concord Scholar-in-Residence program. Beth David presents a Shabbat learning session during the second Saturday of the month. We point to the session in September given by Rabbi Zev Silber on issues of the High Holidays; coming in November will be a talk on Israel.

Chabad is sponsoring a Mega Challah Bake on Thursday, October 25, and a Salute to Womenhood program on Sunday, October 28. Hillel Academy is planning a short presentation of song and prayer on Sunday, October 28. We hope that you will observe the efforts of our community's children.

We recently had a dinner and movie event. Many thanks to the crew who made and managed the food. The movie, "The Little Traitor," is an excellent reminder of the period

just prior to Israel's independence. It portrays the friendship between a young Israeli boy and a father-figure British sergeant, and their conversations about the Bible and life. The lesson for today is that individuals may not control the missions that their superiors and leaders assign them. In the spring, we will have a film festival.

The i-Engage program (a joint Temple Israel/Temple Concord program) will resume later in October. This effort provides Jews with the means to communicate about the issues confronting the Israelis in regard to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. There is no practical solution to the 70-year disagreement. However, the course attempts to provide information for thought.

We can be proud of our community. We are small in number, but strong in spirit and enthusiasm. Please volunteer to continue these worthwhile programs and organizations.

Don't forget to join us for Super Sunday Brunch on October 21 when the Annual Campaign begins. And pick up the phone when we call and make a monetary commitment to our unique community.

In My Own Words

The art of lying

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

If he'd only said, "Yes, I drank heavy as a high school and college student, but I learned [fill in the blank here with something that says he no longer drinks to excess]." It almost doesn't matter how Brett Kavanaugh, the new justice on the U.S. Supreme Court, would explain why he no longer acts like he did as a teenager. He still would have been able to deny the complaints of sexual assault and harassment, which are harder for someone to prove, and admit to behavior that has been documented.

Perhaps Kavanaugh thought that, like his prep school classmates, his college friends would lie for him. It turns out they were more than happy to talk about his heavy drinking and its results – including not remembering what happened the night before. All he had to do, though, was not lie about that, but to do so seems more and more common in public life. That is, admitting "I was wrong, I did bad" – and then basically saying, "Now, I'm going on with my life like it didn't happen."

I'm not writing this to debate whether or not Kavanaugh should have been confirmed. (I didn't support him

for reasons that have to do with his judicial rulings, not his private life.) What concerns me is that politicians and others don't seem to realize that it makes no sense to lie when you're in the public eye and someone is recording your every word.

Let's be honest: All of us have lied. Some of us tell white lies. Some of us tell major whoppers. We tell a lie to get ourselves out of trouble, or so we don't hurt someone's feelings, or to make life run a little smoother. Sometime the lie benefits one person, sometimes it benefits a larger group. The ancient rabbis even discussed if one is permitted to tell a lie. For example, Beit Hillel and Beit Shammai debated whether one should tell a bride she is beautiful, even if she is not. Beit Shammai says one should describe her accurately. Beit Hillel says one should call all brides beautiful, even if they are not. Telling the strict truth is less important than the bride's feelings.

However, in general, the rabbis dislike lying, particularly when one is under oath. In fact, they discouraged people from taking an oath. To lie under oath means you

are breaking one of the Ten Commandments: taking God's name in vain.

In the political world, sometimes a lie creates more problems than the truth would. To make our democracy work, the press, the FBI and others need to fact-check what politicians say. When someone lies about one thing, it makes people take a closer look at what other things that person might also be lying about. Coming clean about one type of behavior might create some problems in the short run, but help in the long run.

As for lying about what someone did as a teenager: I don't believe that people need to expose their entire personal lives in order to run for office or be appointed to a position of power. I think it's possible for people to change and so, if when questioned about their past, they admit to what they did and show how they have moved on, then I have no problem with them serving the public. However, when you lie about your behavior – and add to that lie by saying that other people are the ones telling lies – then you prove you aren't mature enough to serve in public life.



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Women's League for Chabad annual Salute to Jewish Womanhood program on Oct. 28

The Women's League for Chabad will present "93 Queen," a dinner and movie program for this year's Salute to Jewish Womanhood, on Sunday, October 28. The program, held at the Chabad Center, will begin with a dinner at 5 pm, followed by the movie screening and a conversation with its producer, Paula Eiselt.

"Set in the Chasidic enclave of Borough Park, Brooklyn, '93 Queen' follows a group of Chasidic women who are smashing the patriarchy in their community by creating the first all-female volunteer ambulance corps, Ezras Nashim, in New York City," said organizers of the event. "With unprecedented – and insider – access, '93 Queen' offers up a unique portrayal of a group of religious women

who are taking matters into their own hands to change their own community from within. At its core, '93 Queen' is about change from within. Change – especially feminism – can take shape in many different ways; it doesn't look the same in every community."

The documentary "93 Queen" has been called "a unique and intellectually honest portrayal" of what women's empowerment looks like in the Chasidic world. It has been called a universal story in a very particular setting about what happens when women feel empowered to make progress in their own communities,



Paula Eiselt

on their own terms, in order to move those communities forward.

As an insider who understands the laws of modesty and agreed to follow them in the making of the film, Eiselt, herself Orthodox, was granted "unprecedented and exclusive" access to the David-and-Goliath story of Ezras Nashim. Eiselt has said of the documentary: "I want people to consider – or rather re-consider – the many unexpected complexities and challenging narratives regarding progress, faith, leadership and feminism within this film. My

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Author Ted Merwin to talk in Ithaca on Oct. 25

On Thursday, October 25, at 7:30 pm, in Textor 101 on the Ithaca College campus, author Ted Merwin, Ph.D., will present a talk on the rise, fall, and rise again of the Jewish deli and its role in American Jewish life titled "Pastrami on Rye: An Overstuffed History of the Jewish Deli." For much of the 20th century, the New York Jewish deli was considered an iconic institution in both Jewish and American life. As a social space, it was said to rival – and in some ways surpass – the synagogue as the primary gathering place for the Jewish community. Ultimately, Merwin has noted, upwardly mobile American Jews discarded the deli as they transitioned from outsider to insider status in the middle of the century. Contemporary Jews are said to be



Ted Merwin

returning the deli to cult status as they seek to reclaim their cultural identities.

Merwin is a professor, blogger, journalist, humorist, collector and public intellectual. He has been called an authority on Judaism in America. He is the author of two books: "In Their Own Image: New York Jews in Jazz Age Popular Culture" and "Pastrami on Rye: An Overstuffed History of the Jewish Deli," winner of the 2015 National Jewish Book Award in the category of education and Jewish identity. "Pastrami on Rye" has been featured in *USA Today*, *The New York Times*, *New York Post*, *New York Daily News*, *New York Observer*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Chicago Tribune*, *The Economist*, *The Times Literary Supplement*, *London Jewish Chronicle*, *Haaretz*, *The Jerusalem Post*,

Times Of Israel, *Time Out Tel Aviv*, *The Daily Beast*, *Tablet*, *Forward* and *New York Jewish Week*, and on radio and TV nationwide, including "The John Batchelor Show," PRI's "The World" with Marco Werman and NPR's "All Things Considered." Merwin has given more than 100 multimedia lectures over the last several years, including at the 92nd Street Y in New York City, Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in Los Angeles, the Spertus Institute in Chicago, the Department of Homeland Security at JFK, the FDIC in Washington, DC, and at universities, synagogues, JCCs, libraries, book festivals and museums from coast to coast. For more information, visit tedmerwin.com.

The lecture is sponsored by Ithaca College's Jewish Studies Program and is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Rebecca Lesses, coordinator of Jewish studies, at rlesses@ithaca.edu, call 274-3556 or visit the Facebook page "Jewish Studies at Ithaca College" at www.facebook.com/events/2151244728528137/.

Individuals with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Lesses by e-mail or phone. Requests for accommodations should be made as soon as possible.

Klezmer band to perform in Binghamton on Oct. 20

Klez Project, a six-piece klezmer ensemble based in Central New York, will be performing as part of the Cranberry Coffeehouse series in Binghamton on Saturday, October 20, at 7:30 pm. The ensemble features Binghamton resident Allen Lutins on clarinets, together with Rima Grunes (violin), David "Melnick" Zakalik (piano/accordion), Ryan Zawul (trombone/tuba), Dana Mandel (mandolin) and Greg Ezra (percussion).

The word klezmer (derived from the Hebrew "vessel for music") originally referred to a musician, but in the 20th century came to refer instead to the musical style. The music arose in medieval eastern European Jewish communities to perform at *simchas* (holidays and celebratory events, especially weddings). Its origins lay in Jewish folk music and cantorial chanting, with elements of other local ethnic folk tunes (especially those of the Roma) and military band music. When brought to the United States by Jewish immigrants in the 20th century, it was further influenced by jazz and theater music.

In addition to eastern European-derived pieces, the modern klezmer repertoire is typically augmented by Yiddish melodies, Israeli folk music, tunes from early



The members of Klez Project.

20th-century American Yiddish theater productions, and modern compositions in the traditional style. Klez Project's performances span this full range of the repertoire.

Tickets for the event are available at the door on the evening of the performance at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 183 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, for a suggested minimum donation of \$10 per person. More information is available at www.cranberrycoffeehouse.org and www.klezproject.com.

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JLI course on "Wrestling with Faith"

"Wrestling with Faith," a new six-session course by the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute that addresses common challenges people may have in their relationship with God, will begin on October 22, at 7 pm, for the Monday night section and on October 24, at 9:30 am, for the Wednesday morning 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.

"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 Rivky Slonim, the local JLI instructor. "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."

Interested students may call Chabad at 797-0015, e-mail rslonim@Chabadofbinghamton.com or visit www.myJLI.com for registration and for 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.

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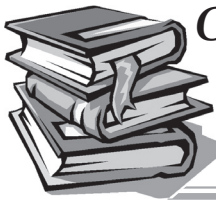
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Off the Shelf

Fathers and sons

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

There are novels that I refer to as reader-friendly. While these works may look at difficult topics – for example, suicide or autism – they usually offer pleasant, simple solutions to complex issues. This leaves readers feeling good about the novels and themselves because they aren't forced to consider that many problems don't have happy, easy answers. An antidote to these works can be found in two recent works: "Millard Salter's Last Day" by Jacob M. Appel (Gallery Books), which focuses on suicide, and Jem Lester's "Shtum" (The Overlook Press), which offers a portrait of a family dealing with an autistic son. Underlying the subject matter of both works are the problematic relationships between several sets of fathers and sons that may never be satisfactorily resolved.

In Appel's novel, Millard Salter considers his 75th birthday the perfect time to end his life. Although he's not ill and still works as the head of a psychiatric department in a hospital, Millard dreads the slow decline of old age. He spends the day looking back at his life – thinking about his family, his first and second marriages, and his four children. Although Millard's first wife is still alive, his second wife died after a difficult illness. The majority of his children seem settled – that is, except for Lysander, his youngest son from his first marriage, who wanders aimlessly through life. Millard hopes that he can set his son on a better path during one last lunch, although he doesn't want to reveal that this will be the last meal they share.

In fact, Millard plans to make his last day just like any other day – that is, except for helping a woman he's fallen in love with also commit suicide. There is one great difference: Delilah suffers from a terminal disease and wants to die before she becomes totally dependent. The two met when Millard agreed to work with Compassionate

Endings, an organization that helps terminally ill patients choose how and when they die. In addition to his visit to Delilah and lunch with his son, Millard spends time with patients and colleagues. He's been very careful not to let his family and friends know of his decision: he's renewed magazine subscriptions, prepaid dues to his club and even requested an absentee ballot. What surprises him is how he feels as his birthday approaches: "Rather than fearful, or even reluctant, he found himself resigned – as though, to paraphrase the High Holiday *Amidah*, his name was already inscribed on the casualty list inside the Book of Life."

The question becomes whether Millard will actually end his life. A secondary quandary is the nature of his relationship to Lysander: will Millard make his son understand why he should change his life? What is interesting is how little time Millard spends thinking about the effect of his suicide on his family. In fact, he's more concerned about who will take over his position at the hospital. What is clear is that the ending will leave some readers surprised and unsettled.

While "Millard Salter's Last Day" focuses on one father and son relationship, there are two at the core of "Shtum." The title of the book is the Yiddish word for quiet or silence. It refers to narrator Ben Jewell's relationship to Georg, his father, who refuses to speak about his life in Eastern Europe before he moved to England, and to his 10-year-old autistic son, Jonah, who can't speak. Ben and his wife, Emma, are at a breaking point in their marriage. The two want Jonah, who is not toilet trained and can be violent when he doesn't get his way, to go to a residential school that will offer him the type of environment in which he might thrive. However, the local authorities have to approve the move, which costs more than sending him

to a local school. To increase the chance of Jonah getting the help he needs, Ben and Emma separate, with Ben and Jonah moving in with Georg.

That situation is less than ideal. Ben has never had a good relationship with his father and it doesn't help that he is making a mess of the business Georg started. Emma, who works as a lawyer, wants Ben to take full responsibility of Jonah now that they are separated, and Ben has difficulty rising to the task. To complicate matters, Georg dislikes the idea of Jonah moving away from home, although Ben tries to explain why Jonah's life will improve at the residential school. Ben must face not only the tribunal that will determine Jonah's fate, but his own life decisions, including whether the choices he makes are motivated by selfishness or love.

"Shtum" is heartwarming and heartrending, in addition to being sad and funny at the same time. The author is brutally honest about what life can be with an autistic child who has no special skills. Jonah raids kitchen cupboards, leaving a mess, and smears his feces across walls when his diaper is not changed. When frustrated, he self-hurts or lashes out at those near him. Yet, it's clear that Ben deeply loves his son, just as he loves his father, even though they find it difficult – if not impossible – to communicate with each other. Lester's novel is an excellent look at the harsh reality and the deep, emotional connections found in families touched by autism.

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hope is that '93 Queen' will intersect with the greater conversations we're all having right now about change. [It] also explores a community that is severely stereotyped as monolithic and solely prohibitive, especially when it comes to women. Most of the film's audiences will have had very little – if any – exposure to the Chasidic community from the inside. It's important to me for people to see Chasidic humanity and diversity, and to feel and relate to these women – to see them as individuals within a larger framework of which they are working to grab hold. Finally, I want viewers to feel challenged enough to wrestle with preconceived recipes for progress and notions of Chasidic women, preferably to the point of discomfort. Unraveling strong-held assumptions can be really painful and disconcerting, but sitting in that space is the only way to yield intellectual reconstruction."

The cost for the evening is \$25 with sponsorships being sought at the levels of Friend \$54, Sustainer \$72 and Benefactor \$100 (all sponsorships include dinner and the movie). "We are grateful to our sponsors, who allow us



The members of the female ambulance corps Ezras Nashim.

to continue bringing the highest level of programming to our community," said Rivky Slonim.

Reservations can be made by calling the Chabad Center at 797-0015 or online at www.Jewishbu.com/womanhood.

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I. B. Singer's Yiddish books online

The Yiddish Book Center has announced that it has made Isaac Bashevis Singer's Yiddish works available online through the Yiddish Book Center's Steven Spielberg Digital Yiddish Library. These Yiddish originals were never widely distributed and often differ significantly from their English versions, which Singer reworked for an American audience. The availability of these works was made possible by permission of the Singer Estate.

The works are available to read online or download for free on the Yiddish Book Center's website, www.yiddishbookcenter.org/. Readers can browse or search the Yiddish Book Center's Steven Spielberg Digital Yiddish Library to find the full listing of Singer's Yiddish work in the collection; a broader search on the website will provide related articles, archival recording, oral histories with Singer's son and descendants, and more.

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Mega Challah Bake to be held Oct. 25

Joining hundreds of communities across the nation and around the world, Chabad Center – in co-sponsorship with local community organizations – will host a Mega Challah Bake in which hundreds of students and community members will join in mixing, kneading and shaping challahs, one of which they will keep and one of which will be given away by participants to someone who would appreciate the gift.

This year's Mega Challah Bake will be held on Thursday, October 25, at 7 pm, in the Mandela Room at Binghamton University. The fee is \$5 for community members with reservations made in advance and \$7 at the door. Participants will have an opportunity

to taste eight flavors of challah and each participant will receive an apron, as well as two challahs. Reservations can be made at www.JewishBU.com/MegaBake.

"The Mega Challah Bakes, held in cities small and large, bring the community together in a fun and easy celebration of Jewish heritage. In our case, we will be uniting our campus and local communities, and through campus and local Jewish organizations co-sponsoring and lots and lots of people coming out to enjoy this activity together," explained Hadasa Slonim, coordinator.

Local community co-sponsors include Beth David Sisterhood, Binghamton Chapter Hadassah, Chabad Women's League, Temple Concord and Temple Israel.

At right, in front (l-r): Eli Green and Shira Green. In back: Marcia Hofstein, Wendy Green and Rivkah Slonim at last year's Mega Challah Bake.



Judy Silber to speak at Oct. 13 BD luncheon

Saturday, October 13, marks the second Beth David luncheon of the season. Guest speaker Judy Silber will give a talk on the book of Judges, the second book in the collection of Hebrew texts that constitute the writings of the Prophets. The title of her talk is "The Judges Were Heroes."

Silber takes the inspiration for her talk from a quote from Pirkei Avot (Sayings of our Fathers, also known as Ethics of the Fa-

thers), a compilation of maxims and ethical teachings from the rabbis. "I was particularly struck," says Silber, "by the saying of Ben Azai, 'there is no person who does not have his hour.'" In a 2009 article that appeared in Aish, Rabbi Yonason Goldson argues that Ben Azai is teaching that "every one of us is charged with a monumental responsibility as we travel through life." Everyone, extraordinary and the seemingly ordinary

alike, is being exhorted to take up this responsibility or step up. By examining "seemingly imperfect heroes" who lived between the years of Joshua and the Kings of Judah, Silber will show how often it was "unlikely people" who had the power to save the nation. She will also discuss how to identify some causes and effects of the nation's behavior that made being rescued by these judges necessary.



Judy Silber

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 informa-

Beth David's luncheon speaker series takes place the second Saturday of the month, after Shabbat morning services, and is open to the community. Donations may be sent to Beth David Synagogue, 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905, Attention: Luncheon Fund.

Ithaca Intergenerational Mitzvah Day on Oct. 21

On Sunday, October 21, from 3:30-5:30 pm, the Ithaca Area United Jewish Community will work with the residents of Kendal at Ithaca to sponsor a Mitzvah Day (or day of doing good deeds). Admission is free and all are welcome.

"We will be focusing on traditional Jewish actions such as honoring elders, feeding the hungry, kindness to animals and honoring the Sabbath," said organizers of the event. "There will be several activity areas so that people can have fun while doing good."

In addition, there will be elders reading children's story books to little ones and teens interviewing elders about their life stories. PJ Library, a national free Jewish story book program, will be featured. Refreshments will be served.

Kendal at Ithaca is located at 2230 N. Triphammer Rd., Ithaca. The event will be in the auditorium. The best access is from the visitor south parking lot.

For further information or to volunteer, call 257-9924 or write to info@iaujc.org.

Tl b'nai mitzvah at Day of Caring



Members of the Temple Israel b'nai mitzvah class and their parents took part in the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's Day of Caring on September 30. They helped clean overgrown gravestones at the Temple Israel Cemetery.

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will help the Federation know what funds are available before the allocation process, which begins in early November.

During the event, officers will be elected to the Federation's Board of Directors and Yasher Koach awards will be bestowed. The awards honor local members of community organizations. The Phonathon will be held on Sunday from 2-8:30 pm and from Monday-Wednesday, October 22-24, from 6-8:30 pm.

"Please be sure to pick up your phone and say hello to one of our dedicated volunteers," said Auerbach. "Make a donation and help keep our community vital! You can also call us before October 21, which is a double mitzvah. You've made your pledge and have given us the opportunity to call someone else. It's helpful to have a sense of how much money we'll be raising before we allocate funds."

This year's Yasher Koach award winners are:

- ◆ Beth David Synagogue – Toby Kohn
- ◆ College of Jewish Studies – Marti Klionsky
- ◆ Hadassah – Marcy Yonaty
- ◆ Hillel Academy – Sarah Thomas
- ◆ Jewish Community Center – Gerry Hubal
- ◆ Jewish Family Service – Rachel Greenblott
- ◆ Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton – Eileen Miller
- ◆ Rohr Chabad Center – Marie Werner
- ◆ Temple Concord – Jean Hecht
- ◆ Temple Israel – Alan and Julie Piaker
- ◆ The Reporter – Richard Lewis

Auerbach noted that the Federation has accomplished a great deal throughout this year. She said that not everything the Federation does gets publicized. "It's the quiet, behind-the-scenes activities that also help us serve the community," she added. "We're here to help local organizations with their needs and questions – whether to brainstorm on how to accomplish a task

or give suggestions on the best way to approach it."

"Join us for this wonderful event," Auerbach continued. "Celebrate all that the Greater Binghamton Jewish community has to offer. If anyone needs a ride to the annual meeting, please call the Federation office at 724-2332 and we'll try to arrange transportation for you."

The Federation Board

The new slate of Federation board members includes President Suzanne Holwitt, Immediate Past President Howard Warner, Vice-President Mark Walker, Treasurer Jeff Shapiro, Assistant Treasurer Lee Schechter, Secretary Eileen Miller, Assistant Secretary Charles Manasse, Campaign Co-Chairwomen Rita Shawn and Marilyn Bell, Endowment Committee Chairman Michael Wright and CRC Chairman Arich A. Ullmann. Board members to 2019 are Lisa Blackwell, Rita Bleier, Steve Gilbert, Shelley Hubal, Jeff Platsky and Susan Walker. Board members to 2020 are Nancy Dorfman, Mark Epstein, Dennis Foreman, Lillian Levy and Cathy Velenchik. Board members to 2021 are Neil Auerbach, Brendan Byrnes, Sondra Foreman, Charles Gilinsky and Richard Lewis.

Community Calendar

The Community Calendar can be found on the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's website, www.jfgeb.org, by clicking on "calendar." Updates or additions of events for the calendar can be made by contacting the Federation through its website (click on "calendar" and then "click here to request a change to the calendar") or by calling 724-2332.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton would like to thank those who took part in its Day of Caring.

The following individuals helped clean overgrown gravestones at the Temple Israel Cemetery. The focus was on one section of the cemetery: the people buried there were indigent and have no family to care for their graves.

- Neil & Sima Auerbach
- Rabbi Geoffrey Brown
- Brendan Byrnes
- Jordyn Goldberg
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TC Solis-Cohen Scholar-in-residence weekend Oct. 12-14 with Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi

On the weekend of October 12-14, Temple Concord will hold its Solis-Cohen Scholar-in-residence weekend with scholar and teacher Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi, Ph.D. She will explore traditional and contemporary texts on a variety of topics throughout the weekend. Sabath serves the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion as president's scholar and the national director of recruitment and admissions. Temple Concord extends an invitation to the entire community to join it for these programs.

Sabath will speak on "What Claims Us? Reform Judaism, Autonomy and Authority" on Friday, October 12, during Shabbat services, which will begin at 8 pm. Sabath's topic for Torah study on Saturday, October 13, at 9:15 am, is "Noah and Ethical Leadership." Following Shabbat family services, at 10:35 am, and lunch, at noon, Temple Concord will venture into new territory by joining virtually with the Reform congregation from Rosh Pina, Israel, to explore with Sabath "Israel and the Dilemmas of Jewish Peoplehood: On Pluralism and Sovereignty in Israel and the Diaspora." Following *Havdalah* on October 13, at 7:30 pm, Sabath will address "Changing Notions of Gender and Gender Identity in Judaism" using biblical, rabbinic and contemporary texts.

"The Necessity of Pluralism" will be the topic for the

joint Temple Concord, Temple Israel and Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton Sunday adult education brunch program on Sunday, October 14. Reservations for the brunch were required by October 11. The program will use rabbinic and modern texts.

Diaspora-Israel Day, a worldwide festival of Jewish peoplehood that falls on the 7th of Cheshvan (Tuesday, October 7), will be celebrated during Shabbat lunch at Temple Concord and at *Havdalah* in Rosh Pina (which occur at the same time due to the time difference between the U.S. and Israel). Sabath will lead the study program in English and Hebrew. Diaspora Israel Day, which was initiated by project Domim-aLike – a joint program of the Israeli Reform movement and the Israeli government – is a holiday celebrating the ongoing connections between Jewish communities worldwide, and the continued sense of peoplehood among them. The festival cherishes thousands of years of united and full Jewish life in different locations around the world.

Prior to her appointment at HUC-JIR, Sabath served as vice president of the Shalom Hartman Institute and for more than a decade as a member of the Institute's faculty, while directing the Hartman lay leadership, rabbinic leadership and Christian leadership programs.

Concurrently, she also taught liturgy and theology at HUC-JIR in Jerusalem. Ordained at HUC-JIR in New York, Sabath also earned a Ph.D. in Jewish philosophy from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

For several years, Sabath wrote a monthly column in *The Jerusalem Post* and writes regularly for *The Times of Israel*, *The Huffington Post* and other publications. Sabath has co-authored two books and published numerous articles, including "Radically Free and Radically Claimed" in "Jewish Theology in Our Time." Sabath also teaches and mentors students of HUC-JIR, and speaks throughout North America on leadership, Israel, gender and theology. She is currently writing a book on the future of Jewish peoplehood.

Sabath is an alumna of the Wexner Foundation Graduate Fellowship and is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. She has served on the faculties of the Wexner Foundation, CLAL – the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, and the Skirball Center. For more than a decade, she served as the rabbi of Congregation Shirat HaYam on Nantucket Island. Raised in Minneapolis, Sabath lived in Israel for nearly 15 years and currently lives in Cincinnati with her husband, Rabbi Ofer Sabath Beit-Halachmi, and their three children, Tehillah, Yedidya and Ben-Yishai.



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JCC in Fairfax, VA, vandalized with 19 painted swastikas

A Jewish Community Center in Fairfax, VA, was vandalized with 19 spray-painted swastikas early Oct. 6. Building staff noticed the building had been vandalized when they arrived to open the facility at 7 am. Security camera footage showed a suspect defacing the center at around 4:30 am. Local authorities released photos to the public. Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine tweeted that an “insidious rise in hateful actions and antisemitism” must

be met with “fierce condemnation and an over-abundance of love and unity.” In 2017, the same JCC was spray-painted with the message “Hitler was right,” swastikas and other Nazi symbolism. JCC leadership released a statement saying, “as many of us recognize, these acts do not represent the community around the J[CC] or the community in Northern Virginia. The J[CC] as a whole, and particularly through the focused efforts of our Committee for a Just and Caring Community, will continue to participate as a positive force in both the Jewish and wider communities.”

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To learn more about these women's healthcare providers, or to contact the office of Women's OB/GYN Associates, visit my.womensobgyn.info and “like” their page on Facebook.

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Gift boxes prepared for We Remember you



Temple Concord religious school students baked honey cakes to share the wishes of a sweet year with the community.



L-r: JFS Intern Kailah Kaner and Ellie Friedman constructed boxes for the JFS We Remember You project.



At right: Mika Friedman constructed boxes for the JFS We Remember You project.

TC celebrated Rosh Hashanah



Clergy and choir members participated in the High Holiday services at Temple Concord.



At right, above and below: Congregants enjoyed the Super Kiddush at Temple Concord after the Rosh Hashanah service on September 10.



L-r: Zoe Friedman and her grandmother, Frances Dow Friedman, prepared to sort the apples.

TC celebrated Simchat Torah



Above: On the evening of Shemini Atzeret-Simchat Torah, September 30, members of Temple Concord unrolled a complete Torah scroll. Selections were read from each of the five books of the Torah.



At right, l-r: Holding the beginning and end of the Torah scroll were Jerry Pliskin, Neisen Luks, Ilya Stein and Richard Fischer.

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many books, including "Cultural Politics and Social Movements" (co-editor, 1995), "Beyond the Barricades: The '60s Generation Grows Up" (1989), "Making History: The American Left and the American Mind" (1988), "The Port Huron Statement: Sources and Legacies of the New Left's Founding Manifesto" (co-editor, 2015) and many scholarly articles on social movements, left culture and strategy. His weekly radio program, "Culture of Protest," can be heard at kcsb.org.

Mickey worked as a researcher in biology at the University of Michigan and University of California, Santa Barbara, as an administrator of survey research projects for the University of Michigan Survey Research Center, as editor of the Environmental Periodicals Bibliography, and as a freelance Yiddish translator. She's co-editor of "Children of a Vanished World."

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 do-



L-r: Tom Hayden, Dick Flacks, Todd Gitlin and Mickey Flacks in 1988.

nations 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.

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Weekly Parasha

Noach, Genesis 6:9-11:32

When parents bring two or more babies together for a play date and place the babies next to a pile of toys, it is inevitable that at some point during the play date, two babies will reach for the same toy and a tussel will ensue. At this point, even though the babies are not yet even old enough to speak, at least one parent will step in and start talking about sharing or cooperation. While it is true that babies understand language even before they begin to reliably produce sounds or signs that are recognizable as words, a parent telling a baby to share is as much about signaling values to the other adults around as it is about actually teaching the babies to cooperate with one other.

We place a very high value on the ability to work well with others, and yet, when our ancestors were doing just that, using one language and uniform words (Genesis

Learning communication skills

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11:1) to construct a "city and a tower with its top in the heavens" (Genesis 11:4), God came down from heaven, confused their language and scattered them over the face of the earth. Given that in the earlier *aliyot* of this same *parasha*, we read of God destroying the earth with a flood because the people are not getting along with each other, it seems especially odd that now God would punish people for working too well together.

By listing disparate *midrashim* together, the medieval commentator Rashi actually manages to point out an important distinction between the words we say and the actual thoughts and meaning behind those words. The Torah tells us that everyone was using uniform words. However, some of the people building the tower came with the intention to ascend to the sky and wage war with God, while others

believed that once every 1,656 years, the sky totters, as it did in the time of the Flood, and building the tower was a way to create an extra support for the heaven so it would not collapse again [from Gen. Rabbah 28:6, Tan. Buber Noach 24]. In other words, while it appeared that the people were working together, they were actually following very different agendas that were, in fact, at cross purposes.

We, too, fall victim to the belief that we are speaking one language when we bring together a group of people for a rally or a project. Then, as each person there begins to speak about the joint interest through the lens of his or her own personal cause, we find that others in the group become alienated, and what began as a united effort with a joint purpose quickly falls apart as the things we are speaking See "Skills" on page 11

Congregational Notes

Temple Concord

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism
Rabbi: Barbara Goldman-Wartell
Address: 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905
Office hours: Tues.-Fri., 10 am-2 pm
Phone: 723-7355, Fax: 723-0785
Office e-mail: TempleConcordbinghamton@gmail.com
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, October 12, the Solis-Cohen Scholar-in-Residence weekend will begin. At 8 pm, there will be Shabbat evening services with Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi speaking on "What Claims Us? Reform Judaism, Autonomy and Authority." Worship will be led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell and Shari Neuberger. The oneg Shabbat will be hosted by Sisterhood.

On Saturday, October 13, at 9 am, there will be religious school; at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study with Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi on "Noah and Ethical Leadership"; at 10:35 am, there will be Shabbat morning services led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell and Jeff Strosberg; at noon, there will be a Diaspora Israel Day celebration lunch and joint program virtually with the Rosh Pinah Reform congregation in Israel with Sabath speaking on "Israel and the Dilemmas of Peoplehood: Pluralism and Sovereignty in Israel and the Diaspora"; and at 7:30 pm, there will be Havdalah with Sabath speaking about "Changing Notions of Gender and Gender Identity in Judaism."

On Sunday, October 14, at 10 am, there will be an adult education and Solis-Cohen Scholar-in-Residence brunch/program on "The Necessity of Pluralism" with Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi. The cost for brunch is \$5. This is a joint program with Temple Israel and the Jewish Federation.

Rohr Chabad Center

Affiliation: Chabad-Lubavitch
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Chabad on the West Side
Rabbi: Zalman Chein
E-mail: zchein@JewishBU.com
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.

To join the mailing list, for up-to-date information on adult education offerings or to arrange for a private tutorial, for details concerning the Judaica shop and resource center, or for assistance through the Piaker Free Loan Society or Raff Maasim Tovim Foundation, call Chabad's office at 797-0015.

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.

Beth David Synagogue

Affiliation: Orthodox Union
Rabbi: Zev Silber
Address: 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905
Phone: 722-1793
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Shabbat Services:
Fri., Oct. 12 6:10 pm
Shabbat, Oct. 13 9 am
..... Mincha after the kiddush
..... Maariv 5:55 pm

Weekday Services:
Mornings:
Sun., Oct. 14 8:30 am
Mon.-Fri., Oct. 15-19 7 am
Evenings:
Sun., Oct. 14 6:10 pm
Mon.-Thurs., Oct. 15-18 7 pm
Fri., Oct. 19 6 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: 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.

Congregation Tikkun 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.

Kol Haverim

Affiliation: Society for Humanistic Judaism
Address: P.O. Box 4972, Ithaca, NY 14852-4972
Phone: 607-277-3345
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.

Friday, October 12, light candles 6:08 pm
Shabbat ends Saturday, October 13 7:07 pm
Friday, October 19, light candles 6 pm
Shabbat ends Saturday, October 20 6:56 pm

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, October 13, at 9:30 am, services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Genesis 6:9-11:32. The haftarah will be Isaiah 54:1-55:5. Lois Levitt and Richard Schneierman will sponsor the kiddush following services.

On Sunday, October 14, at 10 am, there will be a Temple Israel/Temple Concord adult ed. brunch at Temple Concord. The cost is \$5. Call Temple Concord for reservations.

On Tuesday, October 16, at 7 pm, there will be a Board of Trustees meeting.

On Thursday, October 18, at 7 pm, iEngage will meet at Temple Israel.

On Friday, October 26, at 5:30 pm, there will be a Kabbalat Shabbat pot luck dinner.

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.

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

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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.

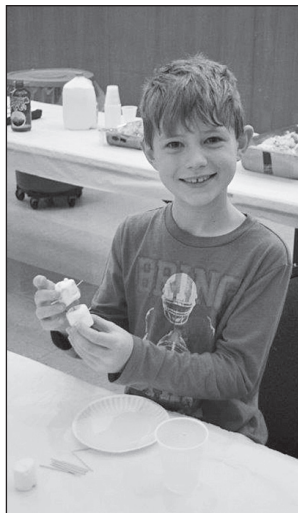
On Thursdays, October 18 and 25, at 7 pm, Rabbi David Regenspan will continue his discussion of "The Siddur: What Is In It, And Why?" as part of the temple's adult education series.

Penn-York Jewish Community

President-Treasurer-Secretary: Harvey Chernosky, 570-265-3869
B'nai B'rith: William H. Seigel Lodge
Purpose: To promote Jewish identity through religious, cultural, educational and social activities in the Southern Tier of New York and the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania, including Waverly, NY; Sayre, Athens and Towanda, PA, and surrounding communities.

Jewish Community Center

Swim and play all day at Kids Connection



Ashton Cwynar participated in a marshmallow building project.



L-r: Ty Burdick and Jayden Thaknyl took part in open swim during the long day Kids Connection program on October 5.



Alivia Andrews participated in a marshmallow building project at Kids Connection.



On October 5, children enjoyed a day off from school at the JCC's Kids Connection program. L-r: Adelle Mattson and Sheridan Blake enjoyed time on the playground.

JCC Friendship Club

The JCC Friendship Club met on October 3 to hear Barbara Thomas talk about her service dog, Avery. She has been diabetic for 50 years and the dog saved her life. She was driving on the highway with the dog in the back seat. The dog started to jump around, so she got off at the exit and tested her blood sugar level and found that it was low. If she waited until her monitor went off, she might not have made it to the next exit. She said that when her service vest is on, you should not pet the dog or call her name. The vest means that she is on duty and should not be distracted.

Barbara said the dog is a rescue from Texas. She is almost 2 years old and has a good disposition. Barbara had help from Mary Cummings, a dog trainer, to train Avery. Barbara put gauze pads in her mouth when her blood sugar level was low and accumulated some in the freezer. She put 14 plastic bags with a gauze pad in each, around the house, only one with the low blood sugar level. When the dog found the bag, she got a treat. It wasn't long before she learned how to react when Barbara had low blood sugar.

While she was talking the dog jumped on her. She tested her level and her blood sugar level was 121. About 10 minutes later it was 106. The dog recognized the drop before it registered. Barbara carries sugar pills with her and takes them as needed. We were all fascinated with Avery. Barbara said if we want to play with the dog, we should come to her house when the vest is off.

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia Diamond. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ann Brilliant said the blessing over the cookies. Sue Herzog gave the treasurer's report. The program for Wednesday, October 17, will be a game, "Finish the saying," such as "A bird in hand-----." On Wednesday, October 24, Charlene Thompson will present "Songs on the Autoharp." Come join us at the JCC on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm.

Sylvia Diamond
President

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

Pro-Israel students protest Columbia University over mistreatment

Outraged and feeling mistreated by Columbia University, pro-Israel students protested the school on Oct. 4, decrying what they call a "pervasively hostile environment" by anti-Israel groups on campus. "Our message was that we will not just allow the university's dismissal of our claims to go by silently, and that we hold the accountable for the repeated violations against us and the followed harassment our group goes through," Dalia Zahger, president of the Columbia chapter of Students Supporting Israel, told JNS. "Such dismissals enables this behavior." Previous incidents included dozens of anti-Zionist activists surrounding and harassing five Israeli students. Another consisted of pro-Palestinian activists defacing materials by pro-Israel students, including a poster of Albert Einstein that reads, "This is what a Zionist looks like." The word "Zionist" was scratched out and replaced with the word "scientist," a rejection of Einstein's support of Zionism. As to whether the protest was successful, according to the Lawfare Project's Benjamin Ryberg, the weather likely affected the outcome of the protest. "The protest was (unfortunately) not all that successful, in my opinion," Ryberg told JNS in an email. "Turnout was low, probably in part because it started raining." However, Zahger said the demonstration's outcome depends on the university's response. "I will only know that if I hear from the university that they choose to reconsider their dismissal and take action," she said.



L-r: Thomas Miklovcich and Margaret Maye swam during Kids Connection.

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each year, as well as a center dedicated to Swedish Righteous Among the Nations Raoul Wallenberg, responsible for saving tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews from the Holocaust.

"It feels like the move is more important than ever," Swedish Health and Social Affairs Minister Annika Strandhäll wrote on Twitter.

Verstandig said, "I know that Prime Minister Stefan Löfven attributes much importance to the matter on a personal level. Last year, he visited [the Nazi death camp] Auschwitz, and in my opinion, it moved him. We met a number of times, and it is clear that this is really important to him."

Still, Rabbi Shneur Kesselman, director of Chabad Lubavitch Malmö, was much more skeptical about the decision to open the museum, citing concerns those behind the move were more interested in calming tensions than actually improving the situation for Jews.

Sweden's third-largest city, Malmö has taken in thousands of Muslim asylum-seekers in recent years. The Sweden Democrats received more than 30 percent of the city's vote. The city's 450 Jewish residents, along with the 1,500 other Jews residing in its environs, will likely pay the price of these elections in addition to the antisemitic incidents there that have become commonplace.

"No doubt the strengthening of the movement with a neo-Nazi background adds to everyone's sense of threat, although one must not compare our concerns in the Jewish community, which are greater than those of the 'locals,' who are seen as 'authentic' [Swedes]," said Kesselman. "My greatest concern is that the radical right will continue to grow and its power will grow, and my hope is of course that the opposite will happen."

On a positive note, Verstandig said it was important that people know that despite these challenges, the Jewish community in Stockholm is quite active, and the number of members has grown. "One can still live a good Jewish life here," he said. (See related newsbrief on page 15.)

According to Kesselman, "What is amazing about the community in Malmo is that while many have already left – not necessarily because of antisemitism, but due to the general secular atmosphere – we are seeing a record number of people take part in Rosh Hashanah activities and activities ahead of Yom Kippur. There is a certain awakening of people going back to their roots and identity, maybe precisely because of this period of uncertainty."

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L-r: Sheridan Blake, Abby Pietras and Adelle Mattson enjoyed playing in the pool at Kids Connection during day off from school.

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of become disparate and we are scattered and pushed away by our hurts and prejudices. In other words, sometimes it appears as if we are using the same language, but then we discover that we actually still have divided intentions.

The story of the Tower of Babel that we read this week reminds us that we need to go beyond mere surface words when we communicate and actually listen to one another's true intentions and true passions to be able to fully understand one another and live together in harmony. Only then will we be able to truly come together to achieve our greatest intentions.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

From JTA

Student pop. at NYC Jewish schools rises, equals charters

The number of students attending Jewish day schools and yeshivas in New York City is nearly as large as the entire New York City-based charter school population, according to the New York state Department of Education. The number kindergarten-12 students attending Jewish day schools and yeshivas in the city now exceeds 110,000, an increase of more than 10,000 students in less than two years. There are about 114,000 students in the charter school population, and another 148,345 students are enrolled in other parochial or independent schools. In total, the number of non-public school students comprises 18 percent of New York City's total school enrollment. Charter schools are public schools. Neil Cohen, chairman of Teach NYS, a project of the Orthodox Union that supports Jewish day schools, said the new data show the importance of continuing to push for a more equitable distribution of local and state funds for non-public schools. "This demonstrates our community's need to stay focused on one of the top priorities for our families – making non-public school education more affordable," Cohen said. Teach NYS has secured an additional \$450 million in funding for New York City Jewish day schools, which has been used to increase security, enhance education and defray higher tuition costs. In 2018, it championed a pilot program to begin providing kosher and halal meals to students enrolled in the city's public and nonpublic schools.

U.S. student denied entry to Israel remains in detention at airport during appeal process

A U.S. student with Palestinian grandparents was denied entry to Israel despite a valid student visa due to her alleged involvement in the boycott movement against Israel. Lara Alqasem has remained in detention at Israel's Ben Gurion Airport since Oct. 2 as she appeals the decision. The Tel Aviv District Court on Oct. 7 was set to schedule a hearing for her appeal. A graduate of the University of Florida, Alqasem was granted a student visa from the Consulate General of Israel in Miami to study in a master's program at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. While at the University of Florida, in 2016-17, she served as president of Students for Justice in Palestine, which supports the BDS movement against Israel. She

is enrolled as a masters' student in human rights at the Hebrew University. Alqasem has an Israeli attorney. On Oct. 4, the Tel Aviv Court of Appeals determined that border control authorities had properly followed guidelines in ordering her to be sent home. An official at the U.S. Embassy in Israel told the daily *Haaretz* on Oct. 7 that the United States was aware of Alqasem's detention and were providing consular assistance. Hebrew University has offered its support for Alqasem, calling on the government to allow her to enter to study there and saying the decision to prevent her entry was tantamount to an academic boycott. Supporters of Alqasem raised nearly \$6,500 for her legal fund on a GoFundMe page as of Oct. 7.

Thousands of Palestinians riot on Gaza border as boats attempt to break Israel's naval blockade

Thousands of Palestinians demonstrated on Gaza's border with Israel as dozens of boats from Gaza attempted to break Israel's naval blockade. The Israeli Navy intercepted the boats on Oct. 8, according to reports. About 7,000 Palestinian protesters threw firebombs and rocks at Israeli soldiers near the security fence in northern Gaza. They also rolled burning tires at the troops. Some reportedly broke through the border fence before turning back. About 29 Palestinians involved in the riots were reported injured, according to the Gaza Health Ministry, the Palestinian Wafa news agency reported.

Israeli girl wins swimming gold at Youth Olympic Games

Israel started the first day of the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires with a gold medal in swimming. Anastasia Gorbenko, 15, won the women's 200m individual medley on Oct. 7 while setting an Israeli record of 2:12.88. Israel's national anthem, "Hatikvah," was heard poolside during the medal ceremony with Gorbenko on the podium with silver medalist Anja Crevar of Serbia, who finished one second, and bronze medalist Cyrielle Duhamel of France. The Israeli is competing with swimmers who are up to three years older than her in the 18-and-under competition. She will participate in another three races. The 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Games, known as the III Summer Youth Olympic Games, are being held in Buenos Aires through Oct. 18. Israel's 19 athletes in the competition – 12 males and seven females – are participating in gymnastics, athletics, acrobatic gym, athletic gym, rhythmic gym, judo, taekwondo, swimming, triathlon and sailing.

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