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Federation Super Sunday and Annual Meeting to be held his Sunday, Oct. 21

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 were required by October 14 to ensure enough food for the brunch.

"This year, the event will be held after the holidays so people can relax and enjoy the beautiful fall weather of Broome County," said Sima Auerbach, executive director of the Federation. "It's the perfect

time to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. Come hungry because there will be a delicious brunch."

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 neighborhood – 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 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 will help the Federation know what funds are available before the allocation process,

which begins in early November. "It is helpful to have a sense of how much money we'll raise before we allocate funds," Auerbach said.

During the event, officers will be elected to the Federation's Board of Directors and Yasher Koach awards 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.

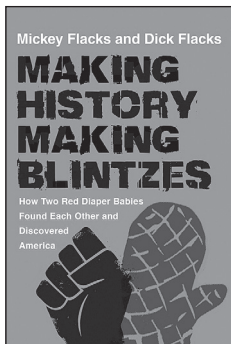
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"The Legacy of the Turbulent Sixties: Jews and Social Justice"

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 "CJS" on page 5

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 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*



Ted Merwin

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.

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 communi-

ties, 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.

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Want to teach your dog Yiddish? There's a class for that

By Josefin Dolsten

NEW YORK (JTA) – Dogs and their owners are a common sight in Central Park on the weekend, but there was something different about the group gathered on the grass on a recent Sunday morning. The approximately 20 people could be seen and heard pointing at the ground while yelling “zits” and “shtai” and urging their dogs to “shpring” over hurdles.

A group of befuddled visitors from Canada who stopped by to ask what was going on seemed even more confused when they learned the answer: This was a Yiddish course. For dogs.

Sponsored by the Workmen's Circle, the Jewish cultural society founded in 1900 by Yiddish-speaking immigrants, the workshop was a chance for dog owners to learn a little Yiddish while schmoozing with fellow pet owners. Yiddishist Leyzer Burko taught the course with dog trainer Miguel Rodriguez.



Alexandra Straytner and Zachary Levine took the course with their dog, Jofi. (Photo by Josefin Dolsten)

The fusion of German, Hebrew and Aramaic – once the language of millions of Jews from Eastern Europe, but now mainly spoken by *haredi* Orthodox Jews – seemed to come easy to some of the canines.

Jofi, a 3-year-old brown and white Cavalier King Charles spaniel, took a particular liking to the word “shpring,” happily leaping over hurdles upon command. “She seems to be picking up pretty quickly on the commands,” kvelled Alexandra Straytner, who came to the course from the Morningside Heights section of Manhattan with her fiancé, Zachary Levine.

“We’re having a lot of fun,” Levine said. “Jofi has a bit of a barking problem, but I think she’s enjoying it.”

Other canines were less eager to follow commands in the mamaloshen. Bibi, a tiny 7-year-old white Shorkie, mostly sat on the grass watching the other dogs respond to commands. “She’s a bit of a Jewish diva,” said her owner, Joanne Freed. See “Yiddish” on page 9

Opinion

I believe this Palestinian teenager

By Stephen M. Flatow

(JNS) – Ahed Tamimi, the Palestinian teenager jailed for assaulting an Israeli soldier, says she supports violence against Jews and seeks the destruction of Israel.

I believe her.

And I believe that groups such as J Street, which have defended Tamimi and claimed that she is nonviolently resisting “the Israeli occupation of the West Bank,” owe the Jewish community an apology for refusing to believe her.

When Tamimi was arrested last December for assaulting an Israeli soldier, the Jewish left leaped to her defense. J Street President Jeremy-Ben Ami wrote an op-ed arguing that Israel has been “illegally taking over” the land of her village, and her assault of the Israeli soldier “results quite naturally... from the human impulse to resist injustice against one’s community and family,” he wrote.

The J Street web site posted an essay by a Washington, DC, rabbi named Hannah Goldstein, declaring that that she “can understand why” Tamimi’s father sent her and her siblings to throw rocks at Jews since “under occupation, their opportunities are limited” and “putting children [or allowing them to put themselves] in harm’s way for the sake of greater change seems worth the risk.”

But as soon as Tamimi finished her jail sentence, she began issuing statements making it clear that for her, the issue is not the village’s land, but rather the very existence of Israel. And far from being some kind of Palestinian Gandhi, she supports terrorism and terrorists.

In an interview with a Lebanese television station on

August 22, Tamimi praised Hezbollah terrorist leader Hassan Nasrallah. That’s right, Hezbollah – bombers of the Jewish community center in Buenos Aires, murderers of hundreds of Americans, hijackers of TWA flight 847. That’s right, Nasrallah, the Holocaust-denier and virulent antisemite. Tamimi thanked Nasrallah profusely for boosting “not just my morale, but the morale of many people,” and wished him a happy holiday (Eid-al-Fitr).

In an interview with the French television station France24 on September 17, Tamimi was asked if she had any regrets about publicly praising Hezbollah. “No absolutely not,” she declared, pointing out that Nasrallah “stands against the United States and Israel, so I agree with him on this particular point.”

The France24 interview was revealing in other ways, too. Look at this exchange:

Interviewer: “You are calling for a peaceful resistance.”

Tamimi: “I call for a people’s resistance, of any kind. To me, it’s important for the people to be able to choose how they would like to resist against this occupation. To me, there are different manners to fight this occupation. To each his own. Some may choose poetry; others slapping a soldier; others might choose throwing stones or drawing. I respect every type of resistance.”

She specifically refused to say that she supports “peaceful” actions. She specifically said she supports assaulting Israeli soldiers and “throwing stones” – meaning, trying to stone Jews to death. She also specifically said that she “respects every type of resistance” – obviously including

the other kinds of “resistance” in which Palestinians engage: knives, guns, bombs.

Tamimi has never explicitly condemned stabbing, shooting or bombing Jews. And she never will. Because she believes in stabbing, shooting and bombing Jews. Her words: “Every type of resistance.” I believe she means it.

And what is “this occupation” to which Tamimi refers? Again, she made it very clear to the France24 interviewer. He asked her how she can justify slapping an Israeli soldier. She replied: “These soldiers are occupying my country – Jaffa, Haifa, Akko.”

Those parts of “occupied Palestine” are not in the “West Bank.” They are nowhere near her village of Nabi Saleh. They are within pre-1967 Israel. Tamimi could not have been clearer. She was saying that she considers all of Israel to be “occupied territory.”

It takes a certain kind of hubris (some would call it racism) to say that Palestinian girls should not be believed – to pretend that they don’t mean what they say when they support violence against Jews and the destruction of Israel.

I call on Ahed Tamimi’s Jewish defenders to believe her words, and to apologize to the Jewish community for trying to deceive us about her beliefs and intentions.

Stephen M. Flatow, an attorney in New Jersey and the father of Alisa Flatow, who was murdered in an Iranian-sponsored Palestinian terrorist attack in 1995. His book, “A Father’s Story: My Fight for Justice Against Iranian Terror,” will be published later this year.

In My Own Words

Spirituality and psychedelics

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Nope. No way. Never. Not a chance in... I think you get the general idea. What I am refusing to do? Take psychedelic drugs. Why would I – someone has who never taken any illegal drug – even think about this? You can thank Michael Pollan and his new book “How to Change Your Mind: What the New Science of Psychedelics Teaches Us About Consciousness, Dying, Addiction, Depression, and Transcendence.”

My reason for reading his work was simple: I’m fascinated by the science of the brain and the mind. (The two are not always the same.) Scientists are once again researching psychedelics in the hope that they may help people with addiction and depression, and alleviate the suffering of those dealing with life-threatening illnesses like cancer. While some researchers focus on the treatment of disease, others believe that psychedelics can help us expand our mind – offering spiritual or mystical experiences we can’t otherwise access.

Pollan’s book proved more personal (about his own experiences with psychedelics), and about the history

of various types, and less about the new research being done than I would have liked. What did intrigue me was reading about people who feel they now better understand the world because psychedelics have offered them a view of something beyond their everyday lives. Some people – particularly those who are very ill – said they no longer fear death. Others felt their first real connection to a Divine being or a universal something beyond themselves that changed the course of their lives.

My problem with these claims comes from the science of the brain. For example, is what they experienced real (as in having an existence outside their brain) or were their experiences solely from changes in their brain chemistry that have no outside reality? This is not the first time I’ve asked this type of question: Far too many times I’ve heard people talk about experiencing something divine when they are very sick (a high fever, for example) or on medication. Their claim is that the illness or the medication or the psychedelics break down barriers and allow them to see behind the

curtain of reality. However, if there really is something there, shouldn’t we be able to experience it without artificial means?

I admit my thoughts are influenced by the anti-drug education I was given as a child. (I’m one of those for whom those lessons really worked.) That includes listening to a very influential seventh grade teacher talk about LSD and the experiences of her former boyfriend. My relationship to those with developmental disabilities also left me not wanting to mess with my brain.

Then why did I read Pollan’s book? Because I like to challenge myself – to read something that forces me to consider other options. Pollan feels changed by his experiences – experiences that offered him a larger view of the world. On the one hand, it sounds fascinating. On the other, the idea of doing something that could permanently change my brain chemistry scares the wits out of me. I’ll probably read more about the experiments with psychedelics as they become available, but I very much doubt they’ll convince me to try them myself.



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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 contemporaries, affording a kind of Rorschach test that reveals much about both the Jewish and non-Jewish milieus 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 See "BU" on page 11

Congressional candidate to speak in Binghamton

Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi, a candidate for U.S. Congress, will appear at a Candidate Forum at Temple Concord on Wednesday, October 24, from 7-8:30 pm. The event is free and open to the public.

This forum grew from an August invitation extended to both candidates for Congress in New York's 22nd District to debate at Temple Concord. Representative Claudia Tenney's campaign has not responded to that invitation. Brindisi's campaign accepted.

"Given the high level of community interest in this race and the opportunity to hear from any of the candidates, Temple Concord's Board of Trustees voted to invite Assemblyman Brindisi to appear alone," said Jonathan Krasno, second vice president and an organizer of the event.

A moderator will ask Brindisi questions and follow-ups, while trying to keep answers succinct. The public is invited to submit questions to Temple Concord in advance via a dedicated e-mail address: Tepoleduc@gmail.com. Brindisi

has reserved the final 15-20 minutes of the event to field questions directly from the audience.

Brindisi's appearance does not constitute any endorsement of his candidacy by Temple Concord.

The 22nd Congressional District includes Chenango, Cortland, Madison and Oneida counties, and parts of Broome, Herkimer, Tioga and Oswego counties. Brindisi, a Democrat from Utica, will face Tenney, a Republican from New Hartford, in the general election on Tuesday, November 6.

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.

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



The members of Klez Project.

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.

The Jewish Community wishes to express its sympathy to Ellana Raytenerg on the death of her mother,
Golda Cohen Schneiderman Raytenberg

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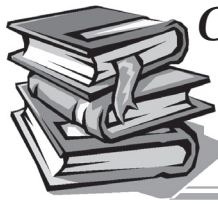
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Off the Shelf

Feminists, foodways and medieval commentary

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

Feminists, foodways and medieval commentary: what do these three topics have in common? Nothing, really, except that I'm behind on book reviews due to the fall holidays. Most years I miss a week or two, but this year the grand total came to four issues without book reviews. That's not a record I want to celebrate. In fact, the other night, someone asked me if I was still writing these. My answer was, "Yes and I have a stack of books on my desk ready for review to prove it." As a partial attempt to catch up, below are looks at three works of nonfiction.

"Jewish Radical Feminism"

The endpapers of "Jewish Radical Feminism: Voices From the Women's Liberation Movement" by Joyce Antler (New York University Press) will grab readers' attention when they open the book. The papers contain photographs and names of 40 women on whose lives Antler focuses in her main text. I couldn't resist seeing which ones I recognized: only 16 names were familiar before reading Antler's discussion of how Jewish women helped shape the feminist movement. What stood out is the way the majority of these women never articulated their contributions to the movement as part of their Jewish heritage. The author also looks at women who were involved in the Jewish feminist movement – those who fought for equality in both their religious and secular lives.

Antler approaches the lives of these 40 women through the lense of the feminist activities in which they took part. The women range from those with little-to-no Jewish connection in their early lives to those who were raised Orthodox. Antler organizes her chapters around place and activity. For example, she begins with Jewish feminists in Chicago, followed by the women who organized in New York City, before looking at Boston's Bread and Roses

Group, in addition to writing about the women who took part in the Boston Women's Health Collective (best known for the "Our Bodies, Ourselves" books about women's health). The chapters on the women who identified as Jews discuss changes in religious practice, the problems caused by assimilation into American society, the issues Jewish women who identified as lesbians confronted and the difficulties Jewish women faced in the international feminist movement.

While the lives of these women were interesting, so many of them were discussed that their histories tended to blend together. A few stood out: the sad decline of Shulamith Firestone, whose seminal work "The Dialectics of Sex" caused a break with her Orthodox family, and the struggle Ellen Willis faced when deciding whether to follow her brother and become an Orthodox Jew, or to continue in her secular, feminist past. What becomes clear is that there was no one pattern – no one path – taken by these individuals; that is true for those whose feminist actions and work took place solely in the secular world and for those who focused on equality in Judaism. Some women still deny that their Jewish background (or lack of Jewish background) affected their behavior, while others acknowledge that influence for the first time when talking to Antler.

The epilogue of "Jewish Radical Feminism" looks at a few younger Jewish feminists, whose lives and influences are as diverse as those who came before them. Antler believes it's important to recognize how understanding the past can help contemporary Jewish feminists: "The revolutions started by women's liberationists and Jewish feminists provide a secure foundation for continuing attempts to come to grips with the troubling problems related to the heterogeneous elements of their mixed identities.

The achievements of Jewish radical feminists must be placed on the historical record, for they can surely inspire the struggles of the present." The achievements of those women are well outlined in Antler's work.

"Global Jewish Foodways"

The food studies discipline only came into its own at the end of the 20th century when scholars began to look at food from a variety of different viewpoints, including global politics, class and racial distinctions, and dietary restrictions affect on health. The connection between food, identity and religion is the basis of a new work, "Global Jewish Foodways: a History" edited by Hasia R. Diner and Simone Cinotta (University of Nebraska Press). In their introduction, Diner and Cinotta note that their book "represents only a sliver" of the work that needs to be done in order to truly understand how food has affected different aspects of Judaism over the centuries.

The essays in the first section of the book "look at foodways as a means of negotiation and reaffirmation of Jewish minority identities in different conditions of interaction with gentiles." The second explores how food customs affect nation building and political identity. Looking at popular culture, the third section focuses on the way Jewish food came to be defined during the 20th century. The final section looks to the past to discuss foodways specific to Jews in different countries and cultures.

An example of what food studies can teach about the relationships of Jews and their neighbors can be found in "The Sausage in the Jews' Pantry: Food and Jewish-Christian Relations in Renaissance Italy" by Flora Cassen. Cassen shows how Jewish food was similar and different from that of Gentile neighbors. What becomes

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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, 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 hope is that '93 Queen' will intersect with the greater conversations we're all having



Paula Eiselt

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 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.



The members of the female ambulance corps Ezras Nashim. Ruchie Freier is second from right.

Temple Beth El of Oneonta to participate in National Refugee Shabbaton on Oct. 19

Temple Beth El of Oneonta is participating in the National Refugee Shabbaton Friday, October 19, at 7 pm. This nationwide Jewish Sabbath service will include prayers, readings and music to raise awareness and reaffirm the community's commitment to refugees and humane immigration policies.

"One of the largest humanitarian crises in human history is affecting more than 68 million people who have fled their homes due to persecution and violence," said organizers of the event. "And, yet, in this moment of unprecedented need and despair, the government is grinding the refugee admissions program to a halt and cutting humanitarian

aid. These actions have been widely condemned by major religious organizations across the United States. This is a moment when we must give voice to our values as Americans and stand up for the safety and the lives of refugees and asylum seekers."

Dr. Brett Heindl will present a keynote address titled, "Welcome the Stranger: U.S. Immigration and Refugee Policy during the Trump Era," which looks at current immigration and refugee policies and their parallels to the 1920s and 1930s. Dr. Bill Simons will present "A History of Immigration." Daniel Kohler (clarinet) and Michael Bauer (piano) will perform. Oneonta Mayor Gary Herzig will open the service.

The event is free and open to the public. Temple Beth El of Oneonta is located at 83 Chestnut St., Oneonta. For more information, contact Ken Sider at ksider@hotmail.com or 607-432-5522.

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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 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.

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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."

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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 noted. "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 added. "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."

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Federation held dinner before film



The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton held a dinner on October 7 before showing the film "The Little Traitor." Attendees caught up with friends before the dinner began.



People enjoyed talking and eating with friends at the Federation dinner.



Diners gathered for the buffet.



Clockwise from left: Arlene Remizowski, Diane Gartell, Susan Hubal, Susan Herzog, Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton Executive Director Sima Auerbach and Joan Jacobson helped prepare the dinner that took place before the film "The Little Traitor" on October 7.



L-r: Maria Werner, Ellen Shaw, Susan Hubal and Arlene Remizowski took a break from their labors preparing for the dinner.



Joan Jacobson was among those who chopped vegetables for the dinner that took place before the film "The Little Traitor" on October 7.



Barbara Zelter helped make the carrot salad for the dinner.

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clear is that the two groups interacted more than historians previously thought. However, when Christians came to misidentify Jewish food – for example, believing Jews needed blood to make matzah – additional barriers rose between the two groups.

Diner shows how Jews managed to keep kosher even while traveling as peddlers in her essay "Global Jewish Peddling and the Matter of Food." The different approaches – based on whether or not the peddler could return home at night or had to eat while on the road – show both the clever way these peddlers adjusted to their circumstances and how the non-Jews they visited helped make it possible for them to keep kosher.

Differing food customs also played a role in Israel as Ari Ariel notes in "Mosaic of Melting Pot: the Transformation of Middle Eastern Jewish Foodways in Israel." It includes a fascinating look at the fight between the Yemeni community and the Israeli rabbinate, which refused to accept foods that were staples of the Yemeni diet as kosher. The push from the Israeli government to create a food culture that was considered Israeli, rather than European or Middle Eastern, also influenced immigrants' behavior.

The idea that eating the right food can help immigrants adjust to a new country is also discussed in "To Jewish Daughters': Recipes for American Jewish Life, 1901-1918" by Annie Polland. Her essay explores how changes made in different editions of the Jewish cookbook show the way the lives and diets of these women changed over the generations. For example, the cookbook under discussion originally focused on meat as an important and fundamental part of the meal. Later editions included more vegetable recipes and even suggested that eating vegetables was healthier than eating meat.

Readers will differ on which essays they find most interesting, although all of them have something to offer. "Global Jewish Foodways" is an excellent introduction to

Jewish food studies. The hope is that other scholars will follow in these writers' footsteps and explore additional Jewish cultures and their food customs.

"The Commentators' Bible: The Rubin JPS Miqra'ot Gedolot: Genesis"

The Jewish Publication Society's Commentators' Bible series concludes its work on the Hebrew Bible with "The Commentators' Bible: The Rubin JPS Miqra'ot Gedolot: Genesis" edited, translated and annotated by Michael Carasik (The Jewish Publication Society). This last work continues the same high quality as found in the four previous volumes. For those unfamiliar with the series, Carasik provides an excellent introduction to the world of medieval Jewish commentary for those who are unable to read these works in the original Hebrew.

The format of the book is the same as in prior volumes. One of my favorite features is the inclusion of both the old Jewish Publication Society (1917) and new Jewish Publication Society (1985) translations of the biblical text. This offers readers an opportunity to experience a more literal translation (the 1917 one) and a smoother, more literary one (the 1985 one). Carasik still edits the medieval commentaries to make them easier for contemporary readers to understand and/or limit repetition.

As before, the pages are arranged with the biblical verses in Hebrew at the top center, and their English translations to the right and left of that text. The main commentaries featured – including thoughts from Rashi, Rashbam, Ibn Ezra, Kimhi and Nahmanides – are printed below. Additional commentators appear on the bottom of the page if their insights differ from those already offered. Readers have the opportunity to read all the commentators on a particular section or to follow one commentator's viewpoints through Genesis.

Carasik notes that one of his reasons for translating and compiling the medieval material was to make available commentaries who looked closely and seriously at the meaning of each and every word in the first five books of the Bible. This may be a different experience for many contemporary readers."The Commentators' Bible" series is to be commended for offering lay readers an opportunity to experience the world of medieval Torah commentary.

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The Upper West Side resident wasn't exactly surprised, since Bibi had yet to master commands in English. Still, Freed was happy the dog got to hear some Yiddish. "She's adopted, but it's her heritage," she said with a laugh.

Pairing Yiddish and dogs may seem strange today, but it would have been even more unusual 100 years ago, said Burko, who received a doctorate in modern Jewish history from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. Eastern European Jews historically were wary of dogs because they associated them with less-than-friendly landowners and aristocrats, he said.

That gave rise to expressions such as "a hunt iz vert dem shtekn," meaning a dog deserves (to be beaten with) the stick and "a karger hunt," which literally translates to "a stingy dog" and was used to mean a miser. Biblical and rabbinic sources also associate dogs with negative qualities such as uncleanness and violence.

But owners at the Central Park event were quick to praise, telling their canines "gut" (rhymes with boot) instead of "good" and handing out treats when the dogs did as told.

Hannah Raykher was *schepping* plenty of *nachas* from her dog Archie Drucker, a 3-year-old black and white Havanaise who seemed to be mastering the "zits" command.

Raykher, 17, who came to the workshop with her family, said teaching her dog commands in Yiddish was both fun and useful. "I kind of like it more than the English now," said Raykher, who lives in the Park Slope neighborhood of Brooklyn. "It's more fun. Also, it will probably be nice in the park when everybody is yelling 'Go! Stay! Stop!' [to yell] 'Zits!'"

Ann Toback, the executive director of the Workmen's Circle, said there are a few other advantages to speaking



Ann Toback demonstrated the "shpring" command with her dog, Jesse, while trainer Miguel Rodriguez, left, and Yiddishist Leyzer Burko can be seen looking on. (Photo by Josefín Dolsten)

to dogs in Yiddish. Using a language different than the one the dog hears in everyday speech makes the command more effective, said Toback, who came up with the idea for the course and offered it for the first time last year. (The recent workshop sold out.)

The fact that people love speaking in Yiddish also helps, she said. "When most of us are using Yiddish, it makes us happy and we're conveying that to the dogs," Toback said while standing next to her dog Jesse.

Beyond dogs, Toback also hopes the course can help encourage people to celebrate the language's rich history. "Too much we forget the thousand years of high culture because of the tragedy of how Yiddish ended in Eastern Europe," she said, "but reconnecting to that, reconnecting to our heritage, to our hearts, is really part of this."

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JTA

Senate OKs two bills sanctioning Hezbollah

The U.S. Senate passed two measures targeting Hezbollah by sanctioning its funders and supporters, as well as those who assist in the Lebanese terror group's using civilians as human shields. Both bills were approved on Oct. 11 with bipartisan sponsorship. The human shields bill, called the Sanctioning the Use of Civilians as Defenseless Shields Act, also condemns Hamas, the Gaza terror group, for the practice. The measure would impose sanctions on members of Hamas and Hezbollah who use civilians as human shields, as well as agencies of states that aid the groups in doing so. It will now be headed to the House of Representatives for a vote. The bill sanctioning funders or those who provide resources to Hezbollah, called the Hizballah International Financing Prevention Amendments Act of 2017, imposes sanctions on government entities that support the group's armed wing. It also sanctions companies or individuals who aid Hezbollah's fundraising or recruitment, as well as imposing sanctions on the terror group itself. And it mandates reporting and oversight on support of Hezbollah. The bill, which was passed by the House in September, "strengthens and expands the scope of economic and financial sanctions imposed by previous legislation," according to a news release from AIPAC, the pro-Israel lobby. The bill now awaits President Donald Trump's signature.



Your brakes may be trying to tell you something

(NAPSI) - If your brakes are trying to tell you something, you should pay attention. A properly operating brake system helps ensure safe vehicle control and operation and it should be checked immediately if you suspect any problems.

"While an annual brake inspection is a good way to ensure brake safety, motorists should not ignore signs that their brakes need attention," said Rich White, executive director of the Car Care Council. "Knowing the key warning signs that your brakes may need maintenance will go a long way toward keeping you and others safe on the road."

Motorists should look for the following warning signs that their brakes need to be inspected:

- Noise: screeching, grinding or clicking noises when applying the brakes.

- Pulling: vehicle pulls to one side while braking.
- Low pedal: brake pedal nearly touches the floor before engaging.
- Hard pedal: you must apply extreme pressure to the pedal before brakes engage.
- Grabbing: brakes grab at the slightest touch to the pedal.
- Vibration: brake pedal vibrates or pulses, even under normal braking conditions.
- Light: brake light is illuminated on your vehicle's dashboard.

Because brakes are a normal wear item on any vehicle, they will eventually need to be replaced. Factors that can affect brake wear include driving habits, operating conditions, vehicle type and the quality of the brake lining material. Be sure to avoid letting brakes get to the metal-to-metal point

as that can mean expensive rotor or drum replacement.

The Car Care Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer education campaign promoting the benefits of regular vehicle care, maintenance and repair to consumers. For a copy of the council's "Car Care Guide" or for further information, visit www.carcare.org.

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Weekly Parasha

Lech-Lecha, Genesis 12:1-17:27

Living in a hierarchical society

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR, THE REPORTER GROUP

Commentators from ancient to contemporary times have been distressed by Sarah's treatment of her maidservant Hagar in *parashat* Lech-Lecha. Hagar feels so oppressed that she runs away to the wilderness – something that would have been very dangerous for any woman on her own, let alone a pregnant one. People try to explain away Sarah's behavior, but it doesn't seem to bother Abraham, who gave her permission to treat Hagar however she thinks appropriate, or the angel of God, who speaks to Hagar in the wilderness and tells her to return home and "submit to [Sarah's] hands."

So, while commentators have difficulty with Sarah's behavior, the Torah does not. Why? To my mind, it's because the Torah recognizes the fact these women live in

a hierarchical society and it is the duty of those higher in the hierarchy to make certain everyone remains in their appropriate place. When Hagar shows publicly that she now "despises" Sarah because she is pregnant and Sarah is not, that broke societal rules and had to be punished.

To better understand what occurred, it's necessary to review what took place between the women. Sarah has been unable to conceive and gives her maidservant Hagar to Abraham so she "will be built up" (meaning have a family) through Hagar. We see something similar in the story of Jacob, Leah and Rachel. Jacob's wives give him their maidservants so they can have more children (in Leah's case) or any children (Rachel's choice since she had not yet conceived). The two maidservants – Zilpah and Bilah – are

voiceless in the Jacob story, and we know almost nothing about them. This was how it was supposed to work with Sarah: Hagar would have a child with Abraham, but still remain a voiceless and powerless maidservant.

That's not what happens: Hagar conceives and comes to "despise" Sarah. She sees herself as better than her mistress and, worse, makes that known publicly. If a hierarchical society is to work, then *everyone* must remain in their appropriate place. Otherwise chaos will occur – meaning that those lower in the hierarchical order will no longer assume they must obey their masters. When disciplining Hagar, even to the extent of making her life so miserable that she seeks to escape the household, Sarah is asserting **See "Society" on page 11**

Congregational Notes

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On Friday, October 19, at 8 pm, there will be Shabbat evening services honoring HIAS Immigrant Shabbat led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell. An oneg following the service will be sponsored by Rabbi Rachel Esserman.

On Saturday, October 20, at 9 am, there will be religious school; at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study; at 9:30 am, there will be Tot Shabbat; and at 10:30 am, there will be Shabbat services with birthday blessings.

On Tuesday, October 23, at 4:15 pm and 5:15 pm, there will be Hebrew school.

On Wednesday, October 24, at 7 pm, there will be a Candidate's Forum with Anthony Brindisi, candidate for the NY 22nd Congressional District. (See page 3 article.)

On Thursday, October 25, at 4:15 pm and 5:15 pm, there will be Hebrew school and, from 5-7 pm, the CHOW pantry will be open.

On Friday, October 26, at 8 pm, there will be a National Children's Shabbat evening service led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Saturday, October 27, at 9 am, there will be religious school; at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study; and at 10:30 am, there will be Shabbat morning services.

On Sunday, October 28, at 10 am-4pm there will be Whale of a Sale setup.

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Service Schedule: Tuesday, 5:30 pm; Friday, 5:30 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am

On Saturday, October 20, at 9:30 am, services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Genesis 12:1-17:27. The haftarah will be Isaiah 40:27-41:16. Lynn Green and Alice Kweller will sponsor the kiddush following services.

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

On Tuesday, November 6, at 7 pm, there will be an Executive Board meeting.

On Friday, November 9, at 5:30 pm, there will be a Sisterhood Kabbalat Shabbat in honor of Veteran's Day.

On Thursday, November 15, at 7 pm, iEngage will meet at Temple Concord.

On Tuesday, November 20, at 7 pm, there will be a Board of Trustees meeting.

Norwich Jewish Center

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Friday, October 19, light candles 6 pm
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Friday, October 26, light candles 5:47 pm
Shabbat ends Saturday, October 27..... 6:46 pm

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Adult Ed.: Numerous weekly courses, several semester-long courses and a variety of mini-courses and lectures are offered throughout the year. Call the temple office for more details.

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

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Hillel Academy holiday activities



Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu with all of the students on the morning of erev Yom Kippur. The rabbi led the morning prayer session, teaching students about the different parts of the Yom Kippur prayer services. (Photo by Gina Santiago)



Hadassa Slonim's class learned about Rosh Hashanah. L-r: Zelda Slonim, Grace Donahue, Phillip Foster and Uri Einaiv. (Photo by Hadassa Slonim)



On September 27, the students visited the sukkah at the home of Rabbi Levi and Hadassa Slonim. (Photo by Sarah Thomas)



The students and teachers also walked to the Chein family sukkah. (Photo by Sarah Thomas)



The Weiss family sukkah was another stop in the sukkah hop. (Photo by Sarah Thomas)



The science class bubble experiment. L-r: Eli Green, Thea Yarkony, Mushky Chein, Shai Yarkony and Shmulik Slonim. (Photo by Sarah Thomas)



Amy Derkowski's class had a Reading Buddy session. L-r: Aaron Sambursky and Yehuda Weiss.

Jewish Community Center

JCC Friendship Club

The JCC Friendship Club met on October 10. The program was supposed to be about antiques but the speaker was not able to make it this week and will come the following week. The program we had this week was scheduled for next week. It was very enjoyable. Sue Herzog started by saying part of a quote and we finished it. She kept track of how many we guessed and how many she had to tell us. As a group we beat her 10 to 1. We also did names of famous people such as Desi, Ingrid and Ava. We answered correctly Desi Arnez, Ingrid Bergman and Ava Gardner. We then went on to places such as Paris, answer France, Berlin (Germany) and San Francisco (California or USA). We also did things and their uses such as Plymouth (Rock), Dial (soap), Evening in Paris (perfume). Everyone got into the game. Sue was surprised that we knew as many answers as we did. Bruce Orden knew who Buzz Burklely was. Sylvia Diamond knew who Bob Smith was. We also found out that some of us went to the same college. Sylvia and Ada Brumer graduated from Hunter College in New York City. Bruce graduated from Binghamton University. A good time was had by all.

Sylvia called the meeting to order. After the Pledge of Allegiance Ann Brillant said the blessing over the cookies. Sue gave the treasurer's report.

On Wednesday, October 24, Charlene Thompson will present songs on the auto-harp. In the past, she also played the accordion and piano and included some of the songs she composed. On Wednesday, October 31, Jack Lindley will entertain us with puns. He is very funny and will speak on any topic. If you ask him a question he will answer with a pun. Come join us on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm at the JCC.

Sylvia Diamond
President

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JTA

Arson balloons land in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv suburb

Balloons rigged with incendiary devices were discovered in Jerusalem and a Tel Aviv suburb. A woman discovered the balloons on Oct. 11 in the Valley of the Cross, located near Israel's Knesset, or parliament building in the heart of Jerusalem. She brought them to her next stop and called police. Security officials have called on the public not to touch the devices and immediately

call police. On the same day, an incendiary balloon was discovered in the coastal city of Bat Yam, a suburb of Tel Aviv. The latest balloons follow a day after a balloon carrying an incendiary device landed in Jerusalem's upscale German Colony neighborhood. This comes on the heels of a similar arson balloon discovered in the courtyard of a home in the West Bank settlement of Givat Zeev, located just north of Jerusalem. The week of Oct. 5, an incendiary balloon landed on a highway near the Modi'in industrial zone in central Israel. It has been six months since Palestinians in Gaza began sending incendiary balloons and kites over the border toward southern Israel as part of March of Return protests. The balloons being discovered in central Israel are believed to be copycat efforts on the part of Palestinians in the West Bank and eastern Jerusalem.

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her right as the most important woman in the extended family. Abraham approves because he's not willing to break societal strictures. Even the angel of God has no problem with Sarah's behavior, although the angel does offer Hagar a vision of a better future.

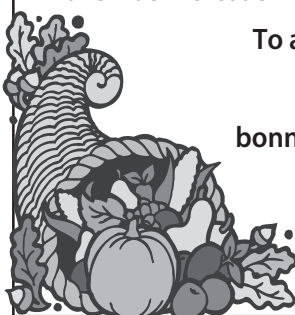
The reason this section bothers many contemporary American Jews is that we no longer live in the same type of hierarchical society. In fact, the reason many immigrants came to the United States was to break through the class and caste rules found in other countries. The idea of the self-made man is the exact opposite of a person who lives in a society where their status at birth foretells the path of their entire life. Even among families, children no longer feel the need to follow in their parents' footsteps, but seek to make their own way in the world. So, while today we might cringe at Sarah's treatment of Hagar, we should also understand that she was acting in the way her society demanded: keeping order within her household and the world.

My thanks to Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell and the members of the Temple Concord Saturday Torah Study group for inspiring me to see this parasha in a different light.

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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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American Jewish baseball players to make *aliyah* for Israeli Olympic team

Ten American-Jewish Major League and Minor League Baseball players are beginning the process of making *aliyah* the week of Oct. 15, in order to be eligible to play for Israel at the 2020 Olympic Summer Games. Participants in the Olympics must be citizens of the countries which they represent for at least a year prior to pre-Olympic trials, but they can have multiple citizenships. Half of the players making *aliyah* played for Team Israel in the World Baseball Classic last year, reaching the quarterfinals: Corey Baker, a retired minor leaguer; Blake Gailen and Joey Wagman from the Independent League; Alex Katz, a Baltimore Orioles minor leaguer; and Gabe Cramer, a Kansas City Royals minor leaguer. Others are Jon Moscot and Zack Weiss, Major League Baseball free agents; Eric Brodkowitz, a former college player; Jonathan de Marte, who plays in the Independent League; and Jeremy Wolf, a retired minor league player. Eight of the players are pitchers. Due to their ages, none of the players will be drafted into the Israeli Defense Forces. The Israel Association of Baseball, which says the number of Israelis playing baseball rose by 25 percent in the past two years, is planning to build two regulation-size fields this year: one in Beit Shemesh and one in Ra'anana.

Israeli startup named first international winner of U.S. cyber-security grant

The United States Department of Homeland Security has awarded a grant to Israeli cyber-security startup Morphisec to develop cyber-security defense solutions for virtual desktop systems, according to an announcement on Oct. 10. Morphisec will become the first international business to receive a grant from the DHS Science and Technology Directorate's Financial Services Cyber Security Active Defense Technologies category. It will work through the U.S. body's Silicon Valley Innovation Program to continue development on its patented Moving Target Defense-base cyber-security system to prevent attacks on financial institutions such as ransomware, viruses, file-less attacks, persistent


threats, and zero-days. The global virtual infrastructure software market is expected to almost triple by 2023 to \$15.3 billion. Morphisec was founded just four years ago, starting out at JVP's Cyber Lab incubator in Beersheva, and has since raised more than \$20 million in funding, including from venture-capital firms JVP, OurCrowd, GE Ventures and Deutsche Telekom. According to a report by Start-Up Nation Central, Israel comes second only the United States in the amount of investments made in the cyber-security industry in 2017. Israel received 16 percent of the world market, totaling \$815 million.

Qatari-bought fuel arrives in Gaza to the ire of Abbas

Fuel purchased by Qatar arrived in Gaza through Israel on Oct. 9 in an effort to solve power shortages, but the delivery drew criticism from the Palestinian Authority, which objected to relief being provided to Hamas-controlled Gaza. Six trucks carrying 450,000 liters of fuel crossed through Kerem Shalom, with at least one making its way to the central power station in Gaza City. The fuel was part of a \$60 million fuel donation from Qatar. According to reports, the P.A.'s objections to Gaza receiving resources, due to its control by a rival, has resulted in some areas of Gaza receiving just four hours of electricity a day. The new delivery will add several hours per day to the electricity ration for approximately six months. Fatah and Hamas have long experienced friction. The antagonism came to a head in 2007, when a short civil war in Gaza resulted in Hamas taking control of the western land strip situated between Israel, Egypt and the Mediterranean Sea. Fatah retains control of the P.A., which occupies territory in Judea and Samaria on the eastern side of Israel. Representatives of P.A. leader Mahmoud Abbas expressed outrage over the humanitarian aid, saying all supplies to Gaza should be approved by them. "Any international financial aid to the Gaza Strip should be through, or with the coordination of, the [Fatah-led] Palestinian government," spokesman Rami Hamdallah told Al Jazeera, saying it was necessary to "preserve Palestinian unity." However, Hamas spokesman Hazem Qassem from Gaza said the deliveries had to be made "through the United Nations because of the vacuum left by the P.A." In recent months, the P.A. has slashed the budget to Gaza in a bid to bring Hamas to its knees, including pay cuts to public workers by as much as 30 percent. Israeli officials expressed concern that a P.A. withdrawal of \$96 million could lead Hamas to attack Israel as a way of gaining legitimacy with its constituency in the wake of a humanitarian crisis, and that the spark in violence could also ignite increased terrorist fervor in Judea and Samaria.

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