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## Kristallnacht 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Community Commemoration to be held on Nov. 8

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, Temple Concord, Temple Israel, Beth David Synagogue and the Jewish Community Center will join together to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass, on Thursday, November 8, at 7 pm, at Temple Israel, 4737 Deerfield Pl., Vestal. The program will include a commemorative ceremony, a showing of the film "The Night of Broken Glass," and a discussion of the film and the

legacy of this event in Jewish history. The program is open to the entire community.

"The Night of Broken Glass" shows how, after seizing power, the Nazis began their crusade against Jews with discriminatory laws and the looting of property. This turned into violence during the night that has since been called Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass. From November 9-10, 1938, German soldiers and civilians set on fire 400 synagogues, in addition to destroying 7,000

Jewish stores and businesses. More than 90 people were killed, 600 committed suicide and more than 26,000 men were deported to concentration camps. Using rare footage, photographs and documents, "The Night of Broken Glass" reveals the background of this event of antisemitic violence.

"Join us for this very important commemoration," said organizers of the event. "It was decided a communitywide commemoration for the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary

of Kristallnacht was important to mark the significance of Kristallnacht not only for the Jews in Germany in 1938, but for world Jewry then and now. However, this commemoration is important for the entire local community, not just the Jewish community. The call after the Holocaust was to 'never forget.' On this 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kristallnacht, we gather to remember our past and work together for a better future."

## JCC to host annual fund-raising gala on Nov. 10

On Saturday, November 10, the Jewish Community Center will hold its annual fund-raising gala featuring a rendition of the off Broadway hit "The Marvelous Wonderettes."

The musical, created by Roger Bean, takes a trip down memory lane to the 1958 Springfield High School prom where The Wonderettes, four girls with hopes and dreams as big as their crinoline skirts, performed. The show follows their lives and loves from prom night to their 10-year

reunion. The score highlights more than 20 chart-topping hits of the era, including "Lollipop," "Dream Lover," "Stupid Cupid," "Son of a Preacher Man," "Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me" and "It's My Party."

The schedule for the evening will be dinner, 7-8:20 pm; performance, 8:20-10:15 pm; and desserts and music from 10:15-11 pm.

The show, which is being produced and directed by Jan and Shannon DeAngelo, will star four up-and-coming young actresses

from Seton Catholic High School.

Tickets to attend the gala are \$65 per person and people are encouraged to make reservations ahead of time by coming to the JCC front office or calling the reception desk at 724-2417.

Individuals, families and businesses are being sought to sponsor the evening at one of three levels: "Classy Chassy" at \$250 includes two tickets, "Daddy-O" at \$500 includes four tickets and "Dolly" at \$1,000 includes eight tickets. In addition, all spon-

sors will be listed in the evening's program. Proceeds from the event will go toward helping families in need of scholarship assistance, as well as general program support for the JCC's youth and sports programming.

There will also be a performance of the show on Sunday, November 11, in the JCC auditorium at 3 pm.

For more information regarding the event, tickets or sponsorships, contact the JCC at 724-2417 or visit the JCC website at [www.binghamtonjcc.org](http://www.binghamtonjcc.org).

## Campaign theme is the "Front Porch"

## Federation's Super Sunday celebrated community

By Reporter staff

"We want to invite you onto our front porch to help map out the future": that was the call from Sima Auerbach, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, at the Federation's Super Sunday event on October 21. More than 85 people attended the kick-off of the 2019 Campaign at an event that included songs, personal reminiscences and a brunch, in addition to the installation of the Federation board and the awarding of the Yasher Koach honors.

Howard Warner spoke about his two years as president of the Federation. He listed the variety of programs that are available to the local Jewish community, noting that "our Jewish community is small, but very consequential." He emphasized that local organizations are dependent on "the generous support of donors and volunteers." Noting that "we are responsible for the welfare of the greater Jewish community," he called



L-r: Suzanne Holwit, who was elected president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, with Howard Warner, who is now immediate past president.

those attending "the foundation of our present and future."

Suzanne Holwit, newly elected president of the Federation, continued Warner's theme, noting that while "we have little

or no control over the demographics of our community... we do have control over our reactions and our choices." Focusing on the importance of the front porch as a meeting place, she said, "I am hoping that we can re-energize the committees so that all of us can feel that our voices are being heard, that the community will see JFed as an umbrella organization, and not just for fund-raising, which we know is an important function."

Auerbach noted that she chose the front porch as the theme of the 2019 Campaign because a front porch serves as both as a gathering place for families and a meeting place for community mem-

bers. She said she wants the Federation to be the front porch – the meeting place – for all members of the local Jewish community, no matter their affiliation or lack of affiliation to other community groups. Auerbach also spoke about the Campaign, noting that "in 2018, we raised an unprecedented \$280,000 from 370 donors. That is truly remarkable. This year, let's do better. Let's raise the roof and set our goal at \$300,000."

The morning included the giving of the Yasher Koach honors. Honorees were Rachel Greenblott (Jewish Family Service), Jean Hecht (Temple Concord), Gerry See "Super" on page 8



People enjoyed the brunch and talking with friends before the program began.



Students from Hillel Academy performed.

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## JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE NOTES

# Your contributions to We Remember You 2018 touched many hearts

ROZ ANTOUN, DIRECTOR

Please take a minute to sit down and read the following quote from one of our Jewish neighbors who received a gift basket from We Remember You: "This year especially, the We Remember You 2018 gift basket came with wonderful timing. I'd been recuperating from an extended period of being bedridden and then added to the problem with an

accident that had incapacitated me again. As a result, my food supplies were getting low, matching my energy. The hen, the challah and honey cake and apples were just what I needed! The spices were also a welcome surprise to replace some of my diminishing ones. As for the card, that's always the perfect touch to brighten the day! Thank you so much."

For those of you who do not know what the We Remember You project is, let me explain. For the past 12 years, Jewish Family Service has collected food items and money from the Greater Binghamton Jewish community and local businesses so that High Holiday gift baskets can be distributed. See "JFS" on page 5

## Opinion

From the Desk of the Federation President

# Federation Alert: The upcoming elections

SUZANNE HOLWITT

On Tuesday, November 6, we will be asked as citizens of the United States to cast our votes for a variety of offices – local, state and federal. It is incumbent upon us as citizens and especially as Jewish citizens to exercise this very important civic duty. For too many years and in too many countries, we, as Jews, were denied this right. Election Day gives us another opportunity to reflect on the past year and make decisions about our shared future. The last date to register was October 12, so hopefully everyone is registered. Whether you vote in

person or vote by absentee ballot, *vote*. I am not telling you how to vote, but I am telling you to vote – your voice is important.

There are only a handful of people who will be asked to show their ID to vote and this is not up to the poll inspectors. You only need to show an ID if, in the box in the poll book where your name is and where you are asked to sign, it clearly states ID *required*. This may be due to an error in the processing of your registration so that the Board of Elections could not verify you are who you say you are. If

ID is required and you do not have it with you, you would need to vote via Affidavit Ballot: these are counted after being checked that you are registered. If the book does not say ID *required*, you do not have to show any ID: it's actually against New York state law for you to be asked for ID when it's not required. Many of the acceptable IDs do not need to have a picture. The inspector's manual has a list of acceptable IDs on page 30.

If you have concerns or questions, call the Broome County Board of Elections at 778-2172.

## Federation immediate past president

# Looking back on my term as Federation president

By Dr. Howard Warner

I have been honored to serve as president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton. I had the hard task of following Arieh Ullmann who served for seven years and put his heart and soul into the position. Now, I turn over the reins to Suzanne Holwitt, who will be an excellent leader. I trust that you will support her efforts to ensure that Federation continues the good work after 75 years.

Our Jewish community is small, but by no means inconsequential. Our community has managed despite our demographics to support a Jewish day school; a Jewish charity for needy persons; several synagogues of different denominations; a Jewish weekly newspaper; the College of Jewish Studies lecture series; a film festival; remote video programs, such as the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y lecture series; college student agencies, Hebrew schools at Temple Concord and Temple Israel, and the Jewish Community Center. This can only occur with the generous support of donors and

volunteers. To all of you, I extend a grateful expression of thanks on behalf of our greater community. You are the foundation of our present and future.

With a small community, the value of *klal Yisrael* becomes apparent. We are, to some degree, responsible for the welfare of the greater Jewish community. We are one family, extended throughout the world. We cannot solve all of the world's ills, but we should give an effort to heal the world through *tikkun olam*. For those who are observant by *halachic* standards and for those who are less, there are many avenues to impact others in a positive way. The Federation invites all to participate and contribute their talents for a better community.

The future of the wider world can be concerning for many. If we look at the Middle East, we see troubles beset individuals and nations. However, there is always room for optimism. We may be divided on the ways Israel should pursue domestic and foreign policies, but it is my hope that we will recognize the essential need for Israel's

survival. It is the only guarantee for the Jewish people in an uncertain future. Family can argue or disagree, but the bond of relationships should keep us united.

I thank people for their support during these two years. Sima Auerbach and Jennifer Kakushian have been invaluable. The help of Rabbi Rachel Esserman and Roz Antoun was greatly appreciated. I could not perform the duties as president without the Executive Board members. They are dedicated to our community. Our Federation Board is excellent and endeavors to oversee meaningful programs. Our volunteers are critical and work marvelous events into our lives. I would be remiss if I did not thank Sheryl Brumer, Marcia Monforte and other Jewish Community Center staff for all the hard work they do behind the scenes that support our efforts.

As immediate past president, I hope to be able to continue to contribute meaningfully. I thank all who helped while I had to deal with some health issues during this time. I will cherish this period of my life. Thank you.

## In My Own Words

# Rabbi Rachel's Rules to avoid sexual harassment charges

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

It's a scary and difficult time to be a man, at least according to numerous tweets and articles about the #MeToo Movement. Men fear being falsely accused of sexual harassment and parents worry about their sons' future. So, as a public service, I've decided to list ways to avoid the problem for those who work in the business world. The rules apply to all sexes and sexualities, so everyone should benefit from reading them.

1) In an office or store, don't talk to or have a meeting with someone while you're nude.

2) Don't ask anyone to take off their clothes and/or show you their genital areas.

3) Don't ask someone to perform any type of sexual activity. In addition, don't ask them to remain in the room while you engage in a sexual activity.

4) Don't touch anyone's genital areas. In fact, don't touch anyone unless there is a specific work or health related need for your bodies to touch, i.e. doing CPR.

5) Don't comment on another person's appearance. If you wouldn't make the comment to someone to whom you're not sexually attracted, then don't say it to someone you are. For heterosexual men, this means if you wouldn't call the gentleman at the next desk "one, hot sexy momma," pinch his buttocks and/or give his genital area a squeeze, then don't do it to a woman.

See, it isn't really that hard.

Sarcasm aside, people just need to use their common sense. The need to treat anyone in the office as a business colleague is not new, so extending it to *everyone* in the office/store regardless of their gender or sexuality should be a no brainer.

I'm also not sure how men suddenly have become the victims here – unless they've been harassed. Considering the population size of the United States, the percentage of people accused has been relatively small. The ones that make the news do so because the accused is in a position of power or in the entertainment business, which makes them gossip worthy.

What is not acceptable is blaming the victim. If you leave your car or house unlocked and you get robbed, you may be stupid or naive, but a crime has still been committed. The thief doesn't get off by saying, "He left the door unlocked, which means he wanted me to steal his TV or computer." If your computer gets hacked, the hacker is still guilty even if you used your birthday or 1234 as your password.

Whenever women ask to be treated as human beings someone always complains about how difficult that makes men's lives. That's common when any group without power tries to get fair treatment from the one in power. Just ask those involved in the Civil Rights Movement, the Anti-Poverty Movement and the LGBTQ Rights Movement. It's only a scary time if you're trying to prevent others from gaining equal rights and opportunity. Touching someone sexually and making sexual innuendos just doesn't belong in the workplace – any workplace – and against anyone, gay or straight, male or female.



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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.



Yair Mintzker

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](mailto: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 Halegua 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 Würtemberg 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 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.

## TC Sisterhood to hold Whale of a Sale on Nov. 4-11

Tempe Concord Sisterhood will celebrate its 35<sup>th</sup> annual Whale of a Sale from Sunday, November 4, through Sunday, November 11. The sale will feature new and nearly new items. The merchandise, reasonably priced and just in time for holiday gifts and winter needs, will include clothing for all ages, house wares, home furnishings, books, baby items, toys, sports equipment, appliances, jewelry and more.

The sale will run Sundays, November 4 and 11, 10 am-4 pm; Monday, Wednesday and Friday, November 5, 7 and 9, noon-4 pm; and Tuesday and Thursday, November 6 and 8, noon-6 pm. On November 11, there will be an all day bag sale at \$12 per bag. The sale is not open on Saturday, November 10.

The sale will be held in the Temple Concord social hall, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton.

## TI Kabbalat Shabbat to honor veterans on Nov. 9

The Temple Israel Sisterhood has announced that there will be a special *Kabbalat* Shabbat service at the synagogue on Friday, November 9. The evening will begin with a happy hour of refreshments from 5-6 pm, followed immediately by a *Kabbalat* Shabbat service, during which recognition

will be given to local military veterans in commemoration of Veterans' Day.

All local members of the community who have served in the armed forces are requested to contact the Temple Israel office to make sure that their names are included in

the list of those receiving recognition at the Shabbat service.

To assist the Sisterhood in properly preparing for this event, RSVP to Tammy Kunsman in the temple office at 723-7461, or e-mail to [titammy@stny.twcbc.com](mailto:titammy@stny.twcbc.com) so that an adequate amount of snacks may be arranged in advance.

## Hadar Arens to discuss gap year in Israel at Nov. 10 BD luncheon

On Saturday, November 10, Beth David's luncheon speaker will be Hadar Arens, who will talk about the year she spent between high school and college as a counselor at a residential group home for at-risk adolescents in Israel.



Hadar Arens

Currently in her second semester at Binghamton University, Arens grew up in White Plains, NY, where she attended the Solomon Schechter School of Westchester, as well as the area public schools. At the end of high school, she joined the Israeli Scouts organization in the United States. In that capacity, she counseled seventh and eighth-graders, and then mentored and oversaw the first-year counselors in that program. "It was this experience," Arens says, "that sparked my interest in taking a gap year with the Israeli Scouts in Israel."

Arens will talk about what she considers a life-changing experience, where she volunteered in a boarding school with at-risk youth and lived in that residential community. She will describe the program, what her duties were, and how they have impacted her personally and professionally. "Most of us are familiar with the Israeli Scouts because of their yearly visits to our JCC," organizers say, "but Hadar will show us how many other socially important activities this organization sponsors."

Since coming to Binghamton University last spring, Arens has become the cultural chair for Bearcats for Israel, a fellow for the Israeli-American campus group called Mishelanu, and also works at Harpur Edge. Currently a cinema and psychology major, Arens plans to pursue a career in art therapy for children. "While taking a gap year before entering college is becoming more common,"

organizers say, "Hadar's experience offers a unique personal perspective on how Israel deals with social issues that are complex and crucial to the well-being of the country and its youth. Listening to Hadar speak about her experiences will certainly inspire others to make a difference."

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

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Off the Shelf

# Love and identity

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

What role does the sexuality of a beloved play in our own identity? Answers range from “less relevant than other aspects of our personalities” to “it informs a major part of our lives.” This question and potential answers are explored in three recent novels whose characters belong to the LGBTQ community. Sometimes their sexuality is the main focus of the novel, while in others, it plays only a minor role.

## “The Right Thing to Do at the Time”

The PR pitch was impossible to resist: It claimed that “The Right Thing to Do at the Time” by Dov Zeller (Tiny Golem Press) was a mix of Jane Austen and Sholem Aleichem – that is, if they’d agreed to write a Jewish, queer version of “Pride and Prejudice” with gender roles reversed. After reading the novel, my only disagreement with that statement is that Zeller’s novel also contains a heaping dose of Woody Allen “Annie Hall”-style Jewish angst. The characters are some of the most neurotic I’ve read about in ages. However, once I relaxed, and figured out who was who relative to Austen’s book, the novel was good fun, even though the plot takes awhile to develop.

Ari Wexler, the main character, is a trans man in his late 20s whose personal and professional life are stagnating. His father makes it clear he prefers Ari’s friend, Itche Mattes, to his older son, and also dotes on his ne’er-do-well younger son, Josh. The parental roles are the reverse of “Pride and

Prejudice”: Ari’s father is the whiner-worrier, while his mother is absorbed in her books and scholarly writing. Ari is also close to his grandmother, who moves from the hospital to a nursing home in the early part of the novel and nudges Ari about his life – or rather lack of life. Ari’s new supervisor at a music library where he works makes his life a misery. The few pleasures in Ari’s life are Itche, who has been his close friend since camp; playing the violin; and going to Shabbat services. Both Ari and Itche long for a loving relationship with that special someone, but that person is nowhere in sight.

That changes when a famous actress, Tanya Weisberger, attends Shabbat services. Itche falls in love and that love seems to be returned – that is, until Tanya’s snooty friend, Helen Zonkerman, makes her opinions known. Ari is also offered a job opportunity that will allow him to work on his own music, but, like many of Woody Allen’s characters, he has difficulty getting past his neuroses to take a chance on something new. The novel generally follows the plot of “Pride and Prejudice” – well, mostly, because there are a few surprises. There are also witty editorial footnotes about Jewish practices on many pages and a wide cast of characters who echo those in Austen’s novel – although the talking butter dish is limited to Zeller’s book.

One of the additional pleasures of “The Right Thing to Do at the Time” is the characters’ religious observance. Ari

and Itche regularly attend Shabbat services. In fact, Shabbat plays an important role in Ari’s life: “The weekend was coming fast and he had plenty to look forward to. Shabbat was one thing. Being in *shul* with Itche. Seeing [another friend]. Singing and sending his prayers up to heaven.” That observance remains steady even when everything else in his life is in flux.

Will “The Right Thing to Do at the Time” become a classic like Austen and Aleichem’s works? That’s impossible to predict, but readers with a sense of whimsy and a curiosity about how these authors might mesh will enjoy this unusual and clever novel.

## “The Parting Gift”

Love or lust? Desire or jealousy? Which defines the relationship between the main characters in Evan Fallenberger’s “The Parting Gift” (Other Press)? This wild, sexual, erotic roller coaster will leave readers gasping for breath.

In a letter, the unnamed male narrator explains to the U.S. college friend with whom he is staying what occurred during his recent visit to Israel. The narrator’s life took an abrupt turn when he met Uzi, a spice merchant whose attractions he could not resist. After abandoning his studies and moving into Uzi’s house, he began to help run the spice business and the household. Although Uzi has been married twice and has children, he didn’t seem disturbed by his affair with **See “Identity” on page 9**

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any process against the Company, to Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP, Attn: Christopher L. Roma, 80 Exchange Street, Suite 700, Binghamton, NY 13901. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

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

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

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Name of LLC: Bacon’s Tools, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Dept. of State on 9/18/18. Office Location: Broome County. Sec. of State designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to principal business location: 1005 Main St., Vestal, NY 13850 Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of Augustine Construction LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/11/18. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1226 Campville Rd., Endicott, NY 13760. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of Broome Forward, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on

09/21/18. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Levene Gouldin & Thompson, LLP, 450 Plaza Dr., Vestal, NY 13850. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of KASSIS DEVELOPMENT, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/25/15. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Iskandar I. Kassis, 3113 Sally Dr., Vestal, NY 13850. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of SONGO, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/26/18. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2316 Vestal Pkwy. East, Vestal, NY 13850. Purpose: any lawful activities.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY:** The name of the limited liability company is: Crest Construction, LLC (the “Company”). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was September 25, 2018. The county in which the principal place of business of the Company shall be located is Broome County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company, to Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP, Attn: Christopher L. Roma, Esq., 80 Exchange Street, Suite 700, Binghamton, NY 13901. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

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Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name:

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

1. The name of the limited liability company (“LLC”) is LT Tech Solutions, LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with Secretary of State is October 9, 2018.
3. The County with the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.
4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon them is: 308 Wilson Avenue, Endwell, New York 13760
5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

Notice of formation of VESTAL CAPITAL LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect’y of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/09/18. Office in Broome County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 4700 Vestal Pkwy E. Vestal, NY 13850. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name:

CoreLife of Guilderland, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 8/13/18. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated LLC agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: LLC, Attn: John G. Dowd, PO Box 1905, Binghamton, NY 13902. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Date of dissolution: None.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY:** The name of the limited liability company is: Siesta Labs, LLC (the “Company”). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was October 11, 2018. The county in which the principal place of business of the Company shall be located is Broome County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company, to Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP, Attn: Michael Keenan, 80 Exchange Street, Suite 700, Binghamton, NY 13901. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY:** The name of the limited liability company is: Hemptique, LLC (the “Company”). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was October 16, 2018. The county in which the principal place of business of the Company shall be located is Broome County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company, to Nicholle Meeker, 2711 Williams Street, Endwell, NY 13760. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

## Notice of Formation of Eight 20 Studios, LLC

Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/29/18. Office location: Broome Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, c/o 101 Jefferson Avenue, Endicott, NY 13760. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of Owego Storage LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/19/2018. Office Location: Broome Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom service of process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Frazier Vail, 2632 Laguna Drive, Endwell, NY 13760. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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# TI Sisterhood held wine-pairing program

On October 9, the Temple Israel Sisterhood held an event free to paid-up members, which drew a total of 50 attendees, including members' guests. The evening featured Bernard Kenner, who came from Oceanside, NY, to present an informative wine-and-food pairing program.

Kenner, a former science teacher, shared his lifelong pursuit of good food and good wine. He has traveled in the New York metropolitan area and parts of the East Coast during the last several years representing Royal Wines, the parent company of Kedem Wines.

The suggestions offered for the pairings, along with recipes and advance food preparation directed by Sisterhood member Joyce Sambursky and her crew, were a blend of flavors and textures.



Bernard Kenner spoke to the audience about textures and flavors.

As Maxine Rosenberg, publicity co-chairwoman, explained, "Our Sisterhood members learned that the taste of wine on our palettes can change as various food is combined with wine-tasting. We had the chance to combine savory and sweet pairings with the six kosher wines that were chosen for the evening because of their availability locally."

During the course of the evening, door prizes were awarded to people whose names were called from prize stubs that had been handed out at the entrance.



L-r: Moirira Shirvan and Lois Levitt collected guests' payments and distributed door-prize tickets at the entrance.

At right: Kathy Hurwitz, kitchen crew member, helped prepare some of the tidbits on the menu.



Under the direction of Joyce Sambursky (center) kitchen crew members Judy Simon (left) and Barbara Zelter (right) prepared the evening's food pairings in advance.

## JFS.....

uted to JFS recipients. Each year I am overwhelmed with your generosity and caring. The purpose of this article is to thank you for your help, year after year, in making this project a great success. You come together as a caring, generous and thoughtful Jewish community to touch the hearts of people who are strangers to you – and with your touch, we all grow stronger together, a key phrase of our Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton.

Our merchants contributed to this project: Pack and Mail with cartons, Price Chopper with enough gift cards to purchase the kosher chickens and Wegmans with a gift card that enabled us to purchase spices. The Rozen Foundation and The Community Foundation of South Central New York – David and Virginia Eisenberg Fund and you, members of our Jewish community, contributed money that was distributed to the recipients to shop for special items that were significant to them to complete a holiday table.

The Hillel Academy art students created collage greeting cards under the guidance of Amy Derkowski; the Jewish Community Center allowed us to use the small conference room as a staging area in which we assembled and filled the gift boxes; and Ron Gill, JCC kitchen coordinator, found space in the freezer to keep the chickens and challah safe until distribution day.

Hadasa Slonim of Chabad baked a dozen challahs for us and Temple Concord Religious School students, under the watchful eye of Orly Shoer, baked a dozen of the most yummy honey cakes, which I had to keep from eating entirely by myself. Beth David Synagogue, Temple Concord and Temple Israel publicized the We Remember You project, thereby spreading the word and increasing the monetary donations necessary to fund this program. And, of course, a great thank you to Ben Kasper, who so graciously delivered gift baskets to JFS recipients' homes.

Rabbi Rachel Esserman, executive editor of *The Reporter*, as always, took time from her own busy schedule to figure out timelines and deadlines for JFS publicity, thereby creating a smooth framework for getting the We Remember You project on track as it headed down the rails

from collections to distribution day.

Listen to another quote from a recipient for whom the gift basket had special meaning: "Every year Jewish Family Service sends me a *we care* basket. I am a senior citizen who spends the holidays alone. This basket reminds me that someone is thinking about me. The food has always been good choices also. I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday. *L'shana tova*. And, of course, a great thank you to Ben Kasper, who so graciously delivered gift baskets to JFS recipients' homes."

In addition, one family donated enough jars of honey to fill all the baskets and others donated a variety of spices to perk up meals, long after the High Holiday observances. Ellie, Mika and Zoe Friedman, along with their mom, picked apples at Apple Hills for the baskets and, with Kailah Kaner, this semester's Binghamton University intern at JFS, assembled and filled the gift baskets. They even created and colored place mats for each gift basket to add a holiday flare to each recipient's table.

From my descriptions, I hope you can appreciate the communitywide effort that took place to get these food baskets to peoples' homes. But there is more to the food baskets than the niceties of the food. In putting this article together I asked one of the JFS recipients, who is an immigrant from Eastern Europe, if he could give me a quote to add to this article. This is what he told me as I looked into his eyes and watched his emotion build: "I would want to shake each person's hand, they created warm feelings and a lasting memory. I am here with the only relative I have in the world. People who don't know me give me material donations of food and money. These things go fast. But their caring feeds us spiritually – this is lasting and forever."

Now that We Remember You 2018 is a pleasant memory, and I have had time to reflect on the significance it had on the recipients, I want to turn to you. Each year I have watched this program grow in nature, not necessarily in scope of the

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numbers served, but as people so thoughtfully and generously give *tzedakah* to support the program. Contributions from people who have never given before arrive at my desk in small and larger amounts – mixed with those of repeat donors. From my personal observations through the lens of a social science major, I do wonder what inspires increases in giving. One idea, and food for thought, is related to the landscape in which we are living, with all its chaos, negativity and hate. Do those factors bring us to greater kindness, generosity and caring in our Jewish community and, hence, the desire to make this world a better place by reaching out to strangers who are struggling financially?

Just to share a cute aside with you: I am probably the only person in town, who when I walk around the community, attend events or eat out, is approached by someone who asks, "Can I give you a check for JFS?" Of course, I say "Yes." It is a special privilege to accept this *tzedakah* face to face because I feel personal satisfaction in knowing the work of JFS is appreciated by you. At the end of the day, I feel good about this program and about all of you.

Thank you everyone, teachers and students, community members, parents and children, local businesses and religious organizations, *The Reporter* and the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton for another remarkable We Remember You program. Before you know it, we'll be planning We Remember You 2019.

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 The front porch was the foundation of many houses in the Southern Tier, of every neighborhood - much the same way that the Jewish Federation is the foundation of our community. We want to unlock the screen door and invite you in to help map out our future, bring in all Jewish people and establish committees and teams of people to sit on the wicker chairs to ensure we are here just as we have been for generations.

**The Jewish Federation is the front porch of Binghamton.**

**OUR MISSION**

Since 1937, the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton has been a volunteer-led organization that strives to make our community and the world a better place to live for Jews and non-Jews alike by:

- Conducting a unified annual campaign to benefit local Jewish organizations and causes.
- Acting as a unified force in the Jewish community and the community at large.
- Helping those in need through Jewish Family Service regardless of race, religion or ethnicity.
- Representing the interests of local Jewry in Binghamton to the greater community.
- Engaging and promoting learning throughout the life cycle.
- Apprising the community of local happenings, world situations, and current opportunities through our weekly newspaper, *The Reporter*.
- Sending a monthly book to children aged 6 months to 8 years of age through the PJ library.
- Connecting the Jews of Greater Binghamton to Jewish life across the nation, Israel and beyond.

**Key Programs and Activities**

**Financial Support**

The single most important program remains providing financial support to Jewish organizations and individuals in Greater Binghamton and, through JFNA, to causes worldwide. Financial support is funded from two sources: The annual campaign which raises funds for local needs - the JCC, Hillel Academy, The Reporter Group, Jewish Family Service, the Federation's operating budget and small allocations are given to Hillel @ BU, Hanukkah House at Temple Concord, College of Jewish Studies and the Beth David Synagogue Mikvah. Grants from the endowment support large projects of affiliate organizations when needed, i.e. parking lot, school classrooms, playgrounds, etc. and, on a smaller scale, projects of Jewish content for local youth.

**Jewish Family Service (JFS)**, a Federation organization, has a mission to strengthen and support individuals and families. By providing information, referrals and advocacy, we assist people in navigating our complex human service network. JFS is a trusted resource for families in need of in-home caregivers for their infirm and elderly loved ones. We offer Dessert and Games days and educational programs. "WE REMEMBER YOU" distributes food and money during the High Holidays and funds for Purim, Passover and Chanukah to many Jewish families who struggle financially, thanks to the generous support of the Greater Binghamton Jewish community. JFS is often involved in life cycle events within the Jewish community including end of life decisions.

**The Reporter Group**, a Federation organization, is an award winning group of Jewish community newspapers that reach more than 25,000 readers in New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut communities. The Reporters' goal is to promote all local events as well as keeping us informed of local and world news of importance to our community. The staff works closely with the Federation to create publicity and materials.

**PJ Library** is committed to Jewish education of the next generation. This program, available across North America, distributes high-quality Jewish children's literature - free - to families with young children in Greater Binghamton. There are currently 102 children enrolled in the program which is made possible through a partnership with local donors and/or our Jewish Federation. In the spring we held a PJ Library program organized by Binghamton University students.

**Greater Binghamton International Jewish Film Fest** brings internationally acclaimed films of Jewish content to Binghamton that otherwise might not be available. The program is made possible by sponsors, attendees and many indispensable volunteers.

**2017/2018 Year in Review**

**Annual Events**

**Annual Meeting/Super Sunday**

The Yasher Koach award ceremony, the highlight of the morning was a meaningful moment to thank and celebrate exemplary men and women whose dedication is critical to the success of our community. The attendees voted in the Executive Committee and Board following New York State guidelines for non-profits. Many attendees made promissory donations that morning which gave Super Sunday a great start! In between all of the speeches we were entertained by our own FEDERATION SINGING BAND. Yasher Koach to them all!

**Holocaust Memorial Ceremony**

On the Sunday morning between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur community members gathered for a THIRD year at the Holocaust memorial erected in 1952 at Temple Israel cemetery on Conklin Ave. to take part in this meaningful service and to say Kaddish. The monument was erected because one member of this community over 60 years ago said he did not know where or when to say Kaddish for his parents who died in the Holocaust.

**Film Fest**

On April 12, 2013 we presented our first Film Fest beginning an annual tradition. In the spring we will present the Fifth Film Fest. This fall we hosted "Dinner and a Film." The accolades for both were great. All attendees enjoyed "The Little Traitor" and sat after the movie to share and reflect on their feelings. The Film Committee will meet shortly to plan the spring film program. There are committees for film selection dealing with film companies, dinner, publicity, brochure, sponsors and advertising. Consider volunteering for the next Binghamton International Jewish Film Fest.

**Marvelous Mrs. Maisel**

This past summer the Federation received a call from a casting agency from an Amazon Prime show looking for mahjong players. A list was quickly made up of 42 potential players expressing the need to get the word out and instructions for responding to the show. Binghamtonians spent many long hours on set. Tiring, interesting, fun and quite an interesting experience was the general consensus. See if you can spot your neighbors when Season 2 premieres. P.S. It will be hard. Two hours of make-up and hair changed the look of all!

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| Linda Azersky     | Dr. David Kammerman |
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| Jeanette DeLeon   | Norman Rudin        |
| Mark Eisenstadt   | Marcella Swartz     |
| Ida Epstein       | Eugene Taren        |
| Dora Feuer        |                     |

**On the Calendar**

One of the goals this year was for community and the organizations within the community to work together creating and sharing events. It did not exactly work as planned. The Federation tried to group activities under the titles B'Yachad or the The Joy of Being Jewish. Hope you enjoyed the New Year card as a calendar. One of the new events this year was the Day of Caring. The Federation decided to clean up indigent area of the Temple Israel cemetery. Many of the graves were sunken and the markers not visible. Two Sundays were devoted to discovering over 30 and repairing several of the grave sites. There is much work left to be done. This Day of Caring NEEDS to be an annual event.

**Financial Report (2016-2018 YTD)**

By September 2018, the Endowment rose to \$1,606,794 (September 2017 \$1,397,679). In Sept. 2015 the JCC began paying back a 10 year loan of \$100,000 for the parking lot which the repayment now totals \$37,000 YTD added to the endowment. Following the Endowment Committee guidelines, \$75,000 is invested in Israel Bonds.

The past two years has seen a loss in in the number of donors which has a direct correlation on our ability to allocate funds. Fortunately, to offset some of this reduction in funding, the David & Virginia Eisenberg Donor Advised Fund and many donors have stepped in and increased their pledges.

The distribution of the campaign revenue through the allocation process remains the same (see chart). Please note that the Federation distribution includes salaries for the Federation and Jewish Family Service.

The Jewish Federation offers its deep appreciation to all of our contributors to the Annual Campaign and to those who have made contributions to the endowment and contributions to specific programs (i.e. PJ Library), specific projects (Temple Israel cemetery clean-up) and to all those who have supported our programs by your attendance and your funds!

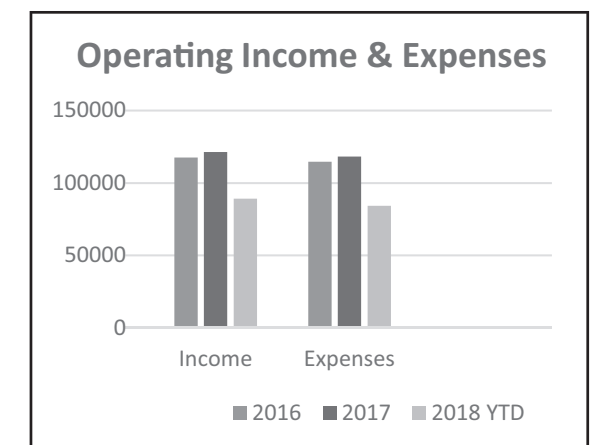
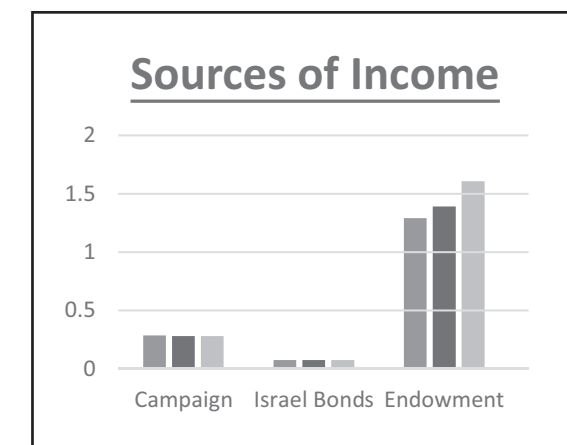
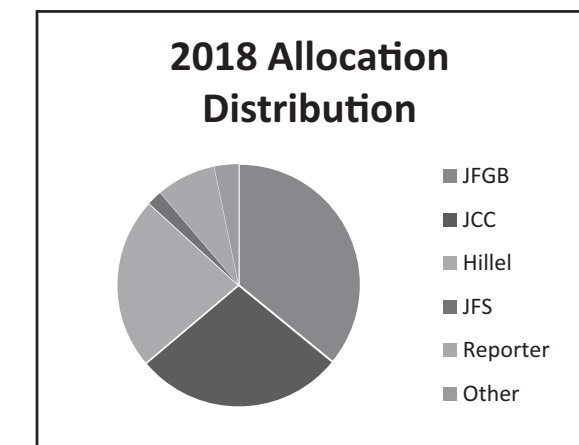
The Federation is both honored to receive contributions IHO & IMO and thereby honoring those celebrating a mitzvah and remembering those who have passed away.

We are indebted to those who have remembered our Federation in their wills and to those who have made donations to our Endowment enabling the Federation to supply funds when necessary and ensure the future.

Allocations of \$319,297 has been given out as well as some small grants.

**Thank you to the following:**

- Phyllis Ansell Estate
- David & Virginia Eisenberg Donor Advised Fund (2018)
- Olum Foundation
- Victor & Esther Rozen Foundation



Giving to contributions from the IHO/IMO fund, sponsorship and participation in events, the income has slightly exceeded the expenses. This situation is difficult to predict.

**Challenges**

Our community is continuing to age and shrink which reverberates across the Federation. To safeguard the future of the Greater Binghamton Jewish community we need to ask you to consider making charitable remainder trusts, donor advised funds, annuities and gifts to the Endowment Fund and kindly add a gift to the Federation in your will.

**Thoughts About the Future**

Conversations are continuing with BU facility about how we can serve each other better; our Federation to the students and the campus community to us. Discussions are continuing with JFNA about how their resources can assist us in achieving our goals and continuing our mission.



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Hubal (Jewish Community Center), Marti Klionsky (College of Jewish Studies), Toby Kohn (Beth David Synagogue), Richard Lewis (The Reporter), Eileen Miller (Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton), Alan and Julie Piaker (Temple Israel), Sarah Thomas (Hillel Academy), Marie Werner (Rohr Chabad Center) and Marcy Yonaty (Hadassah).



*Sima Auerbach, executive director of the Federation, spoke during Super Sunday.*

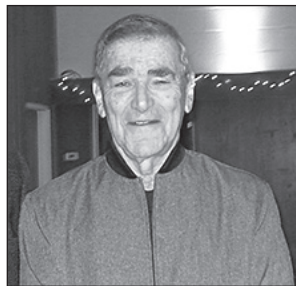


*Yasher Koach honorees included (l-r) Eileen Miller (Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton), Marti Klionsky (College of Jewish Studies), Sarah Thomas (Hillel Academy), Richard Lewis (The Reporter), Marcy Yonaty (Hadassah), Jean Hecht (Temple Concord), Rachel Greenblott (Jewish Family Service), Toby Kohn (Beth David Synagogue), and Julie and Alan Piaker (Temple Israel).*

The new slate of Federation board members elected 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 Arieh 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.



*Marie Werner, Rohr Chabad Center Yasher Koach honoree*



*Gerry Hubal, Jewish Community Center Yasher Koach honoree*



*After the event, people made their pledges to the 2019 Campaign.*



*At left: People enjoyed the brunch and talking with friends before the program began.*



*At right: Students from Hillel Academy performed.*

## WINTER HOME & GARDEN

### Four winter home projects

(NAPSI) - Winter is coming! The cold weather is not ideal for working on outside home maintenance projects, so focus on sprucing things up indoors. These four winter tune-ups will give your home a pick-me-up just in time for spring.

1. Revamp the Doors - Looking for an inexpensive way to update your home? Give the doors in your home a

makeover. Source doorknobs from an antique or hardware store, then paint your doors a different color to give your home a whole new look.

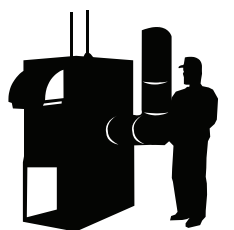
2. Paint a Room - Freshen up the look of your walls and cabinets. Winter is the perfect time to paint your walls because the dry winter air will help your paint set more quickly than

in the humidity of summer. Be sure to crack a window or have proper ventilation.

3. Lubricate Squeaky Moving Parts - Lubricating moving parts prevents them from wearing out, according to WD40.com. Lubricate moving parts, such as kitchen cabinets or door hinges, wheels on a dishwasher rack, and the exhaust fan over the stove.

4. Replace Furnace Filters and Clean Vents - Air filters in your furnace should be replaced once every three months to keep it working properly. Reference the instructions on your HVAC system to help you through the process. Winter is also a good time to vacuum your dryer and kitchen vents to remove lint and grease buildup.

With these four tips, take advantage of the time spent in the warm indoors and spruce up your home to have it in tip-top shape for spring.



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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

From JTA

**Facebook nixes Farrakhan video comparing Jews to termites**

A video posted to the Facebook account of Louis Farrakhan in which the Nation of Islam leader compares Jews to termites was removed for violating the social media platforms hate speech policies. It remains posted on Twitter, which said the week of Oct. 19 that it does not violate company policies. The video represents a Tier 1 violation for Facebook, The Wrap first reported. A Tier 1 violation includes attacks comparing a person or group of people to “animals that are culturally perceived as intellectually or physically inferior.” Tier 1 infractions also prohibit “violent” and “dehumanizing speech,” according to Facebook’s community standards, Farrakhan had posted the video to his 960,000 followers, according to The Wrap. A link to the video on YouTube also was deleted, with a message that it was removed for violating YouTube’s policy on hate speech, whose parent company is Google. A video of the full speech remains available on the Nation of Islam website. Farrakhan’s tweet posted on Oct. 16 was attached to video of a speech he gave on Oct. 15 marking the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Million Man March, his 1995 rally advocating empowerment for black men. “To the members of the Jewish community that don’t like me, thank you very much for putting my name all over the planet because of your fear of what we represent I can go anywhere in the world – I’m not mad at you because you’re

so stupid,” he said at the speech in Detroit. “So when they talk about Farrakhan, call me a hater – you know what they do – call me an antisemite, stop it! I’m anti termite!” The video clip of his remarks about Jews remains up on Twitter. A BuzzFeed reporter on Oct. 17 quoted a spokesperson for Twitter as saying that “Louis Farrakhan’s tweet comparing Jews to termites is not in violation of the company’s policies. The policy on dehumanizing language has not yet been implemented.”

**DC Bible museum says five fragments in its Dead Sea Scroll collection are fake**

The Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC, will remove five items from its Dead Sea Scroll collection after an analysis showed they were fake. The museum said on Oct. 22 that an outside analysis of the items concluded that they “show characteristics inconsistent with ancient origin.” Scholars had raised doubts previously about the authenticity of the fragments, which were believed to belong to a collection of ancient Jewish manuscripts found in caves near the Dead Sea. The museum’s Dead Sea Scroll collection consists of 16 items. The museum said it will replace the five fragments with three others “that will be on exhibit pending further scientific analysis and scholarly research.” The analysis of the fragments was conducted by Bundesanstalt für Materialforschung und-prüfung, a German institute that analyzes such materials.

**Identity**

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a man and Uzi’s family quickly adjusted to the narrator’s presence. What seemed paradise at first changed, though, when the narrator began to doubt Uzi’s fidelity and found himself campaigning against all those for whom Uzi cares. The reader begins to question the narrator’s nature – all the while watching in horror as events take a dark turn.

“The Parting Gift” grabs readers’ attention with its portrayal of a person in the grip of a sexual obsession. The novel contains explicit sexual details, but their purpose is to show the physical connection and attraction between the two men. Once I started reading, I found the book difficult to put down, while, at the same time, I questioned the nature of the two men’s relationship. Love or lust? Desire or jealousy? Fallenberg makes readers wonder at the power of these deeply-held emotions.

**“Yeled Tov”**

Jake Stein, the main character in Daniel M. Jaffe’s “Yeled Tov” (Lethe Press), would have been unable to imagine the

world portrayed in Zeller and Fallenberg’s novels – one where homosexuality is accepted. In the 1970s, all Jake wants to be is a *yeled tov*, a good boy: “He didn’t swear using God’s name. He didn’t do homework on *Shabbes*. He tried hard to treat his parents with respect. He didn’t steal or murder or do anything bad. He ate only kosher food, put on *teffilin* and *davened* every morning, saying every word of his prayers.” Yet, on Yom Kippur in 1974, Jake notices the verses in Leviticus that condemn homosexuality and his world is overturned. Jake doesn’t want to be attracted to men. In fact, he periodically dates women so he can be a *yeled tov* who will make his parents proud, but the dates are not a success. Not even his metaphorical discussions with God allow him to change his nature.

College is even worse than high school because Jake falls in love with his roommate, although he finds it difficult to admit what’s occurring. The rest of the world doesn’t make it easy for him: when a gay group forms on the campus, its

members are attacked. When the rabbi of his home synagogue claims that “you can’t be a homosexual and Jew at the same time,” Jake doesn’t know which way to turn. He takes his rabbi’s words to heart – believing his feelings have “made him an abomination... if [his] obscene phase didn’t pass, if he continued to be one of those abominations, then – was it true that [he] couldn’t be Jewish and...?” Jake fears the rabbi who welcomed him into adulthood at his bar mitzvah will expel him from the Jewish community and sees only one way out of his predicament.

The pain and anguish Jake feels is vividly portrayed in “Yeled Tov.” The tension builds as Jake begins to doubt he can ever be true to all parts of himself. One can’t help but wonder how much of the novel is autobiographical because the anguish feels so real, something which also makes it difficult to read at times. Jaffe does offer readers – and Jake – hope, but one can only trust and pray that the contemporary Jewish community is more welcoming to the Jakes of today.



**Tips to avoid electrical fires**

(NAPSI) – According to the National Fire Protection Association, electrical failures or malfunctions are factors in some 43,000 home fires a year. Here, from the experts at Electrical Safety Foundation International, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting electrical safety at home and in the workplace, are tips on how to protect your home.

Have your home inspected by a licensed electrician every 10 years; sooner if your home is 40 years old or older, if it’s undergone a major renovation or if you’ve added major new appliances lately. In between, check out this checklist.

**Switches and Outlets**

- ◆ Are they working? Do plugs fit snugly? If so, they should be OK.
- ◆ Do they make crackling, buzzing or sizzling sounds? Are they warm to the touch? These can be signs of a fire in the wall. Have an electrician check it out right away.

**Electrical Panel**

Every home has a service panel that distributes electricity to your home. It’s usually in the basement, garage or utility area. Service panels have fuses or circuit breakers that keep wires from overloading and causing a fire.

- ◆ Make sure all circuit breakers and fuses are the proper size.
- ◆ Replace standard circuit breakers with arc fault circuit interrupters (or AFCIs). Damaged or malfunctioning wiring is the leading cause of electrical fires. An arc fault is caused by damaged, overheated or stressed electrical wiring or devices. AFCIs can prevent 50 percent of home fires.

**Extension Cords**

- ◆ Extension cords should be used only on a temporary basis.
- ◆ Make sure extension cords are properly rated for their intended use, indoor or outdoor, and meet or exceed the

power needs of the appliance or device being used.

- ◆ Inspect cords for cracked, frayed, loose or bare wires, and loose connections.
- ◆ Never use a cord that feels hot.
- ◆ Don’t run extension cords through walls or ceilings. This may cause the cord to overheat, creating a serious fire hazard.
- ◆ Don’t nail or staple electrical cords to walls or baseboards.
- ◆ Make sure cords are not pinched in doors, windows or under heavy furniture, which could damage the insulation.
- ◆ Keep extension cords out of high-traffic areas such as doorways or walkways.
- ◆ Insert plugs fully so no part of the prongs is exposed when the extension cord is in use.
- ◆ Ensure that all extension cords are certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory such as UL, CSA or ETL, and always read the manufacturer’s instructions.

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Vayera, Genesis 18:1-22:24

# Vayera: #MeToo upended

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Our *parasha* this week, Vayera, begins with the appearance of the three men, or angels, to Abraham and Sarah, announcing that Sarah will give birth to a child. The following chapter, Genesis 19, follows two of the messengers as they leave Abraham and Sarah and make their way to Sodom, whose great wickedness has caught God's attention. Having argued over the fate of the potentially righteous people in Sodom, Abraham and God agree that if even only 10 righteous are found, God will spare the city.

This chapter is not only about the fate of Sodom; it describes the test of Lot's righteousness, comparing him to Abraham in his exercise of hospitality, welcoming the stranger. Arriving at the town square, the two angels encounter Lot, who invites them to his home. When they demur, indicating they will spend the night in the square,

Lot insists, cautioning them that their choice is a dangerous one, and urging them to accept his offer of hospitality for their own safety. They relent, and Lot brings them to his home, where he prepares a feast and *matzot* for them.

All seems well, but then the Torah relates: "They had not yet lain down, when the townspeople, the men of Sodom, young and old – all the people to the last man – gathered about the house. And they shouted to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them" (Genesis 19:4-5).

The word used for "know" here is often used in the sense of sexual knowing, and it seems to have that meaning here, hence the usage of the word "sodomy" to indicate homosexual intercourse. It seems that while Lot has a sense of proper hospitality, his neighbors in Sodom have quite a

different idea, and would like to welcome the two guests by getting to know them in an intimate way.

In perhaps the single most misguided expression of hospitality in the Bible, Lot steps outside his door and encourages the townsmen not to violate his male guests, but rather to take his two virgin daughters instead. He said: "I beg you, my friends, do not commit such a wrong. Look, I have two daughters who have not known a man. Let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them as you please; but do not do anything to these men, since they have come under the shelter of my roof" (Genesis 19:7-8).

Answering to a higher power than Lot does, the two men/angels drag Lot back into his house, and blind the townsmen, protecting Lot's daughters from the fate their See "Vayera" on page 11

## Congregational Notes

### Beth David Synagogue

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 Shabbat Services:  
 Fri., Oct. 26 ..... 5:50 pm  
 Shabbat, Oct. 27 ..... 9 am  
 ..... Mincha after the kiddush  
 ..... Maariv 5:35 pm  
 Weekday Services:  
 Mornings:  
 Sun., Oct. 28 ..... 8:30 am  
 Mon.-Fri., Oct. 29-Nov. 2 ..... 7 am  
 Evenings:  
 Sun., Oct. 28 ..... 5:50 pm  
 Mon.-Thurs., Oct. 29-Nov. 1 ..... 7 pm  
 Fri., Nov. 2 ..... 5:25 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.

### Rohr Chabad Center

Affiliation: Chabad-Lubavitch  
 Rabbi: Aaron Slonim  
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 Phone: 797-0015, Fax: 797-0095  
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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.

### 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  
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 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 26, at 8 pm, there will be a National Children's Sabbath 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, from 10 am-4 pm, there will be Whale of a Sale setup.

On Tuesday, October 30, at 10:30 am, Book Club will meet at Temple Concord and, at 4:15 and 5:15 pm, there will be Hebrew school.

On Thursday, November 1, at 4:15 and 5:15 pm, there will be Hebrew school and, from 5-7 pm, the CHOW pantry will be open.

On Friday, November 2, at 8 pm, Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Saturday, November 3, 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 family services.

### Congregation Tikkun v'Or

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 Phone: 607-256-1471  
 E-mail: info@tikkunvor.org  
 Website: www.tikkunvor.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  
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 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 26, light candles ..... 5:47 pm  
 Shabbat ends Saturday, October 27 ..... 6:46 pm  
 Friday, November 2, light candles ..... 5:38 pm  
 Shabbat ends Saturday, November 3 ..... 6:37 pm

### Temple Israel

Orientation: Conservative  
 Rabbi: Geoffrey Brown  
 Address: 4737 Deerfield Pl., Vestal, NY 13850  
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 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 27, at 9:30 am, services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Genesis 18:1-22:24. The haftarah will be II Kings 4:1-37. Marcia Hofstein and Arlene Osber 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.

### Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

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

On Friday, October 26, services will highlight HIAS National Refugee Shabbat with guest speakers Claude Cohen and Steve Yale-Loehr. An oneg Shabbat will follow services.

On Friday, November 2, at 6:15 pm, Teen Takeover Shabbat will be held, followed by a Shabbat dinner; RSVP to the temple office for the dinner.

On Saturday, November 3, Tot Shabbat will be held at 11:15 am.

The Sisterhood will hold its annual Fall Brunch on Sunday, November 4, from 10 am-noon, at a private home, during which the 2018-19 officers will be installed. Call the temple office for more information.

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 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.

# Jewish Community Center

## “Little Brush, Big Brush” parent-child painting event on Nov. 4



Pairs of adults and children painted at the last “Little Brush, Big Brush” class.

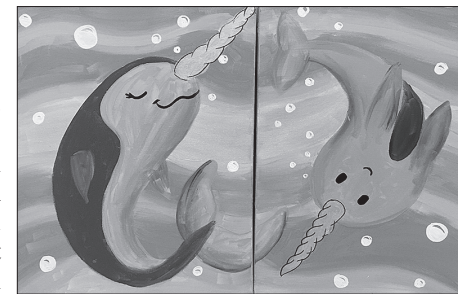
The Jewish Community Center of Binghamton will hold a “Little Brush, Big Brush” adult/child painting class on Sunday, November 4, from 1-3 pm. The entire community is welcome and encouraged to attend. Children must be at least 5 years old to register. The cost is \$55 a pair for both members and non-members of the JCC.

The class, run by JCC youth director and licensed art educator Lynette Errante, is an opportunity for any adult and child to complete their own painting, guided by art teachers. The paintings, when completed, will form one image when put together. Two canvases, all paint and brushes, and light refreshments will be provided for the event.

Adults and children of all skill levels are welcome to attend – there will be templates for those who need them, as well as instruction from two art instructors. Those who plan to attend must pre-reg-

ister and pre-pay with the JCC main office as soon as possible to ensure space. All proceeds from the class will go to benefit the JCC Youth Department, which primarily consists of the JCC’s after school program, Kids Connection.

For more information about “Little Brush, Big Brush,” JCC youth programming or the JCC, contact the JCC office at 724-2417.



A pair of narwhals will be the subject of the “Little Brush, Big Brush” adult/child painting class.

## ECC employment opportunities at the JCC

By Paige Bartholomew

The Jewish Community Center of Binghamton is currently seeking to expand the staff of the Early Childhood Center. In operation since 1939, the JCC’s Early Childhood Center has carried on a tradition of providing early childhood education. The ECC has always sought to grow with the needs of the local community it serves, expanding to include the Universal Pre-Kindergarten program, and working with both the Binghamton and Vestal school districts.

There are two full-time positions available and there is a need for part-time substitute teachers. Those interested in full-time positions can inquire about the lead infant teacher or lead toddler teacher opportunities. Both require an associate’s degree in early childhood education or a required field, or a minimum of 12 credit hours of early childhood education, as well as at least one year’s experience working directly with children. Applicants will need to provide a current physical and a TB test, and must undergo fingerprinting for New York state. Fees for fingerprinting

are covered by the ECC. Full-time employees are offered benefits through the JCC.

The ECC also has opportunities for those looking for part-time work as substitute teachers to support the full-time staff. There are no educational requirements, but previous experience working with children is a plus. Substitutes can enjoy flexible schedules, and have the opportunity to work with all the different age groups in the building on a regular basis.

For more information about the employment opportunities, JCC’s Early Childhood Center, or the JCC, contact the JCC office at 724-2417.

The JCC is a not-for-profit organization and partner agency of the United Way and the Jewish Federation of Broome County that serves the community at large regardless of age, race, religion and sexual orientation.

### JCC Friendship Club

The JCC Friendship Club met on October 17 and heard Mike and Polly Grenis talk about antiques. Sue Herzog told us she met them when she moved here and carpooled for their children’s activities.

Polly’s parents owned an antique store in New York City. When she was a child, her parents would take her to antique shows and buy something for her each time. Mike and Polly started going to antique shows and would buy what they liked. Eventually, they started selling their antiques a few weekends a year. Mike worked as superintendent of schools in the Chenango Valley School District while pursuing this hobby. He brought several antique canes to show. Years ago, men used canes as part of getting dressed, even if they did not need them to walk. He showed us one cane that had a knife blade in the bottom that could be ejected and used as a weapon. He also showed us a woman’s cane that opened at the top and had a cigarette holder in it. Polly showed antique handbags. A few had tassels on them. Some were made of different fabrics, such as leather or suede.

It was explained that in order to be an antique an item should be old, rare, unique and in good condition. Mike and Polly explained what was involved in setting up a booth for their antiques. As an aside, Mike said, “You never want to hear glass breaking.” It takes about four hours to set up a booth. They spoke about a show in Syracuse. After setting up, it started to snow. The antique show was cancelled and they had difficulty getting back to the motel they were staying at because roads were closed. They gave out several editions of the newspaper *Antiques and the Arts Weekly*.

Some members told about their collections. Ada Brumer has family jewelry. Bruce Orden collected antique locks and had several folding keys.

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia Diamond. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ann Brilliant said the blessing over the cookies. Sue gave the treasurer’s report. On Wednesday, October 31, Jack Lindley will entertain us with puns. Join us on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm at the JCC.

Sylvia Diamond  
President

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father would have caused them. Learning from this that Sodom does not, in fact, have 10 righteous people, the two angels instruct Lot to take his wife and their married daughters and sons-in-law, along with their two unmarried daughters, and flee the city, as it is about to be destroyed. The sons-in-law laugh at Lot, and so Lot, his wife and their two virgin daughters flee the city alone.

As we all know, Lot and his wife are instructed not to look back. Thinking perhaps of the daughters she is leaving behind, Lot’s wife looks back anyway and is turned into a pillar of salt. For many of us, the story ends here.

That is not, however, the end of the biblical account. Arriving alone with their father to a little place called Tzoar, Lot and his daughters settle into a cave. At this point we read: “... the older one said to the younger, ‘Our father is old, and there is not a man on earth to consort with us in the way of all the world. Come, let us make our father drink wine, and let us lie with him, that we may maintain life through our father.’ That night they made their father drink wine, and the older one went in and lay with her father; he did not know when she lay down or when she rose. The next day the older one said to the younger, ‘See, I lay with Father last night; let us make him drink wine tonight also, and you go and lie with him, that we may maintain life through our father.’ That night also they made their father drink wine, and the younger one went and lay with him; he did not know when she lay down or when she rose” (Genesis 19:31-35).

The Torah does not censure the daughters in its reporting of these events. Thinking that they and their father are the last people on earth, they take steps to ensure that the line of humanity does not end with them.

The rabbis perceive a type of karma that sometimes hap-

pens in the biblical narrative. This literary device is called “middah k’neged middah” by the rabbis – literally, “measure for measure.” Here, Lot’s daughters do to their father what he was prepared to have done to them. They rape him. The Torah reports simply and without judgment that it is from this act that the people of Ammon and Moab originate, cousins to the Israelites through Lot and his daughters.

Lot’s daughters have a #metoo moment and the Bible relates their revenge. It is not they who are implicitly criticized by the text, but their father, who is prevented by the angels sent to rescue Lot and his family from allowing his daughters’ fate to occur. They rescue not only the father, but the daughters as well. While we would never advocate such payback for sexual abuse, it is interesting to note that the Torah implies that Lot’s daughters should not be judged for their actions. Indeed, it is from Ruth the Moabite, a descendant of Lot’s daughter, that David the King will be born. If Lot’s daughters had been seen as wicked, this would never have been the case. The Torah, here and in many other places, gives a clear message that women must give consent for sexual relations, as well as for marriage, and that men who rob, or try to rob, women of their right to consent stand to pay a price.

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**Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem dedicates \$10 million cardiac center**

A new \$10 million dollar state-of-the-art cardiac center was dedicated at Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem in Jerusalem the week of Oct. 19, dedicated by New York entrepreneur and real estate developer Howard Milstein in honor of his parents. The new Irma and Paul Milstein Heart Center now occupies the third floor of the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower. It more than doubles the department's ability to treat patients with heart problems, featuring 11 intensive-care private rooms, 11 post-catheterization beds and 32 beds in the general cardiac ward. A 2017 study by the Israel Heart Association found that between the years 2000 and 2016, some 250,000 electrocardiograms, 45,000 cardiac catheterizations, 5,000 heart transplants and 4,000 open-heart surgeries were performed by 850 cardiologists throughout the country's 23 hospitals. The study showed that while approximately 25,000 heart attacks occur in Israel every year, the mortality rate from heart disease decreased during that period by more than 50 percent.

**VP of China lands in Israel, heads straight to Western Wall**

As part of a four-day visit the week of Oct. 22 emphasizing talks on economic cooperation, Chinese Vice President Wang Qishan joined Israeli officials for a visit to the Western Wall in Jerusalem. Wang is the most senior official to visit Israel in almost 20 years. Although China does not officially recognize eastern Jerusalem, which includes the ancient Old City, as part of Israel, Wang joined Foreign Ministry Chief of Protocol Reuven Meron and the ministry's Deputy Director-General for Asia and the Pacific Gilad Cohen on Oct. 22 immediately after his arrival at the Western Wall. He was also met by Mordechai Eliav, head of the Western Wall Heritage Foundation, who explained the Jewish people's connection to the site with the help of a model of the Temple. Wang said he had read a lot about Jewish history, and was pleased to "see and touch history near the stones of the ancient wall." Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hailed Wang's arrival as the most important visit by a Chinese leader in the last 18 years. Some Israeli officials have expressed concern over warming relations between China and the Jewish state, saying the partnership might be a security risk that could compromise sensitive Israeli assets. Israeli exports to China increased by 62 percent in the first eight months of 2018 to \$3.5 billion according to Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics. Imports from China increased by 10 percent, to \$4.9 billion in 2018.

**Finland contracts with Israel to boost naval-defense systems**

Finland has been relying on Israeli weaponry to strengthen its navy, according to Defense News. With its presence in the Baltic Sea to protect against Russian interests, the Finnish Defense Forces has undergone a \$1.5 billion naval boost that will include a \$500 million investment for ships consisting of surface-to-surface missiles, ship guns, sea mines and

torpedoes. "It's critical that Finland has a modern navy that is fit for purpose. The Baltic Sea has become a possible focal point for tension between East and West," said Jussi Niinistö, Finland's defense minister. "We are dealing with a more unpredictable Russia. Increased military cooperation with partners will also see the Navy more engaged in joint international exercises in the region, especially with our Nordic neighbors and NATO forces." The Finnish navy awarded contracts worth almost \$185.76 million in July to Israel Aerospace Industries to receive the Israeli Gabriel missile system between 2019 and 2025. The defense system will be installed on Hamina-class missile boats, in addition to the new Squadron 2020 vessels, expected to begin construction in 2019. Israel Aerospace Industries was picked over Norwegian technology firm Kongsberg, European missile manufacturer MBDA, American multinational corporation Boeing, and the Swedish aerospace and defense company Saab. The Gabriel missiles are anti-ship missiles that were first developed after missiles sank an Israeli ship along the northern Sinai shores just months after Israel won the 1967 Six-Day War, killing 47 Israeli officers and sailors, and injuring 100.

**Jordan announces decision to terminate peace-treaty land lease to Israel in 2019**

Jordan will not renew parts of a 1994 peace treaty that leases two areas on the Jordan River to Israel, saying Jordan aims to practice "full sovereignty on our land." Israel's neighboring nation could have been more flexible on the issue of renewing the leases, but chose not to. In a statement on Oct. 21 – a year in advance of the full termination of the lease and the anniversary of the assassination of former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, with whom his father signed the agreement – Jordan's King Abdullah announced that "our priority in these regional circumstances is to protect our interests, and do whatever is required for Jordan and the Jordanians." Senior officials in the Jordanian government told *Al-Hayat* newspaper that due to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's position on Jerusalem and other holy places, Jordan chose to reject a renewal of the leases. The original peace agreement stipulates that the 25-year lease could be renewed by both parties after 25 years, but that both sides had the option to abandon the deal, subject to an announcement one year prior to termination, which is set to occur in 2019. Abdullah did not state a reason for ending the lease to Israel, but analysts note that his popularity has dwindled in recent years, and that a public stand against Israel was met with excitement and patriotism in Jordan. Pressure included a letter signed by 80 Jordanian lawmakers demanding that he cancel the agreement. The leases include the area of Naharayim in the north, where the Yarmouk River flows into the Jordan River and powers a hydroelectric plant near the Isle of Peace tourist spot, and Tzofar in the southern Arava desert, where a small Jewish community engages in farming, and stands to lose some 250 acres of land and 30 farms. Netanyahu responded that the Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty is "an agreement of true peace," and that Israel would enter into negotiations with Jordan to renew the lease.

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