

Community to commemorate Kristallnacht's 80th anniversary 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 80th 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 80th 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 80th 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.

TI/TC adult ed. talk on "The Jewish 1968" on Nov. 18 with Professor Jonathan Karp

The next Temple Israel/Temple Concord Adult Education Program will be held on Sunday, November 18, at 10 am, at Temple Israel. Professor Jonathan Karp will discuss "The Jewish 1968."

According to organizers, "The year 1968 was a monumental year in modern world history – one of global student protests, political revolutions, tragic assassinations, and violent upheaval. Little attention has been paid to the significance of 1968 in

Jewish history. Instead, 1967 has been viewed as the historical watershed, particularly in light of Israel's remarkable six-day rout of its Arab neighbors, an event that profoundly altered Jewish power and politics for decades."

In his "The Jewish 1968" talk, Karp will argue that 1968 was transformative for Jews worldwide.



Prof. Jonathan Karp

It was a year in which Communist Poland purged Jews from Polish life and the Soviet Jewry movement began to gather steam, while in America the post-World War II liberal order was seen as fractured by the open conflict of blacks and Jews in the Ocean Hill-Brownsville section of Brooklyn. "'The Jewish 1968' will situate these and other major

events in a panoramic portrait of global Jewry undergoing profound change," said organizers of the program.

Karp is associate professor in the History and Judaic Studies Departments at Binghamton University. He is the author of "The Politics of Jewish Commerce: Economic Thought and Emancipation in Europe" (2008) and is completing a study of cultural and economic relations. See "Talk" on page 5

Community gathers for a vigil to remember victims of Pittsburgh shooting

By Reporter staff

A standing room only crowd attended the October 29 vigil held for the victims of the October 27 shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. The auditorium and the meeting room of the Jewish Community Center were so full that Sima Auerbach, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, had to ask those attending to move forward to make room for those waiting in the lobby to enter.

Auerbach facilitated the vigil, which featured clergy and civic leaders from across the Jewish and larger community. In her opening remarks, Auerbach noted that "my parents were immigrants. They first fled the pogroms of Russia and then Hitler. They came to America with difficulty.... But once here



A large crowd attended the community vigil at the Jewish Community Center on October 29. (Photo by Rachel Coker)

in America, they felt safe." She mentioned that, after Pittsburgh, no one feels safe. Her call for those attending included the need

for the community of Greater Binghamton to show that it "welcomes the stranger – the immigrant – our community of love and

respect and kindness... is stronger than hate."

The ceremony opened with a candle lighting in memory of those who died. Candles were lit by Sandy and Dennis Foreman, and Richard Orringer, local community members originally from the Pittsburgh area, and Binghamton University students Miriam and Sarah Pincus, in memory of Miriam's bat mitzvah at Etz Chayim and Jerry Rabinowitz, their family doctor. Speakers (in order of appearance) included Rabbi Geoffrey Brown (Temple Israel), Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell (Temple Concord), Ori Karudo (student president of Chabad of Binghamton), Bradley Goldman (student president of Hillel of Binghamton), Father Tim Taugher (St. See "Vigil" on page 6

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From the Desk of the Federation Executive Director

We are one community

SIMA AUERBACH

This speech was given at Super Sunday on October 21.

First and foremost, Neil and I thank all of you who gave so generously and thoughtfully to the JCC Journal. What a book. Neil and I are touched by your donations and your beautiful words. We have each read the book at least three times. We made a home in this community and this community gave us a meaningful life here. Thank you all again.

Before I begin with my personal and hopefully motivating speech convincing you to donate generously, I want to take a special moment. On the table are the names of people who have received the Yasher Koach award since we started this in 2009. The idea was to honor individuals in the community for their commitment to a specific organization before the entire community, because in essence *we are one community* working together to keep us whole. Congratulations to each and every one of you who has received this award. Translating Hebrew and Yiddish phrases into English often misses the innuendo of meaning. Yasher Koach sort of means “may you go from

strength to strength.” And it is because of your strength of commitment that this small community survives and flourishes. Will everyone who has ever received a Yasher Koach award please stand. Thank you!

Now on to the business of Super Sunday!

You may have gotten to your table, sat down, looked at the centerpieces and said to yourself, “*What?*” Which was exactly the response I got when I told a member of the board what I was going to do.

The name of the 2019 Campaign is a bit untraditional. I do not think another Federation in this country will ever use this expression. In the past, we went the traditional route and had Campaign slogans like “Together We do Extraordinary Things,” “The Strength of a People,” “The Power of Community,” “One Man’s Candle is a Light for Many,” “Your Opportunity to Make a Difference,” “Nourish the Roots that Sustain Our Community,”...and others which were supposed to inspire you in a poetic and motivational way.

This year, I chose to stretch the purpose of a motivational phrase. It will be my last Campaign as executive director

and so I decided to reach into my heart and take a leap.

The hopefully thought-provoking name for the 2019 Campaign is “The Front Porch.” In lieu of a motivational phrase, I am aiming for a nostalgic one. I have always loved a front porch. When we moved to Binghamton, I fell in love with the houses on the West Side and wanted a front porch. One day my granddaughter, Alina, and I went to an open house of a Victorian with a stone porch. She said, “Bubbe – you have to buy this house.” I replied quietly, “Alina, I can’t afford this house.” But I still drive by and look at that porch. I didn’t quite get a front porch, but our house has a stoop and a landing, and so I put two black chairs with cushions on the landing and *voila* – my very own personal sort of front porch.

The front porch was most often the heart and soul of the house. People sat there, drank lemonade and talked. Stories were shared, the past, present and future were discussed, and sometimes even decisions were made. It was a meeting ground, the foundation for families and the gathering place. See “Community” on page 3

From the Desk of the Federation President

Why I accepted the presidency

SUZANNE HOLWITT

This speech was given at Super Sunday on October 21.

What is the Jewish Federation of Broome County and why have I accepted the presidency? Well, JFed is our community, our family where our values of compassion, charity, responsibility inspire us to meet the needs of all of us, whether in caring for people in need or nurturing and sustaining our Jewish community.

In the iEngage program in which several of us participate, we learn/talk about the Judaism of Belonging and the Judaism of Becoming. Without going into lengthy explanations of those terms, I’d like to adapt these terms to explore the Federation of Belonging and the Federation of Becoming. All of us are part of the Federation of Belonging by virtue of our donations and by being a part

of our Jewish community. However, the Federation of Becoming is a little different – it’s asking us to become involved – participate in events, in programs, in our larger Jewish community – in recognizing that each and every one of us, whether or not we’re active in any one of the synagogues or in the JCC or in the Federation or choose to sit on the sidelines, complement and complete each other. Our Jewish community is shrinking; we have little or no control over the demographics of our community, but we do have control over our reactions and our choices.

I have chosen to be more involved in the Federation by accepting the presidency. 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.

The 2019 Campaign theme is “The Front Porch.” I fondly remember the front porch of the house in which I grew up in Long Beach, NY, especially in the summers when my grandparents lived with us. It was a wonderful place for people to sit, visit, listen to my grandfather’s stories – and the games we played. I love the front porch at my home here – feel free to stop by and visit. Let’s remember and share the stories of our growing up and our hopes for the future.

I’ve had many offers to help me as I begin my presidency, and I hope I can count on all of you here to help the continued revitalization of JFed and our Jewish community.

In My Own Words

The post-fact era

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

I recently read an article called “Deepfakes: The Dawn of the Post-Truth Era” by Shelly Palmer (www.shellypalmer.com/2018/10/deepfakes-dawn-post-truth-era/) about how easy it is to manipulate technology. The thought is scary: at some time in the near future, we may not be able to tell the difference between a real photo and a fake one, or a real video and a fake one. This will be true even for voices: technology will make it impossible to detect to whom a voice really belongs. Even scarier for me, though, is a problem taking place now: People’s inability to tell the difference between fact and opinion.

The simplest way for me to describe the difference is to talk about the novel “Moby Dick.” It is a fact that a novel called “Moby Dick” exists and that it was written by Herman Melville. It’s even factual to say that it is considered part of the American canon of classics. What is opinion is whether or not “Moby Dick” is a great novel. I have a friend who considers the book a masterpiece of literature. I, on the other hand, thought the novel’s ideas were good, but their execution was horrible and the book poorly written. Which of us is correct? Our thoughts about the book are opinion, not fact, so we had to agree to disagree. (By the way, my friend thought the whole discussion was funny.)

An additional problem arises when it comes to history.

There was a debate last year about what caused the American Civil War. Some people claimed the war was fought over states’ rights, rather than slavery. The problem was they failed to note the reason for the fight over states’ rights: some of the states were defending their right for citizens to own slaves. So yes, it is a fact that states’ rights was an issue, but it’s also factual to say that the states were debating slavery. This discussion led to many others offering their opinions on slavery. For example, one politician claimed that the best time in the United States was before the Civil War, even though there was slavery. Someone else claimed that slavery is acceptable because the Bible allowed people to own slaves. Another group said that most slaves were happy under the system. The first two statements are opinion, no matter how many people believe them. (Just to be clear: I abhor both opinions.) The third statement about slavery can actually be debated – although I can’t imagine why anyone would – because one could try to prove that most slaves were happy to be slaves. I don’t believe that statement is factual for a variety of reasons, including the fact that slaves ran away from their masters (think of the underground railroad in the United States) and the slave revolt in Haiti.

Just because we think something is true doesn’t mean

that it is true. As Jews, we should especially be aware of this because people readily believe lies about us. For example, people claim Jews use the blood of Christian and/or Muslim children to make matzah for Passover and/or hamantashen for Purim. A new blood libel – that Israel is harvesting the organs of Palestinians – has been floating around the past few years. These are lies, but people believe them, even without any facts to support their cause. They know it’s true because they heard it third hand from someone, or they know someone who knows someone who... You get the idea. As for opinions, there are many unflattering ones about Jews and they are harder to fight because people cling to them even when you show they’re making a generalization that’s unfair to the majority of people in that group.

Unfortunately, we’ve seen far too much of this in politics in recent years. Mexicans, Muslims and others have been smeared because one member of a group has done something. Or, sometimes, no one has done anything wrong, but it’s politically expedient to have an enemy – any enemy – to make people forget about the problems they face – real problems – and make up pretend ones. While some are worried about computer fakes that will occur in the future, I’m more worried about fake facts being broadcast today.



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TC's Music in the Mansion program on Nov. 3

Temple Concord will present a musical program titled "Vocal Gems and Classic Favorites" on Saturday, November 3, at 7 pm, in the historic Kilmer Mansion, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. The program will include music by Saint-Saens, Poulenc, Liszt, Copland, Mozart, Chaminade, Romberg and Rossini. The musicians will be soprano Jean Miller Goodheart, baritone Tom Goodheart, pianist Pej Reitz and flutist Jeanne Sperber. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students, and are available by calling Temple Concord at 723-7355 or by visiting the temple office. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Miller Goodheart has performed leading roles in opera, concerts and recitals throughout the United States. She has worked as a teaching artist for Carnegie Hall and the Lincoln Center Institute. Miller Goodheart was the education director for The New York Festival of Song and was on the voice faculty at Purchase College Conservatory of Music. She is currently on the faculty of the Songe d'été en Musique Festival in Quebec, Canada, and teaches at Binghamton University. She has performed with Chautauqua Opera, Des Moines Metro Opera, Tri-Cities Opera, Greater Buffalo Opera and Encompass New Opera Theatre.

Goodheart teaches at Binghamton University and has performed more than 40 leading roles in opera and oratorio with companies throughout the United States, including the Opera Theatre of St. Louis, Chautauqua Opera, New York City Opera National Touring Company, Des Moines Metro Opera, Connecticut Opera, Opera Theatre of Pittsburgh, Artpark Opera, Tri-Cities Opera and the Greater Buffalo Opera Company. His recent performances include his Carnegie Hall debut as the baritone soloist with the Manhattan Contemporary Chamber Ensemble and recitals in Quebec, Canada. Goodheart has appeared as a guest See "Music" on page 11

Hadar Arens to speak on "Growing by Giving: My Gap Year in Israel" at BD on Nov. 10

On Saturday, November 10, Beth David's monthly Luncheon Speaker Series will feature Binghamton University sophomore Hadar Arens, who will speak about what she considers an exceptionally transformative gap year volunteering in Israel in a residential community for at-risk adolescents.



Hadar Arens

Arens grew up in White Plains, where she attended the Solomon Schechter School of Westchester for elementary school, and then went on to attend the local public schools. Because of family ties with Israel and a continued interest in Israeli culture and society, Arens joined the Israeli Scouts in the United States, where she developed counseling skills and mentored first-year counselors in that program. "After high school," Arens says, "I knew that I wanted to spend time in Israel - to experience what living there was like, to be closer to family, to work with children and to prepare myself

for college and for life in general." "Arens rose to the challenge," organizers say, "and spent the year between high school and college volunteering in Israel in a program sponsored by the Israeli Scouts, where she was a counselor in a residential community comprising approximately 30 at-risk seventh- and eighth-graders." What made these children be considered at risk? What was daily life like in this setting? What did it feel like to be the only American in this community? These are some of

the questions Arens will address as she shares her experiences in what she considers a life-changing year. "Taking a gap year is crucial for any teenager out of high school," says Arens, "whether or not they feel ready for college. There is nothing to lose by taking a gap year, and oh so much to gain. By sharing my experience, I hope to inspire others to do something comparable and to see how much

we grow by stepping out of our comfort zone." 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 See "Arens" on page 11

OF NOTE

Jablon Studios

Jablon Studios announced that it worked with an at-risk teen population to create its first public mosaic in Johnson City. The studio runs a six-week program that serves as a first job experience for the students, all between 14-18-years-old. The program strives to teach the ethics and values to help the students enter the labor force in the future.

The new artwork is at Boland Park, a park mostly used for its river access and basketball court, that did not have a sign. Jablon Studios and the teenagers created a fish decor in color-changing glass that wraps the pavilion, front and back.

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And that is what the Jewish Federation is for this community - our front porch. The foundation of the community and the gathering place. Each Jewish organization here is entitled to send two people to our meetings, as well as the members you voted in this morning. It is the front porch, the gathering place for ideas, for coming together, for thinking about the community as a whole. It is amazing to see that the board members who might be representing a specific organization walk into the meeting as a member of the Jewish Federation. The community is the focus. And for me, the Federation is, yes, "The Front Porch" - talking about ways to help fill that proverbial sack I keep putting in *The Reporter* to help those organizations and people in need, trying to figure out the future, coming together to share a meal, watch a movie together.

P.S. There will be a Film Fest in the spring. Come and get involved. Susan Hubal is the chair - contact her.

So, our Campaign this year will be one of recollection and moving forward, of reminiscences and possibilities. Please send me stories of your memories of the Federation: What it did, what worked, what failed. Did you like when there was a women's and men's Campaign? Or like it better as one? Things are all about perspective. How do you see things? And I would like to know.

Going a bit off track about perspective. My mother was the daughter of a Chasidic rabbi in "Ukrainah" as she used to say and would tell me about her childhood. She once mentioned that in her house in Tulchin, the men and women had separate dining rooms, I was appalled. That women's rights equality piece in me rose up and I said, "How did you stand for that, etc. etc. etc.?" She looked

at me (my mom lived in our home after my father died) and she calmly and quietly said, "Your female friends all congregate in the kitchen and the men are sitting in the living room. It's not very different." Perspective - I would like to learn yours about the Federation.

What was good about the Federation in the past? What do you remember? Send them to me or meet me at the front porch - i.e. the Federation office - and we will talk and reminisce and, with your permission, put something in *The Reporter*. Rabbi Rachel [Esserman] and I have talked about having a column called "The Front Porch" - the topic being your looking back and looking ahead.

We want to invite you onto the front porch to help map out the future, to bring in all the Jewish people. You know perhaps even someone uninvolved - ask them to come to an event with you or join a committee with you. Invite them to your front porch, wherever that might be.

And... because I love a front porch and I love this unique Jewish community and this is my last Campaign, let's make it the best. In 2018, we raised an unprecedented \$280,000 from 370 donors. Truly remarkable. This year, let's do better. Let's raise the roof on the porch and set our goal at \$300,000. Increase your past gift with an amount that is comfortable for you. Raising your gift does not mean you have to give up something - it simply means that the Jewish Federation is worth it and deserving of it. Donate today before you leave. There are donation slips on your table. Look at it. Think about our community and think again. Aren't we worthy recipients of your generosity?

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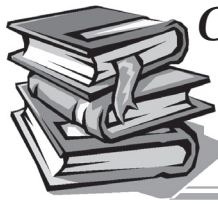


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Off the Shelf

Scribbling and drawing on the wall

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

Judaism does not lack written documents from ancient times – writings that were usually produced by the elite of the society. The thoughts of the non-elite were rarely passed down through the generations, leaving scholars to puzzle how this group may have differed from those who could afford to pay and/or produce written text and artwork. However, as Karen B. Stern notes in “Writing on the Wall: Graffiti and the Forgotten Jews of Antiquity” (Princeton University Press), one form of communication by the non-elite did manage to survive, although the material has been studied far less than that of the rabbinic elite. That format was graffiti – both textual and pictorial representations that appeared on the wall of synagogues, tombs, market places, municipal buildings and other areas people gathered.

Stern notes that, in contemporary times, graffiti has a negative image, but that was not true in ancient times: “Ancient people viewed applications of messages... desirable, even normal activities inside of their respective environments. The writers did not apply their words to deface or defy, but rather, to exhibit their devotion to deity, their imperatives to comfort or protect their dead ancestors, and their factional and civic pride.” These writings/markings were found across Roman Europe and Palestine. Stern believes that a scholarly analysis of this material will offer “new light on some of the most elusive features of ancient history – the daily lives and activities of individuals – documented in raw and unedited form.”

The first question that Stern addresses is how to identify graffiti – ways to differentiate it from other markings. She notes that, at times, it’s difficult to determine what is graffiti and what is simply poorer quality commissioned work. If the markings mention the generosity of particular individuals – noting that they helped fund the projects – then they do not qualify as graffiti. These commissioned markings and/or drawings

were usually prominently displayed. Stern notes that “donors both purchased the rights to commission writings or decorations inside a space and paid professionals to exact their work. Display of such modes of writing in prominent locations thereby serves multiple functions in reflecting, advertising, and reinforcing the social, economic, and political means and legal holdings of the individuals their name.”

Graffiti, however, was applied to buildings without permission so individuals could interact with others – whether that other was their deity, deceased loved ones or other members of their ethnic group. Stern offers a working definition of the term as a way to make this determination: “Graffiti are those markings (whether words, images, or both) applied in an ‘unofficial’ capacity and in social and dialogical ways, regardless if their applications were anticipated, lauded or denigrated by their audience.” Noting that the term graffiti is an “anachronistic category,” she emphasizes the need to think of it in a neutral way.

The graffiti Stern focuses on appeared in a variety of places and she systematically discusses examples in order to discover why people might have made the markings. For example, when she looks at graffiti found in ancient synagogues, Stern suggests that rather than being disrespectful of the building, the markings were people’s way to interact with a divine being and other members of their community. Of additional interest, is that some Jews were fluid about how and where they created graffiti: “Certain graffiti [found in a synagogue] suggest that some Jews conducted their prayers inside designated prayer halls or houses of study, specifically among other Jews, as rabbinic texts often imply or recommend. But some graffiti demonstrate that other Jews comfortably prayed in ways that some rabbis explicitly and implicitly forbade: they did so by making

pilgrimages to loci of pagan and Christian worship and wrote inside of them.”

How did Stern decide which markings came from Jews? Many of the writings/markings contain Jewish names or specific Jewish symbols. Other graffiti was found in specific Jewish sites, for example, mortuary contexts. Stern notes that, while rabbinic writings seem to discourage spending time in cemeteries, evidence points to Jews regularly visiting their deceased. Some writing speaks directly to deceased relatives, for example, writing that says “no one is immortal,” and “good luck in your resurrection.” Others offer curses to those who would disturb the graves. These curses included “emplacement of skeletal figures inside of graves” or “animals around doorways... Their artists might have believed that such figures offered greater protection to the dead than verbal curses – even illiterate demons or tomb robbers could understand the threats implied by their presence.”

Stern discusses other examples of graffiti, including those in public places such as marketplaces, municipal buildings or theaters. These very public markings show how Jews felt comfortable displaying their religious identity in public areas – an engagement in public life that is not always reflected in rabbinic writings. The author does note that the amount of this interaction may not have been the same in all areas of the Roman empire, but she does believe there was far more interaction than has previously been suggested.

In “Writing on the Wall,” Stern does an excellent job reviewing and interpreting ancient graffiti, including discussions of specific examples. The book also includes photos of these markings, many of which are difficult for lay readers to translate or understand. Stern’s book is definitely a scholarly work, rather than one aimed at a popular audience. However, anyone interested in Jewish daily life in antiquity may find much of interest.

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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 so that an adequate amount of snacks may be arranged in advance.

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

Tempe Concord Sisterhood will celebrate its 35th 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.

BD Sisterhood to hold paid-up meeting on Nov. 14

On Wednesday, November 14, at 6:30 pm, Beth David Sisterhood will hold its annual paid-up meeting at the synagogue. Yearly dues of \$25, if paid that night or before, will entitle each member to a free dairy dinner, as well as the opportunity to support the Sisterhood for the year.

Organizers emphasize that this meeting will be

“relaxed, informal and fun.” They say, “Buying raffle tickets will allow ticket holders to participate in fun-filled raffle drawings for a variety of items, gifts and services. Rarely, does anyone go home empty-handed on that evening. Those in attendance always enjoy seeing the treasures unwrapped, and sometimes the prizes provide unique surprises.”

Guests are welcome to join the festivities by paying a \$10 fee for the dinner. All guests are invited to join Beth David Sisterhood.

Make your reservation by contacting Marlene Serkin at mserkin@stny.rr.com, or at 729-3235 by Wednesday, November 7, to ensure that there will be enough food for everyone.

TC to hold Artisan Holiday Marketplace on Nov. 18

Temple Concord Sisterhood's seventh annual Artisan Holiday Marketplace will be held on Sunday, November 18, from 10 am-3 pm, in the Kilmer Mansion and the social hall at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton.

Vendors will feature clothing, jewelry, paintings, mosaics, woodwork and much more. Homemade food and baked goods will be available for purchase to eat in or take out.

Admission is a donation toward Kilmer Mansion res-

tations or a canned food donation for CHOW. Marilyn Strosberg and Helene Philips are co-chairwomen for the Marketplace, with Roz Antoun and Marsha Luks in charge of the bake sale.

URJ associate director visits Hillel at Binghamton

From October 18-20, the group Reform Jews of Hillel at Binghamton welcomed Evan Traylor, the Union for Reform Judaism's associate director for college engagement. Traylor joined students for services and worked with the RJH board to increase the professionalism and engagement of Reform students at Binghamton University.

RJH Vice President Emily Blank said, “We decided to enlist the help of Evan to build on engagement and make RJH a place where people can create and have

meaningful experiences. He helped us create a clear vision for RJH, which was to have intention, purpose and meaning behind our goals for the community. He helped us to realize that we want to empower others by sharing our experiences and values, therefore helping to create a larger sense of community. We want to create less of a divide between the denominations and help build up a community where you should not be afraid to make your voice heard.”



Evan Traylor, the Union for Reform Judaism's associate director for college engagement, attended events at Hillel at Binghamton.

Kilmer chair donated to TC

A 19th century hand-carved wooden chair with claw feet that originally belonged to the Kilmer family when they resided on Riverside Drive, Binghamton, has been donated to Temple Concord by Dr. Robert and Diana Weiss, so that “it could return to its ancestral home in the Kilmer Mansion,” said Bob Weiss. As the chair was being carried into Temple Concord by Neil Auerbach, Dr. Ted Major saw it and said, “That chair was originally in the Kilmer Mansion.”

Bob Weiss recounted to Roz Antoun the travels of the chair from the Kilmer Mansion, to his father, Dr. Martin Weiss, and then into his own possession.

“It was given to Dr. Martin Weiss after he made a house call at the mansion. It is not known whether this was in payment for the house call or a gift for his kindness,” he said. “When he



A Kilmer family chair has been returned to Temple Concord's Kilmer Mansion.

brought it home, his wife, Gertrude, did not want it in her living room, so it was banished to Martin's waiting room for his patients' use. Upon his retirement from practice, he gave the chair to me. My wife, Diana, did not want it in her living room, so it was banished to my medical office waiting room.

“The chair next found a home in my living room when I retired 23 years ago. Now that my wife and I are moving to Florida, we have donated the chair to Temple Concord so that it could return to its ancestral home in the Kilmer Mansion.”

Antoun said, “We are fortunate to have this piece of Kilmer history back in the mansion. It is unique and lovely in its creativity. Although the Weiss family didn't find the chair aesthetically attractive, I think it is quite a piece and very cool.”

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between American Jews and African Americans, “Chosen Surrogates: How Blacks and Jews Transformed Modern American Culture.” He is also the editor of numerous volumes – most recently “The Cambridge History of Judaism in the Early Modern World” (2017), with Adam Sutcliffe, and “World War I and the Jews” (2017) with Marsha L. Rozenblit. From 2010-13, he served as executive director of the American Jewish Historical Society and is currently chairman of the Binghamton University Faculty Senate.

The cost of the brunch is \$5 per person. Call or e-mail the Temple Israel office at 723-7461 or titammy@stny.twcbc.com to make reservations.

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Film on Nazi turned Austrian President Kurt Waldheim draws parallels to modern rise of the right

By Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) – Kurt Waldheim managed an impressive feat: After serving as a soldier and intelligence officer in the Nazi army during World War II, he was twice elected secretary-general of the United Nations before topping off his career as president of his native Austria from 1986-92.

How did he do it? Largely by massaging his biography to convince the world that he had been merely an ordinary soldier during the war and was following orders. He also persuaded his fellow countrymen and the world that Austria was the first victim of Nazi aggression when native son Adolf Hitler annexed the country in 1938 – to nationwide enthusiasm.

As a popular joke at the time had it, Austrian diplomats managed to convince the public that Hitler, an Austrian, was a native German and Beethoven, a German, was Austrian.

Nevertheless, by the time Waldheim ran for president in 1986, his war record had come back to haunt him. Among the protesters against his campaign at the time was Ruth Beckermann, a budding Jewish Viennese filmmaker who shot some of the larger Austrian demonstrations against Waldheim and the counter rallies.

Some decades and over a dozen films later – including the very Jewish documentaries “Zorro’s Bar Mitzvah” and “Toward Jerusalem” – Beckermann decided to take another look at the earlier footage.

Her new film, “The Waldheim Waltz,” choreographs



Ruth Beckermann found parallels between Kurt Waldheim’s rise and the rise of the modern right in Europe. (Photo by Alexi Pelekanos)



Kurt Waldheim in a still from Ruth Beckermann’s film “The Waldheim Waltz.” (Photo courtesy of Beckermann)

the agile steps of one of the odder actors in recent world history, whose career nevertheless can still be seen as a forebear of current political swings in Europe and the United States. The film, recently selected as her country’s entry into the Oscars’ foreign film race, opened in New York recently and gets a national rollout to other cities starting November 16.

In the early 1980s, between Waldheim’s terms as U.N. secretary-general and Austrian president, the World Jewish Congress led a campaign to throw a spoke in his political wheel. An investigation of Waldheim’s wartime record led by Nazi hunter Eli Rosenbaum revealed that after his service on the Russian front, Waldheim became an intelligence officer with the German army staff in the

Balkans. In that capacity, he played a key role in the brutal reprisals against the civilian populations of Yugoslavia and Greece – particularly in the deportation of most of Salonika’s large Jewish population to Nazi death camps. He was also shown to have joined, in November 1938, the SA, the original Nazi paramilitary organization.

The charges, and the denials by the Waldheim camp, became a focus of the heated 1986 campaign. Protesters hoisted slogans such as “No to Anti-Semitism, No to Waldheim,” while his supporters countered with “We Austrians elect who we want” and “Waldheim, an Austrian who the world trusts.”

Waldheim was known for his love of horses and one opponent declared with a straight face: “We never believed that Waldheim was a member of the SA – only his horse was.” Another skeptic labeled the candidate’s inability to remember his wartime activities as a symptom of “Waldheim’s Disease.”

Adding material from archival and current news reports, Beckermann draws a historical line between those events of the 1980s and current political developments, particularly in Europe, but also in the United States. Describing herself in a phone interview as “half demonstrator, half documentarian” – in addition to being director, producer, script writer and narrator – Beckermann discerned in the 1986 Austrian election the emergence of a new political force, still alive and growing in our own time.

She said Waldheim’s election as Austrian president represented one of the first victories of the surging coalition forged between traditional conservative ideologies and the populist, nativist appeal of vigorous right-wing activists. Among the current examples of this force, Beckermann said, include the rise of populist anti-immigrant leaders in Austria, Poland and Hungary, the Brexit movement in Britain, and reinforced right-wing constituencies in Israel and France, as well as the election of President Donald Trump in the United States.

During Waldheim’s term as president, he was considered persona non grata by the U.S. and other Western governments. (He was allowed in Arab countries and the Vatican, which he visited twice.) At his funeral in 2007, then-Austrian President Heinz Fischer said Waldheim “deserves his lifetime to be seen as a whole.”

Despite her dejected tone, Beckermann discerns a glimmer of hope. “The good people will rally – though I don’t know just when,” she said. “Mankind will survive.”

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Francis of Assisi), Iman Anas Shaikh (Islamic Organization of the Southern Tier), Rev. Kimberly Chastain (United Presbyterian Church of Binghamton), Kymel Yard (vice president of the Broome-Tioga Chapter of the NAACP), Rabbi Marley Weiner (Hillel at Binghamton), Rabbi Rachel Esserman (*The Reporter*), Rabbi Aaron Slonim (Chabad of Binghamton) and Rabbi Zev Silber (Beth David Synagogue). Performing songs were Kaskeset, a Jewish *cappella* group at BU, and Jan DeAngelo.

The community joined in singing Debbie Friedman’s version of the *Mishaberach*, a prayer for physical and spiritual healing. The traditional prayer *El Malei Rachamim*,

asking that the souls of the departed rest with God, was recited for the members of the Pittsburgh congregation who died: Joyce Fienberg, 75; Richard Gottfried, 65; Rose Mallinger, 97; Jerry Rabinowitz, 66; Cecil Rosenthal, 59; David Rosenthal, 54; Bernice Simon, 84; Sylan Simon, 86; Daniel Stein, 71; Melvin Wax, 88; and Irving Younger, 69.

Auerbach concluded the evening by asking members of the community to “fill the synagogues in Binghamton and Vestal this coming Shabbos.” She also reminded people to “be kind and help someone. The Mishnah tells us, ‘he who saves a single life saves an entire world.’”

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Netanyahu says he supports a Palestinian “state-minus”

By Ben Sales

TEL AVIV (JTA) – Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu signaled that he supported a Palestinian “state-minus,” wherein Israel would maintain a military presence across Israel and the West Bank.

Netanyahu also said in a question-and-answer session on October 24 at the General Assembly of the Jewish Federations of North America that he suspended the compromise over the egalitarian section at the Western Wall last year because otherwise it would have meant the collapse of his government.

Near the end of his remarks, he cited an op-ed published in JTA. The prime minister responded to a question



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, right, was interviewed onstage by JFNA Chairman Richard Sandler at the General Assembly in Tel Aviv on October 24. Photo by (Kobi Gideon/Israeli Government Press Office)

about the two-state solution by saying, “I don’t believe in labels.” He said that in any future scenario, Israel would not give up security control of all of the territory west of the Jordan River – an area that encompasses Israel, the West Bank and Gaza.

“A potential solution is one in which the Palestinians have all the powers to govern themselves but none of the powers to threaten us,” he said. “West of the Jordan, Israel and Israel alone will be responsible for security. ... It’s not just a question of hot pursuit. It’s also having the ability to be there all the time. ...It is what it is. You can give it any See “State” on page 11

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Sue Krause is a licensed associate real estate broker with Howard Hanna in Vestal, NY. After working in real estate in California and Massachusetts, Sue returned to real estate in the Greater Binghamton area in 2007, after spending many years as a successful healthcare consultant. She is a consistent multi-million dollar producer and President’s Council member, and would love to help you with any of your real estate needs!

Jennifer Kakusian Fly-Fishing Guide

Specialty: Fly-fishing guide, fly-tying lessons, instructor
 Location: Vestal, NY
 Rivers: Delaware, Beaverkill, Willowemoc, Tioughnioga, Lackawanna (PA)
 Creeks: Owego, Genegantslet, Wyalusing (PA)
 Lake: Quaker (PA)
 Name: Jennifer Kakusian
 Phone: 607-237-4000
 E-mail: jkakusian@stny.rr.com
 Website: www.castlecreekyflyfishing.com
 Hours: Year-round

Jennifer has been fly-fishing for over 40 years and guiding for over 10 years. She is an independent guide, as well as a part-time guide for the Whitetail Fly Shop in Starlight, PA. She is an Orvis Endorsed Guide who was taught fishing/tying at age 8 by her father. She is a member of Trout Unlimited, serving on the board of the local TU Chapter #031 Al Hazzard chapter.

Jennifer taught math for 20 years and now drives a Vestal School District school bus. She has been the office manager for the Jewish Federation for eight years.

For every booking that is attributed to this ad, Jennifer will donate 10 percent to the Federation.

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 Location: 35 N. Chenango St. Greene, NY 13778
 Name: Jessica Calice
 Phone: 607-427-9703
 E-mail: jessewilliams15@hotmail.com
 Facebook: Jesse Cal Creations
 Hours: Contact at anytime

Jesse Cal Creations handcrafts jewelry using the finest healing stones in unique designs. Each healing stone has specific properties that benefit the wearer. Are you dealing with anxiety and stress? Are you lacking motivation to see your goals through to completion? Do you feel like happiness is out of reach? Jesse Cal Creations makes custom designs especially for you, with your needs and preferences in mind. These creations are also ideal for essential oil users. Jesse uses beads that allow you to diffuse your favorite essential oils throughout the day. Jesse Cal Creations are versatile, healing, original and made with love.

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Specialty: Weddings, portraits, special events, seniors, pets
 Name: Kristy Johnston
 Phone: 607-221-1225
 E-mail: kristyphotography@gmail.com
 Website: www.kristysphoto.com
 Hours: By appointment only

Kristys Imagination Photography is a locally owned business in the Binghamton region providing on-location photography services for any occasion, such as weddings, portraits or other special events. Sessions are done on location by appointment only, and provide you with quality photography services in the comfort of your own home or the location of your choice.

"I have always had a passion for photography and therefore decided to pursue it as a career," says owner Kristy Johnston. "I truly enjoy what I do as a photographer. I get to capture some of life's most important and precious moments."

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For more information, call 607-221-1225 or e-mail kristyphotography@gmail.com. You can also see a portfolio and more information at www.kristysphoto.com.

Lost Dog Café

Specialty: Eclectic food and a friendly atmosphere
 Location: 222 Water St., Suite 101
 Binghamton, NY 13901
 Names: Elizabeth Hughes and Marie McKenna, co-owners
 Phone: 607-771-6063
 Website: www.lostdogcafe.net
 Facebook: Lost Dog Café Binghamton
 Hours: Mon.-Sat. 11:30 am-10 pm, closed Sun.

Lost Dog Café debuted October 21, 1994, in a funky old garage on Main Street with a love of good food, good people and a strong sense of community as inspiration. In April 1997, the café moved to 222 Water St., downtown Binghamton. The café has become a favorite place for lunch, dinner or just hanging out, and features live music, poetry readings, art exhibits and charity events.

In June 2012, the Lost Dog opened a lounge and additional catering space accommodating 80 seated guests and 140 for cocktail parties. In March 2004, Lost Dog Café was inducted into the Small Business Development Center's Small Business Hall of Fame. The owners of Lost Dog Café were also awarded the Small Business Association's Excellence Award in April 2004 and Greater Binghamton Chamber Business Persons of Year Award in 2012.

Moonbeam's & Dolliewinkie's

Specialty: Pottery and art experiences
 Location: 217 Front St.
 Vestal, NY
 Owner: Sarah Milligan
 Phone: 607-321-3083
 E-mail: Sarah@moonwinkies.com
 Website: www.Moonwinkies.com
 Facebook: Moonbeam's and Dolliewinkie's Pottery & Art Studio
 Hours: Mon. closed; Tues.-Wed. 10 am-2 pm, 5-8 pm; Thurs. 10 am-2 pm; Fri. 10 am-2 pm, 5-9 pm; Sat. by appt.

Moonbeam's and Dolliewinkie's is a pottery and art studio where people of all ages and experience levels can come to be creative with clay and other media. The studio has scheduled wheel time, as well as classes for adults, teens and children.

"My idea to have a studio space where people could feel comfortable exploring the creative side began when I was throwing clay at a studio," says owner Sarah Milligan. "I fell in love with the art form as soon as I stuck my hand into the mud. I wanted to share my favorite art form with other people in an environment that felt like home and allowed people to be artistic in their own way."

The studio also hosts birthday parties or private events for small groups. Check its calendar on Facebook for special events.

Office of Amy R. Cousins, M.D.

Aphrodite Medical PLLC

Specialty: Well woman care and abortion
 Location: 149 Vestal Parkway W.
 Vestal, NY 13850
 Name: Amy R. Cousins, M.D.
 Phone: 607-785-4171 or 1-800-676-9011
 Website: www.AmyCousinsMD.com
 Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 am-5 pm, Sat. 10 am-2 pm

Dr. Amy Cousins has been providing gynecological care and abortion services since 1989. She has cared for women on Medicaid and those who lack insurance with the help of the Aphrodite Access Fund.

"Sometimes women need funds for a taxi or gas to get home, or for a portion of the fee," said Peg Johnston, manager of Dr. Cousins' office. "Lately, women's needs are increasing and Medicaid reimbursement is substantially below costs, so we are gratefully accepting donations to the Aphrodite Access Fund." Donations in any amount may be sent to PO Box 642, Vestal, NY 13851.

Grow your business through customer connections

(NAPSI) - Long gone is the time when customer purchase patterns were streamlined and predictable. Today's shoppers are smarter, and there are multiple forces at work, including social media and paid advertising, which constantly influence customer decisions. Knowing your customers' likes and dislikes is the only way to ensure your business stays top of mind throughout the buying cycle and beyond.

This is especially important for small-to-medium-sized businesses. It is much more cost effective to keep an existing customer than obtain a new one. According to a study by the Rockefeller Foundation, 68 percent of customers will leave a business if they do not feel cared about or appreciated.

Building customer connections can be easier than you think. Start with these three tips:

◆ Exceed expectations. Ask yourself what more you could see "Grow" on page 9

Phantom Chef LLC

Specialty: Off-premises catering, drop-off catering, small on-premises events, culinary classes
 Location: 49 Washington Ave.
 Endicott, NY 13760
 Name: Michelle (Bank) McIlroy
 Phone: 607-765-2408
 E-mail: info@phantomchefcatering.com
 Website: www.phantomchefcatering.com
 Facebook: Phantom Chef LLC
 Hours: Variable

Phantom Chef is owned and operated by Chef Michelle (Bank) McIlroy, who trained at the prestigious Culinary Institute of America. A native of South Africa, Chef Michelle has tasted her way around the world, sampling the foods and flavors of many cultures.

Phantom Chef, established in 2009, specializes in off-premise catering, drop-off catering and small on-premise events, as well as classes at a newly renovated culinary studio in Endicott. Chef Michelle focuses on personalized events and catering for Jewish occasions, as well as customizing menus for special diets, such as kosher, gluten-free and vegetarian.

"Whether you are planning an intimate dinner for two in your home, a corporate luncheon, or a special occasion for 200, we will tailor the menu to meet your culinary tastes and your budget," says Chef Michelle. "Fresh, local, farm-to-table, seasonal food is our specialty."

Southern Tier Special Needs Resources LLC

DBA The Integrated Activity Center

Specialty: Multi-sensory play space and learning center
 Location: 365 Harry L Dr.
 Johnson City, NY 13790
 Name: Theresa Schrader, Ph.D.
 Phone: 607-206-4799
 E-mail: Southern.tier.special.needs@gmail.com
 Website: www.southern tierspecialneeds.com
 Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs. 10 am-7 pm; Wed., Fri., Sat. 10 am-5 pm; closed Sun.

Southern Tier Special Needs Resources' Integrated Activity Center is Broome County's only multi-sensory play space and learning center for individuals of all ages. The Center has a variety of sensory activities, such as a gaming floor, LED dance floor, air hockey table, a new STOMP Wall, karaoke machine, bubble Machine, Magna Tiles, sensory table, sound wall, relaxation rooms, fine motor skills development and more. Special needs and typical infants, toddlers, children and adults are welcome to come for birthday parties; field trips and class trips; sensory craft classes; health and wellness awareness; and support groups.

Swags and Slipcovers

Specialty: Custom window treatments and slipcovers
 Location: 45 Clark Ave.
 Binghamton, NY 13901
 Name: Kathy Ritter
 Phone: 607-648-3358
 E-mail: kathy@swagsandslipcovers.com
 Website: www.swagsandslipcovers.com
 Hours: Mon.-Fri. by appointment

Swags and Slipcovers will help you beautify your home by providing custom window treatments, slipcovers, upholstery and accessories, such as pillows, cushions and bedding. There are many styles of window treatments, such as swags, panels, valances and shades. Manufactured cellular and pleated shades are also available. Kathy will assist you in choosing the right treatment depending on your need for privacy, light control or just to beautify your home.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

DOJ launches hate-crimes website following shooting at Pittsburgh synagogue

Following the shooting that killed 11 people and injured six others at the Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha Synagogue in Pittsburgh, the U.S. Department of Justice launched a new government website, www.justice.gov/hatecrimes, to help people prevent and report hate crimes. Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein stated that 88 percent of agencies that provide hate crimes figures to the FBI reported zero hate crimes in 2016 – an indication that these occurrences are

not being sufficiently reported. "Simply because hate crimes are not reported does not mean they are not happening," said Rosenstein. "Together, we can discover ways to improve the reporting of hate crimes so that we can more effectively target our resources to the places they are most needed." In addition to including statistics and research reports on hate crimes, the site has training materials and other content that can be used to try to halt such crimes from being executed. The alleged perpetrator of the attack, Robert Bowers, appeared in court on Oct. 29 and was denied bail. His preliminary hearing was scheduled for Nov. 1. "Our investigation of these hate crimes continues," said U.S. Attorney Scott Brady after the court appearance by Bowers. "Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the victim's families and with the community."



Taylor Rental/Celebrations of Binghamton

Specialty: Party Rental and Balloon Decorations
 Location: 1043 Front St. (½ mile north of BCC) Binghamton, NY
 Name: Emily Gaudinier
 Phone: 607-773-1462
 Website: www.taylorrentalofbinghamton.com
 E-mail: emily@trbinghamton.com
 Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 am-6 pm, Sat. 9 am-3 pm, Sun. 9 am-3 pm (closed on Sundays November-May)

Remember driving your child home from a friend's birthday party that reminded you more of a carnival rather than a birthday party? He had a smile from ear to ear the whole way home, a smile that you couldn't forget.

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Visit Emily to start renting your way to your next memory, or call the party professionals at 773-1462.

The Cat Doctor

Specialty: A full service veterinary hospital providing medical, surgical, dental and behavioral care for cats of all ages.
 Location: 423 East Main St. Endicott, NY 13760
 Owner: Darcy Sobel, D. V. M.
 Phone: 754-7221
 Hours: Mon. and Fri. 8 am-5 pm, Tues. and Thurs. 12:30-8 pm, Wed. 8 am-3 pm

The Cat Doctor is celebrating 24 years of caring for cats and their people. This year, Dr. Susan M. Szczotka and the staff welcomed Dr. Darcy Sobel back to The Cat Doctor family.

The doctors and staff at The Cat Doctor recognize that cats are important family members and treat each individual with special attention to their age, temperament and health conditions. Preventive medicine is practiced by providing complete physical examinations, behavioral counseling, dental care, diet management and appropriate vaccinations. The hospital has advanced radiology capabilities, providing instant, superior quality, digital x-rays as well as digital dental x-rays for the detection of early tooth disease below the gumline. The hospital now offers abdominal ultrasound for early detection of organ problems. When illness does occur, thorough and caring medical and surgical treatment is tailored to each patient.

The Reporter

Specialty: Advertising
 Location: 500 Clubhouse Rd. Vestal, NY 13850
 Name: Bonnie Rozen
 Phone: 607-724-2360, ext. 244
 Fax: 607-724-2311
 E-mail: bonnie@thereportergroup.org
 Website: www.thereportergroup.org
 Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 10:30 am-5 pm, Fri. 10:30 am-4 pm

With 50-plus years' experience in sales, and celebrating 23 years at *The Reporter* this month, Bonnie truly enjoys working with people to get the word out about their businesses, and helping them to create the look they want for their print ads. "Satisfaction guaranteed" is her mantra.

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White Rose Day Spa & Hair Design

Specialty: Providing the ultimate journey of rejuvenation through relaxation
 Location: 4535 Old Vestal Rd. Vestal, NY 13850
 Name: Karen Latta
 Phone: 607-644-9123
 Fax: 607-754-0502
 E-mail: info@whiterosedayspa.com
 Website: www.whiterosedayspa.com
 Facebook: White Rose Day Spa
 Hours: Mon. 10 am-5 pm, Tues-Fri. 9 am-8 pm, Sat. 9 am-5 pm, Sun. by appointment only

The White Rose Day Spa and Hair Design debuted in 2002. "At that time, we were the premier facility to offer all services under one roof," says owner Karen Latta. "Sixteen years later, we are still going strong. In 2012, we purchased our own building and we were able to expand our services with additional chairs for manicures, pedicures and additional rooms for facials and massages. We also have a barber onsite. We now offer expansive facial treatments, lash extensions, spray tanning and a wide variety of massages."

White Rose Day Spa and Hair Design offers permanent cosmetics by Bonnie Drum and teeth whitening by Anthony Bronner. Dr. Tali Martin is now providing botox, needling and medical grade peels.

Women's OB/GYN Associates

Specialty: Women's healthcare
 Location: 401 Main St., 1st Floor Johnson City, NY 13790
 Names: Dr. Carol Miller, Dr. Marianne (Shantillo) Davis, Karen Castoro FNP and Melodye Onysko ANP, CNM
 Phone: 607-754-9870
 Fax: 607-785-9862
 Website: www.womensobgyn.info
 Facebook: www.facebook.com/WomensOBGYN/
 Hours: Mon.-Fri. by appointment

Women's OB/GYN Associates serves patients with individual attention and caring excellence. The team of providers offers care in the following areas: routine gynecologic exams, obstetrical care, menopause, incontinence, osteoporosis, contraception, advanced body composition, the area's only Optifast weight loss program, Young Living Essential Oils and more. Dr. Marianne (Shantillo) Davis has a special interest in adolescent health care and working with patients experiencing infertility. Karen Castoro shares her enthusiasm for healthy living and wellness to encourage those in her care. Melodye Onysko shares her expertise in holistic health care and weight management support. Dr. Carol Miller is committed to promoting women's health through a healthy diet and lifestyle.

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

To advertise, contact Bonnie Rozen at 724-2360, ext. 244 or bonnie@thereportergroup.org

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be doing to go above and beyond for your customers. People want value in what they buy and they want to be valued by you. This could mean giving something to customers without seeing an immediate return for your business.

◆ Prioritize customer service. When asked what keeps them loyal to one brand over another, nearly a third of survey respondents said they valued customer service over incentives.

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◆ Use the digital landscape. Social media is arguably the most powerful way to engage customers and online tools can help you prioritize your customer's needs. Remember, people want to hear from you, so don't be afraid to engage directly on multiple channels to show them you care. Be authentic - you may be amazed at the results.

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Weekly Parasha

Chaye Sarah, Genesis 23:1-25:18

How do we find our "soul-mate"?

RABBI MOSHE SAKS, TEMPLE ISRAEL OF SCRANTON

In this week's Torah portion, Abraham, now advanced in years, calls upon his loyal servant Eliezer to perform one final task for him: find an appropriate wife for Abraham's son, Isaac. His command to the servant is simple: "swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites among whom I dwell, but will go to the land of my birth and get a wife for my son Isaac."

Abraham, the father of monotheism and Judaism, exhibits an age-old fear of intermarriage. For Abraham, the future of this new religious faith in the One God rests entirely on Isaac's willingness to carry on the tradition. This,

in turn, requires a wife (and subsequent family) accepting and supportive of Isaac's mission. The servant, Eliezer, is tasked to find this person. He does. Her name is Rebekah.

In the late 20th and early 21st century, interfaith marriage has had the single-most defining impact on Judaism in the United States and Canada. In the early 1970s, when the intermarriage rate among Jews was roughly 13 percent, synagogues—Orthodox, Conservative and Reform—boldly closed their doors to this population. We, literally, sat *shiva* (mourned) for those who married outside the faith.

Today, the overall Jewish intermarriage rate is 58 percent. Among only non-Orthodox Jews, the rate is 71

percent. No longer are synagogue doors shut to interfaith families, nor does anyone sit *shiva*. The most operative term in today's Jewish lexicon is "outreach"; finding ways to include both Jewish and non-Jewish family members in the cultural wealth of Jewish life. To the extent we succeed, Judaism will thrive.

Still, had Abraham not made the request of his servant to find the "appropriate" wife for his son, and had not mothers and fathers through the centuries required their offspring to marry Jews, we may not be having this discussion today.

There is any number of sociological explanations for See "Find" on page 11

Congregational Notes

Temple Concord

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism
 Rabbi: Barbara Goldman-Wartell
 Address: 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905
 Office hours: Tues.-Fri., 10 am-2 pm
 Phone: 723-7355
 Fax: 723-0785
 Office e-mail: TempleConcordbinghamton@gmail.com
 Website: www.templeconcord.com
 Regular service times: Friday, 8 pm; Saturday, 10:35 am, when religious school is in session.
 Hebrew school: Hebrew school meets at 5:15 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year unless otherwise noted.

On Friday, 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. At 7 pm, there will be Music in the Mansion, "Vocal Gems, Flute and Classic Favorites" with Tom and Jean Goodheart, Jeannie Sperber and Pej Reitz.

On Sunday, November 4, from 10 am-4 pm, Whale of a Sale will begin.

On Monday, November 5, from 12-4 pm, there will be Whale of a Sale.

On Tuesday, November 6, from 12-6 pm, there will be Whale of a Sale and, at 4:15 pm and 5:15 pm, there will be Hebrew school.

On Wednesday, November 7, from 12-4 pm, there will be Whale of a Sale.

On Thursday, November 8, from 12-6 pm, there will be Whale of a Sale; at 4:15 pm and 5:15 pm, there will be Hebrew school; from 5-7 pm, the CHOW pantry will be open; and, at 7 pm, there will be a Kristallnacht 80th anniversary community program at Temple Israel.

On Friday, November 9, from 12-4 pm, there will be Whale of a Sale and, at 8 pm, there will be Shabbat services honoring veterans and National Organ Donor Shabbat led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

Rohr Chabad Center

Affiliation: Chabad-Lubavitch
 Rabbi: Aaron Slonim
 E-mail: aslonim@binghamton.edu
 Address: 420 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal, NY 13850
 Phone: 797-0015, Fax: 797-0095
 Website: www.Chabadofbinghamton.com
 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: Bruce Fein, bfein@tcwnc.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 Israel

Orientation: Conservative
 Rabbi: Geoffrey Brown
 Address: 4737 Deerfield Pl., Vestal, NY 13850
 Phone: 723-7461 and 231-3746
 Office hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am-4 pm; Fri. 8 am-3 pm
 E-mail: titammy@stny.twcbc.com
 Website: www.templeisraelvestal.org
 Services: Tuesday, 5:30 pm; Friday, 5:30 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am

On Saturday, November 3, at 9:30 am, services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Genesis 23:1-25:18. The haftarah will be I Kings 1:1-31. Florence Balin will sponsor the kiddush following services.

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

On Friday, November 9, at 5:30 pm, there will be a Sisterhood Kabbalat Shabbat in honor of Veterans' Day. RSVP to the temple office by Wednesday, November 7.

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

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
 Rabbi: Scott L. Glass
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 Phone: 273-5775
 E-mail: rabbi@tbeithaca.org and secretary@tbeithaca.org
 Website: www.tbeithaca.org

President: Jerry Davis
 Sisterhood President: Julie Paige
 Director of Education: Rabbi Suzanne Brody
 Administrative Assistant: Jane Griffith
 Services: Friday 8 pm; Saturday 10 am, unless otherwise announced. Weekday morning minyan 7:30 am (9 am on Sundays and legal holidays).
 Religious School/Education: September-May: Classes meet on Sunday, 9 am-12:30 pm and Wednesday afternoons, 3:45-5:45 pm. The Midrashah (eighth-grade and high school) classes will meet at times designated by their respective teachers.

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

On Friday, 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.

On Friday, November 9, the oneg Shabbat will be hosted by Esther Racoosin and Eric Alani.

On Saturday, November 10, at 9 am, the Hashkamah Young People's Service will be held.

Kol Haverim

Affiliation: Society for Humanistic Judaism
 Address: P.O. Box 4972, Ithaca, NY 14852-4972
 Phone: 607-277-3345
 E-mail: info@kolhaverim.net
 Website: www.kolhaverim.net
 Chairwoman: Abby Cohn

Kol Haverim: The Finger Lakes Community for Humanistic Judaism, is an Ithaca-based organization that brings people together to explore and celebrate Jewish identity, history, culture and ethics within a secular, humanistic framework. KH is part of an international movement for Secular Humanistic Judaism and is affiliated with the Society for Humanistic Judaism, a national association with over 30 member communities and congregations around the country. Established in the spring of 1999, it offers celebrations of Jewish holidays, monthly Shabbat pot-lucks, adult education, a twice-monthly Cultural School for children, and a bar and bat mitzvah program. KH welcomes all individuals and families, including those from mixed religious backgrounds, who wish to strengthen the Jewish experience in their lives and provide their children with a Jewish identity and experience.

Friday, November 2, light candles 5:38 pm
 Shabbat ends Saturday, November 3 6:37 pm
 Friday, November 9, light candles 4:30 pm
 Shabbat ends Saturday, November 10 5:29 pm

Beth David Synagogue

Affiliation: Orthodox Union
 Rabbi: Zev Silber
 Address: 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905
 Phone: 722-1793
 Rabbi's Office: 722-7514
 Fax: 722-7121

Office hours: Mon. closed; Tues. 10 am-1 pm; Wed. closed; Thurs. 9 am-1 pm; Fri. 10 am-1 pm
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Shabbat Services:
 Fri., Nov. 2 5:40 pm
 Shabbat, Nov. 3 9 am
 Mincha after the kiddush
 Maariv 5:25 pm

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 Sun., Nov. 4 8:30 am
 Mon.-Wed., Nov. 5-Nov. 7 7 am
 Thurs.-Fri., Nov. 8-Nov. 9 6:50 am
 Evenings:
 Sun., Nov. 4 4:40 pm
 Mon.-Thurs., Nov. 5-Nov. 8 7 pm
 Fri., Nov. 9 4:30 pm
 Classes: Rabbi Zev Silber will hold his weekly Talmud class every Tuesday evening after services.

Norwich Jewish Center

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

Congregation Tikun v'Or

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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.

Penn-York Jewish Community

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

Temple Beth El of Oneonta

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

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

IDF helps search for Jordanian children, teachers near Dead Sea

The Israel Defense Forces are assisting with the search-and-rescue efforts of Jordanian schoolchildren and teachers who were swept away on Oct. 25 by sudden rains as they were on a field trip at the hot springs near Dead Sea. There have been at least 18 dead and 35 injured, according to Jordan, which requested IDF assistance. According to Brig.-Gen. Farid al-Sharaa, 13 people escaped without injuries, as 37 middle-school students, seven teachers and other visitors were at the hot springs, some eating lunch, when they were surprised by the unexpected flooding. "It swept away the students for 4 to 5 kilometers [about 2.5 to 3.1 miles]," said Al-Sharaa. "The students were on a school trip, and it appears that a mudslide along the road swept their bus away," a civil defense official told *The Times of Israel*. The IDF said "soldiers are assisting in the search-and-rescue efforts for the missing and are doing all they can, despite the weather conditions, to assist the survivors in the flood area." Additionally, Israeli police dispatched a group of medical specialists, in addition to the civilian Megillot search-and-rescue unit. The groups returned to Israel, although they stayed on alert. This development comes as relations between Jordan and Israel have been tense, after Jordan's King Abdullah announced that it will not renew parts of a 1994 peace treaty that leases two areas on the Jordan River to Israel.

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name you want: state-minus, autonomy-plus, autonomy plus-plus ... We're not going to imperil the life of the state [of Israel], you know, for a label or a good op-ed."

Netanyahu opposed a Palestinian state for much of his career before endorsing the idea in a 2009 speech at Bar-Ilan University. He backtracked in 2015, pledging before his re-election that a Palestinian state would not be established in his coming term.

Earlier in the session, he said that the compromise over the Western Wall – it would have expanded the non-Orthodox prayer area at the site – was frozen last year because *haredi* Orthodox parties in his governing coalition threatened to leave the government over a section of the agreement that implied tacit recognition of non-Orthodox Jewish movements. Netanyahu said that faced with the choice of reneging on the deal or losing his government, he opted for the former. He added that construction of the non-Orthodox prayer area is continuing apace, even as the agreement itself was suspended last year.

"It was challenged immediately by the ultra-Orthodox street and they basically said, choose: You can have a government, no government," he said. "This is the reality. So rather than cancel this agreement because of this explanatory note, I said, no, we're not going to cancel it, we're just going to suspend it, keep it there. Don't cancel it, but move with what the agreement actually says it will do, which is refurbish the plaza."

The frozen Western Wall agreement has been a point of contention between Israel and the non-Orthodox movements in the Diaspora, along with *haredi* Orthodox control of conversion and other Jewish life cycle events. Smoothing out disagreements between Israel and the Diaspora was the central theme of this year's General Assembly.

Near the end of the event, Netanyahu said what worried him more than the Western Wall was loss of Jewish identity outside of Israel. He cited an op-ed in JTA by Reform Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch to illustrate his point. "What concerns me in terms of the Jewish people is one thing, and that's the loss of identity," he said. "It's not the question of the wall or conversion. I read an article by Rabbi Hirsch, I think it was published in the JTA, and there was a line that is, it said, 'Those who are not concerned with Jewish survival will not survive as Jews.' There's some basic truth to that."

The line in the op-ed read: "In the modern world, those who are not committed to Jewish survival will not survive as Jews."

Hirsch, senior rabbi of Manhattan's Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, was among a small group of rank-and-file North American rabbis who were invited to meet the week of October 19 with Netanyahu, who reportedly has been frustrated with criticism coming from the leadership of the Reform and Conservative movements.

Jewish Community Center

JCC to hold Mosaic Menorah class on Nov. 15

By Paige Bartholomew

The Jewish Community Center will hold a Mosaic Menorah class aimed at teens and adults on Thursday, November 15, from 5-7 pm. The cost, which includes all supplies, is \$50 for both members and non-members of the JCC. Class will be held at Jablon Studios, located at 14 Alice St., Binghamton. The entire community is welcome and encouraged to attend. Pre-registration and payment are required.

Participants will be guided in the creation of their menorah by local public artist and frequent JCC instructor Emily Jablon. She has been active in Binghamton's art scene for several years, and has designed many public art installations, including the mosaic on the JCC's playground wall.

"Everyone who attends the class will be given a menorah template that they will decorate with glass mosaic tiles – a perfect decoration for the home, or a thoughtful handmade gift for a loved one or friend," said organizers of the class. "The class is an excellent group activity, giving couples

or friends the opportunity to spend time together creating practical conversation pieces that can be used during the holidays for years to come."

For more information about the Mosaic Menorah class, JCC adult programming or the JCC, contact the JCC office at 724-2417.

JCC Friendship Club

The JCC Friendship Club met on October 24 and heard Charlene Thompson talk about Oscar Hammerstein and some of his shows. She told us that his family wanted him to study law. He went to Columbia University with that intention, but found he didn't like it. He met Richard Rogers there and history was made.

She said that Hammerstein wrote the words first and then Rogers wrote the music to the words. This is the opposite of how other collaborators worked. This method worked for them because their first show was a big success. It was "Oklahoma." Most shows up to then started with the whole cast on stage. "Oklahoma" was different. It started with one woman on stage churning butter. Off stage you heard a man singing "Oh What a Beautiful Morning." Charlene then played the song on the piano.

Hammerstein also collaborated with Jerome Kern to create "Show Boat." Charlene then played "Old Man River" from that show.

Charlene played the auto harp for the "Statue of Liberty" song. Emma Lazarus wrote the words. Then she played "Edelweiss" from "The Sound of Music." She said that the auto harp was an improvement of the zither and showed us how the chords worked.

Throughout the program she told us bits of her life. She is a retired teacher from Main Memorial School where she taught science. She ended by playing a song for Exterminator, who won the Kentucky Derby, and told about Willis Kilmer, who owned the horse. This program was so fascinating that we did not want it to end.

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia Diamond. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ann Brillant said the blessing over the cake. Sue Herzog gave the Treasurer's report. On Wednesday, October 31, Bruce Orden will show the first half of a video, "Fly Away Home." The other half will be shown the following week. Join us on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm at the JCC.

Sylvia Diamond
President

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Mishelanu and works at Harpur Edge. Currently a cinema and psychology major, Arens plans to pursue a career in art therapy for children. "When I am not busy studying and planning events," says Arens, "you can find me volunteering at the Broome County Regional Farmer's Market, attempting to cook my mom's recipes, taking pictures and spending quality time with my family and friends."

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

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the skyrocketing increase in interfaith marriage. Suffice it to say, this is a new day with new challenges just as daunting as those faced by our ancient ancestors. Are we brave enough to meet these challenges with positive/creative energy?

The primary text of ancient Jewish mysticism, the Zohar, suggests that one of God's primary roles is serving as a "matchmaker" (*shad'han*): "Each soul and spirit, prior to entering this world, consists of a male and female united into one being. When it descends on this earth, the two parts separate and animate two separate bodies. At the time of marriage, God, who knows all souls and spirits, unites them again as they were before, and they again constitute one body and one soul." Each of us has a soulmate. May we all be blessed – through much care and concern – to make this discovery.

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soloist with symphony orchestras throughout the United States and South America.

Reitz performed as an accompanist throughout the United States, England, South America and Spain, and at the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria. She was a winner of the Artistic Ambassadors Program by the United States Information Agency in partnership with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. She has been a guest artist in Granada, Spain, and accompanied the Barcelona Song Festival. She was the pianist for the Theater Street Productions performing concert on the Newport Music Festival last July.

Sperber serves as principal flute of the Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes in Corning and the MostArts Festival Orchestra. She also teaches flute privately and at Binghamton University and SUNY Broome. She has been a freelance flutist in New York City, performing in venues such as Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, Weill Hall and Trinity Church. She has toured South America and Cuba twice as a concerto soloist. Radio and television coverage have included a BBC broadcast of one of her Trinity church recitals, as well as various television commercials and public radio and television broadcasts.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

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PLO votes to end recognition of Israel, halt security cooperation

The Palestine Liberation Organization Central Council on Oct. 29 called for the Palestinian Authority to halt all security cooperation with Israel and to terminate its recognition of Israel until Israel recognizes the Palestinian Authority as a Palestinian state. The ultimate decision as to whether that policy will be adopted was left with P.A. head Mahmoud Abbas and the PLO Executive Committee. The PLO Central Council has decided in the past that it will cease to recognize Israel and to cease coordination, but Abbas never adopted the decisions. Abbas has been outspoken in his animosity toward Israel in recent months and has rejected any cooperation with the American Middle East negotiation team headed by Jason Greenblatt and senior adviser to U.S. President Donald Trump, Jared Kushner. "You transferred the embassy to Jerusalem, you destroyed the rights of the refugees and UNRWA, and you said that there are only 40,000 refugees," Abbas cried, referring to the United States. "Your house will be destroyed – 40,000 Palestinians? In 1948, 950,000 refugees left Palestine. Today, they are six million. You say 40,000? You only say this to eliminate the refugee problem." Among Abbas' demands is the recognition of all those who fled Israel during the 1948 War of Independence, their children, grandchildren and even great-grandchildren as refugees entitled to Israeli citizenship and lands. However, international law only confers refugee status on those individuals who personally fled countries during war time and does not allow the passage of that status to descendants. Abbas has also rejected various permutations of a Palestinian state, including one in Gaza.

U. of Michigan hosts "pro-BDS" event

Despite the recent wave of anti-Israel incidents at the University of Michigan – and following the deadliest attack on Jews in the history of the United States – the school's Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies held a town-hall program fostering BDS on Oct. 29 featuring advocates of the anti-Israel movement. The event was held 48 hours after a gunman shot and killed 11 Jews in Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha Synagogue in Pittsburgh on the morning of Oct. 27, leaving six others injured. In an e-mail sent to CMENAS faculty and students on Oct. 30, department director Samer Mahdy Ali said the event was organized "on short order in response to the current crisis," and featured 45-minute long "teach-in" portion that "is decidedly pro-BDS." Speakers included Anna

Baltzer, director of organizing and advocacy at the U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights, and Huwaida Arraf, co-founder of the International Solidarity Movement – both professional BDS advocates. The panel was altered on Oct. 26 to include just Arraf, in addition to author Susan Abulhawa and University of Michigan master's student Daniel Kaplan, both of whom have been involved in BDS activism, according to *The Algemeiner*. Moreover, Tom Pessah, an Israeli sociologist who is also a pro-BDS, also served as a panelist.

After UAE success, Israel signs "historic agreement" to host world Judo competitions

Israel has announced the signing of a "historic deal" to host a stage of the World Judo Tour in January 2019 and another prior to the 2024 Olympics, an agreement made just hours after Israeli champion judoka Sagi Muki won a gold medal at the 2018 Abu Dhabi Grand Slam. Israeli Sport and Culture Minister Miri Regev made the agreement alongside International Judo Federation President Marius Vizer and Israel Judo Association Chairman Moshe Ponte after Muki won the medal, which he earned competing under the Israeli flag and accompanied by the Israeli national anthem for the first time in any Gulf country sport competition. In previous events in the country, Israel was allowed to compete under the condition that athletes would not wear or display Israeli flags, and that Israel's national anthem would not be played during medal awarding ceremonies. However, Israel filed a complaint with the International Judo Federation, which warned Abu Dhabi that it would not host more events until all country's athletes were treated equally. "Today has made double history for us, as we have won gold here in Abu Dhabi and our anthem has played, and we have signed a contract to stage our first-ever IJF Grand Prix in Israel," declared Regev. "Everyone is invited to our Grand Prix, including all Arabic countries, and I hope you will all see that our country is a peaceful and loving nation with good food and good people." Muki beat Belgian athlete Matthias Casse to win gold in the under-81 kilogram category at the Abu Dhabi Grand Slam. During the awards ceremony, the announcer told attendees, "Ladies and gentleman, please rise for the national anthem of Israel," after which the "Hatikvah" melody was played. The event also marked the first time an Israeli minister attended a sporting event in a Gulf state. Three Israeli judokas – Gili Cohen, Baruch Shmailov and Timna Nelson Levy – won bronze medals on Oct. 27, the first day of the Abu Dhabi Grand Slam. Regev was given the honor of awarding the medals for one of the categories.

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