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Donor offers matching gift to Federation

By Reporter staff

An anonymous donor has offered to match up to \$10,000 of increased or new gifts committed to the 2019 Campaign of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton.

Commitments for increased or new gifts must be made by Friday, November 30. Federation Executive Director Sima Auerbach said she was thrilled with this offer to help the Jewish community.

"The 2019 Campaign slogan is 'The Front Porch,'" Auerbach said. "Indeed, in many respects, the Federation serves as the front porch of our Jewish home in Broome County. The place where many of the organizations you care about work together and meet to better our community and where people come to share and talk. A few days ago, someone called into the Federation office and said, 'I need to help you.' This wonderful person, who wished to remain anonymous added, 'I will match any gift that is an increase from a previous one or from a

new donor. The Federation is the heart of our community."

Auerbach said, "This is our opportunity to hit the \$300,000 mark for 2019. If you gave \$100 last year, can you give \$136 this year, which means an addition \$72 to our perpetual fund-raising big sack. If you have already made your gift, take a moment and consider adding to it. Call the office. That one minute call can make an enormous difference."

For more information, contact the Federation office at 724-2332 or see the form on page 3.

JCC 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 sponsors 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, at 3 pm, in the JCC auditorium.

For more information regarding the event, tickets or sponsorships, contact the JCC at 724-2417 or visit the JCC website at www.binghamtonjcc.org.

Hillel Academy announces journal honorees

Hillel Academy of Broome County announced that the honorees for its 55th Annual Journal will be Selma Radin and New York state Senator Fred Akshar. Radin will receive the A. M. Pierson Award, while Akshar will receive the N. Theodore Sommer Community Service Award.

Radin was chosen to receive an award named for her late father, A. M. Pierson. "The award is a long-standing testament to her family's love of Hillel Academy," said journal organizers. "Mrs. Radin represents Hillel's past, present and hope for the future. We are deeply grateful for the generations of support the Pierson and Radin family has

bestowed on the children of Hillel Academy."

Organizers noted that "Fred Akshar's commitment to the Southern Tier and its residents dates back over 25 years. From his career in law enforcement to his work in the New York State Senate, Hillel would like to acknowledge the contributions of Mr. Akshar to our community."

The journal brunch will take place on Sunday, December 9, at 11 am, at Temple Israel. For information about the journal, including how to take out an ad, or the brunch, contact Hillel Academy at hillel@stny.rr.com or 304 4544, or visit <http://hillelacademybroomecounty.org/>.

TITC adult ed. talk on "The Jewish 1968" on Nov. 18

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. It was a year in which Communist Poland purged Jews from Polish life and the Soviet



Prof. Jonathan Karp

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 between American Jews and African Americans, "Chosen Surrogates: How Blacks and Jews Transformed Modern American Culture." He is also the editor of numerous volumes. See "Talk" on page 5

Spotlight

BU professor seeks to save the Judeo-Spanish language

By Rabbi Rachel Esserman

Scholars from North and South America joined those from Europe and the Middle East in Jerusalem during October as part of a three-day conference to discuss ways to document, preserve and revitalize the Ladino language. At the conference was Bryan Kirschen, assistant professor of Hispanic linguistics at Binghamton University, who also serves as the director of the National Authority of Ladino's *shadarim* delegation.

Kirschen noted in an e-mail interview that the language under discussion has usually been called Ladino, but he prefers the name Judeo-Spanish for several reasons. "First, it demonstrates the hybrid nature of the language: that which is Jewish and that which is Spanish," he said. "Second,

the term encompasses different varieties of the language (such as those from Turkey, the Balkans and North Africa)."

These two terms, however, are not the only way to refer to the language. "Communities throughout the Sephardic Diaspora have utilized an array of terms for the language," he added. "For many, the language was just a form of Spanish (Spanyol, Spanyolit, Muestro Spanyol) and, to others, it was a 'Jewish' language (Djudio, Djidio, Djudezmo). The term Ladino is actually used most commonly today, so I often use it, as well."

Judeo-Spanish was not spoken in



Bryan Kirschen

Kirschen's childhood home. "I didn't grow up with the language," he said. "Growing up I took Hebrew classes — at Hebrew school and then in high school. I learned some Yiddish words from my mom and my bubbe. I have always been interested in languages and took several years of Spanish and Arabic in college. A professor recommended I might be interested in Ladino. The rest is history."

Kirschen noted that the conference in Jerusalem was an "exciting experience," particularly the opportunity to meet with, and learn from, those working in the field. "While the communities we represent are

different in several respects, many of the projects we are working on are similar," he noted. "Given the (endangered) status of the language, learning from one another is pivotal. The purpose of our (first) assembly was to learn what has worked and what has not worked in the past, as well as current initiatives taking place. Each *shadar* (representative) brings different skills and experience to the table. Collaborating with each other based on these abilities will play an important role in the development of future projects."

Those attending the conference are working with two communities, he said: "Those within the Sephardic realm and those outside of it. That is, we want to See "Language" on page 6

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The Front Porch and a matching grant

SIMA AUERBACH

The 2019 Campaign slogan is “The Front Porch.” Indeed, in many respects, the Federation serves as the front porch of our Jewish home in Broome County, the place where many of the organizations you care about work together and meet to better our community, and where people come to share and to talk. A few days ago, someone called the Federation office and said, “I want to help.” This wonderful person, who wishes to remain anonymous, added, “I will match any gift that is an increase to a previous one or from a new donor. The Federation is the heart of the community.”

If you or someone you know exercises at the JCC, or has a child or grandchild receiving a book each month from the PJ Library, or reads the local and international Jewish news weekly in our excellent *Reporter*, you know us. If you have had a child educated at a Jewish day school, or have called

upon the Community Relations Committee to respond to an antisemitic act, or know that someone is helped with financial assistance or a holiday food package from JFS, then you know what the Federation helps support. And you may understand how important your contribution is to the Jewish Federation’s annual Campaign. We (you) help support all these programs, and also the Jewish Film Festival, arts programs, the Holocaust Memorial Remembrance, the Federation Day of Caring, the community Hanukkah celebrations, the College of Jewish Studies, the community *mikvah* located at Beth David Synagogue and other annual programs. You may look back at your life in our town and remember many of these events enriching your Yiddishkeit. The Federation’s job is to put the community into Jewish community.

Most of the money donated to the Federation works right

here in Binghamton to maintain the unique and diverse Jewish environment we share.

So, again, we hope for your commitment with a some extra to be matched. Every gift makes a difference. People move away, lives sadly pass and move on. We depend on a smaller number of people every year, it seems. Thank you for your generosity. And, if, on second thought, you just happen to decide that you can reasonably add more to your pledge this year, it will be very, very welcome! *Help us maximize this generous offer.*

There’s “a promise for 2019” slip on page 3 of this paper. Please fill it out and send it back to us. Commitments for increased or new gifts must be made by Friday, November 30. Our goal is \$300,000 to keep our Jewish community whole. We cannot do it without you. You make what we do possible!

Yes, antisemitism is a problem again and no, it is not 1939

By Andrew Silow-Carroll

(JTA) – My father, whose own father changed his unpronounceable last name to Carroll when he came to America, would often tell a story about job hunting in the late 1940s and ‘50s. It was only after the interview that the men across the desk would ask, “And all we need now is a recommendation from your clergyman.”

“I know what you are asking,” Dad would tell them. “And yes I’m Jewish.” He suspects he lost out on a lot of jobs, although somehow he became what he thinks was the first Jewish high school principal on Long Island.

My mother enlisted in the Navy during World War II under the name “Naomi Green.” Why not Greenberg, her maiden name?

“You can’t be too careful,” she’d say.

Ambiguous last names and tales of casual slights may be the most benign legacies of the institutionalized American antisemitism of the last century, but they show how pervasive bigotry was and how insecure Jews felt in this country. Also familiar are stories of college quotas, “restricted” clubs and neighborhoods, beatings at the hands of neighborhood thugs and the

broadcasts of demagogues like Father Coughlin, railing against an international Jewish banker conspiracy. Prior to World War II, Jews were blocked from entire industries, and antisemitism “manifested itself at every level of society and across the country,” the Princeton historian Julian Zelizer wrote recently.

It’s important to recall that history in the wake of the horror in Pittsburgh, where 11 Jews were gunned down in synagogue by a loner drunk on anti-immigrant and antisemitic propaganda. The shooting has inspired a spate of “It can – and did – happen here” essays and reporting, suggesting that Jews are learning that their safety is an illusion, and that the antisemitism that had seemed to lie dormant has erupted again, like a chronic disease.

There is a lot of truth to that perception. You don’t need a study to remind you about the toxic sludge that regularly pours forth from the Internet and social media. The “alt-right” puts Jews at the center of its master narrative of white nationalism under threat. The idea of a “Great Replacement” – that people of color are displacing the white race, aided and abetted by Jewish liberals like George Soros – has made the leap from

the Charlottesville march to the political mainstream. Despite having Jewish grandchildren, the president often appears loath to separate himself from some of the ghouls who believe this stuff. And whether that’s because he believes it himself or is constitutionally unable to reject the support of a single voter, it doesn’t really matter.

College campuses have seen anti-Israelism shade too often into anti-Judaism. We saw it recently when some pro-Palestinian activists asked Jews in mourning to account for Palestinian suffering.

But it is important to note that despite all these ominous signs, the lived experience of American Jews is not one of fear and vulnerability, certainly when you compare it to 50 and 100 years ago, and even if you don’t. That’s what made the Pittsburgh attack doubly shocking – it is simply not the daily experience of American Jews to feel under physical threat. That is not because they are deluded or complacent. It is because Jews are at home in America, and the vast majority do not experience antisemitism as a functional or impeding factor in their lives.

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In My Own Words

Denial, hurt, anger and sorrow

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

My first reaction was denial. I wasn’t feeling well on October 27, so much so that I left family services early. Once home, I headed to my reclining chair with a hot compress for my headache and a heat pack on my chest to calm my upset stomach. My brain didn’t want to absorb any bad news until the rest of me felt better.

However, it soon became impossible to ignore the shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. The TV was flooded with news about the event and, when I got on the computer the next day (I don’t use the computer on Shabbat), the Internet and my e-mail were filled with articles and statements from a wide variety of sources. Somehow, though, it still didn’t seem real, or maybe I was too numb from the other shooting events that have occurred over the past few years. It was that evening when I was listening to music that the reality started to seep through my defenses: Youtube reminded me of Joan Baez’ version of “The President Sang Amazing Grace,” which speaks of when former President Barak Obama sang “Amazing Grace” at the funeral for Rev. Clementa Pinckney after the

2015 shooting at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church. The reminder of that senseless shooting and how these shootings continue made my soul hurt.

That’s why I couldn’t avoid anger – not so much at the deluded fool who believed that Jews are responsible for the world’s evil – but at those who refuse to acknowledge that we have become a society where it’s OK to express your hate not only in words, but in deed. There were calls for the death penalty, as though the thought of death has ever stopped those who believe they are protecting our country by killing anyone with whom they disagree. Some blamed the victims for not having more security, but, if four police officers were injured trying to stop the attacker, what would a security guard have been able to do but join the list of those who died? Others said the media was at fault, calling them “the real enemy,” rather than blaming those who preach antisemitism and anti-immigrant messages – who offer words that can trigger hateful deeds in people unable to understand that murder is *not* acceptable.

But then came deep sorrow, which didn’t arrive until our community gathered for the vigil on October 29. Until then, my brain was still shielding me from feeling what had happened – and what it meant to the larger community. I picked a reading I thought was appropriate, but it was not until looking at the words again while waiting for my turn to speak that sorrow flooded me. My reading was called “Prayer for Terror Survivors” by Alden Solovy (written in 2013, but unfortunately still relevant now). What phrases finally got under my skin and made me wonder if I would be able to read without crying? “Blessed are those who forgive. Blessed are those who cannot forgive.” How do we forgive what is happening in our country?

I would like to say this is the last vigil I’ll have to attend, but I’d only be deluding myself. There have been too many – far too many – over the past few years. People filled with hate are willing to risk their own lives to destroy those with whom they disagree. The worst part is that they are usually filled with righteous zeal. And that thought truly hurts my soul and fills my heart with sorrow.



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Film series on antisemitism to take place in Ithaca

The Ithaca Coalition for Unity and Cooperation in the Middle East will hold a film series about "Antisemitism around the World." The series will open on Tuesday, November 27, with "Crossing the Line 2: the New Face of Antisemitism on Campus." The film will be followed by a panel of Cornell University and Ithaca College students talking about their experiences. The event will take place at Cinemapolis, 120 E. Green St., Ithaca, at 7 pm, and is free to the public.

"The horrific attack on a synagogue in Pittsburgh was not an isolated event," said film series organizers. "Antisemitic incidents in the U.S. rose nearly 60 percent in 2017, the largest single-year increase on record, and Jews were the targets of more than 60 percent of the religious hate crimes in the U.S., despite Jews being only 2 percent of

the population. Campus antisemitic incidents have nearly doubled, two years in a row. Why the rise, and what does it mean for society at large?"

"Crossing the Line" will be preceded by a video from Ayaan Hirsi Ali, a Somali-born activist. Hirsi Ali is an advocate for the rights and self-determination of Muslim women and the founder of the AHA Foundation, which works in defense of women's rights. She is a former member of the Dutch parliament, was named by Time Magazine in 2005 as one of the world's 100 most influential people, and has received numerous prizes for her human rights work.

ICUCME's film series on antisemitism will also address the debate about where the boundary lies between criticism of Israel and antisemitism. In 1968, Martin Luther

King Jr. said, "When people criticize Zionists, they mean Jews. You're talking antisemitism." The series will look at whether King's statement still holds true today.

The next two films in the ICUCME film series, beginning with "Antisemitism in the Middle East Today," will be screened in the spring.

ICUCME is a grass-roots anti-racist community organization working to bring a constructive approach into dialogue about Israel and the Greater Middle East. As a non-partisan organization, ICUCME seek to embrace fact-based, respectful dialogue, mutual recognition and cooperation to promote understanding and support peace in the region.

For more information about ICUCME, visit <https://icu-cme.org>.

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 were 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.

Talk on gap year in Israel at BD luncheon 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 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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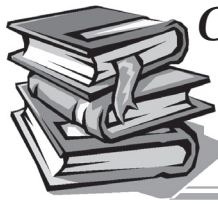
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Off the Shelf

A reality cooking show in Israel

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

I'm tempted to start this review with a recipe: take one helping of a reality show, add a cup of a cooking competition and combine the results with fake terrorists and then real terrorists, before sauteing the mixture with several mysterious characters. The result is an unusual novel that's part mystery and part farce. Jeff Oliver, the author of "The Two-Plate Solution" (Bancroft Press), accurately calls his work "a novel of culinary mayhem in the Middle East."

Although I'm not a fan of reality shows, I do love cooking shows and Oliver's combination of the two genres – the show is called "National Dish-aster: The Chosen Season" – can be laugh out loud funny. Sara Sinek, co-executive producer and second in command, believes the show is going to be a hot mess. She can't help but wonder, "Who shoots a reality TV cooking competition in Israel while under the imminent threat of a terrorist attack?" Unlike Sara, the cast is enjoying its time in Eilat, at least when they're not filming emotional scenes at the house they share (tears and fights make for better ratings) or performing dangerous stunts during the cooking competition part of the show. One such stunt introduces Sara to Ruti, a female medic who thinks Sara and everyone involved with "National Dish-aster" are idiots.

An additional element is added to the competition when real terrorists capture part of the cast and crew. A deal is made: the terrorists plan to let everyone go in several days (when their escape plans will come to fruition) if those involved with the show will not try to flee. However, for this to work, the terrorists must compete in the cooking competition. Chaos and comedy ensue as two teams form: professional chefs vs. terrorists. Not only do love affairs blossom between cast members and terrorists, but Sara and Ruti explore their own attraction.

Readers learn the history of several characters, but the question then becomes, has the whole and unvarnished truth been revealed?

Some of my favorite parts of "The Two-Plate Solution" offer behind the scenes looks at cooking shows. For example, the author notes that "there is a specific way that judges are supposed to eat a dish on-camera during a culinary competition. They are to look into the eyes of the chef and frown; they are to take a small forkful that contains many of the flavors; they are to chew lightly and dab the corners of their mouths after every bite, sip some water, and then frown, even if they are to deliver good news." The competitions get stranger and stranger, although some are reminiscent of the Food Network's "Cutthroat Kitchen" (Oliver's biography mentioned he developed the series), but taken to a death-defying extreme.

The portrayal of the reality show is also funny. Not only is the cast manipulated to create more drama, but cast members happily participate in creating emotional moments. One example is a scene between two women who both dated the same man: "On this particular evening, Clora needed to confront Tanya about hooking up with Brandon... It was an important story-beat to grab because extra footage of the season-long rivalry between Clora and Tanya had been requested by the Network. So they needed that. After that, the girls could go back to whatever the hell they wanted to do." The two women are not only willing, but create a better scene than expected: a physical fight rather than a verbal disagreement.

The real fun comes, though, from the double and triple plot twists that may, or may not, have to do with the reality show and cooking competition. Even as characters reveal their stories, it's difficult to know who's telling the truth and whose story just sounds convincing. The final plot twist

came as a complete surprise and the novel's conclusion had some interesting and funny touches. "The Two-Plate Solution" serves as a welcome change of pace from more serious works about the Middle East.



Mailbox Shorts

Martha Rosler exhibit

The Jewish Museum in New York City will hold the exhibit "Martha Rosler: Irrespective" until March 3. The survey exhibit focuses on artist Martha Rosler in the context of a decades-long practice that continues to evolve and respond to the shifting contours of political life. Feminism, inequality, consumerism, war and gentrification, among other issues, have been constant themes for Rosler. From her feminist photomontages of the 1960s and 1970s to her recent large-scale installations, Rosler's work includes photography, sculpture, installation and video.

This exhibit is the artist's first survey one for many years in her native New York and will feature well-known, as well as rarely seen, works from 1965 to the present. Included are a number of installations from across the span of her career, in addition to selections from her ongoing photographic series and works on video.

For more information, visit <https://thejewishmuseum.org/index.php/exhibitions/martha-rosler-irrespective> or contact the museum at info@thejm.org or 212-423-3200.

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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

Beth David Sisterhood will hold its annual paid-up dinner meeting on Wednesday, November 14, at 6:30 pm, at the synagogue.

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Those who choose not to become a member of Sisterhood may still join in the festivities for a \$10 fee for the dinner.

To secure a place at the event, contact Marlene Serkin at mserkin@stny.rr.com or 729-3235. Reservations are requested.

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-

torations 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.

CJS held fall 2018 programs



Mark Rudd spoke on "Why Were There so Many Jews in SDS? Reflections on SDS, Columbia Protest, and the New Left" at a CJS program on October 11.



At left: Dick Flacks talked about "Making History/Making Blintzes" on October 25 at a CJS event.



At right: Mickey Flacks discussed "Making History/Making Blintzes" on October 25 at a CJS event.



L-r: Beverly Rozen and Marti Klionsky spoke with Mark Rudd after his CJS talk on October 11.



A discussion followed Mark Rudd's CJS talk on October 11.



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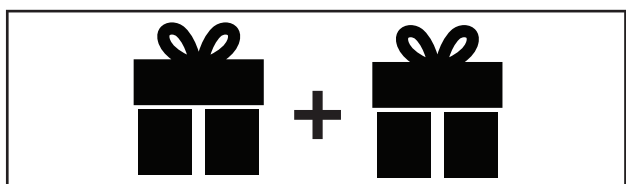
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– most recently "The Cambridge History of Judaism in the Early Modern World" (2017), with Adam Sutcliffe, and "World War I and the Jews" (2017) with Marsha L. Rozenblit. From 2010-13, he served as executive director of the American Jewish Historical Society and is currently chairman of the Binghamton University Faculty Senate.

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SodaStream cleans up floating trash collection near Honduras

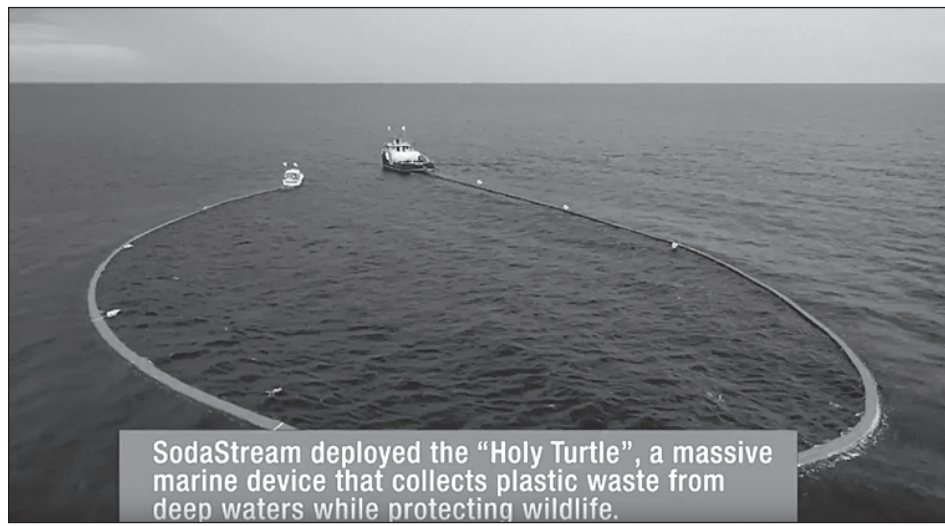
By JNS staff

(JNS) – Israeli startup superstar and home-based soda-device-maker SodaStream announced on October 22 that it has sent a delegation to the coast of Honduras to clean up a massive collection of floating trash off of Roatán.

CEO Daniel Birnbaum said the “Holy Turtle” – a 1,000-foot-long device towed by ship and purchased from an American company – has already been dispatched off the Roatán coast along with 150 SodaStream executives from 45 countries. Cleanup procedures will be witnessed by local Honduran officials, schoolchildren and officials from the Plastic Soup Foundation, which works to clean plastics out of the world’s oceans.

“We can’t clean up all the plastic waste on the planet, but we each need to do whatever we can,” Birnbaum said in a statement.

According to SodaStream, the project was inspired by a 2017 BBC documentary about the trash off of the coast of Honduras. Junk cleaned from the water will be turned into an art installation dedicated to “reducing



SodaStream deployed the “Holy Turtle”, a massive marine device that collects plastic waste from deep waters while protecting wildlife.

SodaStream’s “Holy Turtle” in action off the coast of Honduras. (Photo source: Screenshot)

consumption of single use plastic in all forms, including plastic cups, straws, bags and bottles.”

In the past, SodaStream has partnered with the Israel

Union for Environmental Defense to raise awareness and combat plastic pollution, and joined with an organization called Trees for the Future to plant thousands of trees in Brazil.

SodaStream was singled out for a targeted campaign by the Boycott Divest and Sanction movement, which attacked the company for creating the soda machines and accessories in Mishor Adumim, a Jewish community located in Judea, an area they say belongs exclusively to Palestinians. BDS urged consumers not to buy SodaStream products, despite the fact that of their 1,300 employees, only 350 were Israeli Jews; another 450 were Israeli Arabs and 500 Palestinian Authority Arabs. In 2016, the pressure against SodaStream and its spokeswoman, actress Scarlett Johansson, resulted in the closing of the plant and all the Palestinian Authority workers losing their

jobs. SodaStream subsequently moved its facility to the Bedouin town of Rahat in the Negev Desert, where it hired hundreds of new employees, including local Bedouins.

Language.....

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make sure that Sephardim (speakers, semi-speakers and non-speakers of Judeo-Spanish) have easy access to resources in and on the language. There is also a growing amount of interest among non-Sephardim – both Jewish and non-Jewish. One of our goals will be to create pedagogical materials for this group to learn the language and have a way to connect with its speakers. Each *shadar* will serve as an ambassador of sorts to disseminate information about the language.”

Kirschen sees a connection between those trying to save Judeo-Spanish and those seeking to increase interest in Yiddish. “The more we can learn from one another, the better,” he said. “Despite many similarities, these two languages have important differences in regard to vitality. In my case, as in so many others, Yiddish was not passed down within the family. However, in ultra-Orthodox communities, Yiddish is still a mother tongue. Children speak the language fluently. Sephardim have not preserved Judeo-Spanish in this way even though, in practice, Sephardic congregations are all Orthodox.”

He also believes that studying Judeo-Spanish “greatly enriches our understanding of Jewish history and culture. Aside from my linguistic interest in the language, I was able to learn about a part of the Jewish experience that was seldom taught or discussed in school or at synagogue. In many places, the narrative of the Jews is focused on the

Ashkenazi experience. While this may be understandable given the fact that they represent the majority of Jews worldwide, they are not the only ones. There are so many important things we can learn from one another.”

According to Kirschen, many Ashkenazi Jews are unfamiliar with Sephardic history. “Many are still unaware that entire communities of Sephardim were killed in the Holocaust,” he said. “Others do not realize that Jews (Sephardim) lived in relative peace among Muslims in the Ottoman Empire years after they were expelled from Spain and Portugal by the Catholic monarchs. With this lack of understanding, it is not a surprise that many Sephardim recount stories about past difficulties when marrying Ashkenazim – the former name their children after the living, the latter don’t. Of course, before any such ‘intermarriage’ took place, Ashkenazim, at least in the United States, did not realize that you could still be Jewish even if you didn’t speak Yiddish. Fortunately, I see a growing number of cultural, historical and pedagogical events that attempt to bridge the gap between different (Jewish) walks of life.”

One of the best part of his studies is meeting and learning from native Judeo-Spanish speakers. “My encounters with Judeo-Spanish-speaking Sephardim have been some of the most gratifying experiences I have ever had,” Kirschen said. “While I am interested in the language, culture and

history of the Sephardim, many of these speakers have become friends. I remember one evening, when I lived in Los Angeles, I took an Uber to meet with a Sephardic man who I knew for several years. While in the car, the driver asked me who was I going to meet. I told him a friend. The driver told me how he was new to the area and was still trying to meet people his age. I told him, ‘Well, my friend is about 92 years old.’ I didn’t think anything of it until the driver looked at me for a brief moment and said, ‘Wow, that’s really nice of you to make time for him.’ I thought about his comment and reflected on it afterward. I really think that I am the lucky one.”

The reason Kirschen considers himself lucky is that those he’s interviewed have offered him a different way of seeing the world. “I get to interact with people who have generations of experience – who have seen things I have never seen (both good and bad),” he noted. “They make you appreciate the small things in life and the importance of counting your blessings. And for those who speak to me in Judeo-Spanish, they are not only sharing stories with me, but actively and instantaneously recalling a language that represents a different generation, one far removed, yet still alive.”

Kirschen noted that anyone “interested in learning un pokitiko (a bisel) more about the language” can follow him on Twitter @LadinoLinguist.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

What to ask your doctor about Parkinson’s disease

(StatePoint) – Talking to your doctor about any health concern can be tough, particularly when symptoms catch you by surprise or cause concern. And when it comes to Parkinson’s disease, experts say there are many symptoms that often go unreported at doctor’s appointments, making them difficult to diagnose and treat.

For example, many people are aware of visible symptoms associated with Parkinson’s, like resting tremors and loss of balance. However, more than half of people living with

Parkinson’s also experience a lesser known aspect of the disease – hallucinations and delusions.

“Over time, these symptoms may increase in frequency or become bothersome, as a person with Parkinson’s becomes less able to distinguish between what is real and what’s not. Fortunately, these symptoms often can be addressed,” says Neal Hermanowicz, M.D., director of the Parkinson’s Disease and Movement Disorders Program at the University of California, Irvine.

To help you prepare for your appointment with a Parkinson’s specialist, Hermanowicz says to consider the following statements, and if they apply to you, to tell your doctor at your next appointment.

- ◆ I sometimes feel out of touch with reality.
- ◆ Others tell me that what I am hearing, seeing or sensing (e.g., people, animals or objects) are not actually there (hallucinations).
- ◆ I have beliefs or fears that a loved one (perhaps a spouse, caregiver or friend) is stealing from me or being unfaithful (delusions).

Hermanowicz also suggests that caregivers prepare for the next appointment by considering the following statements and speaking to their loved one’s Parkinson’s specialist if any of them apply.

- ◆ I have observed my loved one interacting with things, seeing things or sensing things that are not there (hallucinations).
- ◆ My loved one has had false beliefs toward me or others, such as believing someone is stealing from them or being unfaithful (delusions).
- ◆ These experiences have affected our daily life.

Learn more about hallucinations and delusions associated with Parkinson’s, and download resources that will help initiate these conversations, at MoretoParkinsons.com.

If you or someone you care for is experiencing these symptoms, you are not alone and you may be able to get help. Talk to a Parkinson’s specialist to learn more about available treatment options. Be prepared for your next appointment by ensuring the conversation first starts at home.



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Hundreds attended Mega Challah Bake

Hundreds of students and community members of all ages came out to join in the October 25 Mega Challah Bake at Binghamton University sponsored by Chabad and co-sponsored by all of the area synagogues and women's groups, as well as Greek groups and various clubs on campus.

The Mega Challah Bake was timed to coordinate with the International Shabbat Project and was one of a few hundred such bakes held around the world. Participants mixed the pre-measured ingredients, kneaded the dough and shaped two challahs, one to keep and one to share with someone else.

Participants also enjoyed a smorgasbord of challah varieties, dips and various sauces.



BU students Idan Greenstein and Molly Singer.



Community members at the Mega Challah Bake included Brenda Schlaen Friedman with her daughters Ellie and Zoe, Elissa Brown and the Kweller family.



The group showed off their challah prior to baking.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

What millennials need to know about healthful eating

(NAPSI) - The number of millennials in America - more than 83 million - surpassed that of baby boomers for the first time last year. If you or someone you care about is a millennial - born in the 1980s or '90s - here's some food for thought from www.egglandsbest.com.

Millennials are interested in living a healthy lifestyle and define healthy as a daily commitment to eating right. Rather than rely on supplements, they value a

natural foods approach to nutrition. Unlike boomers and Gen Xers, millennials say they want to lose weight not for the sake of appearance, but for general health and well-being.

Millennials tend to like exotic flavors and be more adventurous in the kinds of food they'll eat, compared to previous generations. They generally enjoy good health except for three issues.

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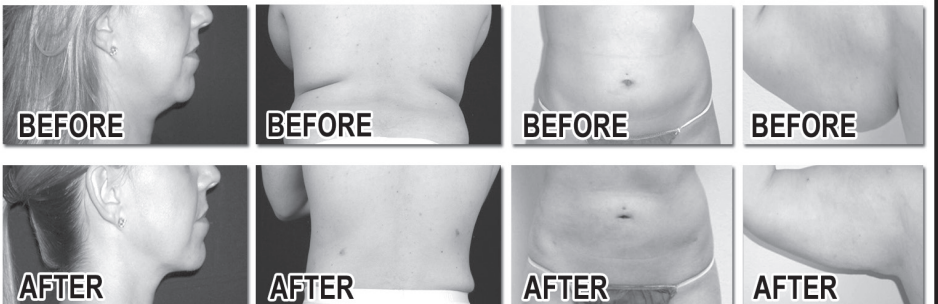
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Perhaps the leading indicator of this is the rate at which Jews marry non-Jews – more than 70 percent according to recent numbers. That is not only a sign of wide acceptance, but it also means that Jews are woven into the family trees of more and more people of different faiths. You might be inclined to argue that Trump proves how slender a reed that argument is, but even in his case reports suggest that, after Pittsburgh, Jared and Ivanka guided him to do and say the right things. At the very least, Trump finds it important to clarify that he is “the least antisemitic person that you’ve ever seen in your entire life.”

In the reporting around Pittsburgh, many have noted the Anti-Defamation League’s report of a 57 percent rise in acts of antisemitism in 2017. That comes to 1,986 acts in 2017, compared to 942 in 2015 and 1,267 in 2016. The trend is alarming, and every threat or act of violence is one too many. But that statistic also includes more than 160 bomb threats sent to Jewish Community Centers and other institutions by a disturbed young Jewish man living in Israel. Those threats were deeply unsettling and sure felt like antisemitism, but his acts shouldn’t be included when talking about a trend.

I don’t mean to trivialize the hatred expressed when someone scrawls a swastika, or retweets a vicious anti-Jewish meme, or spews bile at a Jewish journalist. Recent attacks on Orthodox Jewish men in Brooklyn were despicable. The demonization of George Soros is ominous. The Pittsburgh massacre has shattered the illusion that our synagogues are havens from an ugly, dangerous world.

But we shouldn’t grant more power to the hate-mongers than they deserve. The coast-to-coast gestures of solidarity and acts of kindness that followed the Pittsburgh massacre are far more typical of America than the acts of a deranged subculture. The Pittsburgh massacre is not a sign that Jews

have lost their bargain with America, but that hatred by a disgruntled and alienated minority has been encouraged and allowed to fester – by cynical politicians, by feckless social media companies, by apologists who are willing to condone bigotry so long as it is directed at groups they don’t like.

Often when I raise this issue, someone will ask, “But what about Europe?” Jews in many European countries feel under siege, both from a resurgent right and from Islamists. Jews in Belgium and Paris were targets of vicious antisemitic terrorism in recent years. European Jews will tell you that if they don’t yet plan to emigrate to Israel, they are keeping a bag packed. Or they’ll say that they don’t dare wear their yarmulkes on the street.

But that’s the point: The United States is not Europe. American Jews don’t live their lives that way. America has not broken its promise, and saying so is a misdirection. If you throw up your hands and say “it’s 1939 all over again,” if you tell your own story as one of siege and constant threat, you might reach for the very worst remedies. You’ll overlook the advantages, political and cultural, that actually give you the power to fight not just antisemitism, but bigotry in all its forms. For example, perhaps what we can offer Jews in Europe is the American example of embracing diversity – and suggest that America has flourished because it encourages the integration of people of different faiths and colors and national origins.

If antisemitism is a chronic disease, it is one that we can fight whenever it erupts. But that means looking for the right treatment. Fatalism is not the cure.

Andrew Silow-Carroll is the editor-in-chief of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

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Art exhibit on climate change

The exhibit “TERRA inFIRMA” will be on view until June 28 at the Dr. Bernard Heller Museum at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The exhibit focuses on climate change and global warming through the lens of Jewish values and contemporary social activism. The works of the 65 international artists featured in this exhibit seek to express their concern by sharing their responses to a broad range of environmental challenges.

The devastation caused by water and by flooding is evoked in a number of works, including images of a submerged Manhattan by Aileen Bassis and David Newman, Mark Berghash’s algae-ridden Central Park ponds, melting glaciers in works by Marcia Clark and Tobi Kahn, polluted seas depicted by Dorit Jordan Dotan and Paul Weissman, and Tamar Hirschl’s and Barbara Hines’ apocalyptic works. Destruction by wildfires are chronicled by Pat Berger and Noah Berger, while Jeffrey Brosk utilizes a fragment of a charred tree from such fires as the material for his sculpture. Other artists employ the earth’s natural and polluted materials for the creation of work, including Gorgos Giotsas’ use of tree resins and twigs, John Sabraw’s use of toxic acid from abandoned coal mines, and Jeffrey Schrier’s use of wasp nests from the Indian Point Power Plant vicinity.

For more information, visit <http://huc.edu/research/museums/dr-bernard-heller-museum-in-new-york/current-exhibitions> or contact the museum at museumnyc@huc.edu or 212-824-2218.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Maintaining your leg health

By Kenneth J. McLeod

Why do so many people suffer from problems with their feet and legs? Swollen feet and ankles, nighttime leg cramps, restless leg syndrome, varicose veins, non-healing lower leg ulcers and loss of sensation in the toes are all common among middle-aged and older adults.

Blame our upright posture, gravity and our

soft skin. While some animals are as tall, or taller, than humans (i.e.: ostriches, giraffes, horses and elephants) all of them have very tough skin on their legs. In comparison, people have remarkably soft skin. When we are sitting or standing quietly, gravity is pulling the fluids in our body down into our legs, and because our skin is so soft, it stretches, allowing fluid to pool into our feet and legs

as long as we continue to sit or stand.

Blood pooling into the veins of the legs is one of the most common symptoms and often first occurs at a relatively young age. Venous pooling first appears as spider veins, then progresses over time to varicose veins. If not corrected, varicose veins can lead to venous insufficiency, a condition which can be very painful, and even dangerous, if it results in the formation of a venous embolism (blood clot). Fluid pooling into the soft tissues of our legs (muscles, ligaments, tendons and dermis) results in swollen feet and ankles, and can lead to aching joints and nighttime leg cramps. The increased fluid pressure in the feet and legs also constricts blood flow to the nerves, causing loss of sensation, typically starting in the toes.

What normally prevents fluid pooling into the legs are our “secondary hearts.” The “secondary hearts” are the soleus muscles in the calf of the legs. These specialized muscles collect the fluid that pools down in the legs and pumps this fluid back up to the heart. The soleus muscles are postural muscles, which are normally used to help us maintain a squatting posture. Our ancestors squatted much of the day, and in doing so kept their soleus muscles in good shape. In the modern world we tend to sit, instead of


squatting, when we rest, and so as we age our soleus muscles lose their pumping ability.

You can train your soleus muscles back up by regularly performing squatting exercises or other postural muscle exercise routines such as Tai Chi. Alternatively, “passive exercise” devices have recently become available that can activate the soleus muscles without you actually having to exercise. You just need to place your feet on the device while you are sitting, and the device stimulates a reflex that causes the soleus muscles to contract. You can read, work on a computer, watch videos, or do any other seated task while training up your “secondary hearts.” One to two hours per day of “passive exercise” is generally sufficient to get your “secondary hearts” back in shape in several months.

Feet and leg health complications have a severe impact on quality of life, but such complications can easily be prevented by maintaining your “secondary hearts.” Whichever “secondary hearts” training strategy you select, make an effort to exercise each day to maintain not only the health of your feet and legs, but whole body health as well.

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In this Argentine film, a Holocaust survivor leaves home to find the man who saved him in WWII

By Curt Schleier

(JTA) – When the Argentine-Jewish filmmaker Pablo Solarz was 5 or 6 years old, he asked his grandfather if he was Polish. On the phone recently, in heavily accented English, he described his grandfather’s reaction. “He gave me a very dead face,” Solarz recalled. “My father said that [Polish] is a very bad word, and I don’t want to [talk about] it with my grandfather again. My grandfather never wanted to talk about his life in Poland.”

Solarz’s grandfather didn’t spend time in a Nazi concentration camp, but he left his native Poland in the 1930s as conditions worsened for Jews. He settled in Buenos Aires and, over time, heard stories from the local Jewish community and the occasional news report about survivors who wanted to return to their roots and thank Righteous



Manuel Angel Sola appears in a scene from “The Last Suit.” (Photo by Outsider Pictures)

Gentiles who saved their lives.

That return narrative became the genesis of Solarz’s “The Last Suit,” a Jewish film festival favorite that opened in New York City and Los Angeles prior to a wider national release. The film tells the story of Abraham Bursztein, a Holocaust survivor who leaves Argentina to find his savior, who hid him in a basement following World War II. Bursztein is played by Miguel Angel Sola, an Argentine actor whose career dates back to the 1970s.

In the film, Bursztein is on his last legs, almost literally. One of them, which he nicknames “tsores,” or “troubles” in Yiddish – may need to be amputated. Meanwhile, his family wants to put him into a retirement home, sell his house and divide up his things. While cleaning out his closet, a maid discovers a suit that Bursztein, a tailor, made to fulfill a pledge to the boy who saved his life after the war. Without telling anyone, Bursztein buys a ticket to Europe to find him.

Bursztein is a humorously stubborn curmudgeon, yet strangers on his journey – it includes stops in Madrid and Paris – ignore his often nasty behavior to befriend and help him. It’s a tribute to Sola’s nuanced performance: He somehow convinces those around him that there’s more to him than the surface bluster. There’s also his tearjerker story that makes it hard to hate him.

In flashbacks we see the immediate aftermath of the war and a young, gaunt Bursztein struggling to walk while trying to reach his family’s home in Lodz – only to find himself turned away by its occupant, a former employee at his father’s business. But the man’s son, a former friend of Bursztein, defies his dad and takes Bursztein into a basement room and nurses him back to health.

This is the man Bursztein now seeks, not knowing whether he is still alive 70 years later or even if the neighborhood still exists.



Pablo Solarz, right, wrote and directed “The Last Suit.” He is pictured with actor Manuel Angel Sola. (Photo by Outsider Pictures)

The film is affecting, but not perfect. Bursztein’s daughter Gail had fled to Madrid a decade ago, when the pair became estranged. In need of cash, he visits her, but it is unclear why he let her go in the first place, or how he can so easily ignore the granddaughter he sees on a staircase, but has never met. Gail has her father’s concentration camp number tattooed on her arm to keep his memory alive, but even that does not move him to seek a rapprochement. The plot line raises too many unanswered questions and slows the film.

Making the film changed his life, Solarz told JTA. Growing up, he learned about Polish figures such as Chopin and Paderewski and could not understand his grandfather’s See “Film” on page 11

HEALTH & WELLNESS

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1. The obesity issue: Millennials are the first generation to be affected by the childhood obesity epidemic. According to the experts at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, obesity has more than doubled in children and quadrupled in adolescents in the past 30 years. In addition, millennials’ tendency to go for convenience foods and to follow the latest food trends can exacerbate that. Then, there’s what they drink. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reports that more than a third of college students consume at least one can or bottle of soda per day, while a Gallup poll found 20-somethings more likely to drink alcohol regularly than do older generations.

2. Meeting nutritional needs: Surveys show millennials can be at risk for a number of vitamin and mineral deficiencies – and that could affect their health for the rest of their lives. In particular, many are not getting enough fiber, vitamins A, E and K, magnesium, iodine and potassium. Often, millennials are at risk for deficiency in vitamin B6, vitamin B12 and vitamin C, too. In addition, young women may have difficulty meeting the dietary requirements for calcium, vitamin D and iron. Moreover, some 10 percent of young women have low body iron.

3. Founding families: Many millennials are reaching an age when they’re thinking about starting families. It’s important for all women in their childbearing years to eat a healthy diet, with particular care to consuming enough folate and iron. Yet nearly a quarter of women have a folate status lower than necessary to prevent birth defects. Other

nutrients of particular importance during pregnancy include zinc, iodine, choline, DHA, and vitamins D, B6 and B12.

A number of these young people have discovered a convenient and easy way to get many of the nutrients they need: by eating eggs. Eggs are an all-natural source of protein and a number of other nutrients, all for only about 70 calories an egg. Millennials should talk to their doctor about any health and nutritional concerns.

Did you know?

(NAPSA) – People being treated for kidney disease, among others, may be at risk for hyperkalemia, or high potassium levels. Learn more from the National Kidney Foundation at www.kidney.org/atoz/content/what-hyperkalemia.



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Toldot, Genesis 25:19-28:9

The value of salt

RABBI ZALMAN CHEIN, EDUCATION COORDINATOR, CHABAD OF BINGHAMTON

In this week's Torah portion, Toldot, we meet the long-awaited children of our patriarch Isaac and matriarch Rebecca. The Torah tells us of Rebecca's pregnancy and the birth of twin brothers Jacob and Esau, and then describes each of them as they matured: "And the youths grew up, and Esau was a man who understood hunting, a man of the field, whereas Jacob was a wholesome man, dwelling in tents. And Isaac loved Esau because [his] game was in his mouth, but Rebecca loved Jacob." (Genesis 25:26-27)

Rashi (Rabbi Shlomo Yitzchaki, 1040-1105, foremost commentator on the Torah and Talmud) explains that the Torah is offering us insight into Esau's character by telling us that he was a man "who understood hunting": "[He knew how] to trap and to deceive his father with his mouth and ask him, 'Father, how do we tithe salt and straw?'"

His father thereby thought that he was scrupulous in his observance of the commandments. "Esau would ensnare his father with his scholarly questions, entrapping Isaac into an undeservedly high opinion of his son."

How, though, does this inquiry demonstrate Esau's scrupulousness? Calculating a tenth of one's straw or salt may be tedious and time consuming, but it doesn't seem to be particularly complicated or sophisticated. Why then did Isaac take this question as indication of Esau's piousness and detailed attention to the proper fulfillment of the commandments?

The Lubavitcher Rebbe, the late Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneersohn, offers insight into Esau's intentions. Salt on its own may be readily available and we can buy a container for a mere 89 cents. However, there

is another way to calculate the value of salt: One spoonful in a pot of chicken soup makes all the difference. Esau was asking whether we calculate salt's value on its own, or if we look at the great value it can add when it is used properly. Isaac heard a young budding scholar asking a philosophical question: For tithing purposes, what is more significant, the actual value of the salt or the potential that it holds?

Isaac looked beneath the surface of a seemingly simple question, tuning in to the questioner and attempting to understand what was truly being asked. We can learn from Isaac how to relate to those who approach us, our children, students and peers. Take the time to truly listen; focus not only on the question, but also on the questioner and ensure that they feel that they are being heard.

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

On Saturday, November 10, at 9:30 am, services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Genesis 25:19-28:29. The haftarah will be Malachi 1:1-2:7. Moira Shirvan and Bonnie Brown will sponsor the kiddush following services.

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

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

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 Director of Education: Rabbi Suzanne Brody
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 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 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.

On Thursday, November 15, from 7-8:30 pm, the Sisterhood will host a talk on "What are Your Pronouns?" in the social hall for adults 18 and over. Those attending may bring their questions and curiosity about gender identity.

On Saturday, November 17, at 6:30 pm, Kadima and USY members will go bowling and have pizza at the Helen Newman Bowling Center. RSVP to tbeneshama@gmail.com if you are interested in attending or have any questions.

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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 Concord

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 Regular service times: Friday, 8 pm; Saturday, 10:35 am, when religious school is in session.

Hebrew school: Hebrew school meets at 5:15 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year unless otherwise noted.

On Friday, 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.

On Saturday, November 10, at 9 am, there will be religious school; at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study; at 9:30 am, there will be Tot Shabbat; and, at 10:30 am, there will be Shabbat family services led by the dalet class, with pizza and potluck Shabbat lunch following services.

On Sunday, November 11, from 10 am-4 pm, there will be Whale of a Sale bag sale and, from 4-7 pm, there will be Whale take-down.

On Tuesday, November 13, at 4:15 and 5:15 pm, there will be Hebrew school; at 6:30 pm, there will be an Executive Board meeting; and at 7:30 pm, there will be a board meeting.

On Thursday, November 15 at 4:15 and 5:15 pm, there will be Hebrew school; from 5-7 pm, the CHOW pantry will be open; and from 7-9 pm, iEngage will meet at Temple Concord.

On Friday, November 16, at 8 pm, there will be Shabbat services led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

Temple Brith Sholom

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 President: Bruce Fein, bfein@twcnr.com
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 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.

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 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 9, light candles 4:30 pm
 Shabbat ends Saturday, November 10..... 5:29 pm
 Friday, November 16, light candles 4:23 pm
 Shabbat ends Saturday, November 17..... 5:23 pm

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Orientation: Inclusive
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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.

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Religious School/Education: Religious School, for grades kindergarten through bar/bat mitzvah, meets Sunday mornings. Rabbi Karp conducts services and holds classes in Torah, beginning Hebrew and Maimonides.

For the schedule of services, classes and events, see the website.

Jewish Community Center

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 31. Jack Lindley presented a program of puns. He tells puns so fast off the top of his head that sometimes you have to think about it. He could be called "The Pun King." Since the day we met was Halloween, he started by asking, "What do you call a bird sitting on a branch?" The answer is, "Twig or Tweet." For the holiday, you may have a skeleton crew at work. We asked him for a Jewish pun. He asked, "What is a favorite fish story in the Old Testament?" The answer is "Salmon (Samson) and Delilah." For mathematics, he said, "Add up your ideas and see if they multiply." He said his wife and children just make faces and roll their eyes when he tells puns at home.

Bruce Orden called Jack "The Don Rickles of Pun-ishment." He said, if you see him at the airport don't say, "Hi, Jack." He has eight children. When your children have children, he said, it is really grand. He talked about dogs: It is raining cats and dogs. As a child, he was thin, but now he is husky. He said he was dog tired, but he continued. He liked telling puns to his dentist because he is always down in the mouth. Jack asked, "Why do they call it a permanent when the curls only stay in your hair temporarily?" As usual, all good things must come to an end and so did this program.

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia Diamond. Ann Brilliant said the blessing over the cookies after the Pledge of Allegiance. Sue Herzog gave the treasurer's report. The program for Wednesday, November 14, will be the other half of the video, "Fly Away Home." There will be no meeting on Wednesday, November 21, the day before Thanksgiving. On Wednesday, November 28, Roz Antoun will present a program on "Landscapes of Tuscony and Umbria." Join us on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm at the JCC.

Sylvia Diamond
President

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

Saudi Arabia announces plan to build nuclear reactors

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman launched the building of his country's first nuclear reactor on Nov. 5 during a visit to Riyadh's King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology, according to a report by the Saudi Press Agency. Saudi Arabia is currently the world's top crude exporter, and uses oil and natural gas for power and water desalination. The country is slated to build 16 nuclear reactors in the next 20 years for \$80 billion. Though Saudi Arabia and Israel are both enemies of Iran and allies of the United States, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu requested that U.S. President Donald Trump commit to stopping a deal to sell nuclear reactors to Saudi Arabia. Trump reportedly refused, telling Netanyahu that if the United States refused to make the sale, the Saudis would acquire the same materials from Russia or China. Netanyahu subsequently requested that if the sale went through, it should include a stipulation that Saudi Arabia not be permitted to enrich its own uranium, which is a critical ingredient in the creation of nuclear weapons.

Israeli Health Ministry launches emergency measles vaccinations

Israel's Health Ministry is urging all those who have put off vaccinating their children against measles to bring their children immediately to one of many Tipat Halav children's health clinics for their shots, as the number of cases of potentially lethal illness has been soaring in the Jerusalem area. On Nov. 4, the Health Minister announced that some hospital wards, such as intensive care and oncology, would hereby be off-limits to all those who have not received a measles vaccine. A "particularly aggressive" campaign of vaccination was put in place by ultra-Orthodox Deputy Health Minister Yaakov Litzman in several *haredi* neighborhoods in Jerusalem and Beit Shemesh, where rates of vaccination are particularly low – around 50 percent. Starting on Nov. 5, Tipat Halav centers in Ramot, Givat Shaul, Ramat Eshkol, Romema, Sanhedria

and Ramat Shlomo in Jerusalem, as well as centers in Beit Shemesh and Beitar Illit, will be open every day until late for the next two weeks to attempt to ward off the illness, which is described as extremely contagious and particularly dangerous to small children, pregnant women, the old and the infirm. Additional mobile vaccination clinics were also dispatched to areas where the highest concentration of infection has been noted. Some 753 cases of measles have been reported to authorities in Jerusalem, with more than 1,300 cases since the beginning of 2018. A report by Hadashot news Sunday night said that 90 to 95 percent of the people who were infected with measles in the latest outbreak were unvaccinated. The week of Nov. 2, an 18 month-old unvaccinated child died of measles in Jerusalem. On Nov. 4, a child from the south Jerusalem neighborhood of Arnona was diagnosed with measles. Her daycare, as well as the neighboring one, was closed, with parents urged to vaccinate their children or give them booster shots because of the exposure. Also on Nov. 4, two high school seniors who had never been vaccinated were diagnosed with measles in the Golan city of Katzrin. On Nov. 2, 17 children from the Chasidic neighborhoods of Williamsburg and Borough Park in Brooklyn, NY, were reported to have the disease, as well as several children in London's Stamford Hill neighborhood.

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hatred of an entire nation. "I thought my grandfather was crazy, and that it was impossible for an entire people to be antisemitic," he said.

But shooting scenes in contemporary Lodz neighborhoods, including the ghetto where his grandfather once lived, and seeing several graves with his last name deeply moved the filmmaker. His research for the film included studying the ways that the Nazis were "able to kill 11,000, 12,000 people in the same place in the same day, leave everything clean and be able to do the same thing the next day."

"That wasn't the first Holocaust," Solarz said, "and it won't be the last."

Once again this year, *The Reporter* is inviting its readers and local organizations to extend Chanukah greetings to the community by purchasing a Chanukah greeting ad, which will appear in our November 30 and December 7 issues (Deadlines: Nov. 20 & 29). Chanukah begins this year on the evening of December 2.

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To ensure that your greeting is published or for more information on additional styles, sizes & designs, please contact Bonnie Rozen at 724-2360, ext. 244 or bonnie@thereporter.org. Checks can be made payable to *The Reporter*, and sent to: *The Reporter*, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850.

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SCOTUS to hear case that could affect issues directly relevant to American Jewry

The U.S. Supreme Court agreed the week of Nov. 2 to hear a case that could have ramifications for the American Jewish community. The highest court in the land agreed to hear arguments in Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission v. American Humanist Association, regarding whether a 93-year-old cross-shaped memorial dedicated to local American troops who perished in World War I “located on a Maryland highway median violates the Constitution’s required separation of church and state, a case that could impact hundreds of similar monuments nationwide,” according to the Associated Press. In October 2017, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the monument is unconstitutional because it “excessively entangles” church and state. The Jewish Coalition for Religious Liberty filed a brief in July in support of the plaintiffs, who argue that the memorial’s symbolism conveys a non-religious message of remembrance. The amicus curiae includes a group of lawyers, rabbis and other Jewish-observant professionals who believe in religious liberty. The brief asks the Supreme Court to “repudiate both ‘offended observer’ standing and the ‘reasonable observer’ test for passive religious displays” in accordance with Freedom of Religion under the Bill of Rights. The brief argues that the appeals court decision is a “misuse” of Lemon v. Kurtzmanover “passive displays.” The Supreme Court ruled in the 1971 case that for a statute to be considered constitutional in accordance with the First Amendment’s Establishment Clause, the law must consist of a genuine secular function, not have the main effect of advancing or hindering religion, and it cannot enable “excessive entanglement” of church and state. JCRL asked the court to overturn Lemon. Were that to happen, it could affect numerous issues relevant to the Jewish community.

Dutch parliament to hold hearing on P.A. program rewarding terrorism

Prompted by Israel calls to condemn the Palestinian Authority for rewarding terrorism, the Dutch Parliament will host an event the week of Nov. 5 to hear from activists who are spreading awareness about the so-called “pay-to-slay” initiative. Director of the

Israel-based nongovernmental organization Palestinian Media Watch Itamar Marcus and terror-attack survivor Kay Wilson will travel to the Hague to address Dutch politicians about the P.A. giving convicted terrorists and their families huge salaries. Marcus and Wilson were invited by Dutch parliament member Joël Voordewind, who will be chairing the discussion. The move was endorsed by Yesh Atid Party Minister Elazar Stern. Stern has called on “the Parliament of the Netherlands to send a clear message that the P.A. must stop financially rewarding the terrorists.” The Netherlands gives more than \$14.8 million annually to UNRWA, the United Nations agency that deals with the Palestinian refugee issue. The United States cut its funding to UNRWA in September. “It is important to update the Dutch Parliament that the P.A. has ignored all resolutions demanding they stop rewarding terror,” said Marcus. “While in some years the P.A. attempted to deceive the international community and conceal the payments, in its 2018 budget, the P.A. openly allocated 1.2 billion shekels [288,000,000 euros] for payments to terrorist prisoners and families of ‘martyrs.’”

In aftermath of Pittsburgh synagogue shooting, states review hate-crime laws

The suspect behind the shooting deaths of 11 Jewish worshippers on Oct. 27 at the Tree of Life*Or’L’Simcha Synagogue in Pittsburgh was charged on Oct. 31 in a 44-count indictment that accuses the 46-year-old of federal hate crimes. A total of 45 states also have such measures, enabling tougher punishments against perpetrators. Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, South Carolina and Wyoming do not have hate-crime laws (Georgia’s hate-crime statute was struck down by the state’s Supreme Court in 2004). In Indiana, Gov. Mitch Holcomb has asked lawmakers to pass a hate-crime law. A bill to do that died earlier this year after Republicans refused to vote on it in committee. The measure would have allowed judges to give harsher sentences for crimes motivated by religion, race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and other factors. In August, an Indiana synagogue was spray-painted with a large Nazi flag and Nazi iron crosses. Since the shooting, calls have come nationwide for toughening hate-crime statutes. In Kentucky, for example, two state lawmakers proposed legislation on Oct. 31 that would add homicide to the state’s existing hate-crime law.

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