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Federation to hold PJ Library event on April 7

By Reporter staff

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton will hold a PJ Library event for children 2-6 years old on Sunday, April 7, from 11 am-1 pm, at the Jewish Community Center, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal. There is no charge to attend the event. The event will feature the reading of Passover-themed books, along with food and activities. Graduates from Hillel Academy will help with the readings.

Sima Auerbach, executive director of

the Federation, noted that the PJ Library offers a variety of books with Passover themes. "There is something for every child," she said. "There are new versions of old tales that offer Jewish slants to the story, and stories showing how contemporary children can relate to the holiday. Some of the stories are so good that adults will love them, too."

To RSVP for the event, contact the Federation at 724-2332, dirjfb@gmail.com or clitvin1@binghamton.edu.

At right: Sima Auerbach, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, showed Passover-themed books from the PJ Library.



Chief acquisitions curator of United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Ithaca March 24-25

Ithaca Descendants of Holocaust Survivors, a local community group, will host historian Judith Cohen in Ithaca on March 24-25. Cohen is the chief acquisitions curator of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. Her visit to Central New York is sponsored by Ithaca College Jewish Studies, Cornell University Jewish Studies and the Ithaca Area United Jewish Community.

Descendants of Holocaust survivors frequently find themselves in possession of personal artifacts connected to their family members' experiences during the war. The primary purpose of Cohen's visit will be to meet with people from the Central New York area who are descendants of survivors, examine the artifacts they possess and provide guidance on the

process of donating their items to permanent Shoah archives such as the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. In addition to one-on-one meetings with Ithaca-area residents and an event for the Cornell community at Olin Library, the highlights of Cohen's Ithaca visit are two events that are free and open to the public:

◆ On Sunday, March 24, from 3-5 pm, Cohen will host the interactive seminar "Considering Our Artifacts: Keeping Their Stories Alive" at the Cherry Artspace: 102 Cherry St., Ithaca. She will explore the process of donating artifacts to archives and address questions and concerns. The public is invited to learn



Judith Cohen

about this process, and area attendees with personal family artifacts (correspondence, photographs, clothing, art, medals or regalia, other objects) are encouraged to reserve a "Show and Tell" spot in advance. In the final hour of the seminar, Cohen will publicly view materials from local individuals, hear their connected family histories and answer specific questions about the donation process. No reservations are required to attend the seminar, but "Show and Tell" spots can be reserved by visiting <http://bit.ly/showandtellereservation>.

◆ On Monday, March 25, from 7:30-9 pm, Cohen's multimedia presentation

"Jewish Ghetto Photography" will take place at Ithaca College, Textor Hall room 101. "The vast majority of, and most widely known, Holocaust photography was taken by German photographers," said organizers of the event. "These photos include such iconic images as the Warsaw ghetto boy and the selections at Auschwitz. We therefore, to a large part, visually imagine the Holocaust through Nazi eyes. However, there also exists a considerable corpus of Jewish ghetto photography taken both by professional and amateur photographers. These photographs not only capture aspects of the ghetto hidden to the Germans, but also show layers of ambiguity and nuance that the official photos miss. How do See "Curator" on page 11

Community Passover seder at TC on April 19

Temple Concord will continue its tradition of offering a Passover seder for the community. This year, it will be on the first night of Passover, Friday, April 19, at 6 pm, at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton.

Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell will lead the seder rituals. The kosher-style Passover meal will be catered by Phantom Chef Catering chef Michelle Bank McIlroy. Traditional seder foods will be served, as well as Passover desserts,

kosher wine and other beverages.

Paid reservations are due by Friday, April 12. Contact the Temple Concord office at 723-7355 or templeconcordbinghamton@gmail.com to make reservations. The cost will be \$38 per person, \$15 for children younger than 13, free for children 2 and younger.

For financial assistance to attend the seder, contact Rabbi Goldman-Wartell at 723-7355, or Jewish Family Service or the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton at 724-2332.

JFS seeks Passover funds for needy

With people beginning to prepare for Passover, Jewish Family Service is asking the local community to do a mitzvah by contributing funds to help the needy. "Your kindness and generosity will enable 12 Jewish families who are struggling financially to purchase Passover foods required to celebrate a seder and to help them carry on the Jewish traditions that are so important to us all," said Roz Antoun, director of Jewish Family Service. "Please send your check made out to Jewish Family

Service, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850 and note on the memo line: JFS Passover donation."

Donations must be received no later than Tuesday, April 9, so that Jewish Family Service will have time to process and distribute the funds.

"In these difficult economic times, the community's generosity will surely brighten the celebration of Passover for the recipients and remind those families that they are being remembered," said Antoun.

Community Purim Carnival at JCC on March 24

The Jewish Community Center of Binghamton will host its annual Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 24, from 1-3:30 pm. The cost to attend is \$5 per child and \$1 per adult, with a \$20 maximum per family. The entire community is welcome to attend. All proceeds will benefit the JCC Youth Department.

On Purim, children and adults dress up and celebrate by giving gifts and *tzedakah* (charity). Everyone, young and old, is encouraged to come dressed as their favorite Purim character or in any costume of their choice. The JCC Kids

Connection staff, who run the event, said they love to create different themed costumes each year.

There will be a number of activities geared toward children, including carnival games, inflatable play areas, arts and crafts, and face painting. All games earn children points that can be traded in at the prize table. Traditional Purim food will be available for purchase during the event.

For more information about the Purim Carnival, JCC youth programming, or the JCC, contact the JCC office at 724-2417.

At right: The Jewish Community Center will host its annual Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 24.



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Opinion

From the Desk of the Federation President

Our community

SUZANNE HOLWITT

Many of you may have seen a recent report on WB-NG-TV about the number of people leaving the Southern Tier – moving for better jobs or for a better climate or to be near family who've moved elsewhere or any other number of other reasons. I also learned recently that a number of Binghamton University students, several of whom are Jewish, are choosing to stay in our area: they've accepted jobs in nursing or in teaching, or are remaining here for graduate school. They choose to stay because the quality of life is good, the cost of living is less than if they returned to their family homes in New York City or on Long Island, or they've made positive connections in our community. Many of you know that feeling. I know it very well: when my husband and I moved here shortly after we were married so he could finish his degree at BU (it wasn't called that in 1973), we figured we would be here for two or three years. That was almost 46 years ago.

I wanted to remind you of the many positive things happening here in the Jewish community: we have Reform, Conservative and Orthodox synagogues, and Chabad. We have the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service

and the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton. We all work together: having this diversity of institutions is encouraging to Jewish families from out of the area who choose to send their children here to college. There are the monthly luncheons at Beth David, which gives us an opportunity to learn, eat and socialize. There are the almost monthly adult education brunches hosted by both Temple Concord and Temple Israel, another opportunity to learn, eat and socialize.

There are the communitywide celebrations at the JCC for Hanukkah, for Purim, etc. We are trying to have more PJ Library programs. Temple Concord has hosted a community seder for the last several years. Recently, at Temple Concord, Rabbis Geoffrey Brown and Barbara Goldman-Wartell hosted a seder for non-Jewish members of our community based on requests from those members of the community: more than 100 people came to learn about some of our traditions. Hillel at Binghamton is planning on having more interaction with the community – to both get students involved with the community and the community more involved with the campus.

In May and early June, we will once again have the film

festival, I know that the film committee members are busy reviewing a number of films in order to choose five that they feel will be enjoyed by the community. Rhonda Levine and her committee are working on College of Jewish Studies programs for the spring. The monthly book club usually meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Temple Concord starting at 10:30 am. Everyone is invited and you don't need to have read the book to join us. The Federation's annual meeting will be combined with the film festival so that we can elect the new board in May; Super Sunday will still take place in October, along with the presentation of the Yasher Koach awards. Of course, in May and June, there will be JLI classes at Chabad, with the choice of attending either Monday evenings or Wednesday mornings. Don't forget the observances of Yom Hashoah on Thursday, May 2; Yom Hazikaron on Wednesday, May 8; Yom Ha'atzmaut on Thursday, May 9; Lag B'Omer on Thursday, May 23; and Shavuot in June. Also watch for a special concert on campus around Yom Ha'atzmaut.

We have a vibrant Jewish community; please come out to support our programs and our institutions. Get involved!

Do the Jews really need their own Nobel Prize?

By Jonathan S. Tobin

(JNS) – If the Genesis Prize was hoping for more media attention for its annual awards ceremony this year, it certainly is going to get it. By announcing that they are sticking with their selection of New England Patriots owner/philanthropist Robert Kraft as this year's winner of the award dubbed the "Jewish Nobel Prize," the Genesis committee has ensured that the event scheduled to be held in Israel in June will get more publicity than they dreamed of, albeit not entirely of the type they wanted.

Kraft, whose extraordinary generosity to Jewish causes and devotion to Israel is well-known, deserves all the philanthropic awards that can be thrown at him. But after being charged by Florida authorities for paying for sex in connection with a sting operation aimed at halting a prostitution ring, he has also become fodder for both tabloid gossip and personal criticism.

That might have led to Kraft withdrawing his name, or the Genesis committee deciding to rescind the award and find somebody else. But as the owner of this generation's most successful American professional sports franchise, the 77-year-old is used to intense and negative media scrutiny (including intrusions into his personal life), and shows no sign of going to ground.

Kraft's popularity and personal ties to those involved with Genesis are also causing it to regard loyalty to him as a higher priority than concerns about tarnishing it. So their announcement has inextricably tied the award to a tabloid scandal and made it impossible for the Jewish world to avert its eyes from this tawdry kerfuffle, as those who care about the causes Kraft has supported would have liked to do.

How should the Jewish world react to this controversy? There are two main questions to consider in thinking about Kraft and Genesis.

The first issue revolves around how we should treat those who do great good deeds, but may also be accused of wrongdoing.

The second speaks to a broader concern about the utility of a "Jewish Nobel Prize" at all, and whether going through the annual exercise of selecting a Jewish celebrity to be honored in this fashion does the community much good, no matter who the recipient is.

As for what we're supposed to think about Kraft, serious observers should avoid both going overboard in condemning him or seeking to excuse such misbehavior. Kraft is entitled to a presumption of innocence. But those seeking to treat this incident as of no importance because they wish to defend him should be careful not to minimize how serious a transgression human trafficking is and to remember that anyone associated with it doesn't deserve sympathy. See "Prize" on page 5

In My Own Words

Separating the person from the persona

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

A friend in high school claimed that I woke up every three months or so and noticed the social changes around us, for example, who had a different boyfriend or girlfriend. Then I'd fall back to sleep again for another few months, during which time I was totally unaware of the social scene surrounding me.

That's still true in one way today: since I've spent several decades not being able to go to the movies or listen to music, I know very little about contemporary actors or performers. When faced with an unfamiliar name, I used to ask a former employee, "Do I need to know who this person is?" His answer was usually "no." However, it's easy to get a general impression of many celebrities because of the fuss made on news websites and TV news shows. Sometimes you can't avoid knowing a little something about a person because the headlines shout the information out to you 20 times a day.

It wasn't really a surprise to once again discover that those headlines aren't always an accurate reflection of someone. I was listening to music the other week and watched two new video versions of Melanie Safka songs – songs I loved during my teen years. At first, it seemed strange that Melanie was singing with Miley Cyrus. To be clear: I'd never seen Miley act or sing, but I did know there was a lot of controversy about her music after she stopped

acting on a Disney Channel show. What I now know after listening to Miley and Melanie sing together is that they both have great voices. However, it's the information listed on the website with the video that interested me in terms of this column.

If you asked me what general culture said about Miley, I would not have answered that she launched a nonprofit organization called The Happy Hippie Foundation "that rallies young people to fight injustice facing homeless youth, LGBT youth, and other vulnerable populations." Miley teamed with other musicians in "The Backyard Sessions" to raise money for her foundation. That means her public persona isn't an accurate reflection of her; as far as I'm concerned, her foundation is more important than whether she appeared naked in a video (something I only learned about after talking to a friend about "The Backyard Sessions" videos) or popularized a dance move some people don't like.

If you claim that her public persona can influence young and vulnerable children, I agree that can happen. However, I also suggest that you educate your children about the difference between public and personal personas. Yes, it can be hard to separate a performance from a performer, but it needs to be done. I remember my mother being worried about my being a huge fan of the

late Richard Harris. If you've only seen him as Professor Albus Dumbledore in the early Harry Potter movies, you may not understand his appeal. I adored the film "A Man Called Horse," and tried to see every movie he appeared in after that. That meant that during my high school and college years, I saw more bad films than I can count because he was in them. I think he was a fine actor, but it was not his movies that concerned my mom: it was my listening to him when he appeared on TV talk shows. I finally told her that just because he was a good actor didn't mean that I wanted to follow in his footsteps. In fact, his hard-boozing, carousing life was exactly the opposite of what I wanted for myself.

We should *not* place celebrities on a pedestal. Just because someone is a good singer, songwriter, novelist, actor, sports star, etc. doesn't mean that they are a good person or someone we should emulate. That's become far too clear with all the accusations of sexual misconduct that have been aired recently, but the frequent mentions of alcoholism and drug abuse in celebrity biographies should have warned us against that long ago. We need to remember that what appears on the screen is not real life and that screaming headlines – good or bad – may not reflect the measure of a person's worth.



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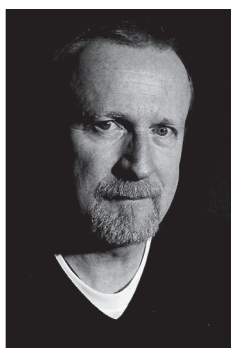
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TC Sisterhood's annual donor program on March 31



Tim Gleason

On Sunday, March 31, from 11:30 am-1:30 pm, Temple Concord Sisterhood will hold its annual donor program in the Kilmer Mansion. Sisterhood members are invited to a presentation about KNOW Theatre to be given by Tim Gleason, the artistic director of this local theater in Binghamton. Gleason will also give several short performances.

"Not a donor? It's never too late to become one," said organizers.

"To attend, pay Sisterhood dues plus make a donation of \$25, or \$36 if you wish to

bring a guest to the event." A guest is someone who is not eligible to join Sisterhood such as a gentleman, daughter or a member of another temple's Sisterhood.

Brunch will be \$5 per person to help cover the cost of

the food. Payment, including donor if that donation hasn't already been made, may be made at the door the day of the event. Reservations should be made by Friday, March 22, at the temple office.

TC Sisterhood to vote for 2019-20 board on April 3

On Wednesday, April 3, at 7:30 pm, Temple Concord Sisterhood members are invited to an evening of voting for the 2019-20 board members, followed by making

ice cream sundaes and playing board games.

Participants should bring board and card games to play. Reservations may be made by calling the Temple Concord office by Friday, March 29, to ensure there are enough tables, ice cream and toppings.

Officers proposed for the 2019-20 board are Lani Dunthorn, president; Helene Philips, past president; Sandy Gutman, treasurer; Janet Hayman, financial secretary; Marty Eisenstadt, recording secretary; Hayman, corresponding secretary; Babs Putzel-Bischoff, Marsha Luks, Barbara Thomas and Deb Williams, directors; Williams, Nominating Committee chairwoman; Phyllis Kellenberger, ways and means vice president; Deb Daniels, education vice president; Putzel-Bischoff, Kellenberger and Dunthorn, publicity; Putzel-Bischoff, Barbara Dickman, Gayle Klein and Luks, Rosh Hashanah Kiddush; Pam Burgman and Hayman, rummage; Carol Herz and Sue High, Judaica Shop; Philips and Marilyn Strosberg, Holiday Artisan Marketplace, with Luks and Roz Antoun doing the bake sale; Hollie Levine, Sisterhood Sabbath; Ani Loew, Intersisterhood; Thomas, cradle roll; Amanda Donahue, High Holiday child care; Rachel Coker, religious school parties; Daniels and Kellenberger, adult education/programming; Dickman (paperwork); Sylvia Diamond and Eisenstadt, Friday night onegs; Philips and Elaine Rapaport, membership/retention; Hayman, house; Sandy Foreman and Eisenstadt, co-chairwomen of Hospitality Committee; Linda Krushansky, Olwen Searles, Jan Dickler, Arlene Krassin, Linda Lisman, Jodi Sampey, Robin Hazen and Cathy Eckert, members of Hospitality Committee; Putzel-Bischoff, Nancy Dorfman, Dunthorn, Kellenberger and Hayman, Nominating Committee; and Jean Hecht, Sisterhood funds.

Positions still to be determined are co-treasurer, Whale of a Sale team, donor and retreat.

How 2 for Seder wants to turn tragedy into understanding

By Rabbi Rachel Esserman

After her mother-in-law, Joyce Fienberg, was murdered during the attack at the Tree of Life synagogue in October, Marnie Fienberg wanted to do something practical to make a difference in the world. "I wanted to volunteer and help fight antisemitism," she said in an e-mail interview. "What I found out is that there are few or no programs at the grass-roots level that allow the average person to participate."

This led her to form a new organization that honors her mother-in-law's worldview: "With Joyce's philosophy of inviting a wide variety of students and co-workers to holiday meals, 2 for Seder was created to enable any Jewish person holding a seder to help open doors and build bridges of understanding," Fienberg said.

The 2 for Seder website, www.2forseder.org, offers information about the initiative. It encourages people to invite two non-Jewish friends, neighbors or acquaintances, who have never attended a seder, to their family seder. The hope is that the seders will fight misconceptions people have about Jews due to a lack of knowledge about Judaism and Jewish customs. Those who sign up for the initiative will receive a 2 for Seder kit, which offers information about how to introduce guests to the seder, questions that can be used during the seder, information about antisemitism in the U.S. and Canada, and recipes. It also offers suggestions for those who have never held their own seder before.

The initiative is part of Pittsburgh Idea Evolutions, a non-profit based on the idea that every American and Canadian Jew can, and should, be involved in pushing back



The organization 2 for Seder offers ways to fight antisemitism.

against antisemitism. According to Fienberg, their initiative is having "positive" results so far. "More than 25 Jewish organizations, including multiple JCCs, ADL, AJC and many synagogues are helping to spread the word about 2 for Seder," she said. "More are coming onboard each week."

The organization hopes 1,000 people in the United States and Canada will take part in the initiative. "If we can exceed our goal, that will show us that there are many people

who also want to do something about the rising tide of antisemitism and our team will run 2 for Seder again next year," Fienberg noted. "If this becomes a regular event, then a very wide range of Americans and Canadians will learn about Jews first-hand - that's our ultimate goal. We also hope that this spirit of sharing and joy helps keep Joyce's spirit with us."

Fienberg emphasized that "2 for Seder is a way to put some positive information and action into the national dialogue. It is non-political and helps build stronger relationships across all aspects of our American community." She also feels that the organization embraces Joyce's spirit. On the 2 for Seder website, Fienberg wrote, "[Joyce's] generosity and openness meant new people, including hers and her husband's American and international students and co-workers, were regularly a dynamic part of our family's holiday meals. Friendship and family ties were the most important thing to Joyce. She was a true Woman of Valor."

More information is available on the website. Those with questions or suggestions for additional material can e-mail the organization at 2forseder@gmail.com.

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

Hamas arrests, beats journalists covering economic protests in Gaza

Seven Palestinian reporters were in Hamas's custody on March 17, reported *The Times of Israel*, citing a source with the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate, as they were covering protests over Gaza's increasingly severe economic hardships and high cost of living. They were "due to be released in the coming hours," according to the outlet, as "security forces have used violence to break up the demonstrations, and according to rights groups, dozens have been arrested, including journalists and human-rights workers." The West Bank-based syndicate said that 17 journalists were arrested, 10 of them released and four undergoing hospital treatment. The U.N. envoy to Israel and the Palestinian territories, Nickolay Mladenov, said in a statement: "I strongly condemn the campaign of arrests and violence used by Hamas security forces against protesters, including women and children, in Gaza over the past three days. ... I am particularly alarmed by the brutal beating of journalists and staff from the Independent Commission for Human Rights and the raiding of homes." Mladenov also noted that "the long-suffering people of Gaza were protesting the dire economic situation and demanded an improvement in the quality of life in the Gaza Strip. It is their right to protest without fear of reprisal."

Hamas pummels protesters in Gaza for third straight day

Hamas engaged in the violent suppression of protests for reform in the Gaza Strip for the third straight day on March 17. The protests against high rates of unemployment and the cost of living took place just days after two rockets were launched on Tel Aviv, bringing swift reprisals from Israeli forces, which bombed approximately 100 targets in Gaza. Footage appearing to show a protester named Ahmed Abu Tahn lighting himself on fire after being unable to pay his rent. It was brought into question by the Al Mezan rights group in

Gaza, who told Israel's *Haaretz* newspaper that the footage was old, and that no self-immolation had actually taken place on March 16. However, at least 80 demonstrators were arrested in a 24 hour period alone, with countless others being attacked by Hamas forces in the streets. Reports indicate that Hamas also utilized live fire to contain the protests. An emergency high-level meeting was expected to take place at the request of the Fatah-backed Palestinian representative to Egypt and the Arab League, according to PLO Executive Committee member Wasel Abu-Youssef, who told *The Times of Israel* that the meeting would discuss the situation in Gaza. "This is not the Israeli occupation forces!!" Fatah Central Committee member Hussein al-Sheikh tweeted, in response to images and videos of aggression against protesters. "It is the Hamas gangs that are terrorizing and suppressing the hungry in the Gaza Strip." The March 15 protests centered around Deir el-Balah and Khan Younis, where residents burned tires and blocked roads. An AFP reporter said journalists were being prevented from filming or photographing demonstrations, with many of the videos out of Gaza being taken stealthily, for fear of a backlash by Hamas. Also on March 15, Palestinians in the West Bank city of Hebron burned tires and clashed against Israeli security forces.



Palestinian demonstrators attended an earlier protest in Gaza City against severe economic conditions in the Gaza Strip on February 24. (Photo by Abed Rahim Khatib/Flash90)

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Semi-functional families

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

Family gatherings can be times of joy. They can also be extremely stressful. That's one of the reasons why novelists use them as a means of exploring parent/sibling relationships. In "The Family Tabor" by Cherise Wolas (Flatiron Books), the Tabor siblings return to Palm Springs, CA, to celebrate their father, Harry Tabor, being named the Man of the Decade. Arthur Alter asks his children to visit him in St. Louis for far less celebratory reasons in Andrew Ridker's "The Altruists" (Viking): Arthur can no longer afford the mortgage on the family home and wants their help. Both novels show the unexpected consequences of these gatherings. In addition, children and parents not only learn more about themselves, but about the dynamics that shaped their families.

The opening of "The Family Tabor" places Harry's life in context by noting the terrible things that would have happened to him as a Jew in 1300s Europe, 1880s Russia and 1940s Nazi-occupied territory. Instead, Harry is re-

ceiving the highest honor offered by Palm Springs for his work bringing persecuted Jews from around the world to settle in California. Harry sees himself as a historical Jew, rather than a religious one, although his family regularly gathers for the Jewish holidays. Harry's wife, Roma, a child psychologist, is still very much in love with her husband and looks forward to spending the weekend with their three children: Phoebe, Camille and Simon.

While Phoebe, Camille and Simon are very proud of their father, they also worry about the visit home – mostly because they know their astute mother will sense that all is not well with their lives. Simon, a successful lawyer who is married with two children, has been unable to sleep. After completing her anthropological fieldwork, Camille has fallen into a deep depression – one she has hidden from her family. Phoebe is also a lawyer with a thriving practice, but, unlike her brother, is unsuccessful in her personal life – so much so, she's invented a fictitious boyfriend.

Roma immediately realizes something is wrong with all three children and plans to talk to them over the weekend. Unfortunately, events take a different turn when Harry becomes haunted by a secret from his past. The decision he must make affects the lives of his wife and children.

While the characters in "The Family Tabor" are engaging, parts of the plot – particularly what happens to Harry – didn't feel completely believable. That made it difficult to appreciate some of his actions, although the ethical dilemma he faces is fascinating to explore. The novel's ending was unsettling, but still managed to be satisfying, even as it left some questions unanswered.

While Harry's three children love and admire him, the same cannot be said of Arthur Alter's children in "The Altruist." Arthur is a self-centered, unthoughtful boor whom his children have ignored since the death of their mother, Francine. Unfortunately, neither Ethan nor Maggie are the picture of normalcy. Although their mother left them an inheritance – money of which her husband had been unaware of during their marriage – neither child puts it to good use. Ethan, who wasted his money on consumer goods he doesn't use, has become a recluse who leaves his apartment as little as possible. Maggie, who does odd jobs for poorer neighbors, not only refuses to spend the money, but pretends she's also poor – sometimes passing out from hunger because she won't spend money on food.

Arthur invites his children to visit in the hope that they will give him money from their inheritances so he can pay the mortgage on the house and live with his much younger girlfriend. He plans to keep her out of sight during the weekend because their affair began just before Francine was diagnosed with cancer. Ethan decides to visit because he's planning to ask his father for a loan to pay off his own debts. Maggie agrees because she wants to visit their mother (what that means is revealed over the course of the novel). A comedy of errors occurs not only between parent and children, but in the flashbacks of Arthur and Francine's courtship.

The tone of "The Altruists" is light and parts are funny, particularly when the characters make very wrong assumptions about each other. Arthur has so little knowledge of his children that his actions often have the opposite affect of what he wants. Even when Arthur shows some self-awareness, he still can't see the world as anything but centered around himself. His children do come to understand themselves – an understanding that connects them and their father, and makes for a very satisfying ending to the novel.

Deciphering the past A 2,000-year-old ring found in ancient Jerusalem ritual bath

By JNS staff

(JNS)—A 2,000-year-old ring with a solitaire gem stone was uncovered in archaeological excavations in the City of David National Park in Jerusalem.

The ring was found by Israel Antiquities Authority archaeologists in what appears to be an ancient *mikvah* (Jewish ritual bath) on the Pilgrimage Road, which dates back to the time of the Second Temple period. The ancient paved road runs up from the Shiloach (Siloam) pool to the Temple Mount, and is thought to have been the main thoroughfare taken by pilgrims to the Temple.

According to archaeologists Nachshon Zenton, Moran Hajabi, Ari Levy and Dr. Joe Uziel, "Just like today, it would appear that in the past, rings and jewelry were removed before bathing and sometimes forgotten. This phenomenon, perhaps, is behind the discovery in what appears to be a ritual bath. This ring allows us to personally connect with an individual's personal story from 2,000 years ago. Along

with other finds, [it] can shed light and expose the lives of people during the Second Temple period."

Doron Spielman, vice president of the City of David Foundation, which oversees the City of David National Park where the ring was found, said, "It's incredible to think that this beautiful ring sat at the bottom of a *mikvah* on the ancient Pilgrimage Road for 2,000 years until it was uncovered by archaeologists in the City of David. It is yet another piece in the puzzle that is ancient Jerusalem."

The City of David is Israel's largest active archeological site, situated upon the ancient city of Jerusalem. It is the place recorded in the Bible upon which King David established Jerusalem as the united capital of Israel 3,000 years ago, and which remained the seat of the Davidic dynasty for centuries thereafter.

The City of David is an Israeli National Heritage Site with more than 500,000 visitors annually.

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SJP promotes Palestinian terror group's imagery at two upstate New York colleges

By Sean Savage

(JNS) – The local affiliates of Students for Justice in Palestine at Cornell and Binghamton universities in New York state have been promoting images created by a Palestinian terrorist organization on their respective social-media pages. Ahead of an expected BDS vote in late April, Cornell SJP hosted a recent teach-in titled “From Ferguson to Palestine: A Conversation Surrounding Struggle,” featuring an event flyer that appeared to depict a rifle and explicitly mentions the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, according to CAMERA.

Additionally, the Cornell Collective for Justice in Palestine, which is part of SJP’s pro-BDS coalition, has an online profile picture of a mural of Leila Khaled holding a rifle. Khaled a member of the PFLP – and euphemistically referred to as the first female hijacker – was responsible for the 1970 Dawson’s Field hijacking.

Following the incidents at Cornell, the SJP affiliate at Binghamton University shared its own imagery from PFLP. The caption reads: “Three Palestinian posters celebrating International Working Women’s Day. The first two were produced by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.”

“The PFLP is, for very good reason, a U.S.-designated Foreign Terrorist Organization. The group’s long history of deliberate

At right: An aerial view of Cornell University. (Photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons)



attacks on innocent Israeli civilians through airplane and bus hijackings, suicide-bombings and shooting attacks is entirely without moral justification,” Zac Schildcrout, a campus coordinator with CAMERA, told JNS. “This unabashed support for such a despicable organization, as many SJP chapters have done in the past, is deeply disturbing and is a direct attack on the campuses’ Jewish communities. It should be condemned by all who seek peace in the Middle East.”

Founded in 1967, the PFLP is a Marxist-Leninist far-left Palestinian organization that has carried out numerous terror attacks, including the hijacking Israeli and Western planes in the late 1960s and early ‘70s, the assassination of former Israeli Knesset member Rehavam Ze’evi in 2001

and suicide-bombings during the Second Intifada. Several countries, including the United States, Japan, Canada, Australia and the European Union, consider the PFLP a terrorist organization.

The SJP affiliates at both schools have had a history of anti-Israel and antisemitic actions that have intimidated and threatened Jewish students. In 2014, after failing to pass a BDS resolution, SJP members were recorded saying “F*** you, Zionist scums,” and “I will f***ing slap you.” In 2017, in response to a Yom Ha’atzmaut celebration, SJP held a “die-in” in the same room.

In a recent letter to the editor in the *Cornell Sun*, a Jewish student said that language used by SJP may “devolve into the targeting of Jews and the Jewish com-

munity on this campus,” and that Cornell SJP “has likened Zionist ideology to white supremacy and Nazism.”

Cornell’s president, Martha Pollack, recently issued a letter rejecting SJP’s call for a boycott of Israel. Similarly, at Binghamton, SJP was banned in 2014 after a document was leaked to the public titled “Declaration of Principles and Strategies of Binghamton University Students for Justice in Palestine.”

According to Canary Mission, the document shut down any possibility of dialogue with pro-Israel students, entrenching a policy known as “anti-normalization,” while it also gave “its members directives on how to disrupt pro-Israel activities with maximum impact while staying within the bounds of what is not widely considered to be legally reprehensible.”

At the same time, the endorsement by these SJP affiliates of the PFLP terror group comes as emerging evidence shows that the BDS movement has extensive ties to Palestinian terrorist organizations, and is using the “social justice” movement as a “veritable human shield” for anti-Israel ideology and activism.

Last year, the Zachor Legal Institute submitted a letter to the Department of Justice urging the U.S. government to open an investigation into the ties between Palestinian terror groups and several U.S.-based BDS groups, including SJP.

Why Forbes chose Israel to host its first Global Women’s Summit

By Abigail Klein Leichman

(Israel21c via JNS) – For Forbes magazine Chief Content Officer Randall Lane, Israel was a natural choice to host the first-ever Forbes “Under 30 Global Women’s Summit,” set to take place in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem from March 31-April

4 with 600 participants from 50 countries. It’s not only because participants rated last May’s first-ever “Under 30 Global Summit in Israel” as Forbes’ top event of the year, Lane tells ISRAEL21c.

Israel was chosen also because of its track record in making leadership roles available to

women, starting in the military. “Even though the integration of women needs to get better in Israel, as it does all over the world, Israel is a great place to show how we can accelerate the cause of women in leadership,” Lane said, speaking from Tel Aviv where he is enjoying his 10th business trip to Israel; he’s come twice a year for the last five years to set up and execute “Under 30” events.

The global summit will include 200 Israeli and 400 international participants, 80 percent of them female (chosen mostly from the nearly 10,000 names on Forbes’ various “30 Under 30” lists in a variety of categories). Men wishing to vie for the 20 percent of spots reserved for males had to submit an essay on how they plan to use the event to accelerate the cause of women in entrepreneurship.

“To really create change, it can’t only be women talking to women,” said Lane. “There are still not enough women-led startups being funded, so we are bringing VCs from the U.S. and Israel to focus on how to get the connections made and the conversation going. The entire last day will be at JVP [Venture Partners in Jerusalem] focused on founders and funders, with workshops and meetings to help create that ecosystem.”

The summit will kick off with a Taste of Israel Food Festival on the beach, featuring female Tel Aviv street food chefs and the region’s “best” cocktails, beers and wines.

The next morning, participants will ring the opening bell at the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. Other highlights will include yoga on the beach and a dance party/fashion show featuring young female designers in the Machane Yehuda outdoor market in Jerusalem.

The lineup of speakers, mainly female, includes such executives as JPMorgan Chase Chief Brand Officer Leanne Fremar, and ClassPass founder and Executive Chair Payal Kadakia. “This year promises to be another defining year for women, with historic levels of women running for president in the U.S., heading to Congress and breaking through barriers across all facets of society,” said Maggie McGrath, editor of ForbesWomen.

“Yet despite our global progress, only a small percentage of venture funding is going to women-led startups,” she said. “By bringing together the best minds in business from around the globe, we’ll foster candid discussions about the ways in which women are harnessing their power to reshape the way we invest, invent and live. Our hope is that these discussions shine a brighter spotlight on many issues, including the need for more investment in women at every stage in their career.”

In conjunction with the summit, the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation is offering “REALITY Women: See “Summit” on page 7

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We’re all human, and Kraft is as entitled to forgiveness for transgressions as anybody else, providing they are willing to come clean and apologize. Personally, I’m not comfortable with a culture of outrage that dominates our society, in which a bad statement or tweet or even some non-criminal misbehavior should mean someone should lose their livelihood or be condemned to permanent shunning without hope of redemption. The same is true for someone in the kind of legal pickle that Kraft finds himself in, especially when the accused has done so much good. If you must judge Kraft, then he deserves to be judged by the totality of his life’s work.

But this story also highlights what’s wrong with the whole concept of a “Jewish Nobel Prize.”

The idea of bringing attention to the pride a famous award recipient has in being Jewish and all that they’ve done for the community sounds great. So many Jews are drifting away from both communal life and the effort to sustain it that drawing attention to prominent examples of those who remain devoted to Jewish values is a good idea.

However, as is inevitable in any award that is so subjectively determined, Genesis has found itself involved in politics and scandal. That was the case last year when it honored actress Natalie Portman, and she refused to attend the ceremony lest anyone think she approved of the policies of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Of the half dozen who have gotten the Genesis Prize since it was initiated, perhaps only violinist Itzhak Perlman, a truly inspirational as well as beloved performer, might be considered universally acclaimed. Embracing either the celebrity formula like actor/producer Michael Douglas or the more familiar big-giver model, such as billionaire and former New York City

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, each provides its own set of pitfalls.

In either case, attempting to place so much importance on one individual is a distraction from the necessity to breathe new life into failing institutions. What the Jewish world needs is not one more vehicle for applauding people who are already famous and honored. That comes off – as the Genesis Prize does even when it avoids controversy – as just another publicity stunt, even if the purpose is good.

We already spend far too much time caring about celebrities and the wealthy, with charitable groups kowtowing to the whims of individuals and their aspirations to be recognized when what’s really required is a focus on the ordinary work that our communal organizations (and all those folks associated with them) try to do to keep Jewish life going and to stand up for Israel, as well as against antisemitism. If we gave as much publicity to honoring an exemplary Jewish teacher or organization as we do to a “Jewish Nobel” driven as much by fame as it is by good deeds, we might do more to inspire Jewish youth (Genesis’s purpose), who tend to regard the attention given celebrity-driven ceremonies with the sort of cynicism that is already killing Jewish life.

It would be far better to embrace a more intellectual model for a Jewish award – one not based on worshipping the rich and famous. As much as we should applaud the longtime work that brought Kraft this honor, I find it hard to be enthusiastic about any prize that is stuck in the same old and failed philanthropic paradigm that long ago ensured that so many of our young people would ignore and reject the organized Jewish world.

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Dancing with the fishes ...

By Elizabeth Kratz

(JNS) – You never know when something *heimishe*, something many Jews may associate with old-fashioned, staid Jewish fare, like herring and crackers, will somehow turn high-end and hipster. One millennial, barely out of his teens, is putting herring out there for all the Internet to see. And he has a heck of a story to tell.

It all started in late 2014, when Queens, NY, teen Naftali Engel was in Israel for post-high school gap-year study. He spent some Shabbats away from his Judean Hills yeshiva with his brother who lives in Tzfat, the “holy city” known for its more Chasidic or Kabbalah-influenced-artists’ colonies and spiritually creative enclaves. One Shabbat, Engel tasted a particularly delicious homemade herring, and, perhaps nonchalantly, asked the maker for his recipe. The answer he got was not quite traditional.

Engel’s version of what he heard from this unusual pescaphile was something like the following: “First, you have to dance with the fish; then say *tikkun hak-lali* [a traditional Breslov set of psalms geared toward repentance] with the fish, after that sit down and say some *shemios hatzadikim* (names of the righteous) to the herring. If you can, go to the *mikvah* [ritual bath] before you prepare the fish ... ,’ it went on like this,” Engel told *The Jewish Link*.

“I mean, the herring tasted really good, but this was an interesting method to say the least. The man continued, ‘When you spice the fish, make sure to have the proper *kavanos* [intentions]. After you finish making it, make sure to learn with the herring and say *tehillim* [psalms] for it,’” recalled Engel.

At that point, Engel gave up on getting an actual recipe out of the man, but succeeded in getting a basic herring recipe from his brother, Menachem. “Although I altered the original recipe I was given a bit, it came out great. But what this man gave me was an idea: That I could take the herring and spice it based on what inspires me.”

Five years later, Engel, 22, is a busy entrepreneur distributing his own original herrings nationwide under the label The Rebbe’s Choice – all inspired by that single interaction. From Vietnamese sriracha to smoked Hungarian paprika to Israeli za’atar, he has fused spices from his millennial-modern kitchen with that most modest fish, bringing new life to that old boring herring. And millennials intrinsically seem to know a thing or two about branding. In what has seemed like a blink of an eye, a community of 800 followers have popped up on Instagram and are even buying products emblazoned with the company catchphrase – “*heimishe* meets high end” – and “the rebbe” on the label, who happens to look quite a bit like Engel’s new father-in-law.



Naftali Engel’s first herring. (Photo courtesy of Naftali Engel)

But back to 2014. How did this business get started? Engel’s first culinary effort – a jalapeño matjes (matjes is a younger, fattier herring perfect for pickling) made on Engel’s dormitory porch at Yeshivat Ohr Yerushalayim – was met with clamors for more from his friends. Soon, students from other yeshivas heard about it. “I would make herring for Shabbos and ask if people wanted it, and soon I was selling it out of my dorm room,” he explained.

“My herring started to become well-known in the American yeshivas in Jerusalem. Everyone knew about it. By the next summer, I had a name: The Rebbe’s Choice.” While he was home in the States, he hired a graphic designer on Fiverr to illustrate “The Rebbe” who adorns his labels, wearing a fur streimel, smiling and holding a whole fish. He sold his labeled products in Israel to friends the next year.

Returning home to Queens in 2016 after a year-and-a-half, he began his business in earnest, manufacturing his unique herring recipes out of his *shul*’s basement in Kew Gardens Hills, Queens. His product had been certified kosher by the O-K.

Fast-forward to today: Engel’s herrings are distributed nationwide by Quality Frozen Foods, a large kosher foods distributor. More than 1,500 units of herring are produced every week, and it’s available in kosher supermarkets in communities nationwide. Engel explained that, while he has no prior background in the food industry, he comes from a family full of entrepreneurs – all of whom have found new ways to present items to the public.

His grandfather, Engel related, sold postal products and was apparently the first to sell envelopes in packages of multiples. His father and brother had launched their own pet-supply businesses. Engel’s new wife, Remi, also helps him in the business, bringing with her design ideas and her own millennial flair, even launching the hashtag #womenwhoherring.

Marketing aside, what truly sets Engel’s herrings apart (there are currently six varieties, and a seventh one will be released soon, he said) is that the flavorful, modern fusion-cuisine-take-on-classic-flavors are made from recipes using all kinds of sweet and savory spices, sauces and herbs, and are inspired by a Chasidic “rebbe,” the teachings of whom Engel has learned. A story about each rebbe and how he edified Engel adorns each box of herring. For example, The Rebbe’s Choice’s sweet black-pepper herring is inspired by Reb Levi Yitzchok of Berditchev, who “went to tremendous lengths and had great enthusiasm toward finding the good in people, no matter how evil or criminal they were.” “Rabbi Levi’s fresh perspective and ardor are the inspiration for this savory and deeply flavored herring,” Engel writes on the label.

Engel has so far singled out rebbes from Lelov, Kotzk, Rimanov, Ropshitz and Zusha, and written vignettes about their teachings and why they inspired a particular flavor. Future plans include two types of high-quality smoked salmon, plain and with pastrami flavoring, and a line of flatbread kichel (a Jewish type of cookie), inspired by the Hungarian Kerister Rebbe, a rabbi from the Tokay region of Hungary known for his hospitality toward strangers.

The kichel is not dipped in sugar like the kichel many Americans know, but it is savory and cracker-like and more typical of old Europe. It’s meant to be eaten along with the herring, of course. Engel reported that he had recently returned from Budapest, where he drove multiple hours to



Naftali and Remi Engel at Kosherfest 2018. (Photo courtesy of Naftali Engel)

visit the *kever* (grave) of Reb Shayale of Keristir to gain inspiration for the kichel.

But it’s not just about inspiration; Engel is serious about business, as well. He and his production team, which includes one full-time manager and several part-timers, say they take pride in a set of common-sense principles for food safety and sustainability. Their fish products are made from Atlantic herring, primarily matjes, sourced from the Atlantic Ocean from either Europe or Canada, and are bought from fisheries that practice sustainable practices so that ocean-dwellers other than herring aren’t caught in the nets and the supply isn’t depleted.

Engel said he benefitted from studying for his ServSafe New York City food-safety handler licenses, finding them instructive in making safer choices regarding fresh ingredients and preparation methods. “Stored properly, our cured and pickled herrings are good for six weeks, as per the label on the package. You can tell our herring is fresh by how firm it is. Herring that is soft or mushy is usually frozen, whereas our product is fresh,” he explained.

Competitors eyeing the success of Engel’s branding have already begun making attempts at copying the products of this quick-growing company, though Engel has taken this gesture of his competition in stride and even with some cheer. “Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, and if I made big enough waves that the largest fish and appetizing companies want to copy me, I know I’m doing something right,” he said. Still, it seems unlikely that any impersonator can hope to match the inspiration and success of the brand, as it’s very clearly rooted in and growing from Engel’s personal interests and experiences.

The 12-ounce boxes of herring are hand-packaged out of its 1,000-square-foot facility in Long Island City, NY. They are made without artificial ingredients or color, and several of the herrings are made without sugar in order to be suitable for those following diabetic diets. All herrings are gluten-free; several contain sesame or egg ingredients, but are clearly marked as such. The products are now available in select locations in Los Angeles; Minneapolis; Glendale, CO; Evanston, IL; Southfield, MI; Cleveland Heights, OH; Dallas; Atlanta; Boston; and several cities in Florida. Since 2018, they have become available in kosher stores and supermarkets with kosher sections in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

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As a result, aspiring drivers who take the practice tests and read the DMV manual are 73 percent more likely to pass the official test than those who study the manual alone. A free program can be found at <https://driving-tests.org>.

One good thing you can do as a parent is create a parent-driver contract. It helps form an open line of communication about the importance of safety and the expectations that come with the new and profound responsibility of driving. Among other things, the young driver promises to follow all traffic and safety rules, never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs or ride with any driver who is, and avoid distracted driving such as texting or talking

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Israeli-German space partnership a “milestone for the future moon colony”

By Yaakov Lappin

(JNS)—A newly signed space cooperation agreement between two giant Israeli and German companies is a “milestone” for a future moon colony, said the director-general of the European Space Agency in Tel Aviv. Professor Dr. Johann-Dietrich Wörner attended the January 29 signing of a teaming agreement between Israel Aerospace Industries and Germany’s OBH Systems AG, a German satellite manufacturer. The signing took place at the David Intercontinental Hotel during the 14th Ilan Ramon Space Conference, which was organized by the Israel Space Agency.

Opher Doron, general manager of the IAI Space Division, told JNS a day after the ceremony that under the agreement, the companies will offer the European Space Agency a commercial lunar-surface access service for scientific missions that will help pave the path for humanity’s journey into space. IAI “will build the lander, accommodate payloads and integrate with the launcher,” while OHB “will manage the service commercialization and mission definition with prospective users,” the Israeli defense corporation said in a statement.

The European Space Agency is launching an initiative, called In-Situ Resource Utilization, which will involve sending landers to the moon to test out technologies for making oxygen, water and other raw materials from lunar soil. Such technologies are needed for eventual long-term human colonization outside of Earth.

“Today, within the European Space Agency, there is a



Opher Doron (right), general manager of IAI’s Space Division, shook hands with Marcho Fuchs, CEO of OHB Systems AG, at the David Intercontinental hotel in Tel Aviv, on January 29. In the background are Johann-Dietrich Wörner, director general of European Space Agency (left); Prof. Pascale Ehrenfreund, chairman of the Executive Board of the German Space Agency (or DLR); Avi Blasberger, director general of Israel Space Agency; and SpaceIL’s Morris Kahn. (Photo courtesy of JNS)

range of missions being planned, dedicated to turning the moon into a more accessible place in terms of resources and turning it into a gateway for outer space,” said Doron.

“We are jointly offering services for getting to the moon. This is based on the idea that clients will not want to develop spaceships from scratch. They can rent out services to reach the moon, which are far cheaper,” he stated.

“They’re looking for a ‘lift to the moon’ that is faster, cheaper and more accessible. That is what we are offering jointly with OHB.”

While the companies have not yet received an order, the presence of senior members of the European and German space agencies at the signing is an indication of real interest. The spaceship made by IAI together with the SpaceIL company is “now being fueled for launch,” noted Doron, representing years of experience in developing a vehicle that can reach Earth’s closest neighbor.

“We’re taking engineering knowledge that we developed together with SpaceIL and developing it further. IAI would supply the lander, and OHS would manage the interface with the European Space Agency, and they will handle the marketing side,” he added.

SpaceIL’s Morris Kahn was present at the cooperation signing.

Marcho Fuchs, the CEO of OHB, said during the ceremony, “Exploring the moon and using it as a base is a logical next step for me that offers many advantages and opportunities. Landing on the surface of the moon, however, is still a challenge.

“I look very much forward to bringing the OHB expertise into cooperation with IAI and to jointly tackling the challenges posed by future moon programs,” he added.

Nimrod Sheffer, IAI’s CEO and president, said that “IAI is proud to collaborate with a global satellite leader, as well as with Europe’s and Germany’s space agencies. This is a badge of honor for the Israeli space industry.”

Sheffer said that his company’s “technological know-how acquired in the development and manufacturing of the Beresheet lunar lander with SpaceIL and the teaming with OHB allow us to partake in the advanced global research of outer space. We are proud of the opportunity to take the Israeli space industry to new frontiers and look forward to Beresheet’s launch and journey to the moon [in February].”

The signing was also attended by Professor Pascale Ehrenfreund, chairman of the executive board of the German Space Agency (or DLR). “The German Aerospace Center appreciates the OHB IAI cooperation in the endeavor for lunar missions,” he said.

On February 22, the Israeli-made unmanned spacecraft launched with a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Cape Canaveral, FL, destined for the moon.

SpaceIL, an Israeli nonprofit organization, has teamed up IAI to build the spacecraft. When it touches down on the lunar surface, Israel will join an exclusive club consisting of the United States, Russia and China, which have sent spacecraft to Earth’s nearest neighbor.

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From JNS.org

National Autism Research Center opens at Ben-Gurion U. of the Negev

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and Soroka University Medical Center in Beersheva in southern Israel have announced the opening of the National Autism Research Center at BGU. Funded partly by the Israeli ministries of health, and of science and technology – and headed by professors Ilan Dinstein, Gal Meiri, Idan Menashe and Hava Golan – the center will serve as Israel’s leading information and research center on the subject of autism and will be the coordinating body to assemble national studies on autism. It will also provide access to research for scholars seeking new treatment methods, create shared national databases and distribute information to decision-makers, health-care professionals and the general public. “The decision to upgrade the Negev Autism Center from a regional to a national body is a gratifying vote of confidence in the research we’ve done, and especially, in our multi-disciplinary approach to treating autism,” says Dinstein, adding that the center will foster research collaboration on an international level. Last summer, the Ministry of Science and Technology selected BGU to host the national center, announcing its opening during the first national conference for the study of autism, held in mid-February on the university’s Marcus Family Campus in Beersheva. The two-day conference brought together 120 doctors, academics, NGOs and mental-health professionals to discuss treatment methods and current research. “It served as a platform for scholars and practitioners from all the bodies that are active in this area in Israel to meet, coordinate and to swap ideas,” said Technology Ministry director Gen. Ran Bar. Dinstein explained that “since we founded the center in 2015, we’ve encouraged scientists and clinicians from a variety of different fields,

including pediatrics, neurology, psychiatry, genetics, neuroscience, developmental psychology, molecular biology and biomedical engineering, to share their findings. The results of that collaboration forms the basis of the first database of its kind in Israel with a variety of clinical, behavioral and biological measurements, gathered from hundreds of children with autism and their families.” He added that “the breadth and depth of the data we’ve collected is an invaluable tool both for theoretical research and treatment applications.” BGU President Daniel Chamovitz added: “The new center is an important benchmark for the study and treatment of the range of conditions that fall under the ‘autism’ rubric. It will serve academic researchers and health-care professionals alike with a wealth of up-to-date research, detailed case studies, treatment methods and more, making it an invaluable warehouse of data and information.”

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Under 30,” a program from March 26-31 designed for young women innovators to connect with, learn and draw inspiration from women leaders in Israeli society and beyond.

“Events for young women entrepreneurs are very empowering; they build incredible networks,” said Lane. “We do an Under 30 women’s summit in New York, and it has always been very powerful. We took the leap to do a global summit this year, and the reaction has been great.”

Lane says the challenge faced by women in entrepreneurship can’t be solved by such events alone, “but we can highlight it and make sure great women founders get the backing they need. The more women we have leading, the better the world will be.”

He added that “Under 30” summits in Israel are always “a smash hit. . . .What’s fun is that people have heard about the tech and the startups in Israel, but when they see and feel the vitality for themselves, we get universal responses about how invigorating it is, how they feel the electricity in the air,” said Lane. “It’s very inspiring and magical.”



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on the phone while driving. The parents promise to provide and maintain a safe vehicle, pay for driver training classes and materials, be available to ride along, pick the young person up or arrange a ride home whenever necessary regardless of the time or situation, and lead by example

by exhibiting safe driving behavior. The contract can be downloaded at <https://driving-tests.org/parent-driver-contract.pdf>.

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Israelis get inside the huddle, embrace the strategy and tactics of American football

By Josh Hasten

(JNS) – Many Israelis came to work bleary-eyed on February 4, having stayed up all night watching the New England Patriots defeat the Los Angeles Rams in Super Bowl LIII. While the low-scoring affair certainly wasn't the most exciting of championship games, that didn't dampen the jubilation.

As Steve Leibowitz, president and co-founder of the American Football in Israel organization, said to JNS, "the Patriots are Israel's team." Leibowitz says that the Patriots became Israel's favorite NFL franchise thanks to the nearly two-decade old friendship between the AFI and Patriots owner Robert Kraft and his late wife, Myra. The Krafts have been the biggest supporters of football in Israel, assisting in the funding of the construction of a small Jerusalem football stadium in 2000, known as Kraft Family Stadium, near the Machane Yehuda outdoor market, and the new Kraft Family Sports Campus on the outskirts of the city, which opened in 2017, boasting the country's only full-sized regulation football field.

The sports complex is a multimillion dollar facility built in partnership between the Krafts, the city of Jerusalem and Israel's lottery authority. It was inaugurated in the presence of the Kraft family, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell and 18 NFL Hall of Famers – some of the best to ever play the game – who were invited to Israel for a week of touring by the Krafts.

While American football in Israel remains the fifth most popular sport behind soccer (European football), basketball, volleyball and handball, the game has exploded in popularity since Leibowitz and his friend, Danny Gewirtz, started the AFI in 1988 with a handful of players playing "touch football." Today in Israel, more than 2,000 men, women and youth participate in

seven different leagues of flag and tackle football. In addition, Israel sends delegations of both men's and women's teams to compete in international tournaments.

In fact, both the men's and women's flag squads are ranked in Europe, and according to Leibowitz, for the first time ever, "Israel is hosting the European Flag Football Championships from August 29 to September 1 at the new Kraft Family Sports Campus."

Betzalel Friedman is the AFI's director of tackle football and commissioner of the adult men's Kraft Family Israel Football League. He tells JNS that currently more than 800 adults and high school players, who are in separate league known as the Kraft Family Israel High School Football League, currently play the traditional form of the sport with full pads and helmets.

Friedman points out how the sport is growing in Israel. While the flag leagues originally consisted of American players who were studying in Israel after high school or were American expats, "in the tackle football leagues, over 80 percent of the players are born Israelis and don't have American parents."

He believes that "tackle football appeals to Israelis – the physicality, the camaraderie, the strategy. It's actually good preparation for military service because football shares so many aspects, including hard work, perseverance, discipline and teamwork. And it also prepares you for life in general."

Friedman says some teens actually start playing football in high school and then take a break to fulfill their service in the Israel Defense Forces, and rejoin the game after they finish, playing in the adult league. "Those soldiers who aren't in combat units usually play on through during their time in the IDF," he says.

Several players who started playing



Two teams in Israel lined up. (Photo by Erel Taly)

competitively in the IFL ended up playing NCAA football in the United States. One former IFL player is currently an offensive lineman for a Division II school, while another made the team as a walk-on for Michigan, a Division I Big Ten powerhouse. However, he spent his career on the bench. That being said, Friedman feels that the level of play in the IFL is on the rise as kids start to play at an earlier age.

But in order to have a professionally run sports league, in addition to players, certified coaches are necessary to enhance players' skill sets, as are accredited referees to oversee the games. That is where Ori Shterenbach comes in. He is the AFI's sports director and, in addition to being in charge of player development, he also oversees the certification of coaches and referees.

Shterenbach tells JNS that in order to coach football in Israel, a coaching license through the Wingate Sports Institute near Netanya is required. At the same time, two or three times a year professional coaches are flown in from the United States to run clinics for players in order to boost their skills.

In terms of referees, Shterenbach says that in the past two years, a training course for officials has been established, while the International Federation of American Football has sent representatives to assist in the training. Israeli referees have also flown to Europe for additional clinics.

He believes that the future for football in Israel is bright. Similar to comments made by Friedman, Shterenbach tells JNS that "American football fits for Israelis in more ways than you would expect – the strategy, tactics and the aggressiveness. It is my job to open the world of football to the youth in a way so they can understand that football is a way of life. It is something that they can grow more and more through, and develop their skills more and more, and one day represent our country on the international level."

While some may consider football to be a man's game, that's certainly not the case in Israel. Myra Kraft was the driving force behind the launch of the women's program. During one of her many visits to Kraft Stadium, she noticed that the girls were casual observers watching the boys play, and she felt passionately that they deserved a shot to lace up their cleats as well.

Rachel Shmidman, director of the Flag Football Leagues and also a player in both the women's league – Women's American Football in Israel and on the women's national flag team – notes that the women's national flag team has medaled at international tournaments. She says 140 women currently play football in Israel either in WAFI or in one of the coed leagues.

She tells JNS that she is hopeful that the women's national team will win the European Championships as the host country this August. When asked what playing football means to her, Shmidman 27, says "football has been my home, my friend, my escape and my center of gravity since I was about 13 years old. It's a sense

of belonging – knowing there are other women who share your passion for a sport we all love."

She adds, "I was the weird kid in high school who walked around with a funny egg-shaped ball. [I was] the commander in the army who gave up precious hours of sleep to watch games at 1 am, the college kid who had to debate between watching the Super Bowl and taking a final at eight the next morning (the Super bowl usually won). Football has been the one constant in my life for almost 15 years, and I wouldn't have it any other way."

Yonah Mishaan, a player and coach in both the flag and tackle leagues, currently serves as the vice president of Football in Israel. He tells JNS that he is grateful for the support shown by the Kraft family, as well as the support given from Ayelet – an organization representing non-Olympic sports in Israel. Regarding American football, he says "we are slowly but surely climbing the ladder as one of the powerhouse team sports in Israel." He believes that through the establishment of more and more after-school youth clinics and additional leagues, football will continue to grow.

Both Mishaan and Leibowitz separately express that to accomplish that, Israel requires more full-sized fields and facilities in strategic locations throughout the country akin to the new field at the Kraft Family Sports Complex. "The next step, or in Hebrew *hachalom hagadol* [the big dream]," says Leibowitz, "is to build several more football sports centers around the country. One in the south, one in the north and one in the center to complement the one in Jerusalem, and we will be well on our way to becoming the third strongest team sport in the country."

As for big dreams, the Patriots celebrated their sixth Super Bowl win on February 3. In addition to supporting football in Israel, Kraft has business interests in Israel, and is well-known for his philanthropic work in Israel and around the world. This June, he is set to receive the Genesis Prize – what some consider to be the "Jewish Nobel" – at a ceremony in Jerusalem. Kraft has already decided to donate the \$1 million monetary award to projects that combat antisemitism and the delegitimization of Israel.

But for now, Leibowitz is savoring victory – and the fact the Most Valuable Player in the game was Julian Edelman, who identifies as being Jewish, and who several years ago made a visit to Kraft Family Stadium to run drills with the younger players and give them some advice on football and life. "Football in Israel has a new hero," says Leibowitz, explaining that in addition to Tom Brady and Kraft, now there is Julian Edelman – the Israel-identifying, Jewish-identifying Super Bowl LIII MVP.

"It will take us a little while to process that fact," he says, "but we have a Jewish NFL MVP who has visited Kraft Family Stadium, and we hope to have him back here very soon in the future."



Julian Edelman, now the Super Bowl LIII MVP, visited the Kraft Family Stadium in Jerusalem in 2015. (Photo courtesy of American Football in Israel)

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Physics Olympiad in Jerusalem spotlights religious future scientists

The talents of religious scientists of the future were on display in mid-March as more than 100 Israeli yeshiva students participated in Jerusalem College of Technology's sixth annual Physics Olympiad. Held in cooperation with Israel's Ministry of Religious Services and Ministry of Education, the event marked the latest initiative by the college to empower religious students in Israel and abroad with high-level science and technology skills. Participants in the competition were 11th- and 12th-graders studying for Israeli matriculation exams. As part of the competition, male students at the Lev Campus and women at the Tal Campus solved university-level physics challenges. They also toured the campuses and physics laboratories, while hearing a variety of lectures and engaging in interactive games. At the end of the day, the college announced the winners of scholarships toward studies at its Lev Academic Center. Winners of the girls' competition were Hadas Fiksler of Bnei Brak, Miri Abutl of Shlabim and Ayelet Hashachar Barel of Rishon Letzion. In the boys' competition, the winners were Liav Shlechdarov, Daniel Markovitz and Michael Piper, all of Netanya. "As an academic institution that advocates excellence, we conduct the competition to encourage religious students to pursue a high-level science education and to develop new ways of thinking and learning, and to aspire for greatness," said Olympiad director Evgeny Frishman. "Physics plays an important role in developing a number of important professions within the state of Israel's economy. Our goal is that all who took part will understand the importance of physics not only in the scientific world, but to their country."

ExxonMobil weighs looking for offshore oil, gas blocks in Israel

Exxon Mobil Corp is eyeing operating in Israel, which would make it the first major oil company to operate in the Jewish nation, reported Reuters, citing a source with "direct knowledge of the matter." The source said that Exxon executives had discussions with Israeli Energy Minister Yuval Steinitz in Houston at the annual CERAWEEK conference about having the right to look for oil and gas areas off Israel's shore through bidding in an auction that Israel will conduct in June. The firm recently got a \$50,000 data deal from Israel's energy ministry ahead of the auction. Steinitz also met with U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry, focusing on challenges facing the energy industry. It is currently unknown if the possible Exxon deal was discussed between the two. The source added that an Exxon team toured a data center constructed by the ministry in Jerusalem. That center consists of specific information related to the sub-sea rocks' geology, estimated to contain more than 561 trillion gallons of gas and 6.6 billion oil barrels. Both Exxon and Israel's energy ministry declined to comment to Reuters.

Convicted PFLP terrorist to speak at Berlin event

(The Tower via JNS) – A terrorist convicted of the murders of two students in Jerusalem 50 years ago will be allowed into Germany to speak at an event promoting boycotts of Israel, Benjamin Weinthal reported on March 13 for *The Jerusalem Post*. News that Rasmea Odeh, a member of the Popular Front for Liberation of Palestine, which is classified as a terrorist organization by both the United States and European Union, will speak at an event in Berlin sparked outrage from a German politician. "Why isn't a convicted terrorist like Rasmea Odeh's entry in the Schengen Information System blocked? Why did one name the Residence Act hate preaching as an obstacle to entry if these laws are then not applied," Volker Beck, a German Green Party politician, wrote on Facebook. The Schengen Area is comprised of 26 European nations with a single visa that allows visitors to pass freely among them. Beck added that "in Germany, the PFLP is not prohibited. I jointly demanded the [ban of the PFLP] with Yair Lapid [Yesh Atid Chairman] in 2017." According to Alexander Fröhlich, the reporter from the *Tagesspiegel* newspaper who broke the story, Odeh will be speaking at an event hosted by an alliance of BDS groups on the topic of "Palestinian women in the liberation struggle." Odeh was convicted of a 1969 Jerusalem bombing that killed Jewish students Leon Kanner and Eddie Joffe. She was convicted in 2017 of immigration fraud and last year deported from the U.S. to Jordan. In 2017, Italy refused entry to Leila Khaled, who was involved in two hijackings and is a member of the PFLP.

Basketball player Amar'e Stoudemire receives Israeli citizenship

Israel's average national height rose ever so slightly on March 13 when former NBA star Amar'e Stoudemire officially received Israeli citizenship in a ceremony at the Interior Ministry. The 6-foot-10-inch American-born basketball star's identity card was presented to him by Interior

Minister Aryeh Deri and Jerusalem Mayor Moshe Lion at a ceremony attended by Hapoel Jerusalem co-owner Eyal Chomsky and Hapoel Jerusalem general manager Guy Harel. Stoudemire has been playing for Hapoel Jerusalem since 2016, and received residency rights in January, after completing a 14-year NBA career with the New York Knicks and Phoenix Suns. "It's a very exciting moment for me. My body is flooded with emotions now. My love for Israel has been with me for many years, and being part of Israel is something very special," Stoudemire said at the celebratory event. "I would like to say thank you also to Hapoel Jerusalem for giving me the opportunity to play on the team and to help me in this process." "In a moving ceremony today, I granted Israeli citizenship to Hapoel Jerusalem player Amar'e Stoudemire, or Jehoshaphat, to use his Hebrew name," Interior Minister Aryeh Deri announced on Twitter, calling him "a tremendous basketball player, a wonderful man, and a great ambassador of Israel and our capital Jerusalem, who has tied his fate to that of Israel's." Last year, the former NBA star even heralded a new line of kosher-for-Passover wines, grown and produced in Israel, which includes two red-wine blends and one Cabernet Sauvignon, all limited-edition vintages produced in cooperation with the Tulip Winery in northern Israel.

Israeli lab beef company seeks meaty future

Israeli lab beef company Aleph Farms Ltd. is aiming to develop lab-grown steaks within the next five years, according to its CEO, Didier Toubia. "Already today, our product is very similar to what we are aiming at," he told the Israeli financial news site Calcalist. Aleph Farms, created in 2017, grows a variety of beef cells such as fat, muscle and blood-vessel cells to "recreate in the lab the structure and feel of a conventional cut of meat. The company was founded by food-tech incubator The Kitchen, a part of the Israeli food processing company the Strauss Group Ltd., in collaboration with the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology," reported the outlet. Aleph Farms produces the cells in biological

"farms," utilizing a process that Toubia said is similar to how yogurt is made. The steaks made will be absolutely sustainable, said Toubia, in order to meet the demand of the world's growing population. "The idea to lab-grow edible animal parts is not new, but up until a few years ago, it was science fiction," he said. Aleph Farms revealed in December a minute steak produced from single cells – the world's first, per the company.

New Gate in Old City Jerusalem reopens after \$3 million renovation

The New Gate in Jerusalem's Old City has reopened to the public after more than \$3 million was invested in renovating it, announced the Jerusalem municipality on March 5. The New Gate and the adjacent street are considered a major tourist attraction in the Old City. First opened in 1889, the New Gate is located near the northwestern corner of the city and leads into the Christian Quarter, which includes the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and other well-visited historical sites. The New Gate project is part of a multi-year strategy to improve the Old City, such as developing infrastructure, easing congestion and improving accessibility. "The New Gate pedestrian mall is a project with important touristic significance, which will dramatically improve the movement of tourists in the area and provide them with a wonderful cultural experience," said Tourism Minister Yariv Levin. "Tourism to Israel in general and to Jerusalem in particular is at an all-time high, and we continue to improve the tourist experience and the many possibilities he has to enjoy all that Israel has to offer. I am convinced that the new project will be a magnet for many tourists and visitors and I welcome all those involved," he added. "This is another section of the Old City that was developed and re-imagined for the benefit of visitors and residents of the area," said Jerusalem Mayor Moshe Lion. "The Jerusalem Municipality has put accessibility in the Old City at the top of its priorities, and we will continue to make many more sites in the capital accessible to achieve this goal. The refurbished New Gate area will quickly become a vibrant, attractive, draw for tourists."



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Weekly Parasha

Tsav, Leviticus 6:1-8:36

Holiness and sacrifices

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If someone's only knowledge of Judaism came from the Bible, he might find contemporary Jewish worship baffling. For example, reading Leviticus, including this week's *parasha*, Tsav, would lead him to believe the main form of Jewish worship is animal sacrifice. He might also be puzzled to find that the Kohens, the priestly class, and the Levites, their helpers, play almost no special role during the synagogue service. Since prayer was not mentioned as a commandment in the biblical text and the term *rabbi* wasn't used during biblical times, he could be excused for thinking another religion was being practiced.

Like most of Leviticus, *parashat* Tsav focuses on the different sacrifices the priests were to perform. What is often not understood is that the majority of these sacrifices were eaten by the priests or their families, rather than being

completely burned. A constant refrain in this *parasha* after the priests are told how to carry out a particular sacrifice is "every male of the sons of Aaron may eat of it" (Leviticus 6:11) or "every male of the priests may eat of it." (Leviticus 6:22) The reason given for this is that, because the sacrifices are *kodesh* (holy), those who touch them are holy. This creates a hierarchy of holiness, as only priests could perform the ritual slaughtering. Other Israelites, even prophets and kings, could never attain this type of connection to God, even when they were allowed to eat of particular sacrifices they brought to the Temple.

The biblical text suggests several things might be responsible for making the priests holy: They eat offerings made by fire (Leviticus 6:10) and they touch the flesh of the sacrificed animal (Leviticus 6:20). Other commenta-

tors suggest their holiness is due to the fact they handle an animal's blood, which contains a life force belonging only to God. (Although not specifically mentioned in this *parasha*, in Leviticus 17:11, God commands the Israelites not to eat an animal's blood because the "*nefesh* [life or soul] of the flesh is the blood.") Although we don't usually think of them this way, the priests were really holy butchers, not only supplying food for themselves and their families, but the means for Israelites to perform their ritual duties toward God through animal sacrifice. What was considered holiness then—blood, flesh and intestines—is very different from what most of us consider holiness today.

The move to a different kind of Judaism began before the destruction of the Second Temple. Certain groups of **See "Holiness" on page 11**

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 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.

Norwich Jewish Center

Orientation: Inclusive
 Rabbi: David Regenspan
 Address: 72 South Broad St., Norwich, NY 13815
 Contact: Guilla 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.

Temple Brith Sholom

Affiliation: Unaffiliated
 Address: P.O. Box 572, 117 Madison St., Cortland, NY 13045
 Phone: 607-756-7181
 President: Bruce Fein, bfein@twcny.rr.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 Beth-El of Ithaca

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
 Rabbi: Scott L. Glass
 Address: 402 North Tioga St. (the corner of Court and Tioga streets), Ithaca, NY 14850-4292
 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-Saturday, March 29-30, an interim rabbi candidate will visit.

On Saturday, March 30, at 11:15 am, there will be an "Emoji and Escape Room" Shabbat for Religious school students.

Temple Beth El of Oneonta

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
 Rabbi: Molly Karp
 Address: 83 Chestnut St., Oneonta, NY 13820
 Mailing address: P.O. Box 383, Oneonta, NY 13820
 Phone: 607-432-5522
 Website: www.templebetheloneonta.org
 E-mail: TBEOneonta@gmail.com
 Regular service times: visit the temple website for days of services and times
 Religious School/Education: Religious School, for grades kindergarten through bar/bat mitzvah, meets Sunday mornings. Rabbi Karp conducts services and holds classes in Torah, beginning Hebrew and Maimonides.
 For the schedule of services, classes and events, see the website.

Penn-York Jewish Community

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

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, March 22, light candles 6:59 pm
 Shabbat ends Saturday, March 23 8:01 pm
 Friday, March 29, light candles 7:07 pm
 Shabbat ends Saturday, March 30 8:09 pm

Temple Israel

Orientation: Conservative
 Rabbi: Geoffrey Brown
 Address: 4737 Deerfield Pl., Vestal, NY 13850
 Phone: 723-7461 and 231-3746
 Office hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am-4 pm; Fri. 8 am-3 pm
 E-mail: titammy@stny.twcbc.com
 Website: www.templeisraelvestal.org
 Service Schedule: Tuesday, 5:30 pm; Friday, 5:30 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am
 On Saturday, March 23, at 9:30 am, Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Leviticus 6:1-8:36. The haftarah will be Jeremiah 7:21-8:3, 9:22-23.
 On Thursday, March 28, at 1:30 pm, there will be a Caring Community meeting.
 On Tuesday, April 5, at 7 pm, there will be an Executive Board meeting.
 On Saturday, April 6, at 9:30 am, there will be the baby naming of Howard and Bonnie Brown's grandchild.
 On Sunday, April 7, at 10 am, there will a TI/TC Adult Ed. event.

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, March 22, at 6:30 pm, there will be a BYO Shabbat picnic dinner and, at 8 pm, there will be Shabbat evening services led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.
 On Saturday, March 23, at 9 am, there will be religious school; at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study; and at 10:35 am, there will be Shabbat family services with birthday blessings.
 On Sunday, March 24, at 1 pm, there will be a Temple Concord Sisterhood Women's Seder.
 On Tuesday, March 26, at 4:15 and 5:15 pm, there will be Hebrew school.
 On Thursday, March 28, at 4:15 and 5:15 pm, there will be Hebrew school; and from 5-7 pm, the CHOW pantry will be open.
 On Friday, March 29, at 8 pm, there will be Shabbat evening services led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell, Victoria Heilveil and her family. The oneg will be sponsored by Amy and Jeff Heilveil in honor of Victoria becoming a bat mitzvah.
 On Saturday, March 30, at 9 am, there will be religious school; at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study; and at 10:35 am, there will be Shabbat services celebrating Victoria Heilveil becoming a bat mitzvah, with a kiddush luncheon following for the entire congregation.

Congregation Tikkun v'Or

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism
 Address: PO Box 3981, Ithaca, NY 14852; 2550 Triphammer Rd. (corner of Triphammer and Burdick Hill), Lansing, NY
 Phone: 607-256-1471
 Website: www.tikkunvor.org
 E-mail: info@tikkunvor.org
 Presidents: Lauren Korfine and Shira Reisman
 Rabbi: Brian Walt
 Religious School Director/Admin. Coordinator: Naomi Wilensky
 Services: Fridays at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted. Intergenerational Shabbat, music services, and other special services. Call for the weekly schedule.
 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.

Jewish Community Center

Camp JCC and after school info night

On Wednesday, April 3, the JCC will hold an informational session about summer camps and year-round after school programs at the JCC. The event will be held in the JCC meeting room from 5-6:30 pm, with an informational presentation at 5:15 pm. Informal questions and tours will follow. There are many options at the JCC for children entering kindergarten in fall 2019 through age 15. On site will be Youth Director Stacy Robitaille, Camp JCC Director Nora Graven and HPER Director Brendan Doherty.

Camp JCC features an onsite day camp for children ages 5-15 that is available in one- to six-week sessions, with overnight and travel opportunities for campers entering grades four and up. Campers explore art, science, nature, the world of drama, sports and more during daily electives and group activities. All groups participate in daily swim lessons and weekly off-site field trips. All campers registered by Thursday, May 9, will receive a 10 percent discount if they are paid in full by Thursday, May 30.



Older JCC campers spent a day at Darien Lake on July 26.

Information on summer co-ed sports camps, theater camp, art camp and swim camps, for all ages and skill levels, will also be available.

Kids Connection, the JCC's school-age after school program, is a New York State Office of Children and Family Services licensed program that offers children "an engaging, safe and fun-filled" environment. Kids Connection is open Monday through Friday from 3-6 pm while school is in session, and offers a long-day program from 7:30 am-6 pm on days off from school, snow days and early-release days. Kids Connection follows the Vestal School District calendar. Children attending the Vestal School District can be bussed to the JCC after school.

Paperwork will be offered to register for both Camp JCC and Kids Connection.

For additional information regarding this event, or to RSVP, contact the JCC Youth and Camp Department at 607-724-2417, ext. 421, or via e-mail at StacyR@binghamtonjcc.org. RSVPs are encouraged, although walk-ins will be welcome.

JCC yard sale accepting community donations, sale to support JCC Fitness Center

By Paige Bartholomew

The Jewish Community Center will host an indoor yard sale on Sunday, April 7, from 11 am-3 pm, at the Center, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal. Community donations of goods will be sold, along with snacks and beverages, to benefit the JCC's Fitness Department and programming. The entire community

is welcome to attend the sale. There is no charge to attend.

The JCC's Fitness Department is accepting donations of new or gently used items such as clothing, shoes, toys, games and small to medium household items through the end of March. Donations can be brought to the Fitness Center during normal operating hours. The JCC will not

accept donations of encyclopedias, televisions, computers or other electronics. All items that are not sold by the end of the yard sale will be donated.

For more information about the yard sale, donating to the yard sale, fitness programming, or the JCC, contact the JCC office at 724-2417.

New personal trainer Tracy O'Hara joins JCC

By Paige Bartholomew

Newcomer Tracy O'Hara has joined the Jewish Community Center of Binghamton as a personal trainer. O'Hara is an ACE-certified personal trainer, recently certified in November, and has already begun taking clients at the Binghamton Jewish Community Center. Her services are open to both members and non-members of the Center. Members receive discounts on personal training services. Interested members and other prospective clients will be able to



Tracy O'Hara

book sessions by contacting the JCC Fitness Center. Personal training sessions begin at \$20 per half hour for members, and \$25 per half hour for non-members.

O'Hara is originally from the Binghamton area and though her certification is recent, she has been working out since she was very young. She has said that her personal satisfaction led her to getting her certification as a trainer, and she hopes to help other people gain that same "rewarding sense of enjoyment" while getting

healthy. She said she is open to clients of all ages, from helping teens and young adults break unhealthy and sedentary habits, to guiding seniors through keeping their bodies strong and healthy.

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these photographs differ from the better-known Nazi photographs? Does it matter who took the photo, or just what appears in the image?" The presentation is hosted by Ithaca College Jewish Studies and Ithaca College Hillel; it is free and open to the public.

Ithaca Descendants of Holocaust Survivors was founded in 2017 as "Second Generation Holocaust Survivors" and is comprised of Tompkins County descendants of survivors who meet monthly. One of the group's founding members,



A scene from a Jewish ghetto. (Photo courtesy of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)

Vally Kovary, says "We have been amazed at just how much help Judy Cohen has provided to our gathering of second- and third-generation survivors in Ithaca. Many of us hold one or many items from our families that miraculously survived the Holocaust, and many of our members have donated family artifacts to the USHMM. With Judy's well-informed and gentle guidance, we are learning just how important and precious these items are to the world. We look forward to her visit so that anyone holding items that document Jewish lives in Europe prior to and during the Holocaust can benefit from the museum's capacity to preserve and make accessible these items, in perpetuity." For more information about the group, e-mail secondgeneration@iaujc.org.

Cohen is a graduate of Harvard University and received her M.A. from Brandeis University. She originally came to the Holocaust Museum in 1995 to work on the exhibition "Hidden History of the Kovno Ghetto" before moving to the photo archives department, where she served as director before becoming head of the curatorial acquisitions and reference branch. She has curated web exhibits and written and co-authored articles on the museum's collection titled "Memento Mori: Photographs from the Grave," "Three Approaches to Exploring the Höcker Album," "Jewish Ghetto Photographers," "The Mantello Rescue Mission" and "Roman Vishniac: A Different Kind of Holocaust Photographer."

For information about these events, visit <http://bit.ly/holocaustmuseumvisit>.


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Jews (whom some consider to be proto-rabbis) wanted to live their lives with an additional degree of holiness. Their practice more closely resembled the behavior of the priests than that of other Israelites. When the Temple was destroyed, they declared that the dining room table would represent the Temple altar and that all Jews would be a nation of priests. Whether or not the priestly class struggled against this change is lost to history. What we do know is that many forms of Judaism were vying for supremacy before and after the destruction of the Temple. Rabbinic Judaism, a variation of which is the basis for most contemporary Jewish practice, found the most adherents. That means that on Shabbat we pray in a synagogue, rather than having a priestly class perform its rites in our name.

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Community Calendar

The Community Calendar can be found on the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's website, www.jfgb.org, by clicking on "calendar."

"Have you forgotten the date of your organization's event? Can't remember when the CJS lecture is? Do you want to hear what's happening at the next Federation board meeting? Are you planning an event and want to make sure there are no conflicts? Then go to www.jfgb.org and hit 'calendar,'" said Sima Auerbach, executive director of the Federation. "This is your Community Calendar! All the events this amazing community holds are listed – and if you do not see what you were looking for, call us at 724-2332. In a community of this size – where people belong to several organizations or synagogues – we want to make certain that people don't miss an important event or meeting."

Updates or additions of events for the calendar can be made by contacting the Federation through its website (click on "calendar" and then "click here to request a change to the calendar") or by calling 724-2332.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

U.S. State Department drops “Israeli-occupied” in reference to the Golan Heights

The U.S. State Department changed its designation of the Golan Heights from “Israeli-occupied” to “Israeli-controlled” in its annual human-rights report, released on March 13. This development comes as the Trump administration has been pressured recently by U.S. lawmakers to officially recognize Israeli sovereignty over the northern territory. Additionally, the report’s section on the West Bank and Gaza did not label those areas as being “occupied” or under “occupation.” Michael Kozak, head of the State Department’s human rights and democracy bureau, noted that the lingo in the report does not reflect any policy changes. “The policy on the status of the territories has not changed,” he told reporters on March 13. The United States uses the term “territories” in referring to the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Kohelet Policy Forum applauded these changes. “This is a massive change in how America relates to the conflict,” said the group’s director of international law, Eugene Kontorovich. “It is coming to understand that while Israel and the Palestinians have a dispute, international law does not provide the answers to that dispute. The report also for the first time expresses [skepticism] at the claims and submissions of anti-Israel groups, whose poorly documented allegations had previously been accepted as gospel.”

NASA to include Israeli-manufactured radiation suit

NASA will include a radiation suit produced by the Israeli firm StemRad Ltd. for its Orion Exploration-Mission 1, scheduled for June 2020, according to a blog post published last week on the European Space Agency’s website. “The crewless mission is set to carry out radiation testing as part of the Matroshka AstroRad Radiation Experiment (MARE), a collaboration between NASA, the German Aerospace Center (DLR), the Israeli Space Agency (ISA), Lockheed Martin and StemRad, according to the blog,” reported the Israeli financial news site Calcalist. “Two dummies designed to record radiation levels, one donning StemRad’s radiation suit, will be used to assess and compare the levels astronauts may be exposed to during a lunar mission.” StemRad, founded in 2011 and headquartered in Tel Aviv with other offices in Tampa Bay, develops and makes suitable anti-radiation materials for scientific, military and medical purposes.

Nvidia acquires Mellanox in Israel for \$6.8 billion

U.S. chip supplier Nvidia Corp has offered the highest bid for Israeli chip designer Mellanox Technologies and will acquire the company for \$6.8 billion. Mellanox will make chips to connect artificially intelligent servers together to create one giant computer in a bid to prioritize data centers, according to Nvidia Chief Executive Jensen Huang in an interview with Reuters. Mellanox shares rose 8.2 percent, and Nvidia rose 7 percent by closing on March 11. The deal is expected to close by the end of 2019.

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