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JCC's annual Purim Carnival to be held 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.



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TI/TC adult ed. program on "Italian Jews"

On Sunday, March 10, at 10 am, at Temple Concord, Howard Warner and Edward (Ted) Major will give a joint presentation on "Italian Jews." This is a brunch program of the joint Temple Israel/Temple Concord Adult Education Committee.



Ted Major



Howard Warner and his daughter, Shelly, during their trip to Italy.

Major was born in Italy and emigrated, as a child with his parents, to America in 1941. They departed from Lisbon, then traveled to Havana and finally landed in New York City aboard the Hong Kong owned Megallanes. His family eventually settled in Binghamton. He has worked in the private practice of psychiatry since 1970. He will discuss his biography, including his family's escape from Fascist Italy and the lineage of Italian Jews.

Warner grew up in East Flatbush, Brooklyn and graduated from Stuyvesant High School and Washington University before obtaining his dental degree at New York University. He practiced in Bainbridge, Greene and the East Side of Binghamton before establishing his present practice in Kirkwood. He has been active in the local dental society. He has been on the Temple Israel board for many years and is a past president, and has served on the Jewish Federation board and is its past president.

During November 2017, Warner and his

wife traveled through Italy accompanied by their daughter, who was studying Italian architecture for the semester. They traveled through Rome, Venice and Florence with visits to synagogues in Venice and the Great Synagogues of Rome and Florence, in addition to seeing Roman antiquities and the Vatican. He will discuss a history of Italian Jewry over the past two millennia, including the rise of the ghetto and the effect of Italian unification in the 19th century on its Jews, to the present.

There is a charge of \$5 to cover the brunch, which can be paid at the door, or in advance at Temple Concord. Reservations are requested, but not mandatory, and can be made at Temple Concord by phone at 723-7355 or via e-mail at templeconcordaa@gmail.com.

House, Senate may recognize Israeli sovereignty over Golan

By JNS staff

(JNS)—U.S. Sens. Ted Cruz (R-TX), Tom Cotton (R-AR) and Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI) introduced companion resolutions on February 26 urging the United States to officially recognize Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights.

The bill emphasizes the strategic importance of Israeli control over the area, which the Jewish state captured in the 1967 Six-Day War, in protecting civilians from threats such as from Iran in Syria and Hezbollah in Lebanon. Israel annexed the region in 1981, a move that has not been recognized by the

international community. It also states that "it is unrealistic to expect that the outcome of a peace agreement between Israel and Syria will be an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights."

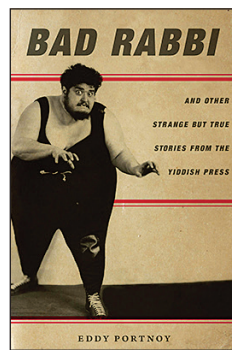
The bill adds that "it is in the United States national security interest to ensure that Israel retains control of the Golan Heights [and that] the Syrian regime of Bashar al-Assad faces diplomatic and geopolitical consequences for its killing of civilians, the ethnic cleansing of Arab Sunnis, and the use of weapons of mass destruction."

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Spring community events at Cornell University

The Cornell Jewish Studies Program announced its spring 2019 line-up of events. As always, admission for all of these events is free and faculty, students and community members are all invited.

On Monday, March 11, at 4:30 pm, in 142 Goldwin Smith Hall, Cornell University, author and academic advisor at the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research Eddy Portnoy will discuss his book "Bad Rabbi: And Other Strange but True Stories from the Yiddish Press."



The cover of "Bad Rabbi"

An underground history of downwardly mobile Jews, "Bad Rabbi" exposes the seamy underbelly of pre-World War II New York and Warsaw, the two major centers of Yiddish culture in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. With true stories plucked from the pages of the Yiddish papers, Portnoy introduces drunks, thieves, murderers, wrestlers, poets and beauty queens whose misadventures were immortalized in print. (Read *The Reporter's* review at <http://thereporter.org/Article.aspx?aID=4881>.)

On Monday, April 15, at 4:15 pm, in 132 Rockefeller Hall, Cornell University, Jodi Magness, professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will give a talk on "More than Just Mosaics: The Ancient Synagogue at Huqoq in Israel's Galilee."

Since 2011, Magness has been directing excavations in the ancient village of Huqoq in Israel's Galilee. The excavations have



An image from a Huqoq mosaic. (Photo provided by Jodi Magness)

brought to light the remains of a monumental late Roman (fifth century) synagogue building paved with stunning and unique mosaics, including biblical scenes and the first non-biblical story ever discovered decorating an ancient synagogue. In this slide-illustrated lecture, Magness describes these finds, including the discoveries made in last summer's season. For more information visit www.huqoq.org.



Jonathan Karp

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More information is available on the Cornell Jewish Studies Program's website, jewishstudies.cornell.edu.

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Israel's attorney general issues charges against Netanyahu for bribery, breach of trust

By Jackson Richman

(JNS) – With less than six weeks before Israel's general elections on April 9, Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit announced on February 28 that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will be indicted in all three ongoing corruption cases against him, including bribery in the Bezeq corruption investigation. In two other cases, Mandelblit will charge Netanyahu with a count each of breach of trust.

"Israel is a state of laws and we respect the legal system," former Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations Dore Gold told JNS shortly before the announcement. "At the same time, most Israelis recognize Prime Minister Netanyahu's extraordinary contribution to the security and safety to the state of Israel.

"So we hope those making these charges will work expeditiously, and we hope that the prime minister will be proven to be innocent, and we get back to the world of diplomacy and the security of the state," he added.

The announcement marks the first time in Israeli history that a sitting prime minister has been informed that he will face criminal charges. This is expected to cast a cloud over Netanyahu's chances of being re-elected to a position he has held for a decade.

Known as Case 4000, Netanyahu is accused of trading favorable government treatment of the Bezeq communications company in exchange for positive coverage on the Walla news site, both owned by Shaul Elovitch, who will, along with the prime minister, reportedly be charged with bribery.

The two other cases include an attempted deal between *Yediot Achronot* newspaper publisher Arnon Mozes and Netanyahu to decrease circulation of rival *Israel Hayom* in exchange for more positive coverage, known as Case 2000. Mozes will be charged with bribery.

The other, Case 1000, accuses Netanyahu of receiving gifts from Hollywood film producer Arnon Milchan and Australian businessman James Packer that included champagne, jewelry and cigars, altogether worth tens of thousands of dollars. As Netanyahu accepted Milchan's gifts, he apparently acted on the Israeli-born producer's behalf in the telecommunications realm; for his part, Netanyahu has said he was just accepting gifts from a friend.

As such, Netanyahu can request a hearing to contest



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (Photo by Amos Ben-Gershom/GPO)

the indictment, a process that could take up to a year. Israeli law only requires that a prime minister step down if he is convicted.

Netanyahu has denied all allegations against him.

"Mandelblit's announced intent to indict Netanyahu on charges of bribery and breach of trust inserts law-enforcement officials into the political arena in an unprecedented way and on a very shaky legal foundation," said Avi Bell, a senior fellow at the nonpartisan Jerusalem-based Kohelet Policy Forum, a professor of law at Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan and at the University of San Diego, as well as a visiting fellow at Harvard Law School's Project on the Foundations of Private Law.

"If the legal theories that the attorney general is introducing against Netanyahu become general law, a considerable part of the democratic life of Israel will have to pass through police interrogation rooms," he continued. "If they remain restricted to Netanyahu, the partisanship will permanently damage public trust in the Israeli legal system."

Opinion

In heaven's name ...

By Miriam Adelson

(JNS) – "We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win, and the others, too."

So spoke U.S. President John F. Kennedy in 1962 about the American plan to send a man to the moon and back, which would consume so much funding, technological know-how and manpower, without certain success in beating the Soviets in the race.

We Jews have a phrase for such thinking: *leshem shamayim* ("in heaven's name"). And now, thanks to the SpaceIL team, we are also literally there, a name in the heavens.

When the spacecraft "Beresheet" lands on the moon a couple of months hence, Israel will have become the fourth country in the world to have achieved such a feat: a space-faring power.

The spacecraft Beresheet will advance humanity's understanding of magnetic fields. An entire generation of Israeli scientists will be enriched by SpaceIL's achievements, and future generations of Israeli scientists will be inspired to follow their example.

Witnessing the recent launch in Florida, I was moved to tears. It was a glorious spectacle of light banishing darkness. The rising rocket looked like a comet strike in reverse, bringing human advancement rather than earthly destruction. I confess that I briefly regretted not having chosen astrophysics as my career. That thought was swiftly eclipsed, however, by the knowledge that my grandchildren could well do so in my stead. The dream is more real than ever.

This is all great. It is also all secondary. "Beresheet" was launched primarily *leshem shamayim* – as a demonstration to Israelis and the world that we are a nation that is always reaching for the stars and beyond the horizon, that works for the greater good and for the betterment of a world that often disappoints us.

In the dawn of Jewish history, God promised our forefather Abraham that his offspring would be like the stars in the sky. Ever since, Jews, an eternal people who are forever evolving, have gazed up into the night sky – at the changing moon, the rotating constellations – for inspiration.

At tragic times, space has also been a source of comfort: Incarcerated in Theresienstadt Ghetto, 14-year-old Petr Ginz painted "Moon Landscape," apparently imagining the lunar surface as a safe remove from an implacably

cruel world. Ginz would be murdered in Auschwitz, but his art lived on and was taken into space in 2003 by our first astronaut, Ilan Ramon, a war hero who symbolized the triumph of Zionist revival.

The team that met this latest challenge and managed to propel the "startup nation" into space also served Zionism with a priceless achievement for Israel and the Jewish people.

When Beresheet reaches the lunar surface, it will park a digital library of 3,000 years of Jewish wisdom, housed in a spacecraft that has the Israeli flag and the immortal Hebrew motto *am Yisrael chai* (the nation of Israel lives) emblazoned on its side. Together, these three symbols will shine forever upon the whole world.

This is an event to cherish, a source of pride.

We are not just "on the map" of the world: We are on the map of the universe.

Godspeed, SpaceIL. We will all watch Beresheet in heaven's name and marvel.

Dr. Miriam and Sheldon Adelson are among the main philanthropists behind the project. She is a specialist in chemical dependency and drug addiction, the publisher of Israel Hayom and, with her husband, the owner of Israel Hayom and the Las Vegas Review-Journal newspapers, as well as a financial supporter of JNS.

In My Own Words

The blessing of friends and community

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

I spent a delightful afternoon recently talking with a good friend about books, family and a variety of other topics that crossed our minds. For a few hours, we both took a break from the daily routine of our lives. It's not that we completely forgot our problems, including the fact that members of our extended families are dealing with health problems. However, the atmosphere we created together made the troubles we faced more bearable because we were sharing them with someone we know who cares about us.

One of the greatest joys of my life is time spent sharing food, drink and conversation with friends. Actually, the food and drink are usually just an excuse for the conversation. My out-of-town vacations are almost always spent with one or the other of two friends I met my first week of college,

which was more than 40 years ago. We've known each other so long they feel like family. When their children were young, our time together followed their children's schedules. Not only didn't I mind, I loved playing with, and getting to know, their children. (By the way, their spouses are also really wonderful.)

What was important was not what we did, but the act of being together and taking about our lives. These are the people who know me so well that, when I have to make an important decision, I want to know what they think. They've followed my ups and downs – dealing with health problems and working to become a rabbi – and they've been my supporters and cheering sections. They've cared for, and about, me when my life was difficult and when things were going well.

I'm lucky that, since moving back to this area after rabbinical school, I've been able to make new friends because many of the people I knew before had moved. A large number of these friends have been made through my synagogue or at *The Reporter*. When people talk about having a community that supports and helps them, I know exactly what they mean because I have that here. Yet, too often I find myself racing to get everything done that I think needs to be done, and not finding a quiet time outside of work and *shul* to just relax and connect with these friends.

When I count my blessings each Shabbat, the time I spent with friends each week is always part of those blessings. The more connections – the more joy and love we experience – the richer are our lives. Blessed are we whose friends make us feel whole and loved.



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TC Shabbat service on March 8 to commemorate 30th anniversary of Women of the Wall

On Friday, March 8, at 8 pm, Temple Concord's Shabbat service, will focus on the 30th anniversary of Women of the Wall. The service will commemorate 30 years of activism for women's equality in religious life and the public sphere. Coordinators of the service are encouraging all members of the Jewish community to attend the service. It will be held

in the sanctuary at 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton.

The service will be conducted by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell with songs led by Shari Neuberger and readings by members of Temple Concord Sisterhood. The *oneg* that will follow the service will be in honor of those who made this 30th anniversary possible.

At right: Holding the Torah is Anat Hoffman, one of the founders of Women of the Wall, in 1988 at the Kotel. On the right is Barbara Thomas, a member of Temple Concord and past president of Temple Concord Sisterhood.



Israel Fellow at BU to speak at BD luncheon on March 9

What is the Campus Israel Fellows Program? What are Bearcats for Israel? What is the Israel with Israelis Program about? What is Taglit-Birthright Israel? These and many other questions will be answered by Bar Darchi on Saturday, March 9, at Beth David Synagogue's Luncheon Speaker Series. Currently in her second year as the Binghamton University Israel Fellow, Darchi will talk about the program's goals and what motivated her to become involved in it. A native of Israel, Darchi served as a marksman instructor in the Israeli Air Force from 2010-12. In 2017, she graduated from Ben Gurion University, majoring in Middle East studies and Israel studies. While at Ben Gurion University, Darchi also completed a one-year fellowship with StandWithUs. "Many people often ask me what an Israel Fellow does," says Darchi, "and I am always delighted to describe what we do to increase college students' awareness of the strong connections they can forge with Israel, its culture, and its people."



Bar Darchi

Darchi will discuss the variety of programs that she initiates and promotes with Hillel at Binghamton University. "Many times," Darchi says, "I am the first Israeli that

students have ever encountered. Bringing Israel to campuses has been the most meaningful thing I have ever done. Exposing American students to everything Israel has to offer while understanding its complexities allows me to bring them closer to Israel as the Jewish homeland."

"Bar's energy, enthusiasm and love of Israel are evident as soon as she begins to speak," organizers say. "We are looking forward to learning more about the Israel Fellows program and how it impacts our community and the formation of future Jewish leaders."

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

TI-St. Vincent de Paul Blessed Sacrament Church joint Sisterhood event on March 13

The Sisterhoods of Temple Israel and neighboring St. Vincent de Paul Blessed Sacrament Church will join together on Wednesday, March 13, at 2 pm, in the Temple Israel social hall to participate in an afternoon of healthy activities designed for women of any age and fitness level.

The leader of the program will be Angela Pizzuti Clark, a professional yoga instructor, who will present an "innovative and easy" method of exercise known as Chair Yoga.

Clark is a certified STOTT Pilates teacher, Kripalu Yoga teacher, AFAA personal trainer and has completed the Ana Forrest Advanced Yoga Teacher Training Course. To supplement her 15 years of teaching experience in this field, she pursues continuing education credits annually, bringing new methods of training tailored to her clients'

individual needs. Clark has previously presented her program of Chair Yoga at the assisted living facility Emeritus, amongst other venues in the area. Accordingly, she says, "all levels of fitness are welcome."

In keeping with the spirit of the afternoon event, all of the refreshments served will be health-conscious snacks. The instructor is donating her time for this activity, as well as supplying some door prizes.

While Temple Israel Sisterhood members are being asked to contribute \$5 to cover the cost of the refreshments, the women of St. Vincent de Paul Blessed Sacrament Church have been invited as guests of the synagogue.

All interested in attending are advised to wear comfortable clothing and to provide an advance RSVP to Tammy Kunsman in the temple office at 723-7461.

Women's Seder at TC on March 24

On Sunday, March 24, at 1 pm, Temple Concord Sisterhood will hold a Women's Seder in the Kilmer Mansion, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. The meal will be catered by Phantom Chef, which is owned by Temple Concord member Michelle McIlroy. A new hagaddah will be used this year. It was adapted from one created by several other Sisterhoods and women's groups, according to Women's

Seder Co-chairwomen Rachel Coker, Sandy Foreman and Carol Herz. Copies will be provided.

Those interested in attending should make reservations with their payment of \$36 per person to the temple office by Wednesday, March 13. Label checks for the Women's Seder. A vegetarian option for the meal is available, but must be requested in advance.

The Jewish Community wishes to express its sympathy to Miriam Alweis on the death of her mother,
Lily Wolf


We want to extend our deeply felt thanks to the community for all the love and support we received during our very difficult time.
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Off the Shelf

The travails of the super rich

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

About 100 pages into Gary Shteyngart's new novel "Lake Success" (Random House), I had a strange thought. Reading about these very wealthy people made me grateful I'm not super rich. That is probably not the message Shteyngart is looking to teach, but I couldn't help feeling that, while on the one hand having money made the characters' lives easier, being surrounded by so much money left them disconnected from reality.

The plot revolves around a married couple: hedge-fund manager Barry Cohen and his wife, Seema. Barry's childhood was not an easy one: his mother died when he was young, his father was emotionally absent and Barry had

difficulty connecting to others. Seema, whose parents had emigrated from India to the U.S., dislikes being a hedge-fund wife, but stopped working as a lawyer after marrying Barry. However, when their son, Shiva, is diagnosed with autism the first rifts begin. Neither parent copes well with the diagnosis: Seema dedicates herself to helping her son with the aid of his nanny and a variety of therapists and other helpers, while Barry is unable to relate to a son who won't look him in the eye. To add to their stress, Barry is being investigated for insider trading.

After a fight that ends with Barry walking out on his wife and son, the two have to decide what they want to do with their lives. Neither spouse behaves well after the split, although it's easier to sympathize with Seema. Barry disappears, leaving New York City on a Greyhound bus in search of his past and a simpler life. That means Seema is left to care for their 3-year-old son without his help. Barry's disappearance also makes her look at what her life has become. Is she just another hedge-fund wife who lives off her husband? Should she return to work as a lawyer? And, even more important, how can she tell her parents that their grandson is autistic?

Barry is a more difficult character to understand because he seems totally clueless as to how his behavior affects others. A loner in high school, he transformed himself into a friendly person by practicing questions and answers in front of a mirror. His real love, though, is his collection of numerous watches. Their effect on him is striking: "[Barry] looked at his watch... The watch did its work. It calmed him. The creaminess of the dial, the great rush of open space between the arabic numerals, and, most important, the tiny orange second hand, really, elegantly, sweeping around its little subsidiary dial, as if life were easy and bright. The watch sucked up the inhuman glow

of the space around him and substituted beauty and hope." Barry relates to these inanimate objects far more than he does to his wife and son. However, unlike most of the men he knows, Barry has only been married once. Many of his associates are on their second or third wives, who seem to get progressively younger the older the men become.

The novel takes place during the 2016 election year. While the hedge-fund managers pretend to support Hilary Clinton, they secretly like the idea of Donald Trump's tax plan. Barry does recognize the antisemitic tropes in the Trump campaign, but he doesn't take them seriously. Although Judaism plays almost no role in his life, he knows that not everyone admires Jews. For example, he lies about his religion when questioned about his heritage while traveling on a Greyhound bus through Texas. Barry notices the man asking has a knife and immediately feels fear: "Barry saw it all. The searing pain, the strobe lights, the police interrogating him in a county hospital after the doctors finished stitching up his face." He not only lies, saying that he is Greek and practices the Greek Orthodox religion, he takes on his father's persona, claiming he owns a small pool cleaning company. To admit to being a hedge-fund manager strikes him as dangerous.

Even after finishing "Lake Success," I'm not sure how I feel about Barry. He is deeply flawed in ways that aren't completely his fault. When he tries to share his enthusiasms, he often fails to understand his impact on family and friends. He would seem a failure except for his ability to make millions of dollars by convincing people to invest their money with him. The rich people who inhabit Barry's world seem different and separate from the rest of the country. Although not really a political novel, "Lake Success" portrays the great divide in contemporary American culture.

Mailbox Shorts

Yiddish cartoon exhibit

YIVO Institute for Jewish Research is holding the exhibit "The Door Slams Shut: Jews and Immigration in the Face of American Reaction" until early spring. The exhibit features Yiddish political cartoons from *Der Groyser Kundes*, a satirical New York newspaper of the 1920s. Using political, cultural and traditional Jewish imagery, the artists featured created cartoons that looked at the Jewish immigrant community and how the matter of immigration might be a matter of life and death.

For more information, visit www.yivo.org/The-Door-Slams-Shut, or contact the museum at yivomail@yivo.cjh.org or 212-246-6080.

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Hamantashen go gourmet: A Purim classic becomes hip

Pastry chef Paula Shoyer is on a mission to transform hamantashen from bland and boring to tasty and tantalizing. Shoyer, the author of four best-selling cookbooks, hopes to make Purim memories this year by breaking the rules with recipes for a selection of colorful and, at times, exotic hamantashen. Shoyer explains her mission, "I want Jews to celebrate holidays with the desserts their ancestors ate, yet improve upon the traditional recipes. Thanks to social media, bakers often showcase their creations and hamantashen have become an Instagram hit."



Vanilla Bean Hamantashen (Photo courtesy of Paula Shoyer)

A French-trained pastry chef, Shoyer gives cooking and baking classes around the world, speaks at Jewish food conferences, is the recipient of several baking awards, frequents radio shows and has clocked more than 34 TV appearances. For Purim, Shoyer offers a variety of sweet and savory hamantashen, including baklava, granola, vanilla bean and spanokopita (a spinach filling) and even a gluten-free dough.

Shoyer offers several tips to customize hamantashen:

- ◆ Find a recipe for the dough you and your family will love.
- ◆ Add an extract or flavoring from high quality liquors, coffee syrups or food coloring.
- ◆ Knead seeds, chopped nuts, sprinkles or nonpareils into the dough.
- ◆ Experiment with new and trendy fillings, or those from your favorite desserts. Pies, sandwich cookies and almost any cream-filled dessert can provide inspiration.

A self-described "healthy chef, with a passion for pastries" – in her world, she says, "healthy" and "pastry" aren't mutually exclusive – Shoyer studied at the Ritz Escoffier School in Paris. Understanding that a family cannot survive on chocolate bakka alone, Shoyer expanded her repertoire into the savory arena, with an emphasis on easy and healthy dishes that don't sacrifice on tradition or flair.

"I take traditional recipes and make them easier, more modern and natural," says Shoyer, who has competed on the Food Network's "Sweet Genius" program. "I write cookbooks so that I can bring my recipes into your kitchen to inspire you to try something new, to cook from scratch and enjoy eating with the people you love while creating food memories that you can remember for the rest of your lives."

The recipes below are courtesy of "The Holiday Kosher Baker" by Paula Shoyer.

Vanilla Bean Hamantashen

This is a variation on a recipe from my husband Andy's grandmother Celia Shoyer, from Romania. I like to fill this dough with raspberry jam, but feel free to use any filling you like.

Yields 3 dozen.

Dough

- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup (200g) sugar
- ½ cup (120ml) canola or vegetable oil
- Seeds of one vanilla bean
- 2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 3 cups (375g) all-purpose flour, plus extra for dusting
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- Dash salt

Filling

- 1 cup (320g) raspberry or other jam

In a large bowl, mix together the eggs, sugar, oil, vanilla bean seeds and vanilla. Add the flour, baking powder and salt, and mix until the dough comes together. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and leave in the fridge for one hour to firm up. Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Line two or three large cookie sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats, or plan to bake in batches. Divide the dough in half.

Take another two pieces of parchment and sprinkle flour on one, place one dough half on top, and then sprinkle a little more flour on top of the dough. Place the second piece of parchment on top of the dough and roll on top of the parchment until the dough is about ¼-inch (6-mm) thick. Every few rolls, peel back the top parchment and sprinkle a little more flour on the dough.

Use a 2- to 3-inch (5- to 8-cm) drinking glass or round cookie cutter to cut the dough into circles. Use a metal flat-blade spatula to lift up the circle of dough and place it on another part of the flour-sprinkled parchment paper. Place up to 1 teaspoon of jam in the center of the dough circle and then fold the three sides in toward the middle to form a triangle, leaving a small opening in the center. Pinch the three sides together very tightly. Place the triangle on the prepared cookie sheet. Repeat with the remaining dough and scraps, making sure to sprinkle a little flour under and over the dough before you roll.

Bake for 14-16 minutes, or until the bottoms are lightly browned but the tops are still light. Slide the parchment paper onto wire racks to cool the cookies. Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to five days, or freeze for up to three months.

Gluten-Free Hamantashen

I had experimented with gluten-free flour mixes without success until I tried the King Arthur brand, a combination of white rice flour, tapioca starch, potato starch and brown rice flour. These hamantashen are whiter in appearance than typical hamantashen. In addition, you need to bake them until they are browner on the bottom than other ones in this article. Wait until they cool before eating them because they are too crumbly when they're still warm; they are much better after they harden up.

Yields 40.

Dough

- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup (200g) sugar
- ½ cup (120ml) canola or vegetable oil
- 2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. xanthan gum
- 3½ cups (560g) or 24-ounce package of gluten-free flour mix, plus extra for dusting

Filling

1 cup (320g) fruit jam or preserves, canned apricot or poppy seed pie filling

In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, sugar, oil and vanilla, and mix well. Add the baking powder, xanthan gum and flour mix, and use a wooden spoon to mix until the dough comes together. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and leave in the fridge for one hour to firm up.

Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Line two large cookie sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats, or plan to bake in batches. Divide the dough in half.

Take two pieces of parchment paper and sprinkle some gluten-free flour mix on one, place one dough half on top, and then sprinkle a little more of the mix on top of the dough. Place the second piece of parchment on top of the dough and roll

On top of the parchment until the dough is ¼-inch (6-mm) thick or thinner. These cookies come out best when rolled thin. Every few rolls, peel back the top parchment and sprinkle a little more flour on the dough.

Use a 2- to 3-inch (5- to 8-cm) drinking glass or round cookie cutter to cut the dough into circles. Use a metal flat-blade spatula to lift up the circle of dough and place it on another part of the flour sprinkled parchment paper. Place up to 1 teaspoon of jam in the center

of the dough circle and then fold the three sides in toward the middle to form a triangle, leaving a small opening in the center. Pinch the three sides together very tightly. Place on the prepared cookie sheets. Repeat with the remaining dough and roll and cut any dough scraps, making sure to sprinkle a little flour under and over the dough before you roll.

Bake for 18 to 22 minutes, or until the bottoms are browned. Let the cookies cool completely on the cookie sheet. Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to five days, or freeze for up to three months.

Salted Caramel Hamantashen (Dairy)

Yields 4 dozen.

Dough

- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup canola or vegetable oil
- 1 tsp. orange juice
- 3½ tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. black pepper
- 3 cups all-purpose flour, plus extra for dusting parchment and dough

Caramel Filling

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 Tbsp. water
- ½ cup whipping cream
- 2 Tbsp. unsalted butter
- ½ tsp. salt

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BD Sisterhood to celebrate Purim fun on March 13

Beth David Sisterhood will hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 13, at 7 pm, at the synagogue, 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. The pre-Purim meeting will celebrate the upcoming holiday with poems, parodies and jokes. Light refreshments will served after a brief business meeting and before the entertainment.

"Looking for a little pre-Purim fun to

put you in the proper state of mind before you pack your *shalach manot* bags? Maybe you want to try out your Purim costume in advance? Are you dying to share some cute Purim themed stories or jokes you heard?" organizers asked. "Get in a Purim state of mind. Meet with old friends and make new ones at our Beth David Sisterhood pre-Purim meeting."

BD to distribute Purim gifts

One of the *mitzvot* of Purim is to deliver gifts to the poor on the day of the holiday, which occurs this year on Thursday, March 21. Rabbi Zev Silber of Beth David Synagogue will distribute gifts to local needy families through the Jewish Family Service, and to Israeli poor through the Od Yosef Chai charitable organization.

According to the rabbi, the mitzvah requires that a minimum of two gifts be given to at least two poor people, and that the gifts should be large enough to gladden the heart of the person who receives them. Purim, being a holiday dedicated to "simcha" – joy – requires that all Jews can rejoice. "The poor rejoice when they have the means to sustain their lives, leading to the importance placed on this mitzvah," explained Silber.

"Even though the practice has emerged

to spend much more on extravagant gifts to one's friends and on the Purim feast, this is a mistake," Silber said. "Our tradition clearly teaches that one should spend the bulk of his Purim budget on gifts to the poor. Indeed, our sages teach that whoever gladdens the soul of the poor orphans and widows is likened to the *Shechina*, the Divine Presence." In order to facilitate the performance of the mitzvah, one may give money prior to Purim to an agent to distribute the funds on Purim day.

To participate in the mitzvah, donations may be sent by Monday, March 11, to Beth David Synagogue, 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905. Donors are asked to mark their checks as "Purim charity" and specify whether they wish the money to be distributed locally or in Israel. For more information, call Silber at 722-9274.

JFS Accepting Purim Donations

Jewish Family Service will once again be collecting funds to fulfill the Purim mitzvah of *matanot le'evyonim* (gifts for the poor), which will be celebrated on March 21. These donations will be distributed to more than 12 local Jewish families who are experiencing extreme financial difficulties. In order to assure a timely distribution of these gifts, please be sure your contribution reaches our offices by March 11, 2019.

In addition, please be aware that Jewish Family Service accepts donations in honor or in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special event. Your contributions will go into the general donation fund that helps the less fortunate of our community throughout the year.

Please include a notation on the memo line of your check in which manner you would like your donation to be used.

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Hillel Academy February activities



On February 14, Hillel Academy students enjoyed Pajama/Winter Fun Day. The students did various group activities, including artwork and sledding. (Photo by Danielle Kane)



At left: The students partook in a Tu B'Shevat seder on January 21 featuring foods related to the holiday. (Photo by Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu)



Above, left and right: The students celebrated Tu B'Shevat, the Jewish New Year for trees. This year, the holiday took place on January 21. (Photos by Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu)



On Pajama/Winter Fun Day, which was held on February 14, the students enjoyed popcorn and a movie at the end of the school day. (Photo by Danielle Kane)



At right: Hillel Academy students celebrated Rosh Chodesh Adar I with Rabbi Benny Kellman. He talked about the significance of Purim katan, performed a few songs and entertained the students with his hacky sack skills. (Photo by Danielle Kane)



At right: Hillel Academy students celebrated Rosh Chodesh Adar I and led services. (Photo by Danielle Kane)



Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu's third-fifth-graders have been engaged in learning Talmud for five minutes each day – daf yomi. The students completed the Tractate Shnayim Ochzim ("two are holding"). Upon completing a tractate, it is customary to hold a small party, known as a siyum. (Photo by Danielle Kane)



At right: The students' siyum included a lecture by one of the students pertaining to the studied material. L-r: Eli Green, Mika Friedman and Shira Green. (Photo by Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu)



Hillel Academy students enjoyed a siyum after they finished studying a tractate of the Talmud. (Photo by Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu)

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Israel views global partnerships as key to thwarting cyber-security threats

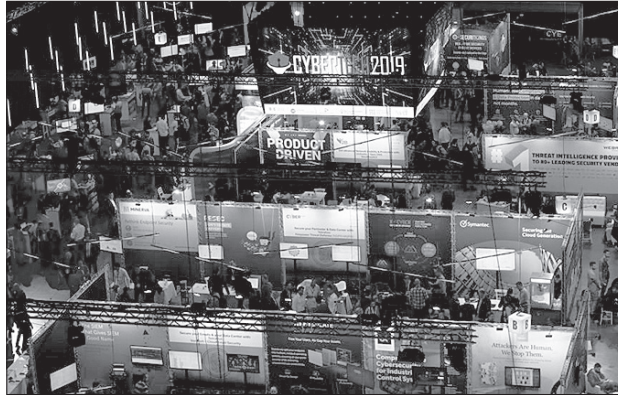
By Noa Amoyal

(JNS) – A major hospital digitizes all of its data, with the medical history of thousands upon thousands of patients saved on the cloud. Now say, for instance, that data is hacked. Best-case scenario: It’s a bureaucratic nightmare for many, and advertisers get their hands on very sensitive and personal data. Worst-case scenario: The data is tampered with, which potentially jeopardizes the treatment plan of countless patients.

At 2019’s CyberTech conference in Tel Aviv, no expert hailing from the private sector or government said the words “life or death.” They didn’t need to. Because when talking about the future of cyber security, these experts represent an industry ensuring that individual information related to banking, personal mobile devices, military infrastructure and medical information remains in the right hands.

“Everything today is vulnerable,” Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said at the conference. “Every country can be subject to cyber attacks. And what they all need is a combination of cyber-defense efforts and a robust cyber security industry.”

“Literally everything today can be hacked,” said Neta-Li Meiri, managing director of the 8200 Social Program, an



A view of Israel’s 2019 CyberTech conference. (Photo by Noa Amoyal)

Israel accelerator program that provides networking and mentor services to entrepreneurs looking to create cutting-edge solutions. “The future is here regarding those elements. Everything is connected, everything is smart, which means every smart system can be hacked.”

Netanyahu said that “what we’re in the midst of right now is a change.”

That shift is transitioning from the nuts and bolts of traditional security—AKA, big strong men guarding doorways to guarding the virtual doorways of the cyber realm. The problem is that there simply aren’t enough qualified people

to help thwart them. “There isn’t enough qualified talent in general – people that actually know cyber security,” said Ram Levi, founder and CEO of Konfidat, an Israeli cyber-security consulting firm.

And for Israel, which has led the way in the cyber security, there are fears of a talent shortage, especially as experts set up shop elsewhere such as in Silicon Valley.

While Meiri, whose session at the conference was titled “Secrets of Unit 8200,” boasted of the alumni coming out of the Israel Defense Forces’ corps responsible for collecting signal intelligence (SIGINT) and code decryption, Levi warned that relying on the military’s best and brightest is not enough for this brave new world of cyber threats. “Yes, a lot of good people are coming out of the military, but they’re knowledge pertains to the military and not the private sector in general. The military’s needs are not the same as the needs of a bank or an insurance company. The networks, challenges and the ones hacking them are different, and there are regulatory requirements in the private sector,” she cautioned. “The motivation of the perpetrator is different: The hackers who attack armies represent nation states, while hackers that go after banks are typically criminals interested in money.”

During his speech, Netanyahu noted that “we have so much growth in this area that we can’t meet the personnel costs.”

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Play about Vilna Ghetto

“Vilna,” a new play by Ira Fuchs, will have a limited Off-Broadway world premiere engagement at the Theatre at St. Clement’s, 423 West 46th St., New York City. Opening night is set for Wednesday, March 20, at 7 pm. The run will continue through Sunday, April 14. Mark Jacoby, who appeared as Gaylord Ravenal in “Show Boat” (Tony Award nomination) and the father in “Ragtime,” will be joined by Sophia Blum, Brian Cade, Paul Cooper, Sean Hudock, Nathan Kaufman, Tom Morin, Seamus Mulcahy, James Michael Reilly, Patrick Toon and Carey Van Driest.

“Vilna” is inspired by a news report of the discovery of the escape tunnel at the site of the Vilna ghetto and tells the story of Motke Zeidel and Yudi Farber from the ages of 11-28, actual people who come of age in Vilna during its degradation in the years before World War II and its destruction during the war. As time passes, they are faced with moral choices about whether to save others while putting their own lives at risk.

For more information about the play or about purchasing tickets, visit <https://vilna-the-play.org/>.

Photographs of Jerusalem

The exhibit “Monumental Journey: The Daguerreotypes of Girault de Prangey” is being held at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City, through May 12. In 1842, artist, architectural historian, archaeologist and pioneer photographer Joseph-Philibert Girault de Prangey (1804–1892) embarked on a three-year photographic excursion throughout the Eastern Mediterranean, and he returned to France with more than 1,000 daguerreotypes. Among the images he created are the earliest surviving photographs of Greece, Egypt, Turkey, Lebanon, Syria and Jerusalem.

For more information, visit www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions or contact the museum at 212-535-7710.

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To make the caramel, place the sugar and water in a small, heavy-bottomed saucepan. Cook on medium-high heat until sugar melts. After several minutes, the sugar will start to color. Stir the mixture so all the sugar browns. When it is a uniform amber color, turn heat to low, remove saucepan from heat and add the cream. The mixture will bubble up. Add the butter and salt and stir. Return to the heat and cook for one minute, or until mixture is smooth. Remove from heat, transfer to a bowl and let cool. Chill in the fridge for at least a half hour to thicken the caramel. Store in the fridge for up to five days.



Salted Caramel Hamantaschen (Photo courtesy of Paula Shoyer)

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line 2 large cookie sheets with parchment. You will bake in batches.

In a large bowl, mix together the eggs, sugar, oil and orange juice. Add the baking powder, pepper and flour, and mix until the dough comes together. I like to use my hands for this because it kneads the dough well. Divide the dough in half.

Take another two pieces of parchment and sprinkle flour on one, place one dough half on top and then sprinkle a little more flour on top of the dough. Place the second piece of parchment on top of the dough and roll on top of the parchment until the dough is about ¼-inch thick. Every few rolls, peel back the top parchment and sprinkle a little more flour on the dough.

Use a glass or round cookie cutter about 2 to 3 inches in diameter to cut the dough into circles. Place a little less than a teaspoon of the filling in the center and then fold in three sides to form a triangle, leaving a small opening in the center. Pinch the three sides very tightly. Place on the prepared cookie sheets. Repeat with the rest of the dough and re-roll and cut any dough scraps you have. Place the cookies sheets in the freezer for 10 minutes; this helps the hamantaschen hold their shape and not open up while baking.

Bake for 12-16 minutes, or until the bottoms are lightly browned. Slide the parchment onto racks to cool the cookies. If desired, drizzle any remaining caramel over the cookies. Store covered with plastic or in an airtight container at room temperature for five days, or freeze for up to three months.

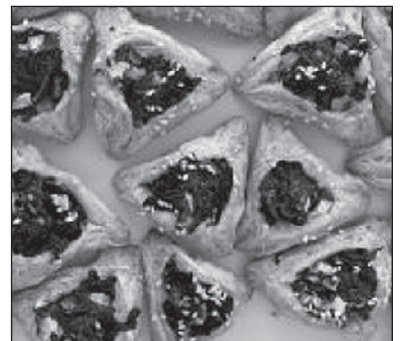
Spanokopita Hamantaschen

Yields 24 pastries. May be made 4 days in advance.

- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 10 ounces baby spinach leaves
- 3 Tbsp. finely chopped onion
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 1 tsp. olive oil
- 1 tsp. Za’atar spice
- 3 Tbsp. soy cream cheese
- Salt and pepper
- 1 large egg, beaten
- Sesame seeds

Thaw puff pastry according to package directions. Pre-heat oven to 400°F. Cover two cookie sheets or pans with parchment paper.

Bring a large saucepan of water to boil and add some salt. Add the spinach leaves and cook for 30 seconds. Drain. Once the spinach cools, squeeze out as much water as you can.



Spanokopita Hamantaschen (Photo courtesy of Paula Shoyer)

To prepare the filling, place the spinach on a cutting board and chop roughly. Place into a medium bowl. Add the chopped onion, lemon juice, oil and Za’atar, and mix well with a fork. Add the cream cheese and mash into the spinach as best as possible. Add salt and black pepper to taste.

When the pastry is thawed, sprinkle a little flour on the parchment and unroll the pastry on top. Use a rolling pin to roll the pastry to smooth out the creases. Every few rolls, lift up the dough and sprinkle a little flour underneath.

Use a 3-inch drinking glass or round cookie to cut the dough into circles. Use a metal flat blade spatula to lift the circle and place on another spot on the parchment. Brush the circle with the beaten egg. Place a generous teaspoon of filling in the center and then fold in the three sides toward the middle to form a triangle, leaving a small opening in the center. Pinch the three sides together very tightly. Place on the prepared cookie sheets.

When all of the pastries are shaped, pinch the corners tightly a second time. Brush pastries with the remaining beaten egg and sprinkle the sesame seeds on top and on the sides.

Bake for 25 minutes or until golden. Store in the fridge for up to four days; reheat in the oven until crisp.

Paula Shoyer is the author of “Healthy Jewish Kitchen” (Sterling Epicure 2017), “The New Passover Menu” (Sterling 2015), “The Holiday Kosher Baker” (Sterling Press 2013) and “The Kosher Baker: Over 160 Dairy-free Desserts from Traditional to Trendy” (Brandeis 2010). Her writing and recipes have appeared in The Washington Post, Family Circle, thekitchn, Food52, Epicurious, Joy of Kosher Magazine and other publications.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

Netanyahu meets with prime minister of Samoa

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met with Samoan Prime Minister Tui-laepa Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi on March 4 amid the Pacific Island nation frequently supporting Israel and abstaining from critical votes against the Jewish state at the United Nations. The two countries signed an agreement relating to visa exemptions for incoming tourists. "There is an abiding friendship between Samoa and Israel, and we greet you here as a friend," said Netanyahu at the start of the meeting in his office. "We appreciate your friendship, your support in international forums and your support for Israel joining the Asia Development Bank." Malielegaoi, who has been prime minister since 1998, said that his country gives "careful and considered support for Israel to the maximum extent possible" at the world body. This visit to Israel was his first. Malielegaoi also met with Israeli President Reuven Rivlin, who expressed regret about not having the time to visit Samoa when, as speaker of the Knesset, he visited New Zealand and Tonga.

Netanyahu thanks May for country's designation of Hezbollah as a terrorist entity

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu thanked British Prime Minister Theresa May on March 4 for the United Kingdom officially designating Hezbollah as a terrorist group, announced the former's office. The Israeli leader also expressed gratitude for the United Kingdom's "strong stand against antisemitism," in addition to applauding a free-trade pact made between the two nations, according to Netanyahu's office. The U.K. officially black-listed Hezbollah the week of Feb. 28 as a terrorist organization. "Hezbollah is continuing in its attempts to destabilize the fragile situation in the Middle East, and we are no longer able to distinguish between their already banned military wing and the political party," said U.K. Home Secretary Sajid Javid. "Because of this, I have taken the decision to proscribe the group in its entirety." Two weeks ago, Israeli Minister of Economy Eli Cohen and United Kingdom Secretary of State for International Trade Liam Fox signed a free-trade accord between the two countries ahead of the upcoming United Kingdom split from the European Union. Great Britain is Israel's largest European trade partner and third-largest overall. The trade turnover between the two nations in 2018 was around \$11 billion – a 15

percent increase from the previous year, according to the Israeli economy ministry data.

U.S. consulate, embassy in Jerusalem officially merge

The U.S. Embassy in Israel and U.S. Consulate General, both in Jerusalem, officially merged over the March 3 weekend, reported the Associated Press. The consulate covered Palestinian affairs, which have now been included in operations into the embassy. "This decision was driven by our global efforts to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of our diplomatic engagements and operations," said U.S. State Department deputy spokesperson Robert Palladino in a statement. "It does not signal a change of U.S. policy on Jerusalem, the West Bank or the Gaza Strip. As the president has stated, the United States continues to take no position on final status issues, including boundaries or borders. ...The specific boundaries of Israeli sovereignty in Jerusalem are subject to final-status negotiations between the parties," he continued. "The administration remains fully committed to efforts to achieve a lasting and comprehensive peace that offers a brighter future to Israel and the Palestinians." The embassy moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem in May after U.S. President Donald Trump recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital in December 2017. This development comes as the Trump administration is expected to reveal its highly anticipated Mideast peace plan after the Israeli elections on April 9.

P.A. says it will keep paying terrorists, using money from workers

The Palestinian Authority has announced that it will continue to pay salaries to imprisoned terrorists and their families. The payments will come at the expense of Palestinian workers, who will only receive part of their salary. The move comes in response to Israel's deduction of \$138 million, equal to the amount the P.A. pays terrorists incarcerated in Israeli jails. P.A. leader Mahmoud Abbas has also followed through on his threat to reject the tax money Israel transfers each month, amounting to approximately \$184 million per month. Speaking on official P.A. TV, Palestinian Minister of Foreign Affairs Riyad Al-Malki said, "We will not agree to accept any partial amount of the tax money." Palestinian Minister of Finance Shukri Bishara also emphasized that the P.A. would be paying full salaries to terrorists at the expense of the general population. Israel has yet to deduct funds equal to the amount the P.A. pays so-called "martyrs" and their families.

Tax & Financial Planning

The risks and rewards of multilevel marketing

(NAPSI) – Many retirees and others looking for extra income consider what's known as multilevel marketing (or MLM) or network marketing. It's a type of direct selling where products are purchased from a company and sold through independent contractors. These contractors make commissions from what they sell and from sales made by people they recruit.

It doesn't always work out the way they hope, however, according to a new survey from AARP Foundation, the affiliated charity of AARP. A few facts and hints may help:

- ◆ Among the more than 20 million Americans who have participated in MLM organizations, 90 percent got involved to make money.
- ◆ Nearly half lost money.
- ◆ A quarter made no money.
- ◆ Two-thirds would not join the same or another MLM organization again.
- ◆ 39 percent stopped participating because it felt awkward to pitch to friends and family.
- ◆ Four out of 10 say the company misled them about their chances for financial success.
- ◆ MLM participants are primarily women with college degrees.

◆ One-third were recruited by a friend and 12 percent by a family member.

"We have witnessed many of our constituents joining these organizations, sometimes to their financial detriment. We want consumers to become better educated about MLMs before they invest valuable time and resources," said Amy Nofziger, program director with AARP Foundation.

To help, AARP Foundation suggests these four things:

1. Set your expectations and understand the costs. Recognize that MLMs require patience, persistence, and an investment of time and money. Make sure you're clear on what you expect to get out of participating and what's expected of you from the MLM.
2. Do your research. Thoroughly investigate the company. Visit the websites of the Better Business Bureau and Federal Trade Commission to see if there are any complaints about the company. Speak to current representatives and recent participants. Conduct an online search of the company name featuring keywords such as "work hours" and "incentives" to see what others are saying.
3. Get comfortable with selling. How do you feel about having business conversations with close friends and family?
4. Can you afford startup costs? Are you OK taking

risks with your money?

For further AARP tips, resources and educational videos, and to download the toolkit "Multilevel Marketing: The Research, Risks and Rewards," visit www.aarp.org/MLMaware.

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Weekly Parasha

Pekudai, Exodus 38:21-40:38

Bringing beauty and order into the world

RABBI PEG KERSHENBAUM, CONGREGATION B'NAI HARIM, POCONO PINES, PA

For several years, my husband and I hosted a wonderful student as she pursued a degree from FIT, the prestigious Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. When she moved in, she brought with her piles of fabrics and threads, beads, markers, special pencils and pads, a portfolio, different irons, machines, lamps and heaven knows what else! Over the course of her years at school, the piles and collections grew. And from all those not-quite-raw materials, she created the most glorious garments and appurtenances, making order out of most of the chaos and beauty out of the mess. She learned and patterned and carried out the plans and "it was sew."

That's what we see in *parashat* Pekudai. After weeks

of collecting animal, mineral and vegetable materials in whatever form people could provide them, Betzalel and his team of skilled craftspeople learned the instructions from Moses, drew up the patterns and carried out the plans. In this *parasha*, we stand at the doorway of the workshop and watch the artisans gather up the thousands of bits of gold and silver and bronze to make hooks and chains and sacred accessories or utensils. They pick through the collection of wools to twist, weave and braid curtains and cords and garments. They fit the woods together to build a firm structure. And as each task is finished, the text tells us it was "as God had commanded Moses."

This orderly appraisal of creative work is meant to be

a reminder of God's progress and daily evaluation as God began to create the world. There, the phrases "and it was so," or "God saw the [work], that it was good," show us the divine checklist. God had separated out the stuff of creation, placed it in the new order of things, stepped back to take in the impact and continued to arrange the elements of the world into a lasting and beautiful whole.

In our Torah portion, the evaluative phrase appears in two forms, the abbreviated one mentioned above ("as God had commanded Moses") and a fuller form, "the Children of Israel did just so, as God had commanded Moses, so they did." In that fuller form, there is acknowledgment of **See "World" on page 11**

Congregational Notes

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 Shabbat Services:
 Shabbat, March 9 9 am
 Mincha after the kiddush
 Weekday Services:
 Mornings:
 Sun., March 10 8:30 am
 Mon.-Wed., March 11-15 7 am
 Thurs.-Fri., March 7-8 8:30 am
 Evenings:
 Sun., March 10 6:40 pm
 Mon.-Thurs., March 11-17 6:50 pm
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 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.

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

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 President: Bruce Fein, bfein@tcny.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 Concord

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism
 Rabbi: Barbara Goldman-Wartell
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 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 8, at 8 pm, there will be Shabbat evening services with Sisterhood in celebration of 30 years of Women of the Wall and Rosh Chodesh Adar II led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell, Shari Neuberger and Sisterhood.

On Saturday, March 9, 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 morning services.

On Sunday, March 10, at 10 am, there will be a Temple Concord/Temple Israel Adult Education Brunch/Program on Italian Jewry at Temple Concord; and, from noon-2 pm, there will be a Purim spiel rehearsal.

On Tuesday, March 12, there will be Hebrew school at 4:15 and 5:15 pm.

On Thursday, March 14, there will be Hebrew school at 4:15 and 5:15 pm. The CHOW pantry will be open from 5-7 pm.

On Friday, March 15, there will be an 8 pm Shabbat evening service led by Rabbi Rachel Esserman.

On Saturday, March 16, at 9 am, there will be religious school; at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study; at 9:30 am, there will be Tot Shabbat; and, at 10:35 am, there will be Shabbat morning services.

Norwich Jewish Center

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

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

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 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 8, light candles 5:43 pm
 Shabbat ends Saturday, March 9 6:45 pm
 Friday, March 15, light candles 6:51 pm
 Shabbat ends Saturday, March 16 7:53 pm

Temple Israel

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 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 9, at 9:30 am, Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Exodus 38:21-40:38. The haftarah will be I Kings 7:51-8:21. Judy Simon and Debbie Schepis will sponsor the kiddush following services.

On Sunday, March 10, at 10 am, there will be an Adult Ed. brunch. The topic will be "Two Views of Jewish Italy" with speakers Howard Warner and Ted Major. RSVP to the Temple Concord office at 723-7355. The cost for the brunch is \$5 prepaid.

Rabbi Geoffrey Brown will be on vacation from March 11-14. Tammy Kunsman will be on vacation from March 11-19.

On Wednesday, March 13, at 2 pm, there will be a Sisterhood Chair Yoga class. The cost for the class is \$5.

A Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19, at 7 pm.

A joint Temple Israel/Temple Concord Purim celebration will be held on Wednesday, March 20, at Temple Concord. Dinner will be at 6 pm followed by services, a Purim spiel and dessert. Reservations are needed for the dinner. To RSVP, contact the Temple Concord office at 723-7355.

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 Religious School: Preschool through seventh-grade classes meet on Sunday mornings. Sixth-grade Hebrew and seventh-grade b'nai mitzvah classes meet on Wednesday afternoons. Adult Ed: Mini courses throughout the year. Adult Hebrew offered regularly. Call the office for details.

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

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 Services: Friday 8 pm; Saturday 10 am, unless otherwise announced. Weekday morning minyan 7:30 am (9 am on Sundays and legal holidays).
 Religious School/Education: September-May: Classes meet on Sunday, 9 am-12:30 pm and Wednesday afternoons, 3:45-5:45 pm. The Midrashah (eighth-grade and high school) classes will meet at times designated by their respective teachers.
 Adult Ed.: Numerous weekly courses, several semester-long courses and a variety of mini-courses and lectures are offered throughout the year. Call the temple office for more details.

Friday-Saturday, March 8-9, the bar mitzvah of Sylvan Greenfield, son of Elaan Greenfield, will be celebrated.

On Thursday, March 21, from 3:30-5:30 pm, PJ Library families will celebrate Purim in the Borg Warner Room of the Tompkins County Public Library. Admission is three non-perishable food items for ACT's Kitchen Cupboard.

Jewish Community Center

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.

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As such, the government, nonprofits and private sector are doing their part to ensure that suitable talent is recruited, both Israeli and foreign. Netanyahu spoke of a government program of cyber interns, for example, where talent is coming in from overseas. And in Israel, the recruiting starts young.

In 2015, the government announced that it would institute official certification programs for cyber-security practitioners, where candidates will have to pass exams with a two-tier levels of difficulty: one testing basic theoretical skills and an advanced exam for experts. The certification will be issued under the Israel National Cyber Directorate, which operates under the Prime Minister's Office. Meiri, with her 8200 Social Program, is using the network of that elite unite to help inspire and train the country's most promising entrepreneurs.

This challenge is not unique to Israel. An October 2018 study by (ISC)², the world's largest nonprofit association of certified cyber-security professionals, revealed that the "global cyber-security workforce gap [has expanded] to nearly three

million across North America, Latin America, Asia-Pacific (APAC) and Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA)."

Given this global growth, this suggests that Israel doesn't have to face this obstacle alone. As the presence of international representatives from around the world at the conference attested, they are "willing and eager" to work with and learn from the Jewish state.

Considering investments in Israel's cyber-security industry surpassed the \$1 billion threshold for the first time, despite whatever challenges Israel may face, the numbers don't lie. "This is nothing short of a cyber revolution, which Israel is a big part of," boasted Amir Rapaport, who organized the conference which is now in its sixth year. "We're in the right place in the right time."

With companies from around the world represented at this year's conference – what is considered one of the industry's biggest B2B events of the year – the approximately 15,000 people who attended the three-day conference were said to exemplify that Israel offers what others need.

"You are partners. CyberTech reflects a policy. It reflects the fact that cyber security is not only here to stay, but will grow exponentially," Netanyahu told the audience. "We have a general policy of collaboration with governments and companies."

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

Bolsonaro sets dates for first presidential visit to Israel

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro is scheduled to visit Israel from March 31 to April 4, announced Israel's Foreign Ministry on Feb. 28. This visit would be his first since being sworn into office in January. The trip would occur five days before the April 9 Israeli elections, whose fate appears uncertain amid Israeli Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit announcing on Feb. 28 that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will be indicted with bribery in one case and a count each of a breach of trust in two other cases. Bolsonaro has repeatedly promised to relocate the Brazilian embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. "The decision is taken; it's only a matter of when it will be implemented," he said in an interview in January to SBT television. He also pledged to close the Palestinian mission in the capital of his country, Brasilia.

Report: Mideast peace plan won't create Palestine state

A recent report by *Al-Quds* newspaper indicates that U.S. President Donald Trump's Mideast peace plan, also known as the "deal of the century," would not create a Palestinian state, and that Jerusalem would remain under Israeli control. According to details published on Ynet news, the bulk of the Palestinian Authority, which would be an autonomy rather than a state, would be in Gaza, with political and economic links in the Arab communities in Judea and Samaria. According to the report, Israeli communities in the West Bank/Judea and Samaria would remain in place, but would not be expanded. Security checkpoints would be significantly reduced, allowing for more freedom of movement for people and goods. Additional reports the week of Feb. 28 suggested the United States would also infuse \$25 billion into the Palestinian Authority by way of investments, as well as an additional \$40 billion into Egypt, Jordan and potentially Lebanon, according to *The New York Times*.

Iran purchases Indian sugar for first time in five years

For the first time in half a decade, Iran has bought sugar from India, reported Reuters on Feb. 26. Because sanctions prevent Iran from the worldwide financial system, Tehran has agreed to trade oil to New Delhi for rupees that can only be used to purchase Indian goods, most of which cannot be sufficiently produced locally. A source told Reuters that the Islamic Republic could import as much as almost 882 million pounds of raw sugar from India this year, as its domestic output is insufficient to fulfill demand. India received a temporary waiver in November from the U.S. to import Iranian oil after the U.S. reimposed sanctions that were lifted under the 2015 nuclear deal. The waivers expire in May and, according to U.S. special representative for Iran Brian Hook, they will not be renewed.

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the participation of the people in the work of the creation of the dwelling place for God and for all its furnishings and costumes. This pattern occurs in two places, each with seven abbreviated phrases and at least one fuller phrase. One set covers the work on the different pieces; the other covers the beginning of the actual use of the objects, the animating of this new world. When all the original work was done, "Moses saw that they had performed all the tasks – as the Lord had commanded, so they had done – Moses blessed them." When the priests were dressed and the objects put into the Tabernacle and the Tent, nothing more was said, but the Presence of God filled the space.

Thus, when we can work together on a divinely inspired project to bring order and beauty into the world, or to create a new reality from our strengths to invite the Divine Presence back into our midst, we can rejoice that we have acted "as God had commanded Moses." May we be blessed to do and to understand the importance and sacredness of what we have done.

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had raised the issue of the Golan Heights during a meeting with U.S. National Security Advisor John Bolton in January. Although the United States does not recognize Israeli control over the Golan Heights, it voted for the first time in November against an annual U.N. resolution condemning the Israeli position.

The measure is also sponsored by Sens. Marco Rubio (R-FL), Kevin Cramer (R-ND) and Lindsey Graham (R-SC), and Reps. Brian Mast (R-FL), Doug Lamborn (R-CO), Jim Banks (R-IN), Elise Stefanik (R-NY), Tom Cole (R-OK), Mark Meadows (R-NC), Bill Johnson (R-OH), Scott Perry (R-PN), Roger Marshall (R-KS), Mark Green (R-TN), Lee Zeldin (R-NY), Ted Budd (R-NC) and Jody Hice (R-GA).

Although no Democrats are currently behind the bill, members such as House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD) have voiced support for such U.S. recognition in the past.

In December, Cotton and Cruz introduced a similar measure.



An old Israeli tank with a flag overlooked the Syrian town of Quneitra in the Golan Heights on February 11, 2018. (Photo by Hadas Parush/Flash90)

JCC Friendship Club

The JCC Friendship Club met on February 27 and saw the end of "Yentl" starring Barbra Streisand. Bruce Orden set up the video on his laptop computer so he could stop it to discuss scenes. He was able to go back to the beginning of a scene so we could hear what was said. We picked up the story when Yentl was dressed as a boy named Anshel and studying with his mentor Avidgor, who was engaged to Hadass. One day, his future father-in-law sent Avidgor a note, asking him to visit him. In the next scene, Anshel is looking for Avidgor. He goes to the home of Hadass. When Anshel enters the house, Hadass is crying and her parents walk away from him. He then goes to look for Avidgor in his room and finds him very distraught. Avidgor tells him that her parents found out that his brother committed suicide and they did not want their daughter to marry someone from a damaged family. Her father interviews many suitors, but finally settles on Anshel. At first he refuses because, as we know, he is really a girl. Finally, Avidgor talks Anshel into marrying her so he could be close to both of them. They had an Orthodox marriage and later that night we see them in a bedroom in her father's house. Anshel keeps giving Hadass wine. They both get tipsy and end up having a pillow fight. Her parents walk by the room and hear them laughing, and think that everything is alright.

I will skip over the parts of them living as husband and wife until one day Anshel and Avidgor are going to the city for the weekend to buy books. That night, Anshel reveals that he is a girl named Yentl. Avidgor is very upset and rants about how she could do this to him. She tells him the marriage was never consummated. He can have it annulled and that she is sure that Hadass would not listen to her parents and marry him even against her parents' wishes. He returns home and we then see Yentl, dressed as a girl, on a ship heading to America. We discussed some of the issues in the story. Barbra Streisand sang several songs, which told what she was thinking at that time.

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia Diamond. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ann Brilliant said the blessing over the cookies. On Wednesday, March 13, we will attend a Purim party at Brookdale, an assisted living facility across the street from the JCC. On Wednesday, March 20, there will be no meeting in the afternoon. In the evening, we are planning to go to a Purim dinner and Purim spiel at a local temple. Let me wish everyone a happy Purim.

Sylvia Diamond
President

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Deciphering the past Israeli archaeologists uncover 1,600-year-old estate of affluent Samaritan

By JNS staff

(JNS) – Israeli archaeologists uncovered a 1,600-year-old estate belonging to a wealthy Samaritan man.

The property, which was discovered in Tzur Natan in central Israel, consisted of an inscription that reads, “Only God help the beautiful property of Master Adios, amen.” The inscription was deciphered and translated by Hebrew University professor Leah Di Segni, and dates back to the early fifth century.

“The inscription was discovered in an impressive wine press that was apparently part of the agricultural estate of a wealthy individual called Adios,” said Hagit Torge, director of the excavations on behalf of the Israel Antiquities Authority. “This is only the second such wine press discovered in Israel with a blessing inscription associated with the Samaritans. The first was discovered a few years ago in Apollonia near Herzliya.”

Near the wine press, the archaeologists uncovered stone quarries consisting of rock-cut depressions utilized for growing grapevines, apparently part of the Master Adios estate.

“‘Master’ was an honorific given to senior members of the community and attests to the high social standing of the owners of the estate,” said Torge. “The location of the wine press is near the top of Tel Tzur Natan, where remains of a Samaritan synagogue were found with another inscription, and reveals Adios’ high status.”

The Tzur Natan Samaritan synagogue was transformed into a church in the sixth century. A compound was uncovered nearby, consisting of large rooms and spaces for producing flour, oil and wine. There, a Pompeian donkey mill was discovered, utilized to grind flour and marked with a seven-branch candelabrum.



At right: The ancient winepress and inscription uncovered at Tzur Natan. (Photo by Yitzhak Marmelstein/Israel Antiquities Authority)

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