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## Federation to kick off Campaign 2020

### Federation Super Sunday Brunch to be held on Oct. 27

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton will hold its annual Super Sunday Campaign kick-off brunch on Sunday, October 27, at 10 am, at the Jewish Community Center, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal. The cost to attend will be \$10. Reservations should be made by Friday, October 18. Reserve a seat by calling the Federation at 724-2332 or by e-mailing [director@jfgb.org](mailto:director@jfgb.org).

The theme for the 2020 Campaign is "A New Beginning, A Legacy of Caring." Campaign Chair Marilyn Bell, Rita Shawn and I chose a theme that would recognize the Federation is under new leadership, while at the same time pay tribute to the generosity of the Binghamton Jewish community over many years," said new Jewish Federation Executive Director Shelley Hubal. "Binghamton is a small community and each individual donor makes a difference to ensure that we can continue to be a vibrant, welcoming place to live."

People are encouraged to make their 2020 pledge at the brunch. If community members would like to make their pledge ahead of the kick-off event, they can call the Federation office at 724-2332. Making pledges and donations in advance of the allocation process in mid-November will help the Federation know what funds are available to be distributed and will save time

for the volunteers that make Campaign calls.

This year's brunch will include a buffet, an awards ceremony and entertainment from the Tri-Cities Opera. The Federation will honor retiring Jewish Federation Executive Director Sima Auerbach with a Yasher Koach award. New this year will be the Spirit of Community Awards; this year's recipients are Charles Manasse, Rita Bleier and Dr. Dora Polachek.

"This year's honorees have each contributed in a unique way," said Hubal. "We want to make this event lively. The opera singers will be singing favorite show tunes. Please be sure to make a reservation to join us."



This year's annual Campaign Phonathon will start on Sunday, October 27, and will run through Wednesday, October 30. The

money raised during the Campaign will then be allocated to local organizations. "The Federation does many things behind the scenes to help all of our local Jewish organizations to be their best," said Shelley Hubal, executive director of the Jewish Federation. "When you support the Federation, you

support the entire Jewish community. With your generous donations, we ensure there are quality, engaging Jewish programs for community member of all ages, support for our neighbors in need and an enduring local Jewish infrastructure."

In addition to local support, a small percentage of Campaign funds help the Jewish Federation of North America with global projects. "As the new Federation director, I was surprised to learn that our allocation to JFNA goes to specific programs across the globe. By combining with other small Jewish communities, we are helping to provide food and medication to elderly Jews in the country of Georgia, and to educate and assimilate Ethiopian immigrants in Israel. This is truly the spirit of *tikkun olam* and we should be very proud of all we do," noted Hubal.

"Please answer the call this year during the Federation Phonathon and be part of something bigger than yourself," said Hubal. Anyone who would like to pledge early or be a Campaign volunteer should call the Federation office at 724-2332.

## European court: Holocaust denial is not protected by human-rights law

By JNS staff

(JNS) – Holocaust denial is not a form of freedom of expression protected under the European Human Rights Convention, a top European court ruled on October 3 in regards to a case from nearly a decade ago.

German right-wing extremist Udo Pastors, who suggested in a 2010 speech that the Holocaust never happened, was convicted in 2012 under Germany's law against the intentional defamation of Jews. He filed a complaint against the conviction

with the European Court of Human Rights in 2014, claiming that his statements were protected by Article 10, which protects freedom of expression.

ECHR judges ruled unanimously that See "Law" on page 6

## Penn-York Jewish Community donates Torah to Hillel at Binghamton

The Penn-York Jewish Community donated a *sefer* Torah scroll to Hillel at Binghamton. The Torah had been used for many years during religious services and to teach Hebrew school students of the Penn-York Jewish Community. Harvey Chernosky, president of the Penn-York Jewish Community – accompanied by members of the Penn-York Jewish Community and Rabbi Oren Steinitz, the spiritual leader of Congregation Kol Ami in Elmira

– presented the Torah to Brian Freedman, executive director of Hillel at Binghamton, and Cantor Abbe Lyons, business manager of Hillel at Binghamton.

Attendees joined together at a short ceremony during which Steinitz offered blessings, Lyons sang and the Torah was handed to Freedman by Chernosky. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a processional line led by Freedman holding the Torah ended at the car being used to transport

the Torah to Binghamton University, with Lyons leading the group in song.

This was the fourth Torah scroll donated by the Penn-York Jewish Community. Two scrolls were given to Project Keshet, which matched the donated Torah scrolls with Eastern European communities that did not have a Torah. Another scroll was donated to Congregation Kol Ami, Elmira. This is the first Torah donated to a Hillel by the Penn-York Jewish Community. Those

in attendance said they were pleased to know how the Torah will enrich the lives of Binghamton University Jewish students for many years to come.

The purpose of the Penn-York Jewish Community is to promote Jewish identity in Bradford County, PA; Tioga County, NY; and surrounding areas. Hillel at Binghamton seeks to facilitate meaningful Jewish experiences and the development of significant relationships.



At left: Brian Freedman carried the Torah that the Penn-York Jewish Community donated to Hillel at Binghamton. L-r: Cantor Abbe Lyons, Rabbi Oren Steinitz, Freedman and Harvey Chernosky.



L-r: In attendance were Jeff Dann, Ted Hinkley, Cantor Abbe Lyons, Rabbi Oren Steinitz, Brian Freedman, Harvey Chernosky, Linda Chernosky, Marty Borko and Beth Herbst.

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# The top 12 ways Israel feeds the world

By Abigail Klein Leichman  
(Israel21c via JNS)

As the global population expands and natural resources dwindle, food security has been called a critical concern. Smart solutions for more efficient farming, hardier crops, alternative sources of nutrition and safer food packaging and storage are considered essential. No other single country – certainly not one as young and as tiny as Israel – has contributed more breakthroughs in this area than Israel. Since the 1950s, Israelis have not only been finding ways to green their own desert, but have shared their discoveries far and wide.

Here are 12 ways Israel helps feed the world:

1. Drip irrigation: While the concept of drip irrigation existed well before Israeli statehood, it was revolutionized by Israeli water engineer Simcha Blass in the 1960s and continues to transform farming across the globe. Blass's slow-release tubing formed the basis of the world-renowned Netafim company (sold for \$1.5 billion to Mexichem in 2017) and other Israeli drip-irrigation and micro-irrigation businesses whose solutions are used worldwide. One example of how Israeli drip irrigation has impacted food supply in foreign countries is Tipa (Drop), a kit that enables gravity to irrigate when there is no water pressure in rural areas. The Israeli Foreign Ministry has provided Tipa kits to hundreds of farmers in Senegal, Kenya, South Africa, Benin and Niger.

An average of 70 percent of the world's water goes toward irrigation, partly because some areas still use wasteful flood irrigation. Israeli agri-tech companies such as CropX, Saturas, Manna and SupPlant help customers across the world implement efficient drip irrigation programs to use less water and produce more and better crops. Innovation in drip irrigation is constant. In February, Netafim signed a three-year research collaboration agreement with Bayer and Ben-Gurion University's tech-transfer company regarding soil research, digital prediction tools and state-of-the-art Netafim technology to establish best practices for using drip irrigation as a precise root-delivery system.

2. Getting more grain to market: About one-third of the food produced for human consumption globally is lost or wasted each year. In low-income countries, most of that loss happens in the early and middle stages of the production chain. One problem is that the majority of newly harvested grains and pulses get ruined by pests and mold before reaching the market.

Israeli-designed GrainPro Cocoons provide a simple and cheap way for African and Asian farmers to keep their grain market-fresh. The huge bags, invented by international food technology consultant Prof. Shlomo

Navarro, keep both water and air out. They're used in about 100 countries including in Africa, Latin America and the Middle and Far East.

TelAviv-based Amaizz solves a problem for sub-Saharan African and Indian farmers when drying grains such as corn, which are subject to toxic fungal infestation as well as destruction by insects and other animals. Amaizz offers protected electric or solar modular drying, disinfection and storage units that keep out pests and prevent fungus. The company also makes cool storage units for any type of grain, in addition to barley and maize threshers that cut down on time, labor and grain damage. In 2016, Amaizz won the Israeli Grand Challenges Program for improving post-harvest handling and storage, and saving up to 50 percent of the losses caused by mishandling and depreciation. As one of six Israeli startups chosen for the 2018 India-Israel Bridge to Innovation program of the Israel Innovation Authority at the initiative of both countries' prime ministers, Amaizz now is conducting pilots with key players in the Indian market.

3. Saving mangoes from fruit-fly devastation: Mangoes provide a livelihood for thousands of farmers in developing countries. However, many mango growers in India, the Americas and West Africa have simply given up in the past few years because such a high percentage of their crops were ruined by various species of fruit flies. That situation is being reversed by a novel product from Israel's Biofeed, another of the six startups in the 2018 India-Israel Bridge to Innovation program.

The startup's FreeDome line of no-spray, environmentally friendly lures contain an organic customized mix of food, feeding stimulants and control or therapeutic agents delivered by a patented gravity-controlled fluid release platform to kill the tiny flies. Biofeed has demonstrated an overall decrease of Oriental fruit-fly infestation from 95 percent to less than five percent in a pilot test with Indian mango farmers, while a pilot program in Togo reduced infestation in various areas from 88-95 percent.

4. Precision agriculture: Israel's large and growing precision agri-tech sector comprises more than 450 companies offering advanced data-collection and analysis technologies for more efficient and productive farming. Here are just four examples of Israeli precision-agriculture companies whose solutions are used across the globe:

◆ AgriTask lets farmers integrate all their agricultural data from multiple sources (imaging, weather stations, in-field sensors, etc.) on one platform, accessible via a mobile app.

◆ Cromptal performs real-time accurate tests of plant tissue, soil and water in the field, dramatically reducing the standard analysis procedure from 10 days to less than

an hour.

◆ Taranis combines high-resolution aerial imaging with computer vision and artificial intelligence to show farmers what's happening in their plots down to the insect and leaf level, and analyzes that data to provide decision-making support.

◆ Prospera makes a digital farming system that collects, digitizes and analyzes vast amounts of data to help growers control and optimize their production and growing systems.

5. Saving strawberries (and much more): Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu-owned Bio-Bee breeds and exports several species of beneficial insects and mites for biological pest control, and bumblebees for natural pollination, to more than 50 nations from India to Chile. The company's top seller worldwide is the tiny BioPersimilis, a highly efficient enemy of the spider mite, a devastating agricultural pest. BioPersimilis is used by most of California's strawberry farmers (BioBee's single largest market) and by growers of peppers, tomatoes, potatoes, beans, corn, cucumber, melon, eggplant and ornamental flowers in order to reduce the amount of pesticides they use by up to 80 percent.

6. Helping more farmers export crops: Farms can't export unless they comply with complex and frequently changing government regulations in target countries regarding details including water, fertilizer, pesticides, plant protection, safety and labor conditions. That can be a daunting challenge for small farms especially, which must be part of larger cooperatives if they want to sell abroad.

The unique cloud-based AKOLogic farm management system from kibbutz-based Agricultural Knowledge On-Line gives farmers constantly updated regulatory guidelines on a single dashboard. If a customer wants to sell in Walmart, AKOLogic automatically applies the relevant U.S. regulations to the growing plan. "For each container they receive, buyers need to know that everything was done according to regulations. Now all the documentation is in one place in real time automatically, with full traceability from field to market," says AKOLogic CEO Ron Shani.

The system also helps farmers manage resources, administrative processes and daily functionality with calendars, checklists, reports, maps and digital document storage. Farming cooperatives can use the platform to assist and manage member growers.

Soft-launched in January 2015 in Israel, the system is now used by half of Israel's farmers. The first overseas pilot of AKOLogic, in Angola in cooperation with the International Bank, enabled a cooperative of small farmers to export crops to Europe for the first time. The company is now working with local partners in Balkan countries. See "Feeds" on page 6

## Opinion

### In My Own Words

## Personal venting

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

*Writer's note: Having a bad week? Then maybe you should skip this column. After all, do you really need to have me kvetch about my problems when you're having problems of your own? Or, maybe my kvetching will make you laugh or feel better about what is happening in your life. Either way, don't say I didn't warn you.*

Most of the time my hearing impairment doesn't cause too many problems, but it was one of those weeks that everything seemed to go wrong. My hearing-aid mold broke (meaning I couldn't use the aid) when I was trying to leave the house due to a family emergency. Then my captioned phone started acting weird – making strange noises and recording calls that had not occurred – and then finally died when I needed it to handle the aftermath of the emergency. To add insult to injury, some calls came to my cell phone because I needed to be reached outside the house. Unfortunately, not everyone could text me so I had to ask the nurses for help when it was too difficult to understand people. That meant they had to listen to the phone, tell me what the person said and then give me the

phone to answer the question, before repeating the process. Thank goodness for the cochlear implant because, if I'd been trying to handle this with only one hearing aid, life would have been more difficult.

Of course, not all the problems have to do with my hearing. My back has been bothering me, I'm having trouble connecting with someone who might be our new snow removal person (after having back surgery years ago, shoveling heavy snow is not a great idea) and the hallway light at home broke. (And no, it's not just the bulb: I checked that in another lamp.)

Of course, everything is complicated by the holidays, and the fact that there are certain things I won't do on them. What this means in practical terms is that there is less time to accomplish everything that needs to be done. I wish the holidays fell on the weekend this year because that would really have made life easier. While they do so next year, it doesn't help me now. (By the way, while I love when six of the seven days we're closed fall on a weekend, *The Reporter's* non-Jewish staff is not as

thrilled because they love the extra time off.)

In addition to all of the above, I'm coming down with a cold. Yes, I tried to get enough sleep and eat right during the emergency, but stress has a way of taking a toll. One of the advantages of being older, however, is that I know this all will pass. As I write this (before Rosh Hashanah), I just made an appointment to get my ear mold fixed (if possible) or to get a new one. The electrician and the snow removal person can be reached next week. I just have to find the phone number for the company that supplies the captioned phone and call to find out when they can send someone to fix the phone or give me a new one. And if I manage to get enough rest (which I plan to do), the cold should get better, rather than worse.

As for all the people who gave support during this emergency, *thank you*. The staff of *The Reporter* did such a great job proving how well they can handle the office without me (even though they keep saying they need me). Here's hoping by the time you read this after Yom Kippur, things are back to relatively normal.



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# A creative call for individuals and organizations to combat antisemitism

By Eliana Rudee

(JNS) – The international grassroots organization Combat anti-Semitism has announced its upcoming “Venture Creative Contest,” which will give away more than \$100,000 in awards.

“Our idea is to motivate and provide opportunity for individuals and organizations that are interested in and passionate about combating antisemitism,” EJ Kimball, outreach coordinator for CAS, tells JNS. “We hope that the submissions might bring the issue of antisemitism out of the academic and intellectual debate, and down to easily understandable messages to more clearly define what antisemitism is.”

The uptick in global antisemitism, just 75 years after the Holocaust, provided the motivation for such a contest, says Kimball.

“This irrational hatred of Jews and the world’s only Jewish state harms both innocent victims and perpetrators infected by bigotry,” explains the CAS website. “The resurgence of antisemitism poses a challenge to all people of conscience: How can we work together to stop

antisemitism? This contest is crowd-sourcing new solutions to help end the world’s oldest hatred.”

At present, says Kimball, antisemitism is manifested in violent attacks motivated by right-wing extremism, as well as the “ideological underpinnings penetrating from left, which masks itself with the BDS movement and anti-Zionism, particularly on college campuses.

“We see today straight-out antisemitic comments from U.S. congresswomen amplified around the country and the world,” he adds, “which crosses the line of incitement to violence, and needs to be called out in society.”

In response to multifarious forms of antisemitism and the challenges they present, explains Kimball, “we chose a ‘venture creative contest’ to engage the new generation – those in creative spaces and utilizing new technologies – to define and combat antisemitism in a comprehensive manner.”

He adds that “the old ways of exposing and combating antisemitism haven’t worked, and we need to tackle it in today’s environment.”

For this reason, CAS hopes to encourage people of

all ages, backgrounds and nationalities to participate by submitting their work in four different categories.

◆ The Herzl “take action” award will be given as seed investment of \$50,000-plus to the best plan for a social venture to help stop antisemitism in a meaningful, new way.

◆ The Emma Lazarus art award, in partnership with Artists 4 Israel, the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America and the American Sephardi Federation, will be giving awards of \$5,000 each for the best poem, graffiti/street art, cartoon/comic and billboard, with an additional \$500 for 10 runners-up.

◆ The Natan Sharansky activism award of \$5,000 will be given to the best essay or action plan, delivered by Sharansky, which applies lessons from the example of outstanding Jewish leaders to educate and inspire people to act against today’s antisemitism challenge. In co-sponsorship with JNS and the Tikvah Fund, an additional 10 runners-up will receive prizes of \$1,000.

◆ The final Abraham and Sarah “Israel in Me” award, co-sponsored by the Galila Foundation, AISH.com and Israel on Campus Coalition, will offer \$5,000 to the best video or essay exploring Israel’s centrality to Jewish identity and human progress, and why celebrating its existence is moral and vital. An additional 10 runners-up will be awarded with \$1,000.

Among the judging panel of entrepreneurs and leaders are Gil Canaani (Hearst Ventures), Rotem Eldar (Ofek Ventures), Barak Rabinowitz (F2 Venture Capital) and Sima Vaknin-Gil (former director-general of Israel’s Strategic Affairs Ministry), who will determine the winners of the competition. Kimball says they will be “looking for new approaches and creative ways to connect to different audiences, with realistic goals and likelihood of success.”

The submission deadline for entries is Sunday, December 1, at [combatantisemitism.org/contest/](http://combatantisemitism.org/contest/).

## Birthright’s Excel program gets high marks all around

By Deborah Fineblum

(JNS) – “It’s so much more.” That’s the mantra of the 54 Jewish young adults from across North America who just wrapped up 10 weeks in Israel. Sure, they had applied to the Birthright Israel Excel program for what’s been called “a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity” to intern at Israeli offices of such top global companies as Facebook, Visa, Microsoft, Ernst and Young, and Barclay’s.

And certainly when it comes to skill-building and contact-forging, to strengthening tomorrow’s business ties between Israel and North America, Excel is said to deliver. After all, the development program has been mentoring Jewish college students and young adults in Israeli firms – nearly 800 of them to date – since 2010. And because they have a field of 2,000 applicants to choose from, the program accepts many of the brightest of the Jewish American college students who apply.

Livvy Gordon was among them. Over at the offices of venture-capital firm Greenfield Partners, the Georgetown University global business student pulls up a report she’d generated with data needed for the team to decide whether or not to invest in a particular company that had approached them for funding. “It’s been an amazing opportunity to get experience inside the Israeli economy,” says Gordon. “I’ve learned so much during a really short time.”

The value goes both ways, says Gordon’s mentor Raz Mangel. “Livvy’s contributed so much to our sourcing research on these companies. She’s been able to pick colleagues’ brains and, in a steep learning curve for a college kid, got quickly up to speed, saving the rest of the team endless hours of research and compiling.”

In addition to new skills, like other Excel fellows over the years, Gordon has also picked up the confidence needed to present her findings and analyses at the team’s weekly meetings. (Of the 54, only 44 interned at Israeli businesses; the other 10 were involved in an accelerator for future entrepreneurs).

So, where exactly does the “so much more” enter into it? The program was designed to create bonds that are as personal as they are professional. For starters, the mentors take a “deep interest” in their fellows. Gordon, for instance, was a guest at Mangel’s wedding this summer. What’s more, each American is paired with an Israeli peer, and they all share living space in a Tel Aviv hostel, spending evenings and weekends together at lectures, parties and tours.

“These are bonds that continue to grow over the years,”

says Excel Executive Director Idit Rubin. “Their connection to the Jewish homeland is so strong that when they get home, they’ll be ambassadors able to tell everyone they meet about the Israel they know – that the Israel they see in the news isn’t necessarily what Israel really is.”

Excel was born a decade ago when longtime Birthright funders Michael Steinhardt and Lynn Schusterman approached the Birthright team with an idea: We’re already bringing thousands of young Jews each year to Israel for 10-day experiences, but what about future Jewish business leaders, their reasoning went. As tomorrow’s leaders, they have so much to offer Israel, and it’s a connection that needs to be built upon – something that could take 10 weeks, not 10 days. Soon, Paul E. Singer of the Singer Foundation joined the group and, today, Rubin reports, Excel also receives support from the Birthright Foundation and the state of Israel.

The idea intrigued Yoram Tietz, who as managing partner of EY, the largest accounting firm in Israel, is in a position to connect the fellows with top mentors from across Israel’s business world. “I felt it was time for me to give back and, since time is the scarcest of all resources, I wanted to use mine strengthening the bonds between Israeli and American businesses well into the future. So I told Michael (Steinhardt) I’m in it for at least 20 years; it’s going to take that long to see results.”

Only it hasn’t. Now nearly halfway there, “I never expected we’d flourish the way we have,” says Tietz. “It’s turned out to be a great blend of professional and personal development – the brightest students and the top companies. The result is powerful connections that last.”

One unexpected bonus: Tietz was pleasantly surprised when two summers ago, his son, Jonathan, told him that he’d signed onto Excel as an Israeli participant. His experience was so positive that he’s just joined the Excel board.

In many ways, the heart of the program is the bond forged between the Americans and Israeli peers, such as young Tietz, who often show their new American friends places in Israel most tourists never see. “My peer is like an Israeli version of me,” says Andrew Carlins, a Duke University junior who spent the summer helping EY develop a searchable data base of hundreds of Israeli startups. “All the work I did, it was only at the end that the value of it came together for me.”

Still, he says, “It was satisfying and I learned a lot, but that was not the main point of Excel for me. Mostly, it was See “Excel” on page 11

### Early deadlines for The Reporter

Due to holiday closings, the deadlines for the following upcoming issues of *The Reporter* are as follows. *No exceptions will be made.*

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Off the Shelf

# Rich and newly single in New York City

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

While reading the first 20 pages of “Fleishman is in Trouble” by Taffy Brodesser-Akner (Random House), I wondered why critics were making such a fuss about the book. It was one of the big novels of the summer and two friends had given it the highest rating on the Goodreads website. Was I really going to be reading 370-plus pages about a nearly divorced, New York City Jewish doctor who couldn’t keep his eyes off the suggestive photographs sent to him by women from the dating site he joined? I might have understood that if my friends were male, but they aren’t. Fortunately, when 40-something Toby Fleishman reconnects with two friends from his college years – including the novel’s narrator, Elizabeth Epstein Slater – the work becomes a very funny look at life and love for those in their 40s. Well, let’s clarify that: the novel focuses on rich people who seem to have everything, but can’t stop complaining about how imperfect their lives are (even many living in developing countries or, actually, in many impoverished places in the U.S., would be willing to change places with them).

While that does make it sound like I didn’t enjoy the novel, I did. However, the characters whine and whine so much that by the end of the book, I was ready to get out of their heads. Part of the problem may be generational. Toby and his almost ex-wife are trying to have it all: powerhouse careers, a family and an emotionally supportive marriage. Toby and Rachel did seem to have a wonderful marriage at

first, but then the children arrived. Rachel feels that even though Toby makes an excellent living as a doctor, he’s not making enough money to support them in the style she wants. This leads her to open her own public relations group. The demands her clients make on her time seem far greater than Toby’s patients on his.

Since Toby believed their marriage was over long before Rachel, he was relieved when she finally agreed to a divorce. Toby may have moved out of the family apartment, but, since Rachel works so many hours, he’s there every night to make dinner for their children, in addition to having them stay with him other times. A problem arises, though, when Rachel drops off the children at Toby’s apartment a day earlier than expected. The early drop-off goes relatively smoothly, but, when Rachel doesn’t show up to take the children for their vacation in the Hamptons, Toby begins to worry. Even worse, Rachel isn’t answering her cell phone and her assistant at work doesn’t seem to know her whereabouts. Rather than admitting to the children that their mother may have deserted them, Toby lies, saying Rachel had a work emergency and that he will take them to the Hamptons himself.

Their two children – 9-year-old Solly and 11-year-old Hannah – do not adjust well to the disappearance of their mother. Hannah is a typical tween and is very concerned with fitting in with the other students at her private school. She’s sarcastic and unhappy with anything and everything

that her father does and says. Toby can’t decide if this is because of the divorce or just the start of her teenage years. Solly is much easier to handle, although he misses his mother more as the weeks go by.

While it might seem that the narrator is completely on Toby’s side, she does reveal not only the difficulties she’s faced from society’s unfair and unrealistic expectations of women, but those Rachel also faces. What becomes clear is that many of these people – men and women – are angry about the choices they’ve had to make in life. Sometimes I found it easy to sympathize with that anger (for example, being treated unfairly at work because you have a family emergency), but others were harder (for example, doing things you don’t like with people you don’t like to help your children’s social life at a school that does not teach real values). The saddest part of the split between Toby and Rachel is that their original understanding of what they wanted for their family seemed the same. Both agreed that they wanted to support their children in ways they felt were important. Unfortunately, while Toby meant emotional support, Rachel assumed that meant financial support. In other words, making a quarter of a million dollars is not enough to give their children the life she wants them to have. To be fair to Rachel, Toby seemed to have no objective to living that life if she was the one providing the money.

See “Rich” on page 6

## LEGAL NOTICE

OC ERECTERS, LLC App. for Auth. filed w/ SSNY 8/23/19. Off. in Broome Co. Arts. of Org. filed w/ SSFL 7/18/14. SSNY desig. as agt. of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 1206 SW 46 Ave, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442. Add. req. to be maintained in FL: 4413 Vista Woods Ct, Orlando, FL 32822. Name & add. of the auth. officer in FL where copy of Arts. of Org. filed: FL Dept. of State, Div of Corp, Clifton Bldg, 2661 Executive Center Cir, Tallahassee, FL 32301. Purpose: any lawful activity.

### Notice of Formation of Baldwin Street Apartments, LLC

Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/27/2019. Office location: Broome Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, P.O. Box 163, Binghamton, NY 13903. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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

1. The name of the limited liability company (“LLC”) is 430 Property 2 LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is August 27, 2019.
3. The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.

4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 118 Washington St, Apt C-1, Binghamton, NY 13901.
5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

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

1. The name of the limited liability company (“LLC”) is 430 Property 1 LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is August 27, 2019.
3. The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is

Broome.

4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 118 Washington St, Apt C-1, Binghamton, NY 13901.
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### NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY UNDER NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

1. The name of the limited liability company (“LLC”) is Four Thirty Crop LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is August 27, 2019.
3. The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.

4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 118 Washington St, Apt C-1, Binghamton, NY 13901.
5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

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

1. The name of the limited liability company (“LLC”) is HANO Utilities LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is September 3, 2019.
3. The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.

4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served

upon him or her is: 18 Green Meadow Lane, Binghamton, NY 13901.

5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

Notice of Formation of Therapy Service, LCSW, PLLC. Articles of Org. filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on 6/4/2019. Office: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 1121 Upper Front St., Binghamton, NY 13905. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

RYMO LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/3/19. Office: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, PO Box 619, Port Crane, NY 13833. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Salt Springs 607, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/27/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2224 Pierce Creek Rd., Binghamton, NY 13903. Purpose: any lawful activities.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: The name of the limited liability company is: Airport Inn Restaurant, LLC (the “Company”). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was September 6, 2019. The county in which the principal place of business of the Company shall be located is Broome County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company, to Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP, Attn: Ryan M. Mead, Esq., 80 Exchange Street, Suite 700, Binghamton, NY 13901. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

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

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Secretary of State is AUGUST 23, 2019.

3. The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.

4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 57 PARK AVE. BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK, 13903.

5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

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

1. The name of the limited liability company (“LLC”) is VALLEY EQUIPMENT, LLC.

2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is SEPTEMBER 06, 2019.

3. The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.

4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 771 AETNA ROAD JOHNSON CITY, NEW YORK, 13790.

5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

Notice of Formation of Jim and Gin Trucking, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/03/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: P.O. Box 293, Lisle, NY 13797. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of MB3 Holdings LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/28/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 16 Canal St., Port Crane, NY 13833. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of HG Management Group, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/28/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Kathleen M. Harrison, Adm. of the E/O Richard M. Harrison, 616 Stratmill Rd., Binghamton, NY 13904. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of Joseph R. Morgan, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/30/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 815 John St., Endicott, NY 13760. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of Squire Colony LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/28/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 16 Canal St., Port Crane, NY 13833. Purpose: any lawful activities.

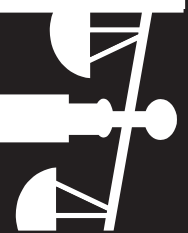
Notice of Qualification of JSK LAKES LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/06/19. Office location: Broome County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 02/08/19. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Unisearch, Inc., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210-2822, also the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Address to be maintained in DE: c/o UNISEARCH, INC., 28 Old Rudnick Ln., Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with the DE Secy. of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., - Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of Cycle 3, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/05/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 323 Chaumont Dr., Endwell, NY 13760. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of Green Street Vegan, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on 7/31/19. Office location: Broome County at 81 Clinton Street, Binghamton, NY 13901. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: Elijah Fremont 17 2ND Avenue Nanuet, NY 10954. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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THE REPORTER



# Meet Jerusalem's deputy mayor: Fleur Hassan-Nahoum

By Eliana Rudee

(JNS) – Fleur Hassan-Nahoum's story begins with her upbringing in Gibraltar as the daughter of Sir Joshua Abraham Hassan, the first mayor and chief minister of Gibraltar. It eventually wound its way to her becoming the deputy mayor of Jerusalem in 2018.

Holding the "foreign-ministry portfolio" in the city government and as the only native Spanish speaker in the municipality (she also speaks English and Hebrew), Hassan-Nahoum, a mother of four, represents Israel's multicultural strengths and increases the city's outreach potential.

From this perspective, her vision for the city reflects Israel's self-determination, economic potential and responsibility to the Jewish Diaspora, while advocating for the education and financial well-being of the city's minorities.

Hassan-Nahoum studied law at King's College, London. She qualified as a barrister in 1997 and practiced in London before becoming the campaign director of World Jewish Relief.

She made *aliyah* with her husband in 2001 and was recruited by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and later, by Tikva Children's Home, to establish an International Relations Department based in Israel. She also founded Message Experts, using her experience as a presenter, barrister and fund-raiser to help organizations and individuals reach their goals through effective communication.

Q: What do you see as the biggest challenge facing Jerusalem?

A: Although the government puts decent investment into Jerusalem, it is the poorest city in the country. Our biggest

challenge is our low workforce participation—49 percent of *haredi* men and 20 percent of Arab women work, and we can't afford to have half of two major populations not working. At the same time, we need to create a bridge between opportunity and disenfranchised communities, which will eventually bring the city up. Jerusalem is the beating soul of the whole country; we shouldn't be the poorest city. The question is whether evolution will come before economic collapse, and I am optimistic.

Q: What is the municipality doing to improve education in eastern Jerusalem?

A: We have a big problem in east Jerusalem that former Israeli governments didn't want to face. Only 14 percent of east Jerusalemite students are learning the Israeli-Arab curriculum; 10,000 are in private schools; and the remaining use the Palestinian UNRWA/Palestinian Authority curriculum, which are one and the same.

There are a few problems with this curriculum—namely, it doesn't teach the students Hebrew or English; the dropout rate is astoundingly high; and the curriculum is deliberately holding them back, as the policy of the Palestinian Authority leadership intends to maintain their power by keeping youth poor and uneducated. Their education has a lot of incitement against Jews, even in their math textbooks. How can we expect a future of coexistence with Palestinians when they are feeding their kids hatred and sabotaging coexistence?



Jerusalem Deputy Mayor Fleur Hassan-Nahoum (Photo courtesy of Fleur Hassan-Nahoum)

These kids are my responsibility, too. So I want to make sure the kids in my city are afforded the best education and we are making headway. More and more students in east Jerusalem are going into Israeli-Arab curriculums because more parents want opportunities for their kids, to develop economically and as a people.

We need to figure out how to live in a shared society. What does Shabbat look like with everyone living in the same space? How can we get traditional societies into the startup nation and in path of economic opportunity? Those questions will only be answered in the city.

Q: What can international organizations and actors like the United Nations do to improve the city and country as a whole?

A: The United Nations can get out of my city. It doesn't bring anything for the people it's purporting to help. It perpetuates victimhood, violence and hatred. We have the right to determine our capital; peace deals have always been built on the basis of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and the Jewish people.

Q: When making decisions in the capital of the Jewish state (and therefore, the capital of the Jewish people), what is your responsibility to Jews in the Diaspora?

A: I feel that I am one of the only people in the municipality who gets that we have a responsibility to Jews in the Diaspora. I understand the sensitivities and what it's like to live as a Jewish minority with its difficulties and dilemmas. See "Deputy" on page 12

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MCV LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/29/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 268 Ashley Rd., Maine, NY 13802. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Aristotle Ze Creative Consulting, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/13/2019. Cty: Broome. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Aristotle Ze Arkayasa, 8701 Shore Rd., Apt. 114, Brooklyn, NY 11209. General Purpose.

### REX ON MAIN, LLC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ("LLC")

Articles of Organization of Rex on Main, LLC filed with the NYS Secretary of State (NYSS) on 9/18/19. Office of LLC is in Broome County. The Secretary of State designated as agent for service of process against it. NYSS shall mail process to 951 Southern Pines Drive, Endwell, NY 13760. Business purpose: any lawful activity.

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

- The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is CHAMBERLAIN GROUP LLC.
- The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is SEPTEMBER 19, 2019.
- The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.
- The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 780 PROGY ROAD BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK, 13903.
- The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

Notice of Formation of 9 Broad Ave., LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/29/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 111 Chenango St., Binghamton, NY 13901. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Qualification of JP HOLDING LLC, fictitious name: JP HOLDING LLC OF DELAWARE. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/12/19. Office location: Broome County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/06/18. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Unisearch, Inc., 99 Washington Ave Ste 805A, Albany, NY 12210-2822, also the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Address to be maintained in DE: c/o Unisearch, Inc., 28 Old Rudnick Ln., Dover, DE 19904. Arts of Org. filed with the DE Secy. of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St. - Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.

### NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY UNDER NEW YORK PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW ("LLCL")

- The name of the professional service limited liability company ("LLC") WOMEN2WOMEN OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY LLC.
- The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is September 24, 2019.
- The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the professional service LLC is to be located is Broome County.
- The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the professional service LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the professional service LLC served upon him or her is: 2520 VESTAL PARKWAY EAST #347, VESTAL, NEW YORK, 13850.
- The character or purpose of the business of the professional service LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

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

- The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is 585 Conklin Road LLC.
- The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is September 26, 2019.
- The County within the State of

New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.

- The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 110 Monkey Run Road, Port Crane, NY 13833.
- The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): The name of the limited liability company is: Southwest Grill of Utica, LLC (the "Company"). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State was 8/28/19. The county in which the principal place of business of the Company shall be located is Broome County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail copy of any process against the Company to: Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP, Attn: Lawrence C. Anderson, 80 Exchange Street, Suite 700, Binghamton, NY 13901. The purpose of the Company is any lawful business purpose. Date of dissolution: None.

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

- The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is BHF Trucking, LLC.
- The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is September 27, 2019.
- The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.
- The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 1025 Reynolds Road, Johnson City, NY 13790.
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Notice of Formation of 530 Columbia Drive, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/20/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Mountain Brook Dr., Vestal, NY 13850. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of Fuller Holding Company of Broome County LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/20/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 458 Country Knoll Dr., Endwell, NY 13760. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of HOLLAND PRINT HOUSE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/24/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 626 West Wendell St., Endicott, NY 13760. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of Integrity Home Inspection of Greater Binghamton, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/30/2019. Office Location: Broome Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom service of process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Martin S. Evan, 1016 Lehigh Ave, Vestal, New York 13850. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of Apalachin Spirits, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/23/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2224 Pierce Creek Road, Binghamton, NY 13903. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Hartley Enterprises, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/24/2019. Cty: Broome. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to John Fram, 117 West 116th, 4B, New York, NY 10026. General Purpose.

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

- The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is BINGVESTAL LLC.

- The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is SEPTEMBER 27, 2019.
- The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.
- The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 132 WASHINGTON STREET, BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK, 13901.
- The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

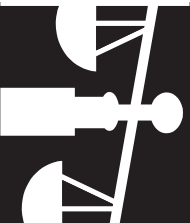
Stanton Pro NYC LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/19/2019. Cty: Broome. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Victoria Ng, 177 North 10th St., Ste. B, Brooklyn, NY 11211. General Purpose.

Lovgu L.L.C., Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/20/2019. Cty: Broome. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Yi Wang, 171 Floral Avenue Johnson City, Johnson City, NY 13790. General Purpose.

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

- The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is En-Spect Environmental, LLC.
- The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is OCTOBER 02, 2019.
- The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.
- The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 1468 Hawleyton Road, Binghamton, NY 13903.
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## NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

**U.S. downgrades participation in summit geared to raise money for P.A.**

The United States downgraded its participation in the recent biannual meeting related to foreign assistance for the Palestinian Authority, known as the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee. The 15-member committee, which has existed for the past 25 years, meets in New York in the fall and in Brussels in the spring. "We limited our participation to working-level observers only," U.S. special envoy Jason Greenblatt told *The Jerusalem Post* the week of Oct. 4. "We specifically chose not to speak at the event, or participate at a higher level, because we have previously made our position very clear on this," he added. "It's time for people to recognize that the conventional approach has brought us no closer to a comprehensive peace agreement, and the trajectory of Palestinian lives continues downward. It's high time to demand more of the Palestinian leaders." The development exemplifies the Trump administration's posture toward the Palestinian Authority, halting American assistance as a result of its "play to slay" program that financially rewards terrorists and their families. Ahead of the economic workshop in Bahrain in June, as part of the rollout of its Mideast peace plan, the Trump administration released a 40-page document detailing a \$50 billion, 10-year investment plan for the Palestinian Authority, Jordan, Egypt and Lebanon. Along with the United States, Russia, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Canada, Jordan, Egypt, Tunisia, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the United Nations participate in the AHLIC.

**Christian benefactor reopens Albania's Jewish museum**

Albania's only Jewish museum reopened on Sept. 29, courtesy of a businessman who prevented it from closing. The Solomon Museum shows how Albania's small Jewish population was saved during the Holocaust, especially by Muslim and Christian Albanians who sheltered them. It was

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his complaint was "manifestly ill-founded and had to be rejected," given that he "had intentionally stated untruths in order to defame the Jews and the persecution that they had suffered." The judges also rejected his complaint that he was denied a fair trial in Germany.

In Pastro's speech, he said "the so-called Holocaust is being used for political and commercial purposes," and also referred to a "barrage of criticism and propagandistic lies" and "Auschwitz projections."

The court said his speech "was a qualified Holocaust denial showing disdain to its victims and running counter to established historical facts. ... [He] intentionally stated untruths in order to defame Jews and the persecution that they had suffered," the court explained, adding that such statements "could not attract the protection for freedom of speech" offered by the European Convention on Human Rights "as they ran counter to the values of the Convention itself."

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"Fleishman is in Trouble" seems to have hit a chord with a large number of people; it not only made bestseller lists, but is being turned into a movie. The novel's greatest success was in managing to make me see all the different characters as real and human, even though that also made me want to yell at them or lecture them about their lives. It can be hard to feel bad about people who are not only that rich, but seem to have the world at their feet. Yet, they are so angry and so miserable that they've lost their sense of perspective. Fortunately, the author's humorous approach to their lives allows readers to laugh at them, otherwise "Fleishman" might be too sad to read.

opened by local professor Simon Vrusho in 2018. Albania was the only country occupied by the Nazis whose Jewish population increased after the Holocaust – from an estimated 700 to more than 2,000. Each year, the Albanian government holds events on Holocaust Remembrance Day. "Memories need to have their own home," the retired professor told AFP shortly before his passing. Following Vrusho's death in February at the age of 75, the small museum's future appeared uncertain. After reading a report in AFP, French-Albanian businessman Gazmend Toska, an Orthodox Christian, chose to finance the museum and relocate it to a larger site in the city of Berat. "It was deeply moving to see the response to AFP's coverage of this museum," said Toska, 58, at the facility's reopening.

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to enable small traditional farms to sell their crops in the European Union, and is seeking strategic partners to help implement AKOLogic in China, Singapore and South America. The system also is being implemented through a partner at heavily regulated medical cannabis farms in Israel and elsewhere.

7. Squeezing every drop of water from the air: Not every brilliant solution has to be high-tech. Tal-Ya Water Technologies makes a reusable plastic tray to collect dew from the air, reducing the water needed by crops or trees by up to 50 percent. The square, serrated trays, made from non-PET recycled and recyclable plastic with UV filters and a limestone additive, surround each plant or tree. With overnight temperature change, dew forms on both surfaces of the Tal-Ya tray, which funnels the dew and condensation straight to the roots. If it rains, the trays heighten the effect of each millimeter of water 27 times over.

Inventor and CEO Avraham Tamir told Israel21c that the trays also block the sun so weeds can't take root, and protect the plants from extreme temperature shifts: "Farmers need to use much less water, and in turn much less fertilizer on the crop," which translates to less groundwater contamination.

8. Dairy farming: Hof Hasharon Dairy Farm, SAE Afikim (Afirmilk) and SCR Precise Dairy all make advanced systems for herd management, monitoring and feeding used on dairy farms worldwide. MiRobot makes robotic milking systems that enable cost-effective, uniform milking and post-milking procedures. In the past 10 years, Asian countries including Vietnam and China have been investing heavily in setting up dairy-farming enterprises, and they rely on Israeli experience, expertise and equipment to do so.

9. Something fishy going on: The aquaculture industry is growing an average of six percent annually to meet ever-rising demand for fish and seafood. But with more than half the fish consumed around the world grown on farms where fish are crowded into tanks and given massive amounts of antibiotics, hormones and pesticides, there's a need for sustainable and healthful solutions for commercial fisheries. Israel has several such solutions on the market; mentioned are one new and two veteran companies.

◆ The newer company is GiliOcean Technology, whose Subflex system enables farmers to raise fish safely in open water, where oxygen levels are ideal and the natural micro-elements help the fish grow faster and healthier without antibiotics. GiliOcean also offers machine-learning algorithms and big-data analytics for precision aquaculture.

◆ AquaMaof Aquaculture Technologies works with customers in 50 locations across the world to design, build and maintain technologically advanced sustainable indoor fish farms. AquaMaof built the largest industrialized tilapia farming facility in Europe, and now is working with a Norwegian client to build the world's largest indoor salmon aquaculture facility, in Newfoundland, Canada.

◆ BioFishency developed a plug-and-play, all-in-one water treatment system for aquaculture. The system increases fish productivity, has a minimal ecological footprint, enhances water conditions and significantly grows profitability. Since its founding in March 2013, BioFishency has installed its systems in countries such as Norway, Denmark, China, India, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Congo and Iraq. In November 2018, Biofishency won first place in the Fishtech Awards held in China. In March 2019, the company raised \$2.4 million.

9. Hardier seeds for more and better crops; Seed breeding has been an Israeli specialty since the beginning of the state. Israeli scientists in academia, industry and the government's Volcani Center Agricultural Research Organization have made many types of seeds more nutritious, high-yield and flavorful, and resistant to drought and disease, and have developed new fruit and vegetable varieties. Equinom develops several varieties of hardy high-protein seeds. Its new patented sesame variety is set to open new markets for the cultivating this iron- and calcium-rich seed. The global sesame market is worth \$9 billion annually.

Equinom's sesame seeds have an enhanced nutritional profile and are shatter-resistant so that they can be harvested by machine. The need to harvest sesame by hand has kept the crop from reaching its full potential at market, and leads to much of the crop being lost to contamination as the pods shatter on the ground.

Hazera Seeds, a top Israeli seed company selling internationally under parent company Limagrain, has headquarters in Israel and in The Netherlands, with subsidiaries in 12 countries and an extensive distribution network in over 100

**Israeli documentary wins Emmy**

An Israeli documentary won an Emmy for Outstanding Nature Documentary at the 2019 News and Documentary Emmys, which were announced in New York the week of Oct. 4. "Trophy" examines the controversial sport of animal hunting, breeding and wildlife conservation industries in the United States and Africa, and discusses whether the industry can ensure the survival of endangered species, according to *The Jerusalem Post*. The documentary was produced by Israeli cable network, YES Docu, in association with other companies, and was distributed by CNN. It was co-produced by Alon Schwarz, the brother of the film's Israeli co-director, Shaul Schwarz, and edited by Halil Efrat.

additional markets. Hazera recently opened new screening and trial stations in The Netherlands, Mexico and Turkey.

Another major Israeli seed breeder, OriGene Seeds, breeds vegetables for markets in more than 25 countries. OriGene specializes in R&D of the cucurbit family, which includes melons, cucumbers, squash and pumpkins. The company also has a new tomato-breeding program active in southern Mexico.

10. Next-gen packaging extends shelf life: Pre-market food spoilage is a huge source of food waste throughout the world. Several Israeli companies are using cutting-edge materials to make sure more food gets to hungry consumers. StePac and Tadbik jointly developed Xgo FreshLid, a "modified atmosphere" resealable lidding film, to extend the shelf life of fresh cherries from Chile and Peru on their journey from farm to fork – as far away as China.

StePac Xflow packaging for blueberries, spring onions and green beans reduces the amount of plastic used by up to 40 percent, while extending shelf life by improving air flow.

Valentis Nanotech is testing nanocrystal cellulose (or CNC), made from abundantly available cellulose, in a coating that adds strength, UV blocking and antibacterial properties to food packaging.

Melodea is putting CNC into customized transparent gel package coatings for paper packages and cartons that are biodegradable, extremely strong and oxygen-resistant to extend the shelf life.

Active Pak, now being commercialized through the SN2E (Startup Nation Enterprise) national tech-transfer company, uses a patented process to permeate thermoplastic packaging materials with a nontoxic nanocompound containing antimicrobial essential oils to extend shelf life of fruits and vegetables.

11. Alternative protein: Filling a need for cheaper, more healthful, sustainable and less polluting sources of protein, Israeli companies are piloting products made from insects, legumes and plant-based or cultured meat. Flying Spark makes a protein powder and unsaturated oil derived from the larvae of fruit flies; and the multi-award-winning Hargol makes protein powder from farmed grasshoppers.

Chickpea-based protein concentrate (meat substitutes), providing a neutral-taste vegan protein that's allergen-, gluten- and GM-free for use in a large assortment of foods, is made by InnoPro and ChickP. Amai Proteins designed what it calls the world's sweetest protein, meant to replace sugar in food without raising blood sugar or insulin levels. Amai uses cloud-computing-based computational protein design coupled with yeast fermentation production to match sweet proteins that grow along the equatorial belt to the mass food market.

Still in development are realistic plant-based meat substitutes from Jet-Eat, SavorEat and Rilbite, and "clean" cultured meat manufactured from animal cells by startups including Future Meat Technologies, Aleph Farms and SuperMeat.

12. MASHAV – Teaching how to grow more and better food: Israel has always made it a priority to share its technological advances with developing countries in Africa, Asia/Oceania, central Europe/Eurasia, the Middle East and Latin America/the Caribbean. The primary address for this activity is the Foreign Ministry's MASHAV – Israel's agency for international development cooperation. Over the years, more than 280,000 professionals have participated in MASHAV courses in a wide range of languages and subjects including agricultural best practices aimed at transforming subsistence-oriented dairy and produce farms into market-oriented agribusinesses.

Some of the agricultural projects MASHAV operates in partner countries include training in low-cost family-farm food security; demonstration farms and extension services; small-scale pilots of better environmental practices; technology-based agribusiness enterprise development; agribusiness consultancy and technical services; and more. Training is held in the target countries as well as in Israel.

This January alone, MASHAV hosted extension officers, agricultural university instructors and agri-technology experts from eight Russian-speaking countries to transfer the latest Israeli research on boosting production and product quality, and participants from 15 countries to examine proven Israeli strategies and technologies to meet production, economic and ecological challenges in intensive fish farming.

Other courses planned in 2019, in English and French, touch on subjects including agricultural education in African primary and secondary schools, intensive vegetable production, agribusiness tools for the rural African women, and agricultural development in arid regions.

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# Deciphering the past

## Hebrew inscriptions revealed at Great Synagogue dig sites in Vilnius, Lithuania

By JNS staff

(JNS) – Hebrew inscriptions were discovered for the first time since the beginning of the excavation project to expose the Great Synagogue of Vilna, Lithuania, which was burned during the Holocaust and demolished by the Soviets.

According to the researchers, Jon Seligman of the Israel Antiquities Authority and Justinas Račas of the Kulturos Paveldo Issaugojimo Pajegos of Lithuania, who have conducted excavations in Lithuania every summer for the last four years, “the large and significant inscription, dated to 1796, was part of a stone Torah-reading table that stood on the magnificent bima of the synagogue in Vilnius.”

The table was donated, according to the text, by two brothers: Rabbi Eliezer and Rabbi Shmuel. It stands in memory of their mother, Sarah, and their father, Rabbi

Chaim, who, according to the inscription, had emigrated from Lithuania to Israel and settled in Tiberias.

It was from this table that the Torah was read to the congregants for about 200 years until the burning of the synagogue and its final destruction by the Soviets 70 years ago.

The inscription, which was studied together with Vladimir Levin of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, reads: “In the year ‘Raise us with joy to our country’ [1796], [This Torah reading table] was donated by R. Eliezer and R. Shmuel, the sons of R. Chaim who lived in Tiberias, be it rebuilt and reestablished soon in our days. ‘And died Sarah’ [Gen. 23:2] our mother, the daughter of R. Shabbtai, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of Adar ‘I gave to Jerusalem a messenger of good news’ [Is. 41:27] [=1782] and our father R. Chaim son of R. Chaim died there on the 7<sup>th</sup> of Nissan ‘arise and have mercy on

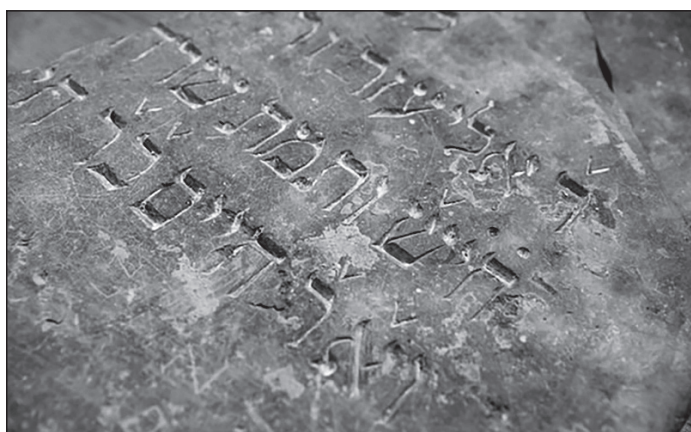
Zion [Ps. 102:14] [=1786].”

These brief sentences point to the “deep connection” between the Lithuanian (Litvak) community and Israel, which has existed since the days of the Gaon of Vilna until the present day. According to the preliminary investigation, the donor family was considered one of the leading rabbinical families in Lithuania at the beginning of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Due to the absence of the family name in the inscription, the information is not complete, and the public is invited to complete the puzzle and provide

information about the family.

Another personal greeting from the past was discovered in the form of a seating plaque for the head of the “Tzedaka Gedola” association, which managed the Great Synagogue of Vilna from the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century until 1931.

“These are the discoveries that fascinate us most,” said the researchers. “It is the personal objects that provide a direct connection to people, to those who prayed here, that immediately ignites the imagination.”



At left: Details of some of the Hebrew writing found at the Great Synagogue archaeological site in Vilnius, Lithuania. (Photo by Vilnius City Municipality)



Floor of the praying platform revealed. The base of one of the pillars is visible on the right. (Photo by Israel Antiquities Authority/Jon Seligman)

## Fabled Crusader moat found outside Jerusalem’s Old City walls

By JNS staff

(JNS) – Archaeologists have discovered an 11<sup>th</sup> century moat just outside Jerusalem’s Old City walls – the first hard evidence of a fabled Crusader siege against the city 920 years ago. Attested to in several historical documents, many scholars nonetheless believed the siege was a myth.

The groundbreaking find was made as part of the Mount Zion Archaeological Project, a joint international effort led by Professor Shimon Gibson and Prof. James Tabor of the University of North Carolina in Charlotte in cooperation with Dr. Rafi Lewis of Ashkelon Academic College. The excavation site is part of the Jerusalem Walls National Park, where archaeologists have previously found a first-century Jewish mansion and a rare gold coin stamped with the face Roman Emperor Nero.

The five-week battle for Jerusalem between Crusader armies and the Fatimid Caliphate, which controlled the region in 1099 C.E., came to a head in July 15 of that year, with Raymond IV, count of Toulouse, one of the leaders of the First Crusade, attacking the city from the south while another Christian force erected a tower to breach the city walls from the north. Raymond of Aguilers, who wrote a contemporary account of the battle, described a moat dug by the Muslim defenders to thwart attackers to the south. According to his chronicles, the count promised golden

dinars to all Crusaders who would help fill the ditch so he could build a stable siege tower against the wall.

“Anyone who ever dealt with the Crusade in Jerusalem knows this story. ... It’s a very saucy bit of story,” said Lewis, according to GeekWire. “But nobody ever found the ditch, so people said maybe [the story was] made up.”

Gibson said the realization they had uncovered the ditch began to set in when he noticed that the dirt layers were not sloping away from the city wall, but rather toward it, in a manner consistent with a ditch or moat that had been filled in.

According to Raymond’s account, the siege ultimately succeeded, but the tower was burnt down. When the northern force conquered the city, Crusaders spent a week slaughtering Muslim and Jewish residents of the city.

Over five years, the team mapped and dated the layers and artifacts, revealing a 13-foot-deep, 56-foot-wide moat. A blackened layer found atop the moat is believed to be evidence of the 1153 civil war between Crusader King Baldwin III of Jerusalem and his mother, Queen Melisende.

In a house discovered adjacent to the site, archaeologists also found arrowheads, two cross pendants of the type typically worn by Crusaders, and a three-inch piece of gold jewelry with pearls, jade and glass, consistent with Fatimid Muslim style.



Jerusalem’s Old City as seen from the Mount of Olives on April 30, 2018. (Photo by Nati Shohat/Flash90)

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# New online resource explores British Library's collection of ancient sacred texts

By JNS staff

(JNS) – The British Library, the largest national library in the world by number of items catalogued, has made available its collection of 250 of the most rare and ancient religious texts online, many available to the public for the first time.

According to the September 24 press release, the online collection, titled “Discovering Sacred Texts,” is accessible online for free from around the world at [www.bl.uk/projects/discovering-sacred-texts](http://www.bl.uk/projects/discovering-sacred-texts). It includes access to an “incredible range” of texts, videos and curated articles, including one of the only copies of the Talmud that escaped public burnings suffered by most of the other Jewish law books during the Middle Ages.

Also in the collection are the first complete printed text of the Mishnah; the Gaster Bible, one of the earliest surviving Hebrew biblical codices, created in Egypt around the 10<sup>th</sup> century C.E.; the Johann Gutenberg Bible, probably the most famous Bible in the world and the earliest full-scale work printed in Europe using moveable type; the earliest surviving copy of the complete New Testament, Codex

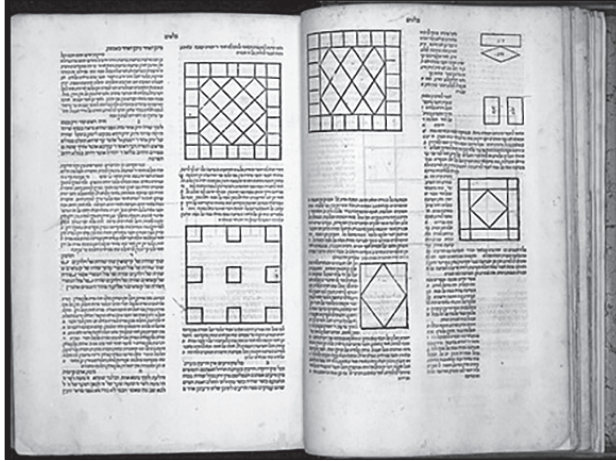


Image of the first complete Mishnah. (Photo courtesy The British Library)

Sinaiticus, which dates from the fourth century; and the Ma'il Koran, one of the very earliest Korans in the world,

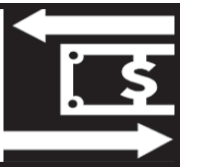
dating back to the eighth century.

The project was supported by Dangoor Education and Allchurches Trust, among other donors, with the goal of providing access to the “richness and diversity of the texts from the world’s great faiths.” According to the press release, the online catalogue was designed for religious education students, teachers and lifelong learners to learn about Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Sikhism, Jainism, the Baha’i faith and Zoroastrianism.

“I am delighted to be involved in such an important and innovative project, which will bring to the public for the first time some of the world’s oldest and most sacred texts,” said David Dangoor, head of the Dangoor Education fund. “These texts form the bedrock of our human civilization and when compared and contrasted by their viewers will demonstrate that our sacred texts all speak a similar language of humanity, compassion and the norms of a fair and equitable society. They all have much to teach us and it is extremely welcome that they are now more accessible.”



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**Police search for assailants behind Brooklyn synagogue vandalism on Rosh Hashanah**

Police are searching for those behind the vandalism of a synagogue during Rosh Hashanah in the Williamsburg neighborhood of Brooklyn, NY. A group of people were caught on surveillance video throwing a milk crate at a synagogue on the afternoon of Sept. 30, and then returning moments later to throw another one, in addition to a metal mailbox, at the building's windows, subsequently breaking them. New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio called the incident a "shocking act of hate," and said, "We WILL find the perpetrators and hold them responsible. If you have any information, share it with the NYPD. Officers are protecting religious institutions during High Holy Days, and we'll keep our Jewish community safe." New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo has ordered the New York State Hate Crimes Task Force to help the NYPD investigate the "disturbing" case. Cuomo said "this incident unfortunately underscores the need for State Police to increase their patrols around houses of worship during the Jewish high holidays this year. In New York, we have no tolerance for hate, and I continue to join with our Jewish community and work to ensure the New Year is one of peace, protection and well-being."

**Netanyahu proposes air-defense system to defend against Iran**

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu proposed an advanced air-defense system in a Cabinet meeting on Oct. 6 that would counter the Iranian threat, reported Israel radio Kan. After the strikes against Saudi oil facilities in September allegedly carried out by Iran, the defense system would focus on protecting against such cruise-missile attacks at a cost of billions of shekels. Funding for the project would have to come from the existing defense ministry budget, cuts from other areas or an increase in taxes. The more

than 20 cruise missiles and drones that hit two Saudi Aramco oil facilities in September were launched from southern Iran, a senior U.S. official told CBS News at the time.

**P.A. to resume taking tax revenues collected for it by Israel**

The Palestinian Authority announced on Oct. 4 that it would once again accept tax revenues collected on its behalf by Israel, after having rejected the funds for months. According to a report by Reuters, a spokeswoman for Israel's Finance Ministry said about \$430 million would be transferred to the P.A. on Oct. 6, after understandings were reached between P.A. Civil Affairs Minister Hussein al-Sheikh and Israeli Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon. In February, Israel said it would begin to deduct from the tax revenues it collects for the P.A. the amount the P.A. pays in monthly stipends to terrorists incarcerated in Israeli prisons, as well as to released terrorists and the families of "martyrs." When Israel went through with the deductions, the P.A. refused to accept any of the tax funds, with P.A. leader Mahmoud Abbas insisting that the full tax payments belonged to the P.A. by right according to interim agreements. Israel argued that the "pay for slay" plan encouraged terrorism against Jews. Last year, the United States drastically cut aid to the P.A., citing its disapproval of monthly salaries to paid to terrorists. Tax transfers are said by the P.A. Finance Ministry to comprise approximately half of the P.A. budget.

**Arabs hurl firebombs, burn tires as Jews pray at Joseph's Tomb before Yom Kippur**

Dozens of Palestinians rioted on the night of Oct. 6 following the pilgrimage of some 1,000 Jews, under Israeli security escort, to the Tomb of Joseph in Shechem/Nablus to pray. The rioters threw firebombs and burning tires at security personnel. Israeli security forces responded with riot dispersal methods. There were no Israeli reports of casualties during the incident, however the P.A.'s Wafa news agency reported that seven rioters had been wounded.

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# Congregational Notes

## Beth David Synagogue

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 Phone: 722-1793  
 Rabbi's Office: 722-7514  
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 Office hours: Mon. closed; Tues. 10 am-1 pm; Wed. closed;  
 Thurs. 9 am-1 pm; Fri. 10 am-1 pm  
 Beth David e-mail address: bethdavid@stny.rr.com  
 Rabbi's e-mail: rabbisilber@stny.rr.com  
 Website: www.bethdavid.org  
 Facebook: www.facebook.com/bethdavidbinghamton  
 Classes: Rabbi Zev Silber will hold his weekly Talmud class every Tuesday evening after services.

On Sunday, October 13, erev Sukkot candle lighting will be at 6:07 pm and Mincha at 6:10 pm.

On Monday, October 14, Sukkot I, Shacharit will be held at 9 am; Mincha at 6:10 pm; and candle lighting after 7:05 pm.

On Tuesday, October 15, Sukkot II, Shacharit will be held at 9 am; Mincha at 6:05 pm; and Yom Tov will end at 7:04 pm.

From Wednesday-Friday, October 16-18, Chol Hamoed, Shacharit will be held at 6:50 am and Mincha at 6:05 pm.

On Friday, October 18, Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot candle lighting will be at 5:59 pm.

On Saturday, October 19, Shacharit will be held at 9 am.

On Sunday, October 20, Hoshana Rabba, Shacharit will be held at 8:30 am.

On Sunday, October 20, erev Shemini Atzeret candle lighting will be at 5:56 pm and Mincha at 6 pm.

On Monday, October 21, Shemini Atzeret, Shacharit will be held at 9 am; Yizkor at 10:45 am; Mincha at 6 pm; erev Simchat Torah candle lighting will be after 6:54 pm; and Ma'ariv and hakafot at 6:55 pm.

On Tuesday, October 22, Simchat Torah, Shacharit will be held at 9 am; hakafot at 9:45 am; Mincha at 5:55 pm; and yom tov will end at 6:54 pm.

## Rohr Chabad Center

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 Rabbi Aaron and Rivkah Slonim, Directors  
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 Regular service times: Daily 7:30 am, Friday evening 6 pm, Shabbat morning 9:30 am, Maariv and Havdalah one hour after candle-lighting time, Sundays 9:30 am.

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.

On Sunday, October 13, erev Sukkot services will be held at 6 pm at the Chabad Center. All Sukkot services will be followed by dinners in the sukkah (call 797-0015 to RSVP).

On Monday, October 14, Sukkot I services will be held at 9:30 am at the Chabad Center; evening services will be held at 7 pm.

On Tuesday, October 15, Sukkot II services will be held at 9:30 am.

On Sunday, October 20 – erev Shemini Atzeret services will be held at 6 pm at the Chabad Center. All services will be followed by dinners in the sukkah (call 797-0015 to RSVP).

On Monday, October 21, the Shemini Atzeret/erev Simchat Torah service will be held at 9:30 am at the Chabad Center; the Simchat Torah Blast at 7:30 pm will be held in the C-4 Multi Purpose Room (Newing/Dickinson College) at Binghamton University.

On Tuesday, October 22, Simchat Torah services will be held at 9:30 am at the Chabad Center.

## Temple Brith Sholom

Affiliation: Unaffiliated  
 Address: P.O. Box 572, 117 Madison St., Cortland, NY 13045  
 Phone: 607-756-7181  
 President: Bruce Fein, 607-423-3346  
 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.

For a full list of High Holiday schedules provided to *The Reporter*, see page 6 of the September 20-26 issue, online at [www.thereporter.org/Resources/Website/file/Current-Past-Issues/bng091819.pdf](http://www.thereporter.org/Resources/Website/file/Current-Past-Issues/bng091819.pdf).

## 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, October 12, at 9:30 am, Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Deuteronomy 32:1-52. The haftarah will be II Samuels 22:1-51. The kiddush sponsor will be Art Siegel.

On Sunday, October 13, at 10 am, the Temple Israel sukkah will be built. There will be no Hebrew school.

On Monday, October 14, at 9:30 am, there will be Sukkot Day 1 services.

On Tuesday, October 15, at 10-11 am, there will be a Sukkot Day 2 study session.

On Wednesday, October 16, at 7 pm, there will be a Board of Trustees meeting.

On Sunday, October 20, at 10 am, there will be a Hoshana Rabbah study session and, at 10:30 am, there will be a Hebrew school Simchat Torah party.

On Monday, October 21, at 9:30 am, there will be Shemini Atzeret services, at 11 am there will be Yizkor and, at 7 pm, there will be an erev Simchat Torah service/party.

On Tuesday, October 22, at 10-11 am, there will be a Simchat Torah study session.

The temple office will be closed for all of the upcoming holidays: Monday, October 14; Tuesday, October 15; Monday October 21; and Tuesday, October 22.

## 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.

## Temple Beth El of Oneonta

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism  
 Rabbi-Cantor: George Hirschfeld  
 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. 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.

## 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.

For information about Sukkot and Simchat Torah celebrations, call 607-256-1471, visit [www.tikkunvor.org](http://www.tikkunvor.org) or e-mail [info@tikkkunvor.org](mailto:info@tikkkunvor.org).

Friday, October 11, light candles before ..... 6:10 pm  
 Saturday, October 12, Shabbat ends..... 7:09 pm  
 Sunday, October 13, light candles before..... 6:07 pm  
 Monday, October 14, light candles after ..... 7:05 pm  
 Tuesday, October 15, yom tov ends ..... 7:04 pm  
 Friday, October 18, light candles before ..... 5:59 pm  
 Saturday, October 19, Shabbat ends..... 6:58 pm

## 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 4:15 and 5:15 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year unless otherwise noted.

On Friday, October 11, at 8 pm, there will be a Shabbat service led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell and the Blackwell family in honor of Georgia becoming a bat mitzvah.

On Saturday, October 12, there is no religious school; at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study; and at 4:45 pm, there will be a Shabbat afternoon service with celebration of Georgia Blackwell becoming a bat mitzvah.

On Sunday, October 13, at 5 pm, there will be sukkah decorating; and at 5:30 pm, there will be a sukkah dinner and Welcoming Immigrants program in the sukkah.

On Monday, October 14, at 10:30 am, there will be a Sukkot Festival service followed by a potluck lunch in the sukkah (vegetarian/dairy).

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

On Thursday, October 17, at 4:15 pm and 5:15 pm, there will be Hebrew school.

On Friday, October 18, at 7:15 pm, there will be wine and cheese in the sukkah; and, at 8 pm, there will be Shabbat Sukkot services led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Saturday, October 19, 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 a Shabbat Sukkot family service.

On Sunday, October 20, at 6:30 pm, there will be an Atzeret-Simchat Torah service with unrolling Torahs and Yizkor memorial service.

On Monday, October 21, at 10:30 am, there will be an Atzeret-Simchat Torah Festival and Yizkor service followed by a potluck lunch (vegetarian/dairy).

## Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism  
 Rabbi: Miriam T. Spitzer  
 Rabbi Emeritus: Scott L. Glass  
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 Website: www.tbeithaca.org  
 President: Randy Ehrenberg  
 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 Sunday, October 13, erev Sukkot services will be held at 6:15 pm.

On Monday, October 14, Sukkot I services will be held at 10 am, and Mincha and eve of second day services at 7 pm.

On Tuesday, October 15, Sukkot II services will be held at 10 am.

On Friday, October 18, Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:15 pm will be followed by potluck supper in the sukkah.

On Sunday, October 20, erev Shemini Atzeret services will be held at 6:15 pm.

On Monday, October 21, Shemini Atzeret services will be held at 10 am and the erev Simchat Torah celebration at 7 pm.

On Tuesday, October 22, the Simchat Torah celebration will be held at 10 am.

## Kol Haverim

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



## Weekly Parasha

Haazinu, Deuteronomy 32:1-52

# Torah is your very life

RABBI SUZANNE BRODY, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING,  
TEMPLE BETH-EL, ITHACA

Recently, I had a conversation with a religious school student who was struggling to make it through class on a Sunday morning. He was questioning why he had to be there rather than home sleeping or out enjoying sports with his friends. My response to this student was quite similar to Moses' comment to the Israelites at the end of his life. Moses told the Israelites, "Take to heart all the words with which I have warned you this day. Enjoin them upon your children, that they may observe faithfully all the terms of this Torah. For this is not a trifling thing for you: it is your very life; through it you shall long endure on the land that you are to possess upon crossing the Jordan." (Deuteronomy 32:46-47) In less flowery language, though possibly equally verbose and passionate, I tried to convey to this student the idea that learning Torah and Jewish tradition matters because it makes us who we are and helps guide us in the attempt to being our best selves. I have no illusions that one conversation was enough to convince a cynical tween of the value of learning Torah and attendance at religious school, especially since we have been grappling with the question of how to hand down and observe our traditions at least since the time of Moses.

The 15<sup>th</sup> century Italian Rabbi Ovadia ben Jacob Sforno addresses his thoughts to the parents, saying that in this speech Moses is really saying that "you have to observe

all these matters in order that, as their role model, your children will do so also." We all know that actions speak louder than words, and our children learn by watching what we do. However, while we are all familiar with stories of parents who made drastic behavioral changes for the sake of their children, typically there is also a deep underlying belief in the reasons for such actions. While it is great to think that if parents have spent their time observing *mitzvot* and faithfully following Torah, then it is possible, as Sforno suggests, to "near the end of your respective lives command your children to observe the matters which I have spoken to you about," I think that the greater question is whether, like Sforno, we, too, believe that living according to the precepts of the Torah really is "a matter of life and death" for either us or our children.

Personally, while I am a firm believer in the natural consequences that follow our actions, I don't follow the Torah out of a fear of an untimely death. I follow the Torah and observe our traditions because they help give meaning to my life. As it says in Sifrei Dvarim, "[f]or it is not an empty thing for you; for it is your life, and by this thing you shall prolong days." The Torah teaches me that what I do with my days matters. I forgo extra sleep and miss events that my non-Jewish peers attend

because I believe that "[t]here is nothing empty in the Torah." As the famous medieval commentator Rashi said, "in Moses' speech, what he meant was that God did not command the laws of the Torah as a wasteful exercise.... [E]ven the commandments which we, in our ignorance, consider as wasteful, irrelevant, are a lifeline for us not only in this life but also as a conduit to the world to come." Rashi even goes on to say that "it is not that the words of Torah are 'empty.' If they appear as such to you, then you have simply not attained the intellectual level at which you can appreciate the words of the Torah."

Since Rashi's words come across as a rather harsh put-down, I prefer to rephrase what he says to put it into the current language associated with the idea of a "growth mind set." In other words, if the words of Torah seem empty and meaningless to you, then either you have not yet studied them sufficiently, or you have not yet learned enough to be able to appreciate the wisdom there. Sometimes we need to experience more of life to find the meaning in a lesson. However, even when we are unable to grasp a piece of Torah intellectually, we can still live our lives according to the rules and values articulated therein. We can still take these words to heart, making them a part of who we are and what we do each day.

## Excel. . . . .Continued from page 3

amazing getting to know Israelis and how they live, and becoming friends without in any way judging each other."

Adam Pukier, also an EY fellow, was inspired to apply after his cousin had raved about his Excel experience in 2017. "He had the time of his life," says Pukier. "But when I heard how selective it is, I never expected to be accepted."

He's happy he was wrong. As an engineering major at Toronto's Queens University, Pukier was fascinated by "the interfacing between large multinational companies and small cutting-edge Israeli startups, and how to help the big companies engage the Israeli technology the world needs so badly now."

Excel, he says, "gave me the opportunity to see how big corporations work and get my fingertips into the Israeli startup world. That, plus being able to spend a summer living so closely with Israelis, gives me a deeper, more personal experience of Israel, the dreams and aspirations of the kids here, a new connection to these people and this place."

That connection is why Birthright Israel's Vice President of Global Marketing Noa Bauer calls Excel "a long-term investment."

"We recognized many years ago that when we look into the future, these young students are going to play important roles in their home countries. The fact that they return home as part of a long-distance community, with Israelis they have so much in common with and with supportive mentors, is key to a strong future," says Bauer.

The proof of the proverbial pudding? Bauer recently met a 2017 Excel fellow now graduating from college. As he told her: "I realize now I only want to work with companies that build Israel."

Pukier says his view of his future has also changed in these 10 weeks. "Now I know I don't want to jump right into a corporate job immediately," he says. "Having had a chance to work with people doing amazing things right out of school or the army has shown me I don't have to settle for anything I'm not passionate about. I want to have an impact and add value, and there are a lot more opportunities out there to do that than I ever realized."

To keep the momentum strong, Excel hosts a summit for the 780 former fellows in the United States each fall and promotes networking, grant opportunities and partnerships of varying kinds (at least two marriages have already resulted from the program).

"Excel a lifelong fellowship," says Rubin. "This summer was only the beginning for them."

"I was already active in Israel advocacy at school," says Gordon. "But now that I have friends here, I'm part of Israel in a new way."

Adds Carlins: "Now I can tell everyone what it's really like in Israel. It's nothing I could have ever learned from a book or in class."

And who knows what these young Jews will decide to do with their future?

"Any time Livvy wants to come back here and work for us," says mentor Mangel, "we'd be happy to have her."

**Moving any time soon?**

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## Jewish Community Center

# Not Your Bubbe's Storytime drag story hour at JCC on Oct. 20

By Paige Bartholomew

The Jewish Community Center will hold a drag storytime event, Not Your Bubbe's Storytime, on Sunday, October 20, from noon-2 pm. Not Your Bubbe's Storytime is a free, family-friendly event geared toward young children, though the entire community is welcome and encouraged to attend in order to show their support for the LGBTQ+ community and the JCC. Information and registration for JCC preschool and youth programming, such as swim lessons, preschool and youth classes and gym programming, will also be available at the event.

Not Your Bubbe's Storytime will feature local drag performers, including Peaches E. Clair, Katrina, Paris LuRux and Dusty Boxx, reading to children. Stories will feature themes of "kindness, self-acceptance and anti-bullying," according to JCC Youth and Adult Programming Coordinator Harry Cohen. Children are encouraged to come in their favorite dress-up outfit for this literacy and self-expression themed event. "Story

hours featuring drag queens have become a popular family and community event, as they give children and families a unique opportunity to learn more about gender expression and differences, while encouraging empathy, tolerance and self-confidence," said organizers.

In addition to the story hour, the Four County Library System's Bookmobile will be at the JCC from 11 am-noon. The Bookmobile is a mobile library where participants at the story time will be introduced to the 4CLS mission of bringing literacy to the community. Children and adults will be able to sign up for a library card and check out books from a wide variety of selections on the Bookmobile. Those interested in requesting materials of a certain genre, or any specific books, CDs or DVDs, may contact Noelle Holmes at the 4CLS via phone at 723-8236, ext. 322, or e-mail [nholmes@4cls.org](mailto:nholmes@4cls.org) in advance of the event.

For more information about Not Your Bubbe's Storytime, the JCC's youth programming or the JCC, contact the JCC office at 724-2417.

## JCC Friendship Club

The JCC Friendship Club met on October 2 and heard Beverly Rosen talk about how nature can bring back memories. She said she liked to take pictures and showed some of them on a screen with Bruce Orden helping her with her computer. She showed a picture of snow on trees where she went sledding with her family when she was a young girl. She went on to tell us that the land that the JCC is on now was where the Vestal Hills Country Club used to be located. Another picture was of the house that her family lived in when she was a young child. There was a picture of leaves on the ground in the fall. She described how they built leaf forts and tunneled into them. She showed pictures of a beach in the Bahamas on different days and sheep on a hill in New Zealand. Bruce asked if "those hills were filled with the sound of music?" Beverly and her husband, Hersh, were standing in a field of lupins in another photo. These are flowers that grow wild in New Zealand. There was a picture of two people walking down a road in Savannah, GA, with trees forming an arch over them. Beverly said there were trees on Leroy Street years ago that formed an arch over the street. They were elm trees and had to be cut down because they were infected with Dutch Elm Disease.

We discussed other memories of years gone by. Beverly remembered that it was difficult to get bubble gum. Byron's was the corner store where they purchased it. When they found out that Byron's got a shipment of bubble gum, all the children would run there to get some. Sylvia Diamond grew up in New York City, Ann Brilliant grew up outside

of Chicago and Bruce grew up on Long Island. All had different memories of their early days.

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ann said the blessing over the cookies. Sue Herzog gave the treasurer's report. Everyone said they delivered the new year cards for Rosh Hashanah. There was no meeting on October 9 because it was Yom Kippur.

On Wednesday, October 16, we will go to the Roberson Museum. On Wednesday, October 23, Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell will talk about Jewish customs around the world. Come join us on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm at the JCC.

Sylvia Diamond  
President

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Others in the municipality were raised in a bubble, thinking that only those who look and talk like them are welcome. We can't afford to be tribal after we finally have our country after 2,000 years. I am a pluralist and believe that everyone who wants to strengthen the Jewish people is welcome in the Jewish tent. Diversity is part of the beauty of the Jewish people, and I am proud that we have so many different types of people, languages and cultures, but at the same time, we share the same heritage.

The Diaspora has helped us create and build the country, and now they need us. The new generation of Americans doesn't feel connected to Israel, and there are a lot of efforts and resources to create identity, like Birthright, Masa and Mosaic, which create a continuum of Jewish experience. But we don't know whether they are working and that's the most frustrating thing.

Kids are turning against us and many are just confused. When Jewish students get to university these days, they are given a stark choice – be pro-human rights or pro-Israel, but you can't be both. It's OK to criticize Israel; there are a lot of things we need to fix. We must fight discrimination, give

opportunities to everybody and develop the economy with more egalitarian infrastructure. But criticize Israel to strengthen it, not weaken it. At home, my kids fight, but outside, if one of them is picked on, the others come to their side. We fight indoors; we don't fight outside. Say, "this is my family, I love my family, and we can do better." Come from a place to strengthen your family and be proud of who you are.

Q: What is the role of immigrants to Israel (like yourself) in Jerusalem and how can they succeed here?

A: I believe that immigrants have a special role to play in Israel, to be that bridge to the Diaspora and to fuse Israel with the richness of the diversity of our people. I would encourage immigrants who are interested in being leaders to take part in the political process. To not let culture and language hold them back, not to be intimidated by the system. If they rise to the occasion, they can have significant voice. I would love to see more *olim* in high office; it is something Israel could benefit from.

Q: Many aspects of your background and upbringing make you unique, from your Gibraltarian upbringing to being a native Spanish speaker and living in London. How has such multiculturalism affected your work and the path to where you are now?

A: I am happy that I got to grow up bilingual – not just in language, but in outlook and culture. I grew up in Gibraltar, lived in England for nine years, and my mother is from Morocco. My husband is English-Sephardi; his family is from Iraq and then India. I can respect Arab culture, speak like an Andalusian and think like a Latin person, British person and a Sephardi Jew. I can connect with Spanish speakers and Anglos on many levels, where they feel they have someone who understands them. This has given me the advantage of being able to adapt to different situations.

This mixture of backgrounds and customs represents the uniqueness that the Jewish people have. Because it is made up of immigrants, Israel also has this multicultural background.

Q: In a region where few women hold high leadership positions, how has gender impacted your work? What advice can you give to young women who look up to you as a role model?

A: There are women who feel that being female is a challenge in their leadership, but I view it as a strength; that's how my mom raised me. I never felt that I couldn't do anything I didn't want to do because I am a woman. Living in the Middle East, it is still a man's world, and some women feel you have to be man-like to succeed. I believe we don't need women acting like men; we have enough men already! But I believe women have unique qualities and skill sets infused with emotional intelligence, empathy and the ability to dedicate ourselves to a higher cause, and so women leaders have to embody the qualities that make us women.

Women in politics should mentor and strengthen female leaders until 51 percent of the population is making 51 percent of the decisions. When we have a 50-50 parliament, I believe that political decisions will be better, as diversity in general makes better decisions.

Q: Whom do you admire as a leader, and how has he or she impacted your work today?

A: My father was my main influence growing up. He was a charismatic, moderate, modest and kind man people loved. He treated everybody with respect and truly believed that we are all equal.

My father brought self-determination to the people of Gibraltar, starting as a small pressure group that turned into a parliament, eventually managing to form Gibraltar from a colony to self-determination for the Gibraltarian people to decide their own destiny.

What made him a very smart politician is that he played a very good balancing act between requesting more autonomous rights from the British, while at the same time not losing their patronage, so they could face the Spanish.

Here in Jerusalem, part of my job is to keep fighting for global recognition that Jerusalem is the Jewish people's capital city, over which we have self-determination – a city we built and to which we undoubtedly have a historical connection. And at the same time, I believe in the self-determination of all peoples. I believe that the Palestinians deserve autonomy, and this is what the Oslo Accords gave them. Unfortunately, their leaders, instead of doing something positive with that autonomy, have used it as a platform for more terrorism because they have a problem with [Jewish] self-determination and autonomy.

Q: As a communications expert, how do you think Israel can improve its PR internationally?

A: The main issue with Israeli public relations and diplomacy is that we talk in terms of "they are wrong, we are right." But the world isn't black and white. I believe that nuance works when you take the time to speak with people. When I have admitted Israel's faults while also criticizing other leaderships where it is due, I've been able to neutralize people who are not exactly on our side. For example, I acknowledge that Israel abandoned east Jerusalem, but in the last two years, we have been taking responsibility; at the same time, the Palestinian leadership there is problematic. It's OK to let your guard down a little bit.

Q: What do you want to be remembered for in your current role?

A: I want Jerusalem to take its rightful place as a world-class city, to become the model for the solution for many challenges that we have in the country and in the world. And I want to take part in that. Our diversity gives us an opportunity to create models of shared society.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

### Report: 130,000 Sephardic Jews file citizenship applications in Spain

A total of 130,000 applications for Spanish citizenship were submitted by descendants of Spanish Jews expelled from the country in 1492, the Spanish Justice Ministry said on Oct. 1, which was the deadline for applications. Jews living in Mexico topped the list with about 20,000 requests, followed by Jews in Venezuela and Colombia. During the Spanish Inquisition, Spain's Catholic monarchs forced practicing Jews to convert or leave the country. Historians believe that about 200,000 Jews lived in Spain before their expulsion, the BBC reported. In 2015, Spain passed a law permitting the descendants of Spanish Jews who were expelled from the country to apply for citizenship. Applicants had to prove a family connection with medieval Spain, get their Sephardi origins certified by a solicitor in Spain, get tested on Spain's culture and constitution, and show competence in Spanish or the Judeo-Spanish variant Ladino. Those applying for Spanish nationality were allowed to keep their current nationality (though Spain generally does not allow dual citizenship), and if their application is approved, they are not required to move to Spain. The naturalization ceremony can also be performed at a Spanish consulate in other countries.

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