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JCC gala to feature Jewish and Muslim comedians on Nov. 9

On Saturday, November 9, the JCC will hold its annual fund-raising gala, "An Evening at the JCC Comedy Café," featuring the Stand Up for Peace comedy show starring Scott Blakeman and Eman El-Husseini.

The doors will open at 7 pm and the event will include a light dinner, drinks, the show, dancing and dessert. Tickets to attend the gala are \$65 per person, and individuals, families and businesses are being sought to sponsor the evening. Sponsorships can be purchased at the following levels: Bronze at \$250 includes two tickets, Silver at \$500 includes four tickets and Gold at \$1,000 includes eight tickets. Sponsors will be listed in the evening's program.

Proceeds from the event will go toward

helping families in need of scholarship assistance, as well as general program support for the JCC's day-care, after school care, camp, youth recreation leagues, aquatics and sports programming.

Stand Up for Peace was created by Jewish-American comic Blakeman and Muslim-American comic Dean Obeidallah as a way of bringing Arab and Jewish-Americans together through comedy to help encourage a dia-



Eman El-Husseini



Scott Blakeman

logue in support of a peaceful resolution of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, as well as foster understanding between Arab and Jewish-Americans.

The two comics live on the Upper East Side of Manhattan and one day, in 2002, they bumped into each other on a crosstown bus and began talking. As their bus slowly crawled across the city, they hatched a plan to do a one-off show touting the fact they were a Muslim and a

Jew performing together.

"At a time when we are undergoing one of the most stressful periods in our country in recent history, what could be more therapeutic than coming together for an evening to embrace our differences through the healing power of humor," said Sheryl Brumer, JCC executive director.

Blakeman is "the top political comedian working in New York today" (NBC) and "an astute, funny political observer" (*The New York Times*). He performs his political humor from a liberal Jewish point of view around the world, including at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland, the Jewish Historical Museum in Amsterdam and the Just for See "Gala" on page 11

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.

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, See "Super" on page 3

Federation Phonathon to begin on Oct. 27

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.



Hillel Academy announces honorees for 56th Annual Journal brunch

Hillel Academy recently announced its honorees for the upcoming 56th Annual Journal brunch: Rabbi Aaron and Rivkah Slonim of Chabad of Binghamton, who will receive the A.M. Pierson Award, and Sima and Neil Auerbach, who will receive the N. Theodore Sommer Community Service Award.

Rabbi Aaron and Rivkah Slonim, along with their son, Levi, moved to the area in 1984 from Brooklyn to found and direct Chabad of Binghamton. The Rohr Chabad Center for Jewish Student Life is now one of the nation's largest Jewish student centers. He is currently the executive director of Chabad of Binghamton and is one of the founding board members of Chabad on Campus International. She is the education director at the Rohr Chabad Center and serves on



Neil Auerbach



Sima Auerbach



Rabbi Aaron Slonim



Rivkah Slonim

the Editorial Board of the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute, which serves more than 1,600 communities.

Sima and Neil Auerbach's commitment to Jewish life long preceded their relocation to the area. Among numerous endeavors, they founded and ran a Jewish summer camp in the Catskills. Sima is a former

executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, having retired at the end of June this year. She began working for the Federation in 2008, when she and Neil moved to the area from Great Neck, NY. She was initially a member of the Federation board and eventually became the executive director. During her tenure,

Sima spearheaded several programs for the local Jewish community, such as 92nd Street Y Live, the PJ Library, the Yasher Koach awards, the Jewish International Film Fest of Greater Binghamton and a dinner celebrating Israel's 70th anniversary.

The deadline for submitting ads for the journal is Monday, October 28 (note change from the original October 20 deadline). To place an ad, contact Hillel Academy at 304-4544 or send an e-mail to hilleljournalgroup@gmail.com.

The journal brunch will take place at 11 am on Sunday, November 10, at Temple Israel and the cost is \$35 per person. Those who would like to attend should RSVP by Friday, November 1, by contacting the Hillel Academy office. More information on the dinner will appear in future issues of *The Reporter*.

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Jerusalem Biennale for Contemporary Jewish Art kicks off with theme of dispute

By Eliana Rudee

(JNS) – The fourth Jerusalem Biennale for Contemporary Jewish Art, which explores the intersection between contemporary art and the Jewish world of content, kicked off recently with the theme “For Heaven’s Sake,” exploring motivation for action and artistic creation, as well as the Jewish tradition of dispute.

This year’s Biennale showcases the work of 200 professional Israeli and international artists in 30 exhibitions and 14 venues around the city. (It began on October 10 and lasts through November 28.) Both Jewish and non-Jewish artists from the United States, United Kingdom, Europe,

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

Israeli artists, designers to represent culture in iconic festival in Japan

Israeli artists and designers who participated in the Jerusalem Design Week exhibition will represent Israel this month in one of Japan’s largest art and design festivals. The 10-day Designart Tokyo festival centers around the concept of “Emotions” and displays interiors, art, fashion and food from throughout the world in exhibitions across Tokyo. Visitors can also purchase art at the festival, which is expected to attract 200,000 visitors this year. Israeli artists and designers will be taking part in a special exhibit on display titled “Garden of Eden,” which will “lead visitors through a series of projects with an Israeli perspective on nature, culture, technology and myths,” wrote *The Jerusalem Post*. Israel will be a partner country of this year’s event, which takes place from Oct. 18-27. Israel’s ambassador to Japan, H.E. Yaffa Ben-Ari, said that he is looking forward to highlighting “Israel’s exceptional and innovative design – dating back to our ancient culture, inspired by its current creative energy.” Mordechai Benita, CEO of the Jerusalem and Heritage Ministry, which runs Jerusalem Design Week, said, “We are proud to be hosted in Tokyo for the first time and grateful for the extraordinary opportunity to unveil innovative local work to an international audience. ...The inclusion of Jerusalem Design Week in Tokyo proves that Jerusalem is positioned precisely in this place,” he added. “We are proud of the positive exposure the city receives and continue to strive to promote further collaborations.”

Morocco, India, Argentina and Israel have created works that address themes in Jewish discourse, both in the Diaspora and Israel.

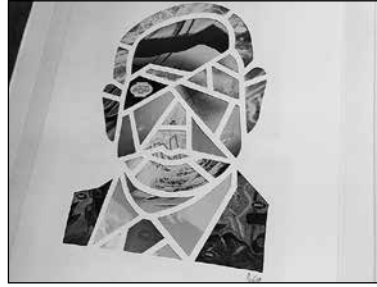
The name of the theme refers to the well-known verse from the Mishnah, Pirkei Avot (“Ethics of the Fathers”): “Any dispute which is for the sake of Heaven will ultimately endure, and one which is not for the sake of Heaven will not ultimately endure.” According to Biennale materials, “The dynamic, sometimes challenging, process of seeking truth, even in mundane matters, is connected at its core to this tradition of dispute. It is a path [that] empowers mankind’s quest to repair the world, and along the way, perhaps even find transcendence.” Further, the phrase speaks to ongoing deliberations that do not need to find a decisive agreement, but which advance an overall deeper group understanding.

Curated by Sagi Refael and assembled by the Jewish Artists Initiative of Southern California, the “Table of Contents/Table of Contacts” exhibition in Hechal Shlomo explores American-Israeli relations, their alliance and dialogue amid “divisive and politically challenging times, for both the United States and Israel.” The exhibition’s video installation and original artist books show 27 Jewish artists and art professionals living in Los Angeles from multiple generations of Jewish experiences and points of view, answering questions about their connection to Israel. The notion of Israel as the homeland of the Jewish people – albeit one that may not receive automatic moral and financial support for all its policies – is mentioned frequently. “Disagreements and misunderstandings do not occur solely with strangers and enemies; they can also occur within the family,” notes the exhibition.

According to Refael, while the American-Israeli alliance is perceived to be everlasting and unbreakable, Table of Contents/Table of Contacts seeks to challenge Jerusalem visitors to the exhibition by presenting “the entire spectrum of opinions about what support of Israel means today.”

“We wanted to open a discussion among Israelis and American Jews about their perceptions,” he tells JNS.

The exhibition was also presented at the USC Hillel Art Gallery in Los Angeles until October 20.



This work by Los Angeles Jewish artist Isaac Brynjegard-Bialik is part of the “Table of Contents/Table of Contacts” exhibit about what support for Israel means today. (Photo by Eliana Rudee)

Another exhibition at the Hechal Shlomo venue, curated by Andi Arnovitz, is titled “Living Under Water: An Artistic Conversation About Climate Change.”

“For the sake of Heaven and humanity, we must acknowledge and try to repair the destructive course of our planet,” Arnovitz said at a preview of the exhibit. “In 2018, Beit Venezia: A Home for Jewish Culture in Venice, decided to initiate an inquiry and exploration of climate change from a uniquely Jewish lens and invited five artists to create immediate responses to the global climate crisis. Venezia is a city whose very existence is threatened by rising sea levels, tourists and time.”

The artists explored Venezia – once home to a rich Jewish culture, but today faced with a dwindling Jewish population – interviewing rabbis, scholars and activists there, and then creating a suite of 10 etchings in which each artist left their mark, which was then altered by the next artist “as a metaphor for civilization in which each person adds their impact.”

Jews, noted Arnovitz, have a compelling antidote to climate change. “If everybody observed Shabbat by just being and not doing – it doesn’t matter on which day – we See “Art” on page 11



One of the artists worked on a piece for the “Ziara” exhibition ahead of its launch at the YMCA in Jerusalem. (Photo by Eliana Rudee)

Opinion

In My Own Words

Antisemitism – part two

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

One of the reasons I experienced some antisemitism in high school was because I was very publicly Jewish. No, I didn’t wear a Star of David or a *kippah*, but I never hid my religion. In fact, I had an English teacher ask me to take her college-prep writing class because she was Jewish and had never taught a Jewish student in our school.

I later learned outward Jewish pride could disturb some people. For example, when I visited a non-Jewish college friend during her internship in Washington, DC, we went to the B’nai B’rith Museum. She was upset with the museum’s emphasis on how events in the U.S. affected its Jewish population. This was in the days when minority studies – black and Jewish history, for example – were just beginning. My friend and many others were unable to grasp that historical events could be looked at from different sides. After all, in public school, they were only taught one version that clearly labeled who were the good guys and who were the bad ones.

I think Bari Weiss, the author of “How to Fight Anti-Semitism,” would have approved of my being publicly Jewish and my interest in American Jewish

history. Her chapter on “How to Fight” is one that any proud Jew should find bracing. She believes we need to call out individuals on all sides – left, right and anywhere in-between – if they say something antisemitic. *No one* gets a pass and no one *should* get a pass. Just because a person faces oppression doesn’t mean that they *can’t* be prejudiced against others. We also shouldn’t let people make us feel that it’s our own or Israel’s fault if people are prejudiced against Jews.

I see Israel as one of the biggest problems when it comes to Jewish self-blame. No one who dislikes the policies of President Donald Trump says that the United States has no right to exist. But that’s how some Jews feel about Israel. Because they oppose the settlements or dislike the Israeli rabbinate or think the prime minister is a terrible person, they think the whole country should disappear. If you think there aren’t Jews who feel this way, then you’re wrong. I’ve read their writings and they are serious. The idea that if Israel or Israelis aren’t perfect, then the country has no right to exist strikes me as absurd, but it makes sense to some people. What is

strange is these people don’t say the same thing about Germany or Russia or Syria. Only Jews have to be perfect or we don’t have a right to exist.

When I began reading “How to Fight Anti-Semitism,” I was also reading a novel about the kindertransport (the German Jewish children who were sent to safety in England before World War II began). There were so many echoes to modern day times it was scary. But, as Weiss and others have noticed, we are not living in those days. When the Tree of Life Synagogue murders took place, there were not people outside the synagogue cheering the killer. Instead, people of all religions, races and ethnicities stood up for American values and condemned the attack. They supported their fellow citizens because they know that an attack on one American is an attack on *all* Americans.

So, while I don’t have the crystal ball I mentioned in the beginning of part one of this column last week, I do have hope. That’s what Weiss offers in her book: hope and a way to fight against those who would oppress us. Together, we can help our country recognize the sanctity of life of all its citizens.



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Temple Beth-El of Ithaca to host "Bob Dylan Revisited: What a Song Can Be" on Oct. 30

The Temple Beth-El Arts Committee will host musicologist Robert L. Cohen on Wednesday, October 30, at 7 pm, in the temple's social hall. His lecture will be on "Bob Dylan Revisited: What a Song Can Be." The temple is located at the corner of Court and Tioga streets in downtown Ithaca. The event is free and open to the public. The lecture will be an introduction to Bob Dylan's concert at Ithaca College in November.



Robert L. Cohen

Duluth and Hibbing, MN) has been absorbing influences from uncounted musical and literary sources since he was a teenager, and has in turn influenced more than a half-century of songwriters that followed him, as well as the society and culture of his time.

Organizers said, "We'll listen to some songs that we know from Dylan's own singing or from others, consider some of the sources of his lyrics and music and some of

the impact he's had on others' music, and hear how this iconic American troubadour expanded the boundaries of what a song can say, and mean."

Cohen is a folk and Jewish music historian who has spread the "love and knowledge" of music through his radio broadcasts, interviews, lectures and CD compilations. Using his knowledge, he seeks to build bridges of understanding. Find out more at rlcwordsandmusic.org.

The event is co-sponsored by the Temple Beth-El Arts Committee and the Cornell Jewish Studies Program. For more information, call 607-257-9924.

Chabad to host Mega Challah Bake on Nov. 6

Joining hundreds of communities across the nation and around the world, Chabad – in co-sponsorship with local community organizations – will host a Mega Challah Bake. The event will be held on Wednesday, November 6, at 7 pm, in the Mandela Room at Binghamton University. The fee is \$5 for community members with reservations made in advance and \$7 at the door. Participants will have an opportunity to taste eight flavors of challah and each participant will receive an apron, as well as two challahs. Reservations can be made at www.JewishBU.com/MegaBake.

In the past, hundreds of students and community

members have attended the challah bake and joined in mixing, kneading and shaping challahs, one of which they will keep and one of which will be given away by participants to someone whom they think would appreciate the gift.

"The Mega Challah Bakes, held in cities small and large, bring the community together in a fun and easy celebration of Jewish heritage. In our case, we will be uniting our campus and local communities – along with co-sponsoring campus and local Jewish organizations – that will allow lots and lots of people to come out to enjoy this activity

together," explained Goldie Ohana, coordinator.

Local community co-sponsors include Beth David Sisterhood, Binghamton Chapter of Hadassah, Chabad Women's League, Temple Concord and Temple Israel.



People attended the 2018 Mega Challah Bake.

BD luncheon speaker to talk about first Jews in America on Nov. 9

Beth David's Saturday, November 9, luncheon speaker will be Professor Paul Finkelman, president of Philadelphia's Gratz College, the oldest Jewish liberal arts college in the nation. His talk is titled "What You Didn't Know about the First Jews to Come to America" and will reflect his research on the 23 Jewish refugees who came to New Amsterdam (now known as Manhattan) in 1654. "This is not the story you learned in Sunday school," Finkelman asserts. "My research shows that the story is far more interesting and complex than has previously been told." Finkelman's talk will examine the role of the often-vilified Peter Stuyvesant, the role of the Dutch West Indies Company, and what choices these first Jews to America made when they were finally allowed to stay in New Amsterdam. The story also helps to explain the important Jewish contribution to the development of religious freedom in what later became the United States.



Paul Finkelman

An American legal historian by training, Finkelman received his B.A. from Syracuse University and his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He was also a fellow in

law and humanities at Harvard Law School. Before becoming the president of Gratz College in 2017, Finkelman held many positions teaching law and history at institutions that include the University of Texas, Brooklyn Law School, SUNY Binghamton and the University of Tulsa College of Law, where he was the Chapman Distinguished Professor of Law. At Albany Law School, he was the President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law.

Finkelman is a nationally known scholar and the author of more than 50 books and 200 scholarly articles. He has appeared on national

TV, including PBS, C-Span, NBC and "Sunday Morning" on CBS. Many of his public lectures are on YouTube or available on C-Span. He has published in newspapers that include *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *The Baltimore Sun* and *The Philadelphia Inquirer*.

The U.S. Supreme Court has cited him in two religious freedom cases and three other cases. Among those citing him are Justices Ginsburg, Breyer and Kagan. His most See "BD" on page 6

The Jewish Community wishes to express its sympathy to the family of Sanford Tanenhaus

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TC Sisterhood Whale of a Sale

The 36th annual Whale of a Sale sponsored by Temple Concord Sisterhood will feature new and nearly new items. The sale will run Sundays, November 3 and 10, from 10 am-4 pm; Monday, Wednesday and Friday, November 4, 6 and 8, from noon-4 pm; and Tuesday and Thursday, November 5 and 7, from noon-6:30 pm. On Sunday, November 10, there will be an all day brown grocery bag sale at \$12

a bag. The sale will not be open Saturday, November 9. It will be held in the first floor social hall at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton.

The merchandise, low-priced and just in time for holiday gifts and winter needs, will include clothing for all ages, house wares, home furnishings, books, baby items, toys, sports equipment, appliances, jewelry and more.

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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."

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Off the Shelf

A wedding and vacation

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

Almost nothing challenges families – functional and dysfunctional – as much as time spent together during weddings, funerals and vacations. Old wounds reopen and discontentments rise as people find themselves returning to roles – the good child or the bad apple – that no longer fit. It doesn't help that some people have unrealistic expectations of family gatherings, for example, expecting them to be a time of great joy – well, except for those who dread them because they view time spent with family as a living hell. Three generations of a dysfunctional family gather for a five-day, four-night cruise in the Caribbean in "The Floating Feldmans" by Elyssa Friedland (Berkley), while a wedding reunites a more functional family in their home town in "Strangers and Cousins" by Leah Hager Cohen (Riverhead Books).

The premise of "The Floating Feldmans" is wonderful: take three generations of family members who don't get along and put them on a boat from which they can't escape. The reason behind the trip? Annette Feldman decides she wants to celebrate her 70th birthday with her children and grandchildren, even though she hates birthdays and wants no one to talk about her age. Annette and her husband, David, have a secret they're determined to keep from the other members of the family: David is undergoing treat-

ment for cancer. They are not the only ones with secrets, though: daughter Elsie Feldman Connelly, who was once the golden girl, has gotten herself deeply in debt due to a newly developed shopping addiction. It's unfortunate that she has not mentioned the problem to her husband because he also has a secret: he's resigned his newspaper job to start his own business, something he neglected to mention to his wife. Their two children – Rachel (19) and Darius (17) – are also not happy with the forced vacation, but for different reasons. The biggest surprise comes from Freddy Feldman, once considered the family ne'er-do-well, who has made a fortune in the legal marijuana trade, although he's kept his family in the dark about his riches. Freddy brings his far younger girlfriend, Natasha, on the trip; her age and good looks disguise the fact that she has a keen mind.

The novel opens with a fist fight that occurs during the trip and then moves backward in time to reveal the trepidations all the family members feel about attending the cruise. Forced to spend time together on the boat, the various Feldmans irritate and aggravate each other. Nothing turns out exactly as they expect. What is particularly interesting is the way the author often lets readers see events from more than one point of view. For example, Freddy's last day at college after being expelled is seen from both

his and his mother's perspective, which offer radically different takes on the event. The author also portrays how family members are often defined by actions that occurred years and even decades ago. It takes time together for the Feldmans to let go of old and new hurts, and see each other as the flawed, but loving, people they are.

"The Floating Feldmans" is a funny and sweet novel that shows how difficult it can be to recognize our own faults and flaws, and forgive those of our parents, siblings and children. Yet, it also demonstrates the importance of family. Annette describes that importance when she notes that "having a family brings obligation. There's no doubt about that. But through fulfilling obligation, I think can come great joy." Her family members also serve as "the stars we can call on when we need a little light." Readers will be glad to attend this cruise, but may also be grateful it's the Feldmans trapped on that boat, not them.

While "The Floating Feldmans" focuses mostly on family, "Strangers and Cousins" looks at a larger picture, one that includes family, friends and community. Bennie and Walter's oldest daughter, Clem, is getting married at their family home, which has been part of Bennie's family for several generations. Included in the invitations See "Vacation" on page 6

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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.

Notice of Formation of MCV LLC.

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

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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") is 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

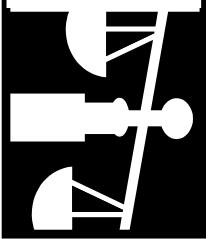
- The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is BHF Trucking, LLC.
- The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is September 27, 2019.
- The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.
- The Secretary of 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.
- The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

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.

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Teens help excavate Bronze Age “megalopolis” in northern Israel

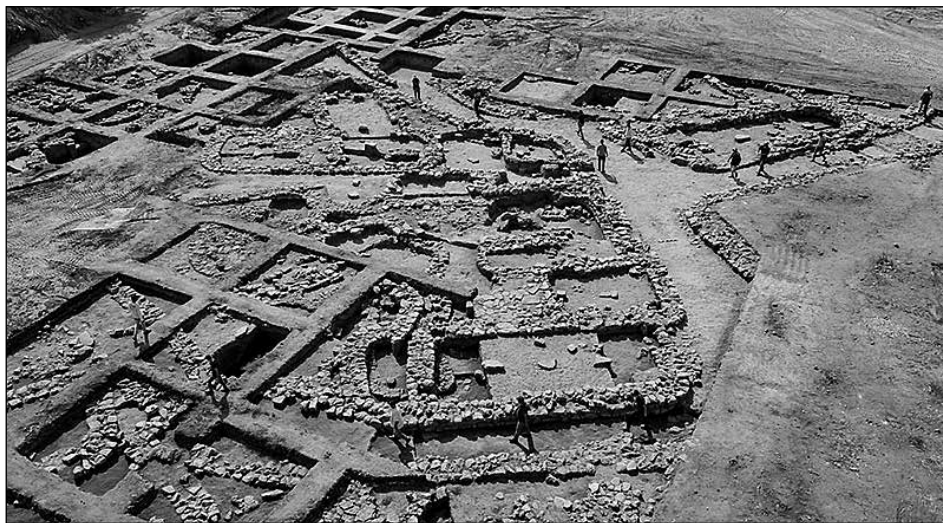
By Yori Yalon

(Israel Hayom via JNS)—A 5,000-year-old metropolis, the largest uncovered in Israel to date, has been excavated near Ein Iron, northeast of Hadera.

The city, which dates back to the Early Bronze Age (the end of the fourth century B.C.E.), was surrounded by walls and included residential and public areas, streets and alleyways. It had an area of 161 acres and was home to an estimated 6,000 residents.

The Bronze Age metropolis was constructed on the remains of an even earlier city that dates back 7,000 years to the Chalcolithic Period. Two natural springs located nearby apparently served as the impetus to build communities on the site.

Some 5,000 teens and volunteers took part in the excavation under the auspices of an Israel Antiquities Authority project designed to instill an emotional connection to Israel’s ancient heritage and a sense of belonging in the younger generations, as well as awareness of the importance of archaeological preservation.



The remains of a 5,000-year-old city unearthed near Ein Iron in northern Israel. (Photo by Assaf Peretz, Israel Antiquities Authority)

archaeological preservation. IAA archaeologists Itai Elad, Yitzhak Paz and Dina

Shalem, who directed the dig, said there was “no doubt” that the findings would dramatically change what researchers knew about the Early Bronze Age and the beginnings of urbanization in the Land of Israel.

“This was an exciting time in the history of the land, which was then Canaan, and whose populations underwent changes that changed the face of [the land] entirely. The rural population gave way to a complex society, most of whom lived in urban settings,” the archaeologists said.

“These were the first steps the Canaanite culture took in the land of Israel, which took on its own character in the urban sites it founded... A city like this could not have arisen without someone to plan it and an administrative mechanism that was responsible for its construction. The impressive planning and the fact that tools imported to [Canaan] from Egypt and seals have been discovered

at the site are testimony of that.

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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

1. The name of the limited liability company (“LLC”) is BINGVESTAL LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is SEPTEMBER 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: 132

WASHINGTON STREET, BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK, 13901.

5. 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

1. The name of the limited liability company (“LLC”) is En-Spect Environmental, LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is OCTOBER 02, 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: 1468 Hawleyton Road, Binghamton, NY 13903.
5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

Notice of Formation of Walsh Development, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/17/08. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3209 Vestal Pkwy. East, Vestal, NY 13850. Purpose: any lawful activities.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: The name of the limited liability company is: The Brickyard Endwell, LLC (the “Company”). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was August 22, 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: Ronald L. Greene, Esq., 80 Exchange Street, Binghamton, NY 13901. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: The name of the limited liability company is: Lainger Group, LLC (the “Company”). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was August 28, 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: James W. Orband, Esq., 80 Exchange Street, Binghamton, NY 13901. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

Notice of Formation of CASN, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/01/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2 Catherine St., Binghamton, NY 13905. 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 DAVIDGE HOLDINGS, LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is OCTOBER 10, 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: 3004 Pleasant Drive, Endwell, NY 13760

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

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF BENKADA LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law

THE UNDERSIGNED, being a natural person of at least eighteen (18) years of age, and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company hereby being formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York certifies that:

1. The name of the limited liability company is: BENKADA LLC
2. To engage in any lawful act or activity within the purposes for which limited liability companies may be organized pursuant to Limited Liability Company Law provided that the limited liability company is not formed to engage in any act or activity requiring the consent or approval of any state official, department, board, agency, or other body without such consent or approval first being obtained.
3. The county, within this state, in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is BROOME.
4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: LEGALINC CORPORATE SERVICES INC. 1967 WEHRLE DRIVE SUITE 1 #086 BUFFALO, NY 14221
5. The limited liability company designates the following as its registered agent upon whom process against it may be served within the State of New York is:

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6. The existence of the limited liability company shall begin upon filing of these Articles of Organization with the Department of State.
7. The limited liability company shall have a perpetual existence.
8. The limited liability company shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless all members,

managers, and former members and managers of the limited liability company against expenses (including attorney’s fees, judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement) incurred in connection with any claims, causes of action, demands, damages, liabilities of the limited liability company, and any pending or threatened action, suit, or proceeding. Such indemnification shall be made to the fullest extent permitted by the laws of the State of New York, provided that such acts or omissions which gives rise to the cause of action or proceedings occurred while the Member or Manager was in performance of his or her duties for the limited liability company and was not as a result of his or her fraud, gross negligence, willful misconduct or a wrongful taking. The indemnification provided herein shall inure to the benefit of successors, assigns, heirs, executors, and the administrators of any such person.

I certify that I have read the above statements, I am authorized to sign these Articles of Organization, that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that my signature typed below constitutes my signature.

MARSHA SIHA, (signature)
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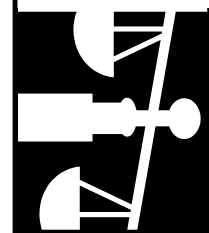
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: The name of the limited liability company is: 15 Ketchum, LLC (the “Company”). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was October 17, 2019. The 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 Donna Stack, 17184 Bay Street, Jupiter, FL 33477. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

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Temple Concord celebrated Sukkot



On October 13, Temple Concord celebrated Sukkot with a Sukkot seder and dinner in the sukkah led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.



L-r: Middle school students Shayna Foreman, Eve Krasno, Laura Klotzkin, Anna Grills and Charlotte Coker helped to decorate the sukkah before dinner.



At left: Some of those attending prepared for the kiddush.

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recent book, "Supreme Injustice: Slavery in the Nation's Highest Court," was published by Harvard University Press in 2018.

"It is a great honor to have President Finkelman be our Beth David November luncheon speaker," organizers say, "as he brings us up to date about such an important moment in both American and Jewish history. He is a gifted speaker, as well as a renowned expert on a topic that is sure to lead to a spirited discussion!"

Beth David's luncheon speaker series takes place the second Saturday of the month after Shabbat morning services, and is open to the community. There is

no charge for the luncheon. Since the monthly series' continuation depends on the generosity of contributors, Beth David welcomes and appreciates donations to the Luncheon Fund in order to keep the program going. Donations can be made in honor of or in memory of someone, or to mark a special occasion. Those wishing an acknowledgment to be sent to the person being honored or to the family of someone being remembered can indicate that, along with the necessary information. Donations can be sent to Beth David Synagogue, 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905, Attention: Luncheon Fund.



Lee Foreman shook the lulav and etrog.



Bruce Orden (standing) shook the lulav and etrog.

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is the last remaining member of Bennie's parents' generation, her never-married Aunt Glad, who is coming to stay at the house. Bennie not only has to deal with her three younger children, but her sister and her children, and her ne'er-do-well brother, who is also bringing his daughter. To complicate matters, Clem has invited guests - including a dog and a baby - to camp out on the family property days before the wedding. Clem has kept the details of the ceremony secret, although the wedding will be an untraditional, mixed-race lesbian one. The type of wedding doesn't bother Bennie, but not knowing how many guests to expect and how much food needs to be produced does.

Although Walter is Jewish, he and Bennie have raised their children with no religion, so he is surprised and touched to learn that Clem's friends have built a chuppah for the ceremony. Clem is not the only one who is not sharing all that's on her mind. Bennie and Walter have decided not to mention two important things until after the wedding: that Bennie is 10-weeks pregnant at age 44 and that they've decided to sell the house. The reason for the sale is partly that the town will be changing: a rumor is spreading that a Chasidic group is building an apartment building outside of town and looking to buy as many houses for its members as possible. Some claim that the apartment building will create ecological problems, although Walter finds it difficult to believe that's the real reason for their opposition since those opponents are also predicting what will occur when the ultra-Orthodox

move in, for example, the public school budget being slashed, something that has occurred in similar situations in other towns. While Walter thinks that antisemitic feelings are partly behind the resistance, Bennie wonders if most people are just resistant to change.

As a counterpoint to the wedding, and Bennie and Walter's dilemmas, Aunt Glad spends the time at her former home thinking about the definitive event of her life, which took place when she was a young child. Aunt Glad has never spoken to her nieces and nephew about the disaster that occurred and why it still haunts her. Returning to her former home raises memories and Aunt Glad spends as much of her time reviewing the past as she does living in the present. A third layer of story is added when the author writes about the different small animals with whom the humans share their home, even if the humans are unaware of those who live behind and beneath their walls.

The many facets of "Strangers and Cousins" make it an unusual story, one that offers overlapping layers and themes. Although some parts work better than others, the ties between Aunt Glad's story and that of Walter and Bennie's add a depth to the work that makes it far more than a tale of an unusual wedding. What is clear is how much the members of this family care about each other, even when they squabble and, at times, misunderstand each other. However, the most moving section is that of Aunt Glad, when readers not only finally learn her story, but the lesson it taught her about community and strangers.

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Neve Michael children's home "healing the souls" of Israeli kids for 76 years

By Deborah Fineblum

(JNS) – Many a third-grade memory features vacations with family, swimming with friends or getting a new puppy. But Chofit remembers another sort of life. One marked by extreme poverty and regular visits to a big building where she would sit across from a man she barely knew.

"Say 'I love you, Abba,'" her mother would whisper.

These painful jail visits to her drug-addicted father were among the reasons that a quarter-century ago, Israel's Welfare Department sent 8-year-old Chofit to the after-school program for at-risk children at the Neve Michael Emunah Children's Home in Pardes Hanna.

Chofit, however, couldn't help but notice that her friends who lived on campus were happier than she was in a home without



One of the house mothers and a child at the Neve Michael children's home in Israel. (Photo by Chanan Nachmani)

electricity, a washing machine or consistent parenting. "I begged them to let me stay there," she recalls. "And thank God, they did." They placed the young girl in one of the youth village's "family homes" along with 11 other children.

Then there's Rona, who arrived at Neve Michael at the age of 12 in 1986, after her mother died and her father wasn't able to care for his children. Two years into her stay there, she learned her older sister was trapped in an Arab village with a boyfriend who beat her. In desperation, Rona turned to Neve Michael staffers who hatched a daring plan: Late one night, the sister and her baby were smuggled out of that village and never looked back.

It's been four decades since 10-year-old Shlomoh, along with his brother and two sisters, were sent to Neve Michael following the murder of their mother. "I was completely broken," says Shlomoh, speaking from his office in Skokie, IL. "But, through unconditional love and, when needed, tough love, over the next two years, they healed my soul."

Neve Michael is home to 150 youngsters born into a variety of tough circumstances, priming them for lives of drug addiction, poverty and crime. In addition, some 30 more can be found in the two crisis centers, while 85 other at-risk children attend an after-school program that feeds them, helps with their homework and, equally important, keeps them out of their (often dysfunctional) homes until bedtime.

Israel is home to more than 30 youth villages designed to rescue kids at risk. Some are run by the Jewish Agency, others by nonprofits like Hadassah, WIZO (Women's International Zionist Organization) and Emunah, the parent organization of Neve Michael.

Whereas many of the other villages have an educational focus, Neve Michael is primarily rehabilitative and therapeutic, giving some of Israel's most troubled youngsters, starting at age 5, a stable home complete with on-staff psychiatrists, psychologists and social workers. Also on campus: therapy for 80 families, whom the Welfare Department insists come for counseling. And it's the only youth village in Israel to house two 24/7 crisis centers for children and teens in need of immediate rescue.

"Because of who we are and what we offer here, the courts and welfare system know we are often the haven of last resort, so they send us the most troubled children," says programs and projects director Hava Levene, who has been with Neve Michael for 30 years.

"Some arrive with cigarette burns on their tender, young skin. Others have watched their drug-addicted fathers beat or even kill their mothers, and too many have been abused in unimaginable ways," she says. "People don't like to think these things happen in Israel, but when they do, we are here. Treating these kids so they can have the life they deserve is a 24-hour job that demands all our staff's



A Neve Michael house mother and a young girl prepared food together. (Photo by Chanan Nachmani)

patience, skill and love."

Israel's youth village movement dates back to the pre-state 1930s when Henrietta Szold (the founder of Hadassah) and fellow activist Recha Freier pioneered "youth aliyah" for youngsters on the run from the Nazis. Over the years, as waves of immigrants have come and gone (including those from Arab lands, the FSU and Ethiopia), the languages have changed but their problems – and those of children from dysfunctional families – remain.

Neve Michael was founded in 1943 on seven acres in Pardes Hanna, then a town of orange groves and camels. Like other See "Home" on page 9

WINTER HOME & GARDEN

Protect your house from fire

(NAPSI) – House fires are more common than many people think. No matter the season, it's important to ensure homes and families are well protected. Therefore, there's no time like the present to evaluate the different fire-safety measures in place around your house, according to www.rockwool.com. If you happen to be remodeling, it's an ideal

time to bolster your home's fire safety.

1. Be sure you have working smoke detectors on all floors of your home and outside sleeping areas. Check them once a month, clean them every six months and change the batteries at least once a year. Better yet, opt for newer units that come with a 10-year, no-maintenance battery.
2. Select appliances with an automatic shutoff.
3. Never overload electrical outlets or use extension cords to replace additional outlets. When remodeling or undertaking repairs, make sure you engage a licensed electrician for all electrical work.
4. Install ground fault circuit interrupters and arc fault

circuit interrupters in kitchens, bathrooms, outdoor areas, unfinished basements and crawl spaces, garages, boathouses and laundry areas, and within six feet of sinks, bathtubs and shower stalls. These devices have helped save thousands of lives from fire or shock since being introduced.

5. Check your residential fire extinguisher and ensure it is stored in an easy-to-access location in case of emergency.

6. Create a fire escape plan for your home and practice it twice a year with all family members.

7. Opt for noncombustible building materials, whenever possible. Insulation is especially important. A stone wool insulation is the preferred choice of many professional builders. Because of its ability to resist fire up to 1,177°F – higher than the temperature of a typical house fire – it stays in place to protect escape routes and buys occupants precious extra time to escape. Made from stone, its inorganic composition means it will not produce toxic smoke or harmful gases when exposed to fire. That's a key feature, because smoke, not flames, is the leading cause of fire-related fatalities.

Homes today burn faster than in years past because they're loaded with more synthetic materials. In the event of a fire, occupants typically have just a few minutes to get themselves to safety. Careful selection of building materials, and implementing both fire prevention devices and measures, can make all the difference when every second counts.

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such youth villages, the goal is “to break the cycle,” says Director David Fridman. “Our vision is for youngsters who’ve been dealt such a difficult hand in life to be able to heal from the abuse they’ve suffered. Only when they do can they have a chance to grow into happy, healthy, contributing members of Israeli society.”

Much of this healing takes place in the 12 “family homes,” where house parents live with their own children and a dozen others. Those with learning challenges attend the special-education school on campus, whereas others are bused to local ones.

Most of the children tend to stay many years, often until age 18, when more than 90 percent join the Army, says Levene. Others are ultimately sent to live with relatives that court judges deem able to care for them.

“Neve Michael takes children with so many problems of all kinds and gives them a wonderful home with emotional and educational support,” says child-development psychologist Jackie Weinberg, retired director of school psychological services for the nearby city of Hadera. “It’s almost impossible, but they do it – so much so that after they leave, they visit again and again because this is their real home.”

Another integral part of the program are the young adults who live on campus for weeks or months at a time, helping provide the love and support these children crave. “I live with them, help them with their homework and I’m their friend,” says Leora Bar-Chaim, a Florida native who arrived at Neve Michael as a summer volunteer at age 16. Three years later, she’s made *aliyah* and returned to Neve Michael for a year of Sherut Leumi, Israel’s national service program. “When you form a connection, they start to trust you. When you see that smile on their face, there’s nothing like it,” says Bar-Chaim, who is planning to study family law to serve this population. “It’s also amazing to see how the house parents with their own kids have enough love and patience for these other kids who’ve never gotten it before.”

Teens who volunteer – typically four weeks in the summer – tend to receive as much as they give, says Rachel Bargad, Neve Michael’s director of international programs. “Coming from privileged homes, they’ve never been exposed to the hardships these kids have lived through,” she says. “Even with such differences, they form bonds that last for years.”

Funding this full-service village – each child living at Neve Michael costs 8,000 to 12,000 shekels (averaging \$2,800) a month – involves a complex formula, including income from the government that pays about 75 percent of

the kids’ basic needs, as well as donations from individuals and organizations. The youth village is part of Emunah, an organization devoted to helping Israel’s most vulnerable children and families, which oversees Neve Michael, in addition to Emunah’s four other youth villages and four high schools.

“The only way to make miracles happen for these kids who’ve lost all hope is through multi-level programs in a safe, stable, nurturing environment,” says World Emunah Director Shlomo Kessel, a Cape Town native who worked at Neve Michael for years before stepping into his current role. “The staff tells them, ‘We won’t give in to you, but we’ll never give up on you,’ and eventually, the kids see the world isn’t the hurtful place they thought it was.”

One secret to Neve Michael’s success, insiders say, is its strong Jewish values – from its kosher cafeteria to its on-site synagogue (now undergoing renovation), where the youngsters pray and learn with the community.

Boys wear *kippot* and girls wear skirts, and there’s a “no cell phones” policy for Shabbat. Holidays typically find the kids with their families (when possible) or with volunteers’ families. In addition, each spring the village throws a group bar and bat mitzvah celebration.

“It’s a holy place, where real change happens and where we work with the kids to become mensches,” says Yechiam Cherlow, director of education and residential services. “They may arrive scared and missing home, even with all of its

difficulties but, given time, we watch them grow into family.”

One long-term study in Israel reflected on the success of the nation’s youth villages in changing young lives for the better. Tracking hundreds of village residents from 1973 through the late 1980s, researchers concluded that “those who had continued in residential group homes were functioning better than those who had gone home or who had moved into foster family care.”

They are functioning like Chofit, who’s now a parent, graduate student in political science and house mother at one of Neve Michael’s family homes.

Or Rona, who’s also a house mother. A postscript: Not able to have children, Rona and her husband adopted a young girl from the youth village whose homeless and unstable mother gave up her parental rights. A few months later, the biological mom gave birth again, and asked Rona and her husband to raise the baby, too.

“Of my siblings, one is a nurse, another is a carpenter, another a secretary, and I happen to be a businessman,” says Shlomoh, who now donates to and speaks publicly about the village, as well as sends his daughter to volunteer there. “We’re all productive members of society, and I have to credit much of it to our years at Neve Michael. Healing broken souls like ours; that’s a big job, it takes a lot of hard work and dedication. And that’s what they do best.”

To learn more about Neve Michael, visit nevemichael.com.

Jewish group project to plant “Trees of Life” in honor of shul victims

By JNS staff

(JNS) – The Jewish organization United With Israel is inviting people to sponsor the planting of more than 20 different fruit trees in Israel in memory of the 12 victims of the synagogue shootings in Pittsburgh and Poway, CA.

“Join us in planting 12,000 trees of life! Make the land even more beautiful in their memory,” it said on the project’s event page. “[This is] a great opportunity to help Israeli farmers while paying tribute to the 12 holy victims of synagogue shootings, may their memories be for a blessing,” continued the plea. “Show your love for Israel by joining in this wonderful mitzvah!”

A total of 11 Jewish worshippers were murdered on October 27, 2018, when a lone gunman entered the Tree

At right: Clementine trees in a field in Moshav Nahalal, in the Jezreel Valley, on March 26. (Photo by Anat Hermony/Flash90)



of Life*Or L’Simcha Synagogue in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh during Shabbat-morning services.

Exactly six months later, on April 27, a similar shooting took place at Chabad of Poway in Southern California, where a 60-year-old Jewish woman was killed in the synagogue lobby and three others were injured in the attack, also on Shabbat morning during services.

WINTER HOME & GARDEN

How to combat four pet peeves around the house

(NAPSI) – If your family is like most, there are a few things about your home that really annoy you. Fortunately, according to Legrand, solutions are available for four of the most common pet peeves when it comes to lighting and electronics:

1. Never Enough Outlets: The average family charges up to 12 devices a day. With connectivity more prevalent than ever, the demand for convenient charging options is at an all-time high. Consider installing a pop-out outlet, which features three standard receptacles for added power and can disappear into the wall when not in use, and has tamper-resistant plugs to keep children safe. A pop-out outlet can allow you to simultaneously charge phones, tablets and laptops with an outlet made to maximize charging needs.
2. Lights Carelessly Being Left On: Constantly reminding people to turn off the bedroom lights? You can install motion sensors that automatically turn lights on when someone enters the room and shut lights off when the room is no longer occupied.
3. Phone Charger Mysteriously Disappearing: Scouring your home for a phone charger can be a thing of the past when you replace standard outlets with a wireless



charger for an instant, cord- and clutter-free way to charge phones.

4. Lack of Light at Night: Make the walk to the bathroom or the nursery at night a little brighter by installing night lights in hallways, kitchens and children’s rooms. Some night lights even offer adjustable light levels or can convert to flashlights.

A few simple switches around the house can help you have more control over your home’s lights and electronics.

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Weekly Parasha

Bereshit, Genesis 1:1-6:8

The mystical rationale for the Shabbat

RABBI GEORGE HIRSCHFELD, TEMPLE BETH EL, ONEONTA

This week, we re-start the annual cycle of Torah readings with *parashat* Bereshit. It tells us God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh, which is Shabbat. It is also one of the Ten Commandments to remember and observe the Shabbat. In Kabbalah, which is based on the Zohar, our mystics have an interesting interpretation that explains the mystical rationale for the Shabbat.

Physicists tell us that the universe started with the Big Bang, 14 billion years ago. At the very beginning of Genesis, the first thing God creates is light. This is not the sun nor the moon, which come later. The mystics explain that this light is the foundation of everything, and that everything and everyone in the universe is connected through this light. A hundred years ago, Einstein, with his theory of relativity, explained that light is energy, energy converts to matter and vice versa, but neither can be increased nor decreased. In other words, the universe is finite.

So, it would seem that the mystics, who lived many hundreds of years ago, and modern-day physicists both came to a very similar conclusion as to the origin of the universe. One of the names of God in the Zohar is Eyn Sof, which means "Without End." In other words, God who is infinite created a finite world.

So, the mystics have an interesting question. How can infinity, which is God, and the finite, which is the universe, coexist. In other words, if you take infinity and want to add something finite to it, you would still end up with infinity because if you were able to combine what is finite with infinity, then infinity would no longer be infinity.

The mystics have a very interesting solution to this question through a concept called *tzimtzum*. What *tzimtzum* means is that in order for time and space, in other words the universe, to emerge and exist, God, who is infinite, contracts into himself, self-limits himself in order to make

room for the universe and mankind to emerge and evolve, so that God who is infinite and the universe which is finite can co-exist. In other words, he creates the world through a self-limiting act.

This is what happens during the six days of creation: each day God limits himself, holds himself back a bit more, in order for the universe to emerge. On the seventh day, God refrains from contracting, limiting himself; in other words, he reverts back to infinity. This is what Shabbat is: it is meant to be a moment in eternity to give us a taste of eternity.

So how does this relate to man and Shabbat? God creates by limiting himself, holding back so he creates the finite from the infinite. Man, being finite, is just the opposite. In order for man to create, he takes what is finite, works it and fashions it, changing it into something else that is See "Shabbat" on page 11

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 Sun., Oct. 27 8:30 am
 Mon., Oct. 28 7 am
 Tues.-Wed., Oct 29-30 6:50 am
 Thurs.-Fri., Oct. 31-Nov. 1 7 am
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 Religious School: Students are educated on an individual basis. Temple Brith Sholom is a small equalitarian congregation serving the greater Cortland community. Congregants span the gamut of observance and services are largely dependent on the service leader. The Friday night siddur is "Likrat Shabbat," while the Saturday morning siddur is "Gates of Prayer." The community extends a warm welcome to the Jewish student population of SUNY Cortland, as well as the residents of local adult residences.

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 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 25, at 8 pm, there will be a #Show-UpForShabbat Gather-Remember-Act Service led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell with Aiden Levine and family assisting.

On Saturday, October 26, 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 morning service and celebration of Aiden Levine becoming a bar mitzvah.

On Tuesday, October 29, at 4:15 pm and 5:15 pm, there will be Hebrew school.

On Thursday, October 31, at 4:15 pm and 5:15 pm, there will be Hebrew school; and, from 5-7 pm, the CHOW pantry will be open.

On Friday, November 1, at 6 pm, there will be a Diaspora Israel Day Celebration Shabbat Potluck Dinner/Program – bring a dish and story to share; and, at 8 pm, there will be a Shabbat service.

On Saturday, November 2, at 9 am, there will be religious school; at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study; at 10:35 am, there will be a Shabbat Noah service; and, at 11:20 am, there will be the blessing of pets in the garden.

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 Regular service times: visit the temple website for days of services and times
 Religious School/Education: Religious School, for grades kindergarten through bar/bat mitzvah, meets Sunday mornings.
 For the schedule of services, classes and events, see the website.

Friday, October 25, light candles before 5:49 pm
 Saturday, October 26, Shabbat ends 6:48 pm
 Friday, November 1, light candles before 5:39 pm
 Saturday, November 2, Shabbat ends 6:38 pm

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 Website: www.templeisraelvestal.org
 Service Schedule: Tuesday, 5:30 pm; Friday, 5:30 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am

On Saturday, October 26, at 9:30 am, Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Genesis 1:1-6:8. The haftarah will be Isaiah 42:5-21. The kiddush sponsors will be Bonnie Brown and Flo Balin.

On Monday, October 28, at 7:30 pm, there will be a Ritual Committee meeting.

On Tuesday, November 5, at 7 pm, there will be an Executive Board meeting.

On Friday November 15, at 5 pm, there will be a Sisterhood Kabbalat Shabbat, "Sip and Nosh," followed by a family friendly service.

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Jewish Community Center

Annual Vera Bradley Bingo at JCC on Nov. 3

By Paige Bartholomew

The Jewish Community Center will host its annual Vera Bradley Bingo fund-raising event on Sunday, November 3, at 1 pm. The cost is \$15 per card; all cards purchased can be reused for all bingo games. There will also be light refreshments available for purchase. Reservations can be made with ECC Assistant Director Nichole McMillen at 724-2417, ext. 431. The first 20 people to register will be entered into a drawing to win a door prize.

Attendees at the fund-raiser will be able to participate in 15 rounds of bingo, each offering the chance to win a

different Vera Bradley prize. The contributions from the fund-raiser will go to the JCC's Early Childhood Center. The ECC is a place that seeks to "provide a warm and caring environment where children explore, experiment, play, grow and learn to ask questions." Programming is offered for infants through age 5, including full day daycare and preschool, art and physical education classes, and Universal Pre-Kindergarten.

"The proceeds go toward items needed in the classrooms that create an overall better environment for the children," said McMillen. Proceeds from previous Vera Bradley Bingo events went to items such as thermome-

ters, cots and classroom manipulatives.

For more information about Vera Bradley Bingo, ECC programming, or the JCC, contact the JCC office at 724-2417.

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"There was an enormous city here – a megalopolis in Early Bronze Age terms, where thousands of people lived, making a living from agriculture and who traded with other regions and even other cultures and kingdoms in the area."

Discoveries at the ancient city include an unusually large temple that features a giant stone basin used in religious rites and an altar on which burned animal bones were unearthed, proof of animal sacrifices. The dig also turned up rare idols, including one of a human head.

The discoveries allow researchers to characterize the culture of the peoples who lived in the area in earlier times. The nearby springs and open spaces facilitated agriculture. The remains of the homes and public structures indicate an organized society with a clear hierarchy.

Like so many archaeological discoveries in Israel, the city was unearthed as part of the preliminary infrastructure work – in this case, preparations to construct a new highway interchange providing an exit to the newly developed city Harish, funded by the Israel National Roads Company Ltd.

Confronted with an unexpected ancient "New York," Israel National Roads has changed its plans for the highway and will build an overpass over the site to allow the city to be preserved in situ so researchers can continue to delve into its secrets.

This article first appeared in Israel Hayom.

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could reverse climate change," she said. "There is no issue more important 'for the sake of heaven' than this. We have a small window to adapt and change the way we live and our carbon footprint. We need to rethink what we use and how we live."

Other Biennale venues include Hebrew Union College, Kol HaOt in Hutzot Hayotzer, the Menachem Begin Heritage Center, Mishkanot Sha'ananim, the First Station and the YMCA. The diverse sites, director of content Dr. Ido Noy tells JNS, can be construed as representing a type of dispute as identity "touches on a nerve in Jerusalem." With secular and religious venues, for example, Noy maintains that the theme of dispute is set in a "real Jerusalem context."

This year's Biennale, unlike prior ones, features artists of the three major religions in Jerusalem. According to Biennale founder and director Rami Ozeri, a goal is to bring interfaith discussion to the Jewish world of content to "create connections and bring people together."

"That's what art does," he told JNS. "Art has a healing power in Jerusalem, and we want to use it in conflict [resolution], to accumulate and increase the amount of peace in the world."

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also finite, but on Shabbat he holds back from creating and becomes like God to experience eternity. So, the Shabbat is where God and man meet to experience eternity. That is why the mystics explain that Shabbat is meant to be a fore-taste of the world to come. We can put this another way, since God limits himself to create space and time, on Shabbat we create time for God, as Abraham Joshua Heschel said, "The Shabbat is a sanctuary in time."

Six days a week we use time. We value it as a means to an end. Time well spent for us is time that helps us make a living. Shabbat is meant to right our balance and restore our perspective. It is like a palace in time with a kingdom for all. It is not a date, but an atmosphere, a feeling. On the seventh day, we celebrate time rather than space. Six days we live under the tyranny of things of space, on the seventh day we try to become attuned to the holiness in time. It is a day on which we are called upon to share in what is eternal in time. To turn from the results of creation to the mystery of creation; from the world of creation to the creation of the world.

I wonder, had the Blue Laws prohibiting commerce on the Shabbat not been rescinded, whether many of the problems we face today could have been avoided. Perhaps it would have at least been a reminder that the chase for profits at any cost and the relentless pursuit of acquisitions, the despoiling of our environment, is not all what life is about. Even many social problems, like opioids, guns even antisemitism, can be attributed to the ever-accelerating divide between capital and labor, between the haves and the have nots.

In the modern world, where "time is money" and no one ever has enough time, Shabbat comes to deliver a message we all need to hear. We are the masters of our time and our lives; we are not slaves. Shabbat teaches us to separate ourselves from the physical world one day each week, so that we can taste eternity. Shabbat is our oasis in time, a day when we leave the rat race behind, ignoring business concerns, e-mail and the myriad of other irritants of modern-day life. It is a gift from God to us, allowing us to enjoy a special day with our families, friends and community, those who are most important to us.

A great pianist was once asked by an ardent admirer, "How do you handle the notes as well as you do?" The artist answered, "The notes I handle no better than many pianists, but the pauses between the notes – ah! That is where the art resides."

In great living, as with great music, the art may be in the pauses. Surely one of the enduring contributions which Judaism made to the art of living was Shabbat, "the pause between the notes." And it is to the Shabbat that we must look if we are to restore to our lives, our temples and communities the sense of serenity and sanctity that the Shabbat can offer in such joyous abundance.



One of the artists worked on a piece for the "Ziara" exhibition ahead of its launch at the YMCA in Jerusalem. (Photo by Eliana Rudee)

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Laughs Festival in Montreal. He is an original member of "Laughing Liberally," a New York based political comedy show. Blakeman was featured on MSNBC's live coverage of the 2016 White House Correspondents Dinner. He has made more than 40 national television appearances, including Comedy Central's "Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn," and was the warm-up comedian for "Late Show with David Letterman" on CBS. He appears regularly at New York's 92nd Street Y, where he has hosted live interviews with comedians Robert Klein, Lewis Black, Jerry Stiller and Anne Meara.

El-Husseini is a Canadian, Palestinian, Muslim, lesbian who is married to a Jewish woman. She describes her life as a current event – from the Muslim ban to marriage equality, she says it's all happening and it's happening to her. Since her comedy debut in 2006, El-Husseini has racked up an "impressive list" of credits. Traveling across Canada, the U.S and the Middle East, she covers a wide range of topics.

When asked what the focus of her stand-up is, El-Husseini replied by saying, "Bringing Jews and Muslims together to celebrate what we have in common: feeling left out at Christmas, circumcision and not being as popular as our food."

El-Husseini has been featured in Canadian newspapers such as *The National Post*, *The Toronto Star* and *The Montreal Gazette*. While residing in Canada, she appeared regularly on radio stations throughout the country and her TV credits include a half hour comedy special on CTV, Comedy Network and the iChannel.

El-Husseini has opened for Patton Oswalt and recorded her first comedy album, "Unveiled," which can be heard regularly on SiriusXM Radio. She currently lives with her wife in New York City.

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Jewish astronaut part of first female spacewalking team

The first-ever female spacewalking team, including a Jewish astronaut, exited the International Space Station on Oct. 18. Swedish-American-Israeli Jessica Meir and Christina Koch are repairing a broken part of the station's solar-power network. Meir became the fourth Jewish woman and 15th Jewish astronaut overall to be part of a space mission. To date, there have been 227 spacewalkers, 14 of them women.

Jewish prisoners granted rights to kosher meals in Michigan

A proposed settlement reached on Oct. 12 in a class-action lawsuit allows Jewish inmates in Michigan prisons to start receiving certified-kosher meals, *The Jewish News* reported. The lawsuit was handled by the Civil Rights Clinic at Michigan State University, led by Professor Daniel Manville, an ex-inmate and advocate for prisoners' rights, who has been working on this case since 2013. In the past, Jewish prisoners requesting kosher meals have been given vegan dishes, but they lack kosher meat and dairy prepared in ways that adhere to Jewish law, such as prohibitions regarding contamination with non-kosher utensils. The proposed settlement, which is subject to a fairness hearing on Dec. 11 in front of U.S. District

Judge Linda Parker in Detroit, rules that Jewish inmates who keep kosher can receive meals prepared in a certified kosher kitchen within the facility or from certified kosher meals from a third-party vendor, wrote *The Jewish News*. Prisoners not already approved for kosher meals can become eligible by adhering to a strictly kosher diet for 60 days. Whether Jewish prisoners will receive kosher meat and dairy meals 56 days a year (during Shabbat, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Shavuot) is still in dispute and just litigated early this month, "although all parties have agreed to at least one cheesecake per year [for the dairy-oriented holiday of Shavuot]," said Manville. "We expect a ruling on that early next year."

Pompeo lands in Israel to meet Netanyahu, discuss regional security

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo arrived in Israel late Oct. 17 for a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to discuss regional issues, including the current conflict in Syria. Pompeo flew from Turkey, where he had joined U.S. Vice President Mike Pence in what was described as a cold meeting with Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan regarding the Turkish bombardment of Kurdish northern Syria. The secretary of state was met at Ben-Gurion International Airport by U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman and head of the North America Bureau at the Israel Foreign Ministry, Ambassador Zvi Aviner. "Good to be in #Israel today and look forward to meeting and discussing a range of important

issues, including regional developments and threats, and the security of America's closest ally and partner," Pompeo wrote on Twitter after landing. A U.S. State Department statement on Oct. 16 said the meeting was set to "discuss developments in Syria and the continued need to counter the Iranian regime's destabilizing behavior in the region." Reports indicate that, following the meeting and a letter from U.S. President Donald Trump urging him not to be a "tough guy" or "fool," and to put a halt to bombardments in Syria, Erdogan agreed to a cease-fire. Subsequent reports, however, indicate that eyewitnesses said the shelling was still underway.

Former concentration-camp guard stands trial in Germany

A former concentration-camp guard is facing trial in Germany in what may be one of the country's last trials of Nazi war criminals. The 93-year-old, known as "Bruno D.," is accused of aiding and abetting 5,230 murders as part of the force at the Stutthof concentration camp in Poland. He will be tried in a youth court, as he was 17 and 18 at the time of the killings. He attempted to cover his face behind a red folder as he was wheeled into the Hamburg court. Between 63,000 and 65,000 people, including 28,000 Jews, were killed at Stutthof, which was one of the last concentration camps liberated in 1945.

Friedman: Trump plan will not evict Jewish communities in Judea, Samaria

The U.S. administration will not call for the evacuation of Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria under the much-anticipated Mideast peace plan, according to U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman on Oct. 16. In an interview with Israel National News, Friedman said "having seen the experience of the evacuation of Gaza, I don't believe that there is a realistic plan that can be implemented that would require anyone - Jew or Arab - to be forced to leave their home." Friedman referred to the Gaza Disengagement Plan of 2005, in which more than 8,000 Jews were forcibly evicted from their homes by the administration of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, in a bid to create a Palestinian state in Gaza. The plan caused major political divisions and a firestorm of debate in Israel, and was subsequently denounced across the political spectrum as a failure that resulted in nearly perpetual violence and wars along the Israel-Gaza border. "We think that's just a recipe for disaster," said Friedman. "It almost caused a civil war on much less aggressive circumstances in Gaza, compared to Judea and Samaria, and so we are not of the view that any forced evacuations are achievable." Approximately 350,000 Jews live in cities and towns throughout Judea and Samaria, not including the hundreds of thousands more living in northern and eastern parts of Jerusalem that the Palestinian Authority demands as part of a new state.

U.S. House passes resolution condemning U.S. withdrawal from Syria


The U.S. House of Representatives overwhelmingly voted on Oct. 16 to condemn U.S. President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw U.S. forces from northern Syria, effectively pulling them from the country. The final tally was 354-60. The resolution states that "an abrupt withdrawal of United States military personnel from certain parts of Northeast Syria is beneficial to adversaries of the United States government, including Syria, Iran and Russia." It also says that Congress "opposes the decision to end certain United States efforts to prevent Turkish military operations against Syrian Kurdish forces in Northeast Syria."

U.K. teacher fired after joking about sending Jewish kids to "the gas chambers"

A primary-school teacher in England was fired after allegedly "joking" to pupils about "sending them to the gas chamber" if they failed to finish their work. The teacher at Newberries Primary School, Hertfordshire, told a class of 28 10-year-olds, including 11 who are Jewish, on Oct. 10: "You better finish off your work quick, or I'll ship you all off to the gas chambers," according to parents. The teacher reportedly apologized afterwards, saying she was "joking" and asking the students not to tell anyone. The pupils reported the antisemitic comment to parents, who expressed outrage on school WhatsApp group chats. The teacher was fired a day after making the comments. The school said that religious leaders from different faith groups would be invited to speak to the children, as they have done in previous years. The school, with 203 students enrolled ages 4-11, is in a commuter village where about one-quarter of the 8,000 residents identify as Jewish, reported the U.K.'s *Daily Mail*.

Tunisia's new president: Any ties with Israel "high treason"

Tunisia's new president said recently that relationship or ties with Israel equals "high treason." "Normalization" is the wrong word to use," said Kais Saïed in response to a question in the final televised presidential debate about the warming of relations between the Jewish state and the Arab and Muslim world. "We should be talking about high treason." Saïed defeated rival Nabil Karoui with 77 percent of the votes in the Oct. 13 election. While Saïed said that Jews with passports other than Israeli ones were welcome to visit Tunisia's synagogues, there should be no "dealings with Zionists."



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