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Jewish and Muslim comedians to entertain at JCC gala 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 daycare, after school care, camp, youth recreation leagues, aquatics and sports programming.



Eman El-Husseini



Scott Blakeman

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 dialogue 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 See "Gala" on page 5

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

Professor Paul Finkelman, president of Gratz College, the oldest Jewish liberal arts college in the nation, will be the Beth David luncheon speaker on Saturday, November 9. An internationally known American legal historian, he will share findings from his recent research on the first Jews that came to America in 1654, to what was then called New Amsterdam, and is now known as Manhattan. Finkelman's research debunks certain myths about these 23 Jewish refugees. "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."

What role did Peter Stuyvesant play in the lives of these Jewish immigrants? What say did the Dutch West Indies Company have in their fate? How does the story of these first Jews in America help us better understand the Jewish contribution to the development of religious freedom in what later became the United States?

These are the questions that Finkelman



Paul Finkelman

will address in his talk.

"Those of us who have had the pleasure of hearing Professor Finkelman speak are looking forward to having everyone at Beth David and in the community share in this exceptional opportunity of finding out more about the real story of these first Jews who came to America," organizers say. "Paul is a talented speaker who has the special gift of making history come alive!"

Finkelman obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. Before becoming president of Gratz College in 2017, he held endowed chairs in history and law at a number of colleges, including Duke Law School, LSU Law School, Albany Law School, the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Miami. He was a scholar-in-residence at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia and a senior fellow at the University of Pennsylvania program in democracy, citizenship and constitutionalism. He also held the Fulbright Chair in See "BD" on page 6

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



People attended the 2018 Mega Challah Bake.

would appreciate the gift.

"The Mega Challah Bakes, held in cit-

ies 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.

Super Sunday kicks off Campaign 2020

At right: More than 50 people attended Super Sunday, the kick-off event of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's Campaign 2020. Those attending shmoozed with friends, ate brunch and listened to members of the Tri-Cities Opera sing. More photos of the event can be found on page 7. The remarks made by Federation Executive Director Shelley Hubal during the event can be found on page 2.



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From the Desk of the Federation Executive Director

“A New Beginning, A Legacy of Caring”

SHELLEY HUBAL

These remarks were made at Super Sunday on October 27. For pictures of the event, see pages 1 and 7.

When I married my husband Mark in 1995 and moved to Binghamton, I was welcomed so lovingly into this community. Coming from Syracuse, where it is easy to be anonymous, there was a different atmosphere here in Binghamton. The Jewish community did not hide the fact that they were excited to have a new face in town to help out. In fact, true story, I was on a [Jewish Community Center] committee before the end of my bridal shower.

In the last 24 years, I have come to know many of you and, with this new position as director of the Federation, I am privileged to have made many new friends.

As I undertake a new leadership role in this Jewish community, I want to share with you what I find to be most important. I want to share my intentions for this community – my intentions and vision for the Federation.

First, through fund-raising, exploring new avenues of legacy giving, and mindful attention to our resources, we will maintain a fiscally healthy Federation.

Next, the Jewish Federation will be welcoming. All that are part of this community are appreciated. In good times and during times of challenge, the doors of the Federation

are wide open. I want you to know that whether you are able to give \$100 or thousands of dollars, you are the reason for the work we do here and are a welcome part of this community.

With the hard work of our dedicated board, the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton will always give thorough care and mindful attention to how we allocate and spend our precious resources.

Under my leadership, the Federation will support all of our local Jewish organizations to the best of our abilities and help to work toward their success. Each organization in town is part of the rich tapestry that makes the Binghamton Jewish community whole.

Lastly, my vision is for the Federation to be a source of vibrant and meaningful Jewish culture and education. We will continue to learn and pray and share our faith together in an atmosphere of acceptance and joy.

Our community has a long legacy of caring dating back to the 19th century when generations before us welcomed new Jewish immigrants to Binghamton and, through free loans and compassionate aid, helped them to make this region their home – encouraging them to practice their Jewish faith at their will. And our Jewish

community prospered as a result.

The Federation is many things to each of us and I am grateful for all of you who continue to support our mission. This community is hard-working and generous. I see that every day. I congratulate you all for being here today. Your presence and your gift to the Federation is a sign that our community is connected and alive, not just today, but for generations to come.

To wrap up my appeal to you I would like to quote everyone's favorite neighbor, Mr. Rogers. Here is what he says: “Our world hangs like a magnificent jewel in the vastness of space. Every one of us is a part of that jewel. A facet of that jewel. And in the perspective of infinity, our differences are infinitesimal. We are intimately related and may we never even pretend that we are not.”

We here in this Jewish community are bound together. Together we laugh, together we pray; sometimes we weep and console one another. My prayer, my wish, my ask of you is that we continue to see the blessings and beauty we have here today, and together we continue to nurture and provide support for all that we have been given.

Todah rabah. Thank you for being here and for giving to the Federation from your heart.

Hello, it's Sima

Our High Holiday trip to Europe

By Sima Auerbach

I didn't know how to handle retirement, so Neil and I made a sudden decision to go to Europe. We called our travel agent and got the last cabin on a river cruise. When I looked at the dates we would be away, I realized we would be in Vienna on Rosh Hashanah and Berlin on Yom Kippur. Miraculously, I suddenly had a purpose and a project: finding two synagogues we could attend. Neil had one request: that we sit together, so that became my goal.

I found many synagogues in each city. I e-mailed them all. Some never responded. Or Chadash, part of a progressive Jewish movement, was our choice for Vienna and the Conservative Neue Synagogue was our choice for Berlin.

The six other Jewish people on the boat found out about our venture and wanted to join us, but that was impossible as we had had to send our passport and personal information

well before the holidays. We arrived at Or Chadash one hour before services. There were police and a member of the congregation with a clipboard listing the names of all who were attending waiting outside the building. The door was locked. The gentleman checked our names off the list and opened the door with a key, let us in and then relocked the door. The woman whom I had been communicating with welcomed us and introduced us to the rabbi and a couple who had moved to Vienna from Connecticut six years prior. The rabbi was young, friendly and gracious. He spoke English and we had a long conversation with the Connecticut family.

Many women were in the back room setting up the *kiddush* for later. It was a small, very long room. The seats were folding chairs in multiple colors. There were approximately 100 people in the room. It was packed. The

service was in Hebrew and German (the language spoken in Vienna). The songs and prayers were familiar, and we felt totally at home. We stayed for the *kiddush* and ate wonderful homemade goodies and spoke to many people, all who spoke English. There were a few young children and some teenagers. My big surprise was the dress. Most people were informal: some in jeans, no jackets, no ties. The only ones wearing suits were the rabbi, Neil and the woman who welcomed us.

When Neil opened his *tallis* bag in the synagogue, he discovered he had the remains of last year's *Tashlich* ceremony. At breakfast the next morning, I gathered sunflower seeds from the buffet and we told the group of six we could meet later that afternoon on the upper deck for *Tashlich*. We did *Tashlich* and no one wanted to leave. We sat until See “Trip” on page 6

In My Own Words

Broken promises and lost lives

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

“I meant what I said and I said what I meant and an elephant's faithful 100 percent.” Those words from “Horton Hatches an Egg” by Dr. Seuss greatly influenced my life. A promise – an oath – should not be broken; one's word has to mean something. I find it interesting that the ancient rabbis felt the same way about vows: they took them very seriously. People needed to go before a *Beit Din* (a rabbinic court) in order to break an oath. Rabbis over the centuries have disliked *Kol Nidre*, which allows us to negate our vows. How can our word be trusted, they asked, if we have a ritual that allows us to break it? Popular support of the custom prevailed, but Judaism still expects us to follow through on our promises.

In business and life, the knowledge that you keep your word creates a reputation that gold can't buy. If someone believes you'll keep a promise, they know you can be trusted. Trust like that is a rare and important commodity. That's true even in government. In fact, it's more important in government, especially democracies. The world needs to know that a pledge made by one

leader will be kept by the next.

That's why I was so distressed to learn that President Donald Trump ordered the withdrawal of U.S. troops from northern Syria, which allowed Turkish forces to slaughter Kurdish soldiers and citizens. The Kurds have been American allies in the fight against ISIS and the withdrawal of American troops was a betrayal of their trust. You don't do that to your allies: you don't walk away and leave them to die.

Please note, I was not a supporter of the original wars against Afghanistan and Iraq. However, once our armed forces had taken over those countries, I was against a sudden withdrawal of our troops. We owe something to the people living there. In simple terms, you should not invade a country, destroy its infrastructure and then leave before something stable replaces it. At least, you shouldn't do so if you are a moral, ethical human being.

Much has been made of the phone call between President Trump and the leader of Turkey that occurred before the withdrawal of the troops. Did they come to some kind

of agreement? That information hasn't been released. We do know that President Trump promised to “destroy” the Turkish economy if the attacks occurred, but, since that didn't stop the killings, I guess Turkey either didn't care or didn't believe he was serious. Even some of the president's most vocal supporters are dismayed by what he's done. The real result of his actions is that no one will trust the word of the United States. Why should they? Without any warning, we'll just disappear. When it's inconvenient or we're tired, we'll just give up.

I don't pretend to understand all the details of what's occurring in the Middle East. It takes an expert historian to do that. What I do know is that our word, our promise, should matter. We – the United States – have broken our word and the results have been deadly.

I consider myself a proud American. I am so grateful to the country that welcomed my ancestors and allowed us to thrive. At times, I've been angry at our leadership; I've been upset with U.S. policies and embarrassed by our actions. However, this is the first time I have ever been ashamed.



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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 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



Neil Auerbach



Sima Auerbach



Rabbi Aaron Slonim



Rivkah Slonim

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. Neil has

been on the boards of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton and the JCC for more than 10 years. He is currently chair of the JCC Fitness Committee and served as co-chairman of the Federation Fund-raising Committee for three years. For four years, Neil swam with the 2- and 3-year old-classes at the JCC. For more than 10 years, he has delivered *The Reporter* every Friday to stores and restaurants in the Greater Binghamton area. Neil also pitched the first ball on Jewish Heritage

Day 2018 for the Binghamton Rumble Ponies.

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*.

TI/TC to participate in Global Day of Jewish Learning on Nov. 17

This year's Global Day of Jewish Learning will be held on Sunday, November 17, from 10 am-noon, at Temple Israel. This has been an annual event since 2010, commemorating the 45-year effort of Rabbi Adin Even-Israel Steinsaltz to translate the Talmud into English. Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell of Temple Concord and Rabbi Geoffrey Brown of Temple Israel will be initiating a joint program for the Binghamton area, to be held at Temple Israel. As indicated in the title, this is a worldwide event with multiple learning sites in numerous countries all occurring on the same day. The programs are intended to be accessible to all regardless of prior level of Jewish education or

knowledge of Hebrew. The theme for this year is "Speaking Volumes" and the locally selected topic is "Not One Empty Word." "The Bible is a book that speaks volumes through the ongoing act of interpretation known as *midrash*," said organizers. "How do those interpretations affect our understanding of the source texts, and what is our role in that tradition?" The program is being held under the auspices of the joint Temple Concord/Temple Israel Adult Education Committee. There will be a brunch at the beginning of the program, with a \$5 fee. RSVP to Tammy at Temple Israel at 723-7461 or titammy@stny.twcbc.com.

The Jewish Community wishes to express its sympathy to Bruce Orden on the death of his mother, Florence Orden

Early deadlines for The Reporter

Due to holiday closings, the deadline for the following upcoming issue of *The Reporter* is as follows. No exceptions will be made.

Issue Deadline
Friday, November 29 Monday, November 25

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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BD Sisterhood to host luncheon on Nov. 13

Beth David Sisterhood will host a luncheon on Wednesday, November 13, at 1 pm, at Beth David Synagogue, 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. The dairy luncheon is chaired by chef (and synagogue president) Saba

Wiesner and her helpers. Men and women are welcome to attend at a cost of \$8 per person. Members who have paid their \$25 yearly dues will dine free. See "Luncheon" on page 6

TI Sisterhood to celebrate Kabbalat Shabbat on Nov. 15

Temple Israel Sisterhood members invite the community to join them in celebrating Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday, November 15. The event will be preceded by a "Sip and Nosh" reception in the Temple Israel

social hall from 5-6 pm. The service will begin at 6 pm. There is no charge for this family friendly evening. RSVP to the Temple Israel office by Wednesday, November 6, at 723-7461.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

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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.

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1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is CHAMBERLAIN GROUP LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is SEPTEMBER 19, 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: 780 PROGY ROAD BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK, 13903.
5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

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

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

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

1. The name of the professional

service limited liability company ("LLC") WOMEN2WOMEN OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY LLC.

2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is September 24, 2019.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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

1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is 585 Conklin Road LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is September 26, 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: 110 Monkey Run Road, Port Crane, NY 13833.
5. 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

1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is BHF Trucking, 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: 1025 Reynolds Road, Johnson City, NY 13790.
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Notice of Formation of 530 Columbia Drive, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/20/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Mountain Brook Dr., Vestal, NY 13850. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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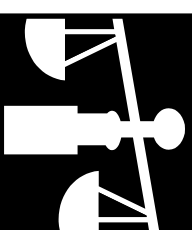
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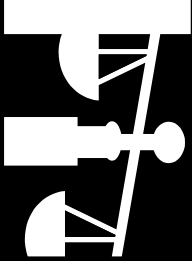
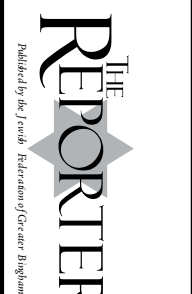
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Sonic treasures from Ottoman Jewish Los Angeles to be featured at Cornell U. concert on Nov. 11

Sephardic Jewish music culture will be highlighted at Book of J's performance of "LA Archivera" on Monday, November 11, at 8 pm, in Cornell University's Barnes Hall Auditorium. The free event will feature mid-century Los Angeles and 20th century Jewish Ottoman music traditions. The public is invited to attend.

In "LA Archivera," Book of J members Jewlia Eisenberg and Jeremiah Lockwood arrange and compose new music based on Emily Sene's sonic archive and in conversation with her sites of migration. In the 1950s, Sene, a Sephardic Jew from Turkey, began to drive around L.A., picking up unwanted records from other Turkish Jews and

recording singers in her community. With no institutional support or formal training, she became "the most important collector" of Sephardic song in the Americas. Her archive, housed in the University of California, Los Angeles, Ethnomusicology Archive, celebrates "joyous sensuality, language diversity and an aesthetic informed by her journey: Edirne, Turkey, Havana, Los Angeles."

Book of J has received accolades from reviewers around the world. The BBC called the duo "a wonder of haunted American roots music, taking listeners from Yiddish laments to labor anthems via mystical twists and turns."

Eisenberg, singer in Book of J, is a

musician and composer working at the intersection of voice, text and Diaspora consciousness. Her music is mostly released with John Zorn's Tzadik label on the Radical Jewish Culture imprint. Her installation work has been curated into the Contemporary Jewish Museum in San Francisco and the Museum of Peace in Uzbekistan. She performs regularly in Europe and the Americas. She has been a visiting artist at CalArts, MIT and the University of Colorado.

Lockwood, guitarist and singer in Book of J, has played around the world from Montreal Jazz to the Festival au Desert in Timbuktu, Mali, as the leader of The Sway

Machinery and as the guitarist in the Balkan Beat Box. Lockwood was a recipient of a Six Points Fellowship for Emerging Jewish Artists, an artist-in-residence for the *Forward* and a Brooklyn Philharmonic Orchestra Composer Fellow. He is currently completing a Ph.D. on Chasidic cantorial music at Stanford University.

Sponsors of the event include the Cornell University Jewish Studies Program, Department of Music, Department of Romance Studies, American Studies Program, Latino/a Studies Program and Binghamton University Department of Judaic Studies.

More information about "LA Archivera" is available at jewishstudies.cornell.edu.

Jewish Studies Program at Ithaca College presents klezmer concert on Nov. 15

On Friday, November 15, at 7:30 pm, in Textor 101 on the Ithaca College campus, the klezmer trio Veretski Pass joined by clarinetist Joel Rubin will perform and explain their research into the Polish roots of klezmer music. In this presentation – part concert, part lecture and part discussion – Veretski Pass and Rubin lay bare the sources for their "Poyln: A Gilgul (Poland: A Metamorphosis)" project. "With field and archival recordings and historic manuscripts, they will demonstrate how they transformed both Jewish and Polish melodies into cohesive and

colorful suites, peppered with lively and spiritual arrangements as well as their own compositions," said organizers of the event. "This project is the meeting of Jewish and Polish music – a missing link of the klezmer revival." For more information, visit poyln.com.

Klezmer music of the late 19th and early to mid-20th century sought to create a cultural bond that brought Jewish families and communities together. Venturing beyond the known horas, freylekhs, bulgars and shers of Moldova, Ukraine and Russia, Veretski Pass and Rubin mined the obereks, kujawi-

aks, krakowiaks and polkas of Poland, the land that housed three million Jews before the Holocaust. Inspired by the 1901 story "A Gilgul Fun a Nign" ("Metamorphosis of a Melody"), written by Polish Jewish author I.L. Peretz, the repertoire draws from previously unknown Chasidic tunes, country dances, contemporary and 19th century ethnographic collections, as well as from field research by the musicians and their colleagues. "Both urban and rural music come together here to enrich the genre currently known as klezmer music," said organizers.

The lecture is sponsored by Ithaca College's Jewish Studies Program and is free and open to the public. Parking is free anywhere on the Ithaca College campus after 5 pm. For more information, contact Peter Silberman at 274-1496 or psilberman@ithaca.edu, or visit the Facebook page www.facebook.com/events/402720247084599/. Individuals with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Silberman by e-mail or phone. Requests for accommodations need to be made as soon as possible.



At right, l-r: Stuart Brotman, Joel Rubin, Cookie Segelstein and Joshua Horowitz.

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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 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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Kindertransport, fiction and fact

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

The Kindertransport is one of the few humanitarian rescue efforts made during the pre-World War II era. Between November 1938 and September 1939, more than 10,000 minors – Jewish and non-Jewish – were able to escape from areas controlled by Nazi Germany and receive shelter in England. Yet, the circumstance of the transport raises many questions: What was life like in German-controlled areas that made parents feel their children were safer alone in a foreign country than they were at home? What was the result of the transport? Were the children treated well, did they assimilate into British society or did they feel forever strangers? How many of them were reunited with their parents? Two recent works – the novel “The Last Train to London” by Meg Waite Clayton (Harper) and the nonfiction study “The Kindertransport: Contesting Memory” by Jennifer Craig-Norton (Indiana University Press) – look to answer these questions in fiction and fact. Clayton focuses on events that occurred before the war, while Craig-Norton examines the Kindertransport before, during and after the war.

“The Last Train to London” offers insights into fictional and real-life characters. The fictional characters include 15-year-old Jewish Stephan Neuman and his Christian friend, Zofie-Helene Peger, both of whom live in Vienna. Before Hitler annexes Austria, Stephan is more concerned about his writing career – he wants to be a playwright – than with politics. His parents and younger brother don’t believe Hitler will

be a problem and, even if he is, Stephan’s mother is too ill to travel. When Stephan meets Zofie-Helene, who is a math genius, the two become fast friends, that is, until life changes after the Nazis arrive. It’s not safe for Austrians to be friends with Jews, but that is not the only problem Zofie-Helene faces: the Nazis want to close down her mother’s anti-Nazi newspaper and threaten the rest of the family if her mother does not stop writing anti-Hitler articles.

The novel also features insights into two real-life characters: Adolph Eichmann, one of the major organizers of the Holocaust, and Truus Wijsmuller, a Dutchwoman who rescued Jewish children before and after the Kindertransport began. Truus, who is known as Tanta (aunt) Truus, smuggles children across the border by car or train. If her mission is discovered, not only will the children be in danger, but she will be jailed or killed. She works with those in England who want to open the country to all Jewish refugees, but there is a great fear that would lead to an antisemitic backlash. It’s easier to convince the country to allow children to enter without their parents. While Truus works tirelessly, even at the expense of her own health, to save those in need, Eichmann is only concerned with his own advancement. He chafes when others receive promotions he feels he deserves. Yet, somehow, Truus is able to negotiate with him to allow the Kindertransport to occur. Perhaps Eichmann was willing to do so because of the limits he placed on exactly what must happen: if there is one variation,

then no one will be allowed to leave.

“The Last Train to London” clearly shows the pain and heartbreak felt by parents who were willing to do whatever was necessary to keep their children safe and alive. Clayton has written a wonderful, moving story and created interesting, believable characters. Even a cameo of Hitler shows a human side of him, which might make readers sympathetic if only they didn’t know the damage and destruction he caused. Each individual story will resonate with readers, but, taken together, they create something more than the sum of their parts: a heart-breaking portrait that also reminds us that even in the worst of times, there are people willing to lend a helping hand without regard to their own lives and safety.

Clayton’s novel celebrates the Kindertransport, writing at its end that “some ten thousand children, three-quarters of them Jewish, found refuge in England thanks to the real-life heroes involved in the Kindertransport... Rescued children grew up to be prominent artists, politicians, scientists, and even, like sixteen-year-old Walter Kohn, who was rescued from Vienna by Tante Truus, Nobel laureates.” However, Craig-Norton uses archival material to show the actual results were far more complex. Using writing from the time – by the Kindertransport children, their parents living overseas, their caregivers and the agencies responsible for the children – she shows that not every story had a happy ending. That doesn’t negate the importance of what occurred, but does show the myth of a perfect rescue is not true. Craig-Norton’s greatest success is to give names to these children and makes readers better understand their lives in England.

Craig-Norton’s work allows readers to see another side of each issue. For example, although the children being brought to England has been celebrated as showing how the country opened its arms to those in need, the children were brought alone because England refused to admit their parents. Families were turned down because of the fear that an increase in the number of Jewish adults would lead to a rise in antisemitism. For many Jewish children, no arrangements were made for their Jewish education. Some foster families even encouraged the children to convert to Christianity. The children did receive help finding jobs, but they were also pushed to leave school early. A few managed to arrange for advanced training and some foster families encouraged this, although they were not in the majority. Other families used older children as unpaid workers or servants, rather than welcoming them as members of the family. This also meant that even when mistreated, the children were expected to be grateful they’d been brought to England. Few recognized that many of the younger children had been traumatized by their experiences and reverted to childish behavior, including bed wetting. Instead, the children were expected to adapt quickly to English culture and leave behind religious and family customs.

Craig-Norton’s particular scholarly interest is the malleability – the changeability – of memory. She notes that in later interviews, most of those in the Kindertransport said the organizations that brought them to England were not of much help after their arrival. The records prove otherwise, with children sending requests for funds and clothing, and the organizations writing back See “Fiction” on page 15

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In addition to the meal, there will be raffles, friendship and *mitzvot*. Toby Kohn will have *simcha* and “*shul* beautiful” cards. Jigsaw puzzles will also be available. Non-perishable food items

will be collected for CHOW.

Those planning to attend should RSVP to Marlene Serkin by Wednesday, November 6, at 729-3235 or mserkin@stny.rr.com.

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Human Rights and Social Justice at the University of Ottawa. The U.S. Supreme Court has cited him in two religious freedom cases and three other cases. Among those citing him are Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer and Elena Kagan. Finkelman’s publications include more than 50 books and 200 scholarly articles. His most recent book, “Supreme Injustice: Slavery in the Nation’s Highest Court,” was published by Harvard University Press in 2018. Finkelman has written a number of articles on Jewish law, American Jewish history and freedom of religion. He was the chief expert witness in the Alabama Ten Commandments monument case. He has also been an expert witness in other cases involving religious freedom and the separation of church and state. He has spoken at numerous synagogues and temples throughout the United States. He is

currently writing a book on the legal history of American Jews.

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.

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dinner, sharing stories about our Jewish ancestry and experiences.

We said good-bye to all our newly met friends in Prague (one of the most beautiful cities we have ever seen) and took the train to Berlin. We had arranged for a Jewish tour in Berlin and were met at our hotel by Yoav Schanis, an Israeli young man who got a scholarship for graduate work in Berlin, met his wife there and stayed. He was a Ph.D. in history and his knowledge was amazing. We walked all over Berlin. We went to a Jewish cemetery and there were only three grave-stones. He started talking about lineage and mentioned that his family had come from a small town in Ukraine called Tulchin. I said that is where my parents were born. He said their ancestral name was Twersky. I think I stopped breathing for a moment. That was my mother’s maiden name. We are currently sharing genealogy charts. The tour ended, and he walked us to where our synagogue was and reassured us that it was a good choice.

We went back to our hotel to change for *Kol Nidre* services with my mind in a whirl. An hour later, we walked to the Neue Synagogue and entered a room two-by-two where we showed passports and placed our coats and all we were carrying onto a ramp as if we were in an airport. When we passed through, a man touched our bodies to make sure we weren’t hiding anything. This happened to everyone entering the synagogue. We then took the elevator to the third floor. The synagogue was on the top of the building. It was a large room where the seats were in a semi-circle. The

bima was moveable and in front of a huge window. The rabbi came to welcome us. People were friendly. The service was in Hebrew and German; the melodies familiar and the prayer book very similar to ours. They had an amazing female cantor who sang only in Hebrew. Once again, I was surprised by the dress.

Anything and everything was acceptable. The room was overflowing, with many people standing. Young children were welcomed and walked all over the synagogue. The rabbi’s sermon was in German and given very emotionally. At the conclusion of services, the room became flooded by children ages 8-14 who were having services in another room with a teacher. There was a final song sung by the cantor with the addition of the voices of all the children. We left the synagogue room, walking down a gorgeous wide marble staircase. The building serves as a sort of JCC with a synagogue at the top.


The next day after services, Neil and I were breaking our fast in a restaurant when we learned that there had been a shooting just outside of Berlin. A man tried to murder Jews praying on Yom Kippur. The synagogue was locked and he couldn’t get in, so he killed two people he saw on the street. When will it stop?

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Sima Auerbach is the former executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton.

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Super Sunday kicks off Campaign 2020



More than 50 people enjoyed the opportunity to chat with friends during the brunch on Super Sunday, the kick-off of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's Campaign 2020.



Those attending Super Sunday enjoyed the brunch.



Former Federation Executive Director Sima Auerbach spoke about the anniversary of the shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh.



Suzanne Holwitt, president of Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, spoke during the event.



The Federation gave out three Spirit of Community awards and one Yasher Koach award to those whose actions support the community. L-r: Spirit of Community award-winner Dora Polachek; Yasher Koach award winner Sima Auerbach, who retired as executive director of the Federation in June; Spirit of Community award-winner Charles Manasse; Spirit of Community award-winner Rita Bleier; and Executive Director of the Federation Shelley Hubal.



L-r: Federation Executive Director Shelley Hubal and Marilyn Bell, co-chairwoman of the Campaign Committee.



Roz Antoun, former director of Jewish Family Service, was honored for her 18 years of service. L-r: Antoun; Rita Bleier, chairwoman of the Jewish Family Service Committee; and Federation Executive Director Shelley Hubal.

Diaspora Israel Day on Nov. 1 at TC

Temple Concord invites the community to join in the celebration of Diaspora-Israel Day – a worldwide festival of Jewish peoplehood – which is on the 7th of Cheshvan. Temple Concord will hold a Shabbat potluck dinner and a program on Friday, November 1, at 6:30 pm, followed by Shabbat services at 8 pm.

“Think about meaningful Jewish encounters or moments you have had with Jewish people from other places in the world,” said organizers of the event. “Bring a dish to share (dairy or vegetarian) and a story to share. This is an opportunity to celebrate our partnership in the wider Jewish world and to mark the deep bond between Jewish communities around the globe and between these communities and Israel – a bond that has lasted for thousands of years.”

Diaspora Israel Day, which was initiated by Project Domim-aLike – a joint program of the Israeli Reform movement and the

Israeli government – is a holiday celebrating the ongoing connections between Jewish communities worldwide and the continued sense of peoplehood among them.

For thousands of years, Jews have lived around the world, scattered across five continents. The relationships among the Jews in each place where they settled, and between these places and the land of Israel, underwent numerous and diverse changes over the generations. Throughout the centuries, a “complex and rich” dialogue has been maintained between Jewish communities, creating a “delicate and unique thread” that binds Jews living in different parts of the world.

All are welcome to participate and attend the November 1 dinner and service, but reservations are needed for the dinner. Contact the Temple Concord office at 723-7355 or e-mail Templeconcordbinghamton@gmail.com to RSVP for the dinner.

Jewish Agency to rebrand as a global hub for Jewish world

By JNS staff

(JNS) – At the Board of Governors meeting that began on October 27 in Jerusalem, and ran until October 29, the Jewish Agency announced its new strategic plan, which includes rebranding the 90-year-old organization as a hub for the Jewish world.

The plan seeks to address the major challenges facing the Jewish people for the coming decade and includes strategies to launch an “uncompromised assault on antisemitism, following the hundreds of violent, life-threatening incidents” against Jews around the world in recent years, reinforce the affinity between Jews and the

state of Israel, and strengthen connections between Diaspora communities.

The plan was formulated through a global process – the first of its kind, according to the Jewish Agency – conducted by Jewish Agency Chairman Isaac Herzog, Chairman of the Board Michael Siegel, CEO Amira Aharonovich and Beth Kieffer Leonard, member of the Board of Governors.

“This is a historic moment for an organization that has held a historic role in the life of the Jewish people over the past 90 years,” said Herzog. “The Jewish Agency founded the state of Israel, and brought See “Agency” on page 15



Members of the community made pledges to the Campaign during Super Sunday.



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U.S. Army chooses Israeli system to protect the lives of tank crews

ANALYSIS

By Yaakov Lappin

(JNS) – In recent days, Israeli defense corporation Rafael made an announcement, stating that it delivered on time the first batch of Trophy Active Protection System to the U.S. Army. Trophy, a system that was first deployed by the Israel Defense Forces in 2011 and which has intercepted many threats fired at Israeli armored vehicles, will eventually be installed on-board four American M1 main battle tank brigades, for both the U.S. Army and Marine Corps.

The fact that the U.S. military chose an Israeli active protection system to protect the lives of its tank crews is being called historic. In Israel, Trophy is installed onboard Mk3 and Mk4 Merkava tanks, and onboard the advanced Namer armored personnel vehicle. It has made many successful combat interceptions of anti-armor missiles and rockets, particularly those fired by Gaza terror factions, with no injuries to Israeli personnel or damage to platforms.

Trophy's radar is made by Israel Aerospace Industries subsidiary Elta. The system has accumulated more than 600,000 operational hours and underwent 4,000 successful field tests. It is now under contract for production for thousands of systems.

The U.S. Army is in a rush to install the system on its tanks because it wants to send them to the European theater, according to statements by American military officials who manage combat vehicle upgrades. In the past, the United States spent "a great deal" of money trying to develop Active Protection Systems, but didn't manage to



Rafael's trophy system on a U.S. M-1 Abrams tank. (Photo courtesy of Rafael)

find one it was satisfied with. It therefore took a decision that is far from being a given and looked beyond American shores for a solution.

The armored brigades that will receive Trophy will take part in American deployments to Europe, dubbed "Operation Atlantic Resolve," which began after Russia's seizure of the Ukrainian Crimea region in 2014. The United States is seeking to reassure European allies, and is deploying infantry and armored forces as a result.

Rafael has made major sales to America before, including Popeye air-to-surface missiles and electro-optic pods that help American aircraft gather critical intelligence. Israeli defense firm Plasan Sasa has in the past sold the U.S. passive armor for thousands of vehicles, which saved many lives. In previous years, Rafael teamed up with General Dynamics to equip Bradley fighting vehicles with explosive reactive armor.

In passive defenses, plates of armor stop

incoming threats like anti-tank missiles and IEDs. In explosive reactive armor, explosives sandwiched in between armor plates set off the warhead of the incoming threat.

Yet active protection is a breakthrough technology – one that Israel developed as a painful lesson learned from the destruction of multiple tanks by Hezbollah missile cells during the Second Lebanon War of 2006. Since being deployed in 2011, Trophy has saved many Israeli personnel on the battlefield. Now, it's set to do the same for American soldiers.

The selection by the U.S. of Trophy is a statement on the global stage of its faith in Israeli defense technology. Several other states could be next in line to purchase the system, including potential European clients such as Germany and Poland. Australia, which is also seeking to upgrade its land forces, is another likely buyer.

Meanwhile, an American brigade of Bradley M2 armored vehicles is undergoing advanced trials with the Iron First Active

Protection System, which is made by Israel's Elbit company.

Israeli defense companies have established cooperation with local partner companies, since governments insist that local firms conduct the marketing, handle the transactions and, most importantly, that the systems are locally produced.

As a result, Rafael has teamed up with U.S. contractor Leonardo DRS, which specializes in ground combat systems. Leonardo DRS is headquartered in Arlington, VA.

According to a statement by Rafael, "the deliveries are the culmination of a multi-year qualification process. A joint team of government and industry from both the U.S. and Israel worked together to adapt and integrate Trophy for both Army and Marine Corps Abrams variants."

Leonardo DRS's CEO, William J. Lynn, described Trophy as an "advanced defensive protection systems for our front-line tanks to give our warfighters a needed layer of survivability against real and emerging battlefield threats." He added that "our partnership between Leonardo DRS and Rafael has worked tirelessly to bring this battle-proven technology to the U.S. military while improving the system to meet the stringent needs and requirements from the customer."

Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Yoav Har-Even, Rafael CEO and president, described the first delivery as "a major milestone in U.S.-Israel cooperation. There is no greater pride and satisfaction than the knowledge that the technology developed by Rafael and Elta over many years of investment, trials and combat performance will play an instrumental part in safeguarding American lives, just like it has saved Israeli lives and revolutionized the way our armored forces perform their missions."

"This has been one of the IAF's busiest operational years"

By Lilach Shoval

(Israel Hayom via JNS) – "Earlier this year, we thought the Israel Air Force would have to reduce its operations across the Middle East – but reality dictated otherwise," a senior IAF officer told Israel Hayom recently. Col. G. (name withheld on request), the commander of the Ramon Airbase southwest of Beersheba, from which a "considerable" number of the IAF's offensive missions are launched, said that operationally speaking, "This has been one of the most intense years we've had since the onset of the 'campaign between the wars.' We've mounted hundreds of strikes."

The "campaign between the wars" is a strategic concept employed by the Israel Defense Forces that encompasses a host of covert and low-intensity military and

At right: Two Israeli F-35I Adir jets fly in formation. (Photo courtesy U.S. Air Force/Lt. Erik D. Anthony)



intelligence efforts to prevent enemy states and terrorist organizations from becoming stronger. This effort focuses primarily on disrupting the force buildup of the Iranian-Shi'ite axis throughout the Middle East.

According to G., while the military would like to scale back the scope of its activities,

"The rate at which we operate stems from the challenges posed by the other side."

Commenting on both confirmed and alleged Israeli airstrikes in Syria, G. noted that "over the past year alone, the number of surface-to-air missiles fired from Syria at Israeli aircraft has exceeded the number [fired] in wars. They've fired hundreds of missiles, everything they have."

As for the possibility that the Russian S-300 air defense system, which was delivered to Syria earlier this year, will impede the IAF's operational leeway in the northern sector, G. said he believes that "if necessary, we will know how to deal with it, as well. Naturally, we have to make sure it doesn't violate our operational freedom."

He noted that there have been cases when the IAF aborted missions en route because Russian jets had crossed into the

target airspace – a lesson learned from the 2018 incident that saw Syrian air defenses down a Russian plane while attempting to counter Israeli missile fire.

Commenting on the controversy over the necessity of the "campaign between the wars," he said that shelving this strategy may jeopardize the IAF's operational freedom. "I don't know if we could gather [intelligence] in Lebanon the way we do if we hadn't been operating this way since 2013. If they [the Lebanese army] were equipped with air defense systems and suddenly decided that they wouldn't stand for it anymore, it would become difficult," he said, adding that "they currently don't have this capability."

On the other hand, he said, "This strategy's primary objective, even at the cost of an operational failure, is to avoid war. If we go down to war then something has gone wrong because that's not what we intended to do – except in a case where a red line has been crossed."

This "red line" mainly concerns Iran's attempt to smuggle advanced, "game-changing" weapons to its regional proxy Hezbollah, which is based in Lebanon, as well as Hezbollah's efforts to locally produce precision missiles.

This article first appeared in Israel Hayom.

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Israel-Kazakhstan relations continue to expand and diversify under new president

By Ariel Ben Solomon

(JNS)—Ties between Israel and Kazakhstan, a former Soviet republic, continue to be strong and are expanding under new President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, according to Israeli Ambassador Liat Wexelman. Tokayev, 66, who took office in March, is the handpicked successor of Nursultan Nazarbayev, who led the country for nearly 30 years.

“Israel is an important partner of Kazakhstan in the Middle East, and we are working to enhance the close bilateral ties, especially in such matters as commerce, innovation, education and public diplomacy,” Wexelman told JNS.

Asked about the situation for the Jewish community in the Muslim-majority country in light of ongoing tensions in the Middle East, the ambassador responded that “the Jewish community and the limited number of Israelis residing in Kazakhstan are enjoying a safe life.”

She said government authorities and the Jewish community have “warm ties” going back in history to when waves of Jews were evacuated to the country. “The political tensions in the Middle East are not reflected in any way on these positive ties,” added the Israeli ambassador.

Over the last year, said Wexelman, the Israeli Embassy in Kazakhstan has concentrated efforts on economic development. “We are certain that upgrading economic relations will provide a genuine boost to political relations accordingly.

“Taking into account that Israel is considered the startup nation and has many cutting-edge, state-of-the-art technologies in fields that are top priority for the government of Kazakhstan, we succeeded in forging some durable partnerships,” she continued. The fields of cooperation include agro-tech, drip irrigation, clean water, cyber security and more. The Israeli embassy has organized or participated in various events

on these topics, helping to bring Israeli experts and businesses to the country, where an estimated several thousand Jews live.

Chief Rabbi Yeshaya E. Cohen told JNS in an interview that it is good to compare the past and the present to get an idea of the context of Jews in the central Asian country. “Jewish refugees came to Kazakhstan usually not out of choice but necessity, and the country received them well,” said Cohen. “Kazakhstan has a long tradition of tolerance, and the Jews have had a comfortable situation in the country until the present day.”

He related an incident that occurred around 1994, when a newspaper in the country printed an antisemitic article. The result was that a Kazakh court shut down the paper.

Asked about Tokayev, Cohen replied that he has known him for about 20 years. He said the Jewish community has not felt a change with the arrival of the new president, who has continued “the tolerant policy of Nazarbayev by also protecting minority rights and those of the 30,000-strong Jewish community in a country of more than 18 million.

“I know him personally, and he is honest; the country is lucky to have such a good leader,” continued the chief rabbi. “He also loves Israel.”

Regarding Kazakhstan as a model of Muslim country with a history of strong connections with Israel, Wexelman noted that the practice of Islam within the central Asian nation is known as being moderate and inclusive. “For the state of Israel, it is very important to engage in a constructive and open dialogue with Muslim leaders in order to promote mutual understanding and common values of tolerance,” she noted.

In September, a delegation from the Chief Rabbinate of Israel participated in the



Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev (left) with Chief Rabbi Yeshaya E. Cohen. (Photo courtesy of JNS)

inter-faith dialogue in Kazakhstan attended by representatives of the main religions: Muslims, Christians, Hindu and Baha’i. As Wexelman reported, “Rabbi Moshe Chaim Lau and Rabbi Yitzchok Lorincz were received with great honor, and the Israeli embassy is active in promoting close ties with Muslim leaders in the country.”

During the Muslim holiday of Ramadan, ambassador Wexelman hosted an *Iftar* dinner for top Muslim leaders and donated 75 kilograms of dates to the Hazrat Sultan Mosque in Nur-Sultan.

Mark B. Levin, executive vice chairman and CEO of the National Coalition Supporting Eurasian Jewry, affirmed to JNS that the Jewish community is well-integrated into Kazakhstan’s society, and that there is a positive relationship between the government and Cohen, the country’s chief rabbi. “You don’t find overt or government-sanctioned antisemitism in the country,” said Levin. See “Expand” on page 15



Israeli Ambassador to Kazakhstan Liat Wexelman (at right) presented a gift of 75 kilograms of madjhoul dates from Israel to the Hazrat Sultan Mosque in Nur-Sultan. (Photo courtesy of Israeli Embassy in Kazakhstan)

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Lawmakers accuse Twitter of allowing content from Hamas and Hezbollah, violating law

By Jackson Richman

(JNS) – A bipartisan group of U.S. lawmakers accused Twitter on October 22 of violating U.S. law in allowing content from U.S.-designated terrorist groups, including Hezbollah and Hamas, to appear on its site. Reps. Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ), Tom Reed (R-NY), Max Rose (D-NY) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) said that if Twitter can regulate such content better than the U.S. government, then the company's CEO, Jack Dorsey, should testify before Congress.

In a September letter to a bipartisan group of members – Gottheimer, Reed and Fitzpatrick – Twitter stated that the platform is no place for terrorist organizations. Twitter then proceeded to outline its policy, which makes exceptions for Hamas and Hezbollah.

“Right now, Twitter, as a U.S.-based company, is bucking U.S. law by blatantly supporting foreign terrorist organizations, including Hamas and Hezbollah,” said Gottheimer. “Twitter is literally, and arrogantly, disputing the U.S. government's determination of what constitutes a terrorist organization.”

“There is simply no reason why terrorist organizations, including Hamas and Hezbollah, deserve access to Twitter's platform to promote themselves as sponsors of violent, radical, hate-filled terrorism,” he continued. “Twitter should

immediately comply with U.S. law and shut down these terrorist-affiliated handles and content.”

Fitzpatrick said “terror groups such as Hezbollah and Hamas should not have a presence on Twitter. It is well-documented that these groups use Twitter to spread propaganda and recruit new members. Twitter's policy dictates that they follow the direction of national and international terrorist designations when restricting content. I highly suggest they begin to follow their own policies.”

A Twitter spokesperson told JNS on October 23 that terrorist groups have no place on the social-media platform, and that the company “draws a distinction between the political and military factions of the organizations mentioned in the letter.”

“Individuals directly representing or promoting the political factions of these organizations may use Twitter in accordance with the Twitter Rules, including those outlined above,” continued the spokesperson. “Accounts affiliated with the military wings, however, are permanently suspended. This is consistent with our long-standing approach



Twitter graphic (Photo courtesy of edar/Pixabay)

towards groups designated on terrorist organization lists that also hold elected seats in government.”

However, Twitter “may make limited exceptions for groups that have reformed or are currently engaging in peaceful resolution processes, as well as groups with representatives who have been elected to public office through elections, as is the case with parts of Hamas and Hezbollah,” according to the spokesperson.

“It is outrageous that Twitter, a U.S.-based publicly traded company, would carve out exceptions to accommodate internationally designated terrorist organizations,” Counter Extremism Project Executive Director David Ibsen told JNS. “Twitter's posture is representative of the tech industry's absurd inconsistency, especially since Twitter removed Hamas-linked accounts back in 2016. Twitter's latest refusal to apply standards consistently on its platform demonstrates how tech continues to apply its rules when it deems it convenient.”

“Clearly, these companies cannot be trusted to ‘self-regulate,’” he added. “This kind of government oversight is needed to ensure that the tech industry operates in a way that protects our national security.”

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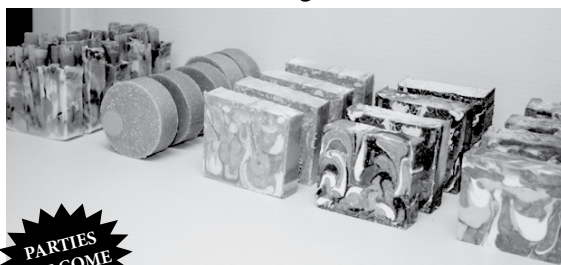


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New survey finds widespread concern over antisemitism among U.S. Jews

By JNS staff

(JNS) – A vast majority of American Jews consider antisemitism to be a major problem facing the community amid widespread fear that it is increasing. According to a new survey by the American Jewish Committee, nearly nine out of 10 American Jews (88 percent) say antisemitism is a problem in the United States with more than a third (38 percent) calling it a very serious problem. Additionally, 84 percent say antisemitism has increased – with a plurality, 43 percent, saying it has increased a lot – over the past five years.

"American Jews could not be clearer about the reality of antisemitism in the U.S.," said AJC CEO David Harris. "Our survey provides, for the first time, an in-depth assessment of American Jewish perceptions of, and experiences with, antisemitism in their own country. This hatred is real, comes from multiple sources, and is growing. It needs to be taken seriously and dealt with in a sustained, multi-pronged response."

The survey, which was conducted from September 11 to October 6 among 1,283 respondents, also found that these views are consistent across age cohorts, Jewish denominations and political affiliations. Some 84 percent of ultra-Orthodox (*haredi*) Jews, 80 percent of Modern Orthodox Jews, 91 percent of Conservative Jews, 94 percent of Reform Jews, 92 percent of Reconstructionist Jews and 87 percent of secular Jews say antisemitism responded that it is a very serious or somewhat of a problem, as do more than nine in 10 (93 percent) Democrats, 87 percent of independents and three-quarters (75 percent) of Republicans.

Additionally, the survey also found that many U.S. Jews consider the extreme political right and left, along with Islamic extremism, as their primary threats. American Jews also overwhelmingly (84 percent) believe anti-Zionism to be a form of antisemitism, while 82 percent said that the boycott, divestment and sanctions (or BDS) movement is antisemitic.



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Pontius Pilate built Jerusalem's "Pilgrimage Road," say Israeli archaeologists

By JNS staff

(JNS) – Archaeologists now believe that Jerusalem's "Pilgrimage Road" was built by none other than Pontius Pilate, a Roman governor of Judea. The ancient road in the City of David, which was preserved under the ashes of the Roman sack of Jerusalem in 70 C.E., was used by pilgrims to ascend from the Siloam Pool to the Second Temple, according to historical descriptions.

According to research published on October 22 in the *Journal of the Institute of Archaeology of Tel Aviv University*, the more than 100 coins found beneath the ancient road prove that it must have been completed between 31 and 40 C.E., a period mostly covered by Pilate's governorship.

According to Donald Ariel, an archaeologist and coin expert with the Israel Antiquities Authority, "Dating using coins is very exact. As some coins have the year in which they were minted on them, what that means is that if a coin with a date on it is found beneath the street, the street had to be built in the same year or after that coin had been minted."

To further narrow things down, Ariel explained that "statistically, coins minted some 10 years later are the most common coins in Jerusalem," and that because these coins are not found under the road, "the street was built before their appearance, in other words only in the time of Pilate."

He suggested the possibility that Pilate had the street built to reduce tensions between the Romans and the Jewish



Nachshon Zenton, one of the directors of the Pilgrimage Road excavation in Jerusalem's City of David, held a catapult projectile apparently used during the Great Jewish Revolt. (Photo by Shai Halawi, Israel Antiquities Authority)

population. Although "we can't know for sure," he said, "these reasons do find support in the historical documents."

Although the excavation of the road began more than a century ago following its discovery in 1894 by British archaeologists, in the past six years, Israeli archaeologists from the Israel Antiquities Authority and Tel Aviv University uncovered 350 meters of the road as well as artifacts such as coins, cooking pots, complete stone and clay tools, rare glass items, a dais (a raised platform used for public announcements), and parts of arrows and catapults.

At a dedication ceremony for the unveiling of a section of the road in June, U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman said the discoveries made at the site as a confirmation of Israeli sovereignty over the City of David. Before hammering through the final bit of the wall covering the road at the ceremony, Friedman said: "Whether there was any doubt about the accuracy, the wisdom, the propriety of [U.S.] President [Donald] Trump recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, I certainly think this lays all doubts to rest."

The City of David Foundation, which plans to open the road to the public, funded the excavation and restoration. The project has been called controversial, as it runs underneath some Palestinian homes in eastern Jerusalem, with Palestinian Authority leaders calling the excavation a "war crime" and part of Israel's "imperialistic Judaization plans."

Community Calendar

The Community Calendar can be found on the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's website, www.jfgb.org, by clicking on "calendar." Updates or additions of events for the calendar can be made by contacting the Federation through its website (click on "calendar" and then "click here to request a change to the calendar") or by calling 724-2332.

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From JNS.org

Jewish museum in Portugal's oldest synagogue reopens

A museum inside Portugal's oldest synagogue reopened on Oct. 22 following a two-year renovation. The Interpretive Center of Tomar Synagogue and Abraão Zacuto Luso-Hebraic Museum in Tomar, Portugal – a little more than an hour-and-a-half from the country's capital, Lisbon – was built in the 15th century. It was abandoned until it was restored in 1921 by a Polish-born Jew, Samuel Schwarz. Inside the synagogue are four pillars, representing Judaism's four matriarchs: Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.

Upcoming Netflix docuseries focuses on John Demjanjuk

A new Netflix docuseries centers on the story of a retired Ukrainian-American autoworker in Cleveland who was accused of being "Ivan the Terrible," one of the Holocaust's most notorious SS guards. In the 1980s, a group of Holocaust survivors claimed that John Demjanjuk, a family man and respected member of his community, had allegedly tortured and killed nearly one million Jewish prisoners as a Nazi death-camp guard in the Treblinka extermination camp during World War II. While he did serve as a guard, it remained questionable as to whether he was that guard. He was arrested and extradited to Israel, where he stood trial for crimes against humanity. He died at a senior home in Germany on March 17, 2012, at the age of 91. The docuseries, "The Devil Next Door," examines whether Demjanjuk

really was "Ivan the Terrible" or if it was a case of mistaken identity, as well as covers the media frenzy around his case. The series includes raw footage from Demjanjuk's trial, in which he claimed he was innocent, and shows Holocaust survivors testifying on the stand. The trailer was released on Oct. 23. Its five episodes hit Netflix on Nov. 4.

Historic copy of Hebrew Bible returns to Spain to go on display in 2020

One of the oldest and most expensive copies of the Hebrew Bible was returned to Spain, where it was created in 1476, and will go on display next year. The Kennicott Bible, with more than 900 pages, will be showcased in the city of Santiago de Compostela – a Christian pilgrimage site in northern Spain and the capital of the Galicia region – on April 12, 2020, announced the local government of Galicia. It was written by Moisés Ibn Zabara and illustrated by Joseph Ibn Hayyim for Isaac di Braga, an influential Jewish businessman from Galicia. It's now worth millions of dollars. Oxford University, which owns the copy of the Bible, will lend it to the Museo Centro Gaiás in Santiago for an exhibition titled "Galicia: A Story of the World." The bible turned up at Oxford in the United Kingdom in 1771. It is unclear how it made its way there, but was taken to Portugal and then North Africa before its whereabouts were unknown for about 300 years.

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The White Rose Day Spa and Hair Design debuted in 2002. "At that time, we were the premier facility to offer all services under one roof," says owner Karen Latta. "Sixteen years later, we are still going strong. In 2012, we purchased our own building and we were able to expand our services with additional chairs for manicures, pedicures and additional rooms for facials and massages. We also have a barber onsite. We now offer expansive facial treatments, lash extensions, spray tanning and a wide variety of massages."

White Rose Day Spa and Hair Design offers permanent cosmetics by Bonnie Drum and teeth whitening by Anthony Bronner. Dr. Tali Martin is now providing botox, needling and medical grade peels.

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(NAPSA) – A new report by DAV (Disabled American Veterans) reveals that the network of government and community groups that supports veterans has serious gaps in health care, employment and housing services for women veterans. To learn more, visit www.dav.org/women-veterans-study.

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Noah, Genesis 6:9-11:32

Noah's tincture: of fire and water, of friends and swords

RABBI BARUCH BINYAMIN HAKOHEN MELMAN, TEMPLE ISRAEL OF THE POCONOS

Violence and the potential for violence seems endemic to existence. The earth was "cleansed" with water so that evil and violence would be eradicated. And yet, a tincture of violence, a bacillus spore, remained embedded in our makeup. Why is this so? And what is the remedy?

As Noah opened the hatch, the turret so to speak, he looked around and, lo and behold, the waters were visibly receding. "...*charvu hamayim me'al ha'aretz.... vehinei charvu p'nei ha'adamah...* the waters were receding from upon the land.... and the earth's land surface was beginning to dry." (Genesis 8:13)

It's very interesting that the word for receding is *charvu*. We had last seen the root *CHeReV* in last week's *parasha*, noting that the cherubs guarded the garden using the flaming sword (*cherev*). This proverbial sword inhabited

the zone of in-betweenness, between the Edenic idyll and the realm of exile.

Similarly, the waters became like swords (*charvu*) themselves, as they inhabited the zone between utter destruction (flood) and mankind's rebirthing. These "swords of water," which are guarding the exile, are the inverse of the "swords of fire," which are guarding the garden.

These two images, one of fire and one of water, allude to the saving power of Torah to alleviate mankind's state of alienation from God. The Torah's letters are said to be written in fire, "black fire on white fire." And Torah is also often referred to as *mayim chayim* (living waters).

The floodgates of both heaven and earth were open for 40 days and nights, alluding to the 40 *se'ahs* (measurement of volume) of the cleansing living waters of the *mikvah*.

The Torah, as water, has the power to take us out of exile, just as the Torah, as fire, has the power to restore us to the Garden. Between exile and redemption, between Ararat and Eden, is that zone of in-betweenness.

These "swords of water," as they drained off of the landmass, stood sentry in mute silent testimony to the power of man to master his passions and rule over first his own nature and then nature itself. Man stands in the light of his own judgment/self-judgment to determine the extent of his successful self-mastery, or lack thereof.

Noah himself, after dutifully giving thanks for his survival, plants a vineyard and proceeds to inebriate himself with drink, leading to a morally compromised state of affairs. Indeed, the threat to humanity still looms large. See "Friends" on page 15

Congregational Notes

Temple Israel

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

On Saturday, November 2, at 9:30 am, Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Genesis 6:9-11:32. The haftarah will be Isaiah 54:1-55:5. The kiddush sponsor will be Debbie Schepis.

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

On Saturday, November 9, at 10 am, there will be a Shabbat learning service.

On Friday, November 15, at 5 pm, there will be a Sisterhood Kabbalat Shabbat, "Sip and Nosh," followed by a family friendly service. (See article on page 4.)

On Sunday, November 17, from 10 am-12 pm, there will be a Temple Israel/Temple Concord Adult Ed. program at Temple Israel. Rabbi Geoffrey Brown and Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell will be speakers on the Global Day of Jewish Learning. The cost is \$5 per person for the brunch. (See article on page 3.)

On Monday, November 18, at 7:30 pm, there will be a Ritual Committee meeting.

Rohr Chabad Center

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

Temple Brith Sholom

Affiliation: Unaffiliated
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 Phone: 607-756-7181
 President: Bruce Fein, 607-423-3346
 Service leaders: Lay leadership
 Shabbat services: Either Friday evening at 7:30 pm or Saturday at 10 am from Rosh Hashanah to Shavuot. Holiday services are also held. Check the weekly e-mail for upcoming services. Contact the president to get on the e-mail list.
 Religious School: Students are educated on an individual basis. Temple Brith Sholom is a small equalitarian congregation serving the greater Cortland community. Congregants span the gamut of observance and services are largely dependent on the service leader. The Friday night siddur is "Likrat Shabbat," while the Saturday morning siddur is "Gates of Prayer." The community extends a warm welcome to the Jewish student population of SUNY Cortland, as well as the residents of local adult residences.

Temple Concord

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism
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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, 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. (See article on page 7.)

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.

On Sunday, November 3, from 10 am-4 pm, there will be Whale of a Sale.

On Monday, November 4, from noon-4 pm, there will be Whale of a Sale.

On Tuesday, November 5, from noon-6:30 pm, there will be Whale of a Sale. There will be no Hebrew school due to Election Day.

On Wednesday, November 6, from noon-4 pm, there will be Whale of a Sale; and at 7 pm, there will be a Sisterhood board meeting.

On Thursday, November 7, from noon-6:30 pm, there will be Whale of a Sale; 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 8, from noon-4 pm, there will be Whale of a Sale; and at 8 pm, there will be a Shabbat evening service honoring veterans and remembering Kristallnacht led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

Congregation Tikkun v'Or

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Religious School: Preschool through seventh-grade classes meet on Sunday mornings.

Sixth-grade Hebrew and seventh-grade b'nai mitzvah classes meet on Wednesday afternoons.

Adult Ed: Mini courses throughout the year. Adult Hebrew offered regularly. Call the office for details.

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Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
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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, November 1, light candles before 5:39 pm
 Saturday, November 2, Shabbat ends 6:38 pm
 Friday, November 8, light candles before 4:31 pm
 Saturday, November 9, Shabbat ends 5:30 pm

Beth David Synagogue

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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 thermometers, cots and classroom manipulatives.

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

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

Israel's second attempt to land aircraft on moon just years away

A representative from the Israel Aerospace Industries talked on Oct. 22 about Israel's continued hopes of becoming the fourth country to land softly on the moon, following a failed attempt in April. Israel's "Beresheet" aircraft crashed on the moon due to a computer glitch that prevented the spacecraft from slowing down properly during its descent. "We are very proud and happy with the 'Beresheet' mission," Ehud Hayun, a space systems engineer at Israel Aerospace Industries, which built the spacecraft, said at the 70th International Astronautical Congress. "It was the first of many. It's made us the seventh country to orbit the

moon, fourth to attempt landing." During his presentation, Hayun discussed what went wrong with the "Beresheet" mission and added that Israel will continue its efforts to land properly on the moon. He explained that the team behind "Beresheet" has mostly stayed on and intends to fly a new version of the aircraft in the next two to three years, according to Space.com. The successor to "Beresheet" will include upgraded computers, some design adjustments aimed at increasing its odds of landing softly and, unlike the original "Beresheet" spacecraft, an obstacle-avoidance system for landing. Looking back at the attempted landing, Hayun said "on the technical level, things were very difficult because we had a huge task defined: the first low-cost lunar mission. We had no reference to look at. It's never been done before."

Agency.....

three million Jews on *aliyah* and established hundreds of communities throughout Israel.

"We are refining our strategic mission for the coming decade, based on the challenges Jews are facing today," he said. "In collaboration with additional partners in the Jewish communities and in Israel, we will work to provide concrete solutions to the greatest challenges facing the Jewish people at this time: mending the rifts among our people, building a two-way bridge between Israel and world Jewry, encouraging *aliyah* and providing security for Jews around the world."

Fiction.....

and, when possible, helping. At times, children were moved from one situation to a different one based on complaints by either the children or their caregivers. Money was often a problem because, although it was assumed that the foster parents would pay the children's expenses, that did not always occur, especially once World War II started and funds were tighter. Craig-Norton writes of the large amount of correspondence about the cost of everything from pocket money to lodgings. This led to the organizations' encouraging children to become self-sufficient as quickly as possible.

While some children did adjust well to their new surroundings and treated their foster families as their real family, others did not fare as well and remained traumatized

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who has been there twice over the past few years. "I took a group there, and no one thought twice about wearing *kippah*. This is not the case now in much of Europe, such as in Germany, France or England."

Alexander Baron, the head of the Association of Jewish National Organizations of the Republic of Kazakhstan, an affiliate of the World Jewish Congress, said in a statement sent to JNS that he concurred with the Israeli ambassador in that Tokayev is continuing the legacy of Nazarbayev and "supporting ethnic groups in the country." Baron noted that more than 100 different ethnic groups reside in the country, and that the Assembly of People of Kazakhstan, a national advisory body of delegates, includes leaders from the wide range of communities. During these meetings, he said, alluding to the Jewish community, "we freely speak on topics of interest to us."



Israeli Ambassador to Kazakhstan Liat Wexelman (left) with an Israeli water-tech/irrigation delegation to southern Kazakhstan. (Photo courtesy of Israeli Embassy in Kazakhstan)

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Aharonovich, who is leading the change process within the organization, said: "Only by building a bilateral bridge, on which Jews from global communities and Israeli society march together, while deepening their acquaintance, appreciation and love, can we create a vision of mutual success, joint alliance and a united future among the Jewish people."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Blue and White Party leader Benny Gantz were also scheduled address the hundreds of Jewish leaders attending the board meeting from all over the world.

their entire lives. It didn't help that the majority of these children never again saw the family members who'd been left behind in Europe. Even those who were reunited often had difficulty adjusting and relating to each other.

This review cannot do justice to the depth of material that Craig-Norton offers and the way she balances the experiences of all involved, especially those whose actions and feelings have been ignored in the past. Anyone interested in learning the real history of what occurred in England – the good and the bad – should read "The Kindertransport."

Friends.....

despite God's promise in the Covenant that He made with Noah. Noah represents a new beginning, in spite of himself.

As in Noah's day, the scourge of a latter day *hamas* (violence) still fills the land. Both the land – *ha'aretz* – of Israel and the entire world now are filled with the threat of terror. It threatens to consume us like a primordial floodwater. Or rather, more likely, as a tide of fire.

The way back to the garden is still barred. But by living moral lives guided by restraint, sensitivity and refinement of character as prescribed by the Torah, lives patterned in the Divine image (*betzelem Elokim*), we can possibly see our way through the morass to get back home.

That tincture of violence inherent in man remained on purpose, so as to be diluted in the flood waters and so homeopathically become utilized to end that very violence. Sadly enough, that is to say that we must utilize a discreet measure of violence in order to eradicate the violence.

For non-violence and pacifism, sweet as they are, will not end violence. They will only ensure death and defeat of the finest, most refined souls among us. Much to our chagrin, human nature, over aeons of time, cannot change of its own accord, but only become transformed by dire forces.

The challenge is to ultimately transform our *chareivim* (swords) into instruments of creating *chaveirim* (friends). When our enemies realize that we cannot be defeated with the sword, they will have no choice but to become our friends. But this cannot happen without Divine help.

In the rebuilt Temple, when that day comes, the cherubs will one day yet again embrace over the ark as a sign of Divine love. They will then let go of their revolving flaming swords and allow humanity to return home to the Garden. The world of falsehood will then give way to the world of truth.

How can this ultimately be? As the Zohar teaches, "may the waters from below cause a stirring in the waters from above," leading to our ultimate redemption.

JCC Friendship Club

The JCC Friendship Club met on October 23 and heard Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell speak about Jewish customs and traditions around the world. She defined a custom as a repeated practice. A tradition is an inherited, established or customary pattern of thought, action or behavior. She mentioned oral tradition that is passed down. Wearing a *kippah* or *yamulka* is a custom; however, wearing a *tallit* with fringes is written into Jewish law. She said that Hebrew was used in prayers and blessings, but Aramaic was the spoken language in ancient times. She also said that Ladino was a mixture of Hebrew, Spanish and Arabic. Yiddish is similar to German. The customs of naming newborn babies are different. The Ashkenazi Jews name a newborn in memory of someone who died, but the Sephardic Jews name the baby after someone who is living. She also discussed customs of mourning and the meal of consolation, and why men and women cover their heads when praying. Rabbi Barbara passed around *kippot* with different decorations and made of different materials. She showed us different *mezuzot* and other Judaica, such as challah covers, candle holders, dreidels and more. It was interesting to see pictures of Torahs in different settings. Ashkenazi Jews have a Torah with two rollers to roll the scrolls from one to the other. It is the Five Books of Moses. It has a fabric cover with a shield and a crown. The Sephardic Jews keep the Torah scrolls in a metal container. The Torah is read with the scrolls inside the container that opens and stands up. The Ethiopian Jews, who were separated from the others, have the Five Books of Moses in a book. It also contains the Book of Joshua and the Book of Ruth. There was much more about weddings, *yahrzeit*, seders, foods, melodies of traditional songs, etc. What it all comes down to is, "When in Rome, do as the Romans do" and "When in Binghamton, do as the Binghamtonians do."

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia Diamond. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ann Brillant said the blessing over the cookies. Sue Herzog gave the treasurer's report. We discussed upcoming programs and decided to attend the annual Beth David Synagogue luncheon on Wednesday, November 13, at noon. Join us on Wednesdays at the JCC at 1:30 pm.

Sylvia Diamond
President

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NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

District court rejects boycott of Israelis by Spanish city

A district Court in Barcelona recently issued a temporary injunction that rejects a boycott of Israeli individuals and businesses by the city of Molins de Rei. The injunction is expected to be followed up in the coming months by a permanent ruling against the boycott, which the Spanish city of Molins de Rei has had in effect since 2013. The ruling comes after an incident in November 2018 in which a Women's Water Polo World League match between Israel and Spain, set to take place in Molins de Rei, was canceled just days before the match due to anti-Israel pressure on the city. Following public outrage, the match was permitted to take place, but played in private and without the public being allowed to attend. "This type of boycott is rooted in anti-Semitism and is in clear violation of Spanish law," said the legal think tank The Lawfare Project in a statement Wednesday. "Israeli persons and businesses cannot be discriminated against due to their national origin or religion." Brooke Goldstein, executive director of The Lawfare

Project, added, "The court's decision reinforces the fact that the commercial boycott of Israeli individuals and businesses is illegal, and adherence to the boycott will not be tolerated in Spain." Spain has the highest number of municipalities in Europe that have adopted anti-Israel resolutions and boycotts, according to the Jewish Press. The Lawfare Project has initiated legal actions against these acts, so far invalidating 65 city and local anti-Israel resolutions.

Virgin Atlantic's new London-Tel Aviv route inaugurated

British billionaire businessman Sir Richard Branson, the chairman of Virgin Atlantic, arrived in Israel on Oct. 23 to inaugurate the airline's new route from London's Heathrow Airport to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv. Branson exited the plane with stewardesses waving Israeli and British flags and then bent down and kissed the ground. He praised Israel's entrepreneurial spirit and advances in space technology and said that he opposes boycotts and that his company is "invested in both Israel and Palestine," reported i24 News. He also noted that the addition of this

route will help push airline fares to and from Israel down. The flight from London to Tel Aviv will take five hours and will be served by Virgin's Airbus A330-300 aircraft.

U.N. expert on Palestinian territories calls for ban on "illegal settlement" products

Canadian law professor and U.N. Special Rapporteur on the Palestinian Territories Michael Lynk on Oct. 23 called for an international ban Israel's "illegal settlement" products at the U.N. General Assembly's Human Rights Committee. Lynk urged "a complete ban" of companies active in the West Bank, eastern Jerusalem and Golan Heights, and the publication of a list of these companies, as a step to ending Israel's "illegal occupation" of the West Bank. "No occupation in the modern world," he said, "has been conducted with the international community so alert to its many grave breaches of international law ... and yet so unwilling to act upon the overwhelming evidence before it to employ the tangible and plentiful legal and political tools at its disposal to end the injustice." He pointed to economic conditions in Gaza, which he called a "human-made catastrophe," and also referred to the U.N. Commission of Inquiry's report to the Human Rights Council last March, which incorrectly claimed that the "victims" shot by Israeli soldiers were peaceful demonstrators, when they were actually members of terrorist groups, including Hamas. "Israel has demonstrated virtually no accountability to address these actions," said Lynk. "The international community has displayed great unwillingness to impose any meaningful accountability on Israel." Lynk has previously expressed anti-Israel views at the United Nations, including urging economic sanctions against Israel; promoting boycott campaigns to delegitimize Israel; and calling on the international community to increase pressure on Israel through imposing special travel visa requirements on Israelis, undermining its trade agreements with the European Union and stopping the "multitude forms of military or economic cooperation or academic cooperation with Israel" in order to pressure "ordinary Israelis" and "the attitude of the Israeli government." His address on Oct. 23 came three years after the adoption of a UNHRC blacklist measure that called for the creation of a database of businesses "involved in activities" in Judea and Samaria. The list of Israeli banks, supermarkets, restaurant chains, bus companies, security firms and building companies, which was to be published in 2017, has yet to be published.

Neo-Nazis attempt to burn Jewish center in Budapest

A Jewish community and activism center in Budapest experienced minor damages as neo-Nazis attempted to set it ablaze the week of Oct. 24. No injuries were reported. The Aurora community center was empty during the arson attempt, according to Adam Schonberger, director of the Marom, a Jewish association founded in 2014 affiliated with the Conservative/Masorti movement. Marom owns and operates Aurora in conjunction with its outreach to young, unaffiliated Hungarian Jews and others. The Aurora is also home to other activist groups, including Roma and LGBTQ ones, critical of the Hungarian government.

Rapper Snoop Dogg new brand ambassador for Israeli marijuana startup

American rapper Snoop Dogg is the new brand ambassador of Israeli startup company Seedo, which makes an automated device for home-growing marijuana, the company said in a statement on Oct. 22. The American rapper, who has long promoted marijuana use in his music, said in a statement posted on Seedo's website on Oct. 22 that "promoting a healthier lifestyle by providing my friends and communities with products that allow for growth in unused urban spaces is something I'm all the way down with. Seedo creates cost savings and the opportunity for all people to benefit from agricultural technologies." The Seedo Automated Home Grow Device, which looks something like a mini-fridge, is an airtight, automated system complete with an internal HD camera enabling an individual to check on plants' progress from a smartphone via a special app without ever opening the machine's door. Seedo uses artificial intelligence to analyze plant's development and then takes automated actions to optimize growing parameters. And it works with more than just cannabis. According to Seedo, its technology provides automated growing for home or commercial use and cuts costs without the use of pesticides.

Poll: Germans express alarm over antisemitism after Halle shul attack

A majority of Germans expressed that "a lot more" antisemitism has spread throughout their country, according to a new poll taken one week after the Oct. 9 attack on a synagogue in the German town of Halle. "That's a lot more - +19 points - than one year ago," stated the German broadcaster ARD, which conducted the poll, on its website, in comparison to last year's finding that just 40 percent of Germans believed antisemitism in the country is alarming. Only 35 percent of respondents thought Jew-hatred wasn't increasing in Germany. The poll's release followed a six-point plan announced on Oct. 17 by German Interior Minister Horst Seehofer to combat antisemitism and right-wing extremism through tougher regulations to limit online hate speech along with cracking down on purchases of illegal guns and other weapons by far-right people.

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