

# THE REPORTER

Celebrating 50 years  
of service  
to the community..

**The REPORTER**  
Published by the Jewish Federation of Broome County  
December 3, 1971

## 'B'rachah V'hazlachah" Congratulatory and Best Wishes Pour Into Reporter Office

Congratulatory and best wishes were still pouring into the Reporter office at press time...  
The Jewish Federation of Broome County, called for the Federation to assume the responsibility for providing a weekly newspaper for the community. He gave his assurance that the JCC would cooperate in making the newspaper a success.

**Political Leaders**  
The letter from the governor brought greetings to the entire community, and this moment...  
The Jewish Federation of Broome County, called for the Federation to assume the responsibility for providing a weekly newspaper for the community. He gave his assurance that the JCC would cooperate in making the newspaper a success.

**World News**  
NEW YORK, Nov. 29 (JTA) — A United Nations...  
TEL AVIV (JTA) — "I will...  
UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 29 (JTA) — A United Nations...  
TEL AVIV (JTA) — "I will...  
UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 29 (JTA) — A United Nations...  
TEL AVIV (JTA) — "I will..."

**The REPORTER**  
Published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton  
December 3, 1971

## Federation held annual allocation meeting

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton held its annual allocation meeting...  
The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton held its annual allocation meeting...  
The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton held its annual allocation meeting...

## Chabad's annual toy drive underway

Building on the success of previous years...  
Building on the success of previous years...  
Building on the success of previous years...

## TC co-sponsor for "The Bible as a Resource for a Time of Crisis"

Temple Concord will co-sponsor...  
Temple Concord will co-sponsor...  
Temple Concord will co-sponsor...

## BD Sisterhood to hold post-Hanukkah celebration on Dec. 8

The Sisterhood of Beth David Synagogue...  
The Sisterhood of Beth David Synagogue...  
The Sisterhood of Beth David Synagogue...

## Sisterhood plans "and Kookies"

December 16, by e-mailing Deb Daniels...  
December 16, by e-mailing Deb Daniels...  
December 16, by e-mailing Deb Daniels...

## JCC Board Will Not Raise Dues

The Jewish Community Center...  
The Jewish Community Center...  
The Jewish Community Center...

**INSIDE THIS ISSUE**

- Welcoming olim in Jerusalem to better immigrants. Page 3
- News in brief... Call for SEC inquiry into Ben & Jerry's Israel boycott; squash journey earned for excluding Israel. Page 6
- Special Sections: Winter Fun, Book Reviews, Dine Out, Classifieds. Page 8

...and counting!  
December 3, 1971-December 3, 2021

# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE REPORTER

Published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton

## Table of Contents

### Reflections of the Editors

- Marc S. Goldberg ..... 3A
- Judith S. Huober..... 4A
- Rebecca Goldstein Kahn ..... 4A
- Rabbi Rachel Esserman ..... 6A
- Diana Sochor ..... 7A

### From the Archives

- Looking Back at the Center Reporter ..... 8A
- Award-Winning Covers ..... 11A
- Front Page News ..... throughout issue



**BEST WISHES ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY**

**Susan and Ben Kasper**

*Congratulations on 50 years!*

**HOPLER & ESCHBACH FUNERAL HOME**

*"A new family tradition"*

483 Chenango Street Binghamton  
607-722-4023  
www.hefuneralhome.com

*Personal Service • Professionalism  
Experience You Can Trust*

**Congratulations to The Reporter**

...the newspaper that keeps our community informed and inspired, and does so with heart and soul. May you go from strength to strength.

**Chabad of Binghamton**  
Rabbi Aaron Slonim - Executive Director  
Mr. Michael Wright - President

**The Reporter**  
Published by the Jewish Federation of Broome County

**INSIDE**

- Many enjoyed second Progressive Dinner
- Renovated mikvah will be rededicated
- NJCRAC delegates hear upbeat reports on U.S.-Israel relations from Israeli ambassador

*Hillel at Binghamton wishes The Reporter a*

**MAZEL TOV!**

**50**

**מזל טוב**

**Jean & Lewis Hetch and Family**

*Congratulations on your 50th Year!*

**Barbara and Howard Goldstein**

**Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton**

Shelley Hubal, Executive Director  
607-724-2332 ~ www.jfgeb.org

**The Reporter Editorial Committee**  
Rebecca Goldstein Kahn, chairwoman  
Rachel Coker, Ben Kasper,  
Toby Kohn, Richard Lewis,  
Robert Neuberger

**HOW TO REACH THE REPORTER**  
Mail ~ The Reporter, 500 Clubhouse Rd. Vestal, NY 13850  
E-mail ~ TReporter@aol.com  
Phone ~ 607-724-2360 or 800-779-7896  
Extension#/Department ~ 1. Advertising 2. Business Office  
3. Art Department 4. Circulation 6. Editorial/News

**THE REPORTER**  
Published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton  
BINGHAMTON, NY

**OPINIONS**  
The views expressed in editorials and opinion pieces are those of each author and not necessarily the views of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton.

**LETTERS**  
The Reporter welcomes letters on subjects of interest to the Jewish community. All letters must be signed and include a phone number; names may be withheld upon request.

**ADS**  
The Reporter does not necessarily endorse any advertised products and services. In addition, the paper is not responsible for the kashruth of any advertiser's product or establishment.

**DEADLINE**  
Regular weekly deadline is noon, Wednesday, for the following week's newspaper.

**Executive Editor** Rabbi Rachel Esserman  
**Layout Editor** Diana Sochor  
**Advertising** Kathy Brown  
**Bookkeeper** Kathy Brown  
**Production Associate** Julie Weber

**Proofreaders**  
Barbara Bank, Fran Ferentinos,  
Rebecca Goldstein Kahn, Merri Pell-Preus,  
Ilene Pinsker, Heidi Thirer

**ajpa**  
AMERICAN JEWISH PRESS ASSOCIATION

"The Reporter" (USPS 096-280) is published bi-weekly for \$40 per year by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, 500 Clubhouse Road, Vestal, NY 13850-3734.  
Periodicals Postage Paid at Vestal, NY and at additional mailing offices.  
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Reporter, 500 Clubhouse Road, Vestal, NY 13850-3734 or reach us by e-mail at TREPORTER@AOL.COM.

www.thereportergroup.org

# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE REPORTER

Published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton

## Stones

By Marc S. Goldberg

I arrived to edit *The Reporter* in 1981, right out of journalism school, with fresh ideals and ideas on how to grow the newspaper.

Three milestones stand out when I think back over my 19 years editing *The Reporter*: changing the style and tone of the newspaper, creating a strong opinion page and building a regional publishing group. Each of them makes me think about stones: the articles submitted to the newspaper carved in stone, stones people threw at us (figuratively) and the stone age of typesetting and communication in which we began to build the newspaper group.

Some ideas I was able to implement immediately while others took years of gradually nudging the paper in the right direction. The goal was to complete the evolution of the newspaper from its origins as the Jewish Community Center newsletter to a newspaper for the entire community, which was more inviting for readers who were not already active in the Jewish community. It then took ongoing community education throughout the time I was there to help contributors understand why we edited their prose. I used to joke that if Moses would come into my office with the two tablets asking me to publish them, I would

reserve the right to edit them. Most people would then step aside, afraid the lightning bolt would strike too close.

On multiple occasions, an edition of the newspaper angered some segment in the community. Most often this was caused by what we chose to print – or not print – on our opinion page. In the early years, *The Reporter* did not have an opinion page. Creating the opinion page was the easy part; growing it into a forum reflecting the broad range of opinions of the community was the challenge. The goal was to strengthen the community by creating a place to discuss the issues we faced and to encourage people to look at issues in new ways.

We gradually expanded the definition of what type of opinion was safe to publish. Milestones included publishing an opinion opposed to the view of the Israeli government, whoever happened to be in power at the time. “We” included the editorial board, which devoted countless hours over many meetings toward working out both the rules and boundaries of this forum.

I began at *The Reporter* around the dawn of the personal computer age. Indeed, *The Reporter* was at the leading edge of the move to desktop publishing in the mid-1980s. First, we had to endure the final years of the phototypesetting age. Perhaps someone could write an ode to that era, but not me. I am not nostalgic about it. Complicated equipment with more circuit boards than a modern computer set type at the end of every line; there was no going back to make changes. Changing a font meant turning off the machine and putting a different negative strip onto the wheel.

The type came out in long strips, which first had to go into a different machine to be developed. If it jammed, there



Marc S. Goldberg (Archive photo)

went your work for the past hour or so. Sort of like a computer crash, but there were no backups.

*The Reporter*'s early entry into desktop publishing was driven by our expansion as a regional newspaper group. We published newspapers for other communities in order to make it more affordable to publish *The Reporter* for the Broome County Jewish community.

There are no comparisons to the methods of communication we used in the early days of *The Reporter*'s newspaper group. FedEx was too expensive, fax machines were rare and e-mail was in its infancy. Articles were generally sent via mail. It was not called snail mail then, but sometimes it felt like it. If a writer really needed to get an article to us quickly, they put it on the bus and we picked it up at the Shortline terminal a few hours later.

I always knew I was blessed with a talented and energetic staff. Still, when I think back to what we started with, it amazes me what we accomplished.

My daughter, Malka, grew up at *The Reporter*. She was probably 6 years old when she wanted to take my camera at a community event and play with it. I said no, but said she could learn how to take pictures. Not long after that she was contributing pictures to the newspaper. On a snow day when she was 7, Malka got bored in my office so I brought her into the back and told her to proofread the pages of the current issue. She found her first typo that day. My family has warm memories of those days and of my entire tenure at *The Reporter*. Many thanks to the staff, board and community members who made *The Reporter* a great place to work and Binghamton a great place to live.


Marc S. Goldberg was the executive editor of *The Reporter* from 1981 to June 12, 2000.



Michael Wright (Center) presented the Hillel Academy Community Service Award to *The Reporter* in November 2000. Accepting on behalf of the paper were Rob Neuberger (left), chairman of the Editorial Board, and Marc Golberg (right), former executive editor.

*Yasher Koach*  
*to The Reporter*

**Fifty Years of Excellence.**  
**Wishing You Fifty More.**

 **Jewish Federation**  
of Greater Binghamton

Like *The Reporter*,  
we're proud to be  
a part of the  
community we serve.

*Happy 50th!*

 **SAVITCH**  
AGENCY INC.  
INSURANCE

Security Mutual Building • P.O. Box 1923 • Binghamton, NY 13902  
Phone: 607-772-1101 • Fax: 607-772-0913  
www.savitch.com

Visit us on the web at [www.thereportergroup.org](http://www.thereportergroup.org)

# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE REPORTER

Published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton

## Jewish – community – newspaper

**By Judith S. Huober**

Jewish. Community. Newspaper: My recollections of my tenure at *The Reporter* involve progress and struggle in these areas, which together combine to describe our mission and our very identity. Indeed, I recall much progress, and much struggle, in what was in some ways a transition period between the paper as Marc Goldberg built it and the times, much changed, that have followed mine.

Let me start at the business end, literally and figuratively: in those years, we faced the challenges of maintaining a viable nonprofit business whose niche was seen to be rapidly vanishing. Print newspapers as a category, we began then to understand, were declining and perhaps facing extinction. In particular, younger readers (and the ad revenue they represented) were opting out of the old medium and flocking to the Internet (social media not yet being on the horizon). These same missing younger readers will play a significant role in the discussion of community, below.

So the newspaper business was not a great business to be in; nonetheless, business approaches paid off to stabilize the bottom line and help us keep the focus on our mission. We named and solidified The Reporter Group concept and, eventually, welcomed Utica into the fold and Scranton back, thanks to the economies of scale and professional efficiencies we offered. We entered the modern age in our relationship to our printer in Pennsylvania, taking on and mastering the massive challenge of shifting our production and communications from paste-up and courier to electronic. We began to explore higher standards in visual quality, along with the staff and newly emerging graphics and layout software to facilitate it. We accepted a significant shift in our relationship with our Reporter Group members, learning that we must treat them less as students to be taught and led, and more as clients to be indulged and satisfied – and retained.

Which brings me to the next concepts: Jewish and community. It was not new to debate what a Jewish



*Judith S. Huober*  
(Archive photo)

newspaper is and should be, that is, what it means to be Jewish on paper (in print, that is). However, the consequences of the answers we found or were forced to accept during my years at *The Reporter* made a definitive impact on the virtual Jewish space we were able to create and the nature of the community it did and did not support.

The American Jewish community was, and remains, under great stress. We all agreed that the Jewish community newspaper, as threatened as it was and is, remains one of our few good tools to

create and sustain this community. I believed then, and still do, that this capability resides in the newspaper's potential to establish and protect an impartial and inclusive debate. At its best, this virtual "town square" gives individuals a way to safely engage, and gives the community a structure to safely subsume potentially divisive individual views into overarching identity and solidarity.

And yet what I observed while at the helm of *The Reporter* and The Reporter Group was a desperate refusal on the part of both individuals and community to allow this debate, even in print – and the business, Jewish and community consequences of this refusal. The Federations who were our clients felt unable to pay good money to promulgate, as they saw it, views antithetical to their official positions. It is to be noted that this not only hastened the further decline of their newspapers into newsletters in content and form,

but also undercut (probably permanently) the newspapers' ability to draw in more and younger readers and to generate the ad revenue that would liberate the Federations from this expenditure. The ultimate losers, in my view, are the Jewish individuals and communities we serve, which become smaller, weaker and more homogenous as the discourse becomes less inclusive.

My main contribution to this trend was to identify and articulate it, if not to retard it somewhat. I inhabited a peculiar position at all levels of *The Reporter* structure as a nonresident community leader: in the local *Reporter* community, as well as from my seat as executive editor to the client communities, I was an outsider at the head of the ultimate insider organ. The perspective this gave enabled me to observe, but not to alter the process.

I am proud that I was able to hire and work with Rabbi Rachel Esserman, a move that did more than anything else to create a sound community basis for *The Reporter's* future and a good business foundation on which to move the relationship forward in the Reporter Group community. She is an insider, in the best sense, in the local and greater Jewish communities. I wish her and The Reporter Group strength, guidance and good fortune as you move forward in the mission to build, sustain and secure Jewish community.

Happy 50<sup>th</sup>, *Reporter*! And many more.

*Judith S. Huober was the executive editor of The Reporter from September 11, 2000, to December 31, 2005.*

## The Reporter connected me to a new Jewish community

**By Rebecca Goldstein Kahn**

I had only lived in Binghamton less than a year when I was hired as the executive editor of *The Reporter*. Even though my tenure lasted a little more than two years, it had a far greater impact in my life than one would expect from such a short period of time. Working at *The Reporter* was how and why I became part of the Jewish community in Binghamton. It established an obligation to the local community and cemented my place in it.

I'm not going to lie: It's a hard job. A small staff, few resources and being part of the ever-shrinking print world makes it stressful. On top of those demands, the executive editor wears many hats: You are part journalist, part public relations specialist, part diplomat and part businessperson.

And, don't forget: You also really care. Because this isn't just a job. It's about bettering the Jewish community



*Rebecca Goldstein Kahn*  
with Lila (Archive photo)

and informing others about the happenings in this microcosm.

I want to take the opportunity to thank Rabbi Rachel Esserman for her ongoing outstanding leadership. I admire her talents, tenacity and business savvy. I look forward to the local coverage each week and her award-winning editorials, book reviews and my new favorite: the food column!

It's also been my privilege to be able to say that although Rachel and I started out as colleagues, she quickly became a close friend, and someone who was there for me during the toughest year of my life.

*Yasher koach* to her and the entire staff. The community is a richer place because of all of

you. *Ad me'ah v'esrim!*

*Rebecca Goldstein Kahn was the executive editor from January 1, 2006, to January 2, 2008.*



Congratulations on 50 picture-perfect years!

**Susan G. Stephens**  
NYS Lic. Associate Real Estate Broker  
ABR®, SRES®, GRI®



3456 Vestal Parkway East,  
Vestal, New York 13850

SueStephens@WarrenHomes.com  
C: 607-725-8258  
O: 607-422-3108 F: 607-238-7334

**CONGRATULATIONS ON 50 YEARS OF PUBLISHING**



**ERNEST H. PARSONS FUNERAL HOME**

71 MAIN STREET  
BINGHAMTON, N.Y. 13905-2996

**WWW.PARSONSFUNERAL.COM**

Phone (607) 724-1336

JOSEPH FRITSCH

Mazel Tov & Happy 50th Anniversary to The Reporter from Temple Concord!



Temple Concord & Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell

מזל טוב

on your 50<sup>th</sup> year!



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF **THE REPORTER**  
Published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton

*We Congratulate*  
**The Reporter**

We appreciate The Reporter and the integral role it plays in helping our community to stay in touch.



**Mark Walker, M.D., F.A.C.S.**  
161 Riverside Drive, Binghamton, NY  
[DrMarkWalker.com](http://DrMarkWalker.com)



# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE REPORTER

Published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton

## Not my dream job

**By Rabbi Rachel Esserman**

I never wanted to be executive editor of *The Reporter*. I resisted taking the position for almost a year. Then it became clear that I was doing the job even without the official title and the Search Committee had no new candidates for the position. I finally went to Sima Auerbach, who was executive director of the Federation at that time, and said that instead of continuing as interim executive editor, I would make the position permanent. I quickly changed my mind, but it was too late. I went back to her a few days later and asked if I could renege on my decision, and she said no.

There were several reasons I originally refused the position both times the two permanent editors I worked under left. My staff has heard one so many times I'm sure they are sick of it: "If I wanted to run

a business, I would have gone back to school for two years for an M.B.A., rather than go through six years of rabbinical school, which included 10 months in Israel." Another reason is that I make a good second in command (as I did with the two editors I'd worked with) and liked that position. A third reason – and perhaps the most relevant – is that with my hearing impairment I can't pick up the phone and schmooze with the directors of the Federations with which we worked. Even with my cochlear implant, hearing on the telephone is not easy. That difficulty also occurs during in-person meetings. I always have someone with me and, even then, have on numerous occasions discovered that I completely missed a topic that had been under discussion.

What do I like about the job? I love writing, including the publicity I write for the Federation. For me, *The Reporter's* purpose is an educational one, whether it's letting people know about events they'll want to attend, books they'll want to read or ideas they might want to consider. We've interviewed people for articles I refer to as "Jews doing interesting things." (If you know someone who is, and is local or has local ties, please let us know!) Many people see my page two column as leaning toward the left (I don't deny I'm a proud liberal), but I try to be fair and honest. That's also true with my book reviews: the word most used by publishers to describe my reviews is "thoughtful." I am proud of that. Besides, I read on my free time and if I really don't like a book, I stop reading it. Sometimes the book just isn't good; sometimes I rec-



Current Executive Editor Rabbi Rachel Esserman

ognize that it just doesn't appeal to me. That's one reason I enjoy my newest column, "On the Jewish Food Scene," so much. There I am deliberately as opinionated as possible, which is actually a great deal of fun and a wonderful change of pace.

But the bulk of my job is not fun and games. Finances have always been a problem and our staff has grown smaller and smaller. I used to say one good thing about being executive editor was that I didn't have to edit (and sometimes basically rewrite) the local articles for our paper anymore. That once again is part of my job. But I'm not the only one doing more. Our layout editor is also handling a great deal of what our production manager used to do. The positions of bookkeeper and advertising representative have merged, at least for now. We have a very part-time graphic artist who does work for both us and the Federation. *The Reporter* is a nonprofit organization (which is owned by the Federation) and our advertising has never covered our costs. For that, we need our allocation from the Federation and our contracts with other Federations to produce their papers. Unfortunately, we now only publish one other paper. Sometimes we struggle to pay our bills, even though we try to keep our expenses to a minimum. But fewer businesses are advertising in newspapers and members of our community are moving away. This is not an easy time for the Federation or for the paper.

What is the future of *The Reporter*? There's no way of knowing. I prefer a print copy and am fine with being biweekly. But at some point we may have to go monthly or entirely online. The Federation and Re-

porter Editorial Committee have already been discussing this. In the meantime, I'm enjoying being a medium sized fish in a small pond. It's wonderful when people read my writing and comment on it. I was shocked the first time someone told me they bought a book I recommended. I was stunned when someone remembered a silly page two column I wrote and talked about it a year later. (They remembered my writing about baseball? I don't even like baseball!) And the food column: to my surprise, that is generating the most comments. Of course, there are the writing awards I've won. But to me, they are just the sprinkles on the icing on the cake. Knowing that people read and enjoy the paper means a great deal to me. So, while this may still not be my dream job, it does have its wonderful moments.



Executive Editor Rabbi Rachel Esserman won two awards in the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Simon Rockower Awards in the Excellence in Arts – Review/Criticism category: first place for "Hollywood and Jewish refugees" and honorable mention for "Jewish food studies."



Current staff members include (sitting) Rabbi Rachel Esserman and Bookkeeper/Advertising Representative Kathy Brown and (standing) Layout Editor Diana Sochor. (Photo taken in 2019; missing is current Production Associate Julie Weber.)

# MAZEL *Tov*


- TO -

# THE REPORTER

ON

# 50 Years

Thank you for the ongoing support of our school and community.




*Hillel Academy*  
Our roots are deep, our reach is high.

frontoffice@hillelacademyofbc.org  
607.304.4544  
hillelacademyofbroomecounty.org

## CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



From,  
The Friendship Club



## Piaker & Lyons

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

TAX PLANNING & PREPARATION  
ACCOUNTING & AUDITING  
ESTATE PLANNING

Alan D. Piaker, CPA – John R. May, CPA  
Kyle J. Miesfeldt, CPA – Thomas A. Shanahan, CPA  
Richard A. Lynch, CPA – Janeen F. Schranz, CPA

92 Hawley Street; Binghamton, NY 13901  
(607)729-9373  
WWW.PNLCPA.COM

# Congratulations on 50 years!

# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE REPORTER

Published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton

## Twenty-six years and counting at *The Reporter*

By Diana Sochor

True confession: when I drove up from Downsville, NY, to interview for the position of editorial assistant at *The Reporter* in late April 1996, my Dad drove me. He was worried (with a *lot* of justification) that I'd get lost once I got off Route 17 and into the "big city." Plus, he missed those long drives home from or headed to Wells College when it was just the two of us in the car talking about everything and nothing. (And let's face it, if it weren't for smart phones, with Google Maps or Waze, I would *still* get lost trying to find places these days... and that includes here in town.)

I lucked out, and despite having pretty much no computer layout experience, and not being the fastest typist interviewed, then Executive Editor Marc Goldberg hired me, and I moved up to Vestal and started working in May 1996. I can't remember the exact words, but when I asked him "why me" a few weeks in, he said something to the effect that I wasn't the most qualified person he and then Associate Editor Naomi Shore had interviewed and tested, but I was the best fit. Which was funny, because my other new co-workers had almost immediately started a pool on how long I'd last. (Joke's on them, I've outlasted them all!)

The weekly secular newspaper I'd been working for part-time was still cutting and hand-pasting columns of typed text, photos that were developed in the in-house darkroom and the ads onto large sheets of newspaper template pages, and then hand-delivering them to the printer. *The Reporter* was still using those same sheets, and a courier to get them to the printer, but by the time I started working here the articles and photos were being laid out on a computer, then printed out to be waxed and pasted as one large sheet on those templates, with the ads placed individually on the pages in spots reserved for them. (I do not miss the noxious smell of the wax machine.)

Was the learning curve steep? You bet it was. Learning to use the computers, the various programs (especially the



Layout Editor  
Diana Sochor

layout program PageMaker), the time sheet (I do *not* miss having to keep track of what I did for which paper for how long each day!), *The Reporters'* tracking/coding system for getting out all the newspapers it was doing for different communities at the time.... to say I was drowning in an overload of information is probably putting it mildly (and probably why those coworkers had that bet going). Did I ask a lot of questions? Yes, and probably so many, about so many things, including the Jewish community, culture, traditions, etc. etc. etc. that I know I drove Marc and Naomi crazy.

After the umpteenth question one day, Marc brought in a fairly thick book – I think it was called "To Be a Jew" – and said, "Here, read this. If you still have questions, you can ask us." I had questions, questions that sometimes cracked the two of them up. But they took the time to answer every single one of them, which I am still very grateful for to this day.

Some of those questions, though, were related to the paper itself. My very first Chanukah at the paper, the holiday's name was spelled three different ways in four articles on the same page of the paper I was proofreading. So I asked, which spelling is right? *The Reporter* already had a Hebrew/Yiddish style guide, but the holidays at the time weren't on it. Marc and Naomi settled on the standard spelling going forward of Chanukah, as in 1996 that was the more common spelling. Over the decades since, especially the last few years, Hanukkah has become the favored spelling, but I still prefer Chanukah. I just might be set in my ways.

And some of those community questions were essential for getting the job done, particularly who was the contact where. (I still miss the old program Instant Recall. That program was great for tracking everything, which the packrat in me truly adored. Our newer program is OK, but it's not *quite* the same.) Being handed the 1996 Community Guide after only a week or two on the job and told to contact all

the community organizations for their updates was pretty overwhelming, but Marc and Naomi must have already decided I could handle it, even if I was having doubts. Heck, I was so worried about mailing those letters and copies of the articles out on time, I took a dozen or more copies of the guide home to my studio apartment to cut articles out and work on them for more than a few evenings. (And yes, mailing, as in through the Post Office. It's so much easier these days, since we just copy and paste all of the articles and information for each organization into an e-mail and hit "Send.") Happily, despite how stressed out I was over potentially messing up such an important project, it came together and looked pretty darn good.

That wasn't the only major issue my first year: Marc had negotiated for us to take over publishing the then-bi-weekly Syracuse Jewish community newspaper, which, if I remember right, we started around Rosh Hashanah just to add to the holiday schedule madness. We were also doing papers for Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Poughkeepsie at the time. Going from a single, secular, weekly newspaper to a small newspaper empire, and trying to keep the information for first four and then five communities straight in my head, along with the schedule of what was getting done when, was occasionally a struggle. Fortunately, we had, and still have, a calendar telling us everything we need, from editing deadlines, to layout dates, to holiday closings, and more, which Naomi had managed... until she turned it over to me with a too-gleeful smile on her face. Can't remember if that was for the year 1997 or 1998, but it's been my baby ever since.

In late 1996-early 1997, we also started work on *The Reporter's* 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary issue, to come out at the very end of our 25<sup>th</sup> year in November. I thought it was funny that the newspaper and I had been born in 1971, but at opposite ends of the year. On top of helping with the layout of that special issue, done magazine style and on better quality paper than newsprint, Marc also tasked me with writing some of the history articles that appeared in **See "Years" on page 10A**

# CONGRATULATIONS TO

# THE REPORTER

## כל הכבוד

For 50 years of a job well done!  
And to the next 50 as well!

FROM THE 2022-2023 EDITORIAL BOARD:  
Rachel Coker, Rebecca Kahn, Ben Kasper, Toby Kohn,  
Richard Lewis, Rob Neuberger

# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE REPORTER

Published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton

## Looking back at The Center Reporter

Shown are pages from *The Center Reporter*, which was the predecessor to *The Reporter*. These issues are from the 1940s and honor those who fought in World War II, who donated to the effort and who served on the board of the Center. *The Reporter* would like to thank Marcy Yonaty for lending those issues and allowing us to copy them.

THE CENTER REPORTER

**Center BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

BENJAMIN F. COHEN - President	CHARLES J. FRIEDLAND - 1st Vice Pres.	DAVID BLOOM - 2nd Vice Pres.	MORRIS WEIN - 3rd Vice Pres.
Dr. M. S. Bloom - Chairman	Dr. M. Friedlander - Treasurer	Dr. Harry H. Levy - Sec. Secretary	Maxime Rosenzweig - Budget Chair
Maxime Rosenzweig - 1st Vice Pres.	Isidore Friedlander - Executive Director		

Lawrence Abrams	Harry Koffman	Ned Kumbler	Harry Whitlow
Jacob Becker	Sidney Himmels	Isidore Friedland	Isidore Friedland
Samuel Epstein	Samuel Epstein	Samuel Epstein	Samuel Epstein
Dr. S. J. Fisher	Dr. S. J. Fisher	Dr. S. J. Fisher	Dr. S. J. Fisher
Mrs. C. Friedman	Mrs. C. Friedman	Mrs. C. Friedman	Mrs. C. Friedman
Morris Goffin	Morris Goffin	Morris Goffin	Morris Goffin
Mrs. H. Goodman	Mrs. H. Goodman	Mrs. H. Goodman	Mrs. H. Goodman
Samuel A. Goodman	Samuel A. Goodman	Samuel A. Goodman	Samuel A. Goodman
Mrs. Harry Koffman	Mrs. Harry Koffman	Mrs. Harry Koffman	Mrs. Harry Koffman

NEW YEAR'S JOURNAL

### Our Roll of Honor

LAWRENCE ABRAMS HARRY ARLASKY SIMPSON AZERSKY SANFORD BARCUS MAURICE BARNETT RAY BECK DAVID BEHR A. M. BENSON AISE BERKOWITZ RICHARD BIENBAUM DAVID BLOOM JEROME BLOOMBERG DAVID BROWN HYMAN BROWN MORTON BROWN LEO BRONSKY BEN BRONSKY IRVING BURGESS KENNETH CARRISIN ELIZABETH COHEN BUD COHEN ROBERT COHEN ROBERT COHEN WILLIAM COHEN THOROUGH COHEN TOP COHEN NATHAN DORFMAN NATHAN EDELSTEIN RITA EISENBERG NATHAN EPSTEIN DR. IRVING ESHLER BEN FEINBERG SAM FELDMAN JACK FREED SAM GARTEL BEN GILINSKY CARL GITLITZ LOUIS GOLD MILTON GOLDBERGER MORTON GOLDSMITH ROBERT H. GOLDSMITH WILLIAM GOLSTEIN	BEN GOLSON DAVID GOODMAN ROBERT HAMPLF HAROLD HORN SEYMOUR KAPLAN SAM KEATS IRVING KIPFER MAURICE KORBEN GEORGE KOPLOW BEN LASKY ROBERT LASKY WILLIAM LASKY SEYMOUR LESSER LOUIS LEVINE SHERMAN LEVINSOHN WILLIAM LEVINSOHN JULIUS LIPETZ BEN LOREY ALVIN LOPMAN HARRY LYONS BEN MELAMED MAN MELAMED DR. MICHAEL MENDELSON CHARLES MILLER ROBERT MILLMAN SEYMOUR MOSSEW MORRIS MOSSEW IRVING NELSON SAM NELSON HERBERT NITKE KENNETH OLUM NORMAN ORETSKIN HARVEY OSTER DR. LEON PATES DR. IRVING PERL DR. IRVING PINE MORRIS POESER DR. HENRY RAPAPORT IRVING RAPAPORT JACK A. RAPAPORT JOE RAPAPORT IRVING RIGER CONRAD ROSEN SAUL ROSEN	ALFRED ROSENFIELD ABE ROSENTHAL LOUIS ROTENBERG RUDOLPH RUBENOWITZ HARRY SALL NATHAN SALL ALBERT SAMUELS HARRY SAMUELS LAWRENCE SASS MATTHEW SAVITCH JIM SCHACHNE BERNARD SCHAPIRO IRVING SCHWAB ROBERT SCHWAB ROBERT SHAFIRO PHIL SHIFEMAN HARVEY SHIBER DR. HAROLD SHULMAN MAN SHULMAN GEORGE SHUMAN BERNARD SMIGEL JOSIEF SMITH MORRIS SMITH DR. HYMAN SNEIDERSON DR. HERMAN SNOW LOUIS SOKOLINSKY PAUL SPECTOR SAM SPECTOR HYMAN STARK JACK STEARNS DONALD WARNER DONALD WEBER JACK WEBER DONALD WEINSTEIN MORRIS WEISMAN DR. IRVING WERNER TED WISLITZER ENREST YURMAN HY YURMAN MOE YURMAN WILLIAM ZATOFF HERMAN ZETLIN DR. LEONARD ZILLOW
---	--	--

ED. Note: We have made every effort to secure the names of all who have been inducted into the armed forces. However, with the extraordinarily large number of enlistments and inductions it was humbly impossible to do so.

THE CENTER REPORTER  
New Year's Edition  
5904 - 1943

Freedom of Speech  
Freedom of Religion  
Freedom from Want  
Freedom from Fear

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER  
BINGHAMTON, N. Y.

CENTER REPORTER

The War and Navy Department  
express to the  
National Jewish Welfare Board  
and to the  
Jewish Community Center  
Binghamton, N. Y.

their appreciation for patriotic service.

The National Jewish Welfare Board, member of the USJ with high devotion to the common purpose of victory only dedicated itself to serving the religious, spiritual, educational and welfare needs of the men and women in the Armed Forces and to war industries. Significant were the recruitment of chaplains, the recreational and religious programs in hospitals and camps, activities among veterans. The unselfish resources in the great common effort made a contribution of exceptional aid in the successful prosecution of the war and in the preservation of the enduring values of American democracy.

5707  
1946

### Greetings

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

To those of the Jewish faith upon this anniversary of their New Year, I send greetings. At the same time I welcome the opportunity to affirm to you my admiration of the contribution which this loyal group of our fellow citizens has made to the nation's achievements during the past year on the inexorable march toward victory.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

CITY OF BINGHAMTON  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

August 26, 1943

My Dear Mr. Friedland:

Again this year it is my privilege to greet all of my Jewish friends on the occasion of the New Year. I am very happy to have that opportunity.

The part that all of you have taken in these war times, both in the armed services and in civil work, is a source of pride to all citizens of Binghamton. I have followed with interest the numerous war activities of the members of the Jewish Community Center, both men and women. You certainly are doing your full share to assure victory. Let us hope that before another Jewish New Year we will see the end of hostilities—and the victory and peace for which we are all so earnestly working.

My greetings and best wishes to you all, and to the many Jewish men and women in the service.

Yours very sincerely,

Executive Mansion  
As Governor of the State of New York and, personally, I extend to the Jewish people my warmest greetings and good wishes on the occasion of the Jewish New Year.

The celebration of Rosh Hashonah has a particular significance to the Jewish people this year 5704. They of all the peoples and religious faiths of the world, were the first victims of the Nazi-Fascist assault upon mankind. It was early recognized by those with insight that the persecution of the Jews was but the preliminary to the assault upon the whole civilized Western world by the satanic brutality of Hitler. The world has since learned the basic truth of that insight.

But now in this year we are seeing the turning; we are seeing in the gradual beating down of the Nazi-Fascist hordes the promise of victory and freedom from the oppressors of the world. Therefore, it is proper that the Jewish people should rejoice especially upon the happy prospect of an early termination to the successive trials we are all surviving and overcoming.

Our resolution will, of course, be limited with maximum

The Center REPORTER  
New Year Edition

Vol. XIII, No. 1 Sept. 11, 1942

JOURNAL STAFF	CONTENTS
Business Managers Mrs. D. Levene Mrs. H. Levy Mrs. S. Levy Maurice Sall	DEDICATION ..... 2 OUR ROLL OF HONOR ..... 3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ..... 4 WE MOURN OUR LOSS ..... 5 SPECIAL GREETINGS ..... 6 CIVILIZATION AT BAY ..... 7 DECEMBER 7TH ..... 9 THE SWORD AND THE PEN ..... 11 SONG ..... Ida Judith Baum 18 CORKY GOES WAACY ..... Joan Fischer 22 OUR FLAG, POEM ..... by Steffi Loewenstein 22 GUARDING HOME FRONT ..... R. J. Margolis 28 WAR, POEM ..... Steffi Loewenstein 28 MARCH OF LIFE ..... 32 JEWISH HEROES OF THE YEAR ..... 49 INDEX TO ADVERTISER ..... 76
Business Staff Mrs. I. Ackerman Mrs. A. Alexander Dr. M. S. Bloom Mrs. B. H. Chernin R. F. Cohen Mrs. S. Cohen Mrs. S. Diamond Mrs. M. Epstein Mrs. S. J. Fischer S. Friedland Mrs. C. Freedman Mrs. M. Friedlander Mrs. J. Gitlitz M. Gitlitz Mrs. H. Goodman Mrs. H. Goldsmith Mrs. S. A. Goodman S. Goral Mrs. E. Hartz Mrs. W. Katz Mrs. S. Korman I. Klitz Mrs. A. Koffman Mrs. S. Koffman	Editorial Board Eve Barnett Mrs. M. Bergman Morris Goffin Mrs. C. Glass Mrs. H. Goldsmith Maurice Weiss Secretary Anne Shulman

To Mrs. Harry Koffman, Mrs. George Levy and Morris Sall and to the many devoted members of the Center and Sisterhood who were inspired by their leadership and devotion to the Jewish people.

We congratulate  
**The Reporter**  
on its  
**50 years of service!**  
Rhona and Richard Esserman

B"H

Celebrating our 50 years  
in *Teslal* and *The Reporter's* 50th year.

Dr Loren and Marlene Wolsh

Best wishes on your  
50th Anniversary

Michael & Wendy Wolff  
Aaron, Carly, Maya,  
Emily & Melissa

Congratulations  
on your  
50th Year!

Marlene Serkin &  
Rabbi David Serkin

Mazal Tov on  
Your Golden  
Anniversary

Harold & Toby  
Kohn & Family

Congratulations on marking your  
50th Year  
for our community

Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell

Congratulations on your  
50th Year!

Bob & Helen Philips

Mazal Tov on  
Your Golden  
Anniversary

Harold & Toby  
Kohn & Family

Best Wishes  
on marking your  
50th Year  
and many more!

Marsha and Neisen Luks

# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE REPORTER

Published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton



*Congratulations on your 50<sup>th</sup> Year!*  
Marilyn Bell

Our sincere congratulations on this special anniversary! We are proud of your excellence in journalism and your commitment to the Jewish community!

Shelley and Mark Hubal

*Congratulations on your 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
Merri & Tony, Linka, Zander, Anna, Maya, Dora, Ari, and Max Preus

**Warren REAL ESTATE**

*Mazel Tov and thank you for all that you do for the community!*

**SAME SUE, SAME RESULTS...**

*Laura Melville Team*

**SUZANNE "SUE" KRAUSE**  
NYS Lic. Associate R.E. Broker

(C) 607-760-3366 | SUEKRAUSE@WARRENHOMES.COM  
THELAURAMELVILLETEAM.WARRENHOMES.COM  
33 FRONT STREET • BINGHAMTON, NY 13905

**Mazel tov to the best Jewish newspaper in the country!**

**Here's to another 50 years!**

**Sue Krause, Ceila & Sophia Klin**

# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE REPORTER

Published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton

## Years ..... Continued from page 7A

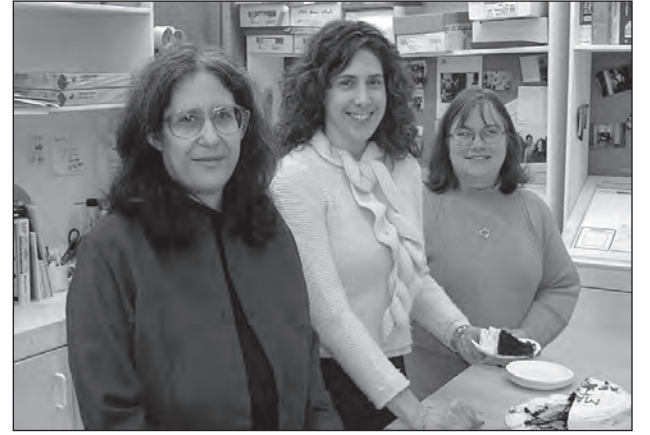
it, including for families that had been in the community for generations. Talking to people and finding out how their family's history intertwined with the community's was fun, but also a bit stressful, because I really wanted to be sure I had those family articles right. All hands were on deck and there were a few late nights to get that issue laid out and to the printer on time, so it could be printed and inserted in the November 18, 1997, issue of the paper. For the record, our 40<sup>th</sup> celebratory issue went a lot easier (of course it did; we'd saved material from the 25<sup>th</sup>, so most of our research was already done!) and came out just before our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, again on a November 18. I'd guess it went more smoothly because by 2011 we'd been doing everything on the computers, including shipping the pages to the printer electronically, for awhile. No more late nights for us!

Those technology changes haven't been the only thing that's morphed over time. Every executive editor (I'm on my fifth, but who's counting) has had a slightly different style (managerial and editorial) and interests. A few really wanted to highlight national and/or international hard news, while others wanted lighter stories highlighting good things happening in the world. Some waited until the last possible millisecond to choose non-local stories to fill space, others had a prioritized list at the start of layout. One, who only lasted a few months, went to town sweeping out cobwebs

to help things run more efficiently and insisted that with our small staff and modern technology, there was no reason for anyone to be sending in, or hand-delivering, articles we'd then have to type up ourselves; all articles were to be e-mailed from then on. Heck, when I first started, articles from other communities were being faxed or mailed on a disc to us, and photos were sent via snail-mail and then scanned. No longer having to type up articles was a real time saver, and certainly helped cut down on errors caused by illegible hand-writing (hey, I have trouble reading my own hand-writing at times!). Now that we have an even smaller and mostly part-time staff, that longtime edict is really appreciated.

Executive editors also have had different ways of dealing with the varied communities we've served over the years. Some have loved schmoozing with other Federations' executive directors or community liaisons, even when the incoming call was a complaint, while others dreaded those calls. (After all, who wants to get yelled at for something that wasn't an error on their part? No one.) A fair amount of the time the complaint was (and still is) how long it took for papers to get into people's mailboxes – sorry, but that's on the Post Office; once the paper is dropped off at a bulk mail office, it's out of our control, and as time has passed, the PO has been given longer periods of time to deliver our periodical and nonprofit standard class newspapers. And the staff at some Post Offices in some towns do take their time with delivering the paper. The worst instance was during the aftermath of the 2011 floods, when no one in town got *The Reporter* one week. Why? Turned out, it had been shoved in a corner in the large Syracuse bulk mail facility – no doubt because someone thought, gee, why ship it down to Binghamton when it can't get there anyway with all the roads closed – and forgotten about until we called.

Sometimes, though, those executives in other communities have preferred talking to me, whether by e-mail or phone, and why, I don't know. Rachel will tell you I have a phone/e-mail persona that can put people at ease – or at least not scare them – regardless of who is sitting in the executive editor's chair, and particularly during those times



Saying good-bye to yet another executive editor on January 2, 2008 (L-r): Then Associate Editor Rabbi Rachel Esserman, Executive Editor Rebecca Goldstein Kahn on her last day, and Layout Editor Diana Sochor.

we had a new executive editor (and sometimes that didn't go over well with the new boss, sigh....). Sometimes the requests coming in were ones I knew, because I was doing the bulk of the layout, wouldn't work, and I admit, I had few if any qualms in saying so. The trick was, and still is, to say "no, that won't work, but this should..." Being told, on too many occasions to count, that we were life-savers was really, truly satisfying. In fact, one Federation exec so enjoyed working with us that, when he moved to a different community, he called up and asked me if we could fit another, new monthly paper he felt his new community needed into our then busy schedule. Of course, after a quick consultation with my boss, the answer was yes, so for a few years we were producing six different community newspapers (our weekly, two biweeklies and three monthlies). Alas, now we're down to two: our now biweekly *Reporter*, and the now monthly *Reporter* we do for the Jewish community of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

With all the changes over the years – including the decisions by various communities to end their contracts with us and the resulting downsizing of staff and hours – someone not long ago asked me why I was still here. I jokingly said I'd be going down with the ship, but the truth is, I'm a creature of habit. So no matter how crazy things have gotten at times, because I love the rhythm of the Jewish year and our production schedule, and working with people I've come to know through the paper, I've never seriously thought about going elsewhere. And I'm really hoping that *The Reporter* (and I, and Rachel!) will still be around in 2031 for the start of its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

*Editor's note: Diana Sochor began working as an editorial assistant at The Reporter in May 1996 before becoming its layout editor. Neither job title accurately captures all the work she does for the paper.*



Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!



Suzanne Holwitt

מזל טוב  
on 50 years of service!

Rebecca Kahn

Congratulations on your  
50<sup>th</sup> Year!

Naomi and Richard Shore

Happy 50th Anniversary!



Ann Brillant

Congratulations on your  
50<sup>th</sup> Year!


The Ross Family

Mazel Tov



Beth David Synagogue  
39 Riverside Drive, Binghamton 722-1793

Happy 50th to  
all our friends at

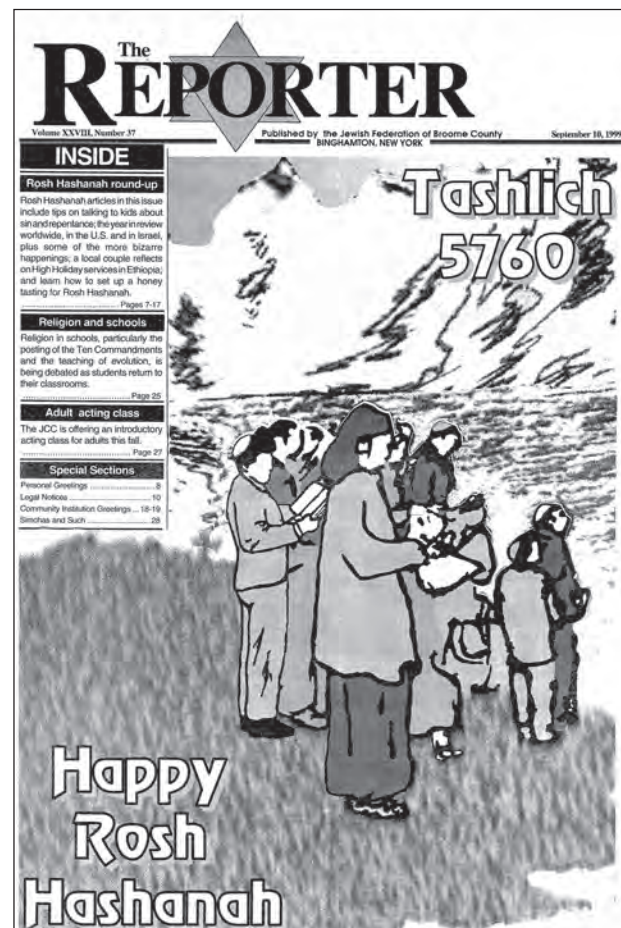


Sheryl Brumer  
JCC Director  
Marcia Brownlow  
JCC Assistant Director

# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE REPORTER

Published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton

## American Jewish Press Association Rockower Award winning cover illustrations, 1999



L-r: Reporter Production Coordinator Jennifer Durant's Bar/Bat Mitzvah Guide cover, freelance artist Art Edel's Passover cover and Reporter Graphic Artist Jason Wint's Rosh Hashanah/Tashlich cover won honorable mention for illustration in the American Jewish Press Association's 1999 Rockower Awards competition. Three illustrations had to be submitted for judging.

**BEST WISHES ON**

**50 YEARS OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY!**

*Southern Tier Harley Davidson*

**HH&K**  
Hinman, Howard & Kattell LLP  
ATTORNEYS

80 Exchange Street  
Binghamton, New York 13901  
Phone: (607) 723-5341 | www.hhk.com

10 Airline Drive, Suite 205 Albany, NY 12205	733 Third Avenue, Suite 1605 New York, NY 10017
449 East Water Street Elmira, NY 14901	321 Biden Street, Suite 705 Scranton, PA 18503
6 Washington Avenue Endicott, NY 13760	130 Bridge Street Tunkhannock, PA 18657
One Ford Avenue Oneonta, NY 13820	4600 North Ocean Blvd, Suite 206 Boynton Beach, FL 33435
Merrell-Soule Building 1 Dupli Park Drive, Suite 100 Syracuse, NY 13204	Park 80 West - Plaza II 250 Pehle Avenue, Suite 200 Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
707 Westchester Avenue, Suite 407 White Plains, NY 10604	37 Oakmont Drive Concord, NH 03301

*Peace of Mind. Since 1901.*

ATTORNEY ADVERTISING

Visit us on the web at [www.thereportergroup.org](http://www.thereportergroup.org)

# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE REPORTER

Published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton

## The Reporter

Volume XXXIII, Number 36  
Published by the Jewish Federation of Broome County  
BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK  
September 3, 2004

**INSIDE**  
Politics  
The Republican convention drew a show of Jewish protesters; President George W. Bush's stands on Jewish issues are detailed.  
Pages 3 and 5

**Jews in France**  
French Jews are visiting and moving to Israel; antisemitic attacks are rising; and some are wary of a few attacks are feared.  
Page 6

**Grassroots efforts**  
Advocates at the grassroots level are getting people involved in supporting Israel.  
Page 10

**Special Sections**  
Legal Issues - 8-9  
Dine Out - 8-9  
Sinuous and Such - 10-11  
Readers - 11

**Ending six-month lull, twin suicide bombings jolt U.S.**  
TEL AVIV, Aug. 31 (JTA) - The Black and white photos of the twin suicide bombings in Jerusalem on August 31, 2004, were a stark reminder of the violence that has been plaguing the Holy Land for the past six months. The bombings, which killed 30 people and injured more than 100, were the deadliest in Israel's history since the 1948 war.

## The Reporter

Volume XXXIII, Number 36  
Published by the Jewish Federation of Broome County  
BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK  
July 15, 2005

**INSIDE**  
Harbinger?  
One Israeli soldier's refusal of orders to remove some Gaza settlers is a sign of things to come when the full withdrawal begins.  
Page 3

**JNF land deal**  
JNF has agreed to transfer land to the Israeli government and swap some of the developed land for government lands in Galilee and the Negev.  
Page 5

**Special Sections**  
Legal Issues - 8-9  
Dine Out - 8-9  
Sinuous and Such - 10-11  
Readers - 11

**New temple for Congregation Tikun v'Or to be dedicated on July 24**  
By Bryan Finkels  
Overlooking the view of Camp Hill at the corner of Backlick Hill and the newly constructed Congregation Tikun v'Or, the first new Jewish temple to be built in the United States since the 1950s, will be dedicated on Sunday, July 24, at 10 p.m. The dedicated Torah will take place before the dedication.

## The Reporter

Published by the Jewish Federation of Broome County  
BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK  
March 4, 2005

**Large turnout heard Super Sunday's call**  
By Judith S. Hobar  
A crowd of more than 500 people gathered for Super Sunday on February 27. This was an unprecedented turnout for the event, which was held at the Binghamton Convention Center. The event featured a variety of speakers and activities, including a concert by the Binghamton Symphony Orchestra.

**Tel Aviv bombing strains peace talks**  
TEL AVIV, Feb. 24 (JTA) - Israeli officials said that the bombing in Tel Aviv on Sunday, Feb. 21, was a setback for the peace process. The bombing, which killed 13 people and injured more than 100, was the deadliest in Israel's history since the 1948 war.

## The Reporter

Volume XXXV, Number 6  
Published by the Jewish Federation of Broome County  
BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK  
February 18, 2006

**INSIDE**  
Aid for settlers  
Jewish philanthropists in Toronto have established a fund to support the displaced workers of Metropolitan school, medical and welfare needs.  
Page 7

**Tu B'Shvat**  
Find out a few ways to make your synagogue more environmentally friendly.  
Page 8

**Profiling Bochner**  
A look at the record of John Bochner, the new majority leader in the U.S. House of Representatives.  
Page 9

**Special Sections**  
Legal Issues - 8-9  
Dine Out - 8-9  
Sinuous and Such - 10-11  
Readers - 11

**In Israel, the more things change the more they seem to stay the same**  
By JTA Staff  
NEW YORK (JTA) - After Hamas' takeover of the Gaza Strip, the Israeli government has announced that it will continue to maintain its military presence in the Gaza Strip. This decision has been met with criticism from some members of the Israeli government.

## The Reporter

Published by the Jewish Federation of Broome County  
BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK  
November 3, 2006  
Volume XXXV, Number 46

**“Yiddish in Modern Hebrew Literature” is second in CJS series**  
By Linda Salomon  
The second volume of the Jewish Studies program's Yiddish literature series, “Yiddish in Modern Hebrew Literature,” will be held on Thursday, November 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

**Survivor to speak at Binghamton U. in commemoration of Kristallnacht on Nov. 9**  
Binghamton University will host a speaker on Monday, November 9, to commemorate the 67th anniversary of Kristallnacht. The speaker will be a survivor of the Holocaust.

## The Reporter

Published by the Jewish Federation of Broome County  
BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK  
April 20, 2007  
Volume XXXV, Number 18

**College of Jewish Studies spring series: “Viva Italia! Jewish Life and Culture”**  
The College of Jewish Studies is pleased to announce its spring series, “Viva Italia! Jewish Life and Culture.” The series will feature a variety of speakers and activities, including a concert by the Binghamton Symphony Orchestra.

**TC to honor Jean Hecht at annual dinner**  
Temple Center will hold its annual dinner on Friday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Binghamton Convention Center. The dinner will honor Jean Hecht, a member of the Temple Center's board of directors.

## The Reporter

Published by the Jewish Federation of Broome County  
BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK  
May 1, 2009  
Volume XXXVIII, Number 18

**“Evening of Jewish Storytelling, Poetry and Music” at TBE, Ithaca, on February 11 and Music” at TBE, Ithaca, on February 11**  
Temple Beth El and members of Congregation Tikun v'Or will host an evening of Jewish storytelling, poetry and music at Temple Beth El in Ithaca, New York, on Friday, February 11, at 7:30 p.m.

**Chef's Night Out on Feb. 12**  
The chef from Grande Restaurant will prepare the menu for this year's dinner. The dinner will be held at the Binghamton Convention Center on Friday, February 12, at 7:30 p.m.

## The Reporter

Published by the Jewish Federation of Broome County  
BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK  
May 1, 2009  
Volume XXXVIII, Number 18

**Hillel Academy to keep its doors open for at least another year**  
By Rebecca Goldstein Kaba  
Hillel Academy, the Jewish day school in Binghamton, has announced that it will keep its doors open for at least another year. The school has been facing financial difficulties due to a decline in enrollment.

**Super Sunday kicks off Federation annual camp**  
More than 70 people attended the Super Sunday event, which was held at the Binghamton Convention Center on Sunday, May 1, at 10 p.m. The event featured a variety of speakers and activities, including a concert by the Binghamton Symphony Orchestra.

## The Reporter

Published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton  
BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK  
August 4, 2011  
Volume XXXI, Number 11

**Seniors can audit courses at no charge**  
BU Judaic Studies Department offers new course listing  
The Judaic Studies Department of Binghamton University is pleased to announce that seniors can audit courses at no charge. The department offers a variety of courses, including Hebrew language and Jewish history.

**Israeli Scouts travel to Binghamton again this year**  
The Israeli Scouts will be in Binghamton, New York, again this year. The Scouts will be participating in a variety of activities, including a concert by the Binghamton Symphony Orchestra.

**Cheever's Hand & Angeline, LLC**  
Square Deal Place  
111 Grant Ave., Suite 107, Endicott, NY 13760  
607-754-7550 • 1-800-999-7550  
Cheever's, Hand & Angeline, LLC is a full service firm. Our staff of professionals would be happy to assist you with all your investment needs. LOCALLY OWNED & OPERATED SINCE 1974  
Matthew B. Adler, President  
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY!

## The Reporter

Published by the Jewish Federation of Broome County  
BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK  
September 15, 2006

**INSIDE**  
Hospitality  
Temple Beth El and Temple Center will host a variety of events, including a concert by the Binghamton Symphony Orchestra.

**TI lecture on slavery and genocide an “eye-opener”**  
By Michael Nashberg  
Temple Beth El will host a lecture on slavery and genocide on Friday, September 15, at 7:30 p.m. The lecture will be given by Michael Nashberg, a professor at the State University of New York at Binghamton.

## The Reporter

Published by the Jewish Federation of Broome County  
BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK  
September 15, 2006

**INSIDE**  
All seniors invited by Federation  
The Jewish Federation of Broome County is pleased to announce that all seniors are invited to a variety of events, including a concert by the Binghamton Symphony Orchestra.

**Artist Martin Lemelman to speak at TC**  
Martin Lemelman will be speaking at Temple Center on Friday, September 15, at 7:30 p.m. Lemelman is a well-known artist and author.

**SOUTHERN TER MUSEUM OF JEWISH LIFE**  
Welcoming visitors this spring to our inaugural exhibit entitled *L'dor Va-Dor*  
Congratulations to *The Reporter* for 50 years of service  
Thank you! Thank you to the many advertisers and community members who helped make our 50th anniversary issue special and a success.  
*The Reporter* has been serving the community for 50 years and plans to continue the tradition for years to come. You can be part of it, too! While you're promoting your simchas, extending holiday greetings or celebrating your simchas, we have a place for you. Please contact Advertising Representative Kathy Brown at 607-724-2360, ext. 244, or advertising@thereporter.com for all your advertising needs.