

Chabad of Binghamton plans JLI trip to Israel March 15-24, 2020

Chabad of Binghamton announced plans for a trip to Israel, called the "Land and Spirit Israel Experience," which is being arranged by the Jewish Learning Institute.

"Joining dozens of communities from across the country, Binghamton's contingent will experience a VIP and educational experience like no other. From March 15-24, 2020, participants will be treated to a stellar experience that will feed our hearts, minds and souls, creating lifelong and life-changing memories," said Rivkah Slonim who

will lead the Binghamton group along with her husband, Rabbi Aaron Slonim.

"If you have never been before, you can choose no better way to experience Israel for the first time and, if you have been there, even a hundred times before, rest assured that this trip includes unique features you will not find on any other trip!" Slonim continued.

The programming will highlight Israeli education, entertainment, nature and history. There will be receptions with politicians and leaders in a variety of fields. Participants

will be able to personalize their experiences by choosing day trips that offer a specific concentration in areas such as archeology, high tech, cuisine and culture, mysticism and more.

The Land and the Spirit Israel Experience will seek to bring Judaism's history to life as participants will discover the origins of the nation and the "spiritual secrets" of the land's holy sites. The trip will also focus on Israel today, giving participants an insider's view of modern day Israel's "challenges

and triumphs." Finally, the trip will serve as a mission of solidarity and will include a barbecue with Israel Defense Force soldiers and officers.

Registration for the 2020 trip is now open and is expected to sell out well ahead of the trip. Interested parties are encouraged to make a commitment-free reservation as soon as possible.

For complete details, to view the trip itinerary and to register, visit www.landandspirit.org or call the Slonims at 797-0015.

TC to hold Lights for Liberty event on July 12

Temple Concord will host the local "Lights for Liberty: A Vigil to End Human Detention Camps" event on Friday, July 12, at 8:45 pm, at the synagogue, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. The event supports the fundamental democratic principle embodied in the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution that all human beings have a right to life, liberty and dignity. Temple Concord is partnering with national, regional and local communities and orga-

nizations that believe these fundamental rights are not negotiable and are willing to demand that the government protect the rights of all people in the United States. This is part of a nationwide effort to end American human detention camps. The entire community is invited to attend.

"Our event will begin in front of the temple, following Shabbat services, to offer a nonpartisan opportunity to show opposition to the detention camps and the inhumane treatment of people there and at the border by the gov-

ernment and those they have entrusted with running these facilities. This is a humanitarian crisis and a moral call for all that goes beyond politics," said organizers of the event.

At 9 pm, all Lights for Liberty gatherings will participate in a silent candlelight vigil to protest the inhumane conditions faced by refugees. "Together, they will light up the nation and remind our leaders of their responsibility to uphold the right to life, liberty and dignity," said organizers. There will be speakers, songs

and prayers leading into the silent vigil.

Lights for Liberty is a coalition of grass-roots activists with support from immigrants' rights and other organizations. For more information about the local event, contact Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell at Temple Concord 723-7355 or templeconcordbinghamton@gmail.com. For more information about the national effort and locations for gatherings, visit the website www.lightsforliberty.org. There is also a video on Twitter @lights4liberty.

Temple Beth-El Arts Committee continues Summer Jewish Film Festival July 18 and Aug. 22

The Arts Committee of Temple Beth El continues its annual Jewish film festival with "Yoo Hoo Mrs. Goldberg" on Thursday, July 18, and "The Last Suit" on Thursday, August 22. Doors open at 6:30 pm for free refreshments and socializing. The films begin at 7 pm. Tickets are \$8 at the door (check or cash only). All films are appropriate for children ages 10 and above. Teens are encouraged to attend.

"Yoo Hoo Mrs. Goldberg" (USA 2009) is a documentary on television pioneer

Gertrude Berg. She was the creator, principal writer and star of "The Goldbergs," a popular radio show for 17 years, which became television's very first character-driven domestic sitcom in 1949. Berg received the first Best Actress Emmy in history, and paved the way for women in the entertainment industry.

"The Last Suit" (Spain, Argentina 2018) depicts a Polish-born Holocaust survivor who decides to travel from Buenos Aires to Lodz to fulfill a promise he made nearly

70 years earlier. This late-life road movie boasts plenty of "poignant and humorous" moments as the protagonist meets a variety of "helpful characters" along his journey. The film has English subtitles.

The film festival is brought to Ithaca through Israeli Films, National Center for Jewish Film and Outsider Pictures. For further information, call 257-9924.



At right: YooHoo Gertrude with challah.

Spotlight

BU professor's novel centers on racism

By Rachel Coker

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Alexi Zentner has written about family, duty and responsibility before. But the Binghamton University novelist's latest book, "Copperhead," takes him into even more personal territory.

"It's a book I've been trying to figure out how to write my entire life," he says. Zentner, 45, grew up Jewish, the son of social workers who fought antisemitism and racism. The year he was 18, white supremacists firebombed their office in Ontario, Canada. His parents rebuilt the office, right next door to their home, and a year later it was attacked again. No one was ever charged with the crimes.

"Copperhead" opens with a note to

readers that explains some of this background. "I'm generally a private person," Zentner says. "But I think it's important to know that there's a context to writing this. This isn't just a reaction to what's happening today. Antisemitism and racism are on the rise, but when in history were they ever not an issue?" The key question as he sees it is: Why would anyone hate someone else for no reason?

Zentner, author of two other acclaimed works of literary fiction, also writes horror novels under the pen name Ezekiel Boone. Although some of those books deal with a plague of man-eating spiders, writing "Copperhead" was far



Alexi Zentner (photo by Jonathan Cohen/Binghamton University)

scarier. "A book like this, if I got it wrong, it would be wrong in a spectacular and unpleasant way," says Zentner, noting he's a straight white man taking on difficult questions related to race and racism. "What makes it scary is what makes it essential." He says he decided he had to risk being wrong rather than risk saying nothing about racism. "If we don't talk about it in a real way, nothing's ever going to get better," he says. "This is a way to open a conversation."

"Copperhead" centers on Jessup, a high school senior who comes from an infamous family in a small upstate New York town. His stepfather and half-brother are white

supremacists who went to prison after beating two young black men to death. A talented football player with good grades and a black girlfriend, Jessup has tried to put some distance between himself and his family's church, where members seem eager to fight a so-called racial holy war. He hopes college will be his ticket to a fresh start somewhere far from home.

Why create a protagonist like that? "The truth of the matter is that the bad guys are never as interesting as heroes who are flawed," Zentner says. "What does it mean to be saddled with that family history? Can you escape it?"

Zentner describes Cortaca, the fictional setting for the book, as a through-the-looking-glass version of Ithaca, where he lives. See "Novel" on page 4

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Chabad of Irkutsk mobilizes to help Siberia flood victims

At least 15 people have been killed and thousands more remain homeless after torrential rains caused severe flooding in the Irkutsk district of Siberia, Russia, near the border with Mongolia, it was reported on July 3. Rabbi Aharon Wagner, director of Chabad Lubavitch in Irkutsk, has mobilized Jewish communities in the region, arranging for shipments of food to be sent to the disaster areas, according to Chabad.org. Water mains have been damaged, and drinks are being shipped to the area, as well. Several Jewish structures have been damaged or are threatened by the floodwaters, which are still rising in some areas. The Jewish cemetery was submerged in Tulun, which includes the resting place of the Chasidic rebbes of Riminov. The historic synagogue in Nizhnyudinsk has thus far

been spared, but many houses near the synagogue have been swept away into rubble.

El Al employs first Druze flight attendant

El Al, Israel's national airline, welcomed its first Druze flight attendant. "During our first-ever flight when I was 4 years old, I held my father's hand and told him, 'I want to be like her,'" Merach Kara told Ynet. Despite being a minority and from a culture where it is uncommon for women to fly solo – let alone, work on a plane – Kara told the outlet that her family has been supportive. "They're aware of the hardships of my work ... but they accept it," she said. "Merach is very brave, and I love her stubbornness," her father told Ynet. "We're proud that she chose to work at El Al. It's part of us, and it's important that she chose this path. I wish her all the luck in the world, and I'm sure she can achieve whatever she puts her mind to."

Opinion

A rabbinic call to end gun violence

By Rabbis Cecelia Beyer and Debra Newman Kamin
(JNS) – "Do not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor." (Lev. 19:16)

"An act of violence is an act of desecration." (Abraham Joshua Heschel, *Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity*, p. 85)

There are many forms of suffering in our world. Every day, people are ravaged by illness, endure natural disasters and experience tremendous loss. We cannot control these acts of God. But there is one kind of suffering we can change – a suffering we inflict on one another.

Gun violence is not an act of nature; it is under our control. As we think on the third anniversary of the shooting in the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, FL, and the fourth anniversary of the shooting at the Emanuel A.M.E. Church in Charleston, SC, that was marked last month, we must confront this crisis.

We must hear the cries of those who suffer. Every day, children and adults in inner cities are the victims of gun violence. School superintendents in Chicago and Oakland report to lose two dozen students to gun violence in their communities annually. Their Newtown experience never ends.

In the days after the Sandy Hook tragedy, Rabbi David Lerner had the opportunity to stop in Newtown, CT. Among the memorials to the incredibly young victims of this horrific attack, buried among many Christmas trees, was a tiny little Hanukkah menorah that had been lit for Noah Pozner, a Jewish child and the youngest murder victim. Rabbi Lerner said, "That little *hanukkiyah* reminded me that we as human beings can bring light to darkness."

And it is in this spirit that we, the members of the Rabbinical Assembly, say #NotOneMore. Today, in the wake of numerous tragedies, 85 percent of all Americans and even 74 percent of NRA members support background

checks for all gun purchases. So why haven't we passed such simple legislation?

The Rabbinical Assembly calls upon the public to rise up with one voice and take three simple actions during this legislative session:

1) Urge your senators to support the Background Check Expansion Act (S. 42), which closes the loophole that allows individuals and unlicensed gun sellers to sell guns without first performing a background check.

2) Urge your senators and representatives to support the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act of 2019 (S 506 or HR 1236). These bills allow family or law enforcement to petition in court for permission to remove weapons from people who are known to be a threat to others or themselves.

3) Urge your senators and representatives to support the first funding for research on gun violence in many years: Gun Violence Prevention Research Act (S 184) or Gun Violence Prevention Research Act of 2019 (H.R. 674) or National Gun Violence Research Act (HR 435). The first step to saving lives from gun violence is establishing the facts. Allowing the Center for Disease Control and National Institutes of Health to do so will save lives.

Our tradition provides ample support for such measures. The Talmud forbids selling weapons to idolaters or to sell weapons in a city of refuge (Avodah Zarah 15b, Makkot 10a). These cities were populated by criminals and our sages rightly recognized the dangers of selling weapons to those who cannot be trusted with the responsibility of owning them.

As rabbis too often called to comfort mourners, we grieve with all the parents of slain children, the children of slain parents, the family members, the friends, neighbors and communities of those gunned down. They are all our children, family members, friends and neighbors, and we

pledge not to stand idly by their blood, crying to us from the earth. Upon the sidewalks that lead from house to house, in town squares and city centers and in far too many homes and church pews, we stand together before impromptu shrines of candle wax and teddy bears, basketballs and flowers. We are joined by grief for the fallen children, the murdered spouses, students and teachers, concert-goers, moviegoers and worshippers – innocents caught in the crosshairs of madness and hate, ordinary people in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Guns in the hands of those who should not have them affect all of us as neighbors across America.

When mass shootings don't make the headlines, the human cost of gun violence remains largely out of sight and out of mind. But nothing evades God's notice. Jewish tradition affirms that God is the One Who remembers the forgotten. It is the task of rabbis and other faith leaders to testify on behalf of those whom God remembers, those whose lives have been needlessly lost.

This is a moment we can save lives.

This is a moment when we can effect change.

Let us not squander the moment, but learn and act.

The ancient rabbis taught that if you save one life – just one life – it is as if you have saved the whole world. We have many lives we can save. Enough of doing nothing.

This is our moment to say #NotOneMore.

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In My Own Words

Double jeopardy

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Did you ever experience a clash between your ethical ideals and your political ones? This occurred to me after reading the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling on double jeopardy. The ruling is based on a sentence found in the fifth amendment: "... nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb." The basic idea is a person cannot be tried more than once for the same crime, unless the jury is deadlocked. The Supreme Court ruling now allows for a person to be tried for the same crime in state court and in federal court, meaning they can receive two sentences for the same crime.

On an ethical level, I disagree with the ruling. The previous understanding of the Constitution prevents a law enforcement official from arresting and bringing someone to trial for the same crime numerous times. It prevents continual harassment and additional criminal court cases against someone who has stood trial and been found innocent. What about if new evidence is found that might convict the person? That is the risk we take to prevent someone from being forced to defend themselves in court two, three, four or more times because someone

just "knows" the person is guilty – even when there is not enough proof to convict.

So, why do my political convictions make this ruling appealing? As regular readers of this column know, I am not particularly fond of President Donald Trump. You might wonder what this ruling has to do with him, but legal commentators have noted that the ruling could affect Paul Manafort, the president's former campaign manager, who is being tried in federal and state court for similar offenses. Manafort has been sentenced to seven years in federal prison for tax and banking fraud crimes. A state court is planning on pursuing a similar case, something the commentators say would most likely not have been permitted under the previous understanding of double jeopardy.

President Trump has mentioned pardoning those in his administration who have been accused or convicted of a crime. (He's even spoken of pardoning himself if he is ever accused of a crime.) However, a president can only pardon someone who has been tried in a federal court. He has no power to pardon someone who is sentenced in a state court. That means that, while he could pardon

Manafort and other members of his campaign or administration who were convicted in a federal court, he could not do so for those convicted in a state court. They would actually serve the sentence for their crime, something of which I do approve.

Of course, the larger problem is that we have a president who has said he doesn't care if *his* people break laws. In fact, he's publicly spoken about breaking the law himself if offered information from a foreign government about someone running against him for president. (He did backtrack some on that later, but his original answer to the question was telling and is probably how he truly feels.) It makes me uncomfortable to think that people who break laws may be freed because their crime was done to help someone get elected to office. It also makes me uncomfortable to see people tried twice for the same crime. The fact that decision came from an ostensibly conservative court strikes me as ironic in that it may backfire on those who helped create that court. Unfortunately, this new ruling will affect more than just those politicians and the people who work for them.



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TC Sisterhood puzzle fund-raiser on July 14

Temple Concord Sisterhood is holding a fund-raiser through selling puzzles on Sunday, July 14, from 11 am-3 pm, during "Much Ado In The Garden" at Cutler Garden, 840 Upper Front St., Binghamton. Puzzles will sell for \$21.95 and Sisterhood will get \$8 per puzzle sold with "TC Sisterhood" written in the check memo line. Included in the puzzle is a 7x10 inch print of the artwork suitable for framing. Each puzzle is approximately 13x19 inches.

The eight different puzzles, from Art & Fable Puzzle Company, will be available to view. Each is designed by a working artist and has European-style piece shapes, which means one can sort the 500 pieces by shape as well as color. "The unique printing process produces richly colored puzzle pieces with a soft, velvety feel and no distracting puzzle glare," said organizers of the sale.

In addition to Sisterhood receiving \$8 per sold puzzle,

a portion of the total puzzle price will be given to a charity selected by the artist. The name of the charity for each puzzle will be available at Cutler Garden or may be seen on the puzzleforgood Instagram page.

"As you work on the puzzle, you will know you are helping Temple Concord and another charity," said organizers of the sale. In addition to supporting this fund-raiser, Cutler Garden's "Much Ado In The Garden" will feature Shakespearean costumes and the gardens.

Book Club at TC announces 2019-20 schedule

The Book Club at Temple Concord usually meets the first Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am. This year required several modifications to the schedule. With just about all the fall holidays on Mondays and Tuesdays in October, the October meeting has been moved to Thursday, October 3, between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Since the club does not meet on Election Day because Temple Concord is a polling place, the November meeting will take place a week later, on November 12. The "April" meeting will be a week early, on March 31, because the first Tuesday in April is the day before the first seder.

All Book Club events are free and open to the public; it is not necessary to have read the book to attend and participate in the discussion. Refreshments are available.

The book review schedule is:

- ◆ Tuesday, August 6 – "The Fox Hunt: A Refugee's Memoir of Coming to America" by Mohammed Al Samawi. Al Samawi's escape from Yemen was organized via a social media network of interfaith friends and acquaintances.
- ◆ Tuesday, September 3 – "The Last Watchman of Old Cairo: A Novel" by Michael David Lukas
- ◆ Thursday, October 3 – "Dangerous Crossings" by Rachel Rhys
- ◆ Tuesday, November 12 – "There Are Jews in My House (Stories)" by Lara Vapnyar
- ◆ Tuesday, December 3 – "Stuffed: Adventures of a Restaurant Family" by Patricia Volk
- ◆ Tuesday, January 7 – "Jews Without Money" by

Michael Gold

- ◆ Tuesday, February 4 – "Not Our Kind: A Novel" by Kitty Zeldis
- ◆ Tuesday, March 3 – "The Rise of David Levinsky" by Abraham Cahan
- ◆ Tuesday, March 31 – "The Room on Rue Amelie" by Kristin Harmel
- ◆ Tuesday, April 21 – Snow date for any canceled discussion, or tribute to Herman Wouk
- ◆ Tuesday, May 5 – "The Wartime Sisters" by Lynda Cohen Woigman
- ◆ Tuesday, June 2 – "Spies of No Country: Secret Lives at the Birth of Israel" by Matti Friedman and annual spring book selection luncheon

Touchdown! NFL, Patriots, Robert Kraft score friends and followers in Israel

By Josh Hasten

(JNS)—As he was coaching young Israeli high school players during an American football in Israel (or AFI) scrimmage game at the Kraft Family Sports Campus on a recent Friday morning in Jerusalem – and with six New England Patriots NFL Championship Lombardi trophies on display – Super Bowl LIII MVP Julian Edelman paused to tell JNS that even though this was certainly not his first trip to Israel, "being in Jerusalem brings the chills out." He added, "This is the Holy Land for a reason. It's the homeland."

Edelman, who is known to "proudly and very publically" display his Jewish heritage and connection to Israel, was in the country alongside 15 other current Patriots players and alumni as part of "Touchdown in Israel III," the third installment of a VIP trip to Israel for NFL players organized by Patriots chairman and CEO Robert Kraft. Over the years, Kraft has brought dozens of other NFL players from the various teams to Israel, including many Hall of Famers – considered some of the best to ever play the game.

Kraft was asked by JNS what it meant to be in Jerusalem after winning his sixth NFL championship. He said, "It's the greatest feeling. I love the city of Jerusalem. I love the sport of football and to be here with the trophies. It's a *chalom gadol*, a 'huge dream'" come true.

The night before the football event, with the Patriots players on hand, Kraft received the Genesis Prize, presented to him by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at a Jerusalem ceremony. At the ceremony, Kraft announced that he was earmarking \$20 million to establish a foundation dedicated to combating antisemitism and BDS.

During the Friday gathering at the sports campus, hundreds of Israeli NFL football fans, along with several hundred men, women and youth who play in the various AFI leagues, joined to welcome and get autographs from some of their favorite players while watching the high-schoolers in full pads strut their stuff on what is Israel's only full-sized regulation football field.

Danny Gewirtz, co-founder of the AFI, who started the league in 1988 with current AFI President Steve Leibowitz, told JNS that he is looking forward to Israel preparing to host 20 international teams this summer as part of the men's



More than a dozen players from the 2019 Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots were in Israel as part of the program "Touchdown in Israel III," the third installment of a VIP trip to Israel for NFL players organized by Patriots chairman and CEO Robert Kraft. (Photo by Josh Hasten)

and women's European Flag Football Championships from Aug. 29-Sept. 1 at the Jerusalem sports campus.

In regard to "Touchdown in Israel III," Gewirtz said, "The bottom line is that it's all about Robert Kraft. To see the players is nice, fun and exciting, but it's he who unceremoniously and very modestly brings these players here to be ambassadors for Israel.

"These guys are very influential people," he continued. "They go back and tell the thousands of people about their experience, and that's what Robert Kraft does; he creates these ambassadors, and it's multiplied a thousand-fold as they sing the praises of Israel."

In his remarks to the crowd, Leibowitz focused on the impact the Kraft family has had on football in Israel: "Twenty years ago, Robert and Myra Kraft came to Jerusalem for the dedication of Kraft Family Stadium. That moment changed our lives forever." He explained how the facility became the home of football in Israel, with the game spreading to communities all over the country. Leibowitz added that "when this journey began, the Patriots had yet to win a Super Bowl. Now, they have six. That is the good fortune that can happen when you bring football to the Holy Land."

Kraft has noted on more than one occasion publicly that it is no coincidence that the team's success began when he started investing in Israeli football. Leibowitz said that it was the first time in history so many Lombardi trophies

have left American soil, saying how honored he was that they were on display in Israel.

As Kraft said to the audience: "It gives me *nachas* ['joy'] to see so many young Israelis ready to go play the game that we love."

Shana Sprung, who has been a star quarterback in the women's flag football league for the past 15 years and See "NFL" on page 7

The Jewish Community wishes to express its sympathy to **Laura Greger** on the death of her brother,
Jerome "Jerry" Greenfield

The Jewish Community wishes to express its sympathy to **Al Lavker** on the death of his brother,
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Israeli scientists discover genetic method for biasing mammalian sex ratios

By JNS staff

(JNS) – Israeli scientists from Tel Aviv University have discovered a genetic mechanism for biasing the sex ratio of mammalian populations so that only offspring of a desired gender are produced. The finding, which was published in the peer-reviewed "EMBO Reports" journal on July 1, could have "major implications," especially for the agricultural industry.

The researchers – Professor Udi Qimron, Dr. Ido Yosef and Dr. Motti Gerlic of the Department of Clinical Microbiology and Immunology at Tel Aviv University's Sackler

School of Medicine – were able to manipulate the sex ratio of genetically engineered mice to a 95:5 female-to-male ratio. The usual ratio is 1:1.

According to the scientists, while biasing of the sex ratios of plants, insects, crustaceans and fish has been demonstrated in the past using both genetic and non-genetic approaches, this study marks the first time that the sex ratio of a mammalian population has been demonstrated using a genetic method.

"The research provides the world's first proof-of-See "Genetic" on page 8

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Off the Shelf

Trauma and everyday life

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

Sometimes the most important teaching a rabbi does occurs outside the classroom – when giving sermons and lectures or during counseling sessions. Two rabbis offer the lessons they learned over the course of their rabbinate in two new works: Rabbi Tirzah Firestone, Ph.D., discusses how to overcome traumatic experiences in “Wounds into Wisdom: Healing Intergenerational Jewish Trauma” (Adam Kadmon Books/Monkfish Book Publishing Company), while Rabbi Joshua Hammerman focuses more on everyday living in “Mensch•Marks: Life Lessons of a Human Rabbi – Wisdom for Untethered Times” (Health Communications). Both rabbis hope their thoughts will help readers live more meaningful lives.

Much of Firestone’s work is based on what is known as the epigenetic factor, the idea that experiences – particularly traumatic experiences – can be passed through the generations even though the experience does not change their DNA. What the trauma does do is change people’s body chemistry and reactions that are then passed to their descendants. She sees this most clearly with the families of Holocaust survivors when the second and third generations react to events based on what happened to their parents and grandparents, even when they are unaware of exactly what they suffered. However, those are not the

only traumas she discusses: Firestone also interviewed Israel soldiers who suffer from post-traumatic stress and Israeli parents who lost children during their army service or because of terrorist attacks.

The first section of her work contains stories of people Firestone counseled or interviewed for this book. She looked for people who overcame trauma, not by ignoring it, but by realizing the power the trauma had over them and finding ways to limit its effects. She notes that most people’s natural first reactions – to either isolate themselves, be hyper vigilant or numb one’s feelings – not only don’t help in the long run, but create more problems. The second section focuses on ways to heal from trauma, including the importance of facing a loss and then harnessing the power of pain. She also notes the need to find a community that can help one to heal and to stop identifying as a victim. Other suggested ways to find wisdom in trauma are to resist falling into a blaming stance, since dehumanizing others only serves to increase trauma, and to take action to put this newly found wisdom into helping others.

Firestone’s original interest in learning about trauma comes from personal experience. The discussions of her family – her parents and siblings – were the most interesting in the book. She notes the traumas her parents faced and

how their reaction to them affected her and her siblings. After one brother committed suicide and another sister began to experience symptoms of mental illness, Firestone found herself looking for answers to their dilemmas in order to save herself. Her original journey took her far from Judaism, but she then came to realize the benefits of Jewish religious practices – although not the same ones as her parents – something that led her to become a rabbi.

While Firestone’s focus is on people who have suffered major traumas, Hammerman looks more closely at how to become a mensch – a good person – during regular, everyday life. Over 42 chapters (which represent the 42 stops the Israelites made when wandering through the desert toward the Promised Land), his mostly brief essays suggest ways to attain personal growth. What makes these essays work is that Hammerman is not preachy: he clearly acknowledges his own faults and how he has struggled to overcome them. Sections focus on such themes as work, loving, pain, belonging, the importance of normalcy, failure and forgiveness.

The most interesting chapter (Mensch•Mark 34) looks at Hammerman’s own crisis, one that occurred after he wrote a satirical article about religious extremism and sports fanaticism. The backlash was quick and fierce. In fact, the article was mentioned on national television, but the comments were not positive. Hammerman admits that he went too far in his satire and began reaching out to evangelicals in order to better understand their thoughts. He does receive (sometimes lukewarm) support from his congregation and greater support from the interfaith group to which he belongs. The author turned his experience into a sermon the next High Holidays – not to justify what he wrote, but to note that everyone makes mistakes. While he emphasizes the need to hold ourselves to high standards, he also discusses how we must learn to forgive ourselves and others.

Other essays that struck a chord include:

- ◆ Mensch•Mark 6, which includes a list of subjects that are usually considered taboo to speak about on the High Holiday and the reasons it’s important to talk about them.
- ◆ Mensch•Mark 13, when Hammerman writes about the dilemma of having your child in the hospital at the same time one of your congregants is also having a medical crisis in the same building. What is more important in this case: being a parent or being a rabbi?
- ◆ Mensch•Mark 14, when he writes about his developmentally disabled brother and the fragility of life.
- ◆ Mensch•Mark 16, which talks about the beauty and necessity of boredom, and how it can enrich our lives and lead us to be everyday heroes.
- ◆ Mensch•Mark 24, which tells of a funeral Hammerman performed for a gay man who requested that his homosexuality be outed during the eulogy in the hope that it would help those who were unable to accept their true sexual nature.

Hammerman ends his work writing about how important it is to find meaning in our lives. He echos what his father used to say to him – “be a mensch” – and questions whether or not he has attained that status. Both Hammerman and Firestone hope their readers will emerge better and wiser people.

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with his wife and their two teenage daughters. In Cortaca, there’s a town-gown divide as well as a white collar-working class divide. There’s also just one high school and thus no easy way for Jessup to start over. It’s a made-up setting that offers Zentner the freedom to do what’s best for the story. “Fiction is beholden to the truth, not to the facts,” he says.

“Copperhead” is his attempt to give to readers some

of the energy and challenging conversations that students find in his creative writing classes. “Fiction talks about what it means to be alive and what it means to be human,” says Zentner, who joined Binghamton University’s faculty as an assistant professor of English in 2013. He wants his classroom to be a place where people can talk about things that really matter. “One of the first things we can ask ourselves if we want to be progressive is: How do we progress?” Zentner says that means acknowledging our mistakes and being willing to listen. The impulse is to say, “It’s not my fault,” he notes, rather than “How can I do better going forward?”

Zentner admits that nuanced arguments for diversity are hard to sell, much harder than fear. It’s easier to pick up the blunt sword of bigotry than to tease apart systemic problems embedded in our democracy and economy. Still, race, class, gender and sexuality are frequent topics in his classroom and with his friends outside the academy.

“I think of social justice as a language,” Zentner says. “If you were born before 1985, you’re probably not a native speaker. We need to remember that. Nobody should get a free pass, but we need to work at learning that language. Complicated conversations can quickly outpace your knowledge. That’s true for tax law or home repair, and it’s certainly true when we talk about diversity.”

“Copperhead,” was published on July 9 by Penguin Random House, is Binghamton University author Zentner’s latest novel. Booklist says, “Zentner expertly and entertainingly distills America’s longstanding divisions over race, religion, and class.”

Zentner is also the author of “The Lobster Kings” and “Touch.”

Mailbox Shorts

Maurice Sendak exhibit

The exhibit “Drawing the Curtain: Maurice Sendak’s Designs for Opera and Ballet” will be at the Morgan Library and Museum in New York City until October 6. In addition to the children’s books he wrote, Maurice Sendak served as a designer of sets and costumes for the stage. This exhibit is the first museum exhibition dedicated to this aspect of his career. It features nearly 150 objects drawn primarily from the artist’s bequest to the Morgan of more than 900 drawings, including storyboards, preparatory sketches, costume studies, watercolors and dioramas from Mozart’s “Magic Flute,” Janáček’s “Cunning Little Vixen,” Prokofiev’s “Love for Three Oranges,” Tchaikovsky’s “Nutcracker” and an opera based on Sendak’s picture book “Where the Wild Things Are.”

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Archive smuggled from Nazi-era Germany acquired by Science History Institute

By JNS staff

(JNS) – The Science History Institute has acquired a collection of correspondence, books, photographs and scientific notes belonging to Jewish German chemist Georg Bredig, the Philadelphia museum announced recently.

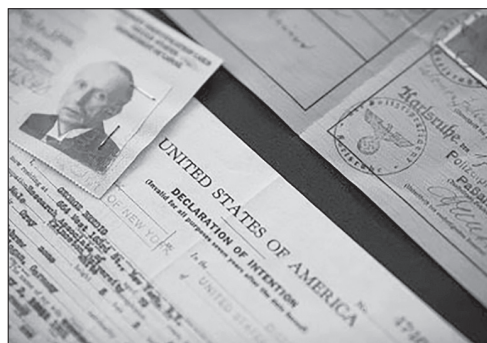
The collection spans decades, from the late 19th century, just as the field of physical chemistry was emerging, to the 1930s and the horrors faced by the Jewish community as the Nazis rose to power. The archive has never been made public. The acquisition was made possible by the support of the Walder Foundation.

“Bringing this collection to the Science History Institute fulfills Georg Bredig’s wish that these documents be preserved so that future generations can study them,” said Science History Institute president and CEO Robert Anderson. “They are significant not only to scholars of the history of science, but to Holocaust scholars, as well.”

“As longtime funders of Holocaust education, Dr. Walder and I are proud to support the acquisition of the Bredig archive,” said Walder Foundation president and Executive Director Elizabeth Walder. “We know that this collection will provide history and science scholars alike a

unique vantage point for uncovering some of the untold stories of this tumultuous period in world history.”

Bredig introduced the model reaction methodology to catalytic research, discovered and explored new catalytic phenomena, and discovered and investigated asymmetric catalysis. Moreover, he explored the relationships between catalytic activity and the physical state of metals. The earliest documents in the archive date from the late 19th century and provide a snapshot of the field of physical chemistry in its early years. There is also correspondence with the founding fathers of the field, including many early Nobel laureates in chemistry, such as Jacobus Henricus



The Science History Institute in Philadelphia has acquired a collection of correspondence, books, photographs and scientific notes belonging to Jewish German chemist Georg Bredig. (Photo courtesy of the Science History Institute)

van’t Hoff, Svante Arrhenius, Fritz Haber and Wilhelm Ostwald.

The post-1933 collection items document a very different story. Bredig, along with his family and Jewish colleagues, struggled to survive under the increasingly oppressive Nazi regime. Some managed to flee to other countries, while others were not so lucky.

Their stories unfold through the letters describing their situations in detail, from requests for food and clothing for detainees to the desire to resume their work and their normal routines. Many of the letters and documents relate to Bredig’s attempts to leave Nazi-occupied

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NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

World leaders urge Iran not to violate nuclear deal, but hesitate on sanctions

Germany, the United Kingdom, France and the European Union urged Iran to back down from recent threats to raise its enrichment of uranium above levels allowed under the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, but stopped short of threatening to reimpose sanctions lifted under the nuclear deal if Iran does not comply. Germany called on Iran “to stop and reverse all activities inconsistent with its commitments,” and said it was “extremely concerned” by Iran’s July 7 announcement that it would raise uranium enrichment above the 3.67 percent limit. However, it would wait for more information from the International Atomic Energy Agency before taking any action. The IAEA said it was still waiting for its inspectors in Iran to report to IAEA headquarters in Vienna. The British Foreign Office issued a statement saying that the United Kingdom “remains fully committed to the deal,” but that “Iran must immediately stop and reverse all activities inconsistent with its obligations.” E.U. spokeswoman Maja Kocijancic said on July 7 that the bloc is “extremely concerned” by the Iranian announcement and is considering convening an emergency meeting. On July 6, French President Emmanuel Macron told Reuters “it’s not an option at this moment” for his country to activate clauses in the nuclear deal that would impose sanctions if Iran fails to uphold its obligations under the agreement. Speaking at the beginning of the July 7 Cabinet meeting, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called upon world leaders to enforce the deal, comparing the situation to the onset of Nazi rule in Europe. “World War II began in Europe... when Nazi Germany took one small step, re-entering the Rhineland. It was a small step, no one said anything and no one did anything,” said Netanyahu. “The next step was the Anschluss... and the step after that was the entry into Sudetenland in Czechoslovakia. The rest is known.”

Gazans arrested attempting to enter Israel with grenade

Three Gaza residents were arrested on the morning of July 7 attempting to illegally enter Israel with a fragmentation grenade and “arson materials,” according to a statement by the Israel Defense Forces. The suspects were transferred to Israeli authorities for questioning. The incident comes during a reported lull in violence on the Gaza border, following renewed ceasefire agreements between Israel and Hamas. Threats along the border were still present on July 5, however, with an estimated 7,000 Gazans taking part in rioting, including burning tires and throwing explosive devices and rocks at soldiers. On June 29, Israel entered into a ceasefire agreement with terrorist groups in Gaza, according to which Israel will provide economic concessions and ease fishing restrictions along the Gaza coast in exchange for a total cessation of arson attacks and other violence from Gaza.

P.A. increased payments to terrorists by 11.8 percent in first half of 2019

(PMW via JNS) – The Palestinian Authority has publicized its monthly expenditures for the first five months of 2019. The figures show that the P.A. has paid no less than NIS 234,172,000 (more than \$65 million), or, on average, NIS 46,834,400 per month, in salaries to terrorist prisoners (including released prisoners). According to Itamar Marcus, the director of Israeli NGO Palestinian Media Watch, “Based on this average, the P.A.’s expenditures on salaries to terrorist prisoners in 2019 should reach NIS 562 million [\$158 million], as compared to NIS 502 million [\$141 million] in 2018. This amounts to an 11.8 percent increase.” The 2018 figure is based on data published by the P.A. Finance Ministry. To read more, visit the PMW website, www.palwatch.org.

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Chukat, Numbers 19:1-22:1

The big (and small) apple

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Living in Broome County, as we do, it is safe to assume that we have all heard of “The Big Apple” and have been there to visit at some point or another. The earliest documented reference to New York City being called “The Big Apple” was in 1909 by author Edward S. Martin in his book “The Wayfarer.” I’d like to share an earlier reference to a different kind of “Big Apple,” by the pre-eminent commentator on the Torah, Rashi (Troyes, France 1040-1105), in his commentary on an episode mentioned in this week’s *parasha*.

In the narrative concerning the passing of Moses’ brother Aaron, the high priest, the verses read: “The Lord said to Moses and Aaron at Hor HaHor (Mount Hor), on the border of the land of Edom, saying, ‘Aaron shall be gathered to his people, for he shall not come to the Land which I have given to the children of Israel, because you defied My word at the waters of dispute [Mei Meribah].’” (Deuteronomy 20:23-24)

On the words “Hor HaHor” (Mount Hor), Rashi comments: “A mountain atop a mountain, [appearing like] a small apple atop of a big apple.” Rashi continues to explain that “although the clouds of glory typically preceded the Jewish people in their travels through the desert and would miraculously flatten out all mountains and [build up, thus] straighten all of the valleys and gorges on the way, three mountains remained: Mount Sinai for [the giving of] the Torah, Mount Nebo for the burial of Moses, and Mount Hor, for the burial of Aaron.”

Interesting. But more to the point, what might we learn from this comment? The Rebbe suggests that this teaches a lesson in humility. As we navigate life and the world around us, it is important for us to take a humble approach. Haughtiness and arrogance are terrible traits. We must “flatten our mountains.” However, there are moments when alongside our humility we need to exhibit strength and conviction. The three mountains God left erect were

Mount Sinai, which symbolizes Torah, God’s word to us; Mount Nebo, the resting place of Moses, which symbolizes transmission and application of Torah, as Moses was our chief teacher and expositor of the Torah; and Mount Hor, the burial place of Aaron, the high priest, which represents Aaron’s most salient characteristic, pure unadulterated love. He is described as one who “loved peace and pursued peace.” When it comes to those three areas in our lives, we must remain bold and strong – while maintaining healthy humility and sensitivity to others.

But why does Rashi specifically refer to the mountain as an apple? The Talmud (Shabbat 88) explains that an apple grows in a way that most fruits do not. Ordinarily, the tree produces leaves followed by the fruit. Not so with the apple; the fruit begins to sprout even before the leaves. In spiritual terms, the leaves represent the preparation and protection of the fruit – the potential and ultimate goal. With See “Apple” on page 7

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 Sun., July 14..... 8:30 am
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 On Friday, July 12, at 8 pm, there will be Shabbat services led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell and, at 8:45 pm, in front of the temple, there will be Lights for Liberty: A Nationwide Vigil to End Human Detention Camps. (See article on page 1.)
 On Saturday, July 13, at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study.
 On Friday, July 19, at 6:30 pm, there will be a BYO Picnic Dinner and, at 8 pm, there will be a Shabbat Visual Tefilah Service, in the library, led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.
 On Saturday, July 20, at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study.

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 Service Schedule: Tuesday, 5:30 pm; Friday, 5:30 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am
 On Friday, July 12, at 6:30 pm, there will be Shabbat on the Road at Elderwood (formerly Brookdale Senior Living).
 On Saturday, July 13, at 9:30 am, Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Numbers 19:1-22:1. The haftarah will be Judges 11:1-33. Barbara Gilbert and Mark Hubal will sponsor the kiddush.
 On Monday, July 15, at 7:30 pm, there will be a Ritual Committee meeting.

Temple Beth El of Oneonta

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

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

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

On Saturdays, July 13 and 27, and August 24 and 31, at 5 pm, Rabbi Scott Glass will continue to teach a Perek in the Pardes’ class studying “Pirkei Avot, The Ethics of the Fathers.”

On Thursday, July 18, at 6:30 pm, the TBE Arts Committee summer movie series will feature “Yoo Hoo Mrs. Goldberg” (USA 2009, 92 minutes). The movie is the life story of radio and television pioneer Gertrude Berg, the creator, star and writer of the hit sitcom “The Goldbergs.” Her blend of comedy and social commentary – with Jewish characters at the center – was said to have endeared her to audiences and made her an American cultural icon. The public is invited to attend. Doors will open at 6:30 pm for refreshments and schmoozing, with the film starting at 7 pm. The cost is \$8 at the door (cash or check only). The movie will be shown at TBE through Israeli Films, National Center for Jewish Film and Outsider Pictures. (See article on page 1.)

Jewish Community Center

FUN IN THE SUN AT CAMP JCC



Camp JCC campers started off the summer with their first Ruach circle on July 1.



Camp JCC campers at their first Ruach circle on July 1.



Camp JCC Galgalim campers received camp awards at the all-camp party on July 5.



Campers played games at the all-camp carnival-themed party on July 5.

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one of the captains of Israel's Women's National Team, told JNS that before 2004, she would come to watch her guy friends playing football. But thanks to the Krafts, the women's league was founded, and the women's national team is now ranked and competing against some of the best teams in the world.

Sprung attended the Genesis Prize award ceremony the previous evening, saying, "It was a privilege to be at the event. For someone of that caliber to stand up publicly against BDS and antisemitism, there is no one better to do it, because yes, it's the Patriots, its Robert Kraft, and he stands for what he believes in. He's not afraid to say it, no matter the haters."

Another one of the Patriots in Israel was nose tackle Vince Wilfork, who recently retired from the NFL after playing 11 seasons with the team (followed by two with the Houston Texans), and was a member of two Super Bowl-winning teams.

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the apple tree, we get straight to the point without having to wait long. So it is with our connection to the Torah: each one of us has an inherent bond and can "activate" that at any given point; we can skip the leaves sprouting time.

This all sounds nice, but one may think to themselves: "Who am I? What do I know already? How learned am I in actuality? How much Torah do I truly have to share or even apply in my life?" Rashi tells us that Mount Hor was positioned as "a small apple atop a big apple." You may consider yourself a "small apple," but remember that you are positioned atop a big apple. A big apple of more than 3,000 years of generations of Jews that have lived and breathed Torah and their connection to God. Although you may be, or may perceive yourself as, a small apple, all that's asked of you today is to take whatever Torah and Jewish connection that you have and apply that to your life in a real meaningful way and share it with others.

The New York Mets baseball team has featured a "Home Run Apple," representative of its home city New York, that rises whenever a Mets player hits a home run. It's become an iconic feature of the Mets' stadium. With every mitzvah that a Jew does, we score a home run and I have no doubt that God raises our spiritual "Home Run Apple."

Based on the teachings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe of righteous memory.

As he was getting ready to coach some of the high school players in their scrimmage, he told JNS that being in Israel was an opportunity to educate himself on many different religions. "To be able to come to see it all and be taught by those who have been here all their lives, it's very special," he said.

While firing passes to a friend on the sidelines of the high school game, former longtime Patriots quarterback Drew Bledsoe, in Israel for the first time, told JNS in one word that the trip was "enlightening." Bledsoe described how his experience in Israel was completely the opposite of what he thought he was going to get after hearing all the negative reports about Israel in the press.

"To see the way the country is portrayed in our media and internationally, and then actually be here and see how different it is from that portrayal, is amazing – amazing people, innovation. It's such an amazing combination of brand-new and very old, and the soulful and spirituality here... I can't wait to go back and tell people about it, and then bring my family here," Bledsoe said.

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Europe. Included in the collections are his German identification papers and passport, both marked with a "J."

Bredig recognized the Nazis would likely destroy his personal library and archive, and his efforts to ensure its survival nearly cost him his life.

In a 1939 letter to his son, Max, Bredig wrote, "Yesterday I sent as a package to you the three green volumes I-III of my opera omnia. The rest IV-VII in green volumes will follow in the next week or so... It is very dear to me that after my death the one and the other will end up in good hands (for an obituary and also for reference). In case you don't want to keep it, give it to a university library, preferably one abroad, or to a good friend. Under no circumstances do I want it to be wasted/lost, given away or tossed! It should give witness over my life's work."

The collection was smuggled out of Nazi Germany to the van't Hoff laboratory in the Netherlands, where it remained for the duration of the war. In 1946, it was shipped to the Bredig family in the United States.

Funding from the Laurie Landeau Foundation will provide for conservation and preservation of the archive. The Institute plans to make the collection available to researchers and to develop related public programming in the coming months.



Campers lined up for a game at Camp JCC.

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Archaeologists announce discovery of the biblical city of Ziklag

By JNS staff

(JNS) – The Israeli Antiquities Authority, Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Macquarie University of Sydney, Australia, have announced the discovery of what they believe is the biblical city of Ziklag, the Philistine city in which according to the Bible the young David took refuge from King Saul.

Ziklag is mentioned in the Bible multiple

times in relationship to David, who the Bible states received sanctuary in the city along with his army, with the permission of Achish, king of Gat. The site is also believed to be the place from which David left to journey to Hebron, where he was anointed king of Israel and ruled for seven years before ascending to Jerusalem.

Later on, Ziklag is mentioned in the Book of Nehemiah as a center for Jews returning

from the Babylonian exile.

Over the years of archaeological searches for the city, numerous alternative locations were proposed, but none met all the required criteria. The excavations at the current site, called Khirbet a-Ra'i, began in 2015 and uncovered some 10,700 square feet in the Judean foothills between Kiryat Gat and Lachish, according to the press release put out by the IAA and the Hebrew University.

Researchers say the location is unique because it contains evidence of continuous settlement, including signs of a Philistine community and King David-era Jewish settlement, in keeping with the required criteria for Ziklag. Moreover, the site shows evidence of having been destroyed by a massive fire, which is how Jewish

Ziklag was brought down at the hands of the Amalekites.

Findings at the site include “massive” stone structures with bowl- and oil-lamp offerings beneath the floors, consistent with Philistine civilization.

Nearly 100 pottery vessels for storing oil and wine, identical to those found in the fortified Judean city of Khirbet Qeiyafa, which has been identified as the biblical city of Sha'arayim, were also located amid evidence of the ancient fire at the site and carbon-dated to the time of King David.

The findings were made possible through the funding of Joey Silver of Jerusalem, Aron Levy of New Jersey, and the Roth family and Isaac Wakil, both of Sydney.

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concept for mammals to genetically produce only female progeny,” said Qimron in a statement put out by the university. “We proved the concept in mouse models, but the concept could also be demonstrated in cattle, swine, goats,

chickens and other animals.” According to Qimron, the system can also be used to produce only males.

“We believe that the producers of cattle, swine and chicken may benefit greatly from the technology,” he said.



An Israeli cowboy collected a herd of cattle, to separate the bulls from the females, at a farm in Northern Israel on June 12, 2018. (Photo by Maor Kinsbursky/Flash90)



An aerial view of the archaeological site at Khirbet a-Ra'i, where researchers believe they have located the biblical city of Ziklag. (Photo by Emil Alagem/Israel Antiquities Authority)

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