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As a true community school, Hillel Academy brings together children from all corners of Binghamton's Jewish community – Conservative, Orthodox, Reform and unaffiliated – in a warm, nurturing environment. Hillel Academy fosters a community spirit based on mutual acceptance, and recognizes, respects and values diversity. Hillel Academy has served Binghamton for

more than 50 years, providing the best in secular and Judaic education.

Hillel Academy's faculty teaches to each student's learning style. The school offers mixed classrooms, and students thrive in a dynamic learning environment. As a small private school, Hillel Academy customizes each student's learning experiences, allowing for maximum growth and development. Hillel Academy trains its students to be lifetime learners, instead of test-takers. Hillel Academy offers foreign language instruction in Hebrew, art, music, science, social studies and Jewish learning, all beginning in pre-kindergarten.

For more information, contact the school at 304-4544 or e-mail hillel@stny.rr.com; Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu, Judaic studies coordinator, at rabbishmaryahu@gmail.com; Sarah Thomas, secular studies coordinator and tech coordinator, at sthomas1320@hillelacademyofbc.org; or Gina M. Santiago, school administrator, at frontoffice@hillelacademyofbc.org.



Sarah Thomas' second- and third-graders conducted a bubble experiment in science class. L-r: Eli Green, Thea Yarkony, Mushkie Chein, Shai Yarkony and Shmulik Slonim.



Residents of the Elderwood Village at Vestal (formerly Brookdale Vestal East) senior living center joined Hillel Academy students for a model seder on April 17. The model seder was led by Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu.



In April, students enjoyed an outdoor, model Shabbat kiddush.



As part of the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration, students took part in a ceremony that included song, dance and waving the Israeli flag.



In late spring, students went on a field trip to the Bundy Museum – where they learned about general life in the 19th century.



From the end of February through April, Hillel Academy students met after school on Mondays for Chess Club. At the beginning of each session, students were asked to solve a series of chess puzzles.



During Chol HaMoed Sukkot, teachers and students went on a Sukkah Hop around the neighborhood.



Second-graders during the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration. Front (l-r): Lilly Sullivan, Yehuda Weiss, Asaf Weiss, Meyer Knapp and Sloane Weinstein. Back: Stella Titus.

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Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton

Established locally in 1937 and incorporated in 1957, the mission of the Federation is to serve and further the welfare of the Jewish community. The Federation is an advocate for local Jewish organizations, as well as for the needs of Jews in Israel and other countries. Since its origination, the Jewish Federation has focused on a unified fund-raising Campaign, the proceeds of which provide grants to local Jewish organizations through an allocation process. The Federation also sponsors educational and cultural activities throughout the year.

Additionally, grants are made to support the needs of organizations and individuals. Federation grants to support Jewish infrastructure and culture come from the Federation Endowment Fund, which over the years has received donations and, from time to time, funding from wills. Those interested in planning a legacy gift can contact the Federation, ensuring that the Jewish community of Greater Binghamton will remain vital and strong.

Annual grantees this year include Hillel Academy, Hillel at Binghamton, the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service, PJ Library, *The Reporter* and Jewish Federations of North

America. Other needs or emergencies requiring the Federation's assistance often occur during the year.

On a Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the community once again continued a local tradition, that had disappeared decades ago, by holding a service in front of the memorial monument erected by the Get-Together Club in 1952 in the Temple Israel Cemetery in memory of the victims of the Holocaust.

In October 2018, the Federation kicked off its 2019 Campaign with a Super Sunday brunch. Yasher Koach awards were given to outstanding volunteers for their commitment and accomplishments within the community.



After the Super Sunday event on October 21, people made their pledges to the 2019 Campaign.



More than 60 people gathered for the annual ceremony at the Holocaust monument, located in the Temple Israel cemetery in Conklin, on September 16.

The Federation is a proud sponsor of the PJ Library program. The PJ Library sends Jewish "Bedtime Stories and Songs for Families" free of charge to the homes of children in the community. The PJ Library can be enjoyed by all families regardless of their affiliation or observance. To support this program or add your child to the list, call the Federation office.

The Federation is the community organization responsible for the coordination of the activities planned by the Jewish organizations in the community and maintains a yearly calendar of events, which can be found on its website at www.jfjb.org. Additionally, it is responsible for leadership development and renewal – helping the Jewish community continue to thrive. The Federation provides scholarship assistance to educational and enrichment programs through its Endowment Fund.

Jewish Family Service, an agency of the Federation, addresses a myriad of requests for counseling, financial help, prevention of eviction and so many other needs. It also works to provide a caring community for the elderly and inbound, promoting get-togethers, distributing holiday treats and listening to their concerns.

The Jewish Federation publishes *The Reporter*, the nationally recognized weekly newspaper of the Jewish community. News of international, national and local importance is found in its pages, as well as announcements and information about upcoming and recent community events. Executive Editor Rabbi Rachel Esserman has won numerous journalism awards.

The Federation's Community Relations Committee communicates the importance of Jewish religious holidays to all area school districts through the use of a five-year planning calendar and through consultations with school personnel. The committee is also responsible for safe-guarding the rights of all individuals, whether in the school systems or in the workplace.

The Federation provides balanced public information about Israel and Jewish culture to Broome County, works to

promote good relations with other ethnic and religious groups, and actively combats antisemitism and discrimination.

The Federation's primary international beneficiary is the Jewish Federations of North America. JFNA carries out life-supporting work through its affiliates (the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Joint Distribution Committee) in Israel and around the world. The Jewish Agency provides job training for new immigrants in Israel, and supports preschools, youth services, nursing homes, health care, agricultural settlements, neighborhood rehabilitation and higher education. The Joint Distribution Committee provides emergency services, disaster relief, and access to religious and educational materials to Jews in Eastern Europe and other countries outside of Israel.

Overall, the Federation is a central institution in the local Jewish community. Thanks to the generosity of community members, Federation leadership is confident that this will continue in the forthcoming years.

For additional information, to make a contribution, or to volunteer for one of the programs, stop by the Federation office at 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850, visit its website www.jfjb.org or call 724-2332.



L-r: Outgoing Federation Executive Director Sima Auerbach, Federation President Suzanne Holwitt and incoming Federation Executive Director Shelley Hubal at the Federation's annual meeting on May 19.



At right: A large crowd attended the community vigil held at the Jewish Community Center on October 29 for the victims of the October 27 shooting on at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. The vigil was facilitated by the Jewish Federation. (Photo by Rachel Coker)



At left: People gathered before the Federation's annual meeting on May 19 to chat and get refreshments for the film being shown after the meeting.



At left: On October 21, at Federation's Super Sunday event, Yasher Koach honorees included (l-r) Eileen Miller (Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton), Marti Klionsky (College of Jewish Studies), Sarah Thomas (Hillel Academy), Richard Lewis (The Reporter), Marcy Yonaty (Hadassah), Jean Hecht (Temple Concord), Rachel Greenblott (Jewish Family Service), Toby Kohn (Beth David Synagogue) and Alan and Julie Piaker (Temple Israel). (Not pictured: Marie Werner (Rohr Chabad Center) and Gerry Hubal (Jewish Community Center).)

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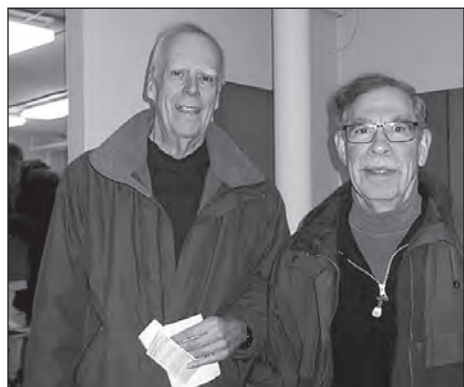
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Jewish Family Service

Jewish Family Service delivers essential human services to individuals and families facing challenges to their well-being. By providing information, referrals and advocacy, JFS assists people in navigating the



L-r: Roger Westgate, the driver, and Operation Brotherhood volunteer Ben Kasper got acquainted prior to delivering meals on December 25 for the 29th Bandera's Holiday Dinner.

complex safety net systems in the Greater Binghamton area, all in the hope of easing hardships, sustaining healthy relationships and supporting people in times of need. Financial assistance is provided within specific guidelines as funding permits. It is through thoughtful listening and compassionate caring that JFS can help people move from instability to a more secure and positive place.

JFS is a resource for family members looking for caregivers and home services for their elderly family members. On occasion, out of town family members or friends will contact JFS regarding concerns they have about their loved one and information and assistance will be provided. As a goal of providing opportunities for socialization and diminishing isolation, JFS has coordinated various programs as well as invitations to the Jewish International Film Festival. As JFS is a small agency and is unable to provide all necessary services alone to help recipients maintain

their highest quality of life, the human service network in Greater Binghamton collaborates with JFS.

Holidays can be a difficult time for those struggling and JFS attempts to improve the situation by collecting and distributing money during the holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah, Purim and Passover, and invites people to be guests at the Temple Concord Passover Seder. Additionally, the JCC Friendship Club has partnered with JFS in visiting adult care facilities with greeting cards and *shalach manot* during Purim.

Periodic articles in *The Reporter* keep people informed about topics relevant to JFS activities and other issues in society. Volunteers are much appreciated and assist the JFS director in implementing and completing various programs and tasks. Monetary donations from community members, as well as the annual allocation from the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, allow JFS to help many people in the community. If you are interested in joining the JFS board or assisting in any other way, contact JFS at 724-2332. Remember, JFS is there for



On December 25, Operation Brotherhood and other community volunteers worked at the 29th Bandera's Holiday Dinner. Operation Brotherhood is sponsored by Jewish Family Service under the auspices of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton. L-r: Volunteers Tom and Lani Dunthorn with boxes ready to be delivered.

you in times of need. Feel free to contact the office with any questions or concerns.

Rita Bleier

Chairperson of Jewish Family Services

Community Relations Committee

The charge of the Community Relations Committee is to educate the larger community about Judaism, explain Jewish viewpoints and Israel, and to help foster amicable relationships. In cooperation with other organizations, the CRC stands ready to respond to issues and developments of concern to the Jewish community.

Acts of terror against Jews in the U.S. and against the people of Israel, attempts to isolate and delegitimize the state of Israel, and the enduring anti-Israeli sentiment that often has antisemitic overtones in the media, on university campuses and throughout the international community continue to be of great concern. Members of the CRC monitor the local and national media for distortions, misrepresentations or instances of overt antisemitism so as to provide an immediate response to set the record straight and to educate the public. These efforts are undertaken in coordination with national and international media watch groups in an effort to heighten the positive impact they can achieve in the local community and elsewhere. Sadly, the past year has seen severe threats against local Jewish institutions.

Issues of separation of church and state continue to be of concern at the national and local level in light of demands from certain political groups for lowering the wall of separation between church and state. The CRC speaks out in opposition to such efforts, and lobbies congressional and legislative

representatives in its efforts to deter further erosion of the constitutional protection afforded to the people of this country.

At the local level, the CRC responds to instances of antisemitism and to inappropriate actions by local school officials with regard to observance of religious holidays in the schools. The CRC works to sensitize and educate school officials with regard to making reasonable accommodations as to the observance by students and teachers of the religious holidays. Publication and distribution of a five-year calendar to all area school officials is one of the means utilized to accomplish this.

Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the CRC organizes the memorial service at the Holocaust Memorial Monument in the Temple Israel Cemetery, on Conklin Avenue in Conklin, which brings together the entire local Jewish community, including Binghamton University students. The CRC attempts to reach out beyond the Jewish community to mark the ceremony as an inclusive testament to humanity.

The members of the CRC stand ready to respond to developments that affect the local Jewish community in a positive and meaningful way, and to initiate initiatives that promote a peaceful coexistence with all groupings within the region. As always, the support and input of the entire community is sought and appreciated. The CRC's greatest success comes from widespread participation.



The "Beyond the Rainbow: Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer in the Binghamton Jewish Community" program was held on February 26. More than 60 people attended the event, which was facilitated by Jewish Family Service at Temple Concord, in conjunction with Pride and Joy Families/Lesbian and Gay Families Building Project and Temple Concord.

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College of Jewish Studies

The College of Jewish Studies was founded in 1986 as a coalition between the Judaic Studies Department at Binghamton University and several local Jewish sponsoring institutions, including the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, Beth David Synagogue, Temple Concord and Temple Israel. Its mission is to provide opportunities for quality adult Jewish education in Broome County. The CJS Committee strives to bring scholars from local and regional campuses for enlightening lectures; an effort is made to combine broad appeal with intellectual and stimulating content and challenge. The programs are open to the community.

The fall 2018 program theme was "The Legacy of the Turbulent Sixties: Jews and Social Justice." Mark Rudd, a leader of the campus protests at Columbia University in April 1968, and an educator and community organizer, spoke on "Why Were There So Many Jews in SDS? Reflections on SDS, Columbia 1968 Protest, and the New Left."



Dick Flacks talked on "Making History/Making Blintzes," at the October 25 CJS event.



Mickey Flacks talked on "Making History/Making Blintzes," at the October 25 CJS event.

Dick and Mickey Flacks, University of California, Santa Barbara, spoke on their memoir "Making History/Making Blintzes: How Two Red Diaper Babies Found Each Other and Discovered America."

The spring 2019 program theme was "Rethinking 'the Ghetto' in Jewish History and Beyond." Mitchell Duneier, professor of sociology and chair of the Department of Sociology at Princeton University, spoke on "Ghetto: Invention of a Place, History of an Idea." The second speaker, Federica Francesconi, assistant professor of history and director of the Judaic Studies Program at the University at Albany, spoke on "From Venice to Rome: Jewish Girls and Women in Early-Modern Italian Ghettos." The final speaker in the spring program was Gina Glasman, lecturer in Hebrew and Yiddish literature in the Judaic Studies Department at Binghamton University, who spoke on "Painting a Ghetto Paradise: The Political Artistry of Moritz Daniel Oppenheim."

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L-r: Gina Glasman spoke with Nancy Titler after Glasman's talk on "Painting a Ghetto Paradise: The Political Artistry of Moritz Daniel Oppenheim" at the May 16 CJS program.



L-r: Beverly Rozen and Marti Kliensky spoke with Mark Rudd after his CJS talk on "Why Were There so Many Jews in SDS? Reflections on SDS, Columbia Protest, and the New Left" on October 11.



Mitchell Duneier spoke with Marcy Yonaty after his May 2 CJS talk on "Ghetto: Invention of a Place, History of an Idea."

International Jewish Film Fest of Greater Binghamton

The Jewish International Film Fest of Greater Binghamton, under the auspices of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, is a solid addition to the cultural life of the Greater Binghamton community.

The film festival began in 2012 with a committee of five (Ben Kasper, Rita Shawn, Roz Antoun, Sima Auerbach and Susan Hubal). Each film is followed by a discussion led by a community member.

The 2019 Film Fest was held in the spring. The films covered a wide range of styles – comedy to drama to

documentary – and a wide range of topics – history, the Holocaust, parenting and refugee issues. Film fest organizers and viewers agreed there was a film for everyone.

The Jewish Federation looks forward to continuing this community cultural event with more films in 2020. The Film Fest committee welcomes anyone interested in being part of the Jewish International Film Fest of Greater Binghamton. Those interested are asked to contact the Federation office at 724-2332.



At left: Members of the International Jewish Film Fest of Greater Binghamton Committee met on April 4 to choose films for this spring's fest. The films they chose were "The Night at the Garden" and "Prosecuting Evil" (shown on May 12); "Polish Honeymoon" (May 19); "Capernaum" (May 23); "City of Joel" (May 30) and "Shoelaces" (June 2). Sitting (l-r): Roz Antoun, Brendan Brynes, Ben Kasper and Stephen Lisman. Standing (l-r): Sandy Forman, Susan Hubal, Federation Executive Director Sima Auerbach and Susan Remizosky.

The Reporter Group

The Reporter, a weekly newspaper published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, provides a voice for an inclusive Jewish community. Still going strong well into its fifth decade, The Reporter holds true to its roots as a community newspaper. Members of the community are encouraged to share their news, simcha or sad, via The Reporter.

The paper also publishes national and international news of Jewish interest, features and opinion pieces. The Reporter, an essential source of information and communication for the local Jewish community, has received recognition and professional awards for distinguished journalism.

The dedicated and exceptional staff of The Reporter Group not only produces The Reporter, the weekly paper for the local community, but also produces newspapers for three other communities: Scranton, PA; Syracuse, NY; and Stamford, CT. Each newspaper is tailored to meet that community's needs. The news staff is assisted by a group of volunteer proofreaders.

The Reporter Group is led by Rabbi Rachel Esserman, whose commitment to the community, journalism and Judaism shapes the papers. Her mix of business structure and literary creativity keeps the paper fresh, while helping to maintain a level of excellence the community has come to expect.

The paper focuses on coverage of local events and activities of interest to the community, from pictures of sports, schools and camps to ongoing series spotlighting local businesses and leaders, including many items submitted by local organizations. The Reporter's website (www.thereportergroup.org) and Facebook page complement the print edition.

The Reporter is provided free of charge to individuals and families who are members of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, and it is available to everyone else for a nominal subscription fee. Voluntary subscriptions from Federation members are appreciated. Anyone who has questions, comments or suggestions, or would like to submit an article to the paper, should contact the office at 724-2360 or reporter@aol.com.

Rachel Coker
Editorial Board Chairwoman



The staff of The Reporter. Seated (l-r): Rabbi Rachel Esserman, Kathy Brown and Jenn DePersis. Standing (l-r): Bonnie Rozen, Diana Sochor and Ilene Pinsker.

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Binghamton Hadassah

The Binghamton Chapter of Hadassah is one of many international chapters that make up one of the largest volunteer women's organizations in the world. Hadassah supports the state of Israel while recognizing the needs of Jewish women and their families – helping women learn to express themselves while passing on a definable tradition to the next generation.

It all began with two nurses more than 100 years ago. Since then, Hadassah has built the foundation for health care in Israel with schools of medicine, nursing, dentistry, public health and occupational therapy.

Medical care, youth rescue and education are high priorities for Hadassah. Voter registration, women's rights and bias-free school curricula are just some of the other

projects that help round out Hadassah's interests. Hadassah encourages its members to be strong women who follow a healthy lifestyle with programs like "Every Beat Counts" and "Every Step Counts."

Even though membership has gotten smaller over the years, support for Hadassah Hospital and the other programs Hadassah runs needs continued support. This fall, Hadassah will hold its annual donor campaign with an emphasis on its newest project: Vision 360 Degrees of Healing. Visit www.hadassah.org/360degrees for more information.

For more information on the Binghamton Chapter of Hadassah, or to find out how to become a member, call Paula Rubin at 797-0181.

William H. Seigel Lodge of B'nai B'rith

The William H. Seigel Lodge of B'nai B'rith serves Bradford County (Pennsylvania) and southern Tioga County (New York). The Lodge is affiliated with the Penn-York Jewish Community, and it draws members mostly from the Southern

Tier of New York and the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania. As part of B'nai B'rith International, the oldest and largest Jewish service organization in the world, the Lodge sponsors a variety of community activities.

Board of Rabbis

The Broome County Board of Rabbis is an informal association comprised of the active pulpit rabbis in Broome County. The rabbis seek to have their respective synagogues and temples present a united front in dealing with communal problems and crises.

The rabbis participate in the annual communal Yom Hashoah u'Gevurah observance to commemorate the Holocaust. The rabbis also serve on the board of the College of Jewish Studies and give lectures under its sponsorship.

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The College of Jewish Studies committee is comprised of representatives from the local Jewish community and faculty from Binghamton University.



Federica Francesconi discussed "From Venice to Rome: Jewish Girls and Women in Early-Modern Italian Ghettos" at the May 9 CJS program.



A discussion followed Mark Rudd's talk at the CJS program on October 11.

Seen around the community...



On the evening of Shemini Atzeret-Simchat Torah, September 30, members of Temple Concord unrolled a complete Torah scroll. Selections were read from each of the five books of the Torah.

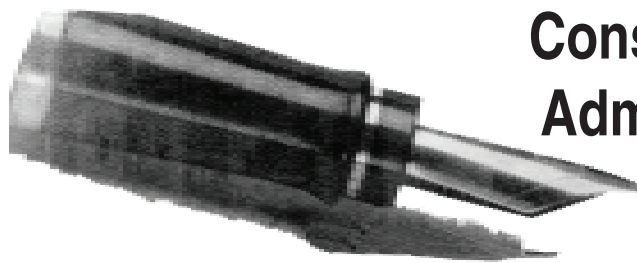


Hillel Academy students in Hadasah Slonim's (far left) pre-kindergarten and kindergarten class brought tzedakah to former Jewish Family Service Director Roz Antoun (far right) for Purim.

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Ithaca Area United Jewish Community

The Ithaca Area United Jewish Community completed a successful year of programming in May, which included a Holocaust commemoration, a Campaign launch banquet and the awarding of scholarships for local children to attend Jewish summer camp.

IAUJC raises funds to support a variety of Jewish organizations in Tompkins County, such as the Hillels at Cornell University and Ithaca College, the religious schools of Temple Beth-El and Congregation Tikun v'Or, and Chabad of Ithaca. It also allocates funding to programs that support Jewish communities in Israel and around the world.

Three years ago, IAUJC began launching its annual fund-raising Campaign each spring with a communitywide dinner. This year's annual Campaign dinner, attended by 90 people, honored two local couples for their generous support of IAUJC and their professional contributions to the community – Elliot and PA Rubinstein, and Ron and Randy Ehrenberg.

The keynote speaker for the evening was Rabbi Ari Weiss, executive director of Hillel at Cornell University, who shared his insights about connecting with the next generation of Jewish leaders and providing opportunities to enhance Jewish life in smaller communities such as Ithaca.

In May, IAUJC held its fifth annual Holocaust commemoration featuring a talk by Gerd Korman, a professor emeritus of history at Cornell University, at Temple Beth-El

in downtown Ithaca. Korman, who was born in Germany, was saved by the Kindertransport and spent the war years in a small English village. He and his family were all reunited in the United States in 1946, which he documented in his memoir, "Nightmare's Fairy Tale: A Young Refugee's Home Fronts, 1938-1948."

A new initiative cosponsored by IAUJC this year was the two-day visit in March by Judith Cohen, the chief acquisitions curator of the United States Holocaust Museum. Cohen spoke to a group of descendants of Holocaust survivors and explained the process of donating artifacts to the museum's archives. She also gave a presentation on Jewish ghetto photography at Ithaca College during her visit, which was organized by the Ithaca Descendants of Holocaust Survivors, a group founded in 2017.

IAUJC also supports a Holocaust Speakers Bureau that provides volunteer speakers who travel to local middle and high schools. Working with the bureau, the Ithaca College Park Scholars have recorded the stories of local Holocaust survivors and created a series of videos that can be shown in the classroom. The videos are available on the IAUJC website at <https://iaujc.org/family-stories-videos-local-interest>.

Serving Jewish youth of Tompkins County is another of IAUJC's objectives. One program IAUJC sponsors is the PJ Library, which was created 11 years ago to provide free monthly books to Jewish children from 6 months

to 8 years old. Funded in part by the Grinspoon Foundation, the program has expanded to include children from ages 9-11 and offers several events for families during the year, ranging from Sukkot parties to Purim and Chanukah carnivals.

Through the generosity of the late Robert and Marcia Ascher, a couple from Ithaca, as well as gifts from other donors, IAUJC completed its fifth year of providing grants to families to help pay for Jewish summer camp and teen programs.

IAUJC also supports four humanitarian projects in southern Israel thanks to an anonymous gift of \$500,000 made in 2015. Those projects include Lunch and Learn in Dimona, a program that offers an after-school program for at-risk elementary students; Youth Futures, which provides mentors to work with at-risk children and their families; the Ethiopian National Project, School Performance and Community Empowerment (SPACE) program, which provides after-school scholastic assistance to Ethiopian-Israeli youth; and the AMIT Elaine Silver Technological High School, which provides mentoring and vocational training to teenagers who have not met academic requirements at their regular schools.

IAUJC invites community members to become active volunteers and donors, and to provide feedback on its programs. For more information, contact info@iaujc.org or visit www.iaujc.org.

B'Yachad Ithaca Jewish Preschool

B'Yachad is unique in the Ithaca area. It is the only Ithaca preschool to offer a dual language curriculum of Hebrew and English within its program of play, exploration, relationship-building and the expressive arts. In addition to a comprehensive general studies curriculum, based on the New York state pre-kindergarten Common Core standards, B'Yachad integrates Jewish holidays, ethics and Hebrew language and songs.

At B'Yachad, each child will enjoy individualized attention and a strong connection with faculty and other students due to the excellent faculty to student ratio. In

B'Yachad's small classrooms, children are given the opportunity to develop self-confidence in a warm, supportive and nurturing environment, as well as develop security and stability, all while engaging in play and educational activities. Music, dance and art are also components of the B'Yachad program. The program emphasizes meaningful – and fun – experiential learning, and seeks to provide a positive and nurturing social experience for its children. A large outdoor play yard, with climbing structures and a sand box, offers snow play in the winter and gardening activities in warmer weather.

B'Yachad has its home at Temple Beth-El in downtown Ithaca (402 North Tioga St., Ithaca, NY 14850) and is open to all children ages 2.5-5 years. During the school year, B'Yachad offers a full-day program from 9 am-3 pm, along with a 9 am-noon half-day option. B'Yachad Ithaca Jewish Preschool is licensed by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. For inquiries and registration, visit the B'Yachad website at www.ithacajewishpreschool.com, e-mail byachadithaca@gmail.com or call 273-5775 (the Temple Beth-El office).

Seen around the community...



On April 5 at Chabad's Shabbat 1800, BU women lit candles to usher in Shabbat.



A game of Quidditch took place during Wizarding Week at Camp JCC 2018.



Rowdy from the Binghamton Rumble Ponies visited with 2018 Camp JCC kids and helped deliver United Way summer reading program books and bags to some of the children.



Steve Gilbert, TI/TC adult ed co-chair, introduced Hadassah Mativetsky, speaker for the TI/TC Adult Ed. program on April 7.



Temple Concord presented a musical program titled "Vocal Gems and Classic Favorites" on November 3 in the Kilmer Mansion. The program included music by Saint-Saens, Poulenc, Liszt, Copland, Mozart, Charminade, Romberg and Rossini. The musicians were (l-r) pianist Pej Reitz, soprano Jean Miller Goodheart, baritone Tom Goodheart and flutist Jeanne Sperber.

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Broome County Synagogues

Beth David Synagogue

Beth David Synagogue is a member of the Orthodox Union and the only Orthodox congregation in the area. Beth David can trace its history to 1905 when the informal "minyan" was incorporated as the Hebrew Brothers Association. Outgrowing their facility in a house on Susquehanna Street, members purchased a building on Carroll Street in 1930 and changed their name to United Hebrew Brothers Congregation. The "little shul" became Beth David Synagogue in 1956, and the revitalized Orthodox congregation became more active and saw its membership grow sizably. Having outgrown its facility, Beth David Synagogue purchased the property on Riverside Drive in 1962 and formally relocated to its present location in 1964.

Beth David is known throughout the community for its activity and involvement in all community functions, events and organizations. Its members occupy leadership roles in communal organizations and its rabbi is involved in community planning and events. All services and activities at Beth David are always open to any member of the community, regardless of synagogue affiliation. Members seek to make everyone and anyone comfortable, and welcome all with open arms. Beth David's services, traditionally chanted in Hebrew, are made easy to follow. Many parts of the service are sung to traditional tunes, which help make them accessible to the novice and experienced alike. The veteran participants can always be counted upon to guide the visitors through the service, helping one feel at ease as a participant.

Youth activities have always been integral part of Beth David. Members are proud of the award winning youth program, affiliated with NCSY, the National Council of

Synagogue Youth. The synagogue is prepared to revive these programs when the number of potential participants increases to make them viable.

Social activities abound at Beth David. A weekly Shabbat *kiddush* after services reverts into a Shabbat luncheon once a month, free and open to the community. Sisterhood sponsors many *kiddushim* and luncheons for various holidays, and all can celebrate Purim and Shavuot together at the communal festive meals. The Sisterhood also sponsors many social activities throughout the year, both at the synagogue and at other locations. The Men's Club invites all to its periodic Sunday breakfast. The Beth David sukkah is available for the community to use.

See "Beth David" on page 12A



L-r: Rabbi Zev Silver and Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu discussed the nature of the melodies that are part of the different holiday services, including those used during Selichot prayer.



L-r: Susan Hubal served dinner to Marcy Yonaty, Lillian Zodikoff and Cathy Velenchik at the Beth David Sisterhood November 14 paid-up meeting.



On March 21, Beth David Synagogue celebrated Purim with approximately 40 Beth David and community members in attendance. L-r: Ilana Segal, Bernie Segal, Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu, Charles Rubin, Hyman Rubin, Bob Kutz, Maria Kutz and Kathy Shelly.

Rohr Chabad Center of Binghamton

The Rohr Chabad Center in Broome County is an affiliate of the international Chabad-Lubavitch network, which maintains educational and social service institutions in approximately 4,000 locations. The Chabad Center is located at 420 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal; a satellite center serving the needs of BU students living downtown is located at 95 Court St., Binghamton. While the primary focus of Chabad is its programs and services geared toward the thousands of Jewish students at Binghamton University, Chabad is open to all members of the Jewish community. There is no membership fee, nor is a prior background or experience in Jewish life necessary.

The people who avail themselves of Chabad's numerous services and programs span the gamut of religious affiliation; the varied group includes those without formal affiliation at all. Chabad provides community members with many opportunities for enhancing their Jewish education and experience. To this end, it offers an extensive schedule of weekly classes on a variety of topics, presented on multiple levels, free of charge. Private tutorials are offered as well. Chabad Center is an affiliate of the prestigious Jewish Learning Institute and offers three semesters of JLI university level Judaic classes annually. Chabad sponsors lectures and open forums featuring noted speakers and authorities in diverse fields of interest. On occasion, Chabad brings quality Jewish entertainment, artists and personalities to the area. Chabad Center is also the sponsor of the annual Pauline Piaker Memorial Lecture. Additionally, Chabad maintains a well-stocked, easy-to-use library of Jewish books, tapes and videos; the resource serves both the casual

browser as well as the serious researcher. Chabad has a Jewish book shop and Judaica store, and can special-order any item from *tefillin* and *tallit* to tapes, CDs and toys with Jewish themes.

Chabad sponsors communitywide holiday celebrations such as dinners in the sukkah; a Chanukah Family Dinner; a Purim Feast that features ethnic food, live music and entertainment; and Passover seders. The Chabad Center staff provides counseling, referrals and pastoral advice, as well as guidance in religious matters and life cycle events. Chabad offers assistance by *kashering* kitchens, affixing kosher *mezuzot* and providing the necessary instruction and

physical resources necessary to enhance Jewish observance.

The Women's League for Chabad offers special programming geared toward strengthening Jewish women's spirituality and education. It is the sponsor of the annual Salute to Jewish Womanhood and offers a local *shalach manot* service for the Purim holiday.

The Chabad Center administrated Barrett J. Raff Maasim Tovim Foundation volunteers visits sick patients in area hospitals each Friday before Shabbat. Residents in area nursing homes, as well as shut-ins, also enjoy Chabad-sponsored holiday programming before or on each See "Chabad" on page 21A

At right: Community members at the Mega Challah Bake on October 25 included Brenda Schlaen Friedman with her daughters Eli and Zoe, Elissa Brown and the Kweller family.



At the 10th annual Fashion for a Cure event held at Chabad, Sandra Paston presented each of the student speakers with a handmade quilt she made for them. Paston was flanked by student speakers (l-r) Hannah Loffman, Amanda Heisler, Maddy Gold and Jamie Goldberg.

The Abraham Piaker Free Loan Association

The Chabad Center maintains the Abraham Piaker Free Loan Association for the purpose of providing short term, completely confidential, interest-free loans to aid worthy persons in the Jewish community who have a pressing need. The fund is governed by Michael Wright; Steven Piaker, son of Abe Piaker in whose memory the fund was established; Rabbi Aaron Slonim, director of Chabad Center; and community

members Alan Piaker, Rita Bleier and Gerry Hubal.

For an application or for more information about the fund, call the Chabad Center office at 797-0015. Persons interested in making a donation to this fund can mark them as such and mail them to the Chabad Center, 420 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal, NY 13850. Acknowledgment of gifts will be sent to the Piaker family.

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Temple Concord

Temple Concord, a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism, represents a modern interpretation of Jewish tradition, designed to meet individuals in their search for personal Jewish meaning within the context of community. Temple leaders reach out to members in the three areas important to Judaism: worship (*avodah*), community (*am Yisrael*) and education (Torah).

Worship

Friday evening Shabbat services are held weekly, usually at 8 pm. There are two "Shabbat in the Garden" creative services in the summer at 7:30 pm to enhance worshippers' appreciation of nature in a Jewish context. Saturday morning family services are held at 10:35 am when religious school is in session.

Jewish holidays are an important part of the year. High Holidays, festival and holiday services are open to all. Services are designed for people to find the joy of Judaism within the context of community worship. As part of Shabbat and holiday celebrations, Temple Concord congregants often will come together for a celebratory meal.

Community

Temple Concord's community consists of many smaller communities. Temple Concord Sisterhood is the largest and most active auxiliary. It consists of dedicated, hardworking and enthusiastic women who work to support the temple, its religious school and the community. Sisterhood, a service and social organization, is affiliated with the national Women of Reform Judaism. Programs include holiday parties for religious school students; educational programs; a women's seder; and a Sisterhood retreat. Whale of a Sale and monthly rummage sales are the major fund-raising events.

The Brotherhood is the men's auxiliary of Temple Concord. Brotherhood activities include brunches, poker nights and sports outings. In addition to these types of social activities, service projects in support of the temple are also part of the Brotherhood's agenda: it has organized High Holiday ushering, Purim dinners and sukkah building for many years. While Brotherhood focuses on social growth and activities oriented to the temple's male membership, many events it sponsors are open to the entire congregation.

The Social Action Committee focuses on *tikkun olam*, making the world a better place. The committee sponsors programs of social and political interest, and engages in political awareness and advocacy efforts. Recently, these have included programs



Ally Eisenstadt showed off a balloon shaped like a dreidel during Hanukkah festivities at Temple Concord.

on human rights, immigration, GLBTQ+ issues and local community involvement. The committee sponsors several mitzvah collection projects where a community agency is selected and a list of needed items is produced. Members of the committee and other congregants help prepare and serve hot meals to the needy at the Trinity Memorial Church in Binghamton. Temple Concord is one of the principle groups in the Children of Abraham of the Southern Tier, which seeks to foster dialogue and understanding between Jewish, Christian and Muslim residents in Greater Binghamton.

Temple Concord is the site of a weekly CHOW pantry. The CHOW pantry operates through the Social Action Committee, with members volunteering to staff the pantry and pack the food provided to families in need. A CHOW food drive is held during the High Holidays and a CHOW collection. See "Concord" on page 16A



Temple Concord Religious School kicked off the 2018-19 school year on September 8 as students in kindergarten through seventh grade gathered on the steps of the Kilmer Mansion for a photograph.



L-r: Lisa Blackwell, and Mark and Janet Hayman led Temple Concord's Chai Five fund-raising campaign, which raised about \$20,000 for special projects at the temple.

Temple Israel

Temple Israel, located in Vestal, NY, is a modern, Conservative synagogue founded in 1886. Temple Israel provides a complete range of religious, educational, spiritual and pastoral services dedicated to the principle that the Jewish people's survival and one's personal satisfaction depend upon a living heritage that is loyal to the past and relevant to the present.

In December 2013, the roof over the temple's large social hall collapsed, leaving the building uninhabitable. Temple Israel's Shabbat services were then held at the Jewish Community Center. Temple Israel's new building was completed in the summer of 2016 and is now the congregation's spiritual home for the 21st century.

Traditional in practice, yet sensitive to the diverse needs of all the members of the community, Temple Israel holds that the religious experience, as reflected in the synagogue, should be spiritually satisfying, intellectually honest and aesthetically appealing. The synagogue, with its rich program of education, social and cultural activities, aims to create a community of mutual support, intellectual vitality and spiritual sustenance. The active participation of all its members is encouraged.

Temple Israel has reached its 133rd birthday as a Conservative synagogue. It welcomes all, singles and families, into a friendly, caring environment, replete with a variety of activities on several levels in an effort to enhance the social, spiritual and educational well-being of its members. As

an egalitarian congregation, it allows men and women to sit together.

The Hebrew school provides a Jewish education for children ages 5-13, meeting Sunday mornings and Tuesday afternoons. Tuesday afternoon Hebrew study is taught jointly with Temple Concord. Children receive instruction in Hebrew, prayer and knowledge of rituals and traditions. In addition, they study Jewish history, Israel and current events. All study is geared to preparing them to become knowledgeable Jewish adults, taking their rightful place in the congregation.

Temple Israel has an adult library featuring a variety of books on Jewish subjects, and is fortunate to have a children's library that also features many books with Jewish subjects appropriate to the ages of the children attending the Hebrew school.

Adult education and family programming have been successful in providing events and programs with guest speakers, learning and celebration. See the Temple Israel website (www.templeisraelvestal.org), Facebook page (www.facebook.com/TempleIsraelVestal) or "Bulletin" calendar for up-to-date programming details.

The Mitzvah Corps provides the meal of consolation after funerals. Although there is no charge for this service, donations are appreciated to cover costs. The Caring Community volunteers visit the sick, the bereaved and the elderly in residence homes. It attempts to help assuage a variety of needs. See "Israel" on page 29A



Members of the Temple Israel b'nai mitzvah class and their parents took part in the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's Day of Caring on September 30. They helped clean overgrown gravestones at the Temple Israel Cemetery.



On August 12, the congregants of Temple Israel celebrated their second annual picnic in the social hall due to the "iffy" weather.

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Congregation Tikkun v'Or

Congregation Tikkun v'Or (Ithaca Reform Temple) is a vibrant congregation that strives for a warm, personal bond among its members, quality education for the children and a dynamic program for adults. Tikkun v'Or welcomes those from diverse backgrounds, interfaith families, LGBTQ families and people who are newly discovering Jewish connections, as well as those with a wide range of Jewish experiences. The core values of Congregation Tikkun v'Or are best described by three words: spirit, community and justice.

Spirit

At heart, Tikkun v'Or's community embraces living with compassion (*rachamim*), love (*chesed*), awe (*yirah*), gratitude (*hakarat hatov*), joy (*simcha*) and generosity (*nedivut*) – Jewish spiritual values that nurture the congregation and each member as individuals.

Members treasure the richness and complexity of the community. The wide diversity of beliefs and relationships to God are a source of strength and learning. Congregation Tikkun v'Or is a safe place for members to share their faith



Students danced at Congregation Tikkun v'Or's religious school in January.

and their doubt as they support one another in the search for meaning and purpose in their lives.

Tikkun v'Or offers an array of member and rabbi-led religious services on Shabbat and holidays, and educational programs for children and adults.

Community

A caring and loving community, Tikkun v'Or sanctifies and celebrates significant moments in its members' lives within the framework of Jewish ritual and values.

Members take to heart "my house is a house of prayer for all people" (Isaiah 56:7) and seek to include rather than exclude. Tikkun v'Or welcomes interfaith families, LGBTQ people and others who have been denied full acceptance in the broader community. Tikkun v'Or treasures the members of its congregation who are not Jewish and celebrates the interfaith character of the community.

The final word of the *Shema* – *echad*, all one – resonates as Tikkun v'Or's members join hands with other faith communities, community organizations and activist groups to fulfill shared values.

Justice

Inspired by the prophetic tradition and the historical experience of the Jewish people, Tikkun v'Or is dedicated to the pursuit of justice and peace, locally and globally. The Torah teaches that humankind was created in God's image and Tikkun v'Or honors this inherent godliness in each person. Toward that end, Tikkun v'Or's community actively seeks to promote racial and economic justice for all, resist Islamophobia, encourage education and dialogue about Israel and Palestine, support refugees in the community, feed the hungry, and protect the environment.

Tikkun v'Or's members are dedicated to justice, equality, human rights, and security for people all over the world, and specifically for all Israelis and Palestinians. Tikkun v'Or is committed to an open and respectful dialogue about these issues, and welcome those who feel excluded



The members of Congregation Tikkun v'Or's bet-gimel class celebrated Shabbat in December.

or silenced by other Jewish communities because of their opinions. The congregation is enriched by the multiplicity of views of its members.

"Spirit, Community and Justice" are integrated into all aspects of the life of the congregation. May all be blessed to witness the day when "love and truth will meet, justice and peace will kiss" (Psalms 85:11).

The congregation offers a religious school for kindergarten-seventh grade and a *ab'nai* mitzvah class. There are classes and programs for adults. Members participate in holiday celebrations, community social action projects, Shabbat dish-to-pass dinners, Shabbat-in-the-community, Shabbat-in-the-Park, music and dance programs, guest speakers, discussion groups and special events. There are several active working groups of the Social Justice Committee.

Rabbi Brian Walt serves as Tikkun v'Or's rabbi, leading services and classes on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and several times throughout the year.

See "Tikkun" on page 13A

Kol Haverim: The Finger Lakes Community for Humanistic Judaism

Kol Haverim: The Finger Lakes Community for Humanistic Judaism is open to all with an interest in exploring and celebrating Jewish identity and heritage. As a Humanistic Jewish community, Kol Haverim affirms the belief that human beings possess the power and responsibility to shape their own lives independent of supernatural authority.

Kol Haverim provides a warm, welcoming community for individuals and families who desire non-theistic ways to celebrate their identity, culture and heritage, offering celebrations of Jewish holidays for the whole family, social, cultural and youth programs and experiences for adults and families. Kol Haverim welcomes LGBTQ individuals and families from mixed religious/ethnic backgrounds. Those interested should consult the website for up-to-date information on holiday celebrations and programs.

As Humanistic Jews, Kol Haverim's members want their children to understand and appreciate the values and traditions of their ancestors, without feeling compelled to agree with all the beliefs and practices of past generations. Kol Haverim organizes informal age-appropriate education programs based on interest. Those interested should contact education@kolhaverim.net for more information.

Kol Haverim events and activities are organized by community members and the all-volunteer Board. Kol Haverim is part of an international movement for Secular Humanistic Judaism and is affiliated with the Society for Humanistic Judaism (www.shj.org), a national association



Kol Haverim members Abby Cohn, Alla Lukina, Vera Chernyakov and Jonathan Joseph (in back) celebrated Sukkot.

with more than 30 member congregations, communities and *chavurot* around the country. Kol Haverim is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2019.

For further information about Kol Haverim, write to P.O. Box 4972, Ithaca, NY 14852-4972, e-mail Chair Abby Cohn at chair@kolhaverim.net, or check out the website

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Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

Temple Beth-El is a congregation of caring individuals who wish to identify with the Jewish people and their future through the synagogue. It is a liberal congregation affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Services are held on Friday evenings and on the eve of most holidays at 6:15 pm or 8 pm, depending on the season, as well as on Shabbat and festival mornings at 10 am. There is also a weekday morning minyan at 7:30 am (9 am on Sundays and legal holidays). Changes in the worship schedule and times for the High Holidays are announced in advance.

Temple Beth-El is located at the corner of Court and Tioga streets in downtown Ithaca. While a substantial portion of the membership lives in Ithaca, many members are from outside the immediate Ithaca vicinity.

The temple is available virtually every day for meaningful activity. There are ongoing programs of worship, classes, meetings, social events and a host of activities.

Temple Beth-El provides leadership in all areas where Jews need help and support. The membership supports numerous worthy causes to benefit both the Jewish community and the community at large.

Worship Services

Kabbalat Shabbat services are held on Friday evenings at 8 pm, with occasional services at 6:15 pm. These services are generally followed by an *oneg* Shabbat. Shabbat morning services begin at 10 am and are followed by a *kiddush*.

A weekday morning minyan is held at 7:30 am (9 am on Sundays and legal holidays).

Services on the festivals (*Pesach*, *Shavuot* and *Sukkot*) generally follow the Shabbat schedule. A schedule is published for the High Holidays. The congregation maintains a policy of open seating for *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*.

Festival Celebrations

The temple provides special programs for adults, families and children on *Shavuot*, *Sukkot*, *Simchat Torah*, *Chanukah* and *Purim* as well as *Shabbat*.

Youth Community

Temple Beth-El offers a youth program that provides young people with a balanced religious, social and educational activities schedule. The program is run in conjunction with the Tzafon Region of United Synagogue Youth (ninth through 12th grade) and *Kadima* (sixth through eighth grade).

Religious School

The program of the Rabbi Felix Aber Religious School



Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

of Temple Beth-El begins with preschool and runs through high school. Preschoolers and their parents meet once a month to learn about Jewish holidays.

Kindergartners and first grade students attend classes on Sundays, and study the holidays, Bible stories and Jewish concepts and begin learning some Hebrew.

Second- through seventh-graders attend school twice a week on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons for a comprehensive program that includes Hebrew, liturgy, Bible, Jewish ethics and values, the Jewish calendar and life cycle, history, rabbinics and Jewish literature.

In preparation for greater participation in the life of the community and to enhance their study of liturgy, each class participates in a Shabbat service once a year. *Bar/bat mitzvah* training begins in the second semester of sixth grade and continues through seventh grade, with sessions in class as well as private weekly lessons with the rabbi. The *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* Family Education unit is an opportunity for all members of the family to take part in the learning which precedes the celebration.

The *Midrashah* (Hebrew High School) is open to all post-*bar/bat mitzvah* young people. Classes are held once a week and consist of varied and interesting programs, which may include contemporary moral dilemmas, current events, ancient and modern Jewish texts, and literature in translation.

Adult Education

The Temple Beth-El Adult Education Committee arranges several regular weekly classes, stimulating mini-courses during the academic year and guest lecturers and scholars-in-residence. The regular classes meet at various times during the week. Call the temple or access the website for more information.

Community Activities

In addition to religious, educational and social activities, the temple membership supports a variety of Jewish groups locally and outside of the community that seek to widen and deepen the commitment of Jews to Judaism and the tradition.

Temple Beth-El has worked with the Ithaca Area United Jewish Community on various projects over the years. The congregation contributes to *Mazon* and encourages members' active support of *Mercaz* and the *Masorti* movement in Israel.

Temple Beth-El is a member of *Area Congregations Together*, an umbrella organization made up of all local congregations, and is actively supportive of *ACT's* work, particularly *Kitchen Cupboard*, the local food pantry. Annually, the congregation runs a campaign to provide personal care items to clients of *Catholic Charities* and throughout the year carries on a program known as "Necessities for our Neighbors," which provides sample/travel size personal care items to *Catholic Charities* for its clients. The temple's *Social Action* and *Community Outreach* Committee coordinates these and other *tikkun olam* efforts.

Temple Affiliated Organizations

The mission of the *Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El* is to enhance Jewish life by supporting the Religious School, sponsoring social, cultural and educational programs for the women of the community and encouraging Jewish observance. The *Sisterhood* is affiliated with the *Women's League for Conservative Judaism*, which provides members with a voice in national and global arenas.

The *Ralph Marvin Men's Club* provides a comfortable setting for men to gather socially and also makes available programs of interest to men, helps to organize holiday celebrations and assists with various maintenance projects.

For further information, contact the temple office at 273-5775 or visit www.tbeithaca.org.

Scott L. Glass, Rabbi
Randy Ehrenberg, President

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Judaism flourishes through the study of Torah. Beth David strives to offer a full array of educational opportunities. There are regular classes, special learning sessions, guest speakers and video presentations. Student scholars from *Yeshiva University* and other *yeshivot* enhance Torah study and celebrations during *Simchat Torah* and *Shavuot*. The active *Sisterhood* regularly hosts speakers who are experts in their fields. The *beit midrash*, study hall and library, located in the synagogue, are filled with English and Hebrew books, and are always open.

Judaism addresses every aspect of religious life and these can be observed at the *shul*. In addition to daily services both morning and night, Beth David can be helpful to those who wish to observe Judaism in accordance with tradition. Anyone observing a *yahrzeit* can comfortably come to say *Kaddish* for a loved one. The synagogue maintains the *Binghamton eruv* (Sabbath boundary) and *mikvah* (ritual bath).

Beth David is also a resource for life cycle events; feel

free to call for assistance in arranging for a *kiddush* to celebrate a happy occasion; a *brit* and/or *pidyon haben* upon the birth of a son; a *simchat bat* upon the birth of a daughter; a wedding ceremony; or, when needed, a funeral.

Beth David Synagogue is the main address when seeking a Jewish religious and social experience. Those with questions may call Beth David's office at 722-1793. Regular office hours are Tuesdays, 10 am-1 pm; Thursdays, 9 am-1 pm; and Fridays, 10 am-1 pm.



At left: Facing camera (l-r): Charlie Manasse, Gerry Hubal, Susan Hubal, Merri Pell-Preus, Tony Preus and Rabbi Zev Silber celebrated Purim at Beth David Synagogue.



L-r: Steve Gilbert and Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu performed at Beth David Synagogue's *Yom Ha'atzmaut* celebration.



L-r: Chaim Joy, Lillian Levy, Ruth Goldstein, Lillian Zodikoff, Sylvia Diamond and Ann Brilliant celebrated Purim at Beth David Synagogue.



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Norwich Jewish Center

The Norwich Jewish Center, located at 72 South Broad St., Norwich, NY, serves to meet the needs of the Jewish community in this rural area.

Arabbi serves the egalitarian congregation on a part-time basis. Shabbat study sessions are held the second Saturday of the month at 10 am. Call ahead for confirmation and information.

Call 334-2691 for information. There is an answering machine on at all times. Callers are asked to leave complete phone number, including area code, and a brief message.

There are speakers, concerts and other events throughout the year, including a communal Passover seder and a Chanukah party. For more information, leave a message on the Center's answering machine.

At right: The Norwich Jewish Center



Temple Beth El of Oneonta

Temple Beth El of Oneonta is an egalitarian congregation affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Located approximately halfway between Binghamton and Albany, its membership of approximately 70 families is drawn from surrounding counties.

Services are held twice a month on Friday evenings. Adult Torah study, followed by Lunch and Learn, takes place on Saturdays twice a month. A full calendar of services and events is posted monthly on the temple's website. The religious school meets Sunday mornings during the school year. The Men's Club holds Sunday breakfasts on the third Sunday each month with programs of community interest and the Women's Club meets monthly, often on the first Sunday of the month. A community Shabbat potluck dinner as well as an Israeli Film Series are held monthly.

An award-winning remodeling of the entire synagogue included the construction of a spacious, old-world sanctuary complete with Jerusalem stone. The new sanctuary's size and fine acoustics have created opportunities for Temple Beth El to offer guest lecturers, concerts and interfaith events. All programs are open to the public.

The synagogue has its own cemetery, located in Oneonta. Plots are available for purchase by members



Temple Beth El of Oneonta

of the temple and Jewish non-members.

Temple Beth El is located at 83 Chestnut St., Oneonta, NY 13820. The phone number is 432-5522; leave a message for a return call. For synagogue business or to reach Rabbi-Cantor George Hirschfeld, e-mail tboneonta@gmail.com.

Seen around the community...



At left: Members of the three synagogue Sisterhoods gathered for the Intersisterhood event, which was held on April 30. Binghamton University's Jewish a cappella group Kaskeset performed songs in both Hebrew and English at the event.



Students and teachers gathered on the bima at Temple Concord on the last day of religious school this spring.



Beth David Sisterhood members attended the annual donor event on May 7. Rabbi Benny Kellman was the guest speaker.



L-r: Sheridan Blake, Abby Pietras and Adelle Mattson enjoyed playing in the JCC pool at Kids Connection during day off from school on October 5.



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Penn-York Jewish Community

The purpose of this congregation is to promote Jewish identity through cultural, educational, social and religious activities in the Southern Tier of New York and the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania, including Waverly, NY, Sayre, Athens and Towanda, PA, and surrounding communities.

The local B'nai B'rith chapter, the William H. Seigel Lodge #1352, provides community service as well as educational and cultural programs.

The Penn-York Jewish Community is a supporting member of the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers.

Future plans include a summer picnic in August, a Sukkot celebration in October and a Chanukah celebration in December. For more information, contact Harvey Chernosky at 570-265-3869.

Temple Brith Sholom

Temple Brith Sholom acts as the center for Jewish religious and cultural activities in Cortland, NY, and in the surrounding Cortland County community. A diverse group comprised of about 30 individual and family members, Temple Brith Sholom frequently shares programs with the small, but active, SUNY Cortland Hillel group, and participates in Interfaith Community activities and events. High Holiday services this year will be led by Michael Weinstein, assisted by Cantor Nancy Hausman. Shabbat services are led by service leaders drawn from the congregation and members of the community. The community maintains a Jewish cemetery as part of the Cortland Rural Cemetery.

A community this size provides many opportunities for personal growth through service to the community, whether serving on the Board of Trustees, serving on one of the committees, leading services, or planning a special program. Members welcome new friends at any service or program.

Temple Brith Sholom is located at 117 Madison St., Cortland. For further information, contact Bruce Fein at 607-423-3346. For information on Temple Brith Sholom's cemetery, contact Cemetery Committee Chairman Dr. Andrew Chernow at 753-7381. See the temple's page on Facebook for more information on services and events.

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The religious school is under the direction of Naomi Wilensky. Other activities of the temple are planned by a full range of committees.

Shabbat services are held every Friday evening, usually at 7:30 pm. The synagogue answering machine is updated weekly with the schedule of services.

The synagogue is located at 2550 Triphammer Rd., Ithaca. For more information about Congregation Tikkun v'Or, call 256-1471, visit www.tikkunvor.org, e-mail info@tikkunvor.org or write to P.O. Box 3981, Ithaca, NY 14852.

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Jewish Community Center

Mission Statement and Purpose

The JCC's mission is to provide Jewish and secular programming and services in a safe and welcoming environment. The JCC also strives to cultivate and promote community relations and strengthen Jewish heritage, culture and identity in the Greater Binghamton community.

Seeking to embrace the true spirit of community, the JCC of Binghamton is dedicated to the enrichment of family life and fosters the spiritual, emotional and physical development of its members and friends through all of life's stages and circumstances. The JCC represents the model of acceptance, understanding and diversity. As such, people look to the JCC as a center that epitomizes how shared values can support a vibrant and evolving community. The JCC welcomes social inclusiveness, catering to a wide variety of ages, lifestyles, ethnicities and socio-economic backgrounds.

Founded August 15, 1927, the JCC provides programs and services to the community in its ever-expanding, modern facilities in Vestal. For more than 90 years, the JCC has offered programs in five major service areas to individuals and families with infants to senior adults: (1) Early Childhood Center services include infant care, daycare and preschool classes; (2) Youth and Teen programs/services; (3) Adult and Senior programs/services; (4) Mind, Body and Health program/services; and (5) Summer Day Camp.

Dr. I.J. Rosefsky Early Childhood Center

At the ECC, staff believe in developing the whole child. They take the time to recognize and nurture the physical, emotional, social, linguistic and cognitive skills of each child. The goals of the ECC are to develop positive self-esteem, new skills and a love of learning. The ECC is a busy, happy and creative place for children to play and learn,

and offers a broad range of programs for children 6 weeks to 5 years of age. The ECC offers participants on-site swimming, gym, an outdoor playground and lunch.

To register for any of the ECC programs, contact the ECC director at 724-2417.

Half-Day Program

The half-day program follows the Vestal school calendar; registration for the fall begins the previous March and continues until the program is full. Children age 3 by December 1 can attend two, three or five days a week, from 9-11:45 am or from 9 am-12:45 pm including a hot lunch. The morning half-day programs provide opportunities for both free play and directed activities. Art, crafts, music, dramatic play, story-time, outdoor play, cooking, nature, science, computers and field trips are included. The program also includes a weekly large-motor gym period, with instruction provided by a qualified physical education specialist, and the opportunity to swim in the JCC's pool, a unique offering among local programs. Morning snack is provided.

The ECC also has its own cook, preparing and serving daily kosher lunches.

An appreciation of Jewish culture is conveyed through Sabbath and individual holiday programs, as the children learn songs, hear stories, do crafts and prepare foods pertaining to Jewish holidays.

An intergenerational program with the residents of Elderwood Village at Vestal (formerly Brookdale Vestal East), the senior citizen assisted living center across from the JCC, bridges the gap between young and old, with joint activities such as crafts, stories and conversation.

Full-Day Program

The ECC's full-day program, opened in 1992, brings child care services year-round to families with children aged 6 weeks-5 years, from 7:30 am-5:30 pm Monday-Friday. The activities and cultural experiences



L-r: Adelle Mattson and Sheridan Blake enjoyed time on the Kids Connection playground on October 5, a day off from school.



L-r: Ryan Williams and Andrew Bonsick were all smiles at Camp JCC's first Ruach Circle on July 2, 2018.

described in the half-day program are all included in the full-day program, as well. A lunch and two snacks per day are provided.

Universal Pre-Kindergarten

The JCC is a Universal Pre-Kindergarten provider for the Vestal and Binghamton school districts. The morning session runs from 9-11:45 am and the afternoon session runs from 1-3:45 pm. UPK follows the Common Core standards as set by the New York state Department of Education. Enrollment for Vestal is conducted through the school district. Binghamton residents may enroll directly through the JCC. Students are eligible for UPK the year they are 4 on or before December 1. Community residents can also join the ECC's UPK program as self-paying clients. Contact the ECC at 724-2417 regarding enrollment.

Youth and Teen Programs/Services

The Youth Department provides a variety of classes and vacation programs for children in preschool through sixth grade. A variety of different classes are offered seasonally for youth of all ages and include art, sports, music, dance and special interest. Classes offer instruction in a creative, friendly atmosphere. Special interests expressed by participants often generate new programming ideas.

Kids Connection

The Jewish Community Center's licensed school-age child care program, Kids Connection, is open to area elementary school-aged children in grades kindergarten-seventh and offers a diversified program with professional staff.

Kids Connection is scheduled from 3:15-6 pm Monday-Friday, and 7:30 am-6 pm when Vestal schools are closed due to a snow day, vacation day, half day or holiday. At Kids Connection, children can play, do homework, have a snack, relax or partici-

pate in the weekly themed program. A day may also include swimming, games in the gym, youth sports and fitness, time on the school-aged playground and activities in science, music, cooking and art. A CIT, or Counselor-in-Training, program is available for students in grades six-eight.

JCC Teen Program/BBYO

The JCC Teen Program is affiliated with the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization as part of its Liberty Region. For more than 80 years, BBYO has been the largest, trans-denominational, Jewish youth-led movement in the world. BBYO offers fun activities and meaningful involvement by exposing teens to Jewish culture, history and practice, and introducing new ways to help them apply Jewish principles to contemporary life.

The group is open to Jewish teens in grades eight-12. Locally, teens are involved in a variety of social as well as community service projects, such as gathering for meetings and social events, and volunteering at the JCC for the Community Chanukah Celebration, Purim Carnival, the Jewish Federation's Jewish International Film Fest, JCC fund-raising events and more. Regionally, teens attend conventions, which are held at JCCs that span from New York and Pennsylvania to Delaware.

Adult and Senior Programs/Services

The JCC sponsors many cultural, educational and social activities and programs throughout the year, which have included exhibits, lectures, trips, dances, classes, the Jewish Book Fair and Jewish cultural festivals. There is Jewish holiday programming for the entire family for Chanukah and Purim. Senior volunteers prepare and bring holiday food packages to people in adult residences.

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JCC Friendship Club members participated in a bumblebee art project with the students from the UPK 3 classroom at the JCC on May 29.



Members of the Friendship Club and friends watched part of "GI Jews" on August 22 before taking part in a discussion with Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell (standing, far right).



Camp JCC 2018's teen campers enjoyed an afternoon Yankees game at Yankee Stadium on August 1 during their four-day trip to New York City.

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In addition, classes and workshops have been offered in the fall, winter and spring in areas that have included crafts, music, dog training, lectures on health topics, book discussions and defensive driving.

Friendship Club

The Jewish Community Center Friendship Club meets every Wednesday at the JCC for a variety of activities and programs. After refreshments at 1:30 pm, in addition to musical, educational, cultural and holiday programs, there is plenty of time to socialize, work on crafts, play cards or just talk. One meeting a month is set aside as a birthday celebration for all seniors whose birthdays fall during that month. The senior group also plans trips and outings during the year.

Yiddish Conversation Group

The Yiddish Group has been meeting at the JCC every Thursday, excluding holidays, for more than 20 years. It is a vibrant group of people, from all walks of life, who spend more than an hour each week in Yiddish conversation discussing serious and current topics, telling stories and jokes, writing poetry and more. No knowledge of Yiddish required.

Mind, Body and Health Programs/Services

The JCC provides programs and activities for all interests and levels of mind, body and health in the community. Fall, winter, spring and summer classes make use of the JCC's Fitness Center, gymnasium, pool, loft and outdoor complex.

Certified personal trainers, and yoga and pilates specialists welcome clients in the JCC's comprehensive fitness facility. Ellipticals, treadmills, exercise bicycles, free weights and a complete range of strength training equipment is available for members' use every day, except on the Sabbath when the JCC is closed.

The JCC offers specialized personal fitness programs, post-rehab, strength and conditioning, as well as a variety of exercise classes to members and non-members of all ages. JCC fitness staff believe that being a part of JCC fitness, whether through a personal trainer or group class, is considered the best way to monitor progression and to maintain motivation.

Group exercise classes, including aerobics, spinning, SilverSneakers, pilates and kettlebell pump, are held every day by certified instructors to help clients improve cardiovascular fitness and muscle tone. Anyone can come and try a group exercise class for free.

Other activities for adults include men's basketball leagues and open games, water exercise, lap swimming and more.

There are a myriad of sports activities for children at the JCC. Co-ed basketball developmental leagues are run during the year for children to provide a competitive and learning environment. Numerous basketball tournaments are also played by all ages.

The Fitness Center and Health Club facilities are open 5:30 am-9 pm Mondays-Thursdays, 6 am-5 pm Fridays and 8 am-5 pm Sundays. Separate steam and sauna, locker and shower facilities are available for men and women members. TV lounges are also part of the Health Club facility and are a way to relax after a workout or just escape for some solitude.

Aquatics

The JCC Aquatics Department provides a broad spectrum of aquatic courses. Offerings include American Red Cross swim levels for parent/child, preschoolers, youth, advanced youth and adult learn-to-swim, which includes competitive swimming and stroke development.

Water exercise and arthritis water exercise continue to grow and stay in demand. The department also provides



Members of the Friendship Club played Bingo at their July 11, 2018, meeting.

instruction at the higher aquatic levels in ARC Lifeguarding, Waterfront Lifeguarding, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, AED, Pediatric AED, Community First Aid and Community CPR.

The aquatics facility is designed for easy access with ease-in steps and a chair lift. The water temperature is kept between 84 degrees.

Personal aquatic training and private lessons are available. Recreational swim is provided to the JCC Early Childhood Center on a weekly basis.

JCC Summer Camp

For more than 40 years, Camp JCC has earned a reputation for providing a quality day camp experience for the young people of the Southern Tier. Open to the entire community, Camp JCC is a place where children from ages 5-16 years come to develop new friendships and take on new experiences and challenges. Camps at the JCC also include week-long co-ed sports camps and specialty camps.

Camp JCC continues to offer new programs designed specifically to address the changing needs of campers and their families. The professionally-run counselor orientation and training ensures the highest quality of camper supervision. Camp structure guarantees that children of all ages will be provided the opportunity to thrive and grow. The program emphasis on outdoor fun, physical growth and learning cooperation encourages children to explore new aspects of the world around them.

Camp JCC is based at the Jewish Community Center complex (indoor and outdoor) at 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal. The location provides children with a safe, clean and flexible environment where they can enjoy all that summer has to offer, rain or shine.

Camp JCC is the perfect place for young children to learn to swim, study nature, sing, dance, play sports, polish their sports skills, learn arts and crafts, explore folklore, and experience day trips, overnights and much more.

All camp information and fees can be found online at www.binghamtonjcc.org.

Kashrut

The JCC adheres to *kashrut*, the Jewish dietary laws. Arrangements for kosher food for programs and activities may be made through the JCC office.

JCC Guest Pass Policy

JCC members in good standing may receive complimentary passes to the JCC for out-of-town house guests for a period of up to two weeks. A \$10 guest pass is required each time a local guest is brought to the JCC accompanied by a member. After three visits per year, local guests can choose to become a JCC member by visiting or calling the JCC office at 724-2417.

Seasonal Program Guide

JCC Program Guides are distributed and posted online in the spring, fall and winter. The Center offers educational, fitness, family-oriented and community-based programs and services for all ages, from toddlers through senior citizens. Day and evening classes, lectures and special programs are scheduled throughout the year. Those interested need not be members to enroll in the many JCC courses listed in the guide. The Program Guide can be found and



A scene from Camp JCC's play "Moana," which campers staged on July 27.

downloaded from the JCC's website, www.binghamtonjcc.org, at any time. To receive a paper copy, call the JCC office at 724-2417.

The JCC is a member agency of the United Way of Broome County and the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, whose support underwrites priority services for those who cannot afford to pay the full cost of fees and charges.




Children waited in line for balloon animals at the JCC Community Purim party on March 24.



Volunteers from Lockheed Martin ran a legorobotics program with the Elieter campers at Camp JCC 2018.



Children participated in a daily swim lesson in the JCC's indoor pool at Camp JCC 2018.



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Seen around the community...



Hillel Academy students came to the Jewish Community Center on March 21 in their Purim costumes to deliver a shalach manot basket to then Federation Executive Director Sima Auerbach.



An overview of part of the crowd at the Jewish Community Center's community Purim party on March 24.



On March 28, the Chabad Center in partnership with the Sigma Delta Tau sorority held its 10th annual Fashion for a Cure event to benefit Sharsheret. Pictured: Arielle Goldschmidt, a doctor, on the runway. In the background, a power point with photos of the first female physician and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a Supreme Court justice.



L-r: Michael Wiesner, Andre Rosales, Cherese Rosales, Gerry Hubal, Dora Polachek, Solomon Polachek and Saba Wiesner celebrated Purim at Beth David Synagogue.

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basket is available throughout the year to receive donations of non-perishable food.

Members of the Caring Community make home visits and bring a basket or meal to congregants who are or have been ill, had surgery or been in an accident. They also assist in preparing the meal of consolation after a funeral, and try to provide rides to services for members or Binghamton University students unable to transport themselves.

The temple also has the Tuesday Morning Book Club, which meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am (changes in the meeting schedule can be found in the temple's monthly newsletter and on its website). The book club is open to the public and offers a discussion of the chosen book in a social setting.

The temple's outreach activities include programs for interfaith families, as well as classes for people who wish to learn more about Judaism. *Havdalah* Happy Hour programs have been offered through outreach for the past few years.

Hanukkah House Museum is a seasonal museum established as a teaching museum for the community. Through creative displays of Jewish history and tradition, Hanukkah House provides a cultural and educational experience designed to increase the visitors' awareness and knowledge of Jewish life.

Education

In keeping with the tradition of the Jewish people and the principles of Reform Judaism, Temple Concord has a comprehensive religious school and Hebrew school program, starting with younger children and progressing to confirmation. Religious school for children in kindergarten through seventh grade meets on Saturdays from 9-11:45 am and includes attending Shabbat morning services. Hebrew classes meet on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Children in grades eight, nine and 10, the post-bar/bat mitzvah program, will meet twice a month. The curriculum covers Jewish religious concepts and practices; Torah; Hebrew; Jewish values, morals and ethics; Jewish history from

biblical to present times; and comparative religion.

Adults have many opportunities to study together. Torah study, led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell, takes place on Saturdays at 9:15 am and is open to all. The rabbi also runs short-term seminars throughout the year on various topics.

Temple Concord is located at 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. The temple may be reached by phone at 723-7355, by e-mail at TempleConcordBinghamton@gmail.com, online at www.templeconcord.com and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/templeconcord.

Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell
Rachel Coker, President
Orly Shoer, Religious School Principal

At right: Clergy and choir members participated in the High Holiday services at Temple Concord.



L-r: Lee Foreman, Shayna Foreman and Jonah Lyons were consecrated as new students in the Temple Concord Religious School.



Congregants enjoyed the Super Kiddush at Temple Concord after the Rosh Hashanah service on September 10.

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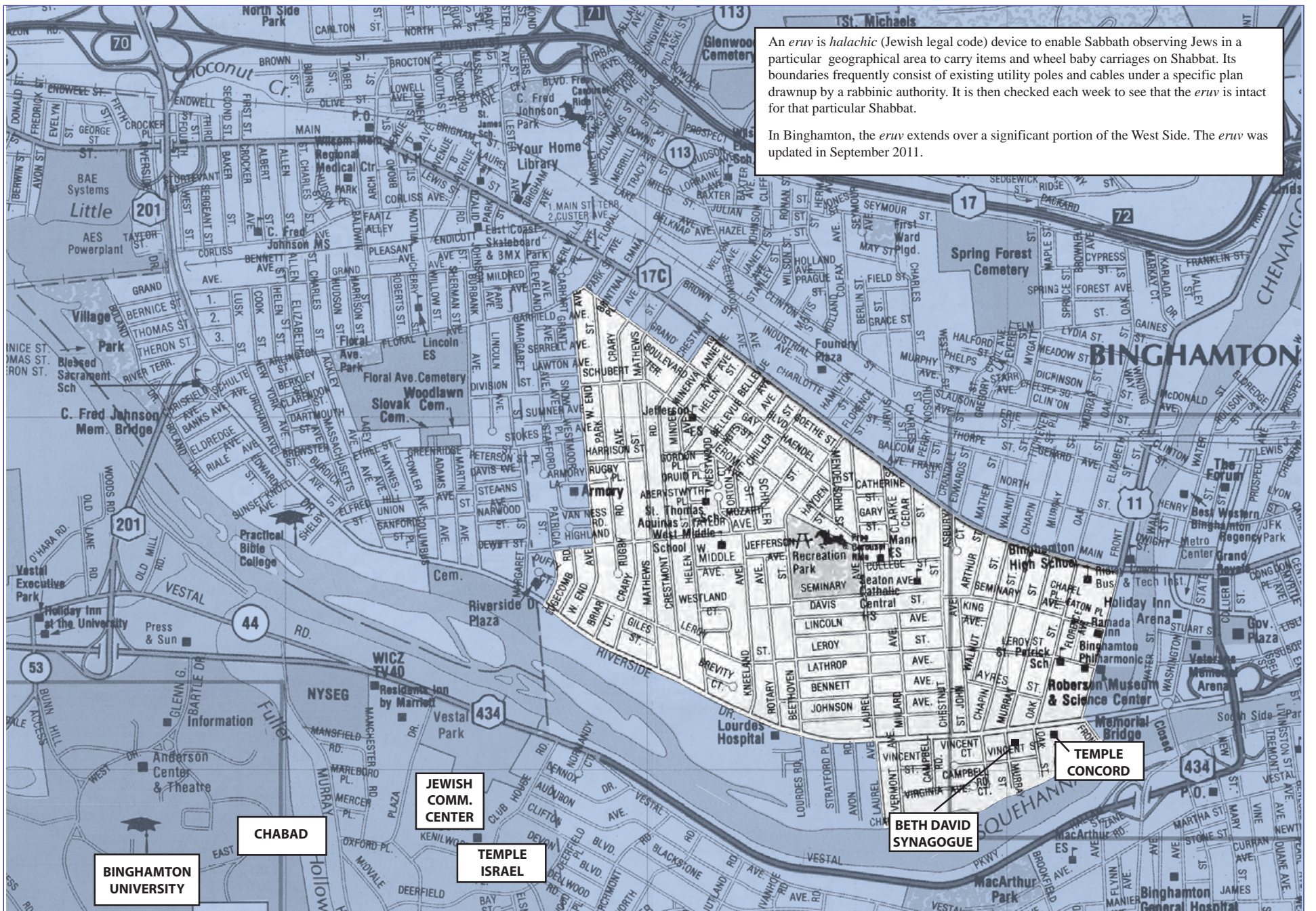
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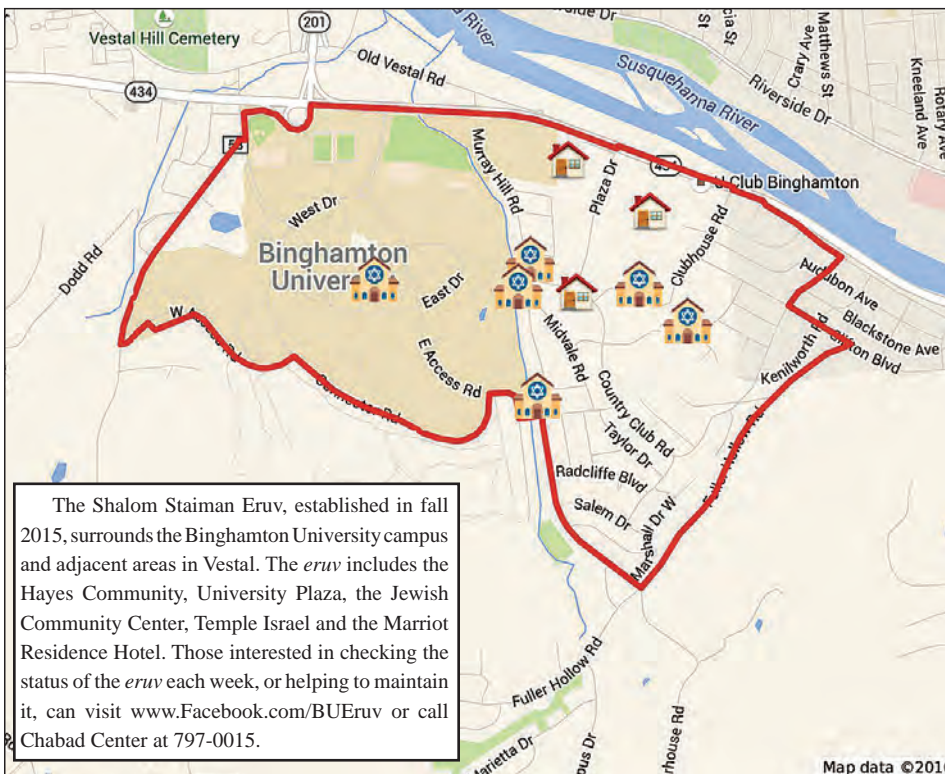
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Rabbi Zev Silber	Rhonda Levine, chairwoman	Naomi Wilensky, administrative coordinator and religious school director	Dr. Caleb Conklin, School Principal	ECC director: TBA Adult Program Coordinator: Harry Cohen Youth Director: Stacey Robitaille Camp Director: Nora Graven	For information on the b'nai mitzvah program and youth programs, contact education@kolhaverim.net.	Rabbi Aaron Slonim Rivkah Slonim Rabbi Zalman Chein Rochel Chein Rabbi Levi Slonim Hadasa Slonim	Rabbi Scott L. Glass Rabbi Suzanne Brody, Director of Education and Youth Programming	Rabbi-Cantor George Hirschfeld	Orly Shoer, Temple Concord religious school principal	Hebrew school: Rabbi Geoffrey Brown	
	Fall and spring programs, topics TBA.	The religious school for grades kindergarten-seven meets Sunday mornings 9 am-noon. Sixth- and seventh-graders also meet on Wednesday afternoons. Religious school classes participate in Family Shabbat Experiences throughout the year.	Monday-Friday from 8:40 am- 3:30 pm.	The Early Childhood Center provides full-day care Mon.-Fri. 7:30 am-5:30 pm all year-round for children 6 weeks-5 years old. The Infant Program is for children 6 weeks-18 months. Half-day care is available for children age 3 by December 1. They can attend two, three or five days a week, from 9-11:45 am or from 9am-12:45 pm including a hot lunch, Sept.-June (extended day available). The After School Program (Kids Connection) is for elementary school-aged children and runs Mon.-Fri. 3:15-6 pm. Full-day school-age care is available when school is closed for snow or conference days, holidays or vacations; the exceptions are national or Jewish holidays, December 25 and the day after Thanksgiving.		To obtain a full schedule of events and classes or to arrange for a private tutorial, call Chabad Center at 797-0015.	The Rabbi Felix Aber Religious School preschool program meets once a month. Grades K-1 meet on Sundays. Grades 2-7 meet twice a week on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Each class takes part in a Shabbat service once a year. The Midrasa (Hebrew High School class) is open to all post-bar/bat mitzvah students, who attend once a week and enjoy a varied program.	For preschool and other information, visit www.templebetheloneonta.org. The religious school meets on Sundays from 9am-noon. Bar/bat mitzvah study is supervised by the rabbi.	Temple Concord has a comprehensive religious/Hebrew school program, starting with kindergarten and progressing to confirmation. Religious school for children in kindergarten through seventh grade meets on Saturdays from 9-11:45 am and includes attending Shabbat morning services. Hebrew classes meet on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Children in grades eight, nine and 10, the post-bar/bat mitzvah program, meet twice a month.	The religious school meets on Sundays and Tuesdays. On Tuesdays, Temple Israel and Temple Concord have a joint Hebrew school located at Temple Concord.	
	None.	Congregation Tikkun v'Or offers religious school for students in pre-kindergarten-grade seven and b'nai mitzvah preparation. Hebrew for prayer is studied using Mitkadem, part of URJ's Core Hebrew program. Topics of study include holidays, Torah, history, mitzvot, Jewish calendar and life cycles, God and Israel. Teens v'Or is the Tikkun v'Or youth group, for ages 13-17. Teens gather regularly for social programs, social action, leadership and community programs.	Hillel Academy offers programs for pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. Early childhood programs concentrate on developing physical and motor skills, readiness and early reading skills. Math, art, music, reading, Hebrew and computers are introduced through play and focused classroom instruction; faculty are experienced at teaching to variations in student learning. Hillel Academy incorporates the Common Core Curriculum in a creative and effective way, emphasizing learning and not testing. The Judaic studies program develops Jewish values and ethics, fluency in Hebrew language, and practical knowledge and skills in holiday observances, customs, prayer and Bible.	The JCC Early Childhood Center provides an appreciation of Jewish culture through Sabbath and holiday programs. Kids Connection offers weekly themes and a multi-cultural curriculum. Specialty youth classes are available for children ages 3-12 throughout the year. JCC Teen Program/BBYO is for those in grades nine-12.		The Chabad Center library offers a large and diverse collection of books, audio and visual tapes and DVDs on every facet of Jewish philosophy, study and practice. Open daily and wireless equipped, it offers a welcoming environment for the casual browser as well as the researching student.	Preschoolers learn about Jewish holidays. Grades K-1 study the holidays, Bible stories, Jewish concepts and learn some Hebrew. Grades 2-7 learn Hebrew, liturgy, Bible, Jewish ethics and values, the Jewish calendar and life cycle, history, rabbinics, Jewish literature, etc. The Midrasa program consists of ethical dilemmas, current events, comparative religion, and ancient and contemporary Jewish texts. The temple offers a Youth Program, which consists of a religious, social and educational schedule.	The religious school goes through bar/bat mitzvah.	Temple Concord's curriculum covers Jewish religious concepts and practices; Torah; Hebrew; Jewish values, morals and ethics; Jewish history from biblical to present times; and comparative religion.	Regular school programs include class services, holiday programs, family education activities and many tzedakah and gimilit chasidim (acts of loving kindness) projects.	
	Talmud is held weekly with the rabbi. Special lecture series are held every few months. There are educational I. J. Rosefsky lectures. The Sisterhood Education Committee arranges study groups and speakers a few times per year. There are Shabbat Luncheons held the second Shabbat of each month, September-June, free and open to the community, where members of the synagogue and community lecture on interesting topics.	The College of Jewish Studies provides opportunities for adult Jewish education. The program offers lectures in both the fall and spring on topics of contemporary or historical Jewish themes. The series are held at the JCC.	Adult education offerings include classes with Rabbi Brian Wait. Adult b'nai mitzvah and conversion classes are also offered as requested.	Adult activities include musical programs, films, talks, and Jewish cultural festivals and holiday programs. Adult classes and workshops have included dog training, cooking, crafts, defensive driving, social dancing, art exhibits, aquatics, physical fitness and individual fitness programs. Suggestions from members for additional programs are considered. Classes are subject to a minimum enrollment.	Chabad of Binghamton is an affiliate of the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute, the world's largest Jewish adult education network. JLI offers three university level courses each year, which run for six consecutive Monday evenings and six consecutive Wednesday mornings. For complete details on upcoming courses and registration, contact Chabad. Additionally, Chabad offers a full array of other classes, one-on-one tutorials, special lectures and programs, Shabbatonim and holiday celebrations and more open to the entire Jewish community.	The Temple Beth-El Adult Education Committee arranges several regular weekly classes, stimulating mini-courses during the academic year and guest lecturers and scholars-in-residence. The regular classes meet at various times during the week. Call the temple for details.	Adult Torah study meets bi-monthly on Saturday mornings at 9 am. Adult Lunch and Learn meets bi-monthly on Saturdays and is open to all. She also runs short-term seminars throughout the year on various topics.	Adults have many opportunities to study together. Torah study, led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell, takes place at 9:15 am on Saturdays and is open to all. She also runs short-term seminars throughout the year on various topics.	Continuing adult education classes, including Mussar study, and programs begin this fall. Call the synagogue for details or visit www.templeisraelvestal.org. The congregation and its affiliates also sponsor social and fund-raising events, and monthly Adult Education lectures.		

Seen around the community...



Hillel Academy students participated in an after-school science enrichment program that was made possible by the Binghamton University Physics Outreach Program.



Harold Kohn brought a 3D printer to the Hillel Academy Chanukah party and gave several demonstrations to the students. Arrayed across the table were 3D-printed items. (Photo by Gina Santiago)




Mark Rudd spoke on "Why Were There so Many Jews in SDS? Reflections on SDS, Columbia Protest, and the New Left" at the CJS program on October 11.



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Seen around the community...



Students from Hillel Academy performed at the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's Super Sunday program on October 21.



Temple Concord religious school students made aprons for Passover.



People enjoyed the brunch and talking with friends before the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's Super Sunday program began on October 21.



Teens led the annual torch walk for the community Hanukkah party at the Jewish Community Center on December 6.



Congregation Tikkun v'Or members participated in a Purim parade in March.



Workers came from across the community to help build the Temple Israel VINES garden, known as the Deerfield Place Community Garden, in early June. There are currently 20 raised beds in place.

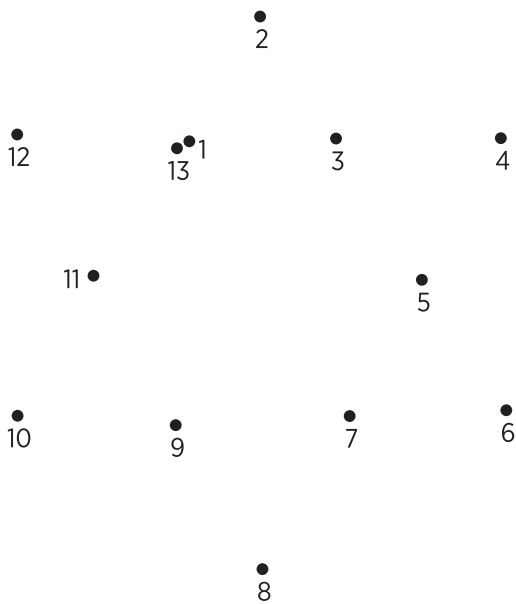


Attendees at Beth David Sisterhood's annual Hanukkah party on December 5.



The Chabad Center and Binghamton University students organized a Chanukah procession through downtown Binghamton.

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Center for Israel Studies

Founded in 2016, the Center for Israel Studies at Binghamton University offers academic courses featuring a Binghamton University minor in Israel studies, research opportunities, and programming for students and faculty. Three core faculty members offer courses in modern Israeli history, Hebrew and Israeli literature, and Israeli culture and society. A summer course at an archeological site in Akko, Israel, extends the Center's offerings.

The Center also directly supports undergraduate research, including paid

summer internships and other research opportunities, through grants and fellowships generously funded by donors.

Lectures and workshops open to university and local community members enrich the Center's academic offerings. Community members are invited to participate in courses and Center for Israeli Studies activities on campus and online through live-streaming of all events.

For more information about courses and programming, contact the director, Professor Randy Friedman via e-mail at friedman@binghamton.edu.

Judaic Studies Department

The Department of Judaic Studies at Binghamton University offers a major and a minor in both Judaic studies and Hebrew studies, and minors in Israel studies and religious studies. The department also collaborates with the College of Community and Public Affairs to offer Judaic studies majors the opportunity to pursue a combined B.A./M.P.A. program. In addition, the department serves the broader Binghamton community through its collaboration with the College of Jewish Studies through the Jewish Community Center.

The department offers a wide range of

courses in Jewish history, philosophy, literature, American Judaism, Israel studies, religious studies, Sephardi and Mizrahi studies and Holocaust studies – as well as language instruction in Hebrew and Yiddish.

Students are encouraged to work as interns in local institutions through departmental community internships. Community members are invited to audit all courses in Judaic studies and Israel studies.

For more information about courses and programming, contact the chair, Professor Randy Friedman, via e-mail at friedman@binghamton.edu.

Chabad

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Jewish holiday and regular visits. Individuals interested in joining this group, or having a friend or relative visited, should call the Chabad office.

Chabad Center publishes the Hakesher magazine, as well as the Jewish Art Calendar, both of which it sends free of charge to community members.

In sum, Chabad Center is many things to many people, but for all it is a warm, open and welcoming environment where Jewish education, enrichment and joy is

the priority. For more information, to join the mailing list or to set up an appointment to visit with the Chabad staff, call the office at 797-0015, fax to 797-0095, or

e-mail aslonim@binghamton.edu. Don't forget to visit Chabad's websites at www.chabadofbinghamton.com or www.JewishBU.com.



BU students Idan Greenstein and Molly Singer participated in the Mega Challah Bake on October 25.



A group of BU alumni who were Shabbat 1000 leaders spanning the years 1996-2018 returned to celebrate the 25th anniversary. They are pictured on stage with Rabbi Aaron and Rivky Slonim, who awarded them certificates of recognition and a gift.



The committee of students who ran the 10th annual Light up a Life Toy Drive posed with the display of toys and electronics. The drive, to benefit children battling cancer, raised \$33,555 this year and was spearheaded by the Chabad Center, SDT sorority and SAE fraternity. (Photo by Danielle Kinches)



On April 5, a new record was set with more than 1,800 BU students gathered at the event center for Chabad's Shabbat 1800, the single largest Shabbat dinner on any campus, which also celebrated its 25th anniversary.



In addition to scores of classes offered at Chabad, Judaic learning takes the form of one team-based game held each semester. Pictured are the participants in an edition of "Jewpardy."



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Hillel at Binghamton

Hillel at Binghamton, established in 2001, sponsors social, educational, religious and cultural programs for the nearly 4,000 Jewish students at Binghamton University. The office is located in the University Union on the second floor and the student lounge is located on the third floor. Hillel at Binghamton is served by a dedicated staff and group of student leaders, including Executive Director Brian Freedman and Student President Hannah Bartell, OU-JLIC educators Rabbi Isaac Attia and Tal Attia, Israel Fellow Tzlil Maimon, Springboard Fellow Kayla Goldfarb, Business Manager Cantor Abbe Lyons and Office Administrator Amy Krasno. The commitment and support of the Hillel at Binghamton lay board – along

with the Binghamton Jewish community, Binghamton alumni, parents, friends and other stakeholders – enables the staff and student leaders to create a pluralistic Jewish atmosphere that encompasses students from all backgrounds at Binghamton University. Hillel at Binghamton has just completed its 17th year of programming and is continuing to grow.

The true leaders of Hillel at Binghamton are the students. Seven student leaders are elected to the Executive Board and oversee nearly 90 more student leaders in more than 16 program areas. Hillel's hardworking students envision, plan and implement more than 200 programs each semester, ensuring a wide variety of options for Jewish students

on campus. Hillel programs reach more than 2,000 different students throughout the year.

Among the highlights of the 2018-19 academic year were:

◆ **Israel programming:** In addition to two Birthright trips per year, Hillel offers many different Israel programs throughout the semester. Bearcats for Israel hosts several successful programs annually, such as Café Aroma, with hundreds of students enjoying Israeli cuisine and music, and the Leadership Reception, which brings together student leaders from 40 different student organizations. The annual Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's Independence Day) celebration brought in the Israeli band Hatikva 6.

◆ **Shabbat:** More than 150 students find themselves in the C4 Multipurpose Room each week in order to spend Shabbat together. They enjoy a traditional meal, words of inspiration and the time to celebrate with their friends. Themed *Shabbatot* – such as Israel Shabbat and Interfaith Shabbat (a collaboration with the Muslim Student Association and Newman House) – bring even more students from every walk of life together to experience and celebrate Shabbat, and learn about what unites all Jews.

◆ **Jewish Learning:** The Orthodox Union and Hillel continued to partner in the Jewish Learning Initiative (or OU-JLIC) program, maintaining the *eruv* throughout campus and the neighboring community, and weekly learning opportunities, guest speakers, Shabbat programming and support. Students were also supported by the Slifka fellowship, bringing Jewish Theological Seminary rabbinic students 10



Evan Traylor, the Union for Reform Judaism's associate director for college engagement, attended events at Hillel at Binghamton.



On April 7, the Committee for Social Justice at Hillel at Binghamton recruited volunteers and participated in the national Good Deeds Day by volunteering at Helping Celebrate Abilities.

Binghamton University Zionist Organization

The BU Zionist Organization is a pro-Israel, SA chartered, independently run student organization at Binghamton University. BUZO seeks to educate and promote the pro-Israel message on campus as well as the Zionist ideals on which the state of Israel was founded, specifically the fundamental belief of Jewish self-determination in the historic Jewish homeland.

BUZO works with a number of student and non-student organizations to create both educational and cultural events, which serve to enlighten and educate the student body about Israel and the current situation in the Middle East between Israel and her neighbors. Although BUZO is an apolitical organization, it serves as a platform for political discourse. Events include speakers, movie screenings, advocacy programs, dinner and learns, and fund-raisers.

For more information and a schedule of



BUZO members Jonah Maryles and Nicole Chernow enjoyed dried fruit at the second annual Shuk Shack event.

upcoming events, e-mail buzo@binghamtonsa.org and "like" BUZO on Facebook at www.facebook.com/buzo1948/info and on Instagram at [buzo1948](https://www.instagram.com/buzo1948).



At left: Co-Presidents Gabe Shore and Shiraz Otani set up for Israel Peace Week on the Spine, a week-long initiative meant to convey various peace initiatives that the state of Israel has undertaken.

MEOR Upstate

MEOR Upstate serves the students of Binghamton University, Cornell University and other area colleges. MEOR seeks to create a vibrant Jewish future led by a new generation who are literate in Jewish wisdom, culture and heritage; instilled with a personal identity that inspires commitment to Jewish values; and empowered and engaged in the Jewish community and support of Israel.

MEOR Upstate realizes that each person is unique and that true growth is an organic process. In that spirit, MEOR provides educational, religious and social programming to Jews of all backgrounds at Binghamton and Cornell universities, as well as other Southern Tier and Central New York colleges. Among MEOR's offerings are seminars, fellowships, study abroad programs, talks and other events that are open to the greater community, trips to Israel and regional/national trips.

MEOR's semester-long seminars – named after Maimonides, the Jewish scholar and author – combine interactive learning with social and religious programming, and cover key areas of Jewish thought and practice. The Maimonides Fellows program explores the fundamentals of Judaism and their application to the modern world. The Maimonides Scholars program offers more advanced Torah study; topics have included kosher fundamentals, talmudic ethics, Torah study and a women's class dedicated to the study of women's issues. The Maimonides Mentors program of classes and hands-on workshops seeks to provide students with the skills considered essential to Jewish leadership, with one track focused on "Kosher Fundamentals" and a second on "Shabbat Fundamentals." All seminars are designed to accommodate even the busiest student's schedule. Interested students must apply for admission to the seminars. Participants receive a monetary stipend upon completion of each seminar, which are made possible by donations from American Jewish philanthropists. All costs associated with each seminar are assumed by MEOR Upstate; there are no out-of-pocket expenses for student participants.

MEOR's Rabbi Chaim Harkavy, his wife Adina and their nine children welcome BU students to their home with homemade meals and religious services in celebration of Shabbat and holidays, and treat guests like family. Throughout the academic year MEOR celebrates Shabbat from Friday

sunset through Saturday night at the Maimonides House, located at 401 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal – right next to Binghamton University. Depending on how the Jewish calendar coincides with the BU academic calendar, the following holidays may be celebrated at the Maimonides House: Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Chanukah, Purim, Passover, Lag B'Omer and Shavuot.

MEOR Upstate offers an array of travel opportunities to current students and alumni. Most trips are either in Israel or North America, though occasionally trips to Poland and other destinations appear. Many of the trips are subsidized and are open to young adults regardless of their involvement in MEOR Upstate. MEOR Upstate staff are available to answer any questions students or their parents may have. Trips to Israel include the free 10-day Birthright for Jewish young adults ages of 18-26, in partnership with Israel Free Spirit; MEOR Israel, a two-three week co-educational program based in Jerusalem that combines Torah study, touring throughout Israel, religious experiences and free-time; and MEOR Vision, a two-three week program based in Jerusalem, with separate men's and women's tracks, that incorporates more advanced Torah study, leadership development and limited touring.

MEOR Upstate facilitates opportunities for students to explore Judaism in the outdoors. The programs include outdoor activities and relaxation time, as well as classes taught by world-class educators. Heritage Retreats runs a men's session and a women's session during both the winter and summer in various locations out West. Sinai Retreats runs three men's sessions and a women's session throughout the summer in the Adirondack Mountains, only a few miles from Lake George, NY.

MEOR Upstate also offers students the opportunity to study and grow at Jewish institutions both in America and Israel. All of the institutions cater to students regardless of their Jewish educational background, with four-six week programs during the winter and summer recesses, as well as semester and year-long programs for recent graduates or students looking to spend a semester or year studying abroad. MEOR runs two such institutions for young men in Jerusalem: Machon Shlomo and Machon Yaakov. MEOR has also partnered with three Jerusalem seminaries in order to provide comparable opportunities for young men. See "MEOR" on page 32A

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Ariel David and Allison Herstic relaxed at the Hoffman Challenge Course during Cornell Hillel's overnight pre-orientation program, First-Year Fest.



Eitan Wolf and Ryan McCurry took a break from reconstructing a community center in Loiza, Puerto Rico, while on Cornell Hillel's Alternative Summer Break.

and change. Whether it's Israeli politics and advocacy, advocacy and service for local refugees, Latin-Israeli dancing, a capella singing, traditional learning, or religious services, there is truly something for everyone.

Cornell Hillel is dedicated to training and nurturing its students to become future leaders and members of the American Jewish community, empowering them to find the balance between being distinctively Jewish and universally human. Over the past several years, Cornell Hillel has seen a tremendous growth in the number of students taking an active part in Jewish life, both on campus See "Yudowitz" on page 32A

The Center for Jewish Living at Cornell

The Center for Jewish Living at Cornell, covers one square acre located at 106 West Ave., Ithaca, on the south edge of campus. CJL is a vibrant hub of Jewish life for students providing a residential cultural community, kosher dining, a chapel for 24/7 prayer and meditation, Shabbat and holiday celebrations, religious services and rabbinic guidance. Cornell is home to a large and diverse Jewish community and CJL connects students of all backgrounds. CJL religious and social programming events aim to imbue each student with a

sense of belonging and community while reinforcing their connection to their Jewish roots. Jews of all backgrounds and levels of observance are welcome.

CJL is a student-run operation led by an elected student board. The residential house is the epicenter of the CJL community, serving as a home away from home for all members. It's here that students learn, study and connect in an inviting atmosphere. Thirty male and female students live in the CJL residence hall each semester. See "Living" on page 28A



Students celebrated Chanukah at the Center for Jewish Living at Cornell.

Jewish Studies Program at Cornell

The Cornell University Jewish Studies Program was founded in 1973 on the conviction that understanding the impact and richness of Jewish culture requires training in the languages, literature, and history of the Jewish people, as these developed across the globe and over thousands of years. Jewish Studies course offerings cover Jewish civilization from its ancient Near Eastern origins through its contemporary history. It is an interdisciplinary program, the interests of which are diverse and cross-cultural. The program brings together faculty from an array of departments, including Near Eastern Studies, History, Anthropology, German Studies, Comparative Literature, Government and Linguistics.

The Jewish Studies Program offers a minor, and provides instruction and specialization in the fields of Semitic languages; the Hebrew Bible; medieval and modern Hebrew literature and film; ancient, medieval and modern Jewish history; Holocaust studies; Jewish ethnography; and Yiddish culture.

Events and lectures throughout the academic year, sponsored by the Jewish Studies Program, serve to explore the depth and breadth of Jewish experience, and also allow partnerships with a broad range of other programs and departments, ranging from the university library to the Near Eastern Studies Department, the American Indian



At left: Jonathan Boyarin, Paul and Bertha Hendrix Director of Jewish Studies and Diann G. and Thomas A. Mann Professor of Modern Jewish Studies

Program, the Department of Performing and Media Arts, the Institute for German Cultural Studies, the Africana Center, and the Department of City and Regional Planning.

The Jewish Studies Program's public programs are aimed at the general community, as well as a more specialized academic audience. Interested area residents are invited to contact the Jewish Studies Program, to follow it on Facebook at www.facebook.com/JWSTCornell and to join its e-mail list to receive updates about upcoming events and developments in the program. Subscribe to the e-mail list by sending an e-mail message to jwst-l-announcements-request@cornell.edu. The subject of the message should be the single word "join" and the body of the message should be left blank. For more information on the Cornell University Jewish Studies Program, write to jewishstudies@cornell.edu.

Roitman Chabad Center at Cornell

The Roitman Chabad Center at Cornell University offers a warm and welcoming Jewish environment to all Jewish people in the Greater Ithaca area. Chabad caters to students, community members and visitors. The center, located at 102 Willard Way, Ithaca, provides open and lively Shabbat meals on both Friday night and Saturday for lunch, as well as a traditional service on Friday night and Saturday morning. All Jewish holidays are celebrated at Chabad and open to the public.

There are classes on a variety of topics offered by Chabad, including Jewish mys-

ticism, the weekly Torah portion, Jewish law and much more. The staff at Chabad are also available for one-on-one learning sessions on any topic.

In addition to events and classes, Chabad provides for all practical Jewish needs - *mezuzahs*, kashering a home, birth of a child, bar and bat mitzvah preparation, marriage, *mikvah* usage and assistance upon the passing of a relative, among others.

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Hillel at Ithaca College

Hillel's mission is to enrich the lives of Jewish students so that they may enrich the Jewish people and the world. Hillel at Ithaca College, part of the Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, provides the infrastructure for incoming and current students on campus to develop leadership skills, and become social entrepreneurs and change agents who can help build a meaningful, socially aware student life at Ithaca College.

With more than 100 student programs and initiatives on campus, free and open to all members of Ithaca Col-

lege community, Hillel prides itself as a partner with the college in building a diverse and inclusive community on campus. Hillel offers a spectrum of initiatives, ranging from holiday celebrations and religious observance, to social, cultural, fund-raising and educational opportunities in various fields of interest to Jewish students and to the general student population.

Hillel co-sponsors programs with various college departments and student organizations. Hillel is committed to offering leadership and professional development to

students on campus. Through volunteer board positions, paid internships and other leadership opportunities, Hillel supports a cohort of socially aware student leaders that are shaping the Ithaca College community.

Hillel at Ithaca College is grateful to the ongoing support it receives from Ithaca College. Hillel looks forward to building partnerships with key stakeholders among students, faculty, staff and the larger Ithaca college community, and fulfilling its mission of enriching the lives of Jewish undergraduate and graduate students so that they may enrich the Jewish people and the world.

Hillel at SUNY Oneonta

Hillel at SUNY Oneonta promotes Jewish identity and culture on campus and in the larger community. Chapter programming emphasizes five areas: supporting ethnic culture and scholarship, providing opportunities for observance of the Jewish religion, engaging in service and philanthropy, sponsoring social activities and developing Jewish leaders. Hillel membership is open to undergraduates who are interested in sharing Jewish heritage. The SUNY Oneonta Hillel chapter is still growing and is devoted to

the continued creation of new programs that capture the interest of all interested students. Throughout the past year, members have also put on programs dealing with various Jewish holidays and have opened them up to the entire community in Oneonta. Hillel members believe educating others about Jewish traditions in order to promote diversity.

Further information on Hillel can be found at connect.oneonta.edu/organization/hillel, or by e-mailing oneonta-hillel@gmail.com.

Chabad of Oneonta

Chabad of Oneonta is a "home away from home" for Jewish students at SUNY Oneonta and Hartwick College. Rabbi Meir and Fraidy Rubashkin, Chabad of Oneonta's staff, strive to create meaningful relationships with a broad spectrum of students. Chabad is always open and welcome to any student of any affiliation, background or level of observance.

Through its diverse programming, Chabad offers everything from weekly Shabbat dinners to engaging Jewish educational opportunities. Chabad strives to reach every Jewish student and to inspire a positive connection to Judaism and Israel through a non-judgmental, friendly environment.

Each Friday night, Chabad celebrates students' birthdays of that week and presents each student who is marking their birthday with a home-baked cake (students are sent a birthday card that week to let them know there is a cake waiting for them).

Chabad also offers the Chicken Soup Express, when notified, for students who are feeling under the weather or who just need a small "pick me up." Chabad will deliver home-made chicken soup and cheer right to a student's room.

Chabad of Oneonta is located at 71 Chestnut St., Oneonta. Visit www.chabadoneonta.com or call 845-204-7436 for further information.

SUNY Cortland Hillel

SUNY Cortland Hillel is a vibrant club that has grown substantially over the past few years due to its strong, diverse peer leadership. The club meets every Tuesday, usually at 8 pm, in the Voice Office in the Corey Union Building. Each week, there is a new activity or topic of discussion, such as yoga and paint night, bingo, celebrations, game and dance nights, holiday parties, Holocaust and 9/11 memorials, a student-led Passover seder and more. It has been active in promoting Birthright for interested students.

There is a Chabad House adjacent to campus, where students are welcomed for Friday night Shabbat dinners, holiday celebrations, traditional kosher food and activities. Hillel also participates in inter-club events, charitable

fund-raising activities, and trips to nearby campuses and to places such as the Holocaust Museum and Broadway theater shows.

Hillel maintains a membership in the local synagogue, Temple Brith Sholom, where students are afforded an opportunity to participate in, as well as conduct, a creative service for the High Holidays and for the Sabbath of Parents Weekend.

The club welcomes students from all backgrounds who would like to have fun, socialize, engage in civic activities and identify with and learn about Judaism. For more information on Jewish life on campus, contact student President Samantha Melnitsky at samantha.melnitsky@cortland.edu, or faculty advisor Nance Wilson at nance.wilson@cortland.edu or 607-753-4375.

Seen around the community...



Community members and Binghamton University celebrated Chanukah with dancing on Hawley Street in Binghamton.



Clockwise from left: Arlene Remizowski, Diane Gartell, Susan Hubal, Susan Herzog, then Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton Executive Director Sima Auerbach and Joan Jacobson helped prepare the dinner that took place before the film "The Little Traitor" on October 7.



More than 400 BU women attended the 10th annual Fashion for a Cure event held at Chabad.



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Challah for Hunger chapter continues to be called one of the best in the country, and has baked and sold more than 2,500 challahs. Each week, volunteers bake and sell hundreds of loaves of kosher challah at several locations on campus, and 100 percent of sales are donated, half to Mazon and half to local organizations that provide food to the hungry.

- ◆ Arts and culture: The arts also remain a pillar of Hillel's programming. Kaskeset, Hillel's *a cappella* group, has become regionally well-known and is often invited to synagogues and Hebrew schools for performances. Jewish *a cappella* competitions give the students a chance to show how hard they have worked.
- ◆ Social programming: Hillel's annual student-led Fresh-

Fest program allows new students to get to know other Jewish freshmen through a day-long retreat filled with fun and learning about the Jewish community on campus. Upperclassmen also create programming for first-year students to help them adjust to campus and to develop the next generation of Hillel leaders. Hillel also has regular social programming, including an opening weekend, welcome back barbecue and a formal. The students of Hillel also screened movies related to Holocaust education, sponsored bagel brunches to learn about sexuality and gender in Judaism, enjoyed "Beverages with Brian" for graduating seniors, and held ice cream socials.

All Hillel at Binghamton events are open to the community. Those interested can reach the Hillel at Binghamton office by calling 777-3424 or e-mailing hillel@binghamton.edu. Visit Hillel's website, www.hillelatbinghamton.org, to learn more.

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Rosh Hashanah - the Jewish New Year; a time of introspection and reflection.	Monday-Tuesday, September 30-October 1	Saturday-Sunday, September 19-20
Yom Kippur - the Day of Atonement.	Wednesday, October 9	Monday, September 28
Sukkot - eight-day festival celebrating the harvest season, the last two days of which are Hoshanah Rabbah and Shemini Atzeret.	Monday-Sunday, October 14-20	Saturday-Sunday, October 3-4
Shemini Atzeret - marks the end of the Sukkot festival.	Monday, October 21	Saturday, October 10
Simchat Torah - immediately follows the festival of Sukkot. Celebrating the ending of the cycle of Torah (Five Books of Moses) readings and the immediate beginning of the cycle anew.	Tuesday, October 22	Sunday, October 11
Chanukah - an eight-day celebration of religious freedom; commemorates the Jewish victory over Syrian rule.	Monday-Monday, December 23-30	Friday-Friday, December 11-18
Tu B'Shevat - the new year for trees.	Monday, February 10	Thursday, January 28
Purim - a celebration of the story in the Book of Esther; a festive celebration of the survival of the Jewish people in the face of antisemitism.	Tuesday, March 10	Friday, February 26
Passover - an eight-day festival commemorating the Exodus of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery.	Thursday-Thursday, April 9-16	Sunday-Sunday, March 28-April 4
Yom Hashoah - commemoration of the Holocaust.	Tuesday, April 21	Thursday, April 8
Yom Ha'atzmaut - observance of Israel's Independence Day.	Wednesday, April 29	Thursday, April 15
Lag B'Omer - The 33 rd day of the Omer, the period between Passover and Shavuot. It is a day of rejoicing within S'ifira, a communal mourning period.	Tuesday, May 12	Friday, April 30
Yom Yerushalayim - marks the reunification of Jerusalem in the Six Day War.	Friday, May 22	Monday, May 10
Shavuot - commemorates the revelation at Mouni Sinai when the Jews received the Torah.	Friday-Saturday, May 29-30	Monday-Tuesday, May 17-18
Shiva'a Asar B'Tammuz - a fast day, three weeks before Tisha B'Av, marking the first breach of Jerusalem's walls	Thursday, July 9	Sunday, June 27
Tisha B'Av - a day commemorating the destruction of the Temples in Jerusalem, which occurred on this date.	Thursday, July 30	Sunday, July 18

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Teens in Camp JCC's TLC program went on an overnight trip to Club Getaway in Connecticut during the second week of camp in 2018. They took a break from ropes courses and more on the big chairs at the club.



At left: Teens lined up in front of the JCC and gave readings for each "candle" they held prior to the community Hanukkah party on December 6.

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 Sat.: Closed
 Sun.: brunch 11 am-1:30 pm; dinner 5-8 pm
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104West! Kosher Dining Hall at Cornell University

104 West Ave., Ithaca
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 Kashruth supervision provided by the Star-K under full-time *mashgiach*.
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 All you can eat for a set fee.
 Phone: 272-6907 (or 272-5810 Young Israel of Cornell)

Kosher meals are also available at various other dining halls on the Cornell campus. Cornell Dairy products – pasteurized and chocolate milks, ice cream and yogurt – are now certified kosher by the OU and are sold on campus in the dining halls and at the Dairy Bar in Stocking Hall.

Terrace Dining Hall at Ithaca College

Kosher Kitchen offers a kosher station in the dining hall.
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KOSHER MEAT

There is no local kosher butcher.
Binghamton Price Chopper
 Foundry Plaza, 10 Glenwood Ave., Binghamton
 Phone: 770-7151
 This store carries packaged products, and frozen meats and chicken. Special deliveries of fresh meat, fowl and groceries can be ordered from the kosher butcher in the Colonie store (under the supervision of the Vaad Hakashrut of the Capitol District). For information and to arrange a local delivery, call 518-456-2970 or 518-456-9314 and ask for kosher meat.

Lipman's Kosher Market

1482 Monroe Ave., Rochester, NY 14618
 Phone: 585-271-7886
 Deliveries are usually once a month to Temple Beth-El of Ithaca. Call Lipman's for more information. Kosher supervision by BVK – Buffalo, NY, Vaad.

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Green Star Cooperative

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 756 State Highway 28, Oneonta
 Phone: 431-1111
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Oasis (a health food store)

DeWitt Mall, Ithaca

Price Chopper

Foundry Plaza, Binghamton
 Endicott
 Oneonta

Tops Supermarket

East Hill Plaza, Ithaca
 Elmira Rd., Ithaca
 Pyramid Mall area, Ithaca
 W. Main St., Owego

Wegmans

Harry L. Dr., Johnson City
 Elmira Rd., Ithaca

Weis Markets

Various locations

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The year 2019 marks the 30th anniversary of the renovation of the CJL and the opening of a kosher dining hall known as 104West! with seating for 250.

Cornell Dining manages the kosher dining hall and it is included within the student dining plan. Jewish artwork adorns the facility, which provides two kosher meals daily during the academic year, and traditional Friday night and holiday meals. Menus are prepared under the supervision of STAR-K (meat and *pareve*) and STAR-D (dairy) kosher certifications, and Jewish dietary laws are strictly followed with the direction of a resident *mashgiach*. Approximately 200 students dine each Sabbath and on holidays. A Super Seder is held each year and more than 500 students participate. Kosher dining options are also found around campus. North Star dining offers hot meals twice a day Sunday through Thursday, and sandwiches are found at most Cornell dining sites. Jewish students who want kosher meals will find their needs easily met.

The chapel is appointed with stained glass windows with verses from *Kohelet*. Three prayer services are held daily. More than 200 students participate in religious services and faith education each week. CJL has a rabbi-in-residence in partnership with the OU Heshe and Harriet Seif Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus (or



The Center for Jewish Living residence and adjoining kosher dining hall on Cornell University's west campus.

JLIC), a program of the Orthodox Union in partnership with the CJL Endowment.

CJL houses an extensive library and artwork collection, and offers classes and events on timely and relevant Jewish topics and issues. New faculty and university leaders are invited to lunch and dinner throughout the academic year to share their educational pathway, research interests and university updates.

For more information, contact the Center for Jewish Living at 272-5810 or e-mail vpcomm@cornellcjl.com. For dining information, call 272-6907.



Rabbi Daniel Kasdan taught a class at the Center for Jewish Living at Cornell.



Faith education with Rabbi Daniel Kasdan at the Center for Jewish Living at Cornell.

Seen around the community...



JCC campers did the limbo at the all camp party on July 13.



Israel Scouts led a number of activities with JCC campers during their July 10, 2018, visit.



Neil Auerbach threw out the first pitch on Jewish Heritage Day 2018 at the Rumble Ponies. (Photo by Jim Maggiore)



Members of The Tuesday Morning Book Club at Temple Concord celebrated Ruth Dorfman's birthday at the February meeting. L-r: Ruth Dorfman with her daughter, Nancy Dorfman, Ann Weissman and (standing) Lani Dunthorn.



The JCC Friendship Club members celebrated Ada Brummer's (seated) 98th birthday on May 29. Standing: Sue Herzog, Bruce Orden, Sylvia Diamond and Ann Brilliant.

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Both of these committees are sources of temple pride as examples of *gimilut chesed*, acts of loving kindness.

The Tzedakah Quilt Group was formed in 2014. Its members have already made and contributed many quilts, thanks to a donation from the Victor and Esther Rozen Foundation. Quilts are distributed to hospitals, cancer centers, neo-natal units, the V.A. and shelters by the Caring Quilters Project. Those interested in joining the group should call Sandra Paston at 217-4038.

Temple Israel provides a traditional Jewish cemetery for burial of members, located in the town of Conklin. The *chevra kadisha* (Jewish burial society) prepares deceased members for burial according to the laws of Jewish burial practice.

The Temple Israel Sisterhood is active in sponsoring dynamic programs, special events, sponsoring *kiddushes*, fund-raising and much more.

Temple Israel is hosting the first Vestal sited community garden through VINES (Volunteers Improving Neighborhood Environments). The Deerfield Place Community Garden plans to experience its first growing season this

summer. Raised 3x10 beds will be available for an annual rental fee. Call the temple office for more information.

Temple Israel welcomes volunteers for any of the aforementioned committees. For more information and updated calendars, visit the temple's website, templeisraelvestal.org.



The BU crew team and a group of BU alumni helped move supplies to the Deerfield Place Community Garden site at Temple Israel on April 14.



On March 13, the Temple Israel Sisterhood members welcomed as their guests the Sisterhood of St. Vincent de Paul Blessed Sacrament Church, TI's next-door neighbor, to a chair yoga program.



In October, the Temple Israel Sisterhood held a wine-and-food pairing event free to paid-up members, which drew a total of 50 attendees including members' guests. Under the direction of Joyce Sambursky (center) kitchen crew members Judy Simon (left) and Barbara Zelter (right) prepared the evening's food pairings in advance.



Site co-coordinator Cherese Wiesner-Rosales prepared a hole for a fence post being placed in Temple Israel's Deerfield Place Community Garden.



Attendees of the TI/TC adult ed. brunch on April 7 listened to speaker Hadassah Mativetsky.

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.....	772-0639.....	31A
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From the Jewish News Of Greater Phoenix, with additions by Marc S. Goldberg.

Birth

When a child is born, parents choose a name, which is inscribed on the birth certificate. A Hebrew name also is chosen but is not given officially until the *brit milah* or *simchat bat*.

In Jewish families of European origin (Ashkenazic), a child usually is named after a deceased relative. In families of Mediterranean origin (Sephardic), a child usually is named after a living relative the parents wish to honor.

Brit Milah



Circumcision, or *brit milah*, is performed to symbolize the covenant between God and Israel. A healthy baby boy is circumcised on the eighth day of life. The ceremony includes giving the child his Hebrew name. Traditionally, circumcision is done by a *mohel* (a person ritually trained to perform circumcisions).

Beth David suggests that people call the rabbi to arrange the *brit milah*, including arranging for a *mohel* to perform the circumcision.

Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell of Temple Concord works in coordination with local physicians for *brit milah* ceremonies.

Rabbi George Hirschfeld of Temple Beth El of Oneonta coordinates the *brit milah* for the congregation.

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca and Temple Israel refer people to a certified *mohel*.

Congregation Tikkun v'Or can arrange for a *brit milah* or alternative Jewish ceremonies (with or without circumcision) to welcome baby boys into the Jewish community.

Simchat Bat

The birth of a baby girl traditionally is marked in the synagogue, when her father or parents are called to the Torah on the Sabbath to give the newborn girl her Hebrew name. There are also baby-naming ceremonies available to be used at home or in a synagogue.



Beth David can arrange a *simchat bat* ceremony in the synagogue or in the home, as can Congregation Tikkun v'Or and Temple Beth-El of Ithaca.

Temple Concord encourages a *simchat bat* ceremony, in the temple, for naming a girl.

Temple Israel will arrange a *simchat bat* ceremony according to the Sephardic ritual, in the home, or according to the Ashkenazic ritual, in the synagogue.

Rabbi George Hirschfeld of Temple Beth El of Oneonta coordinates the *simchat bat* ceremony for the congregation.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah

From *simchat bat*, before you know it, it is time to plan for the bat mitzvah (for a girl) or bar mitzvah (for a boy). From the time a Jewish child enters religious school, he can be said to be preparing for this master recital. Boys and in many cases today girls reach this milestone at age 13. In Orthodox and some other synagogues, a girl becomes bat mitzvah at age 12. While the core of a bar mitzvah is to be called up to the Torah for an *aliyah* (which entails learning only two relatively short blessings), traditionally the bar mitzvah chants the *haftarah*. He may also read the Torah portion, lead part of the service and give a short speech on the Torah portion, demonstrating his ability to be counted as a member of the congregation. In most Reform and Conservative synagogues, the bat mitzvah ceremony is identical to that of the bar mitzvah. In Orthodox synagogues the ceremony varies.

"Today, I am a man," the old cliché bar mitzvah speech begins and, in a religious sense, it is accurate. A bar mitzvah marks a religious coming of age. A bar or bat mitzvah is now religiously responsible for their actions and can participate in most religious functions as an adult.

And then, after this serious demonstration, there is the party. It can range from an elegant luncheon for the congregation immediately following the service, to a full-blast catered affair on Saturday night. Aside from the ritual blessings associated with any meal, there are no rituals required here, just fun – and a sense of relief on the part of the bar/bat mitzvah.

At Beth David Synagogue, the traditional bar mitzvah ceremony can be held on Shabbat or another day that the Torah is read. The bat mitzvah is expected to give an in-depth talk to the congregation demonstrating serious

learning of some aspect of Judaism. The bat mitzvah may also lead some religious ceremonies such as *Havdalah*. Each ceremony is individually planned with the participation of the parents and rabbi.

Temple Israel has a bar/bat mitzvah guide available for parents. The guide covers the history of the ceremony, the honors given out in the synagogue, making party arrangements, etc.

Temple Beth El of Oneonta has a bar and bat mitzvah program, which Rabbi George Hirschfeld conducts.

Temple Concord has a bar/bat mitzvah guide available for parents. In addition to leading worship services and reading from the Torah, *b'nai* mitzvah students are required to do a mitzvah project.

Congregation Tikkun v'Or offers education and *b'nai* mitzvah preparation as part of the religious school program. Adult *b'nai* mitzvah programs are offered when requested.

Kol Haverim offers a non-traditional, humanistic *b'nai* mitzvah program for 13-year-olds.

To make bar/bat mitzvah arrangements, call any of the synagogues to get particulars on what they require.

Confirmation

For Reform and some Conservative Jews, the confirmation year, 10th or 11th grade, represents a special time of celebration and commitment. Typically, the year includes study and meetings with the rabbi, culminating in a special service, often held during Shavuot since that holiday commemorates the receiving of the Torah by the Jewish people.

The confirmation class at Temple Concord is for 10th-graders. It follows two years of study in eighth and ninth grade in the Kollel program. The curriculum of the class includes Jewish texts that help the students find ways to make Judaism relevant in their own personal lives. A creative confirmation worship service is held on Shavuot.

Mikvah

Mikvah is a ritual bath of water used for spiritual purification. For many Jews, married life involves laws of *taharat hamishpachah* (family purity), after menstruation. The *mikvah* is also used today by some brides and grooms before their wedding, for purification before the High Holy Days and to renew or establish a deep commitment to Judaism. Converts to Judaism traditionally go to the mikvah. See "Life" on page 31A

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as part of the birth of a new Jewish soul. New cooking utensils and dishes are taken to the mikvah before they are used in a Jewish home.

A *mikvah* is located at Beth David Synagogue in Binghamton. It is modern, beautiful, filtered and heated. Persons wishing to use it must schedule their visit in advance by calling Susan Wright at 772-8576.

Temple Israel has access to the *mikvah* at Beth David Synagogue in Binghamton.

Rabbi Goldman-Wartell of Temple Concord will work with interested people to use the *mikvah* in meaningful ways to mark important moments and milestones in their lives.

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca has a beautiful *mikvah*, which is adorned with Jerusalem stone. Those interested in using the *mikvah* should contact the temple office at 273-5775 for details.

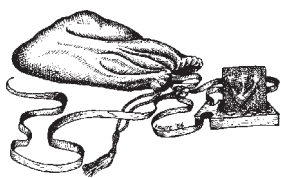
Arrangements to immerse in the *mikvah* for any reason may be made through Rabbi George Hirschfeld of Temple Beth El of Oneonta.

Conversion

Conversion to Judaism is a path that requires both personal commitment and an extended period of study. Most rabbis are available to counsel and/or teach potential converts. All of the synagogues in town refer someone interested in conversion to Judaism to their rabbi for a private course of study.

The rabbi of Beth David Synagogue asks that anyone interested in conversion contact him to discuss each case individually.

Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell and Temple Concord welcome those who would like to pursue the possibility of becoming a Jew-by-Choice. The following are part of the process of preparing for conversion: "Introduction to Judaism" course, attending services, involvement in holiday celebrations and meetings with the rabbi.



Call Rabbi Geoffrey Brown at Temple Israel to discuss interest in conversion.

Those interested in conversion to Judaism should consult with Rabbi George Hirschfeld of Temple Beth El of Oneonta to discuss this and other milestones.

Rabbi Scott Glass, of Temple Beth-El of Ithaca, requests that individuals speak with him personally.

Congregation Tikkun v'Or offers a conversion program for adults when requested.

Illness

Kosher meals are available upon request at all of the local hospitals. With some advance notice they can also often be arranged to meet dietary restrictions. Each of the hospitals in Broome County has an electric candelabrum, donated by Beth David Sisterhood, to be used in place of candles for Shabbat and holidays. Many of the synagogues arrange visits to the sick or otherwise remember them.

Beth David Synagogue has a Sisterhood committee that regularly visits people in the hospital. The rabbi visits patients in the hospital upon request.

Temple Israel's Caring Community assists individuals and families with a variety of needs and problems.

Temple Concord includes prayers for those who are ill in all worship services. The Caring Community arranges for visitors at home during long-term illnesses. Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell also visits people in the hospital.

Rabbi George Hirschfeld of Temple Beth El of Oneonta pays as-needed visits to hospitals and nursing homes.

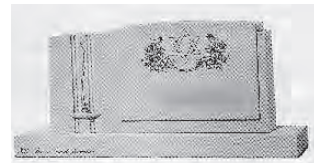
Rabbi Scott Glass, of Temple Beth-El of Ithaca, visits the sick on a regular basis.

Congregation Tikkun v'Or's Caring Committee can make arrangements for meals, transportation, child care, home visits and any other requests for the ill or their families.



Death

The Jewish traditions related to death and mourning are intended to recognize death as a part of life. The traditions of preparing the body, sitting *shiva* (a seven-day period of mourning immediately following a funeral), saying *Kaddish* (prayer for the dead) and observing the *yahrzeit* (anniversary of a death) guide Jews through a difficult period. These familiar customs and rituals provide for mourning, grief and re-emphasizing the true nature of life.



The body of the deceased is treated with respect, ritually washed, wrapped in a plain white shroud and placed in a plain pine coffin before burial. During *shiva*, the departed is remembered with tears and reverence.

Mourning is restricted to a maximum period of one year. The *Kaddish* prayer is said by the mourners for the first 11 months, on the anniversary of the death and at *Yizkor* services in the synagogue. A *yahrzeit* candle is lit for the seven days of mourning as well as on the anniversary of the death and on the evenings before we say the *Yizkor* service.

The synagogues in the area have arrangements with cemeteries.

Three, Beth David Synagogue, Temple Beth-El of Ithaca and Temple Israel, have burial societies, *chevra kadisha*, which prepare the body for burial according to Jewish law. The *chevra kadisha* of Beth David may be reached by calling Arieh Ullmann at 743-7209 or the rabbi. The *chevra kadisha* of Temple Israel may be reached by calling David Tanenhaus at 772-9172. Arrangements with the *chevra kadishas* of Beth David and Temple Israel can also be made through funeral homes that specialize in Jewish funerals. Temple Beth-El of Ithaca's *chevra kadisha* committee is supervised by Rabbi Scott Glass. It will assist all members of the Jewish community or other interested parties regardless of membership or affiliation. Contact See "Life" on page 32A

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the temple office at 273-5775. Rabbi George Hirschfeld of Temple Beth El of Oneonta conducts Jewish funerals for the community.

To make cemetery arrangements through Beth David Synagogue for its cemetery in Conklin, call Arieh Ullmann at 743-7209. To make arrangements through Temple Israel for its cemetery in Conklin, call Temple Israel at 723-7461 or Ron Sall at 722-7780.

West Lawn Cemetery Association, incorporated in 1906, owns and operates the West Lawn Cemetery, a not-for-profit Jewish cemetery on Burbank Avenue in Johnson City. It is not affiliated with any area congregation. Plots are available to

any member of the local Jewish community. All interments have to be with the assistance of an area congregational rabbi and the deceased must be Jewish. For more information, call Ron Sall at 722-7780.

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Temple Beth El of Oneonta owns and operates a Jewish cemetery. Call Steven

Feuer, chairman of the cemetery committee, at 432-0108 for information.

For information on Temple Brith Sholom's cemetery, contact Cemetery Committee Chairman Dr. Andrew Chernow at 753-7381.

There is a Jewish cemetery in Waverly, NY, located on Elm Street. For more information, contact Maynard Miran at 857-7991.

A number of synagogues have committees which try to help their member families, in mourning, with food and other services. The Temple Israel Mitzvah Committee prepares a meal of consolation after the funeral and can be contacted through Marcia Hofstein at 785-6863. Temple Concord has a

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Caring Community Committee that attends to the needs of the family and prepares the meal of consolation. Beth David Sisterhood has a committee to prepare the meal for the family after the funeral.

Congregation Tikun v'Or's Bereavement Support Committee helps congregants with issues surrounding death and dying, including offering information on Jewish ritual and local resources. Committee members are available to assist families when a loved is dying or has just died, and are also a resource for those who want to discuss or learn more about Jewish practices for death and mourning. The committee can be reached at BereavementSupport@tikunvor.org.

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Seen around the community...



A student celebration at the Center for Jewish Living at Cornell University.




Beth David Sisterhood members shared conversation and a dairy dinner following their November 14 paid-up meeting.



The Cornell Hillel E-board along with Shabbat 1000 committee members joined together before hundreds of Cornell students, staff and community members gathered for a Shabbat meal under one roof.

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At left: Hillel Academy students sang several Hanukkah songs at the community Hanukkah party held at the JCC on December 6.



Raven Schwam-Curtis and Rachel Ellis explored Jewish texts each week in one of three Jewish Learning Fellowship courses run by Cornell Hillel staff and students.



On November 9, in recognition of Veterans Day, the Temple Israel Sisterhood prepared a pre-Shabbat social hour followed by a Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv service that included supplemental liturgy meant to honor active and former members of the armed forces. L-r: Wendy Wolff, Mimi Bartschi and Betty Warner placed a poster in the temple lobby, providing recognition to service veterans – both past and present – in the congregation.



Temple Concord's youngest Hebrew school class led the Shabbat service on April 6. The service was followed by a class lunch.



Marlene Serkin (left) and Kathie Shelley (back to camera) listened as Lillian Sommer read the opening prayer at the BD Sisterhood Purim program.

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Jewish Community Center Early Childhood Center children entertained the audience with a few songs at the JCC's community Hanukkah party on December 6.



At left: Shari Neuberger led a reading during Sukkot celebrations in the garden at Temple Concord.

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