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“Evening of Jewish Stories, Poetry and Music” in Ithaca on Feb. 8

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca will host the 21st annual “Evening of Jewish Storytelling, Poetry and Music” on Saturday, February 8, at 7:30 pm. The celebration will take place downstairs in the social hall of Temple Beth-El, located at the corner of Court

and Tioga streets, in downtown Ithaca. A donation of \$4 per individual and \$8 per family is requested to cover costs. The event will end at about 9:30 pm and will have an intermission. Families with children are welcome.

“Join us for this magical celebration of life, community and the arts,” said organizers of the event. “We will be celebrating 21 years of original stories, traditional tales, folk and contemporary poetry, and dynamic live music from around the world.

“This event has become extremely popular over the years, drawing participants together for an intimate and cozy evening,” organizers continued. “It is a real reminder of times past. People who might otherwise never cross paths listen, laugh and perhaps shed a few tears together, and get to know each other. The idea is to get people away from their computer and television screens and share a moment of slower pleasures together. In addition, there are always complimentary, traditional homemade treats to be enjoyed, which people can enjoy while listening to the treasures of the night. This year’s celebration offers an exciting and diverse selection of storytellers, poets and musicians both young and old.”



Franny Alani and Rebecca Couillard performed at last year’s event.

For more information, contact the temple at 273-5775 or visit the website at www.tbethithaca.org.

Elections open for 38th World Zionist Congress

The American Zionist Movement is facilitating the election for U.S. representatives to the 38th World Zionist Congress through Wednesday, March 11. Voting is open to any adult Jew who is a United States citizen or permanent resident, pays the \$7.50 ballot fee (\$5 for those 18-25) and signs a statement affirming that they are someone who “views a Jewish, Zionist, democratic and secure state of Israel to be the expression of the common responsibility of the Jewish people

for its continuity and future.” To register and for information about the groups running, visit ZionistElection.org.

AZM, the U.S. Federation in the World Zionist Organization, is comprised of 33 national Jewish Zionist organizations and works across a broad ideological, political and religious spectrum linking the American Jewish community together in support of Israel, Zionism and the Jewish people.

Panel discussion on Holocaust rescuers to be held in Ithaca on Feb. 2

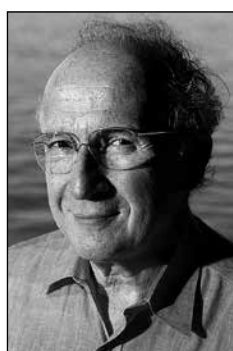
The panel discussion “When it is Hard to be Human: Lessons from the Rescuers in the Holocaust” will be held at Ithaca College’s James J. Whalen Center for Music | Presser Rehearsal Room, on Sunday, February 2, at 3 pm. The event is free and open to the public, and will be followed by a reception and book signing.

Authors Eva Fogelman and Roald Hoffmann will guide this panel discussion, moderated by author Dan Schwarz. They will explore why some bystanders and perpetrators in the midst of totalitarian genocide were compelled to risk their lives and resist. They will also look at the role conscience and moral courage play in confronting hate today. The panel will be followed by audience questions and answers.

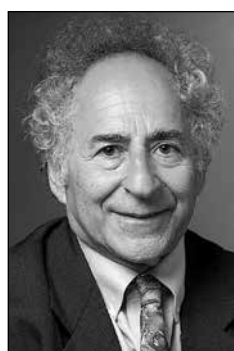
Mykola and Maria Dyuk risked their lives to hide Hoffmann with his mother, Clara, and other relatives in the attic of a schoolhouse to save them from Nazi terror from January 1943 until June 1944 in the village of Uniow, Ukraine. The Germans killed Hoffmann’s

father for his involvement in a plot to arm camp prisoners. Hoffmann is the author of “Something That Belongs to You” (2015), an autobiographical drama. He is professor emeritus of Cornell and shared the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1981.

Fogelman studied at CUNY with Stanley Milgram, author of “Obedience to Authority: An Experimental View” (1974), which showed how both his experiment and Nazi Germany successfully transformed large numbers of “ordinary” and arguably indifferent people into willing inflictors of harm. Fogelman asked Milgram a question. She wanted to know



Roald Hoffmann



Dan Schwarz



Eva Fogelman

why a small minority of people in his study disobeyed authority. This question, which he could not answer, began a 20-year study that led to her book “Conscience and Courage” (1994). Fogelman based her findings on more than 300 interviews with rescuers of Jews whose acts of courage either have been confirmed by those they helped or substantiated and honored by Yad Vashem. What distinguishes her ap-

proach is her attention to “rescue” as an evolving process. As a psychotherapist, Fogelman has worked with groups and individual children of Holocaust survivors. She is the founding director of the Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers (now the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous).

Schwarz, author of “Imagining the Holocaust” (1999), has looked at the various contexts of documentary, testimony, fiction and art that contribute to an understanding of what is real and true about the Holocaust, and its impact on history, politics and mental health today. Schwarz is professor emeritus of English at Cornell.

The event is sponsored by Area Congregations Together, Cornell Jewish Studies, Hillel at Ithaca College, Ithaca Area United Jewish Community, Ithaca College Jewish Studies, Ithaca Descendants of Holocaust Survivors, Roitman Chabad Center at Cornell, Southern Tier Interfaith Coalition and Temple Beth-El of Ithaca. See “Rescuers” on page 3

“A Questionable Night: Trivia, Food and Music”

The Reporter to hold trivia fund-raiser featuring Jeff Kahn on March 19

By Reporter staff

The Reporter will hold a trivia fund-raiser featuring Jeff Kahn on Thursday, March 19, from 6-8 pm, at the Jewish Community Center, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal. “A Questionable Night: Trivia, Food and Music” will include trivia, music and refreshments for sale. There will be a prize for the winning team and other prizes. The

cost will be \$10 per person in advance and \$12 per person at the door. Tickets may be purchased at The Reporter office, located at the JCC. Online tickets will be available soon.

Kahn is known for his trivia nights at the former Cyber Café West and currently at the Lost Dog Café. There will be four rounds of trivia. During the breaks, music

will be performed by singer/songwriter Bess Greenberg.

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Those interested in sponsoring the event can send a check to The Reporter, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850, with “trivia sponsor” on the subject line, or visit The Reporter office during business hours to pay by credit card. More information about the evening will appear in future issues of The Reporter.

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From the Desk of the Federation Executive Director

With gratitude

SHELLEY HUBAL

On January 16, our community came together for a gathering of peace, pride and love. It was heart-warming to see the more than 80 people who came out on that cold January night. The community gathering was a response to recent attacks on Jewish people in New York City, Monsey, NY, and New Jersey. Unfortunately, there is not a shortage of hate right now. It is on the news, on the web and in some cases close to home – such as in Owego, where a home owner has chosen to paint a swastika on the outside of his residence. Violent crimes against other marginalized groups, such as black, Muslim and transgender people, are also on the rise.

Why do some people find it so easy to hate? Did you ever notice that hate and anger take a lot of energy to maintain? What I know is that we all have the responsibility to speak out against prejudice of any kind. As Jews, we are taught to show respect for one another, to uplift those in need and be mindful of our own biases – to remember that we are all created *b'tselem Elohim*, in the image of God.

One of the missions of the Jewish Federation is to build a caring community. Those that attended the community gathering left feeling more connected. We said prayers for the victims of violence, for our country, for Israel and for

peace. Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu of Hillel Academy and community member Steve Gilbert led us in song. Rabbi Aaron Slonim of Chabad Center and Rabbi Zev Silber of Beth David Synagogue each gave brief and personal teachings on the importance of love and tolerance. Rabbi Geoffrey Brown, spiritual leader of Temple Israel, and Rabbi Rachel Esserman, executive editor of *The Reporter*, were instrumental in the planning of this event.

I extend my gratitude to all who attended and helped to make this night so warm and uplifting. It was yet another example of the compassionate community we have here in Binghamton.

Israel charts the universe's last great frontier

By University of Haifa staff

(JNS) – Israel is at the cutting edge of so many technologies and ideas for the technologies of the future that it may surprise some that it has taken this long for the Jewish state to delve into the issue of marine science.

Yet even with its entire eastern coast taken up with the Mediterranean Sea – and with an interest in water technology that borders almost on obsession – it has only been since about the turn of the millennium that Israeli research and development have substantively taken off in this area.

So why now?

With 70 percent of the Earth's surface covered by oceans and seas, there is more to learn about those bodies of water than is humanly possible. Indeed, there is tremendous untapped potential in these uncharted waters and infinite discoveries to be made, whether in the field of health and food or a greater understanding of delicate submarine ecosystems.

Recent estimates suggest that the world's population will exceed 8 billion people by 2024, accompanied by a fear that land-based resources will come under huge strain and pressure, if not nearly exhausted. Researchers have been searching for possible solutions – some on dry land and others in the waters. Marine biologists and researchers from the University of Haifa's Leon H. Charney School of Marine Sciences have been turning their attention to

understanding more about this hidden world.

"Marine sciences are gaining more and more exposure, especially compared to the time when I started studying," said Oded Ezra, who earned an M.Sc. from the Department of Marine Geosciences at University of Haifa. "The field [of gas seeps and carbonate rocks in the deep sea] is really growing. Numerous scientific and technologically oriented departments have opened at universities and new companies have been formed around the industry. Of course, there is still a lot of room for further development."

It's not only the "what," but also the "how" that these technologies and new approaches can be put to work. While carrying out submarine hydrographic and geophysical surveys, Ezra understood the range of employment opportunities in the field.

"These projects include, among other things, deep-sea floor mappings or mapping around maritime ports," he said. "There are also surveys conducted for the gas industry that include environmental monitoring, such as water and soil samples."

Whether it was synchronous or fortunate, the emergence of this research occurred around the same time that Israel discovered a large natural gas deposit off its coast approximately a decade ago. The discovery was not just an economic and political boon; it also led to new questions about what the seafloor in those areas looked like, as well

as what kind of underwater life existed in these regions.

This is one of the overarching points about the seas; there are myriad utilities and applications for water, wave energy or the variations of marine life. For instance, despite the growth of civil aviation, almost all of Israel's imported and exported goods are delivered and transported by sea.

"Essentially everything goes by sea... without the sea, Israel would have no access to the world," said Professor Zvi Ben-Abraham, Israel Prize recipient and the founder and director of the Mediterranean Sea Research Center of Israel.

In addition to the transportation of goods, the sea provides Israel with the plurality of its drinking water – within the next few years, 75 percent of that drinking water.

"Global temperatures are rising and more areas are in danger of desertification. As a result, saltwater desalination is the only way many countries can produce reserves of drinking water, and we are seeing exactly how that is happening in Israel," explained Professor Ilana Bergman-Frank, a biological oceanographer and the director of University of Haifa's Charney School.

This also has its challenges, as desalinated water does not possess the same combination of nutrients as untreated, natural water.

At the Charney School, Abraham's idea of placing

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In My Own Words

Hearing ups and downs

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Life with a hearing impairment is an adventure and those who know me well know that I'm not particularly fond of adventures. My idea of excitement is to learn that an author I like has a new book coming out, or something nice has happened to a friend. When I originally planned this column, I only had good news to share, but other recent events reminded me that being able to hear is not something to take for granted.

The good news is that for the first time in almost 20 years I've had music on in the background at my house. That doesn't sound like much, does it? But, for someone who almost always had music playing and then was unable to hear it, it is a big deal. I've pulled some CDs from the basement and have been listening to them. Some of the music I remember and can hear the melody and understand the words. Other music seems completely unfamiliar – the songs blend into each other and I can't tell when one has ended and another started – but at least it sounds like music. Previously, music was just noise – and distressful noise at that. I used to leave the room if someone was playing music and, in most public places, it's still unpleasant if it's loud enough for me to hear. However, I'm thrilled to have any music available. Some favorite songs still fill me with an indescribable joy.

I had a scare a few weeks ago when I realized that I was not hearing as well with my left ear – the one with the hearing aid, not the cochlear implant. The sound was muffled worse than normal. The sound in that ear is staticky at the best of times, but, for the most part, the hearing aid complements the CI. What was also disturbing is that the lack of sound meant I was hearing a low level of buzzing/ringing in that ear. Fortunately, the problem was easily solved. There was wax in my hearing aid mold and in my ear, and, once that was cleared, things returned to normal (or rather, what's normal for that ear). Wearing the CI and the hearing aid help keep the ringing/buzzing under control, which is a good thing because, when I don't have them in, that noise can become very loud. Just think of an irritating sound that you can't escape because it's in your head. So, I am grateful that my devices make my life far more pleasant than it would be otherwise.

Unfortunately, I was reminded of another downside of a hearing impairment when I had to make a phone call to a New York state agency. At home, I have a captioned phone: it types what the person says. To make things simpler for everyone, I tell people that I have a hearing impairment and that I may be delayed in answering if I have to read the captioning. With the CI, I can actually get some speech, which usually makes the process easier. However, even

when I explained this to the two people I talked to, they didn't seem to understand. My captioned phone typed "person inaudible" and I had to keep reminding them to speak louder and clearer. This also meant I was unable to hear them, which made the process even more difficult. The first person understood better than the second. The second only realized there was a problem when I read back what the machine had typed, which made no sense. I was so frustrated after a half hour of this that I was ready to scream. It didn't help to be told at the end of the conversation that the phone call was a waste of time because, even though New York state sent out a letter saying I had to make the call, there was already a change in state policy that made it unnecessary.

Some days I almost forget I have a hearing impairment. Other days, I miss a great deal and/or have no idea what is being said around me. How I cope depends on what else is happening in my life. While I am grateful for the help I get from my hearing devices, there are still times I wish I could escape from this world of indecipherable sound and noise. Then, of course, I acknowledge that I don't really want to separate myself from my community, no matter how tempting it seems at times. I also know there are disabilities that are far worse than mine and I remind myself to be grateful for all I do have.



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Jeff Kahn to speak about business at BD luncheon on Feb. 8

Beth David's Saturday, February 8, luncheon speaker will be Jeff Kahn, who will speak on "Building a Community: Jeff Kahn and the History of Cyber Café West." Kahn was the owner of Cyber Café West for 22 years. Beth David's luncheon speaker series takes place the second Saturday of the month after Shabbat morning services and is open to the community. There is no charge for the luncheon.

During its 22-year history, the Cyber Café West hosted approximately 5,000 shows by various local and visiting singers and bands. It was called a popular venue for not only college students, but also for the local community, as well as for visitors. When it closed in June 2019, social media posts lamented its end. One fan described the place as a "keystone of our musical, saucy, buoyant and brilliant community. A building rooted in historical Binghamton with a 20+ year history of its own as Cyber Cafe West. I honestly don't know how I would have found my friends, my sense of community... my entire life here in Broome County without finding this place."

Kahn graduated from Binghamton University in 1984, with a degree in philosophy. Following other business ventures, he bought the building at 176 Main St., Binghamton, and, in 1997, opened the Cyber Café West. What was it about the building's rumored history that inspired Kahn to save the building from demolition? What did Binghamton University's Public Archaeology Facility discover about the building's past when it did excavations under its parking lot in 2007? What was Kahn's vision of

what Cyber Café would become when he started it, and what are some of the highlights of its 22-year history? These are some of the questions that Kahn will address in his talk which will focus on the satisfaction and the challenges encountered when creating a community that is also a business.

"Through Cyber Café West, many of us were introduced to performers who became some of our favorites, and whom we would never have heard of had it not been for Jeff and the laid-back, congenial and inviting setting his place provided," organizers say. "We look forward to a talk that will bring us closer to appreciating the specialness



Jeff Kahn

of what Jeff created for our community."

Since the monthly series' continuation depends on the generosity of contributors, Beth David welcomes donations to the Luncheon Fund in order to keep the program going. Donations can be made in honor of or in memory of someone, or to mark a special occasion. Those wishing an acknowledgment to be sent to the person being honored, or to the family of someone being remembered, can indicate that, along with the necessary information.

Donations can be sent to Beth David Synagogue, 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905, Attention: Luncheon Fund.

TI to host Scout Shabbat on Feb. 7

For the third straight year, Temple Israel will host a *Kabbalat* Shabbat service for Scout Shabbat on Friday, February 7, at 5:30 pm. Scouts and non-Scouts are invited to the service, which will last about 45 minutes and will be followed by a light dinner. The event is open to the community.

"Every year, the National Jewish Committee on Scouting chooses a date in February, around the anniversary of when the Boy Scouts of America was founded," said organizers of the event. "It is a great opportunity for Jewish Scouts

to connect with each other and for non-Jewish Scouts to experience something new."

Reservations for the dinner should be made to Mike Martinez, scoutmaster of Troop 43 and a member of Temple Israel, at scoutmastermike43@gmail.com by Sunday, February 2.

"I hope to see you there!" Martinez said. "For those who are Scouts, attendance at this event can count toward a requirement for the American Cultures merit badge! If you are interested in earning the American Cultures merit badge, e-mail me."

Netanyahu formally indicted in three corruption cases

By JNS staff

(JNS) – Israeli Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit filed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's indictment in Jerusalem on January 28, just hours after Netanyahu withdrew his request for parliamentary immunity from prosecution in the three corruption cases against him. The indictment marks the first time a sitting Israeli prime minister will face criminal charges.



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (Photo by Yonatan Sindel/Flash90)

Following the withdrawal of the immunity request, Netanyahu's main political rival Blue and White leader Benny Gantz, who like the prime minister was in Washington, DC, for talks with U.S. President Donald Trump regarding the U.S. administration's Middle East peace plan, said in a statement: "Netanyahu is going to trial. The citizens of Israel face a clear choice: a prime minister who will work for them, or a prime minister who works for himself. No one can run a state and at the same time deal with three serious criminal investigations for bribery, fraud and breach of trust."



Israeli Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit (Photo by Olivier Fitoussi/Flash90)

Blue and White No. 2 Yair Lapid told Ynet, "In political terms, it's over. Obviously, one cannot go to court every day, manage the affairs of the state and at the same time manage cases of bribery, fraud and breach of trust, and at the same time deal with the 'deal of the century.'"

In response to Mandelblit's filing of the indictment, "sources close to the prime minister" accused the attorney general of conducting a witch hunt against Netanyahu, a Likud spokesperson said in a statement, according to a report in *The Times of Israel*.

"If anyone still had any doubt that Prime Minister Netanyahu is the target of obsessive persecution, he was now given further clear and sharp proof," the sources were quoted as saying, according to the report. "The eagerness to file the unfounded indictment against the prime minister is so great that they could not wait even one day until after the historic summit in Washington, one of the most important in the history of the state."

Netanyahu announced the withdrawal of his immunity request just hours before the Knesset was scheduled to convene for a vote on whether to establish a committee to debate it. The prime minister posted on his official Facebook page that "I decided not to let this dirty game continue. I will not let my opponents interfere with the historic move I am leading. ...In this fateful hour for the

people of Israel, when I am in the United States on a historic mission to design the permanent borders of Israel and ensure our security for decades to come, the Knesset is expected to open another exhibition in the circus of removing immunity," he added.

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Free parking is available near the Whalen Center for Music. See map.ithaca.edu for more information. There is a drop-off at the circle in front of Whalen. Individuals with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact ekibelsbeck@ithaca.edu. Requests should be made as soon as possible to ensure they can be met.

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Off the Shelf

Three short novels

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

As much as I love sinking into a long novel, there is something satisfying about a short work. In addition to the feeling of accomplishment that comes with finishing a book, a short novel usually has a more narrow focus, which surprisingly can allow the author to write in more depth about something of interest. This leads to a paradox: there may be fewer pages, but as many ideas to consider as in a longer work. The three short novels in this review feature a blind astronomer, a bride who doesn't want to get married and a detective who discovers that truth cannot banish hate.

"The Organs of Sense"

Ever read a novel that you know readers will either love or hate? Take for example "The Organs of Sense" by David Ehrlich Sachs (Farrar, Straus and Giroux). Some will find this a delightful, philosophical treatise on human nature and the different ways we perceive the world; others will despair at its long meandering paragraphs filled with repetitious, indecipherable nonsense about those same topics. I was on the borderline between the two before I got swept away by the rambling speeches of a blind astronomer whose eyes have been permanently removed for reasons the reader learns of only toward the end of the novel.

The work is ostensibly based on an unpublished account written by the real-life Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz before he became famous. In 1666, Leibniz travels to meet the astronomer, who is rumored to be Jewish, because he's predicted that a four-minute solar eclipse will take place, although no one else agrees with his prediction. Leibniz plans to not only learn if the eclipse does occur, but to discover if a blind man can truly see the stars. For his efforts, he's treated to a monologue in which the astronomer narrates his life story, a remarkable and strange tale of art, war, princes and kings.

So, readers will be divided as to whether this work is brilliant or babble. While I'm not certain it's brilliant, it was good fun and included a clever ending that made me laugh out loud.

"And the Bride Closed the Door"

Nervous jitters are not unusual for someone getting married. Locking your door and barricading yourself in your bedroom is less common. That's what occurs in Israeli novelist Ronit Matalon's "And the Bride Closed the Door" (New Vessel Press). Although her groom, her mother, grandmother and cousin are in the apartment, she refuses their entreaties to open her door. Her only explanations for her behavior are the statement "not getting married" and a curious poem whose relevance no one can decipher. When the groom's parents arrive at the apartment, things become more hectic as his mother worries about the cost of the wedding hall and whether or not they need to cancel all the arrangements. Attempts are made to talk to the bride, which include a visit from a psychologist who works for "Regretful Brides," but none of them work. By this point, the groom wonders if life wouldn't be better if he, too, had locked himself a room.

"And the Bride Closed the Door" manages to be funny and serious at the same time as the members of both families try to deal with the stress caused by someone's simple refusal to open her door. Matalon shows the different sides of these characters as they try to balance the emotional fallout with the practical aspects of dealing with whether or not to cancel the wedding. What is interesting is that, in 128 pages, readers learn much about all these characters, except for the bride whose actions are the impetus for the story. The unknown in a novel usually leaves me feeling unsatisfied, but not in this case: This odd story was strangely and pleasantly appealing.

"The Adventure of the Peculiar Protocols"

A book featuring Sherlock Holmes and Jewish content: anyone who knows me knows that I would be asking for a review copy. "The Adventure of the Peculiar Protocols" by Nicholas Meyer (Minotaur Books) has Holmes and Dr. Watson helping the British Secret Service discover whether a secret cabal with plans to control the world exists. Many

readers will already know what published material caused this concern: "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion." It's comforting for Jewish readers that Holmes immediately recognizes the work as nonsense. It's less comforting that it takes Watson longer not to be swayed. Holmes and Watson head to Russia to discover its author in order to discredit the material. However, some are willing to kill in order to keep that secret safe.

While "The Adventure of the Peculiar Protocols" is not great literature, it is fun to read. The detective and his friend are joined in their travels by the real life Anna Strunsky Walling, who plays a major role in helping them discover who wrote the "Protocols." Other real-life characters appear, as does mention of the Russian persecutions of the Jews living in its territory. This easy-to-read work does make a serious point about how, even though the "Protocols" have been proven a fake, the work continues to be published in the 21st century.



Jewish Genetic Screening Awareness Feb. 3-7

JScreen launches the first ever Jewish Genetic Screening Awareness Week for the week of February 3-7. JGSAW will focus on health stories and information and resources to help raise awareness about the importance of screening for Jewish genetic diseases. JScreen's partners in JGSAW include Honeymoon Israel, Hillel and Interfaith Family. The week is a call to action for Jews to get screened for Jewish genetic diseases.

JScreen is a non-profit community-based public health initiative dedicated to preventing Jewish genetic diseases. Headquartered in Atlanta at Emory University School of Medicine, the JScreen initiative is a collaboration among clinical geneticists, businesses and non-profits to provide everyday people with access point to genetic testing technology, patient education and genetic counseling services.

Exhibit of fashion collector

The Met Fifth Avenue's Costume Institute is holding the exhibit "In Pursuit of Fashion: the Sandy Schreier Collection" through May 17. It features gifts from Sandy Schreier, a pioneering collector who, over the course of more than half a century, assembled what has been called one of the finest private fashion collections in the United States. The show explores how Schreier, who was raised in a Jewish family, amassed a trove of 20th-century French and American couture and ready-to-wear, not as a wardrobe, but in appreciation of this form of creative expression.

For more information, visit www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions/listings/2019/in-pursuit-of-fashion-the-sandy-schreier-collection or contact the museum at 212-535-7710.

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everything connected with marine studies under one roof helped create a multidisciplinary unit where related humanities could meet relevant natural and social sciences. In effect, it was an academic startup.

This was strengthened by the presence of individuals such as Tamar Lotan, head of the Department of Marine Biology at the University, who blended her extensive academic career with the creation of two successful biotech startups.

Another aspect of marine technology that is gathering pace and popularity in Israel is the use of autonomous robots. One specific application of the robots is the attempt to create clearer underwater pictures, altering a milky, mysterious blur to a much sharper image at depth. The Israeli company SEAERRA Vision, for example, has been working to develop algorithms for vision systems for

scuba divers, robots and underwater vehicles for a variety of business and private sector uses. In many cases, the use of robots is crucial to enable mapping of the sea.

What does all of this mean, and what does the future have in store?

Nearly 60 years ago, U.S. President John F. Kennedy challenged NASA scientists to explore the possibility of landing on the moon. By the end of that decade (although he would not get to see it), the task had been accomplished.

Today, more people have walked on the moon than have walked on the deepest trench of the ocean floor. Instead of looking up to the heavens as the final frontier, scientists and researchers should be looking beneath the surface of the sea, while acknowledging that understanding more about what goes on underwater will greatly benefit humanity for generations to come.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION.

Life By Design Wellness, LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with NY Dept. of State (SSNY) 6/10/13. Office located in Broome County. SSNY designated agent for service of process. SSNY to mail copy of process served against LLC to Nicole Raymondi, 690 Mariposa Ave., Apt. 203, Oakland, CA 94610. LLC purpose is any activity authorized by law.

Notice of formation of ASP SMOKE SHOP LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/12/2019. Office location: Broome County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: The LLC at 2444 RHONDA DR., VESTAL NY 13850. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of Peranich Real Estate, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/12/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 39 Amsbry St., Binghamton, NY 13901. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Madysen Management, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 10/23/2019. Cty: Broome. SSNY design. as agent upon whom process against may be served

& shall mail process to P.O. Box 58, Endicott, NY 13761. General Purpose.

Notice of Formation of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) Name: Michele L. Summers, Nurse Practitioner in Family Health, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 16, 2019. Office Location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 5 Emerson Road, Castle Creek, N Y 13744. Purpose: to engage in any and all business for which PLLCs may be formed under the New York LLC law.

Ro's Famous Empanadas, LLC, Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/18/19. Off. loc.: Broome Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served & shall mail: 98 Pennsylvania Ave., Binghamton, NY 13903. Purp.: any lawful purp.

Xpress Convenience, LLC, Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/20/19. Off. loc.: Broome Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served & shall mail: 41 W. State St., Binghamton, NY 13901. Purp.: any lawful purp.

Halladay Landscaping LLC, Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/11/19. Off.

loc.: Broome Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served & shall mail: 1218 Ballyhack Rd., Chenango Forks, NY 13746. Purp.: any lawful purp.

HIP NY Developments LLC, Auth. filed SSNY 12/17/19. Off. loc: Broome Co. LLC org. in DE 12/20/18. SSNY design. as agent upon whom proc. may be served & shall mail: 595 Pacific Ave., 4th Fl., San Francisco, CA 94133. DE off. addr.: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. on file: SSDE, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purp: any lawful purp.

Notice of Formation of Kelly Pi, LLC

Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/30/19. Office location: Broome Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 126 Robinson Street, Binghamton, NY 13904. Purpose: any lawful activities.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY:

The name of the limited liability company is: Northside Property Developers, LLC (the "Company"). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was

September 23, 2019. The county in which the principal place of business of the Company shall be located is Broome County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company, to Michael Romeo, 521 Oak Hill Avenue, Endicott, NY 13760. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY UNDER NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is Reach PPL, LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is January 9, 2020.
3. The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.
4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 2520 Vestal Parkway East PMB #227, Vestal, NY 13850.
5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

Notice of Formation of Incubate

Media, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/17/2020. Office Location: Broome Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom service of process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Roger L. Brooks, 120 Hawley Street, Suite 118, Binghamton, New York 13901. Purpose: any lawful activities.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of 775 Myrtle, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on January 15, 2020, effective on the date of filing. Office Location: Broome County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 116 Murray Street, Binghamton, NY 13905, which shall be the principal business location. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the NYS Limited Liability Company Law.

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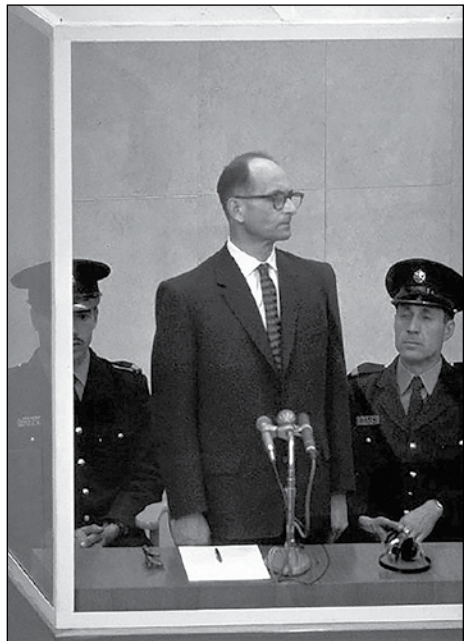
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Michigan's Holocaust museum exhibit reveals secret history behind capture of Adolf Eichmann

By JNS staff

(JNS) – The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus in Farmington Hills, MI, has announced its newest exhibit, “Operation Finale: The Capture and Trial of



A photo of Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann at his trial in Jerusalem, part of the exhibit “Operation Finale: The Capture and Trial of Adolf Eichmann.” (Photo by Israel Government Press Office)

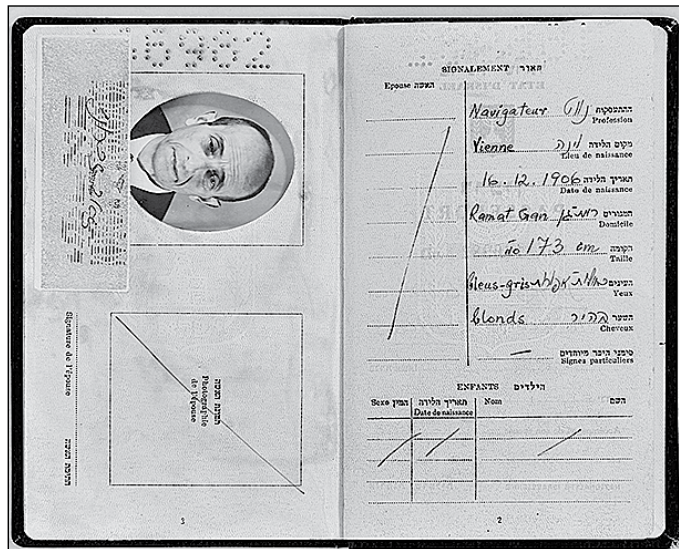
Adolf Eichmann,” which will run through mid-June. It reveals the secret history behind the capture, extradition and trial of one of the world’s most notorious escaped war criminals. Eichmann, head of the Nazis’ homicidal “Jewish Department,” managed the transport of millions of innocent people to death camps, though vanished after World War II.

Photographs, film and recently declassified spy artifacts reveal the history behind the abduction and globally broadcast trial of a principal perpetrator of the “Final Solution,” Nazi Germany’s plan for the mass murder of Europe’s Jews.

The multimedia exhibit features 60 original artifacts and 70 photographs, including maps, printed case files, hand-forged documents and a pair of goggles used to obscure Eichmann’s vision during his capture. There also is a replica of the bulletproof glass booth used during his 1961 trial in Israel. Short films within the exhibit will allow visitors to hear accounts of the abduction team that caught Eichmann and the legal team that prosecuted him.

Eichmann escaped to Argentina following the end of World War II and changed his name to Ricardo Klement. He was discovered through the work of a Holocaust survivor and Israel’s na-

At right: A falsified Israeli passport, part of the “Operation Finale: The Capture and Trial of Adolf Eichmann” exhibit. (Photo by The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus in Farmington Hills, MI)



tional intelligence agency, the Mossad. “Operation Finale” was the code name given to the Mossad’s effort to capture Eichmann, which it did in May 1960. He was smuggled back to Israel and stood trial in Jerusalem for crimes against the Jewish people, where he was found guilty and executed in 1962.

“The Holocaust center is proud to provide visitors with unprecedented access to artifacts and documents on a critical juncture in history,” said CEO Rabbi Eli Mayerfeld. “The unwavering commitment to bring

this war criminal to justice was not only inspiring, but created global awareness of the destruction of European Jewry during World War II.”

The exhibit is a co-production of “The Mossad: Israeli Secret Intelligence Service”; Beit Hatfutsot, Museum of the Jewish People, Tel Aviv, Israel; and the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage in Cleveland, OH.

The Holocaust Memorial Center planned to host an exhibit opening and International Holocaust Remembrance Day program on January 26 titled “Creating Operation Finale,” featuring Avner Avraham, curator of “Operation Finale” and a former Mossad agent; Patrick Gallagher, president of the exhibit design firm Gallagher and Associates; and Shulamith Bahat, CEO of Beit Hatfutsot of America.

The exhibit will be open Sunday through Friday, and is free of charge with membership or museum admission. To learn more, call 248-553-2400.

Roy Nissany becomes Israel’s first Formula One driver

By JNS staff

(JNS) – Roy Nissany will become the official test driver for the Williams Group, making him Israel’s very first Formula One driver, announced the motor racing team and constructor ROKiT Williams Racing on January 15.

Nissany was joined at a press conference on January 15 at the Peres Center for Peace and Innovation by the group’s president, Claire Williams, and Sylvan Adams, who has supported Nissany’s development in motor racing and serves as president of Nissany’s management group.

The 25-year-old began his journey in

motor racing at age 14 and comes to Formula One following two successful seasons in Formula V8 3.5, where he secured 13 podium finishes and reached pole position seven times. Nissany’s achievements include two consecutive victories at the Silverstone track in the United Kingdom, plus wins at Italy’s Monza track, France’s Paul Ricard circuit and Jerez in Spain. In 2014, he completed his first test in a Formula One car with the Swiss team Sauber Motorsport. He competed in the Formula Two championship in 2018, but missed last season due to an injury.

In early December, Nissany was asked

by Williams to participate in two days of testing in Abu Dhabi, after which the group See “Driver” on page 7



At left: Roy Nissany at Winter Cup in Lonato, racing for Morsicani Racing. (Photo by Wikimedia Commons)

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Jewish Family Service will once again be collecting funds to fulfill the Purim mitzvah of *matanot l'evyonim* (gifts for the poor). These donations will be distributed to more than 16 local Jewish families who are experiencing extreme financial difficulties. In order to assure a timely distribution of these gifts, please be sure your contribution reaches our offices by February 21, 2020.

Thank you for your support of your neighbors in need.

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Weekly Parasha

Bo, Exodus 10:1-13:16

The purpose of punishment

RABBI ZEV SILBER, BETH DAVID SYNAGOGUE

Much discussion takes place in the United States regarding crime and its consequences, and about the purpose and goals of punishment. Intellectuals and philosophers attempt to understand what we are trying to achieve through the legal punishment system. Some say that the purpose of punishment is retribution; others say it is deterrence. Yet others say that the purpose should be rehabilitation.

In this week's *parasha*, we read about the last of the 10 plagues. At first glance, it seems that the purpose of the 10 plagues was retribution. Pharaoh and the Egyptians needed to suffer punishment for enslaving the Jewish people and not allowing them to leave.

However, when we examine some of Moses' statements to Pharaoh, we are forced to conclude that there is also an element of correction and rehabilitation built into these events.

When announcing the plague of blood, Moses states that the purpose is "that you shall know that I am God." (Exodus 7:17). The plague of frogs is introduced by the statement "that you shall know that there is none as great as our God." (8:6) Wild animals is explained by God saying, "In order that you shall know that there I am God in all the land." (8:18)

It says that the plague of hail is in order "that you shall know that there is none like me in all the land" (9:14) and "that you shall know that there is none as great as our God." (9:16) The locusts' purpose is "that you will know that I am God." (10:2)

And the final plague, the death of the first born, has its purpose "that you shall know that God makes a difference between the Israelites and the Egyptians." (11:7)

True, the plagues were retribution, but they also

were designed to effect change, recognition of God and rehabilitation.

Understanding that there is a rehabilitation aspect to the plagues helps me understand why the rabbis felt obligated to stress that Moses gave an approximate time for the last plague (at about midnight) rather than the exact time. Quoting the rabbis, Rashi says that Moses did not want to chance that the Egyptian magicians would incorrectly calculate the time and, seeing that the plague did not occur exactly at midnight, would accuse Moses of being a liar and a charlatan.

Moses knew that this was the last plague and therefore the last opportunity to accomplish the goal of rehabilitation. He could not take a chance that, because of human frailty

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Congregational Notes

Beth David Synagogue

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 Shabbat Services:
 Shabbat, Feb. 19 am
 Mincha after kiddush
 Weekday Services:
 Mornings:
 Sun., Feb. 28:30 am
 Mon.-Fri., Feb. 3-77 am
 Evenings:
 Sun., Feb. 25:05 pm
 Mon.-Thurs., Feb. 3-67 pm
 Classes: Rabbi Zev Silber will hold his weekly Talmud class every Tuesday evening after services.

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 Website: www.kolhaverim.net
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 KH welcomes all individuals and families, including those from mixed religious backgrounds, who wish to strengthen the Jewish experience in their lives and provide their children with a Jewish identity and experience.

Temple Concord

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism
 Rabbi: Barbara Goldman-Wartell
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 Office hours: Tues.-Fri., 10 am-2 pm
 Phone: 723-7355
 Fax: 723-0785
 Office e-mail: TempleConcordbinghamton@gmail.com
 Website: www.templeconcord.com
 Regular service times: Friday, 8 pm; Saturday, 10:35 am, when religious school is in session.
 Hebrew school: Hebrew school meets at 4:15 pm and 5:15 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year unless otherwise noted.
 On Friday, January 31, at 8 pm, Shabbat evening services will be led by Carol Bernstein and Elsie Doetsch.
 On Saturday, February 1, religious school will meet at 9 am, Torah study will be held at 9:15 am; and Shabbat morning services will be held at 10:35 am.
 On Friday, February 7, Shabbat evening services will be held at 8 pm.
 On Saturday, February 8, religious school will meet at 9 am; Torah study will be held at 9:15 am; and Shabbat morning services will be held at 10:35 am.

Temple Beth El of Oneonta

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
 Rabbi-Cantor: George Hirschfeld
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 Mailing address: P.O. Box 383, Oneonta, NY 13820
 Phone: 607-432-5522
 Website: www.templebetheloneonta.org
 E-mail: TBEOneonta@gmail.com
 Regular service times: visit the temple website for days of services and times
 Religious School/Education: Religious School, for grades kindergarten through bar/bat mitzvah, meets Sunday mornings. For the schedule of services, classes and events, see the website.

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

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

On Wednesday, January 29, at 7 pm, in the social hall, Beth Lyon, clinical professor of law and founder of Cornell's Farmworker's Legal Assistance Clinic, will speak at a Sisterhood program on "The Impact of Immigration Policy Changes: A View from the Other Border."

On Sunday, February 2, at 7 pm, "Dimona Twist," a film by Michal Aviad, will be shown, followed by a discussion. The film is 70 minutes long.

An adult ed. class, "The Song of Songs: Ancient Israelite Love Poetry and An Allegory of the Love between God and Israel," will continue to be held on Thursdays, February 6 and 13, at 7 pm. Those planning to attend should register by e-mailing rb23@cornell.edu or calling the temple office.

Friday, January 31, light candles before..... 4:58 pm
 Saturday, February 1, Shabbat ends 6 pm
 Friday, February 7, light candles before..... 5:07 pm
 Saturday, February 8, Shabbat ends 6:09 pm

Temple Israel

Orientation: Conservative
 Rabbi: Geoffrey Brown
 Address: 4737 Deerfield Pl., Vestal, NY 13850
 Phone: 723-7461 and 231-3746
 Office hours: Mon.-Thurs., 8:30 am-4 pm; Fri., 8 am-3 pm
 E-mail: titammy@stny.twbc.com
 Website: www.templeisraelvestal.org
 Service Schedule: Tuesday, 5:30 pm; Friday, 5:30 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am
 On Saturday, February 1, Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Exodus 10:1-13:16. The haftarah will be Jeremiah 46:13-28. The kiddush will be sponsored by Mike Azersky.
 On Tuesday, February 4, there will be an Executive Board meeting at 7 pm.
 Scout Shabbat will be held on Friday, February 7, at 5:30 pm, with Kabbalat Shabbat services followed by a light dinner. Everyone is invited: attendees don't have to be a Scout or Jewish. RSVPs for the dinner should be sent to Mike Martinez, scoutmaster of Troop 43 and member of Temple Israel, at scoutmastermike43@gmail.com by Sunday, February 2.

The kiddush following services on Saturday, February 15, will be in honor of Steven Gilbert's birthday.

There will be no Hebrew school on Sunday, February 16.

The temple office will be closed on Monday, February 17, for Presidents' Day.

A Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, at 7 pm.

Norwich Jewish Center

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

Congregation Tikun v'Or

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism
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 Website: www.tikkunvor.org
 E-mail: info@tikkunvor.org
 Presidents: Lauren Korfine and Shira Reisman
 Rabbi: Brian Walt
 Religious School Director/Admin. Coordinator: Naomi Wilensky
 Services: Fridays at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted. Intergenerational Shabbat, music services, and other special services. Call for the weekly schedule.
 Religious School: Preschool through seventh-grade classes meet on Sunday mornings.
 Sixth-grade Hebrew and seventh-grade b'nai mitzvah classes meet on Wednesday afternoons.
 Adult Ed: Mini courses throughout the year. Adult Hebrew offered regularly. Call the office for details.

Temple Brith Sholom

Affiliation: Unaffiliated
 Address: P.O. Box 572, 117 Madison St., Cortland, NY 13045
 Phone: 607-756-7181
 President: Bruce Fein, 607-423-3346
 Service leaders: Lay leadership
 Shabbat services: Either Friday evening at 7:30 pm or Saturday at 10 am from Rosh Hashanah to Shavuot. Holiday services are also held. Check the weekly e-mail for upcoming services. Contact the president to get on the e-mail list.
 Religious School: Students are educated on an individual basis. Temple Brith Sholom is a small egalitarian congregation serving the greater Cortland community. Congregants span the gamut of observance and services are largely dependent on the service leader. The Friday night siddur is "Likrat Shabbat," while the Saturday morning siddur is "Gates of Prayer." The community extends a warm welcome to the Jewish student population of SUNY Cortland, as well as the residents of local adult residences.

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New Tu B'Shevat haggadah emphasizes sustainable reforestation

Hazon, the Jewish Lab for Sustainability, has released its Tu B'Shevat haggadah for 2020, along with holiday information, tips and resources for hosting a sustainable holiday seder. The haggadah encourages readers to "think about trees and the critical role they play." Hazon is also partnering with JTree, a collaboration between various Jewish groups that describes its goal of sustainable reforestation as "planting the right trees in the right balance in the right locations with the right ongoing care." Tu B'Shevat will be celebrated from sundown on Sunday, Feb. 9, until sundown on Monday, Feb. 10. "Every Jewish holiday comes to remind us of something that, ideally, we should be thinking about the whole year round. It reminds us that, 365 days a year, our life is dependent on the natural world that sustains us. And it nudges every one of us – and every Jewish institution – to do all that we can do to learn about the impacts of our behaviors, to reduce our impact and to speak up for wider change," said Hazon CEO Nigel Savage. "Tu B'Shevat isn't just for kids," added Rabbi Isaiah Rothstein, Hazon's rabbi-in-residence, who wrote the updated haggadah that combines science and current events with traditional Jewish wisdom. "It reminds us to protect and preserve the planet's natural filter – i.e., planting trees," he said. "That is why this Tu B'Shevat, we call upon the Jewish community to actively engage in this global campaign to plant hundreds of millions of new trees." The Hazon Tu B'Shevat Haggadah can be obtained in print or as a free download at <https://hazon.org/commit-to-change/holidays/tu-bshvat/>.

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decided to sign the Israeli as the team's third driver. As such, Nissany will train with the team and drive on Fridays during Grand Prix practice at Formula One weekends, waiting for the opportunity to compete behind the wheel of one of two championship cars.

He joins a list of past drivers for the U.K.-based Williams team, which includes Formula One "legends" such as Brazilians Ayrton Senna and Nelson Pique, Keke Rosberg of Finland, Britain's Nigel Mansell, Damon Hill and Jenson Button, Frenchman Alain Prost and Canada's Jacques Villeneuve.

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and doubt, or stubbornness, the mission of the Egyptians recognizing the power of God should be allowed to fail. Accomplishing that mission – helping the world recognize the greatness and truth of God – was more important than accurately quoting God's statement. Helping the violator correct his entire approach to life and to God is the greatest good deed that a human being can perform.

Did it work? Did Pharaoh learn and accept the greatness of God? The *midrash* states that, although Pharaoh was a first born, he did not die in the plague. The *midrash* further states that he also survived the splitting of the sea, and then left Egypt to proclaim the greatness and glory of God to other people and nations of the world.

The rabbis are attempting to teach us this exact lesson. The best outcome of a punishment is rehabilitation. Sometimes all attempts fail; often it may take multiple punishments; sometimes the result will only be possible if God himself does it; sometimes a Moses is needed to accomplish this goal.

However, we, though we are not as skilled as Moses, are not absolved from trying to accomplish this with all our strength and with all the methods and resources at our disposal. The greatest criminal, Pharaoh of Egypt, managed to become rehabilitated. We must attempt to accomplish the same in all our dealings with evil.

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Jewish Community Center
"Women in the Torah" open talk at JCC on Feb. 10

By Paige Bartholomew

The Jewish Community Center, located at 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, will hold an open talk on "Women in the Torah" on Monday, February 10, from 4-5 pm. Rabbi Rachel Esserman will lead the presentation. The event is free; a donation of \$10 per attendee is suggested. Donations of any amount will be collected at the door. The entire community is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Esserman will discuss the diverse stories of the many women of the Torah. The lecture will examine the Torah through the lens of female empowerment. Emphasis will be placed on the varied roles women played throughout Judaic history and the struggles many women had to go

through, but ultimately triumphed over.

For more information about "Women in the Torah," the JCC's Adult Programming, or the JCC, contact the JCC office at 724-2417.

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ISIS spokesman declares war on Israel, says jihad has entered "new phase"

(MEMRI via JNS) – Islamic State spokesman Abu Hamza al-Qurashi stated in a speech published by the terror group's media arm Al-Furqan on Jan. 27 that ISIS was "declaring war" on Israel, and called on ISIS branches in Sinai and Syria to attack it. In the 37-minute speech, which was distributed on social media, including Telegram and Hoop, the ISIS spokesman said the terror group was not only surviving, despite the declarations by multiple U.S. presidents that it was finished, but also expanding its war against its enemies across the globe. Al-Qurashi also called on Muslims to thwart the U.S. peace plan, known as the "deal of the century," which was expected to be released on Jan. 28. He urged Muslim fighters everywhere to step up their attacks, and to "emigrate" and join the nearest ISIS branch. "The infidels," he said, had mobilized "the turbans of evil" to "put out the light of Allah by their continuous military and media campaign against the monotheists, a total war on all fronts." The ISIS spokesman said the group had begun "a new phase" in its war against its enemies. "Today we have begun a new stage in our war against you. The eyes of the soldiers of the caliphate everywhere are still turned toward Bayt al-Maqdis [the Temple Mount in Jerusalem]. In the coming days, with Allah's permission,

there will be events that will cause you to forget the horrors you have seen during the time of the previous [ISIS] leaders ... Our *jihad* shall continue. ... We pray to Allah that He will torment you, take vengeance upon you and punish you severely." (The full article is available at www.memri.org/reports/isis-spokesman-dismisses-trumps-declarations-annihilating-isis-declares-war-israel-oh.)

Saudi foreign minister denies Israelis can visit the kingdom

Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan bin Abdullah Al Saud on Jan. 27 denied an earlier Israeli report on Jan. 26 that Israeli citizens could now visit the country, stressing that Saudi policy remained unchanged on the issue. "Our policy remains the same. We do not have relations with the state of Israel and Israeli passport-holders cannot – at this time – visit the kingdom," said Prince Faisal, according to a CNN report. The Saudi foreign minister added that this was only likely to change in the event of an Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement. "Once there is a peace deal ... reached between the Palestinians and the Israelis, I think the integration of Israel into the regional context is very much on the table," he said. Israel's Interior Ministry said in a statement on Jan. 26 that Israelis could now travel to Saudi Arabia for religious or business purposes without the need to obtain special permission, as was the case in the past. The statement did note, however, that Israelis wishing to visit the

Saudi kingdom would still require an official invitation. Until now, Israelis wanting to travel to Saudi Arabia or other Arab states that do not have official relations with Israel have had to use foreign passports or be granted special permission.

Trump signs bill to help boost shuls, other nonprofits against attacks

U.S. President Donald Trump signed a bill on Jan. 24 that allocates \$375 million over five years to synagogues and other houses of worship, as well as additional other nonprofits, to help protect themselves against terror attacks. The Securing American Nonprofit Organizations Against Terrorism Act will allocate \$75 million annually under the Nonprofit Security Grant Program. Trump called it an "incredible piece of legislation. ... It took a long time to get it here, but this is something that is very, very special and great for you as mayors," he told those in the Oval Office for the signing of the bill. Attendees included Jewish Federations of North America President/CEO Eric Fingerhut and American Friends of Lubavitch (Chabad) Executive Vice President Rabbi Levi Shemtov. "We're very grateful to President Trump for authorizing this funding to keep synagogues, churches and other houses of worship safe," Nathan Diamant, Orthodox Union executive director for public policy, said in a statement. "Jews today are facing violence on a scale we have never witnessed before in America, and the perpetrators must be stopped. The president's actions demonstrate his understanding of these threats and the need to protect not only Jews, but all people of faith." Separately, as part of the federal appropriations legislation passed in December, Congress increased funding for the NSGP to \$90 million – a 50 percent increase over the \$60 million funding in 2019. The NSGP provides grants of up to \$100,000 each to nonprofits at risk of terrorist attacks so they may improve building security by acquiring and installing items ranging from fences, lighting and video surveillance to metal detectors and blast-resistant doors, locks and windows. Funding may also be used to train staff and pay for contracted security personnel.

U.S. intends to send \$2 million to Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation

The U.S. State Department, working with Congress, is slated to send \$2 million to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation to "preserve the Auschwitz and Birkenau Memorial and Museum so future generations never forget, and to further efforts to combat contemporary forms of antisemitism," announced U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Jan. 27. Between 2013 and 2018, the United States sent \$15 million to support the foundation. "The United States encourages other nations to join us in supporting the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation. We firmly believe it is humanity's duty to honor Holocaust survivors, guard the memory of Holocaust victims and all other victims of Nazi persecution, and fight back against antisemitism, and attempts to ignore and revise history," said Pompeo. "We urge all to take active steps to make sure the horrors of the Holocaust are not repeated and future crimes against humanity are prevented." Additionally, the U.K. government also announced a similar pledge, saying it would provide £1 million funding to the foundation. The announcement came on International Holocaust Remembrance Day, which is marked annually on Jan. 27, to commemorate the 11 million people who perished in the Holocaust, six million of whom were Jews. The week of Jan. 24 marked a commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, where at least 1.1 million people were killed, most of whom were Jews.

Palestinians threaten to pull out of Oslo over projected Trump peace plan

Palestinian Authority officials on Jan. 26 threatened to withdraw from key provisions of the Oslo Accords in protest against the U.S. administration's projected Mideast peace plan. Chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat told AFP that the U.S. initiative would turn Israel's "temporary occupation into a permanent occupation," and that the P.A. reserved the right "to withdraw from the Interim Agreement" should U.S. President Donald Trump unveil his plan. Also known as Oslo II, the Interim Agreement on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip is a key component of the Oslo accords. Also on Jan. 26, the P.A. Foreign Ministry said in a statement that Trump's long-awaited peace plan, also called the "deal of the century," is "the plot of the century to liquidate the Palestinian cause." The comments were made as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his main political rival, Blue and White leader Benny Gantz, separately headed to Washington for meetings with Trump ahead of the unveiling of the peace plan, which were set for Jan. 28. The Palestinian leadership was not invited by the White House, having rejected the initiative after the United States recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel in December 2017. P.A. leader Mahmoud Abbas reportedly also refused a phone call by Trump to discuss matters. On Jan. 25, Erekat said the Trump plan would go down in history as the "fraud of the century" if it denied that Israel was an "occupying force." Gaza-based terror groups Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad have reportedly pledged to reject the deal and work to thwart it.

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