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Chesed Challenge matching grant

Federation brunch with Rebekka Goldsmith to kick off The Chesed Challenge on March 29

By Reporter staff

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton announced that the launch of The Chesed Challenge will take place at a brunch on Sunday, March 29, at 11 am, at the Jewish Community Center, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal. The cost to attend is \$10 per person, with a \$20 maximum for families. The Chesed Challenge is a matching gift campaign that will take place from March 29-April 30. An anonymous donor has pledged to double any new gift, up to \$10,000 total, given to the Federation through the end of April. To make a reservation for the brunch, contact the Federation at 724-2332.

The brunch will feature singer Rebekka

Goldsmith, who will lead an interactive event for all ages. Goldsmith, who has a music residency this year at The Rising Song Institute, leads prayer and Jewish song for all ages in a wide variety of settings, including Jewish congregations, schools, camps, retreats, workshops and assisted living communities. She also directs community choirs, facilitates vocal improvisation based retreats and runs a voice coaching studio. (An interview of Goldsmith will appear in the next issue of *The Reporter*.)

According to its website, The Rising



Rebekka Goldsmith

Song Institute “cultivates Jewish spiritual life through song. It is a meeting place and incubator for creative musicians and prayer leaders who hope to reinvent the future of music as a communal Jewish spiritual practice. Based in Philadelphia, [it] engages people throughout North America and around the world through communal singing, immersive study, and experimental music-making.” The Rising Song Institute is part of the Hadar Institute, which seeks to empower Jews “to create and sustain vibrant, practicing, egalitarian communities of Torah, *avodah* and *chesed*.” (For more

information on The Rising Song Institute, visit www.risingsong.org.)

“I am so excited to be welcoming Rebekka Goldsmith to our community event,” said Shelley Hubal, executive director of the Federation. “The music on The Rising Song website is wonderful and the program is perfect for families. Join us as our community raises its voice in song in an event that will touch your hearts and souls.

“This is also a wonderful way to kick-off our Chesed Campaign,” Hubal added. “People can double the gift they give to the Federation, which will allow us to do even more for our wonderful community. If you haven’t yet pledged to the 2020 Campaign, this is a great time to do it.”

Dr. Elissa Sampson to speak at BU about the 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire on March 26

The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire occurred more than 100 years ago, on March 25, 1911, but is said to have left a permanent trace on the collective memory of American Jews. The “tragic and horrific” fire resulted in the deaths of 145 women, mostly Jewish and Italian women. The result of lax safety regulations and enforcement, the fire exposed the mistreatment of immigrant garment workers and eventually helped bring about needed reforms. To mark the fire’s 109th anniversary, Professor Elissa Sampson of Cornell University

will discuss “The Resurgence of Memory: The Triangle Fire Today” at Binghamton University on Thursday, March 26, at 6 pm, in the Admission Center, room 189, on the BU campus. The talk is open to the general public.

According to Sampson, “The memory of the Triangle Fire continues to grow; an inextinguishable story is not being allowed to die.” Sampson will discuss the many mechanisms of memorial-



Dr. Elissa Sampson

ization that have taken place, not just in New York City, the site of the tragedy, but all over the country. “Commemoration takes place also in Los Angeles with union organizers who are Mexican and Asian driving much of it, as well as in Bangladesh mostly due to the Rana Plaza tragedy,” she said. “All of this circulates and reinforces remembrance as well as activism in a wide variety of communities.”

Sampson is an urban geographer who studies how people actively use the past to create new spaces of migration, memory and heritage. She is a visiting scholar in Cornell’s Jewish Studies program where she teaches courses on Jewish cities, including New York’s Lower East Side. A Cornell Digital Humanities Award funded Sampson’s recent work on the Yiddish speaking immigrant left based on the confiscated archives housed at Cornell’s Kheel Center.

Sampson’s recent publications touch upon Jewish life in the Lower East Side, contemporary Yiddish theater, Triangle Fire commemorations and the academic use of the term “ghetto” in relation to Jews in the United States. Her 2015 dissertation documents how the acquisition of a building shaped the Lower East Side Tenement Museum’s stories of immigrant history. She has given numerous academic and public tours, and lectures on the Lower East Side’s historic and contemporary migrant/immigrant communities, labor history and built environment. Sampson was recently See “Triangle” on page 7

Spotlight

Bess Greenberg’s driving force: rhythm

By Rabbi Rachel Esserman

Bess Greenberg will perform between trivia rounds at The Reporter’s trivia fund-raiser on Thursday, March 19, from 6-8 pm, at the Jewish Community Center, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal. For more information on the event, see the article on page 3.

On her website, www.KidBess.com, Bess Greenberg describes herself as a “professional basketball player turned documentary photographer, turned curator, turned visual artist, turned musician.” What do all these different activities have in common? During an e-mail interview, Greenberg noted that one thing ties them together: rhythm.

“I have always had a strong desire to be challenged and to try and continually grow – that has been a driving force behind my different ‘career paths,’” Greenberg said. “But over the years, I have recognized that there is an important thread that unifies my different explorations – rhythm. I believe rhythm exists in everything and I have been consistently pursuing, finding, following and creating rhythm.”

Family connections play a large role in

Greenberg’s life. Her mother, Stacey, also sings and plays guitar, and her father, Mickey, was a basketball coach. One of her brothers, who goes by the stage name Jeremy Davidson, performs on TV and film. “It appears obvious to me that I developed into a mixture of my two parents, as well as my three older brothers,” she said. “They all were responsible for introducing and sharing their passions to me, and it was contagious. They have always been profound models of hard work and love – they still are.”

Greenberg has performed with a band and as a solo performer. She notes that each experience offers something different: “I am thrilled to have a band (KidBess and The Magic Ring), and I love playing solo, as well. The main difference I experience between the two is the strength in vulnerability that surfaces while performing solo. The nakedness of a vocal and one instrument



Bess Greenberg (Photo by Kenneth McCann)

has an intimacy that is not possible to achieve as a group of musicians. Simply by strength in numbers, the band is less vulnerable. But I believe there is a time and place for both in my life. I am passionate about developing the full sound of the songs I write, and I am fueled by working with amazing musicians and friends; we get to create magic together.”

Judaism has also played a role in her and her family’s lives. “While growing up, our family attended Beth David Synagogue in Binghamton,” she said. “We weren’t the most religious family in the congregation, but we always celebrated the High Holidays with our closest family friends and those memories are the fondest to me. Judaism is – and has always been – about family and love.”

To hear Greenberg’s latest work, visit www.KidBess.com. Her music is also available on www.youtube.com.

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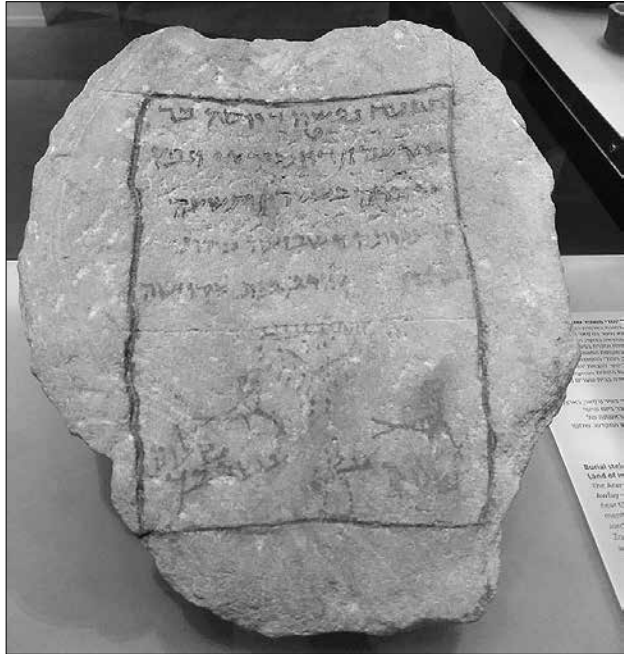
Bible Lands Museum exhibits age-old Yemenite culture and heritage, and their contemporary connections to Israel

By Eliana Rudee

(JNS) – An exhibition at the Bible Lands Museum in Jerusalem shows that the ancient people living in the southern Arabia region (present-day Yemen) were largely connected to the land of Israel, despite being largely isolated from the rest of the Eastern world by seas and deserts.

On display for the first time, the new exhibition “Yemen: From Sheba to Jerusalem” explores the history of the ancient kingdoms of southern Arabia – Sheba, Qataban, Hadhramaut and Ma’in – and their commercial links with the land of Judah during the First and Second Temple periods, as well as the origins of the Yemenite Jewish community.

Through the trade of incense and aromatic plants like myrrh and frankincense – used in Temple worship, and worth the value of gold and silver in the contemporary market – modern-day Yemen became a key hub



Burial stele of a Jew from Himyar buried in the Land of Israel. (Photo by Sophie Gibly)

in ancient Near Eastern trade.

Biblical references such as Isaiah 60:6 also comment on trade from Sheba to Jerusalem: “Dust clouds of camels shall cover you, dromedaries of Midian and Ephah. They all shall come from Sheba; they shall bear gold and frankincense, and shall herald the glories of the Lord.”

This trade route also made it possible for Yemenite Jews to make the journey to the land of Israel. Though the trek was 2,400 kilometers (1,500 miles), which often took two whole months to complete, there was extensive commercial trade between the two lands, and the bones of Yemenite Jews were often taken to Israel to be buried.

“Yemen is probably one of the most remote lands of the Bible that we have, but the ancient Yemenite Jewish culture had a dream to be in the land of Israel,” said museum director Amanda Weiss. “That longing to have that connection to Israel and to the Bible, the Tanach, was something that never waned or got lost along the way, no matter how long and hard that journey was.”

The artifacts on exhibition, said Weiss, are evidence of the longing of those people, tracing their journey and the intermediaries in the spice trade – the peoples of North Arabia, especially the Nabateans, who left a wealth of artifacts at numerous sites in the Negev and Arava deserts.

By the end of the fourth century C.E., the kings of Himyar (south Arabia’s last major kingdom before the advent of Islam) adopted a monotheistic religion inspired by Judaism and became known as the “Jewish Kingdom of Himyar.”

According to the exhibition, the Himyarite Kingdom was destroyed in 525 C.E. by armies from the Christian Ethiopian kingdom of Axum. However, a vibrant Jewish community endured and developed its own unique culture, while also establishing ties with Jewish communities around the world, until most of Yemen’s Jews immigrated to the newly formed state of Israel in 1949.

Though Yemenite Jewish tradition says that the Jews arrived there following the warning of the prophet Jeremiah of the destruction of the First Temple, exhibition curator Oree Meiri told JNS that the first evidence of Jews in Yemen dates back to 25 B.C.E. with the Roman attempt to conquer Saudi Arabia. The exhibition thus tells the story



An image of a Yemenite Jew featured in a display at the museum. (Photo by Sophie Gibly)

of the roots of the Yemenite Jewish community from the time of the Kingdom of Himyar (110 B.C.E.) onwards.

It features images by photographer Naftali Hilger, who visited Yemen several times until the outbreak of civil war in 2015, documenting the everyday life of the small Jewish community that stayed after most of its members had left for Israel.

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Room showing artifacts from the exhibit “Yemen: From Sheba to Jerusalem.” (Photo by Sophie Gibly)

Opinion

In My Own Words

Spoon theory

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

A friend and I were having a discussion about energy levels. She usually surprises me with the number of things she can accomplish in a day. My energy is far more limited. In fact, I’ve written before about how I understand that, for some people, getting up, getting dressed and sitting in a chair is a good day. As we continued talking, my friend asked if I’d ever heard of spoon theory. The term was unfamiliar even though I’ve read other material about chronic illness. After reading several articles about the theory online, I was not only impressed with the idea, but realized it resonated with me in different ways than I’d initially expected.

The original description of spoon theory was written by Christine Miserandino, a woman who has lupus and wanted to explain to a friend what her life was like. She sought to represent her energy level using spoons, with the number of spoons representing the amount of energy a person has to use during a day. For each activity, you use a certain number of spoons. Once they’re gone, you have no energy left to perform another task. Say, for example, you have 10 spoons of energy. If you need a spoon to get dressed, a spoon to make breakfast, a spoon to travel to work and five spoons to get through the day at work, the last two spoons have to be saved so you have enough energy to travel home and make dinner. That means you have no energy left to do anything else that day.

Plus, people who are ill not only have fewer spoons

than those who are well, but often need more spoons per task for even the simplest activity. Think about how little energy a person has when he/she is sick with a cold or the flu. Imagine having only that little energy *every day*. Think about never knowing how much you will be able to accomplish on any given day, or whether you will accomplish anything.

When one article talked about using spoon theory in terms of mental energy, that spoke to me in a different way. When you don’t feel well, it’s harder to do things that seem simple to other people. For me, that can be making a phone call: for every easy phone call, there are three frustrating and/or irritating ones with everything from people hanging up on me, my having trouble with the menus that say which number to push, or people speaking so softly or indistinctly that my machine can’t type what they’re saying. Even when friends have volunteered to help me, the idea of adding one more thing to my to-do list seems overwhelming.

Someone I know used to offer some really interesting ideas about what I could do to improve my health. To explain my problem to her, I said something similar to spoon theory. What I told her was that I can do a certain number of things a day: if you add one more, then one of the others is going to have to fall away. Even now, there is a limit to just how much I can put on my schedule. Even if it would be helpful in the long run, I just don’t have the energy.

We should also think of this in terms of what it means to use up your energy for the basic aspects of life and not having any energy left for life’s pleasures. These can be as simple as spending time with a friend, enjoying a hobby or attending a religious service. Those things give meaning to our days. Unfortunately, some people don’t have enough spoons even for simple pleasures.

At one point in my life, I remember saying that I am sick and tired of being sick and tired. The comparison between my life then and my life now is amazing. Some people who knew me then find it hard to believe all I am able to accomplish now. What they are not aware of is how carefully I manage my spoons – about how I act as if I have enough spoons for the day even when I run out of energy before the day is over.

How many spoons do you have? How many do your family members and friends have? If you have a large number, then count your blessings. You are so lucky. If you have only a few, then be grateful if your friends and family understand your dilemma. If they don’t, it may be time to take some spoons out of the drawer and show them exactly what your life is like.

Anyone interested in learning more about spoon theory may find these articles helpful: <https://happiful.com/what-is-the-spoon-theory/>, www.webmd.com/multiple-sclerosis/features/spoon-theory#1 and www.healthline.com/health/spoon-theory-chronic-illness-explained-like-never-before.



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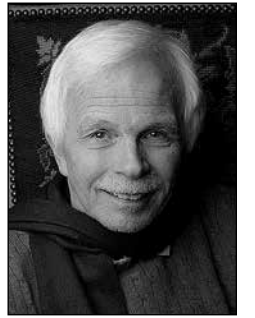
Talk on Napoleon at March 14 BD luncheon

Was Napoleon good or bad for the Jews? This will be the topic addressed by Professor Steven Englund on Saturday, March 14, at Beth David Synagogue's Luncheon Speaker series. The title of the talk is "Napoleon and the 'Jewish Question': A Study in Ambiguity." The luncheon is free and open to the community.

Englund is an award-winning historian recognized

both in the United States and France for his research on Napoleon and French history. His 2004 "Napoleon, a Political Life," was published by Simon and Schuster. The French translation, "Napoléon," was published in Paris the following year by Editions de Fallois. It was the first English-language life of Napoleon to be translated into French. In 2005, the American Historical Association

awarded the book the prize for The Best Book in French History. The French edition won Le Grand Prix de la Fondation Napoléon. Englund's work in the field of French history has led to his being named chevalier des arts et des lettres, one of the highest honors given by the French government.



Professor Steven Englund

"The case of Napoleon's Jewish policy has been much debated," says Englund. "On the one hand, he continued Jewish emancipation and established the first central Jewish consistory system, and mandated that regional consistories be established, thus giving the Jewish population a governing body to represent them in affairs of state. But what about his forceful removal of Alsatian Jews from money lending? We know Napoleon, the man, had a low opinion of Jews, but on the other hand, later in the 19th century, the French antisemites claimed Napoleon had been a Jewish 'creature' because he preserved Jewish emancipation and organized the community. It is interesting to play with the concept of ambiguity and not rush to judgment, one way or the other. Doing so is not always satisfying, but it may be closer to the truth."

Englund graduated magna cum laude from Colgate University. He was a Marshall Scholar at Cambridge University in England, and received his Ph.D. in history from Princeton University. He has been a faculty member at the American University in Paris and a visiting professor at numerous institutions. He was a Guggenheim fellow and, from 2015-16, a visiting fellow at the Center for the Study of Antisemitism at Berlin Technical University.

"He is unequivocally one of the most accomplished people I know, and what I would call a man for all seasons," said organizers. "Educator, writer, historian, journalist, Steve is all of these and more."

"Professor Englund is unequivocally one of the most accomplished and engaging speakers we've ever met," organizers added. "His nuanced take on Napoleon's relationship with the Jews is sure to lead to a spirited discussion!" See "Napoleon" on page 5

Chabad to dedicate renovated sanctuary on March 15

Last minute reservations are still being accepted from those who want to join in the Sunday, March 15, dedication and renaming of the newly renovated Chabad sanctuary. The *shul* will be renamed the Camren Vilinsky Shul.

"Camren Vilinsky '19 was a beloved member of the BU Jewish community and respected student leader. He passed in September '19 after a prolonged and valiant battle with cancer," said organizers of the event. "Camren

was a *gabbai* of the Chabad *shul* and loved to *daven* and learn in that space."

Camren's parents, Dalya and Edward Vilinsky, have completely sponsored the refurbishing of the Chabad *shul* "as a living testament to the life and spirit of their son."

A celebratory lunch will be held after the program. Those wishing to attend are asked to make reservations at www.Jewishbu.com/camren'sShul.

TC Sisterhood program to feature Frugal Fani on March 22

Temple Concord Sisterhood will hold a free program featuring Frugal Fani (aka Ani Loew) on Sunday, March 22, at 1 pm, at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton.

"Frugal Fani is one of the hottest YouTube stars of today," said organizers of the event. "Come hear about her YouTube career, including how she got started and why saving the world is important to her. According to Frugal Fani, 'It is about



Frugal Fani (aka Ani Loew)

progress, not perfection."

Loew teaches law and government and education at Broome-Tioga BOCES New Visions Career Academy to college-bound high school seniors who want to challenge themselves during their senior year. She is also an active member of Temple Concord Sisterhood.

Reservations should be made to Phyllis Kellenberger at pweinste@stny.rr.com or 723-2193 or 727-8305 by Thursday, March 19.

"A Questionable Night: Trivia, Food and Music"

Reporter 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 cash first prize of \$200 donated by Audio Classics. Additional prizes will be given out over the evening. The cost will be \$10/person in advance and \$12/person at the door. Tickets may be purchased at The Reporter office, located at the JCC. To buy tickets online, go to Jewish Binghamton on Facebook or visit <https://events.idonate.com/trivia-night-fund-raiser>.

Kahn is known for his trivia nights at the former Cyber Café. He currently holds trivia evenings at Galaxy Brewing on Tuesday evenings. The evening will feature four rounds of trivia. During the breaks, music will be performed by singer/songwriter Bess Greenberg (see article on page 1).

"I have been writing and hosting trivia for most every week for over 16 years," Kahn said. "I am pretty good at it by now and I think this should be a fun evening. Even if it's not that fun, it's all for a good cause. Plus, the amazing Bess Greenberg is performing between each round of trivia so you can't lose even if you do lose."

Previously of The Falconers and Milkweed, Greenberg debuted as a solo performer in the summer of 2016 and formed the full band KidBess and The Magic Ring in winter of 2017. Critics have commented on her "passionate performances, textured vocals and open hearted lyrics."

"I'm not biased, of course," said Rebecca Kahn, chairwoman of the event and a member of The Reporter's Editorial Committee, "but I'd just like to say how lucky I am to be married to the world's best trivia host! Seriously,



Jeff Kahn

though, Jeff is really entertaining and I promise you'll have a fun night."

"This is The Reporter's first funding-raising event," said Rabbi Rachel Esserman, the paper's executive editor. "A trivia event seems a perfect match for us. Come and enjoy the camaraderie, and challenge yourself to see if you have the answers. If you can't make the event, sponsorships are available and offer a great way to support your local Jewish newspaper."

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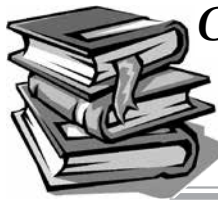
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Off the Shelf

Views of the past

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

One reason to read historical novels is to gain insight into our ancestors' lives. Of course, it's impossible for authors to completely rid themselves of contemporary notions and totally understand the sensibilities of those who lived centuries ago. However, written works from those time periods and research by historians can give authors insights into what was experienced. Even more important, though, is a writer's ability to imagine their characters' thoughts and reactions to the events that surrounded them. Even when imperfect, historical novels offer us a glimpse of the Jewish past that helped shape our world.

"The Third Daughter"

It can be difficult to read about the darker periods of Jewish history, particularly when the source of the harm is a fellow Jew. One example of this behavior is portrayed in Talia Carner's important new novel "The Third Daughter" (William Morrow). Her subject is the white slave trade in Brazil from the 1870s to the 1930s, during which time Jewish men traveled through Europe searching for naive young women and their families. These men would tender offers of marriage or claim to be looking for nannies for their children. With no way to confirm their stories, the families were often taken in due to the wealth and charm these men displayed. Parents believed that their daughters were being given an opportunity to escape poverty, oppression and pogroms. What they received instead was a life of degradation and slavery.

Carner's novel tells the story of Batya, who is 14-years-old when her family narrowly escapes a pogrom. While searching for a new place to settle, they are approached by Yitzik Moskowitz, who not only is rich, but warmly welcomed by the Jewish members of the next town. Moskowitz claims to have fallen in love with Batya and wants her to travel with him to Buenos Aires. He promises that she will live with his sister until she reaches an appropriate age of marriage and offers a bride price that Batya's father can't refuse. Moskowitz also promises to bring her family to Brazil at a later date.

Of course, this is a lie: Moskowitz is a pimp who searches Europe for women to send to Brazil to work as prostitutes in the house he and his sister run. Batya is so naive that, even after Moskowitz rapes her, she believes him when he

says they will still wed. It's heart-breaking when she finally understands the reality of her situation. The story of what happens to these women is horrifying: some are good looking enough to live in decent houses of prostitution, although they have little to no control over their lives. Those less fortunate or who refuse to cooperate are sold into far worse situations.

Carner does a wonderful job portraying Batya's thoughts and feelings. Her naivety is convincing and shows how different her world is from ours with its limited means of communication and no way to warn those in Europe about the dangers these men posed. The prose of "The Third Daughter" is easy to read and the plot keeps the pages moving. The ending is not entirely convincing, but, by that point, I was ready for the novel to end on a positive note. Carner has done a service bringing light to this dark period of Jewish history.

"The Convert"

Some authors of historical novels combine two stories in their work: that of the characters they are trying to imagine, and their own adventures and thoughts about the subject of which they are writing. That's true of the beautifully written "The Convert" by Stefan Hertmans (Pantheon Books). The work opens with the author imagining the two characters whom he is writing about: a Jewish man and his pregnant, convert wife, both of whom risked death to marry in 11th century France. The novel is based on real people, part of whose story was discovered in two paper fragments found in the Cairo *genizah*. Hertmans tries to understand what they thought and felt at a time when Europe was experiencing the Crusades that not only sought to recover the Holy Land from the Muslims, but wreaked death and destruction in Jewish communities across Europe.

The author's main interest is in Vigdas Adelais, the daughter of a prominent Christian family, whose only education was that of a well-bred lady, one aimed at making her an advantageous marriage for her family. The restrictions placed on women's behavior – at least, that of women with rich parents – and the way women were treated as if they were children is made clear. Yet, Vigdas breaks that mold by not only falling in love with David Todros, the son of a rabbi who is studying at a yeshiva in her town, but arranging to secretly meet with him and running away so the two can be married. Both would be killed if found by her parents, who send knights searching across France for the two of them. Trying to hide in a small town to which few travel, they are unable to escape events beyond their control: the pope's call for a Crusade sets a disastrous series of events in motion, something Hertmans makes clear early in the novel.

In addition to telling Vigdas' story, Hertmans writes of his own travels and his attempts to understand what Vigdas and David were thinking. He is greatly moved when he stands in places he knows Vigdas or David lived or visited. His musings show how difficult it can be to fill

in the details surrounding the bits and pieces of Vigdas' life he knows to have occurred. The author's writing style does distance readers' emotional response, although this might be deliberate. What happens to Vigdas makes for sorrowful, and sometimes depressing, reading. However, the well-written prose and the view of a radically different world make this a novel well worth reading.

"The Gospel According to Lazarus"

What people in contemporary times think about the past can be very different from what those living in that period thought. For example, when Christians look at the story Jesus, they see the beginning of their religion. In his novel "The Gospel According to Lazarus" (Peter Own Publishers), Richard Zimler offers a very different look at that history. The Jesus portrayed in this novel is clearly Jewish, a seeker of mystical connections who wants to reform the Judaism of his time, not to start a new religion. The main import of the story, though, is not religion or politics: the novel is a wonderful portrayal of a friendship between two men, one of whom is willing to sacrifice all for that friendship.

The novel's pretense is that it is Lazarus' autobiography, one written years after the death of Jesus, whom he calls Yeshua. Lazarus and his family have taken refuge away from the forces that led to the crucifixion for fear they, too, would be put to death. However, Lazarus wants his grandson to know what occurred between the time that Yeshua raised him from the dead and when the family escaped Palestine. His resurrection has left Lazarus doubting God because he experienced no afterlife. Yet, Yeshua encourages him to have faith, which makes Lazarus think back on their long friendship, including how the two met as boys. Lazarus must also deal with the politics of the time: the people who want something from him because they now feel he is holy and the authorities who want the tale of Yeshua's miracle denied. At the same time, Lazarus must continue to work in order to support himself, his two sisters and his children, although he questions whether one of his sisters is working against him and Yeshua. Lazarus comes to believe that the only way to protect his family may be to deny his friend, something that hurts him deeply.

"The Gospel According to Lazarus" offers some interesting and beautiful interpretations of biblical verses and descriptions of mystical journeys. The plot is far more suspenseful than one might think since readers know how Yeshua's life will end. The crucifixion as seen through the eyes of Lazarus – a man watching the friend he loves die – is moving because the emotions he feels are clearly portrayed by the author. Also fascinating are the different interpretations of Yeshua's behavior that occur over time, something that disturbs Lazarus because he feels they distort his friend's true message. "The Gospel According to Lazarus" allows readers to see Yeshua as he might have truly appeared in his own time.

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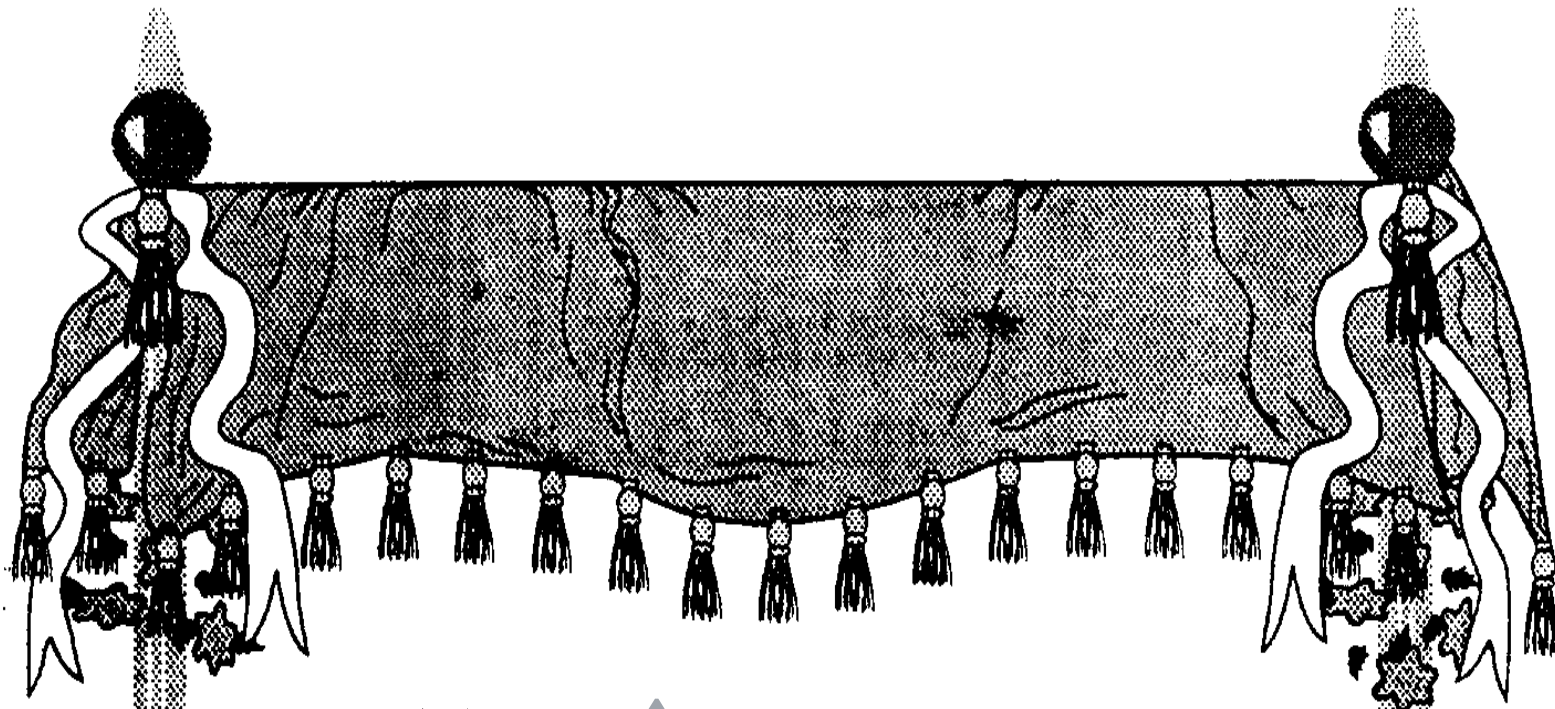
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Prom night safety tips: advice for parents and teens

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Prom night is probably the most anticipated night of the year for teens and the most dreaded for their parents. Most teens heading off to their prom will tell their parents that they know everything about drinking and driving - and their parents' other concerns. However, according to safety experts, it will take more than talk to ensure a safe evening.

"No matter how strong the family relationship, many parents are still unaware of the choices that teens face every day," said Ray Palermo, director of public information for national car insurer Teachers' Insurance Plan. "For parents to successfully reach their kids, they'll have to approach safety issues in new, often more direct, ways."



Palermo offers several tips that go beyond "don't drink and drive."

For parents:

- ◆ Get involved in planning your teen's prom night. Talk to your teen in advance about how important it is not to ruin a great evening. Despite what they may say, teens want parents involved in their safety. Talk about what they should say or do in certain high-risk situations. Consider having a "contract" for the night, laying out the rules everyone agrees on.
- ◆ Set out rules regarding post-prom parties or other activities - with whom they will be, where, for how long and what they will be doing.
- ◆ Get a complete itinerary for the evening, including the names of other prom-goers they will be with and the phone numbers of their parents.
- ◆ Set a curfew based on past behavior, but be reasonable.

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- ◆ Send your teen a text message during the night telling them to have fun, but reminding them not to ruin a great time.
- ◆ Limit the number of passengers - at most one other couple in the car.
- ◆ Be on call for a ride home or other emergency.
- ◆ Have a "no questions asked" (at least not that night) policy on getting home safely.
- ◆ Join with other parents and rent a limo for them.
- ◆ Be the chauffeur for the night, but don't meddle. Rent a vintage car to make it more special.

For teens:

- ◆ Make an agreement with parents to not drink and drive, and not to ride with anyone else who is drinking.
- ◆ Resist high-risk activities of all types.
- ◆ To avoid tampering, do not leave your beverage unattended.
- ◆ As a surprise, check in with your parents during the night. It will reassure them about how you are doing.
- ◆ Always buckle up.
- ◆ In short, follow your parent's rules.

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Books to help you prepare for your Jewish wedding

By Reporter staff

Planning a Jewish wedding can be a stressful time for couples. Not only do they have to deal with relatives and caterers, they also have to decide exactly what type of Jewish wedding to hold. In addition, there are issues of Jewish law that may have to be addressed. The following books can help make the process easier.

“The Jewish Way of Love and Marriage”

Orthodox and traditional Jews will want to read Maurice Lamm’s “The Jewish Way of Love and Marriage.” While not a wedding planner (you’ll find no information about catering here), this book answers questions about marriage from a halachic (legalistic) point-of-view. It also explains each step in the traditional marriage ceremony.

“The Jewish Wedding Now”

Liberal Jews will want to turn to “The Jewish Wedding Now,” previously titled “The New Jewish Wedding,” by Anita Diamant. In her updated book, Diamant discusses the legalistic aspects of marriage from a liberal perspective. Her step-by-step approach to planning the wedding ceremony offers options not found in more traditional ceremonies. She also includes information about same-sex ceremonies and about how to include non-Jewish family members in the ceremony.

“The Creative Jewish Wedding Book”

In “The Creative Jewish Wedding Book,” Gabrielle Kaplan-Meyer offers suggestions on how a couple can use their wedding preparations to explore their relationship to Judaism. Her book is for those looking to individualize their ceremony and includes information about everything from Jewish music to how to design your own ritual objects for the ceremony.

“Make Your Own Jewish Wedding: How to Create a Ritual That Expresses Your True Selves”

Ana Schwartzman and Zoe Francesca offer practical and spiritual advice about all aspects of a wedding, from the engagement to the honeymoon, in “Make Your Own Jewish Wedding: How to Create a Ritual That Expresses Your True Selves.” The book also offers concrete suggestions for dealing with potential problems with family and friends.

“Jewish Weddings: A Beautiful Guide to Creating the Wedding of Your Dreams”

“Jewish Weddings: A Beautiful Guide to Creating the Wedding of Your Dreams,” by Rita Milos Brownstein with Donna Wolf Koplowitz, seeks to help couples balance the religious and aesthetic aspects of their wedding ceremony. The book, which has more than 200 photographs, includes menu suggestions for the engagement party, the bridal shower, the wedding and the week of festive meals after the wedding. It also gives examples from seven real-life Jewish weddings.

“The Everything Jewish Wedding Book”

Rabbi Hyim Shafner offers “The Everything Jewish Wed-

ding Book: Mazel tov! From the chuppah to the hora, all you need for your big day.” The work guides readers through the Jewish concept of a marriage, how to work with a rabbi or ritual director and information about the ceremony. It offers information for Jewish or interfaith couples.

“The Committed Marriage: A Guide to Finding a Soul Mate and Building a Relationship through Timeless Biblical Wisdom”

Looking to get a marriage off to a good start? In “The Committed Marriage: A Guide to Finding a Soul Mate and Building a Relationship through Timeless Biblical Wisdom,” Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis shows how to build a good relationship, starting with finding one’s soul mate to dealing with the problems that can arise during a marriage. Her book is filled with true stories of people she has helped to create successful marriages.

Pre-wedding beauty tips for the bride

(NewsUSA) – You want everything to be picture perfect for your wedding, including your smile. Experts suggest starting your entire beauty regimen six months before the wedding.

Here’s a pre-wedding beauty checklist.

- ☐ Lips: Get soft, kissable lips by brushing away flakes of dry skin with an infant toothbrush soaked in baking soda and water. Apply healing ointment, and in no time, your lips will be ready for that “kiss the bride” kiss.
- ☐ Teeth: A cosmetic dentist can often correct an imperfect smile with veneers or lumineers, and the latter don’t require removal of sensitive tooth structure.
- ☐ Makeup: Women with warm skin tones look best in makeup with pink, coral, peach, amber, brown and red with yellow undertones. If you have a cool skin tone, choose pink, berry, lilac, mauve or red with blue undertones.
- ☐ Skin: Make your face glow with a good cleansing program. Use a cleanser that’s appropriate for your skin type in the morning, makeup remover and cleanser at night and a daily moisturizer. Use a gentle facial scrub once a week.
- ☐ Hair: If you’re planning to change your hairstyle or color, experiment several months before the wedding so you have time to correct any mistakes.
- ☐ Nails: If you’re a nail-biter, get weekly manicures to keep your nails healthy. Plan your last manicure a couple of days before the big day. Choose a pretty pale pink or splurge on a French manicure, not just because it looks great, but because the chips won’t show as much and are easy to fix. You’ll have beautiful hands for the rehearsal dinner and any other festivities.

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Your Wedding Checklist

6-12 MONTHS BEFORE WEDDING

- Determine budget
- Visit rabbi (ceremony variations)
- Set day, time and location of ceremony, rehearsal and reception
- Select a caterer
- Choose wedding photographer and/or videographer
- Draw up guest list
- Obtain floral/rental/music estimates
- Invite attendants
- Discuss honeymoon and new home
- Select gown and headpiece
- Select music for ceremony and reception
- Register with bridal gift registry

4 MONTHS BEFORE WEDDING

- Order invitations and personal stationery
- Plan reception

- Plan ceremony and reception music
- Choose florist
- Mothers choose gowns
- Men choose attire
- Make honeymoon reservations
- Begin trousseau shopping
- Arrange motel accommodations for out-of-town guests

3 MONTHS BEFORE WEDDING

- Make an appointment with gynecologist to discuss birth control, etc.

2 MONTHS BEFORE WEDDING

- Order wedding cake
- Select attendants' gifts
- Plan to keep gift record
- Acknowledge gifts as they arrive
- Finish invitations - mail them 6 weeks before wedding
- Plan rehearsal dinner
- Check on marriage license
- Get rings engraved
- Plan luncheon for bridesmaids
- Select gift for groom
- Go over wedding ceremony details
- Gown fitting
- Bridal portrait sitting
- Arrange for limousine service
- Make hairdresser appointment

1 MONTH BEFORE WEDDING

- Make up reception seating charts
- Check wedding party apparel
- Final gown fitting
- Get blood tests for marriage license

2 WEEKS BEFORE WEDDING

- Make final check on bridal-party clothes and catering
- Arrange name changes/get marriage license
- Arrange transportation from reception to airport or wherever you are leaving from for the honeymoon

1 WEEK BEFORE WEDDING

- Wrap attendants' gifts
- Give final count to caterer
- Confirm music arrangements and check selections
- Arrange to move belongings to new home
- Check that your hairstyle complements your headpiece
- Final instructions to photographer and videographer
- Final instructions to ushers for special seating
- Give clergy fee to best man in sealed envelope (he will deliver it)
- Begin packing for honeymoon

1 DAY BEFORE WEDDING

- Give ushers guest list
- Do something relaxing and pamper yourself!

Wedding list

(Names provided by area synagogues.)

Carly Cooper to Aaron Wolff
 Krystal Chapin to Bryan Daniels
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TC religious school parents made hamantashen



Temple Concord religious school parents gathered on February 29 at the synagogue to bake nearly 500 hamantaschen. The annual event raised \$343 to support Temple Concord's CHOW pantry.



Donna Corbin added raspberry filling to cookies before baking.



Jonathan Krasno folded the dough to form triangles.



At left: Marley Whiting cut circles from the dough.



At right: Lauren Epstein checked on hamantaschen in the oven.

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The Beth David luncheon speaker series takes place the second Saturday of the month after Shabbat morning services. Since the monthly series' continuation depends on the generosity of contributors, Beth David welcomes and appreciates donations to the Luncheon Fund in order to keep the program going. Donations can be made in honor of or in memory of someone, or to mark a special occasion. Those wishing an acknowledgment to be sent to the person being honored or to the family of someone being remembered can indicate that, along with the necessary information. Donations can be sent to Beth David Synagogue, 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905, Attention: Luncheon Fund.

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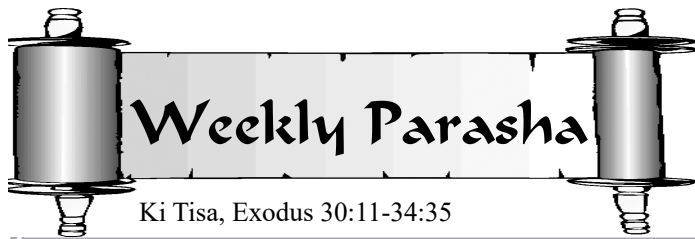
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Ki Tisa, Exodus 30:11-34:35

The importance of unity in Judaic tradition

RIVKAH SLONIM, EDUCATION DIRECTOR AT THE CHABAD CENTER FOR JEWISH STUDENT LIFE AT BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

Parashat Ki Tisa begins with God's command to Moses that he count the children of Israel. This exercise, God enjoins, should be carried out by Moses collecting one coin from each Jew. Moses should then count the coins and, in this fashion, arrive at the number of Jews in the nation.

Chronologically, this census occurred soon after the Jews sinned in the infamous incident with the golden calf. The counting was an expression of God's unequivocal love for his children, an affirmation of their unique relationship despite their severe transgression. Simultaneously, it was a form of atonement as it is written, "It is an offering to God to atone for your lives." (Exodus 30:16)

Each Jew had to donate a *machatzit hashekel*, a coin valued at half a shekel. Later in history, during the Temple era, a *machatzit hashekel* was collected from the Jews on a yearly basis. During the month of Adar, appointees would

collect these coins from each Jew in Israel. The collection was used for the purchase of animals offered as communal sacrifices. These sacrifices (offered twice daily, with additions on Shabbat, holidays and Rosh Chodesh) were offered on behalf of the entire nation to atone for their sins and to evoke God's blessing upon them.

This week's *parasha* contains the details that would inform all future collections. Of extreme interest is the repeated emphasis in the Torah on the specific monetary value of this donation. It had to be half a shekel; furthermore, everybody had to give the same amount: "The rich may not give more and the poor may not give less than this half shekel." (Exodus 30:15)

This is in great contrast to other forms of donation in the Torah. The general donation toward the building of the Tabernacle was based on an individual's desire. The

various sacrifices offered upon the altar by individuals were based on their financial status. Why the uniformity in the case of this particular donation?

The peculiarity of this injunction offers us the key to understanding the importance of unity within the Judaic tradition. The Torah teaches that when Jews seek atonement from God, or a means through which to draw from His infinite reservoir of blessings, it has to be in unison, as a community.

First, unity is achieved through an understanding that each one, no matter how impressive, is only half and intrinsically needy of the other for completion. Further, there is the element of equality. Each Jew is, and can be, completed by any and all of the other Jews, with all superficial barriers of "wealth" and "poverty" in any sphere completely irrelevant. See "Unity" on page 7

Congregational Notes

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 Shabbat Services:
 Shabbat, March 14 9 am
 Mincha after kiddush
 Weekday Services:
 Mornings:
 Sun., March 15 8:30 am
 Mon.-Fri., March 16-20 7 am
 Evenings:
 Sun., March 15 6:55 pm
 Mon.-Fri., March 16-19 6:55 pm
 Classes: Rabbi Zev Silber will hold his weekly Talmud class every Tuesday evening after services.

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 Kol Haverim: The Finger Lakes Community for Humanistic Judaism, is an Ithaca-based organization that brings people together to explore and celebrate Jewish identity, history, culture and ethics within a secular, humanistic framework. KH is part of an international movement for Secular Humanistic Judaism and is affiliated with the Society for Humanistic Judaism, a national association with over 30 member communities and congregations around the country. Established in the spring of 1999, it offers celebrations of Jewish holidays, monthly Shabbat pot-lucks, adult education, a twice-monthly Cultural School for children, and a bar and bat mitzvah program.
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 E-mail: titammy@stny.twcba.com
 Website: www.templeisraelvestal.org
 Service Schedule: Tuesday, 5:30 pm; Friday, 5:30 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am
 On Saturday, March 14, Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Exodus 30:11-34:35. The haftarah will be Ezekiel 36:16-38. The kiddush will be sponsored by Debbie Schepis and Moira Shirvan.
 There will be no Hebrew school on Sunday, March 15.
 A Ritual Committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 16, at 7:30 pm.
 A Board of Trustees meeting will be held Tuesday, March 17, at 7 pm.
 The Hebrews school seder for students and their families will be held on Sunday, March 29.

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

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
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 Phone: 273-5775
 E-mail: rabbi@tbeithaca.org and secretary@tbeithaca.org
 Website: www.tbeithaca.org
 President: Randy Ehrenberg
 Sisterhood President: Julie Paige
 Director of Education: Rabbi Suzanne Brody
 Administrative Assistant: Jane Griffith
 Services: Friday 8 pm; Saturday 10 am, unless otherwise announced. Weekday morning minyan 7:30 am (9 am on Sundays and legal holidays).
 Religious School/Education: September-May: Classes meet on Sunday, 9 am-12:30 pm and Wednesday afternoons, 3:45-5:45 pm. The Midrashah (eighth grade and high school) classes will meet at times designated by their respective teachers.
 Adult Ed.: Numerous weekly courses, several semester-long courses and a variety of mini-courses and lectures are offered throughout the year. Call the temple office for more details.

The TBE Sisterhood invites those 21 and older to its sixth kosher wine tasting on Sunday, March 15, at 3 pm. Wine-friendly snacks will be served. The cost is \$18 per person. RSVPs were required by March 10 via the temple website with a credit card, or the temple office with a check or exact cash.

On Sunday, March 29, from 5-7:30 pm, the IAUJC Annual Campaign Party will jump-start the 2020 Campaign and honor two community members, Gale Halpern and Rita Melen. The event will be held at the Cornell Biotech Building, Main Floor. "Telling Our History - Speaking about the Holocaust in Ithaca Area Schools" will be the topic. There will be a reception and dinner by 104 West! Cornell Kosher Catering. The cost is \$60 per person (\$25 per student) - RSVP and payment in advance is necessary by Wednesday, March 18, online at <https://iaujc.org/tickets>. If cost is an obstacle to participating or help getting to the event is needed, e-mail marjorie@iaujc.org or call 257-9924.

Friday, March 13, light candles before 6:50 pm
 Saturday, March 14, Shabbat ends 7:52 pm
 Friday, March 20, light candles before 6:58 pm
 Saturday, March 21, Shabbat ends 8 pm

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, March 13, Shabbat evening services will be held at 8 pm.
 On Saturday, March 14, Torah study will be held at 9:15 am; there will be no religious school and no family service.
 On Friday, March 20, Shabbat evening services will be held at 8 pm. It will be a "Tell a Story Shabbat: HIAS National Refuge Shabbat."
 On Saturday, March 21, religious school will be held at 9 am, Torah study at 9:15 am and a family service with birthday blessings 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.

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 Phone: 607-256-1471
 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
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 Phone: 607-756-7181
 President: Bruce Fein, 607-423-3346
 Service leaders: Lay leadership
 Shabbat services: Either Friday evening at 7:30 pm or Saturday at 10 am from Rosh Hashanah to Shavuot. Holiday services are also held. Check the weekly e-mail for upcoming services. Contact the president to get on the e-mail list.
 Religious School: Students are educated on an individual basis.
 Temple Brith Sholom is a small equalitarian congregation serving the greater Cortland community. Congregants span the gamut of observance and services are largely dependent on the service leader. The Friday night siddur is "Likrat Shabbat," while the Saturday morning siddur is "Gates of Prayer." The community extends a warm welcome to the Jewish student population of SUNY Cortland, as well as the residents of local adult residences.

IDF's pioneering all-women tank crews to provide protection of Israel's south

By Yaakov Lappin

(JNS)—The all-female tank crews that the Israel Defense Forces will create this coming year will have the mission of defending the Egyptian and Jordanian border against intrusion by terror squads. The creation of the border-defense tank units announced in January also seems to reflect the IDF's need to allocate additional numbers of male tank personnel to units that will have a very different task: crossing into enemy territory in the event of a land war.

The IDF's Border Defense Array specializes in defensive operations, unlike the wartime divisions — dubbed the "spearpoint" divisions in the IDF — that must be able to move deep into the enemy's territory and destroy numerous targets on the way while providing cover fire for the infantry in built-up areas.

The tank units in the wartime divisions train for combat against the well-equipped terrorist armies in Lebanon, Syria and Gaza. In contrast, the Border Defense Array units help free up the wartime units for more training by permanently taking over border-defense missions in the south of Israel.

"The IDF does indeed require quality personnel in combat units, and it is always lacking in this respect," Eitan Shamir, former head of the National Security Doctrine Department in the Israel Ministry of Strategic Affairs and a research associate at the Begin Sadat Center for Strategic Studies, told JNS recently.

"It seems the IDF is trying to kill two birds with one stone — allocating quality male personnel to the maneuvering units that would move into enemy territory and showcasing gender equality, an important topic for the IDF in the context of military-societal relations," he said. However, he added that further clarification was needed for the precise roles of tanks in border-defense missions.

IDF Spokesman Lt. Col Jonathan Conricus told reporters by conference call in January that border defense is a paramount IDF operational requirement. "We definitely need all of the qualified



An Israel Defense Forces' soldier serving as part of a new all-female tank crew as part of the Border Array Units. (Photo courtesy of IDF Spokesperson's Unit)

personnel that we can obtain, women included," he stressed.

The new crews will serve in Israel's main battle tank, the Merkava MK 4, which has active protection systems that intercept incoming anti-tank missiles and RPGs — just the type of weapons that adversaries like ISIS are armed with in the Sinai Peninsula. They will serve under the IDF's 80th Division, which protects the southern borders with Egypt and Jordan, in addition to the Red Sea city of Eilat.

"We are not talking about [placing] female soldiers in maneuvering armored brigades," said Conricus. "We are talking about having female soldiers in tanks incorporated into the Border Defense Array."

The IDF saw great value and importance in the broader goal of incorporating women into combat duty, stated Conricus, saying that the development has brought great benefit for the military. There have been public controversies around the decision to incorporate women tank crews, with some critics challenging the idea that female operators would be as capable as their male counterparts in the heavy physical

burdens that come with the unit, such as loading tank shells.

Conricus said that the IDF conducted in-depth medical studies and found no adverse effects on women personnel who took part in a previous pilot program, adding that physical criteria, based on weight and height, have been set as entry-level requirements for the new crews. "We would not carry out a program that, from a medical perspective, would have adverse effects," he said.

The final decision to move forward with the program was made by IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Aviv Kochavi following a lengthy process of deliberations with military personnel, including medical officers. The pilot program, held in 2018, found that there is a potential for women tank crew members to serve, the IDF found, setting the program up for the next stage.

The pilot also found certain limitations in regard to the core capabilities of all personnel that "need to be addressed," said Conricus. "That is a focus of what we're going to do in the next stage. In general, we're going to continue with a plan that will start this year. The first recruitment will occur in August or November. In any case, the program will be implemented this year — an additional number of women soldiers will be recruited in order to undergo training, and as they have not done in the past, to be incorporated into combat duty in the south in the border-defense array."

Training for the teams will take place at the Armored Corps' main base as Shizafon, north of Eilat.

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a featured consultant for the 2016 documentary, "Streit's and the American Dream" and on the Triangle Fire for the 2019 PBS mini-series "The Future of America's Past."

The talk is sponsored by the Margolis Family Lecture Fund. Directions on location and parking can be found online at www.binghamton.edu/admissions/visit/plan.html. For more information, contact Maja Dragojlovic in the Binghamton Judaic Studies Department at mDragojl@binghamton.edu.

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Today, the concept of *machatzit hashekel* finds its way into our consciousness as we continue to uphold the custom of collecting that sum once a year on the eve of Purim. The *machatzit hashekel* of today is a reminder that in this age of differences and fragmentation we really do need — and depend upon — each other.

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

Brazilian high-schoolers perform Nazi salute in class

A group of 11 high school senior students in Brazil did the Nazi salute in support of a fellow peer who was running for class representative. Students at Saint Mary School in Recife, a private school in northeastern Brazil, displayed the Nazi hand gesture during class. A photo of them doing the salute was published on Instagram on March 4 with a caption that contained Nazi-related terms such as the hashtags "Aryan" and "Fourth Reich," according to daily newspaper Folha de São Paulo. The student running for

Museum . . . Continued from page 2

The display shows the continuum of Jewish faith from ancient history in southern Arabia to the present, illustrating a powerful message that the community remained a unit and faithful to Judaism, carrying on its culture from generation to generation, Weiss explained to JNS. "This is the story of one resilient community that has survived with its traditions for thousands of years," she affirmed.

The exhibition was inspired by Weiss' late grandfather (the father of Batya Borowski, Weiss' mother and the co-founder of the Bible Lands Museum), who emigrated from Yemen to British Mandatory Palestine in 1907.

The 89-year old Borowski has said that creating an exhibition "about the history of the Yemenite people in Yemen and connections they had to the state of Israel" is one of her biggest dreams and has now finally come to fruition.



An artifact in the exhibit. (Photo by Sophie Gibly)

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class representative "promises to be the new Fuhrer of the grade on this journey towards building a new and innovative Reich," said the Instagram post. The social-media account where the photo was uploaded has since been deleted. The school's principal met with the students involved and their parents on March 5 and gave the high-schoolers a one-week suspension. The school said in a statement, "We apologize to everyone who has been offended. Our school does not tolerate any behavior which goes against Christian and ethical values, and the appreciation of life, as well as against respect for races, peoples and beliefs."

Abbas blasts Palestinian trade unions for striking amid coronavirus crisis

(MEMRI via JNS)—Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas recently criticized Palestinian trade unions, among them the doctors' union, for demanding an increased salary and declaring a strike. This was not the time to strike, he said, considering the challenges that the Palestinians are facing from coronavirus, the U.S. "Peace to Prosperity" deal and what he called Israel's financial siege against the P.A. In a March 1 address that aired on Palestine TV, Abbas went on to praise recent protests in Hebron, Jerusalem and Nablus, saying: "The [women] should be in front at the protests ... Seeing the girls beating up a policeman or a soldier really fills my heart with joy. This is how we want our peaceful popular resistance to be. This is our way to vanquish our enemies."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

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Number of coronavirus cases in Israel hits 55

Israel's Health Ministry confirmed five new cases of coronavirus on March 10, bringing the total number of cases in the country to 55. Four of the new patients were infected through close contact with people confirmed to have the virus, the ministry said. So far, Israeli health officials have been unable to track the source of infection in only one case. The latest World Health Organization data show that as of March 9 there were 114,431 confirmed coronavirus cases worldwide. Some 4,000 people have died of the virus and 64,099 have recovered from infection, according to the WHO. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced on March 9 that as part of Israel's efforts to stem the outbreak, all nationals returning from abroad will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days. Netanyahu acknowledges the measure was draconian, but said it was imperative to minimize the spread of the virus. Prior to announcing the measure, Netanyahu held a video conference call with European leaders to discuss international cooperation efforts to deal with the outbreak. Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz, Cyprus President Nicos Anastasiades, Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte, Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borissov, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, Croatian Prime Minister Andrej Plenković and Romanian Prime Minister Ludovic Orban participated in the call, according to the Prime Minister's Office.

Iranian student group threatens to turn Purim heroes' tomb into P.A. mission

(MEMRI via JNS) – An Iranian student organization associated with Iran's Basij militia threatened on March 7

to turn the Tomb of Esther and Mordechai into a Palestinian diplomatic mission if even a single section of the U.S. "Peace to Prosperity" plan is implemented. The tomb, which is located in Hamadan city in Iran's Hamadan Province, is believed to be the resting place of the heroes of the Jewish Purim story. Muslims and seekers of freedom in the world, said the student group in a statement, would not sit idly by in light of the "satanic operation" of the deal, which it called "the greatest betrayal in contemporary history." Ali Malmir, chairman of the Organization for the Heritage of Hamadan Province, dismissed the threat on March 9, telling Iran's ISNA news agency: "There is no connection between the Tomb of Esther and Mordechai, which is a historical site, and a Palestinian [diplomatic] mission, which is a political matter." In response to Malmir's statements, Tayyeb Faryad-Ras, head of the Basij at the Hamadan Province universities, told ISNA on March 10 that "the organization for the heritage of Hamedan Province must explain whether there is a connection between Jerusalem and Israelization. Why isn't this organization reacting to the fact that Jerusalem is the cultural heritage of the Islamic world and the Middle East?" Iran's Basij is a paramilitary volunteer militia established in 1979 on the order of Ayatollah Khomeini.

March of the Living program in Poland postponed due to coronavirus

March of the Living, the largest annual international Holocaust-education program that takes groups to the grounds of Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland and then Israel, will not take place in this month because of concerns related to the coronavirus. "After consulting with the relevant health bodies and officials, it is with a heavy heart that we are forced to announce the postponement of this year's March of the Living," said the program's world chair, Dr. Shmuel Rosenman. "Our primary concern is the health of the many participants and the

Holocaust survivors who would be joining them. Given that this is an international event involving 110 delegations from around the world, we have a responsibility to take precautionary measures in accordance with the guidelines given by authorities in various countries." The event has taken place in Poland without interruption since its inception in 1988. Each year, more than 10,000 Jewish and non-Jewish youth from 40 countries participate in the march, including from Canada, United States, Argentina, Mexico, Brazil, Panama, Italy, United Kingdom, Japan, Germany, Australia, Poland and beyond. They are joined by Holocaust survivors, Jewish organizational and communal leaders, and others from around the globe. Against the backdrop of the postponement, the organization will launch a campaign encouraging youth across the world to combat antisemitism and racism under the slogan: "Never Means Never." In doing so, March of the Living will continue to educate youth about the history of the Holocaust and to instill values of tolerance, combating antisemitism and racism. "Our educational message, especially in the face of rising antisemitism, will be communicated by other means this year," said Rosenman. "Even if we are not able to be in Poland, we remain thoroughly committed to our values and our historic role. Organizers are exploring the educational alternatives in which communities across the world would be able to participate in such a campaign." He added that plans for rescheduling the march in Poland later this year are underway with informed consideration for global-health conditions and community needs.

Israel Hotel Association: hospitality industry suffering worst-ever crisis

Amidst the world-wide tourism slowdown due to the coronavirus outbreak, Israel Hotel Association President Amir Hayek warned on March 9 that the hotel industry is "on the brink of collapse. ... Mass layoffs and hotels closing down" lie ahead, said Hayek, adding that 4,000 of the 41,000 workers in the hotel industry have already been sent on unpaid leave, according to the *Globes* business daily. This was the worst crisis in the history of the Israeli hospitality industry, said Hayek. "If immediate government aid is not forthcoming, mass layoffs will begin, and the sector will lose over half of its employees," he said. According to IHA statistics, hotel occupancy has dropped to less than 40 percent, which is 30 percent less than at the same time last year. In Tel Aviv and Jerusalem occupancy rates are even lower at 30 percent, according to the report. "The expected closure of Israel's borders to tourist entries from the entire world will immediately cost the sector NIS 500 million [\$142 million] a month in revenue, NIS 6 billion a year [\$1.7 billion], and hotel occupancy will drop to 20 percent in areas oriented toward incoming tourism, such as Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. There will be massive layoffs, and dozens of hotels will close down," said Hayek. Some hotels are close to closing already, he said.

Pentagon cancels plans to purchase Iron Dome, citing integration issues

The U.S. Army has decided not to purchase any additional Israeli-made Iron Dome air-defense systems because it cannot integrate them into existing U.S. systems. The Iron Dome does not share targeting data with the U.S. network, and this limits the value of the two Iron Dome batteries that Congress pushed the army to purchase last year, the Breaking Defense website reported on March 5. Army Futures Command head General Mike Murray told lawmakers during a March 5 hearing of the House Armed Services subcommittee: "We believe we cannot integrate them into our air-defense system based upon some inter-operability challenges and cyber challenges and some other challenges," according to a report by Jane's Defence Weekly. "So, what we ended up having really is two standalone batteries that will be very capable, but they cannot be integrated into our air-defense system," he said. The army is going to host a "shoot off" and allow other vendors help decide "the best solution to provide that capability," said Murray.

Woman indicted with hate crime for antisemitic attack on NYC subway

A woman who went on an antisemitic tirade against two Jewish people on a New York City subway in December was indicted with a hate crime by a Manhattan grand jury, attorneys of one victim told Fox News on March 4. Israeli college student Lihi Aharon and an Orthodox Jewish man she sat next to on the subway faced a "disturbing" antisemitic attack by Zarinah Ali, a 38-year-old African-American who also physically attacked Aharon. Police arrested Ali that night and charged her with assault. The Manhattan District Attorney's Office was originally "very resistant" to prosecute the charges as a hate crime, but following public outrage, classified her actions as such, Aharon's lawyer Kenneth Belkin told Fox News. "I still bear the physical and emotional scars from my attack, and I expect they will be with me for many years to come. Today, at least I can feel satisfied that my attacker will be held responsible for her actions, and I hope that my experience may help bring this type of hatred to light," Aharon said in a statement. Belkin and The Lawfare Project provided Aharon pro bono representation. "Just because one minority is persecuting another minority doesn't mean it is not a hate crime," said Brooke Goldstein, attorney and executive director of The Lawfare Project.

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