

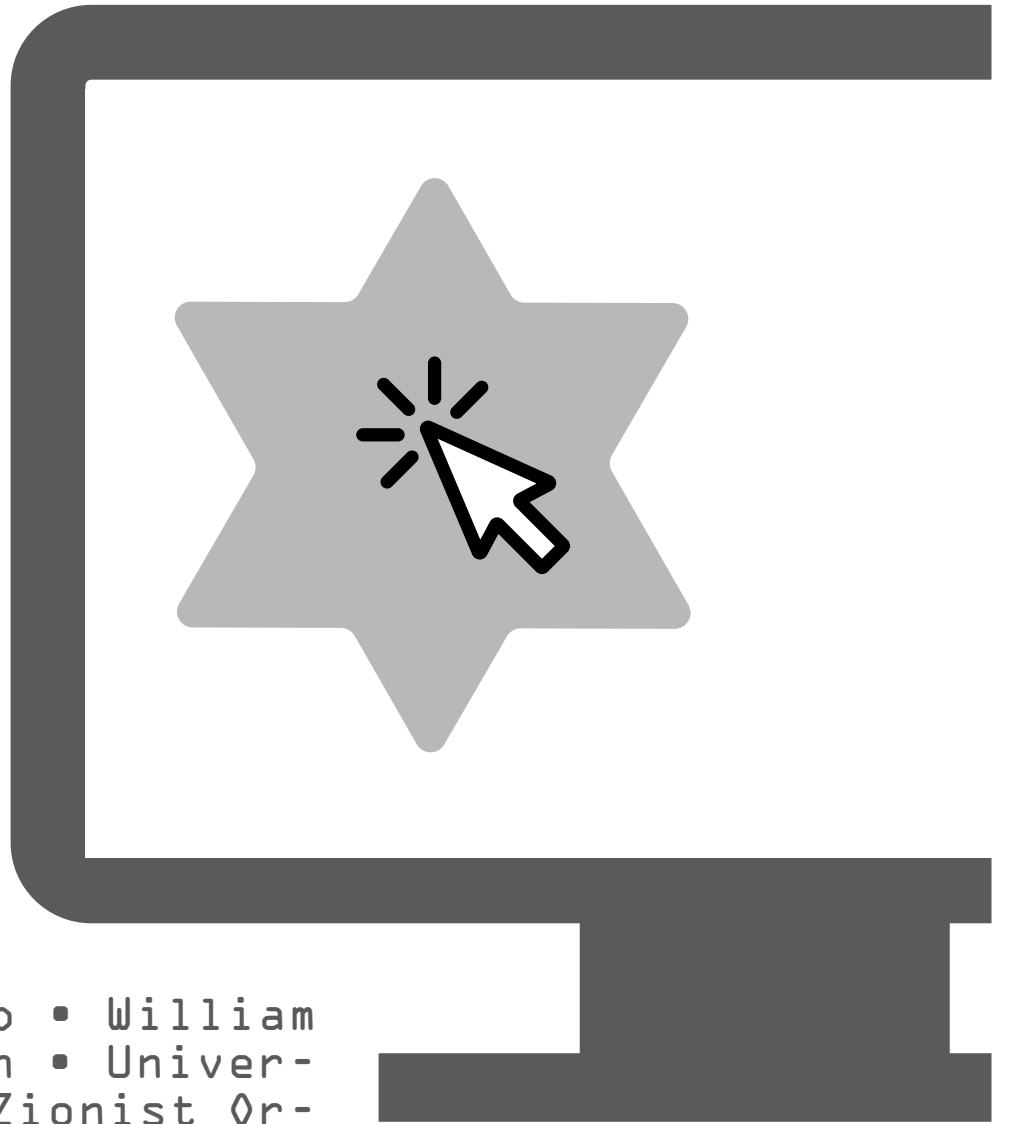
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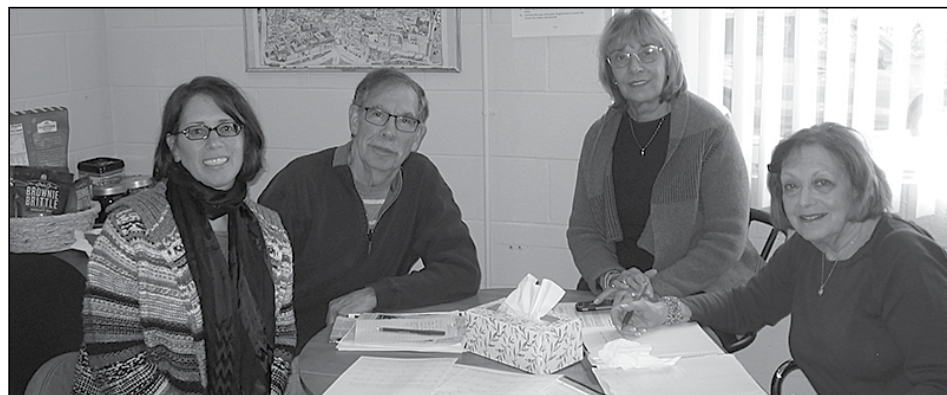
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## Seen around the community...



Members of the Jewish International Film Fest of Greater Binghamton committee met on November 6 to talk about the upcoming film fest. L-r: Shelley Hubal, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton; Ben Kasper, Sima Auerbach and Susan Hubal, chairwoman of the Film Fest Committee.

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# Hillel Academy

**Mission Statement:**  
Hillel Academy of Broome County is a pluralistic Jewish day school educating students in a nurturing environment, from pre-kindergarten to fifth grade. Hillel Academy develops lifelong learners, critical thinkers and caring individuals who are passionate about Judaism, and will make lasting contributions to the Jewish community, American society and the world-at-large.

The value of a day school education extends far beyond learning history, customs and ceremonies, and prayers. Hillel Academy helps young students form strong Jewish identities.

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

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

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

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



Hillel students and teachers posed for a photo at the end of the first week of classes.



The second- and third-graders posed in front of the Hanukkah display. Clockwise: Meyer Knapp, Moussia Slonim, Sloane Weinstein, Micah Yarkony and Shternie Chein.



At right: On November 6, Hillel Academy students visited Vestal Fire Station 4, on the Vestal Parkway. The field trip consisted of an hour-long tour and presentation. The presentation included a review of fire safety rules and a show-and-tell of fire equipment.



Hillel Academy students enjoyed recess at the JCC playground.



On December 18, Sylvia Diamond (not pictured) led a Hanukkah celebration at the Elderwood Village senior living community. Hillel Academy students, led by Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu (not pictured), told the story of Hanukkah, performed a number of Hanukkah songs and made paper dreidels with the residents.



Pre-kindergarteners and first-graders posed for the first day of school at Hillel Academy. L-r: Avromy Chein, Avigayil Weingarten, Zalman Slonim, Philip Foster and Zeldia Slonim.



Students and teachers fed the animals when Hillel Academy visited at Apple Hills.

On February 10, Hillel Academy students and teachers went on a field trip to Schaefer's Gardens, in celebration of Tu B'Shevat. Students, teachers and parents enjoyed a Tu B'Shevat seder, indoors, at the gardens.

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# Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton

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

Additional Federation grants to support Jewish infrastructure and culture come from the Federation endowment fund. Those interested in planning a legacy gift to the endowment fund can contact the Federation. A gift to the endowment ensures that all of the institutions that are part of the Jewish community of Greater Binghamton will remain intact.

In 2019, the Jewish Federation allocated funds to Hillel Academy, Hillel at Binghamton University, the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service, PJ Library, The Reporter and Jewish Federations of North America. The Federation also assists with other unique needs that occur throughout the year.

On the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the community gathers to hold a service in front of the Holocaust Memorial monument. This monument was erected by the Get-Together Club, in 1952, in the Temple Israel Cemetery in memory of the victims of the Holocaust.

In October 2019, the Federation kicked off its 2020 Campaign with a Super Sunday brunch. Community Spirit



Members of the community made pledges to the Campaign during Super Sunday on October 27.

awards were given to outstanding volunteers for their commitment and accomplishments within the community.

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

Jewish Family Service, an agency of the Federation, addresses a myriad of requests for social supports and financial help. On Jewish holidays, Jewish Family Service provides extra financial supports to our Jewish neighbors in need.

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

The Federation provides balanced public information about Israel and Jewish culture to Broome County, works to promote good relations with other ethnic and religious groups, and actively combats antisemitism and discrimination.

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

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton extends its gratitude to all its contributing members and volunteers whose support helps to keep the Binghamton Jewish community strong. For additional information, to make a contribution, or to volunteer for one of the programs, stop by the Federation office at 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850, visit its website, www.jfng.org, or call 724-2332.



The Federation gave out three Community Spirit awards and one Yasher Koach award to those whose actions support the community. L-r: Spirit of Community award-winner Dora Polachek; Yasher Koach award winner Sima Auerbach, who retired as executive director of the Federation in June; Spirit of Community award-winner Charles Manasse; Spirit of Community award-winner Rita Bleier; and Federation Executive Director Shelley Hubal.

At right: Federation President Suzanne Holwitz gave the opening remarks at a brunch honoring former Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton Executive Director Sima Auerbach on September 22.



Roz Antoun, former director of Jewish Family Service, was honored for her 18 years of service during Super Sunday on October 27. L-r: Antoun; Rita Bleier, chairwoman of the Jewish Family Service Committee; and Federation Executive Director Shelley Hubal.



More than 50 people attended Super Sunday on October 27, the kick-off event of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's Campaign 2020. Those attending shmoozed with friends, ate brunch and listened to members of the Tri-Cities Opera sing.



Part of the crowd at the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's community gathering on January 16 in response to recent antisemitic attacks. At least 80 people were in attendance.



Part of the crowd of more than 150 community members who attended the Federation brunch honoring Sima Auerbach on September 22.



"The Sima Match Game" was played by members of Sima Auerbach's family at the Federation brunch honoring her on September 22. L-r: Alex Gabay, her brother; Michael Gabay, her nephew; Neil Auerbach, her husband; Joshua Auerbach, her son; Sima Auerbach; and Cassie Winiecki, her daughter.



At left: Twenty-four volunteers gathered at the Temple Israel Riverside Cemetery on September 15 for a Day of Caring and a boundary dedication organized by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton.

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# Jewish Family Service

Jewish Family Service delivers essential human services to individuals and families facing challenges to their well-being. By providing information, referrals and advocacy, JFS assists people in navigating the complex safety net systems in the Greater Binghamton area, all in the hope of easing hardships, sustaining healthy relationships and supporting people in times of need. Financial assistance is provided within specific guidelines as funding permits. It is through thoughtful listening and compassionate caring that JFS can help people move from instability to a more secure and positive place. With the COVID-19 crisis, JFS assumed a large role in providing emotional as well as financial assistance amid very difficult times.

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



Rose Shea became director of JFS in September.

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

JFS sponsored two educational programs this year, one on "Estate Planning" and another on "Dealing with the Stress,

Anxiety and Isolation Around COVID-19." Periodic articles in *The Reporter* keep people informed about topics relevant to JFS activities and other issues in society.

Volunteers are much appreciated and assist the director in implementing and completing various programs and tasks. Monetary donations from the community members, as well as the annual allocation from the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, allow JFS to help many people in the community. Anyone interested in joining the JFS board or assisting in any other way, should contact JFS at 724-2332. Remember, JFS is there for you in times of need. Feel free to contact the office with any questions or concerns.

Rita Bleier, Chairperson of JFS  
Rose Shea, Director of JFS

# Community Relations Committee

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

Acts of terror against Jews in the U.S. and against the people of Israel, attempts to isolate and delegitimize the state of Israel, and the enduring anti-Israeli sentiment that often has antisemitic overtones in the media, on university campuses and throughout

the international community continue to be of great concern. Members of the CRC monitor the local and national media for distortions, misrepresentations or instances of overt antisemitism so as to provide an immediate response to set the record straight and to educate the public. These efforts are undertaken in coordination with national and international media watch groups in an effort to heighten the positive impact they can achieve in the local community and elsewhere.

Issues of separation of church and state continue to be of concern at the national and local level in light of demands from

certain political groups for lowering the wall of separation between church and state. The CRC speaks out in opposition to such efforts, and lobbies congressional and legislative representatives in its efforts to deter further erosion of the constitutional protection afforded to the people of this country.

At the local level, the CRC responds to instances of antisemitism and to inappropriate actions by local school officials with regard to observance of religious holidays in the schools.

Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the CRC organizes the memo-

rial service at the Holocaust Memorial Monument in the Temple Israel Cemetery, on Conklin Avenue in Conklin, which brings together the entire local Jewish community.

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

# Seen around the community...



Alan Piaker addressed the crowd on behalf of his family at the annual Piaker Memorial Lecture at the Chabad Center on September 23.



As a response to recent antisemitic attacks, the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton held a community gathering on January 16 at the Jewish Community Center. At least 80 people were in attendance.



Members and friends of the Sisterhood of Beth David Synagogue attended a lecture at the Broome County Historical Society given by Roger Luther introducing them to the history of the society and the resources and collections it contains.

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# College of Jewish Studies

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

The fall 2019 program theme was "Antisemitism - Then and Now." Dr. Anna Sommer Schneider, associate professor at Georgetown University, gave a presentation on "Confronting Antisemitism in Poland Today"; independent scholar and author Dr. Steven Englund discussed the long history of anti-Jewish thought in his talk, "From Anti-Judaism to Anti-Semitism, and Back Again"; and finally, Dr. Yehuda Kurtzer, director of the Shalom Hartman Institute

of North America, spoke about "Antisemitism and the Politics of Jewish Peoplehood."

Unfortunately, the spring 2020 lecture series, which would have focused on "The Jewish Summer Camp Experience," had to be canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic, but the topic will feature in a future series.

Programming for the College of Jewish Studies is made possible through program admission fees, contributions from sponsoring institutions and additional financial support from a grant from The Community Foundation for South Central New York - David and Virginia Eisenberg Donor Advised Fund, the Jacob and Rose Olum Foundation, the B'nai B'rith Lectureship Fund, the Victor and Esther Rozen Foundation, an endowment fund from the former Temple Beth El of Endicott, a grant from the JoyVel Charitable Fund, and the generous donations of individual sponsors.

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



Dr. Steven Englund presented a lecture titled "From Anti-Judaism to Antisemitism, and Back Again" at the September 12 CJS program.



L-r: Dr. Yehuda Kurtzer, Dr. Steven Englund, Dr. Gerry Hubal and Dennis Foreman talked after Kurtzer's CJS lecture.



Professor Anna Sommer Schneider spoke with Gabi Yonaty after her September 5 CJS talk.



Dr. Yehuda Kurtzer discussed "Antisemitism and the Politics of Jewish Peoplehood" at the September 19 program.

## International Jewish Film Fest of Greater Binghamton

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

The film festival began in 2012 with a committee of five. Each film is followed by a discussion led by a community member.

The 2019 Film Fest was held in the spring. The films covered a wide range of styles - comedy to drama to documentary - and a wide range of topics - history, the Holocaust, parenting and refugee issues.



The International Jewish Film Fest Committee met on February 24 to discuss the films to be shown at this year's Film Fest.

Film fest organizers and viewers agreed there was a film for everyone.

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



Professor Anna Sommer Schneider spoke at the first fall College of Jewish Studies lecture on "Confronting Antisemitism in Poland Today" on September 5. The theme of the CJS fall series was "Antisemitism, Then and Now."

## The Reporter Group

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

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

The dedicated and exceptional staff of The Reporter Group not only produces The Reporter, the weekly paper for the local community, but also produces a newspaper for the Scranton, PA, Jewish community. Each newspaper is tailored to meet that community's needs. The news staff is assisted by a group of volunteer proofreaders.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tier of New York and the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania.

As part of B'nai B'rith International, the oldest and largest Jewish service organization in the world, the Lodge supports a variety of community activities.

### Board of Rabbis

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

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

### Seen around the community...



Approximately 40 people gathered at Beth David Synagogue for the traditional Purim meal.



Aright: Students and teachers returned for another year of religious school at Temple Concord on September 7.



Beth David Sisterhood's paid-up membership luncheon was held on November 13. Beth David Sisterhood members and JCC Friendship Club guests enjoyed food and friendship. Seated in the forefront (l-r): Sylvia Diamond, Kathy Shelley and Ruth Goldstein.

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# Ithaca Area United Jewish Community

The Ithaca Area United Jewish Community raises funds to support a variety of Jewish organizations in Tompkins County, such as the Hillels at Cornell University and Ithaca College, the religious schools of Temple Beth-El and Congregation Tikun v'Or, and Chabad of Ithaca. It also allocates funding to programs that support Jewish communities in Israel and around the world. It functions as an umbrella organization for the Ithaca area and endeavors to welcome all Jewish members of the community, no matter their affiliation.

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

The Ithaca Area United Jewish Community, as so many other organizations, was not able to complete all of its scheduled events this spring because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our campaign launch banquet and Yom Hashoah Holocaust commemoration had to be cancelled.

Luckily, we were able to host an extremely well-attended

event in February: "When it is Hard to be Human: Lessons from the Rescuers in the Holocaust." Authors Dr. Eva Fogelman and Roald Hoffmann explored why some bystanders and perpetrators in the midst of totalitarian genocide were compelled to risk their lives and resist. In interviews with Fogelman, a psychologist, some who made heroic decisions described the spontaneous feeling that they could not have acted otherwise at a critical moment in time. Also discussed was the role that conscience and moral courage play in confronting hate today. The event commemorated the International Day of Remembrance. Many local organizations came together to help support the event.

Serving the Jewish youth of Tompkins County is one of IAUJC's objectives. Since 2008, it has sponsored the PJ Library, which provides free monthly books to Jewish children from 6 months to 8 years old. Funded in part by the Grinspoon Foundation, the program has expanded to include children from ages 9-11. IAUJC offers several events for PJ Library families during the year, ranging from High Holiday parties to Purim and Hanukkah carnivals. IAUJC's most recent program was a visit by Jewish singer Rick Recht. He gave workshops for kids and adults throughout the day, and then led a pre-Purim community concert in the afternoon.

Through the generosity of the late Robert and Marcia Ascher, a couple from Ithaca, as well as gifts from other donors, IAUJC completed its fifth year of providing grants to families to help pay for Jewish summer camp and teen programs. At this time, it is not clear if awardees for summer 2020 will be able to attend summer camp. IAUJC awaits further word from the camps.

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

IAUJC invites community members to become active volunteers and donors, and to provide feedback on its programs. For more information, contact [info@iaujc.org](mailto:info@iaujc.org) or visit [www.iaujc.org](http://www.iaujc.org).

# B'Yachad Ithaca Jewish Preschool

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

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

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

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

## Seen around the community...



Hillel Academy students were given a tour of Schaefer's Gardens on February 10. (Photo by Alex Kaminsky)



L-r: Federation President Suzanne Holwitt and Federation Executive Director Shelley Hubal posed after the Federation-sponsored community gathering on January 16 in response to recent antisemitic attacks.



L-r: Charles Manasse and Roy Paston at the Temple Israel Cemetery on September 15 during the Day of Caring organized by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton.



Those attending Federation's Super Sunday on October 27 enjoyed the brunch.



Beth David Sisterhood's December 11 meeting featured a presentation by Shelley Hubal, the new executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton. Hubal posed with Sisterhood members before her presentation.



L-r: Susan Walker, Marcy Yonaty, Niti Merhavy, Betty Warren, Wendy Wolff, Lillian Levy, Marcia Hofstein and Barbara Zelter socialized at the annual Salute to Jewish Womanhood event on October 6.

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# Broome County Synagogues

## Beth David Synagogue

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

Beth David is known throughout the community for its activity and involvement in all community functions, events and organizations. Its members occupy leadership roles in communal organizations and its rabbi is involved in community planning and events. All services and activities at Beth David are always open to any member of the com-



Members of Beth David Sisterhood filled out mitzvah card request forms at the paid-up membership luncheon on November 13. L-r: Dora Polachek, Saba Weisner, Susan Hubal, Marilyn Bell and Marlene Serkin (seen from back).

munity, regardless of synagogue affiliation. Members seek to make everyone and anyone comfortable, and welcome all with open arms. Beth David's services, traditionally chanted in Hebrew, are made easy to follow. Many parts of the service are sung to traditional tunes, which help make them accessible to the novice and experienced alike. The veteran participants can always be counted upon to guide the visitors through the service, helping one feel at ease as a participant.

Youth activities have always been integral part of Beth David. Members are proud of the award winning youth program, affiliated with NCSY, the National Council of Synagogue Youth. The synagogue is prepared to revive these programs when the number of potential participants increases to make them viable.

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

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

See "Beth David" on page 12A



Beth David Sisterhood members and guests enjoyed the paid-up membership luncheon on November 13.



L-r: Judy Silber, Rabbi Zev Silber, Solomon and Dora Polachek, Saba Wiesner, Merri Pell-Preus and Tony Preus enjoyed the Purim dinner at Beth David Synagogue.

# Rohr Chabad Center of Binghamton

The Rohr Chabad Center in Broome County is an affiliate of the international Chabad-Lubavitch network, which maintains educational and social service institutions in approximately 4,000 locations. The Chabad Center is located at 420 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal; a satellite center serving the needs of BU students living downtown is located at 60 Henry St., in downtown Binghamton. While the primary focus of Chabad is its programs and services geared toward the thousands of Jewish students at Binghamton University, Chabad is open to all members of the Jewish community. There is no membership fee, nor is a prior background or experience in Jewish life necessary.

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

Chabad sponsors communitywide holiday celebrations



The annual Salute to Jewish Womanhood event on October 6, sponsored by the Women's League for Chabad, was headlined by Lt. Commander Laurie Lans (pictured), who regaled the crowd with stories of her years in the Navy.



Rabbi Joseph Telushkin addressed the crowd at the annual Piaker Memorial Lecture on September 23. He spoke about "Five Teachings from the Rebbe that can Change Your Life Today."

such as dinners in the sukkah; a Chanukah Family Dinner; a Purim Feast that features ethnic food, live music and entertainment; and Passover seders. The Chabad Center staff provides counseling, referrals and pastoral advice, as well as guidance in religious matters and life cycle

See "Chabad" on page 19A



L-r: Ilene Pinsker, Rochel Chein and Hadassa Slonim at the annual Salute to Jewish Womanhood event on October 6.

## The Abraham Piaker Free Loan Association

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

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

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# Temple Concord

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

Temple Concord members have moved their programs, classes and worship services online since the COVID-19 pandemic hit New York. Worship services, adult learning, Sisterhood, Book Club and meetings have been held beyond the building, expanding members' connections and encouraging supporting one another. Consult the temple directly to learn how to participate in its many offerings, whether in one physical location or many.

### Worship

Friday evening Shabbat services are held weekly, at 8 pm or 7 pm depending if they are in the building or being held online via Zoom and Facebook Live. There are two "Shabbat in the Garden" creative services in the summer to enhance worshippers' appreciation of nature in a Jewish context. Saturday morning family services are held at 10:35 am when religious school is in session.

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

### Community

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



The Temple Concord Religious School held a consecration ceremony on November 23. Three new students began their religious school studies this year and were welcomed to the school (in front, l-r): Brody Whiting, Madison Streger and Tara Drake. In back (l-r) are their teachers, Michele Artus and Karen Hammer.

Sale and monthly rummage sales are the major fund-raising events.

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

The Social Action Committee focuses on *tikkun olam*, making the world a better place. The committee sponsors programs of social and political interest and engages in political awareness and advocacy efforts. Recently, these have included programs on human rights, immigration, LGBTQ+ issues, combating racism and other forms of hate and local community involvement. See "Concord" on page 13A



At left: On October 13, Temple Concord celebrated Sukkot with a Sukkot seder and dinner in the sukkah led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.



At left: Students and teachers returned for another year of religious school at Temple Concord on September 7.

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# Temple Israel

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

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

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

Temple Israel has reached its 134<sup>th</sup> birthday as a Conservative synagogue. It welcomes all, singles and families, into a friendly, caring environment, replete with a variety of activities on several levels in an effort to enhance the social, spiritual and educational well-being of its members. As an egalitarian congregation, it allows men and women to sit together.

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

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



Steve Gilbert played his ukulele at the Temple Israel Sisterhood Hanukkah party and white elephant gift exchange on December 10.

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

The Mitzvah Corps provides the meal of consolation after funerals. Although there is no charge for this service, donations are appreciated to cover costs. The Caring Community volunteers visit the sick, the bereaved and the elderly in residence homes. It attempts to help assuage a variety of needs. Both of these committees are sources of temple pride as examples of *gimilit chesed*, acts of loving kindness.

The Tzedakah Quilt Group was formed in 2014. Its members have already made and contributed many quilts, thanks to a See "Israel" on page 12A



Temple Israel Sisterhood members and guests socialized during the Hanukkah party on December 10.



At right: Attendees listened to the musical selections during the Hanukkah party on December 10.



Temple Israel Sisterhood members had their opening event on September 10, with 50 attendees participating. Jennifer Schutzer delivered a drash at the beginning of the program.

# Area Synagogues

## Congregation Tikkun v'Or

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

### Spirit

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

Members treasure the richness and complexity of the community. The wide diversity of beliefs and relationships to God are a source of strength and learning. Congregation Tikkun v'Or is a safe place for members to share their faith and their doubt as they support one another in the search for meaning and purpose in their lives.

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

### Community

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

Members take to heart "my house is a house of prayer for all people" (Isaiah 56:7) and seek to include rather than

exclude. Tikkun v'Or welcomes interfaith families, LGBTQ people and others who have been denied full acceptance in the broader community. Tikkun v'Or treasures the members of its congregation who are not Jewish and celebrates the interfaith character of the community.

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

### Justice

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

Tikkun v'Or's members are dedicated to justice, equality, human rights, and security for people all over the world, and specifically for all Israelis and Palestinians. Tikkun v'Or is committed to an open and respectful dialogue about these issues, and welcome those who feel excluded or silenced by other Jewish communities because of their opinions. The congregation is enriched by the multiplicity of views of its members.



Members of Congregation Tikkun v'Or sang with Rick Recht during his concert on March 8.

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

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

See "Tikkun" on page 22A



Congregation Tikkun v'Or members learned Ethiopian Eskista dancing for Sigd in October.



Congregation Tikkun v'Or members enjoyed learning outside in September.



Congregation Tikkun v'Or began to celebrate Shabbat by Zoom in March in response to the pandemic.

## Kol Haverim: The Finger Lakes Community for Humanistic Judaism

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

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

As Humanistic Jews, Kol Haverim's members want their children to understand and appreciate the values and traditions of their ancestors, without feeling compelled to



Kol Haverim celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in June 2019 and continues to be a small, resilient chavurah in the Finger Lakes region that welcomes new members.

agree with all the beliefs and practices of past generations. Kol Haverim organizes informal age-appropriate education programs based on interest. Those interested should contact [education@kolhaverim.net](mailto:education@kolhaverim.net) for more information.

Kol Haverim events and activities are organized by community members and the all-volunteer board. Kol

Haverim is part of an international movement for Secular Humanistic Judaism and is affiliated with the Society for Humanistic Judaism ([www.shj.org](http://www.shj.org)), a national association with more than 30 member congregations, communities and *chavurot* around the country. Kol Haverim celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019.

For further information about Kol Haverim, write to P.O. Box 4972, Ithaca, NY 14852-4972, e-mail Chair Abby Cohn at [chair@kolhaverim.net](mailto:chair@kolhaverim.net), or check out the website at [www.kolhaverim.net](http://www.kolhaverim.net). To receive e-mail announcements of upcoming events, send contact information to [info@kolhaverim.net](mailto:info@kolhaverim.net).

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# Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

Temple Beth-El is a congregation of caring individuals who wish to identify with the Jewish people and their future through the synagogue. It is a liberal congregation affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Visit the website, [www.tbethithaca.org](http://www.tbethithaca.org), for updated services times and Zoom links for daily minyan and classes.

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

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

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

### Worship Services

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

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

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

### Festival Celebrations

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

### Youth Community

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

### Religious School

The program of the Rabbi Felix Aber Religious School of Temple Beth-El begins with preschool and runs through high school. Preschoolers and their parents meet once a



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month to learn about Jewish holidays.

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

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

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

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

### Adult Education

The Temple Beth-El Adult Education Committee arrang-

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

### Community Activities

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

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

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

### Temple Affiliated Organizations

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

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

For further information, contact the temple office at 273-5775 or visit [www.tbethithaca.org](http://www.tbethithaca.org).

# Norwich Jewish Center

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

A rabbi serves the egalitarian congregation on a part-time basis. Shabbat study sessions are held the second Saturday of the month at 10 am. Call ahead for confirmation and information. Call Guilia Greenberg at 336-1523 for information.

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

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

## Penn-York Jewish Community

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

The Penn-York Jewish Community is a supporting member of the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers, and supports and participates in the activities and events held at Con-

gregation Kol Ami in Elmira, NY. For more information, contact Harvey Chernosky at 570-265-3869.



The Penn-York Jewish Community donated a sefer Torah scroll to Hillel at Binghamton. L-r: In attendance at the ceremony were Jeff Dann, Ted Hinkley, Cantor Abbe Lyons, Rabbi Oren Steinitz, Brian Freedman, Harvey Chernosky, Linda Chernosky, Marty Borko and Beth Herbst.

## Temple Beth El of Oneonta

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

Services are held twice a month on Friday evenings. Adult Torah study, followed by Lunch and Learn, takes place on Saturdays twice a month. A full calendar of services and events is posted monthly on the temple's website. The religious school meets Sunday mornings during the school year. The Men's Club holds Sunday breakfasts on the third Sunday each month with programs of community interest and the Women's Club meets monthly, often on the first Sunday of the month. An Israeli film is shown monthly. This service and event information is true for when congregants return to the building, after coronavirus restrictions are lifted. In the meantime, they are holding Friday night and Saturday



Temple Beth El of Oneonta

services twice a month via Zoom. Contact President Stephanie Bauer at 607-547-6231 for more information and to join the Zoom services.

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

The synagogue has its own cemetery, located in Oneonta. Plots are available for purchase by members of the temple and Jewish non-members.

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

## Israel.....

donation from the Victor and Esther Rozen Foundation. Quilts are distributed to hospitals, cancer centers, neo-natal units, the V.A. and shelters by the Caring Quilters Project. Those interested in joining the group should call Sandra Paston at 217-4038.

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

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

Temple Israel is hosting the first Vestal sited community garden through VINES (Volunteers Improving Neighborhood Environments). The Deerfield Place Community Garden is experiencing its second growing season this summer. Raised 3x10 beds are available for an annual rental fee. Call the temple office for more information.

Temple Israel welcomes volunteers for any of the aforementioned committees. For more information and updated calendars, visit the temple's website, [templeisraelvestal.org](http://templeisraelvestal.org).



At left, l-r: The September 10 Temple Israel Sisterhood program included a fashion show. Models for the evening were Bonnie Brown, Barbara Zelter, Shelley Hubal, Maxine Rosenberg, Rita Bleier, Marsha Hofstein and Janet Levine.

At right: Bonnie Brown modeled a dress on September 10 at the Temple Israel Sisterhood fashion show.



Members and friends of Beth David Sisterhood met on Shushan Purim.



Clockwise from left: Shelley Hubal, Suzanne Holwitt, Susan Hubal, Rabbi Geoffrey Brown, Geri Hubal and Mark Hubal enjoyed the Purim dinner at Beth David Synagogue.

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## Concord.....

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

Temple Concord is the site of a weekly CHOW pantry. The CHOW pantry operates through the Social Action Committee, with members volunteering to staff the pantry and pack the food provided to families in need. A CHOW food drive is held during the High Holidays and a CHOW collection basket is available throughout the year to receive donations of non-perishable food.

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

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

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

### Education

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

Hebrew; Jewish values, morals and ethics; Jewish history from biblical to present times; and comparative religion.

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

Temple Concord is located at 9 Riverside Dr.,



L-r: Middle school students Shayna Foreman, Eve Krasno, Laura Klotzkin, Anna Grills and Charlotte Coker helped to decorate the Temple Concord sukkah before the October 13 Sukkot seder and dinner.



The Norwich Jewish Center celebrated Hanukkah on December 29. The attendees socialized, ate latkes and played games. The afternoon ended with a menorah lighting.



After the meal on December 29, the Cherenyak family entertained with a blend of musical genres, including Hanukkah songs and classical selections. L-r: Yury Cherenyak on flute, Elizabeth and Katherine Cherenyak on violin and Sasha Cherenyak on cello.

## Temple Brith Sholom

Temple Brith Sholom acts as the center for Jewish religious and cultural activities in Cortland, NY, and in the surrounding Cortland County community. A diverse group comprised of about 30 individual and family members, Temple Brith Sholom frequently shares programs with the active SUNY Cortland Hillel, and participates in interfaith community activities and events. High Holiday services, Shabbat services and other events will likely be offered virtually in 2020-21. Plans are currently underway to make arrangements that meet the religious and cultural needs of the congregation. The community maintains a Jewish cemetery as part of the Cortland Rural Cemetery.

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

Temple Brith Sholom is located at 117 Madison St., Cortland. For further information about its services, other events, or the cemetery, contact Carol Levine at 315-696-5744. See the temple's Facebook page for more information about services or events.

Binghamton. The temple may be reached by phone at 723-7355, by e-mail at [TempleConcordBinghamton@gmail.com](mailto:TempleConcordBinghamton@gmail.com), online at [www.templeconcord.com](http://www.templeconcord.com) and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/templeconcord](http://www.facebook.com/templeconcord).

Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell  
Lisa Blackwell, President  
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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.

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# Jewish Community Center

## Mission Statement and Purpose

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

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

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

### Dr. L.J. Rosefsky Early Childhood Center

At the ECC, staff believe in developing the whole child. They take the time to recognize and nurture the physical, emotional, social, linguistic and cognitive skills of each child. The goals of the ECC are to develop positive self-esteem, new skills and a love of learning. The ECC is a busy, happy and creative place for children to play and learn, and offers a broad range of programs for children 6 weeks to 5 years of age. The ECC offers participants on-site swimming, gym, an outdoor playground and lunch.

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

### Half-Day Program

The half-day program follows the Vestal school calendar; registration for the fall begins the previous March



ECC Judaic Coordinator Wendy Green read stories and guided the children in an "apple" making craft as part of their learning about Rosh Hashanah.



On July 17, 2019, JCC Friendship Club members listened to Sima and Neil Auerbach talk about their trip to Australia and New Zealand. L-r: Sylvia Diamond, Bruce Orden, Sima Auerbach, Neil Auerbach, Ann Brilliant, Sue Herzog and Ada Brummer.

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

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

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

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

### Full-Day Program

The ECC's full-day program, opened in 1992, brings child care services year-round to families with children aged 6 weeks-5 years, from 7:30 am-5:30 pm Monday-Friday. The activities and cultural experiences described in the half-day program are all included in the full-day program, as well. A lunch and two snacks per day are provided.

### Universal Pre-Kindergarten

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



Hersh Rozen spoke to JCC Friendship Club members and visitors about his hobby of knitting and how his wife Beverly's photos inspire some of his patterns.



Children in the Jewish Community Center's Early Childhood Center learned about Rosh Hashanah.

ents. Contact the ECC at 724-2417 regarding enrollment.

### Youth and Teen Programs/Services

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

### Kids Connection

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

Kids Connection is scheduled from 3:15-6 pm Monday-Friday, and 7:30 am-6 pm when Vestal schools are closed due to a snow day, vacation day, half day or holiday. At Kids Connection, children can play, do homework, have a snack, relax or participate in the weekly themed program. A day may also include swimming, games in the gym, youth sports and fitness, time on the school-aged playground and activities in science, music, cooking and art. A CIT, or Counselor-in-Training, program is available for students in grades six-eight.

### Adult and Senior Programs/Services

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

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

### Friendship Club

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

### Yiddish Conversation Group

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

### Mind, Body and Health Programs/Services

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

Certified personal trainers, and yoga and pilates specialists welcome clients in the JCC's comprehensive fitness facility. Ellipticals, treadmills, exercise bicycles, free weights and a complete range of strength training See "JCC" on page 15A



A caravan of Israeli Scouts spent August 1, 2019, at the JCC, leading a variety of activities for Camp JCC campers.



Campers played a round of gaga at last year's Camp JCC.

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equipment is available for members' use every day, except on the Sabbath when the JCC is closed.

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

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

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

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

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

### Aquatics

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

Water exercise and arthritis water exercise continue to grow and stay in demand. The department also provides instruction at the higher aquatic levels in ARC Lifeguarding, Waterfront Lifeguarding, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, AED, Pediatric AED, Community First Aid and Community CPR.

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

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

### JCC Summer Camp

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

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

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

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

All camp information and fees can be found online at [www.binghamtonjcc.org](http://www.binghamtonjcc.org).



Camp JCC's teen campers and their counselors went to the Old Port on July 30, 2019, during their four-day trip to Montreal, Canada.

## Kashrut

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

### JCC Guest Pass Policy

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

### Seasonal Program Guide

JCC Program Guides are distributed and posted online in the spring, fall and winter. The Center offers educational, fitness, family-oriented and community-based programs and services for all ages, from toddlers through senior citizens. Day and evening classes, lectures and special programs are scheduled throughout the year. Those interested need not be members to enroll in the many JCC courses listed in the guide. The Program Guide can be found and downloaded from the JCC's website, [www.binghamtonjcc.org](http://www.binghamtonjcc.org), at any time. To receive a paper copy, call the JCC office at 724-2417.

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



Teens did readings as part of the JCC's annual community Hanukkah party on December 19.



Children from the JCC's Early Childhood Center performed a few Hanukkah songs during the community Hanukkah party.



An ECC classroom's staff wore masks as part of their COVID-19 protocols this spring.



Camp JCC campers at their first Ruach circle on July 1, 2019.



The major cast members of last year's Camp JCC play, "The Wiz," which was performed on July 26, 2019.



Sabra K. and 2 campers went swimming at Cole Park on one of their day trips during Camp JCC 2019.



For the second year, United Way donated books and bags from its summer reading program to some of the Camp JCC kids, who were also able to meet Rowdy from the Binghamton Rumble Ponies, on July 29, 2019.



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# A guide to Jewish education programs pre-K through adult

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Affiliation/Branch	Beth David Synagogue	College of Jewish Studies	Congregation Tikun v'Or	Hillel Academy	Jewish Community Center	Kol Haverim	Rohr Chabad Center, Binghamton	Temple Beth-El of Ithaca	Temple Beth El of Oneonta	Temple Concord	Temple Israel
	Orthodox Union	A coalition of local Jewish community organizations	Union for Reform Judaism	No affiliation	No affiliation	Society for Humanistic Judaism	Chabad-Lubavitch	United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism	United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism	Union for Reform Judaism	Conservative, no affiliation
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Contact Person	Rabbi Zev Silber	Jonathan Karp, chairman	Naomi Wilensky, administrative coordinator and religious school director	Dr. Caleb Conklin, School Principal	ECC director: Nichole McMillen Adult Program Coordinator: Harry Cohen Youth Director: Nora Graven Camp Director: Nora Graven		Rabbi Aaron Slonim Rivkah Slonim Rabbi Zalman Chein Rochel Chein Rabbi Levi Slonim Hadasa Slonim	Rabbi Rachel Safman Rabbi Suzanne Brody, Director of Education and Youth Programming	Rabbi-Cantor George Hirschfeld	Orly Shoer, Temple Concord religious school principal	Hebrew school: Rabbi Geoffrey Brown
Days/Times		Fall and spring programs, topics TBA.	The religious school for grades kindergarten-seven meets Sunday mornings 9 am-noon. Sixth- and seventh-graders also meet on Wednesday afternoons. Religious school classes participate in Family Shabbat Experiences throughout the year.	Monday-Friday from 8:40 am- 3:30 pm.	The Early Childhood Center provides full-day care Mon.-Fri. 7:30 am-5:30 pm all year-round for children 6 weeks-5 years old. The Infant Program is for children 6 weeks-18 months. Half-day care is available for children age 3 by December 1. They can attend two, three or five days a week, from 9-11:45 am or from 9am-12:45 pm including a hot lunch, Sept.-June (extended day available). The After School Program (Kids Connection) is for elementary school-aged children and runs Mon.-Fri. 3:15-6 pm. Full-day school-age care is available when school is closed for snow or conference days, holidays or vacations; the exceptions are national or Jewish holidays, December 25 and the day after Thanksgiving.	For information on the b'nai mitzvah program and youth programs, contact education@kolhaverim.net.	To obtain a full schedule of events and classes or to arrange for a private tutorial, call Chabad Center at 797-0015.	The Rabbi Felix Aber Religious School preschool program meets once a month. Grades K-1 meet on Sundays. Grades 2-7 meet twice a week on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Each class takes part in a Shabbat service once a year. The Midrasa (Hebrew High School class) is open to all post-bar/bat mitzvah students, who attend once a week and enjoy a varied program.	For preschool and other information, visit www.templebetheloneonta.org. The religious school meets on Sundays from 9am-noon. Bar/bat mitzvah study is supervised by the rabbi.	Temple Concord has a comprehensive religious/Hebrew school program, starting with kindergarten and progressing to confirmation. Religious school for children in kindergarten through seventh grade meets on Saturdays from 9-11:45 am and includes attending Shabbat morning services. Hebrew classes meet on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Children in grades eight, nine and 10, the post-bar/bat mitzvah program, meet twice a month.	The religious school meets on Sundays and Tuesdays. On Tuesdays, Temple Israel and Temple Concord have a joint Hebrew school located at Temple Concord.
Youth Programs/Curriculum		None.	Congregation Tikun v'Or offers religious school for students in pre-kindergarten-grade seven and b'nai mitzvah preparation. Hebrew for prayer is studied using Mitkadem, part of URJ's Core Hebrew program. Topics of study include holidays, Torah, history, mitzvot, Jewish calendar and life cycles, God and Israel. Teens v'Or is the Tikun v'Or youth group, for ages 13-17. Teens gather regularly for social programs, social action, leadership and community programs.	Hillel Academy offers programs for pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. Early childhood programs concentrate on developing physical and motor skills, readiness and early reading skills. Math, art, music, reading, Hebrew and computers are introduced through play and focused classroom instruction; faculty are experienced at teaching to variations in student learning. Hillel Academy incorporates the Common Core Curriculum in a creative and effective way, emphasizing learning and not testing. The Judaic studies program develops Jewish values and ethics, fluency in Hebrew language, and practical knowledge and skills in holiday observances, customs, prayer and Bible.	The JCC Early Childhood Center provides an appreciation of Jewish culture through Sabbath and holiday programs. Kids Connection offers weekly themes and a multi-cultural curriculum. Specialty youth classes are available for children ages 3-12 throughout the year. JCC Teen Program/BBYO is for those in grades nine-12.		The Chabad Center library offers a large and diverse collection of books, audio and visual tapes and DVDs on every facet of Jewish philosophy, study and practice. Open daily and wireless equipped, it offers a welcoming environment for the casual browser as well as the researching student.	Preschoolers learn about Jewish holidays. Grades K-1 study the holidays, Bible stories, Jewish concepts and learn some Hebrew. Grades 2-7 learn Hebrew, liturgy, Bible, Jewish ethics and values, the Jewish calendar and life cycle, history, rabbinics, Jewish literature, etc. The Midrasa program consists of ethical dilemmas, current events, comparative religion, and ancient and contemporary Jewish texts. The temple offers a Youth Program, which consists of a religious, social and educational schedule.	The religious school goes through bar/bat mitzvah.	Temple Concord's curriculum covers Jewish religious concepts and practices; Torah; Hebrew; Jewish values, morals and ethics; Jewish history from biblical to present times; and comparative religion.	Regular school programs include class services, holiday programs, family education activities and many tzedakah and gimilit chasidim (acts of loving kindness) projects.
Adult Programs	Talmud is held weekly with the rabbi. Special lecture series are held every few months. There are educational I. J. Rosefsky lectures. The Sisterhood Education Committee arranges study groups and speakers a few times per year. There are Shabbat Luncheons held the second Shabbat of each month, September-June, free and open to the community, where members of the synagogue and community lecture on interesting topics.	The College of Jewish Studies provides opportunities for adult Jewish education. The program offers lectures in both the fall and spring on topics of contemporary or historical Jewish themes. The series are held at the JCC.	Adult education classes are periodically offered. Adult b'nai mitzvah and conversion classes are also offered as requested.		Adult activities include musical programs, films, talks, and Jewish cultural festivals and holiday programs. Adult classes and workshops have included dog training, cooking, crafts, defensive driving, social dancing, art exhibits, aquatics, physical fitness and individual fitness programs. Suggestions from members for additional programs are considered. Classes are subject to a minimum enrollment.		Chabad of Binghamton is an affiliate of the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute, the world's largest Jewish adult education network. JLI offers three university level courses each year, which run for six consecutive Monday evenings and six consecutive Wednesday mornings. For complete details on upcoming courses and registration, contact Chabad. Additionally, Chabad offers a full array of other classes, one-on-one tutorials, special lectures and programs, Shabbatonim and holiday celebrations and more open to the entire Jewish community.	The Temple Beth-El Adult Education Committee arranges several regular weekly classes, stimulating mini-courses during the academic year and guest lecturers and scholars-in-residence. The regular classes meet at various times during the week. Call the temple for details.	Adult Torah study meets bi-monthly on Saturday mornings at 9 am. Adult Lunch and Learn meets bi-monthly on Saturdays from noon-2 pm. Participants bring their own vegetarian lunch.	Adults have many opportunities to study together. Torah study, led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell, takes place at 9:15 am on Saturdays and is open to all. She also runs short-term seminars throughout the year on various topics.	Continuing adult education classes, including Mussar study, and programs begin this fall. Call the synagogue for details or visit www.templeisraelvestal.org. The congregation and its affiliates also sponsor social and fund-raising events, and monthly Adult Education lectures.



The students in Temple Concord's younger grade learned about Havdalah and made spice boxes.



Members of the red team participated in Camp JCC Color Wars on August 2, 2019.



The Hillel Academy fourth-fifth-graders posed in front of a Hanukkah display. Clockwise: Mika Friedman, Mushky Chein, Thea Yarkony, Aaron Sambursky, Shai Yarkony and Shmulik Slonim.

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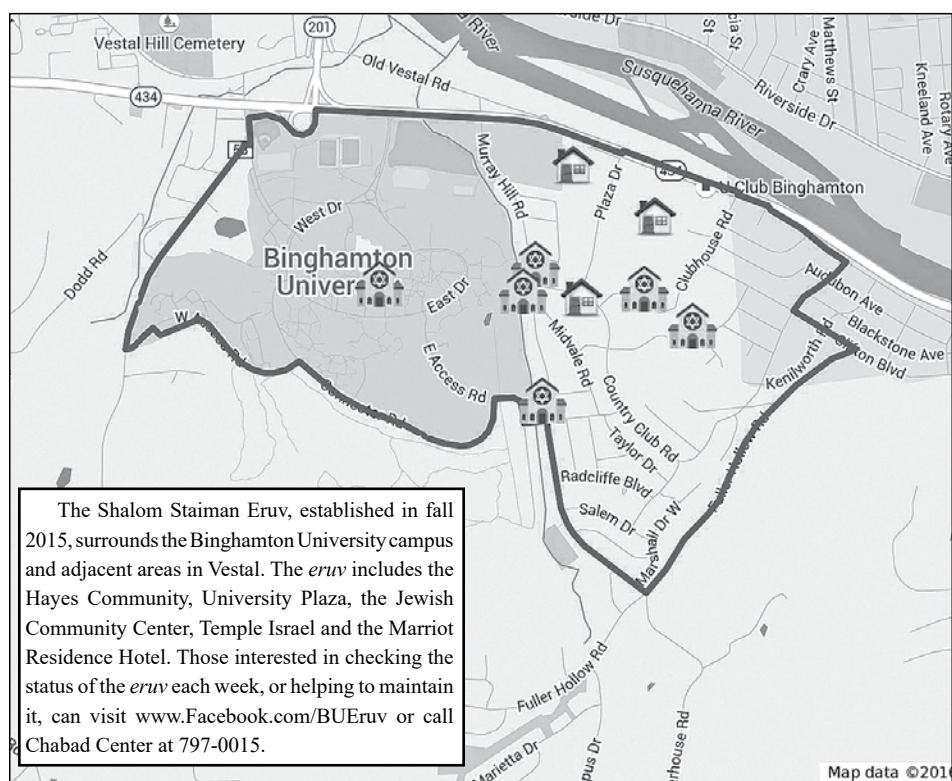
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# Binghamton University

## Center for Israel Studies | Judaic Studies Department

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

The Center also directly supports undergraduate research, including paid

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

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

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

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

The department offers a wide range of

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

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

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

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events. Chabad offers assistance by *kashering* kitchens, affixing kosher *mezuzot* and providing the necessary instruction and physical resources necessary to enhance Jewish observance.

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

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

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

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

In sum, Chabad Center is many things to many people, but for all it is a warm, open and welcoming environment where Jewish education, enrichment and joy is the priority. For more information, to join the mailing list or to set up an appointment to visit with the Chabad staff, call the office at 797-0015, fax to 797-0095, or e-mail [aslomim@binghamton.edu](mailto:aslomim@binghamton.edu). Don't forget to visit Chabad's websites at [www.chabadofbinghamton.com](http://www.chabadofbinghamton.com) or [www.JewishBU.com](http://www.JewishBU.com).



L-r: Bev Novack, Rivky Slonim and Judy Simon attended the annual Salute to Jewish Womanhood event on October 6.



On September 23, Rabbi Joseph Telushkin spoke about "Five Teachings from the Rebbe that can Change Your Life Today" at the annual Piaker Memorial Lecture, co-sponsored this year with the Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton. Telushkin was seated and surrounded by Chabad staff and student leaders who met with him at a pre-talk reception.



L-r: Those who spearheaded the Light Up a Life Toy Drive – Amanda Heisler, Danielle Garnchrow and Danielle Kinches – accepted an award given to the students of Chabad by Nachman Maimon, director of programming at Chai Lifeline, on December 5. (Photo by R. Coschignano)



The Light Up a Life: Toy Drive '19 raised \$30,892.10 through various fund-raisers and social media initiatives by the students of Chabad in conjunction with the SDT sorority and the SAE fraternity. The money was used to purchase toys for children battling cancer and was to be distributed through the agency of Chai Lifeline. Members of the SDT sorority are shown with the collection of toys at the Toy Drive culmination event on December 5. (Photo by R. Coschignano)

At left: Members of SAE fraternity are shown with the collection of toys at the Light Up a Life: Toy Drive '19 culmination event on December 5. (Photo by R. Coschignano)

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# Hillel at Binghamton

Hillel at Binghamton, established in 2001, sponsors social, educational, religious and cultural programs for the nearly 4,000 Jewish students at Binghamton University. The office is located in the University Union on the second floor and the student lounge is located on the third floor. Hillel at Binghamton is served by a dedicated staff and group of student leaders, including Executive Director Brian Freedman and Student President Anna Dlott, OU-JLIC educators Rabbi Isaac Attia and Tal Attia, Israel Fellow Tzili Maimon, Springboard Fellow Kayla Goldfarb, Business Manager Cantor Abbe Lyons and Office Administrator Amy Krasno. The commitment and support of the Hillel at Binghamton lay board—along with the Binghamton Jewish community, Binghamton alumni, parents, friends and other stakeholders—enables the staff and student leaders to create a pluralistic Jewish atmosphere that encompasses students from all backgrounds at Binghamton University. Hillel at Binghamton has just completed its 17th year of programming and is continuing to grow.



Brian Freedman, executive director of Hillel at Binghamton, carried the sefer Torah scroll that the Penn-York Jewish Community donated to Hillel at Binghamton last fall. L-r: Cantor Abbe Lyons, business manager of Hillel at Binghamton; Rabbi Oren Steinitz of Congregation Kol Ami in Elmira; Freedman; and Harvey Chernosky, president of the Penn-York Jewish Community.

The true leaders of Hillel at Binghamton are the students. Seven student leaders are elected to the Executive Board and oversee nearly 90 more student leaders in more than 16 program areas. Hillel's hardworking students envision, plan and implement more than 200 programs each semester, ensuring a wide variety of options for Jewish students on campus. Hillel programs reach more than 2,000 different students throughout the year.

Among the program offerings each year are:  
 ♦ Israel programming: In addition to two Birthright trips per year, Hillel offers many different Israel programs throughout the semester. Bearcats for Israel hosts several successful programs annually, such as Café Aroma, with hundreds of students enjoying Israeli cuisine and music, and the Leadership Reception, which brings together student leaders from 40 different student organizations. There is an annual Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's Independence Day) celebration, as well.  
 ♦ Shabbat: More than 150 students find themselves in the C4 Multipurpose Room each week in order to spend Shabbat

together. They enjoy a traditional meal, words of inspiration and the time to celebrate with their friends. Themed *Shabbatot*—such as Israel Shabbat and Interfaith Shabbat (a collaboration with the Muslim Student Association and Newman House)—bring even more students from every walk of life together to experience and celebrate Shabbat, and learn about what unites all Jews.

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

several brunch and learns to foster religious inclusion and pluralism on campus.

♦ Social justice: Making the world a better place is an important value to Hillel's students, as seen through both charity and actively volunteering. Hillel's Committee for Social Justice promotes awareness and volunteerism, and fund-raises for philanthropic endeavors. This year, C4SJ ran a program, Cookies for Care, to benefit local women's shelters. Hillel at Binghamton's Challah for Hunger chapter continues to be called one of the best in the country, and has baked and sold more than 2,500 challahs. Each week, volunteers bake and sell hundreds of loaves of kosher challah at several locations on campus, and 100 percent of sales are donated, half to Mazon and half to local organizations that provide food to the hungry.

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

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

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

# Binghamton University Zionist Organization

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



L-r: Students Gabriel Shore and Shiraz Otani, of BUZO, set up for Israel Peace Week, an annual event highlighting Israel's peace initiatives and contributions to the world.

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

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



L-r: BUZO members Malka Iskovitch, Ben Gurvitch, Gabriel Shore, Jonathan Rubin and Arielle Wenig at the second Annual SACH Gala, a fund-raiser for Save A Child's Heart.

# MEOR Upstate

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

MEOR Upstate realizes that each person is unique and that true growth is an organic process. In that spirit, MEOR provides educational, religious and social programming to Jews of all backgrounds at Binghamton and Cornell universities, as well as other Southern Tier and Central New York colleges. Among MEOR's offerings are seminars,

fellowships, study abroad programs, talks and other events that are open to the greater community, trips to Israel and regional/national trips.

MEOR's semester-long seminars—named after Maimonides, the Jewish scholar and author—combine interactive learning with social and religious programming, and cover key areas of Jewish thought and practice. The Maimonides Fellows program explores the fundamentals of Judaism and their application to the modern world. The Maimonides Scholars program offers more advanced Torah study; topics have included kosher fundamentals, talmudic ethics, Torah study and a women's class dedicated to the study of women's issues. The Maimonides Mentors program of classes and

hands-on workshops seeks to provide students with the skills considered essential to Jewish leadership, with one track focused on "Kosher Fundamentals" and a second on "Shabbat Fundamentals." All seminars are designed to accommodate even the busiest student's schedule. Interested students must apply for admission to the seminars. Participants receive a monetary stipend upon completion of each seminar, which are made possible by donations from American Jewish philanthropists. All costs associated with each seminar are assumed by MEOR Upstate; there are no out-of-pocket expenses for student participants.

MEOR's Rabbi Chaim Harkavy, his wife Adina and their nine children welcome BU students to their home with homemade meals and religious services in celebration of Shabbat and holidays, and treat guests like family. Throughout the academic year MEOR celebrates Shabbat from Friday sunset through Saturday night at the Maimonides House, located at 401 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal—right next to Binghamton University. Depending on how the Jewish calendar coincides with the BU academic calendar, the following holidays may be celebrated at the Maimonides House: Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Chanukah, Purim, Passover, Lag B'Omer and Shavuot.

MEOR Upstate offers an array of travel opportunities to current students and alumni. Most trips are either in Israel or North America, though occasionally trips to Poland and other destinations appear. Many of the trips are subsidized and are open to young adults regardless of their involvement in MEOR Upstate. MEOR Upstate staff are available to answer any questions students or their parents may have. Trips to Israel include the free 10-day Birthright for Jewish young adults ages of 18-26, in partnership with Israel Free See "MEOR" on page 30A

# Cornell University

## Cornell University Hillel: The Yudowitz Center for Jewish Campus Life

Cornell University Hillel: The Yudowitz Center for Jewish Campus Life is the gateway for Cornell University's 3,500 Jewish students to get involved in a wide variety of cultural, social, educational, political and religious activities on campus. As one of the largest and most dynamic Jewish campus communities in North America, Cornell Hillel provides positive and meaningful Jewish experiences that are relevant to the lives of Jewish undergraduate and graduate students. This is done through a broad coalition of 30 different Jewish student groups, planning more than 1,000 programs a year, that are constantly developing as the needs of the students grow and change. Whether it's Israeli politics and advocacy, advocacy and service for local refugees, Latin-Israeli dancing, a *capella* singing, traditional

learning, or religious services, there is truly something for everyone.

Cornell Hillel is dedicated to training and nurturing its students to become future leaders and members of the American Jewish community, empowering them to find the balance between being distinctively Jewish and universally human. Over the past several years, Cornell Hillel has seen a tremendous growth in the number of students taking an active part in Jewish life, both on campus and at national and international locations for leadership training and service work.

Cornell Hillel is a member of CURW (Cornell United Religious Work) and the Hillel offices are located in Anabel Taylor Hall. For news and activities of Jewish life on campus, visit Cornell Hillel's website at [www.hillel.org](http://www.hillel.org).

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## The Center for Jewish Living at Cornell

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

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

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

Cornell Dining manages the kosher dining hall and it is included within the student dining plan. Jewish artwork adorns the facility, which provides two kosher meals daily



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

during the academic year, and traditional Friday night and holiday meals. Menus are prepared under the supervision of STAR-K (meat and *pareve*) and STAR-D (dairy) kosher certifications, and Jewish dietary laws are strictly followed with the direction of a resident *mashgiach*. Approximately 200 students dine each Sabbath and 400 students on the High Holidays. Kosher dining options are also found around campus.

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

Orthodox Union in partnership with the CJL Endowment.

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

Alumni visit regularly to meet with CJL members, and a Board of Trustees oversees endowment fund-raising. The CJL Endowment supports Shabbat celebration, new faculty dinners, special events and enhancement of CJL attributes. The Harold I. Saperstein '31 Sermon Contest, an alumnus sponsored event, celebrated 10 years in 2020. The annual spring contest is open to all Cornell students. Participating students deliver an 18-minute sermon on a contemporary topic identified by senior alumni and the winner receives an \$1,800 award. The 2020 theme tackled the "Provost's Global Grand Challenge on Migration," inspired by Cornell University's campuswide initiative.

For more information, contact the Center for Jewish Living at 607-272-5810 or e-mail [vpcomm@cornellcjl.com](mailto:vpcomm@cornellcjl.com). To donate to the CJL Endowment, send a check to Cornell University, Acct# 0001399, PO Box 37334, Boone, IA 50037-0334.

## Jewish Studies Program at Cornell

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

Anthropology, German Studies, Comparative Literature, Government and Linguistics.

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

Events and lectures throughout the academic year, sponsored by the Jewish Studies Program, serve to explore the depth and breadth of Jewish experience,

and also allow partnerships with a broad range of other programs and departments, ranging from the university library to the Near Eastern Studies Department, the American Indian Program, the Department of Performing and Media Arts, the Institute for German Cultural Studies, the Africana Center, and the Department of City and Regional Planning.

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

## Roitman Chabad Center at Cornell

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

There are classes on a variety of topics offered by Chabad, including Jewish mysticism, the weekly Torah portion, Jew-

ish law and much more. The staff at Chabad are also available for one-on-one learning sessions on any topic. Chabad is now offering classes via Zoom (online video conferencing); sign up online at [www.chabadcornell.com/zoom](http://www.chabadcornell.com/zoom).

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

Contact Chabad for all of your Jewish needs and RSVP for events via the website at [www.chabadcornell.com](http://www.chabadcornell.com).

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# Area Universities Hillel at Ithaca College

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

can help build a meaningful, socially aware student life at Ithaca College.

With more than 100 student programs and initiatives on campus, free and open to all members of Ithaca College community, Hillel prides itself as a partner with the college in building a diverse and inclusive community on

campus. Hillel offers a spectrum of initiatives, ranging from holiday celebrations and religious observance, to social, cultural, fund-raising and educational opportunities in various fields of interest to Jewish students and to the general student population.

Hillel co-sponsors programs with various college departments and student organizations. Hillel is committed to offering leadership and professional development to students on campus. Through volunteer board positions, paid internships and other leadership opportunities, Hillel supports a cohort of socially aware student leaders that are shaping the Ithaca College community.

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

## Chabad of Oneonta

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

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

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

Chabad of Oneonta is located at 71 Chestnut St., Oneonta. Visit [www.chabadoneonta.com](http://www.chabadoneonta.com) or call 845-204-7436 for further information.

## Hillel at SUNY Oneonta

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

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

Further information on Hillel can be found at [connect.oneonta.edu/organization/hillel](http://connect.oneonta.edu/organization/hillel), or by e-mailing [oneonta-hillel@gmail.com](mailto:oneonta-hillel@gmail.com).

## SUNY Cortland Hillel

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

There is a Chabad House adjacent to campus, where students are welcomed for Friday night Shabbat dinners, holiday celebrations, traditional kosher food and activities. Hillel also participates in inter-club events, charitable fund-raising activities, and trips to nearby campuses and to places such as the Holocaust Museum and Broadway theater shows.

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

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

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

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

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



Congregation Tikkun v'Or members learned Ethiopian Eskista dancing for Sigd in October.

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singing, traditional learning, or religious services, there is truly something for everyone.

Cornell Hillel is dedicated to training and nurturing its students to become future leaders and members of the American Jewish community, empowering them to find the balance between being distinctively Jewish and universally human. Over the past several years, Cornell Hillel has seen a tremendous growth in the number of students taking an active part in Jewish life, both on campus and at national and international locations for leadership training and service work.

Cornell Hillel is a member of CURW (Cornell United Religious Work) and the Hillel offices are located in Anabel Taylor Hall. For news and activities of Jewish life on campus, visit Cornell Hillel's website at [www.hillel.cornell.edu](http://www.hillel.cornell.edu) or call 255-4227.

## Seen around the community...



Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu and Hillel Academy's pre-kindergarten-first grade students posed in front of a display of chanukkiyot and students' Hanukkah-themed art.



Temple Concord religious school students showed off their artwork. (Names withheld on request.)



Campers lined up for a game at last year's Camp JCC.

# Jewish Holiday Calendar

HOLIDAY	2020-21 • 5781	2021-22 • 5782
<b>Rosh Hashanah</b> - the Jewish New Year; a time of introspection and reflection.	Saturday-Sunday, September 19-20	Tuesday-Wednesday, September 7-8
<b>Yom Kippur</b> - the Day of Atonement.	Monday, September 28	Wednesday, September 15
<b>Sukkot</b> - eight-day festival celebrating the harvest season, the last two days of which are Hoshanah Rabbah and Shemini Atzeret.	Saturday-Friday, October 3-9	Tuesday-Monday, September 21-27
<b>Shemini Atzeret</b> - marks the end of the Sukkot festival.	Saturday, October 10	Tuesday, September 28
<b>Simchat Torah</b> - immediately follows the festival of Sukkot. Celebrating the ending of the cycle of Torah (Five Books of Moses) readings and the immediate beginning of the cycle anew.	Sunday, October 11	Wednesday, September 29
<b>Chanukah</b> - an eight-day celebration of religious freedom; commemorates the Jewish victory over Syrian rule.	Friday-Friday, December 11-18	Monday-Monday, November 29-December 6
<b>Tu B'Shevat</b> - the new year for trees.	Thursday, January 28	Monday, January 17
<b>Purim</b> - a celebration of the story in the Book of Esther; a festive celebration of the survival of the Jewish people in the face of antisemitism.	Friday, February 26	Thursday, March 22
<b>Passover</b> - an eight-day festival commemorating the Exodus of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery.	Sunday-Sunday, March 29-April 4	Saturday-Saturday, April 16-23
<b>Yom Hashoah</b> - commemoration of the Holocaust.	Thursday, April 8	Thursday, April 28
<b>Yom Ha'atzmaut</b> - observance of Israel's Independence Day.	Thursday, April 15	Thursday, May 5
<b>Lag B'Omer</b> - The 33 <sup>rd</sup> day of the Omer, the period between Passover and Shavuot. It is a day of rejoicing within S'ifira, a communal mourning period.	Friday, April 30	Thursday, May 19
<b>Yom Yerushalayim</b> - marks the reunification of Jerusalem in the Six Day War.	Monday, May 10	Sunday, May 29
<b>Shavuot</b> - commemorates the revelation at Mount Sinai when the Jews received the Torah.	Monday-Tuesday, May 17-18	Sunday-Monday, June 5-6
<b>Shiva'a Asar B'Tammuz</b> - a fast day, three weeks before Tisha B'Av, marking the first breach of Jerusalem's walls	Sunday, June 27	Sunday, July 17
<b>Tisha B'Av</b> - a day commemorating the destruction of the Temples in Jerusalem, which occurred on this date.	Sunday, July 18	Sunday, August 7

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Fri.: breakfast 8-10 am; lunch 11 am-1:30 pm  
Sat.: Closed  
Sun.: brunch 11 am-1:30 pm; dinner 5-8 pm  
Jewish holidays that BU is open: By special arrangement (no payment on the holiday)  
Phone: 777-2991

**104West! Kosher Dining Hall at Cornell University**  
104 West Ave., Ithaca  
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Kashrut supervision provided by the Star-K under full-time *mashgiach*.  
Follows university calendar.  
All you can eat for a set fee.  
Phone: 272-6907 (or 272-5810 Young Israel of Cornell)  
Kosher meals are also available at various other dining halls on the Cornell campus. Cornell Dairy products – pasteurized and chocolate milks, ice cream and yogurt – are now certified kosher by the OU and are sold on campus in the dining halls and at the Dairy Bar in Stocking Hall.

**Terrace Dining Hall at Ithaca College**  
Kosher Kitchen offers a kosher station in the dining hall. Kashrut supervision by Rabbi Eli Silberstein.  
Follows university calendar (closed mid-May through end of August):  
Mon.-Fri.: 11 am-8 pm  
Sat. and Sun.: Noon-8 pm  
Phone: 274-3905

**KOSHER MEAT**  
There is no local kosher butcher.  
**Binghamton Price Chopper**  
Foundry Plaza, 10 Glenwood Ave., Binghamton  
Phone: 770-7151  
This store carries packaged products, and frozen meats and chicken. Special deliveries of fresh meat, fowl and groceries

can be ordered from the kosher butcher in the Colonie store (under the supervision of the Vaad Hakashrut of the Capitol District). For information and to arrange a local delivery, call 518-456-2970 or 518-456-9314 and ask for kosher meat.

**Lipman's Kosher Market**  
1482 Monroe Ave., Rochester, NY 14618  
Phone: 585-271-7886  
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- 756 State Highway 28, Oneonta**  
Phone: 431-1111  
Kosher bakery and carries kosher products.

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## Seen around the community...



Artistic campers created a piece at Camp JCC 2019.

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Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail (GF) "four shrimp served with spicy cocktail sauce" 9.99  
Jumbo Bacon Wrapped Scallops (GF) "topped with a citrus butter sage sauce" 14.95

One Pound Mussels a la Oreganata "in a red mild, medium, or hot sauce or white sauce" \*request gluten free! 9.99

Fresh Mozzarella Caprese (GF) "sliced fresh mozzarella, tomatoes, and green basil" 8.95

Bruschetta "toasted Italian bread with extra virgin oil, basil, garlic, and tomato" 6.95

Bruschetta Sampler "mascarpone and assorted Sicilian jams on toasted Italian bread with ricotta & fried eggplant on" 8.50

Antipasto (GF) "ham, salami, provolone, giardiniera, roasted peppers and olives – enough for two" 9.50

One Pound Fried Calamari "dusted not breaded and served with a side of tomato sauce" 14.95

Hot Buffalo Calamari "one pound of fried calamari tossed in Frank's Red Hot Sauce and topped with bleu cheese crumbles" 19.95

## Entrees

All entrees are served with a fresh side salad, homemade Italian garlic bread and one side

Eggplant Parmigiana "breaded eggplant slices topped with sauce and mozzarella cheese" 14.95

Veal Parmigiana "breaded and fried cutlet topped with sauce and mozzarella" 19.95

Veal Cutlet "breaded and fried cutlet" 16.95

Chicken Parmigiana "breaded and fried cutlet topped with sauce and mozzarella" 17.95

Chicken Cutlet "breaded and fried" 13.75

Meatball Parmigiana "homemade meatballs topped with sauce and mozzarella cheese" 13.95

Sausage Parmigiana "Italian seasoned" 11.95

New York Strip Steak (GF) "16oz choice black Angus" 23.95  
\*add sautéed mushrooms and onions 2.50

USDA Choice Rib-eye Steak (GF) "16oz grilled choice cut steak from Butcher Boys in Endicott" 29.95 \*add sautéed mushrooms and onions 2.50, make it breaded, Grandpa Frank's style 3.00

Pork Chop Rib-eye (GF) "14oz grilled and served" 19.95

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Caesar Salad "with shaved asiago cheese and croutons" 6.95 \*add anchovies for additional 0.50  
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Baked Rigatoni "with ricotta and mozzarella" \*request gluten free! 10.50  
Baked Rigatoni ala Siciliana "eggplant served in baked rigatoni with ricotta and mozzarella" 11.95

Manicotti Parmigiana 12.95

Lasagna "layered with beef, ricotta, mozzarella, and tomato sauce" 15.95

Spaghetti or Rigatoni "homemade tomato sauce, butter, or oil & garlic" 8.95 add 2 meatballs or 2 sausages 5.00

Veal and Peppers "over spaghetti" \*request gluten free! 16.95

Gluten Free Pasta (GF) "homemade tomato sauce over corn pasta" 11.95

Fettuccine Alfredo "homemade creamy white sauce" 13.50  
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Tortellini Alfredo "ricotta-stuffed tortellini in a rich, creamy sauce" 14.95  
\*add shrimp 6.00, add breaded chicken 6.00, add grilled chicken 5.00, add broccoli 3.00

Rigatoni a la Vodka 13.50 \*add shrimp 6.00, add breaded chicken 6.00, add grilled chicken 5.00, add broccoli 3.00

Homemade Gnocchi a la Napolitano "served with tomato sauce" 12.95  
\*add 2 meatballs or 2 sausages 5.00

Homemade Gnocchi "choice of Alfredo, vodka, or pesto sauce" (contains pine nuts) 14.95 \*add breaded chicken 6.00, add grilled chicken 5.00

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Prime Rib of Beef - 20 oz.....33.95  
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Clams Casino.....12.95  
Half dozen clams baked with onions, peppers, celery, bacon.

Bacon Wrapped BBQ Shrimp.....12.95  
Four large shrimp wrapped with bacon then broiled with barbecue sauce.

Stuffed Potato Skins.....9.95  
Four skins with real bacon and cheddar cheese.

Fourname Dumplings.....6.95  
Lightly fried and served with a pineapple-curry dipping sauce

Jumbo Shrimp Grillers.....13.95  
Tastes like baby lobster tails - 4 fresh water jumbo shrimp grilled and served over roasted garlic cheddar orzo.

**Surf and Turf** Select one surf and one turf!  
**Surf**  
Lobster - 6 oz.....15.95  
Lobster - 9 oz.....23.95  
Fried Shrimp.....12.95  
Fried Scallops.....14.95  
Broiled Scallops.....14.95  
Alaskan Snow Crab Legs - 1 lb.....13.95  
Bar B-Q Shrimp.....11.95  
Shrimp Scampi.....12.95  
Broiled Haddock.....11.95

**Turf**  
14 oz. New York Strip.....27.95  
10 oz. New York Strip.....20.95  
Petite Filet Mignon.....27.95

Filet Mignon.....31.95  
Greek Tenderloin.....35.95  
12 oz. Pork Chop.....19.95  
Cajun Chicken Breast.....15.95  
Prime Rib 10 oz. (Thurs, Fri. and Sat.).....22.95  
Prime Rib 14 oz. (Thurs, Fri. and Sat.).....27.95  
Prime Rib 20 oz. (Thurs, Fri. and Sat.).....33.95

**Chicken**  
Chicken Parmesan.....19.95  
Boneless, skinless breast, breaded and topped with marinara and mozzarella, served over angel hair pasta.

Chicken Picatta.....20.95  
Boneless, skinless breast sautéed with lemon, butter & a hint of white wine, capers, served over angel hair pasta.

Chicken Cordon Bleu.....21.95  
Boneless, skinless chicken breast, stuffed with imported Swiss cheese and ham, breaded in our own seasoned breadcrumbs and sautéed with olive oil, butter and white wine.

Chicken Marsala.....20.95  
Boneless, skinless breast, sautéed with fresh sliced mushrooms, green onions, au jus, and Marsala wine. Served over wild rice pilaf.

Coconut Chicken.....20.95  
Boneless, skinless breast, dredged in coconut, then sautéed to a golden brown. Served with fresh pineapple chunks and our famous coconut sauce.

Stuffed Greek Chicken Breast.....23.95  
Boneless, skinless breast, lightly charbroiled, stuffed with spinach and feta cheese stuffing and finished under the broiler with our famous Greek sauce! (Lots of Garlic!)

Chicken Italiano.....20.95  
Breast of chicken topped with fried peppers, fried onions and Marsala wine, served over angel hair pasta

Angel Hair Pasta.....15.95  
Baked Stuffed Manicotti.....16.95  
Topped with mozzarella cheese

## Steak and Chops

New York Strip Steak - 10 oz.....20.95  
New York Strip Steak - 14 oz.....27.95  
New York Strip Steak - 20 oz.....33.95

Ribeye Steak - 14 oz.....27.95  
Ribeye Steak - 20 oz.....33.95  
Ribeye Steak - 32 oz.....44.95

Rack of Lamb.....32.95  
Delicately seasoned with garlic and rosemary. Served with broiled tomato halves and mint jelly.

Prime Rib of Beef - 10 oz.....22.95  
Prime Rib of Beef - 14 oz.....27.95  
Prime Rib of Beef - 20 oz.....33.95  
Prime Rib of Beef - 32 oz. - No Bone!.....44.95  
Slowly roasted and seasoned to perfection!  
Available Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays

Filet Mignon - 6 oz.....27.95  
Filet Mignon - 8 oz.....31.95  
Filet Mignon - 10 oz.....35.95  
Tender and juicy, served with fresh sautéed mushrooms.

Filet Oscar.....39.95  
Served on a bed of asparagus, topped with lump crab and hollandaise.

Filet Mignon.....26.95  
Broiled in lemon butter and olive oil, seasoned with oregano and lots of garlic.

Pork Chops.....29.95  
Two 12 oz. center cut chops, broiled to perfection!  
1 Chop - \$19.95

Greek Pork Chop.....21.95  
Broiled with lemon butter & olive oil with oregano & lots of garlic.

Chickens Liver.....19.95  
Sautéed with bacon and onions.

Chicken Parmesan.....19.95  
Fresh, boneless, skinless breast, breaded and topped with marinara and mozzarella, served over angel hair pasta.

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## Seafood

Shrimp Scampi.....23.95  
Large, tender shrimp, sautéed with fresh garlic, parsley and a hint of white wine, served over angel hair.

Crab Legs.....23.95  
One pound of Alaskan Snow Crab clusters.

Scallops.....26.95  
Fresh sea scallops, broiled with lemon and lightly seasoned, or hand breaded and deep-fried.

Broiled Stuffed Shrimp.....24.95  
Your choice of crabmeat or Greek stuffing

Fried Shrimp.....21.95  
Lightly hand breaded and fried to a golden brown.

Jumbo Shrimp Grillers.....24.95  
Tastes like baby lobster tails! 6 jumbo fresh water shrimp grilled and served over roasted garlic cheddar orzo.

Broiled Haddock.....20.95  
Lightly seasoned and broiled in lemon butter, or Stuffed with your choice of crabmeat or Greek stuffing

Fried Haddock.....19.95  
Lightly hand-breaded and deep fried to a golden brown.

Broiled Seafood Platter.....36.95  
Lobster tail, haddock, scallops, shrimp and crab legs, lightly seasoned and broiled to perfection.

Fried Seafood Platter.....18.95  
Haddock, shrimp, scallops, crab cake, and clam strips, all delicately breaded and fried to a golden brown. Served with homemade cocktail & tartar sauce.

Lobster Tail - 6 oz.....26.95  
Lobster Tail - 9 oz.....36.95  
The finest from the sea, lightly seasoned and broiled to perfection.

Seafood Alfredo.....27.95  
Shrimp, scallops, and broccoli florets sautéed with butter, fresh cream, and pecorino romano and a hint of sherry wine, tossed with fettuccini.

Broiled Salmon Filet.....23.95  
Topped with our delicious lemon, caper and dill sauce.

Lump Crab Stuffed Salmon Filet.....27.95  
Fresh lump crab with our house seasoning, stuffed in Pacific salmon file, brushed with butter and herbs then broiled to perfection.

**Awesom Seafood Add Ons**  
3 Jumbo Shrimp Grillers.....8.95  
6 oz. Lobster Tail.....15.95  
Sautéed Mushrooms, Onions, or Both.....3.95  
Grilled Asparagus Spears.....3.95

**Veal**  
Veal Marsala.....24.95  
Tender veal sautéed with Marsala wine, beef stock, fresh mushrooms, and topped with a light sprinkle of imported Swiss cheese.

Scallopini.....24.95  
Tender veal scallops, sautéed in olive oil and butter with fresh mushrooms, tomatoes, green onion, parsley, and sherry wine.

Breaded Veal Cutlets.....24.95  
Tender cutlets, dipped in egg and our Italian seasoned breadcrumbs, and sautéed in olive oil.

Veal Picatta.....24.95  
Medallions sautéed with butter, lemon, capers and white wine, served over angel hair pasta.

## Early Bird

Available Tuesdays through Saturdays 4 - 5:30 PM and Sundays 1 PM - 4 PM

Ham Steak Hawaiian.....14.95  
Thick cut of delicious ham broiled with our Hawaiian glaze.

Broiled Swai.....15.95  
Filet of mild white fish seasoned with butter and lemon pepper seasoning.

Swai Florentine.....17.95  
Mild flakey white fish topped with spinach and herbs.

Crab Stuffed Haddock.....18.95  
Fresh haddock stuffed with our incredible lump crab stuffing.

12 oz. Pork Chops.....17.95  
Juicy juicy center cut pork chop seasoned lightly with special seasoning.

Turkey and Biscuits.....14.95  
Tender white meat turkey breast simmered in our own turkey gravy and served with buttermilk biscuits.

Beef Tips Over Egg Noodles.....14.95  
Tender cuts of beef simmered slowly with Sherry wine, mushrooms & beef au jus. Served with buttered egg noodles.

Sicilian Shrimp.....17.95  
Large shrimps sautéed with garlic, fresh Roma tomatoes, mushrooms, spinach & white wine. Served over Angel Hair pasta.

Seafood Newburg.....18.95  
Shrimp, scallops, fish and crab served over tomat points.

Chicken Marsala.....15.95  
Boneless, skinless chicken breast with mushrooms, green onions, au jus and Marsala wine

Chicken Parmesan.....15.95  
Served over Angel Hair pasta.

New York Strip Steak - 10 oz.....19.95  
Prime Rib - 10 oz.....19.95  
10 oz. cut of juicy prime rib served the way you like it. Served Thursday through Saturday only.

All Early Bird dinners include full salad bar, choice of potato, rice or vegetable, coffee or tea and dessert.  
Tax and gratuity additional. Your server will inform you of additional Early Bird Specials. Cannot be used with any coupons, promotional gift certificates, or any other promotion except for Clipper Magazines \$2 off coupon.

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Onion Rings	2.69	5.09
Macaroni Salad	2.85	4.39
Potato Salad (Binghamton only)	2.85	4.49
Cole Slaw	2.85	4.39
Chicken Spiedie Nuggets (7) (Binghamton only)	5.39	
Mac & Cheese (Binghamton only)	4.49	
Fried Brussel Sprouts (Binghamton only)	4.49	
Pasta Salad (Vestal only)	2.99	5.59
Cheese Sticks (Vestal only)	4.19	

BEVERAGES		
Milkshakes CHOCOLATE, VANILLA, STRAWBERRY, PEANUT BUTTER, CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER, RAINBOW	4.2	



# DOOBY'S ICE CREAM

## SOFT

- Kiddie / Baby Bear .....\$2.75
- Medium / Mama Bear .....\$3.25
- Large / Papa Bear .....\$3.75

## HARD

- 1 Scoop / Baby Bear .....\$3.25
- 2 Scoops / Mama Bear .....\$3.75
- 3 Scoops / Papa Bear .....\$4.25

\* Gluten Free Cone .50 extra \* Additional Toppings (non-sprinkles) .50 each  
 \* Waffle Cone .50 extra

## OTHER TREATS

- Milkshakes ..... \$4.50  
(One size, 20 oz)
- Polar Plunge ..... \$4.50  
(Italian Ice mixed with vanilla soft serve)
- Floats (Root Beer, Orange Cream)..... \$4.00
- Cookie Sandwiches..... \$4.00  
(Choice of cookies and 1 scoop of ice cream)
- Cookie ..... \$1.25

# DOOBY'S SPECIALTY SUNDAES

Ariella's Gone Nuts: *Chocolate peanut butter ice cream, hot fudge, peanut butter sauce, Reese's Pieces, whipped cream, brownie topping* ..... \$5.25

Ash Bash: *Vanilla ice cream, hot fudge, caramel sauce, Heath Bar, whipped cream, topped with a cherry*..... \$5.25

Lila's Palooza: *S'mores ice cream, half a banana, peanut butter sauce, marshmallow sauce* ..... \$5.25

Kangaroo Kick: *Coffee ice cream, hot fudge, whipped cream, cocoa powder*..... \$5.25

The Nonna: *Chocolate, Vanilla, and Strawberry ice cream, biscotti, cannoli cream, chocolate chips, hot fudge* ..... \$5.25

The Cookie Monster: *3 cookies, 2 scoops, one topping*..... \$5.25

The Caboose: *Choice of 2 scoops, 2 toppings with whipped cream, topped with a cherry. Whatever suites your Caboose!*..... \$5.25

The Polar Express: *Vanilla ice cream, coconut flakes, vanilla wafers, whipped cream, marshmallow sauce*..... \$5.25

Bearpaws: *Cookies and cream ice cream, mint cookie fudge, walnuts, chocolate crunch, whipped cream, hot fudge*..... \$5.25

Blackbear: *Blackberry ice cream, strawberry sauce, whipped cream, topped with a cherry* ..... \$5.25

Pheobe Snow (Our Banana Split): *Vanilla or chocolate ice cream, hot fudge, whipped cream, topped with a cherry* ..... \$5.25

Double Trouble: *Chocolate peanut butter ice cream, mint chocolate chip ice cream, hot fudge, peanut butter sauce, Reese's Cup, whipped cream* ..... \$5.25

Bye Felicia: *Cotton candy ice cream, gummy bears, shaved almonds, whipped cream, pink sprinkles, topped with a cherry* ..... \$5.25

The Trainwreck: *Five scoops of choice ice cream, three toppings, hot fudge, whipped cream, caramel sauce, topped with a cherry*..... \$9.95

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# SOCIAL On State

Here at Social on State, our menu is comprised of items that are designed for sharing. Instead of typical appetizer and entrée courses, our tapas dishes are made to order and delivered to the table throughout your dining experience. We believe that tapas are the Social way to eat!

## SALADS

### ARUGULA POMEGRANATE SALAD (V-GFO)

Beet, Pear, Candied Walnut, Goat Cheese Crouton, Cider Vinaigrette  
Small 10- Large 14-

### CAESAR SALAD (GF)

Artisan Romaine, 6 Minute Egg, Crispy Chick Peas, Garlic Chips  
Small 9- Large 12-

### BOSTON WEDGE (V-GF)

Bleu Cheese, Pickled Shallot, Apple, Toasted Walnut, Caramelized Shallot Vinaigrette  
Small 9- Large 12-

## SMALL PLATES

### CHEESE PLATE

Today's Offerings 14-

### HUMMUS PLATE (V)

Roasted Garlic Hummus, Marinated Feta, Crispy Chick Peas, Dill Cucumber, Roasted Olives, Cherry Tomato, Grilled Naan 14-

### FRIED BURRATA

Fresh Cream Filled Mozzarella, Vodka Sauce, Crispy Prosciutto, Garlic Bread 12-

### HOUSE CURLY FRIES (V)

Choice of: Garlic Aioli, Sriracha Bleu Cheese or Beer BBQ Sauce 7-

### ASPARAGUS FRIES (V)

Beer Batter, Lemon Garlic Aioli 9-

### STEAK SKEWERS (GF)

Marinated NY Strip, Fingerling Potato, Bleu Cheese Fondue 12-

### STEAK TARTARE TOWER

Raw Beef Tenderloin, Caper, Shallot, Dijon, Egg Yolk 16-

### GRILLED OCTOPUS (GF)

Cherry Tomato, Kalamata Olive, Caper, Roasted Garlic Hummus 15-

### SPICY TUNA TOWER (GF)

Yellowfin Tuna, Avocado, Sriracha Aioli, Seaweed Salad, Crispy Wonton 16-

### BRUSSELS SPROUTS (V-GF)

Crisp Fried, Local Honey, Balsamic Vinegar 12-

### CRISPY PORK BELLY TACOS

Grilled Pineapple, Queso Fresco, Pickled Shallot, Cilantro 2 for 12-

### MAC & CHEESE (V)

Smoked Gouda Cheese Sauce, Corkscrew Cavatappi Pasta 12-

### LOBSTER MAC & CHEESE

Fresh Cooked Maine Lobster, Smoked Gouda Cheese Sauce 20-

### LOBSTER BLT SLIDERS

Maine Lobster, Cherrywood Bacon, Cherry Tomato, Arugula, Lemon Garlic Aioli 2 for 18- 3 for 24-

### SOCIAL SLIDERS

Grass Fed Beef, French Brie, Balsamic Onions, Arugula 2 for 12-

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## CHEF JAY PISCULLI

## LARGE PLATES

### PAN SEARED SEA SCALLOPS (GF)

Grilled Corn, Tomato, Basil, Crispy Prosciutto 30-

### CHICKEN MILANESE

Crispy Chicken Cutlet, Roasted Garlic Potato Puree, Arugula Salad, Shaved Asiago 22-

### ATLANTIC SALMON (GF)

Sauteed Broccolini, Potato Puree, Beurre Blanc 24-

### 10 OZ. SMOKED FILET MIGNON (GF)

Wood Smoked Tableside, Mushroom, Onion, Fondant Potato, Horseradish Sauce 45-

### NY STRIP STEAK (GF)

16 oz. Hand Cut topped with Garlic Butter, Steak Frites 32- Add Lobster +16

### STUFFED TENDERLOIN (GF)

Two 4 oz. Filet Mignon, Spinach, Ricotta, Milanese Sauce, Pecorino Risotto 36-

### RACK OF LAMB (GF)

12 oz. New Zealand Rack, Crispy Brussels Sprouts, Fingerling Potatoes, Red Wine Reduction 36-

### SEARED DUCK BREAST

Fig Balsamic, Broccolini, Blackberry Orange Sauce 32-



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## Salads

- Blackened Chicken Breast Salad: Mixed field greens, shredded carrots, diced tomato, shredded Cheddar, chopped egg and blackened chicken breast served with a Cucumber-Bacon Ranch
- Vermicelli Toss: Mixed field greens, shredded carrots, diced tomato, shredded Cheddar, chopped egg and blackened chicken breast along with a nest of vermicelli pasta served with honey mustard dressing
- Chicken Caesar Salad: Seasoned chicken breast atop a mound of tossed romaine, Pecorino Romano and a traditional Caesar dressing with croutons
- California Harvest Salad: Mixed greens, shredded chicken breast, dried cranberries, cherries glazed walnuts, crumbles of bleu cheese served with homemade balsamic Italian dressing
- Fresh Baby Spinach Salad: baby Spinach leaves topped with bean sprouts, chopped egg, bacon and sliced mushrooms served with raspberry vinaigrette.
- Antipasto Salad: Crisp iceberg lettuce, fresh vegetables, a variety of meats and cheeses. We recommend our famous house Italian dressing for this colossal salad! Served with crusty French bread
- Garden Vegetable Salad: of all the fresh vegetables in our kitchen
- Buffalo Chicken Ranch Salad: Tender, crisp chicken tossed in our incredible wing sauce over crisp fresh salad greens. Served with ranch dressing
- Chef's Salad: With Ham, Turkey, and American Cheese

## Wraps

- Pesto Chicken Sandwich: With provolone and roasted peppers, on toasted Ciabatta bread
- Grilled Turkey Reuben on Panini:
- Buffalo Ranch Chicken Wrap: With bacon, lettuce, tomato and shredded cheddar
- Beef or Chicken Teriyaki Wrap: Sautéed with homemade teriyaki sauce, peppers, and onions all wrapped in a soft whole wheat wrap
- Homemade Pesto Turkey Wrap: Sliced turkey breast, homemade pesto, shredded lettuce onions, cheddar, diced tomato wrapped in a tomato basil wrap
- Honey Mustard Chicken Wrap: Your choice of crispy or charbroiled chicken breast, honey mustard dressing, shredded lettuce, cheddar, diced tomato, wrapped in a soft flour wrap
- Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap: diced seasoned chicken breast, tossed with Romain, homemade croutons, Pecorino Romano, and traditional Caesar dressing in whole wheat wrap

## Sandwiches & Subs

- Hamburger Platter: with French fries and tossed salad
- Hamburger: of extra lean ground beef
- Tenderloin Sandwich: on French Bread
- Turkey or Ham Club: on toast with cottage cheese or applesauce
- Roast Beef Sandwich: thinly sliced with Au Jus for dunking
- Cheese Steak: Served with sautéed onions and green peppers covered in melted American cheese
- Charbroiled Chicken Breast: with lettuce and tomato on a hard roll
- Homemade Italian Sausage: Sandwich Patty Sub - links with homemade tomato sauce With melted American or mozzarella cheese With sautéed fresh green peppers and onions
- Homemade Hot Meatball: Served open faced covered with tomato sauce on your choice of Italian or French Bread
- Chicken Cutlet Sandwich: Boneless breaded chicken breast with lettuce, tomato and mayo
- Battered Haddock Filet: Sandwich: with homemade tartar or cocktail sauce
- Veal and Peppers Sandwich: A sandwich portion of our homemade specialty
- American Sub: with Roast Beef, Ham, Turkey, and American cheese
- Meatless Sub: with Swiss or American cheese
- Italian Sub: with Salamai, Capicola, Pepparoni, Mozzarella, and Pepperoncini
- Roast Beef, Turkey or Ham Sub
- Chicken Parmigiana Sub: Two breaded cutlets with melted cheese and tomato sauce
- Eggplant Parmigiana Sub
- Chicken Rosemary Sub: Two chicken breasts sautéed with rosemary, topped with lettuce, tomato, onions, mayo, Italian dressing, and melted American cheese

## Basket Dinners & Wings

- Jumbo Breaded Shrimp Basket: With homemade cocktail sauce
- Finger Foods Basket: An assortment of crispy golden shrimp, scallops, homemade mozzarella sticks, homemade onion rings, chicken fingers and breaded mushrooms served with tartar, cocktail, honey Dijon, and tomato sauces for dipping
- Breaded Juicy Scallops Basket: Served with a homemade tartar sauce
- Chicken Fingers Basket: Strips of all white breast meat in seasoned breading, served with honey Dijon sauce.
- Chicken Wings: Hot, Mild, or Garlic served with celery sticks and our creamy bleu cheese dressing.

## Pizza Menu

- Tomato and Cheese Pizza: With mozzarella, Romano, and our homemade pizza sauce. 8 Slice or 4 Slice
  - Double Dough Pizza: 8 Slice only
  - White Garlic Pizza: 8 Slice or 4 Slice
  - Florentine Pizza: Fresh spinach, sour cream and onions with Romano and mozzarella cheeses 8 Slice or 4 Slice
  - Pesto Pizza: Fresh sweet basil, garlic and pine nuts with Romano and mozzarella cheeses 8 Slice or 4 Slice
  - Buffalo Chicken Ranch Pizza: Chicken cutlet tossed in our delicious wing sauce, topped with cheese and drizzled with Ranch Dressing. Hot or Mild
  - Buffalo Blues: Chicken cutlet tossed in our delicious wing sauce, topped with cheese and drizzled with Bleu Cheese Dressing. Hot or Mild
  - Old Fashioned Hot Pie: A Cortese Original Favorite Pizza, with our homemade pizza sauce, oregano, and a sprinkle of aged peccorino
  - The Cortese Special Pizza: Loaded with pepperoni, sausage, meat-sauce, mushrooms, green peppers, onions, and black olives covered with a thick layer of mozzarella and Romano cheeses 8 Slice or 4 Slice
  - Chicken BBQ Bacon Pizza
  - Breakfast Pizza: With egg, cheese, finely chopped roasted peppers, and your choice of chopped ham, sausage, or bacon
- Toppings: 8 Slice or 4 Slice
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| Fresh Spinach             | Homemade Sausage     |
| Fresh Sliced Tomatoes     | Double Mozzarella    |
| Bacon                     | Genoa Salamai        |
| Sliced Homemade Meatballs | Fresh Green Peppers  |
| Eggplant                  | Pepperoni, Anchovies |
| Fresh Homemade Sausage    | Homemade Meat-sauce  |
| Chicken Spiedies          | Fresh Diced Onions   |
|                           | Black Olives         |
|                           | Broccoli Florets     |
|                           | Mushrooms            |

## Pasta

All Pasta dishes include a House Salad. Whole Wheat and Gluten-Free pastas are also available.

Any Spaghetti items may be substituted with Linguine, Cappellini, Shells, Rigatoni, Ziti, Fettuccine, or Angel Hair

- Rigatoni Parmigiana
- Homemade Spaghetti: Our tender macaroni with rich homemade tomato sauce.
- Linguine with Fresh Mussels: Sautéed to order in red or white sauce.
- Spaghetti: With tomato sauce.
- Festa Corrado: Inspired by Grandpa Cordy's prodigious appetite, this dish is served on two platters - One for a bed of linguine heaped with fresh scallops, mussels, clams, and shrimp sautéed in your choice of red or white sauce. The other bearing a junior cut of prime rib simmered, Milanese style, in an oil and garlic sauce. Also available without the prime rib, for a less renowned appetite. Includes tossed salad
- Shells Vincenzo: Jimmy Cortese's delicious concoction of shell macaroni, fresh ricotta cheese, and homemade meat-sauce, baked perfectly.
- Fettuccine Alfredo: made to order with heavy cream, butter, and Pecorino Romano cheese
- Fettuccine Carbonaro: our Alfredo with spiced Italian ham and sweet diced onions
- Fettuccine with Pesto Sauce: fresh sweet basil, garlic, pine nuts, and Romano cheese
- Tortellini Primavera: Hearty Cheese Tortellini tossed with chef's choice of fresh vegetables and served with our rich Alfredo style sauce
- Penne Bolognese: A rich vodka sauce sautéed with slices of homemade sausage served over penne
- Fettuccine Ignazio: Ignatius Cortese, better known as Nate, combined our richest pasta dish, Fettuccine Alfredo with our most precious seafood, cold water lobster tail. The result is unforgettable, and most fulfilling!
- Fettuccine with Pesto Alfredo Sauce: Homemade Lasagna: Layers of meat-sauce, ricotta, sausage, and macaroni
- Homemade Cheese Ravioli: of the finest ricotta and our own dough. Served in your choice of tomato or butter sauce

- Homemade Gnocchi: Small dumplings, individually made.
- Chef's Spaghetti Plate: A traditional favorite of pasta lovers. Our rich homemade meat-sauce covers a bowl of piping hot homemade spaghetti, sautéed fresh mushrooms, green peppers, and a link of our homemade sausage

## Pasta Additions & Sauces

**Additions**  
Two Homemade Meatballs-Marinara Sauce (prepared to order)-Homemade Meat-sauce- One Thick Chop-Two Thick Pork Chops-Melted Mozzarella Cheese-Two Homemade Sausage Links-Fresh Sautéed Mushrooms-Fresh Sautéed Green Peppers-Homemade Veal and Peppers-Breaded Veal Cutlet-Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana-Chicken in Marinara Sauce-Homemade Sausage Patty

**Sauces**  
Pesto Sauce-Anchovies, Oil, and Garlic-Red or White Clam Sauce-Red or White Shrimp Sauce- Red or White Shrimp Sauce-Red or White Calamari Sauce-Vodka Sauce

## Beef & Pork

The entrees include:  
Soup of the Day or Fresh Tossed Salad, and a choice of one of the following: Vegetable, Pasta of the Day, Baked, French Fried or Franconi Potatoes, Rice.  
Upon request, these items will be prepared and served within the Creative Cuisine guidelines of the American Heart Association.

- Chateaubriand for Two: The heart of choice beef tenderloin, served on a sizzling platter.
- Filet Mignon: Of tenderest beef loin.
- Petite Filet Mignon: Served on toast.
- New York Strip Sirloin Steak.
- Delmonico Rib-eye Steak:
- Petite Cut-Thick Cut-King Cut
- Broiled Pork Chop: Thick, Juicy, and very Tender, with Applesauce on the side.
- Single Pork Chop-Double Pork Chop
- Tenderloin Tips ala Cortese: A family recipe of tenderloin chunks sautéed with celery, mushrooms, peppers, onions, and delicate seasonings, then finished with a touch of cream sherry.
- Prime Rib of Beef: Au Jus, boneless, and roasted to perfection.
- Junior Cut-Thick Cut-Brute Cut
- All can be ordered with the following: Burgundy Garlic Sauce-Pizzaola-Topped with Fresh Mushrooms or Bacon- For an unforgettable meal, may we suggest ordering your Steak, Prime Rib, or Pork Chops "Milanese Style"

## Surf and Turf

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Choose any two dishes listed below, and enjoy your favorite seafood with one of our fine meat or poultry entrees. If you wish, you may select two turfs or two turfs.

- Cortese's Famous Surf and Turf: Petite Filet Mignon and a Lobster Tail.
- Surf Selections:
- Sea Scallops: Fresh Broiled or Breaded.
- Fresh Broiled Haddock Filet
- Broiled Salmon: Fresh, with lemon and butter.
- Filet Mignon-Fresh Shrimp
- Shrimp Scampi: On a bed of linguine optional.
- Single Lobster Tail
- Turf Selections:
- Prime Rib: Of beef, junior cut
- Delmonico Rib Steak: Petite cut.
- Filet Mignon-Petite Filet Mignon
- Veal Cutlet Piccata: Covered with fresh sautéed mushrooms.

## Veal & Chicken

The entrees include:  
Soup of the Day or Fresh Tossed Salad, and a choice of one of the following: Vegetable, Pasta of the Day, Baked, French Fried or Franconi Potatoes, Rice.  
Upon request, these items will be prepared and served within the Creative Cuisine guidelines of the American Heart Association.

- Veal Angelina: Honoring our Grandma Angie, we offer a succulent veal cutlet pounded thin, dipped in a light egg batter, and pan fried until fluffy and golden brown. Served with garlic butter for dipping.
- Veal Piccata: a tender veal cutlet, pounded thin and sautéed in butter, garlic and seasonings, and topped with fresh mushrooms.
- Veal Marsala: a tender veal cutlet pounded thin, floured and sautéed to order with fresh mushrooms in marsala wine.

- Chicken Marsala: Two chicken breasts pounded thin, floured and sautéed to order with fresh mushrooms in marsala wine.
- Veal Cutlet Parmigiana: a solid veal slice, breaded and topped with our tomato sauce and fresh mozzarella cheese.
- Veal Soltimbocca: a tender veal cutlet sautéed in butter with fresh garlic, prosciutto, and seasonings topped with melted Swiss and mozzarella cheeses and finished with cream sherry.
- Chicken Soltimbocca: Two tender chicken breasts sautéed in butter with fresh garlic, prosciutto, and seasonings topped with melted Swiss and mozzarella cheeses and finished with cream sherry.
- Veal and Peppers: Chunks of Veal sautéed in red sauce with Green Peppers, Onions, Rhine Wine, and Seasonings.
- Eggplant Parmigiana: Slices of fresh eggplant dipped in flour and egg, sautéed and layered with tomato sauce and topped with mozzarella.
- Charbroiled Chicken Breast
- Chicken Breast Rosemary: Pan fried and delicately seasoned with rosemary.
- Broiled Half Chicken: Basted in Rhine Wine or seared with barbecue sauce.
- Boneless Chicken Cordon Bleu: Stuffed with Ham and Swiss Cheese.
- Chicken Scallopi: Chunks of Chicken Breast floured and sautéed to order with fresh mushrooms in Marsala Wine.
- Chicken Cacciatore: Your choice of broiled or boneless chicken, sautéed with mushrooms, green peppers, and onions in a light red sauce.
- Chicken Piccata: Two fresh boneless chicken breasts, sautéed lightly in butter, garlic and seasonings, and topped with fresh mushrooms.
- Chicken Angelina: Two fresh boneless chicken breasts floured, dipped in egg, pan fried, and served with garlic butter.
- Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana: Two tender, boneless cutlets with our homemade sauce and browned mozzarella cheese.
- Chicken Palermo: Sliced floured breast of chicken sautéed in Alfredo style sauce with spinach, diced tomato, and seasonings served over fettuccine.

## Seafood

The entrees include:  
Soup of the Day or Fresh Tossed Salad, and a choice of one of the following: Vegetable, Pasta of the Day, Baked, French Fried or Franconi Potatoes, Rice.  
Upon request, these items will be prepared and served within the Creative Cuisine guidelines of the American Heart Association.

- Fresh Scallops Marinara: Plump, succulent sea scallops, sautéed in our rich red marinara sauce.
- Fresh Sea Scallops: Broiled with a hint of lemon, or glazed with Cream Sherry.
- Breaded Sea Scallops: With homemade tartar sauce.
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- Fresh Haddock Filet: Broiled or Breaded.
- Haddock Parmigiana: A fresh haddock filet breaded to order, then topped with tomato sauce and melted mozzarella.
- Fresh Salmon: With lemon wedge, broiled.
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- Fried Calamari
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- Shrimp Scampi: Sautéed to order in a light, delicate sauce. (Served over Linguine optional).
- Golden Breaded Shrimp: Served with homemade cocktail sauce.
- Single Lobster Tail
- Two Lobster Tails
- Seafood Platter: Of one lobster tail, clams oreganato, broiled shrimp, and broiled scallops.
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# Seen around the community...



Community members volunteered to serve dinner at the JCC Hanukkah party.



The Temple Concord Hebrew School students and teachers baked honey cakes in preparation for Rosh Hashanah.



The Camp JCC teen campers visited Philadelphia on July 17, 2019, on one of their multi-day trips.



Temple Concord religious school students participated in an animal friendly service in honor of the weekly Torah portion about Noah and the ark.

# Health Care

## Health Care Directory

Name	Phone	Page	Name	Phone	Page
Asthma & Allergy Associates, PC	766-0235, 800-88-ASTHMA	28A	Lee Medical	644-6514	29A
Home Instead Senior Care	723-3600	30A	Newmark, Dr. Joseph M.	797-9036	30A
Kreher's Farm Fresh Eggs	716-759-6802	28A	Susquehanna Nursing & Rehabilitation Center	729-9206	29A
			Triple Cities Family Dental, PC	723-8377	28A
			UHS	nyuhs.org	28A
			UHS - Virtual Appointments		30A
			Warner, Dr. Howard	775-3334	29A

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# Life Cycles

From the Jewish News of Greater Phoenix, with additions by Marc S. Goldberg.

## Birth

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

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

## Brit Milah

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Simchat Bat

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

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

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

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

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

## Bar/Bat Mitzvah

From *simchat bat*, before you know it, it is time to plan for the bat mitzvah (for a girl) or bar mitzvah (for a boy).



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

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

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

At Beth David Synagogue, the traditional bar mitzvah ceremony can be held on Shabbat or another day that the Torah is read. The bat mitzvah is expected to give an in-depth talk to the congregation demonstrating serious learning of some aspect of Judaism. The bat mitzvah may also lead some religious ceremonies such as *Havdalah*. Each ceremony is individually planned with the participation of the parents and rabbi.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Confirmation

For Reform and some Conservative Jews, the confirmation year, 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade, represents a special time of celebration and commitment. Typically, the year includes study and meetings with the rabbi, culminating in a special

service, often held during Shavuot since that holiday commemorates the receiving of the Torah by the Jewish people.

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

## Mikvah

*Mikvah* is a ritual bath of water used for spiritual purification. For many Jews, married life involves laws of *taharat hamishpachah* (family purity), after menstruation. The *mikvah* is also used today by some brides and grooms before their wedding, for purification before the High Holy Days and to renew or establish a deep commitment to Judaism. Converts to Judaism traditionally go to the mikvah as part of the birth of a new Jewish soul. New cooking utensils and dishes are taken to the mikvah before they are used in a Jewish home.

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

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

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

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

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

## Conversion

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

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

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

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

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

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## Life.....

Rabbi Rachel Safman of Temple Beth-El of Ithaca requests that individuals speak with her personally. Congregation Tikkun v'Or offers a conversion program for adults when requested.

## Illness

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

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

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

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

Rabbi Rachel Safman of Temple Beth-El of Ithaca visits the sick on a regular basis.

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

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

## Death

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

washed, wrapped in a plain white shroud and placed in a plain pine coffin before burial. During *shivah*, the departed is remembered with tears and reverence.

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

The synagogues in the area have arrangements with cemeteries.

Three, Beth David Synagogue, Temple Beth-El of Ithaca and Temple Israel, have burial societies, *chevra kadisha*, which prepare the body for burial according to Jewish law. The *chevra kadisha* of Beth David may be reached by calling Arieh Ullmann at 743-7209 or the rabbi. The *chevra kadisha* of Temple Israel may be reached by calling David Tanenhaus at 772-9177. Arrangements with the *chevra kadishas* of Beth David and Temple Israel can also be made through funeral homes that specialize in Jewish funerals. Temple Beth-El of Ithaca has a *chevra kadisha* committee that will assist all members of the Jewish community or other interested parties regardless of membership or affiliation. Contact the temple office at 273-5775.

Rabbi George Hirschfeld of Temple Beth El of Oneonta conducts Jewish funerals for the community.

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

West Lawn Cemetery Association, incorporated in 1906, owns and operates the West Lawn Cemetery, a not-for-profit Jewish cemetery on Burbank Avenue in Johnson City. It is not affiliated with any area congregation. Plots are available to any member of the local Jewish community. All interments have to be with the assistance of an area congregational rabbi and the deceased must be Jewish. For more information, call Ron Sall at 722-7780.

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca owns two sections in the City of Ithaca Cemetery. All gravesites in both of these sections have been sold. The temple also owns two sections in the Lake View Cemetery. One of the sections is also completely sold out, but the other section still has approximately 100

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gravesites available. All gravesites are restricted to use by temple members.

Temple Beth El of Oneonta owns and operates a Jewish cemetery. Call Steven Feuer, chairman of the cemetery committee, at 432-0108 for information.

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

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

A number of synagogues have committees which try to help their member families, in mourning, with food and other services. The Temple Israel Mitzvah Committee prepares a meal of consolation after the funeral and can be contacted through Marcia Hofstein at 785-6863. Temple Concord has a Caring Community Committee that attends to the needs of the family and prepares the meal of consolation. Beth David Sisterhood has a committee to prepare the meal for the family after the funeral.

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

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Spirit; MEOR Israel, a two-three week co-educational program based in Jerusalem that combines Torah study, touring throughout Israel, religious experiences and free-time; and MEOR Vision, a two-three week program based in Jerusalem, with separate men's and women's tracks, that incorporates more advanced Torah study, leadership development and limited touring.

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MEOR Upstate also offers students the opportunity to study and grow at Jewish institutions both in America and Israel. All of the institutions cater to students regardless of their Jewish educational background, with four-six week programs during the winter and summer recesses, as well as semester and year-long programs for recent graduates or students looking to spend a semester or year studying abroad. MEOR runs two such institutions for young men in Jerusalem: Machon Shlomo and Machon Yaakov. MEOR has also partnered with three Jerusalem seminaries in order to provide comparable opportunities for young women: Neve Yerushalayim, Midrashet Rachel and Shearim. Other institutions include Aish HaTorah, Darchei Noam and Ohr Somayach (both in Israel and America).

Additionally, MEOR Upstate offers internships in an array of fields, both in America and Israel, in partnership with the following programs:

◆ The J-Internship in Jerusalem, Israel, with internships in almost every field of interest and a customized program that incorporates Torah study at top institutions, as well as opportunities to tour Israel's sites, exploring Jewish heritage and enjoying contemporary Israeli society. The program can last anywhere from a few weeks to a few months, depending on a student's schedule. You may be eligible for grants. To be considered for the program you must be recommended by MEOR Upstate, so please be in touch if you're interested.

◆ The Lakewood Fellowship offers young men a choice of two internship tracks each summer in finance and medicine. The programs are offered in combination with the Lakewood Fellowship, a one-week Torah study opportunity at America's largest institute of Jewish learning in Lakewood, NJ.

◆ PERI (Peer Educator Research Internship) allows students to enjoy an all-expense-paid internship in Jerusalem, Israel, during the winter and summer recess. The aim of the internship is to enrich the students' campus Jewish community by enabling them to share Torah wisdom with their peers. Interns are eligible for stipends.

◆ Sinai on the Hill places students interested in politics or social activism in a congressional internship in Washington, DC. The unpaid internship is combined with a session at Sinai Retreats in the Adirondacks.

MEOR Upstate is a branch of the MEOR Heritage Foundation, which aims to bring the highest quality of Jewish programming to Jewish students at America's colleges and universities. For more information about the national MEOR Heritage Foundation, visit meor.org. For more information on MEOR Upstate, visit www.meorupstate.org or e-mail meorupstate@gmail.com.

# Directory of Organizations

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(Phone is the Temple Beth-El office)

## Center for Israel Studies, Binghamton University – 777-3030

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Website: www.binghamton.edu/israel-studies/  
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## Chabad of Oneonta – 845-204-7436

Contacts: Rabbi Meir and Fraidy Rubashkin  
Website: www.chabadoneonta.com

## Congregation Tikkun v'Or – 256-1471

Presidents: Denice Cassaro and Nomi Talmi  
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## Hadassah – 797-0181

Contact: Paula Rubin

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Website: www.hillelacademybroomecounty.org  
Facebook and YouTube: Hillel Academy Binghamton

## Hillel at Binghamton – 777-3424

Executive Director: Brian Freedman  
Student President: Anna Dlott  
E-mail: hillel@binghamton.edu  
Website: www.hillelatbinghamton.org

## Hillel at Ithaca College: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life – 274-3323

Executive Director: Lauren Goldberg  
Jewish chaplain: Cantor Abbe Lyons  
E-mail: hillel@ithaca.edu  
Website: ithaca.edu/hillel  
Facebook: fb.com/ichillel

## Hillel at SUNY Oneonta – 436-2440

E-mail: oneontahillel@gmail.com  
Website: connect.oneonta.edu/organization/hillel

## Ithaca Area United Jewish Community – 257-5181

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Aquatics Coordinator: Nate Dingman  
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Office Manager: Laura Hotaling  
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## Seen around the community...



Susan Wright, Kerry Wright and Judy Silber schmoozed after Beth David Sisterhood's December 11 meeting.



Hillel Academy students, teachers and parents enjoyed a Tu B'Shevat seder at Schaefer's Gardens on February 10 while delivering a message about the protection and preservation of the Amazon rain forest. (Photo by Alex Kaminsky)

