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Campaign 2023 Kick-off Brunch to be held on Sept. 18

By Reporter staff

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton will hold its Campaign 2023 Kick-off Brunch on Sunday, September 18, at 10:30 am, at the Jewish Community Center. There is no charge for the brunch due to a generous donation from the David and Virginia Eisenberg Fund. The theme for the 2023 Campaign is "We Create Community." Rivkah Slonim, associate director at the Rohr Chabad Center for Jewish Student Life at Binghamton University, will speak on "The Importance of Community and the Federation" during the brunch. Those attending will also have the opportunity to make their pledge to Campaign 2023. Registration for the event is requested and can be made on the Federation website, www.jfgeb.org, or by calling Shelley Hubal, executive director of the Federation, at 724-2332, so that enough food can be prepared.



Hubal encouraged people to pledge early and/or volunteer to help make calls. "We have fewer volunteers to make solicitation calls, so it would be helpful if people made their pledge early by either using the form on page 9 and mailing it to the Federation, or visiting the Federation website to make their pledge," Hubal noted. "People can also make their pledge at the brunch. Anyone interested in volunteering to make calls should contact me at the Federation office."

Marilyn Bell, the Campaign chairwoman, is pleased that the Federation will be holding a brunch this year. "I feel it's very important for us to gather and be together again as a community," Bell said. "I look forward to welcoming friends and newcomers.

Federation: "Pledge early!"

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton is once again requesting that people make their pledges early. "We are hoping to get community members to pledge early again this year," said Shelley Hubal, executive director of the Federation. "That helps cut back on the manpower we need to get through the Campaign. Also, when the community pledges early, the allocation process is much easier."

Hubal noted that "we have fewer volunteers to make solicitation calls, so it would be helpful if people made their pledge early by either using the form on page 9 and mailing it to the Federation, or visiting the Federation website, www.jfgeb.org, to make their pledge. People can also make their pledge at the brunch. Anyone interested in volunteering to make calls should contact me at the Federation office."

"We have a wonderful Jewish community," Hubal added. "Help us to keep it strong!"

Come and see what makes our community a great place to live."

Slonim, who will discuss the importance of community, is an internationally known teacher, lecturer and activist. Her lectures address the intersection of traditional Jewish observance and contemporary life. She is

the editor of "Total Immersion: A Mikvah Anthology" (Jason Aronson 1996, Urim 2006) and, with Liz Rosenberg, the editor of "Bread and Fire; Jewish Women find God in the Everyday" (Urim 2008). She also serves on the Editorial Board of the Rohr See "Brunch" on page 5

JFS seeks donations for We Remember You project

Jewish Family Service is again seeking donations for the We Remember You Project. The project, which is now in its 15th year, supports Jewish families locally who struggle to make ends meet.

"Once again, we are asking for donations, rather than items for food baskets," said Rose Shea, director of JFS. "Recipients have mentioned how much they enjoy picking

out their own food and, with the pandemic continuing, we want to make sure that everyone is kept safe."

Tax deductible donations should be sent to JFS by Wednesday, September 14, with "We Remember You" written on the memo line. Checks should be mailed to Jewish Family Service, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850.

"The We Remember You Project is a wonderful way to give *tzedakah* during this time of self-reflection and gratitude,"

noted Shea. "The Binghamton community has been especially generous during the pandemic and JFS clients so appreciate it. This program is another way to show our neighbors they are not forgotten and the community really cares."

Shea added, "The We Remember You Project has been a success all these years and I know the recipients appreciate all that is done for them. Let's make this another successful year. Projects like this are what Jewish Family Service and the Jewish Federation are all about."

Contact Shea at familyservice@jfgeb.org for further information.

Holocaust memorial service to be held on Oct. 2

By Reporter staff

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton will hold a memorial service at the Holocaust Memorial Monument in the Temple Israel Cemetery on Conklin Avenue in Conklin on Sunday, October 2, at 10:30 am. The service will be led by area rabbis. The monument was one of the first memorial stones in the United States to acknowledge the Holocaust.

"We were pleased to be able to hold the ceremony in person last year and are grateful

we can hold this important event again this year," said Shelley Hubal, executive director of the Federation. "We not only remember those who lost their lives in the Holocaust, but honor those who developed, created and sustained this important community memorial."

The monument was the project of the Get Together Club, which was a social and philanthropic group formed in 1948 by 13 German-speaking Jewish women. The women were the wives of cattle dealers who had resettled in the Southern Tier after fleeing Nazism. The decision to raise a memorial stone occurred after a member's husband wished he had a place to say *Kaddish* for his parents, who, since they had died in the Holocaust, had no grave he could visit. The club raised the necessary funds for the stone. The names of more than 250 individuals who died in the Holocaust and had no grave were placed in a copper box, which was buried at the foot of the monument. The inscription on the stone says, "Victims of



Around 30 people attended the event in 2021. Shown is part of the crowd.

Racial Persecution who lost Their Lives in Europe During the Years 1933-1945. They Will Never Be Forgotten."

The first ceremony took place on Sunday, November 9, 1952, and continued for 20 years. Then, after Professor Rhonda Levine spoke about the Get Together Club at the

Federation's Super Sunday in 2015, it was decided to resume the ceremony, holding it between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur each year.

"Join us for what is always a moving event," said Hubal. "It's important that we never forget the lives lost in the Holocaust."



The Holocaust Memorial Monument in the Temple Israel Cemetery on Conklin Avenue in Conklin.

Hillel Academy fund-raiser: rugalach for Rosh Hashanah

Hillel Academy of Broome County is holding a fund-raiser, selling "Victor's (Famous) Rugalach" for Rosh Hashanah. A one-pound bag is \$20. The chocolate rugalach will be prepared in the Temple Israel kitchen. The rugalach

are nut free, but the kitchen is not a nut-free facility.

"Looking for a sweet treat of Rosh Hashanah?" said organizers. "This is perfect whether you're buying it for your own home or for a friend. What

a great way to begin a sweet New Year and support Hillel Academy."

All orders must be received by Friday, September 16. Orders can be made by calling Hillel Academy at 304-4544 or e-mailing frontoffice@hillelacademyofbc.org.

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Play Ball! Jews in the outfield (and the infield, too)

Jews, Dodgers and Brooklyn: Before the diaspora

BILL SIMONS

It was 1956. Growing up in Brooklyn, 9-year-old Nathaniel Silver rooted for the hometown Dodgers. And his hero was Gil Hodges, their slugging first baseman. When a bank announced that Hodges would sign autographs, Grandpa Jules, an immigrant, fatuously claimed to have played against Hodges in Russia and volunteered to take Nathaniel to the promotion. Arriving as the bank closed, Nathaniel was crestfallen. But Hodges, with a friendly wave, beckoned Nathaniel for an autograph and pretended that he remembered playing baseball against Jules' Russian Bears. The grandfather asked the Catholic Hodges if he knew Yiddish, adding, "Well, you should know what a mensch is. Because that's you."

The preceding was a scene in the 1991 debut episode of the TV series "Brooklyn Bridge." Although the vignette was fictive, Gil Hodges was a mensch and the dramatization spoke truth. A special relationship connected the Dodgers and Brooklyn Jews. Arguably, no baseball team ever forged a closer relationship with Jewish fans than did the Dodgers during their Brooklyn years. In other New

York City boroughs, the Yankees and Giants had their Jewish adherents, as did Major League Baseball teams in other cities, but in Brooklyn the Dodgers drilled deep into the social fabric.

Demographics played a role. Approximately 920,000 Jews resided in 1950 Brooklyn, a figure then greater than that of New York City's other boroughs and, for that matter, any other city in the U.S. or the world, including Jerusalem. Brooklyn neighborhoods, typically defined by ethnicity, constituted urban villages. Jewish neighborhoods, amongst them Bensonhurst, Brighton Beach, Brownsville, Crown Heights, Flatbush, Midwood and Sheepshead's Bay, connected large extended families, often bolstered by cousins' clubs.

From the opening of Ebbets Field in 1913 to the departure of the Dodgers in 1957, baseball animated Brooklyn. A venue of Americanization, the ballfield spoke the national vernacular. In Chaim Potok's iconic novel, "The Chosen," the sacred friendship between the son of a Chasidic rebbe and the son of a Zionist begins in antagonism on an asphalt

diamond in Brooklyn. "The Boys of Summer" – memoir, history, paean – chronicles the centrality of the Dodgers to Roger Kahn's own coming of age.

My labor union compatriot Jo Schaffer related family folklore. Sometime in the mid-1930s, her mother, Rhea Sharefkin, hopped the Flatbush Avenue trolley to Ebbets Field, with infant Jo in a stroller, for Ladies Day. During pre-game batting practice, a line drive screamed into the stands, smashing Rhea's jaw. When she came to, Rhea demanded season tickets.

Baseball and its variants pervaded Brooklyn. The parks hosted sandlot and schoolboy games. On the streets, stickball was ubiquitous. Throwing the spaldeen, a pink rubber ball, against outdoor steps, enthusiasts played stoopball. Baseball cards were collected, and their inside "dope" memorized, but they were also "flipped" competitively.

The Dodgers provided Brooklyn's soundtrack. In her Brooklyn youth, retired SUNY historian Judy Wishnia remembers that you could walk by open windows, go into **See "Dodgers" on page 5**

Opinion

From the Desk of the Federation President

Federation preparing for the fall

SUZANNE HOLWITT

As summer draws to a close and we prepare for the Holy Days, we want to assure you that the Federation is doing well and is busily preparing for several upcoming programs. Shelley Hubal, our executive director, is doing a wonderful job. The office continues to be in the capable hands of our office manager, Jennifer Kakusian. Rose Shea, our JFS director, is doing a fantastic job working with or-

ganizations and the members of our community who ask for assistance. Thank you to all of you who support the We Remember You campaign so that Rose can continue to support our neighbors in need and enable them to better celebrate these special days.

On September 18, we will have a Super Sunday brunch to kick off our 2023 Campaign. It will be so

nice to be able to get together in person again: come socialize, make your pledge or make your pledge prior to the 18th. On October 2, the community will gather at the Temple Israel cemetery for the Holocaust memorial service.

On behalf of the Federation board, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all a *l'shanah tovah tikatevu*.

In My Own Words

My continuing journey with a CI

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

If I ever doubted I had a computer attached to my skull, the letter I received in June 2021 made it clear. Cochlear, the company that makes my cochlear implant, sent a letter to everyone who used a particular version of one of its CIs that it was no longer going to be supported after September 2022. (That date was later changed to March 2023 due to the pandemic.) That means Cochlear would no longer repair broken processors, nor would it sell accessories compatible with the CI. In plain terms, if a part broke or needed to be replaced, you were going to be out of luck.

I'd already gone through the nightmare of trying to replace a broken part after my ear surgeon's office closed in 2021, because you need a doctor and an audiologist to request certain materials. I did find an audiologist to handle that problem and, after a discussion last year, we decided I could wait until this summer to start the process of getting the new CI. By the way, to answer a question many people have asked: I did not have to have more surgery.

Corrections

The article "A conversation with Professor C. Beth Burch, chairwoman of BU's Judaic Studies Department" on page 1 of the August 26 issue of *The Reporter* incorrectly called her a professor of English literature. She is now a professor of Judaic studies. *The Reporter* apologizes for the error.

In the article "Kalaniot Books to release two new children's books" on page 2 of the August 26 issue of *The Reporter*, it said the books would be published in the fall of 2023. The correct publication date is the fall of 2022. *The Reporter* apologizes for the error.

The processor sits on the outside of my head. The magnet and coil, which are under my skin, are compatible with the new one. (I think if people had to have surgery again, there would have been an outcry about the company not supporting older versions.)

I made an appointment to see the new audiologist this spring to start the process. That's when I discovered that the path to receiving a new CI was not what I expected. The biggest difference is that I had to order the processor myself and have it delivered to my house, rather than having the audiologist order it. (It's so expensive that, for the first time in years, I had to sign for a package.) The audiologist walked me through the two types of processors Cochlear would offer me: one would resemble the one I had, which has a part that hooks behind my ear. The other would be radically different: it was a circular device that would only connect to my head by the magnet, rather than by a magnet and an earpiece. He gave me the information on how to make the Zoom appointment with someone from Cochlear so she could walk me through the insurance part of the process.

It turns out there were some differences between what the audiologist and Cochlear said, although not enough to be a problem. The new processor came with far fewer accessories, although there were a few fun things: the remote control is now on my phone, rather than a separate device. (She wasn't sure my phone would be compatible, but it turns out it is. I rarely use the remote, but it's handy to have it on something I usually carry with me when I leave the house.) The big surprise is that I filled out the pages and pages of forms for the insurance correctly the first time. (I was really expecting an e-mail telling me all the parts I missed.)

I chose the CI with the earpiece, not just because I wor-

ried that the CI would frequently go flying off my head. (You can get a cord to attach it to your clothing so it won't disappear.) I didn't like the fact that the batteries and the processor were one piece. If one of my batteries dies, I have others I can immediately use. The other version of the CI has the processor and battery as one, meaning that when you charge it, you can't use the CI. The batteries also start to run down over time and while I can (and have) bought new ones for my CI, I would have to replace the whole device if I used the other processor.

One fun decision was picking the color of the processor: white, because I want it to stand out. If your first impulse is to ask the question one friend did – why didn't you get a pink or purple one – that's because they don't make them in pink or purple (sigh). The new CI is thinner and lighter, which is nice, especially since I wear glasses and still have to wear a mask on a regular basis. I was warned that the sound might be different since the electrodes are grouped differently. Fortunately, I haven't noticed any difference except that the sound coming through my hearing aid sounds louder. I have no idea why that's happening, but I don't mind since I can turn that down if I need to.

It's a relief to have the whole process over – well, over except for paying my deductible, which is more than \$1,700 (although it would have been worse if I hadn't switched insurances before ordering the CI). I'm scheduled to see the audiologist again in March unless I have a problem. (He did note that his out-of-town clients frequently cancel if the weather is bad: Route 81 to Syracuse is no fun during a snowstorm.) The only real worry I have is that Cochlear will decide this new version is obsolete in few years. While I appreciate upgrades in technology, I prefer not to buy new electronic equipment unless there is a real need!



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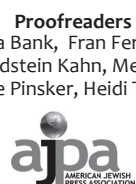
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The Reporter is celebrating 50 years – and counting

By The Reporter Editorial Committee

The Reporter Editorial Committee invites readers to join its anniversary celebration: “We are celebrating the completion of the 50th year of publishing *The Reporter*, the Jewish newspaper of our community. To recognize this milestone, we are publishing a special section in the November 18 issue of the paper. In this publication, a retrospective will appear, including clips from the early years, and we hope greetings from members of the community – both personal and business – both Jewish and non-Jewish – who have supported us over the years. Personal and business ads can be purchased, and different prices and sizes are available.

You are welcome to choose from pre-existing copy and graphics, or make up your own – our graphics department is ready and willing to help you be a part of this special issue.”
 “It is so unusual these days for a small Jewish community to have its very own award-winning newspaper,” said Shelley Hubal, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton. “We are so lucky to have *The Reporter*. It is just one of the things that makes Binghamton a special place. The paper keeps us all connected and creates an archive of the history of Jewish life in the Southern Tier.”
 “Although I didn’t grow up here, *The Reporter* has been part of my life for the past 15 years – first as executive editor

and now as chairwoman of the Editorial Committee,” said Rebecca Goldstein Kahn. “Most importantly, I value *The Reporter* as a member of the Jewish community. Please help ensure this gem is around for another 50 years!”
 Hubal added, “I hear from former community members all the time who remember Binghamton so fondly. Whether you used to live here or are a current resident, we hope you will take this opportunity to congratulate *The Reporter* on 50 years well done!”
 For more information, see the ad on page 4 or contact Kathy Brown at 724-2360, ext. 244, or advertising@thereporter.org.

Piaker Memorial lecture to feature Rabbi Dr. Edward Reichman on Sept. 29

Reservations are now being accepted for the annual Pauline and Philip Piaker Memorial Lecture, which will be held on Thursday, September 29, at 7 pm. Rabbi Dr. Edward Reichman will be the guest speaker; he will present on “It’s a brave, new world; From Messenger RNA Vaccines to Mitochondrial DNA Genes; The Jewish Approach to the Latest Medical Advances.” A book signing and dessert buffet will follow the presentation. There is no charge, but reservations must be made at www.Jewishbu.com/Piaker or by calling 797-0015.



Rabbi Dr. Edward Reichman (Photo supplied by Dr. Edward Reichman)


Reichman is a professor of emergency medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and holds the Rabbi Isaac and Bella Tendler Chair in Jewish Medical Ethics at Yeshiva University. He received his rabbinic ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. In addition to his full-time clinical practice in Emergency Medicine at Montefiore Medical Center, Reichman lectures internationally on Jewish medical ethics and Jewish medical history. He has edited numerous books, penned many book chapters and journal articles and recently written “The Anatomy of Jewish Law:

A Fresh Dissection of the Relationship of Medicine, Medical History and Rabbinic Literature” (published by Koren Publishers/OU Press/YU Press, 2022) and “Pondering Pre-Modern(a) Pandemics in Jewish History: Essays Inspired by and Written during the Covid-19 Pandemic by an Emergency Medicine Physician” (Shikey Press, 2022).

Reichman is the recipient of a Kornfeld Foundation Study Fellowship, was elected to the Davidoff Society for excellence in medical teaching at Einstein and was awarded the Outstanding Mentor Award at Yeshiva University. He has served on the advisory boards of the New York Organ Donor Network, Center for Genetics and Public Policy, the Program for Jewish Genetic Health at Einstein, and the Rabbinical Council of America.

“We are happy, as always, to invite the community to enjoy a world class presentation as our guest in honor of our parents, Pauline and Philip Piaker. This year is especially exciting, coming as it does after a few years during which we could not host this lecture due to COVID-related concerns. We hope that is behind us and we can return to

gathering, learning and celebrating together as a community,” said Alan Piaker.



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Federation matching grant for security funding

By Reporter staff

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton announced it is eligible to receive matching funds from the Jewish Federations of North America’s LiveSecure, a \$54 million security campaign and initiative to ensure the security and resiliency of Jewish communities. The funds received will be based on new and increased pledges to the annual Campaign and will be used solely for security. “This will be a new program for Federation and another way we can make an impact on the community as a whole,” said Shelley Hubal, executive director of the Federation. To make a pledge, use the **LIVESECURE** |  Jewish Federation OF GREATER BINGHAMTON form on page 9 and mail it to the Federation, or visit the Federation website, www.jfgeb.org.

With LiveSecure grant funding, local Federations will be able to provide the training, tools and resources needed to protect those inside local Jewish Community Centers, synagogues, schools, senior centers, summer camps and other centers of Jewish life. Nationally, JFNA will collaborate with the Secure Community Network – which is the official liaison with the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigation – to keep Jewish communities safe.

JFNA officials noted, “In this era of rising antisemitism, the goal of LiveSecure is to enable Jewish communities nationwide to advance the safety and security of their community members and institutions. We are there to help communities secure the critical funds and resources necessary.” Reported hate crimes are up overall, but the Jewish community faces the highest increase in religiously motivated hate crimes. The numbers have continued to increase since those recorded in a 2019 study:

- ◆ Sixty percent of religiously motivated crimes were directed at the Jewish community.
- ◆ There was a 14 percent increase in religiously motivated crimes against Jews from the year before.
- ◆ There was a 56 percent increase in assaults against Jews in the last two years.

“This is an important initiative,” Hubal added. “The attacks that have taken place against Jewish communities and other minority groups across the United States have left many of us fearful. One way to combat this is for all our organizations to be able to implement the latest

security measures. By increasing your pledge or making a pledge for the first time, you can play an important role in keeping us safe.”

The Jewish Community wishes to express its sympathy to the family of
Kathryn A. Manasse

The Jewish Community wishes to express its sympathy to Madeline Miller on the death of her husband,
Gary Miller

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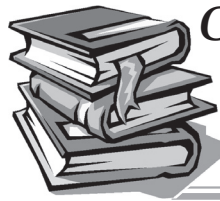
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Reviewing the past

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

Can we truly understand the past – not only the stories of our relatives, but our own actions – if we don’t know everything that occurred? Can learning a different side to events from years before change the way we view the world? These ideas are explored in two recent novels: “One Italian Summer” by Rebecca Serle (Atria Books) and “Cult Classics” by Sloane Crosley (Farrar, Straus and Giroux). Each offers a different way for their main character to contemplate their lives based on what they learn.

Serle’s work has a dramatic opening: the novel begins with its narrator, 30-year-old Katy Silver, sitting *shiva* for her mother, Carol. Katy’s grief is palpable: she notes her mother was her best friend, the one without whom she rarely made a decision. Katy cannot conceive of a world without Carol, because, as she notes, “My mother, you see, is the great love of my life. She is the great love of my life and I lost her.” This does not bode well for her relationship with her husband, Eric, since Katy is now unsure she wants to remain married: “My decision to leave Eric had less to do with my mother’s death and more to do with the remembrance of death itself. Which is to say I began to ask myself if this was the marriage I wanted to die in, if this was the marriage I wanted to see me through this, my mother’s illness, and what would, impossibly, remain after.”

Katy and Carol were scheduled to take a long discussed trip to Italy so Carol could show her daughter the city of Positano and the joys she discovered there when she was Katy’s age. Katy decides to travel to Italy on her own to think about her life and to experience the place her mother spoke about so lovingly. What happens once Katy arrives is unexpected: Katy meets her mother, at least a 30-year-old version of Carol. Even though Katy knows this is impos-

sible, she embraces the unimaginable because seeing her mother fills her with joy. Except, of course, there is much Katy doesn’t know, things that make her re-evaluate how she understands the past.

The extremely close relationship between Katy and Carol may disturb some readers. It certainly does Eric: He notes that Katy always consults her mother before making a decision, rather than contemplating what she herself really wants. In fact, Katy mentions that “Eric would sometimes accuse me of heeding [Carol’s] advice to our own – Eric’s and mine – detriment.” In fact, part of Katy’s panic at losing her mother is that she lacks many of the skills her mother had and now feels lost. She finally admits that her mother never taught her how to manage on her own: “I don’t know how to cook; I don’t decorate. I don’t know the right place to order flowers from in the Valley, because I just called her. And now she is gone and I can’t help but think, in this moment, she left me unprepared.”

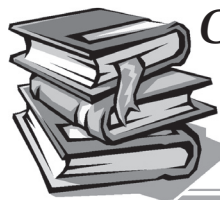
Ultimately, “One Italian Summer” is a sweet and sentimental novel, something meant as a compliment. There are a few additional plot twists that may surprise readers and which added to the fun. There are also the joys of reading about Italy and Italian food, both of which almost seem like characters in their own right.

While Katy needed to analyze her relationship with her mother, 38-year-old Lola, the narrator of “Cult Classic” has a different dilemma. This sarcastic, obnoxious character suddenly finds herself encountering many of her old boyfriends – there are many of them – and trying to understand why she still feels a connection to them. Although she’s engaged to someone she’s nicknamed Boots, she finds herself re-evaluating her decision to marry. That’s partly

because most of her relationships have not been pleasant ones. Lola realizes that this is partly because she and her boyfriends have never managed to see each other as functioning individuals: “So many of my past relationships devolved into fights on public transport or long chains of undignified texts and I’d think: If only I could see you, flipping through your mail. Or either of us, reciting our social security numbers to prove we are ourselves. Where did these seductively functional people go when sex got in the way?”

Lola’s longest relationships are with her former co-workers – Vadis and Zach – at the now defunct magazine Modern Psychology, which was run by Clive Glenn. Clive has a special hold over Lola: they came close to having an affair and this editor turned guru can still manipulate her into becoming involved in activities she might otherwise resist. To complicate matters, Clive and Vadis have something to do with the fact that Lola keeps bumping into men from her past, but the details are confusing both to the reader and Lola, although this does create what suspense the novel contains. To say more would reveal too much of the plot, but the ideas behind Clive’s business will leave some readers shaking their heads.

What makes “Cult Classics” enjoyable to read, though, is the fact that Lola has a way with words. What redeems this unpleasant character is that she is very funny. Her worldview seems to embody sarcasm, as seen when she compares Boots and Vadis talking together to “watching a daisy and a stapler trying to hold down a conversation.” That’s one of her more polite reactions to other characters. Readers can be excused for being grateful that Lola is not one of their friends, but her personality may grow on them as the laughs continue.



Off the Shelf

Religious searching and spiritual seeking

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

Searching for the true meaning of the biblical text

In 1944, at the age of 21, Segundo Villanueva sought to avenge his father’s murder. His only real inheritance was a trunk, which he hoped would hold either an inheritance or a message from his father. What he discovered changed his life: The trunk contained a Spanish Bible, something Segundo had never seen before. Although raised Catholic in Peru, the Bible had not been part of his religious education. As Graciela Mochkofsky shows in her fascinating work “The Prophet of the Andes: An Unlikely Journey to the Promised Land” (Alfred A. Knopf), reading that Bible led Segundo not only to reject vengeance, but to convert to Judaism. In fact, he led a large group of Peruvian spiritual seekers to Judaism and many of them later emigrated to Israel.

Mochkofsky shows Segundo’s spiritual journey as he

sought to understand the true meaning of the biblical text. At first, he read the Catholic version of the Bible. But he was puzzled by the many contradictions that he found between the Old and New Testaments. His questions were not welcome in the different non-Catholic Christian groups he found, so he formed his own group of followers. Segundo’s path to Judaism was a meandering one, partly because he didn’t seem to realize there were still living Jews. Then, when he discovered and approached the Jews of Peru, he and his group were rejected largely because they belonged to the wrong social class. Segundo and his followers began to teach themselves Hebrew because he knew translations were also interpretations and wanted to hew to the text as closely as possible. This led him to observe the commandments as they were outlined in the Hebrew Bible.

Although Segundo and his followers were rejected by the Jews of Peru, there were Israelis interested in discovering more about this unusual group. Although religious politics intervened, many of Segundo’s group were able to convert to Orthodox Judaism and move to Israel. There they were asked to choose which of the several versions of Orthodoxy they would follow. Many settled happily in the territories and were content with their new lives. Additional members of the original community, who had not been able to convert during the first round of conversions, where later allowed to become Jewish. Many of them also moved to Israel, although by this time, the fact that many chose to live in the territories become even more controversial. However, Segundo never felt completely at home in Israel: he wanted to continue to study and interpret the Bible, while the rabbis he met there wanted him to follow their decisions about Jewish law without question. “The Prophet of the Andes” offers an intriguing look at what it means to search for the true religion of the Bible and insights into what happens if that search never stops.

Seeking a spiritual Shabbat

Numerous books have been written about Shabbat, from those discussing how to observe the day from a *halachic* (legalistic) point of view to others that show the psychological benefits of a weekly break from work and technology. Dr. Nehemia Polen, a professor of Jewish thought at Hebrew College (Newton, MA), offers a different approach in his book “Stop, Look, Listen: Celebrating Shabbos Through a Spiritual Lens” (Maggid Books). Polen believes there is an additional aspect of the Sabbath, the spiritual meaning that will allow “Shabbos to take up residence in our homes, our hearts, and our neighborhood.” He uses the term Shabbos rather than Shabbat since that was how his family pronounced the word when he was growing up. It resonates with him in a way Shabbat does not and also offers him a way to honor his parents and grandparents who used that form of the word.

Polen assumes his readers will be familiar with the laws governing Shabbat and does not offer *halachic* discussions of legal issues. His focus is on how to experience Shabbat as a spiritual day, rather than one of just relaxation. That doesn’t mean that less ritually observant Jews can’t benefit from what he offers; beginners seeking the laws of Shabbat, however, should turn elsewhere first before reading this work.

Polen divides the Shabbat experience into three stages and notes carefully how observing these stages can help increase the day’s spirituality. He also discusses how preparation for Shabbat actually begins during the week and never stops: in order to observe Shabbat, one needs to be aware that the day is coming and prepare not only for the physical aspects of Shabbat (the food, the prayers, etc.), but the emotional and psychological ones as well. Shabbat cannot reach its spiritual height if there is ill will between members of a family or the community. When all See “Spiritual” on page 11

SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE SECTION

Join us in celebrating our



Friday, November 18, 2022

Deadline: Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Special features to include a retrospective of **The Reporter**, clips from the early years, and greetings from members of the community - both personal and business - who have supported us over the years.

The Reporter newspaper has reached a publication milestone - 50 years of service to area Jewish communities! In honor of this event, and to salute our sustainers throughout the years, we will publish a special commemorative section on Friday, November 18, 2022. Help us celebrate the end of our “golden” anniversary year with a show of support from your family or business. We look forward to serving you for another 50 years!

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Chabad, Federation to hold "Tea And Talk" seniors program on Sept. 13

Chabad of Binghamton, with co-sponsorship from the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, will introduce a new program "Tea and Talk," which will be a monthly hour-long gathering for local Jewish seniors who are looking for "a meaningful conversation." Light refresh-

ments will be served. The discussion group will take place in Chabad's atrium lounge from 11 am-noon on Tuesday, September 13; Thursday, October 20; and Thursday, November 17.

"Federation has wanted to find a new way to serve the seniors in our community for a

long time. We are so pleased that Chabad approached us with this idea. I look forward to getting to know our community members better over a cup of tea and good conversation," says Shelley Hubal, executive director of the Jewish Federation.

"If you are a Jewish senior living in

Broome County who enjoys spending time with others like you, discussing contemporary Jewish topics and a little nosh, this program is for you," said organizers of the event. "Bring your thoughts and opinions!"

To RSVP, visit www.JewishBU.com/Tea or call 797-0015.

BD Sisterhood to discuss "Holiday Food Traditions" on Sept. 14

Members and friends of the Beth David Sisterhood are invited to attend the first meeting of the season, which will be held at Beth David Synagogue on Wednesday, September 14, at 7 pm. There will be a short business meeting followed by a discussion of various food traditions relating to the celebration of the High Holidays.

"Many family's traditions are derived from their ethnic heritage," said organizer of

the event. "Ashkenazi traditions can be quite different from their Sephardi counterparts, and some countries have unique traditions specific to their geographic locations. We have invited members from diverse ethnic backgrounds to share their traditions, and will encourage attendees to share some of their own family's customs."

Since it will be the first meeting of year, those attending are asked to bring their

checkbooks so they can renew their Beth David Sisterhood membership and pay for any mitzvah cards which they may have ordered over the summer.

"If you are not familiar with mitzvah cards, for \$3 you can help support Beth David Sisterhood by having a personalized greeting sent to someone on your behalf," organizers said. "In times of joy, they can offer a 'mazel tov,' or during difficult times they can say

'we hope you feel better soon,' or 'we offer our sympathy to you and your family.'

"So, support Beth David Sisterhood by attending their meeting, where you will be able to reconnect with people you may not have seen during the summer, enjoy some refreshments and learn a little something you didn't know before about the diversity of holiday food traditions," organizers added. "See you there."

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stores and take cabs without missing any of Red Barber's Dodger radio broadcasts.

In Brooklyn, the Dodgers were family. Fans encountered Gil Hodges buying milk at the grocery store and assigning lanes at his bowling alley. Ballplayer salaries were modest in those days, and many of the Dodgers resided – and had off-season jobs – in Brooklyn. Rifle-armed right fielder Carl Furillo might own the vehicle blocking your car in the parking lot. Ron Feldstein, former Temple Beth El of Oneonta president, shared a 1956 memory of Dodgers announcer Vin Scully jogging up an Ebbets Field aisle. At a Hall of Fame event in the 1990s, Rachel Robinson, Jackie's widow,

called out warmly to Ron, formerly the little boy who was her Brooklyn neighbor.

Ebbets Field encouraged intimacy, sitting less than 32,000 during the Dodgers' final Brooklyn years. Jewish haberdasher Abe Stark offered a free suit of clothes to any batter who hit his ad, directly below the rightfield scoreboard, on the fly. The notoriety contributed to Stark's election as Brooklyn borough president. Superfan "Howlin' Hilda" Chester acquired celebrity by clanging a cowbell from her bleacher seat to encourage the Dodgers.

Through the years, the Brooklyn Dodgers had a few Jewish standard bearers on the field, albeit no superstars, before the 1957

abandonment. Goody Rosen, a 1945 All-Star with a .325 batting average and 126 runs scored, patrolled centerfield at Ebbets Field (1937-39, 1944-46). Primarily a utility infielder during his Brooklyn seasons (1949-52), Cal Abrams' Dodgers batting average peaked at .280 in 1951. A Temple Israel of Binghamton member and upholder of the High Holidays, Jake Pitler was the Dodgers first base coach (1947-57). Pitcher Ralph Branca, a 21-game winner (1947), ultimately learned that his immigrant mother was Jewish. A native of Brooklyn, the young Sandy Koufax, a rookie at 19, was inconsistent during his Ebbets Field pitching apprenticeship (1955-57), greatness coming on the West Coast.

The associational foundations between Brooklyn Jewry and the Dodgers derived from shared sensibility. Prior to the 1940s, the "daffy" Dodgers were a generally hapless but loveable team, "Dem Bums," replete with colorful, comical players and incidents, including once having three runners on the same base. Working-class, Brooklyn Jews related to their Bums more easily than to haughty, pin-striped Yankees. Even when the Dodgers achieved greatness (1947-57), Brooklyn perennially lost to the Yankees in the World Series – save for 1955 – leading

to the aspirational lament "wait until next year," the secular equivalent of the seder's "next year in Jerusalem."

Jackie Robinson's reintegration of MLB rendered the bond between the Dodgers and Brooklyn's liberal Jewish community implacable. Jewish sportswriters created much of the impetus for baseball's great experiment and Jewish fans contributed the necessary support. Ira Glasser, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, asserted that his generation of ACLU leaders were all Jewish, Brooklynites and Jackie Robinson-Dodger fans. At the 1947 Foner family seder, the youngest son, Henry, asked "Why is this night different from all other nights?": the response – a Black man now plays for the Dodgers.

Despite winning six pennants in their final Brooklyn decade (1947-57), the Dodgers fled to the manna of Los Angeles. Amidst the diaspora, many Jewish fans departed to the suburbs.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

U.S. welcomes IDF's publication of findings on Al Jazeera reporter's death

The United States on Sept. 5 welcomed the Israel Defense Force's publication of its final conclusions from a series of investigations into the May 11 shooting death in Jenin of Palestinian-American Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh. "We welcome Israel's review of this tragic incident, and again underscore the importance of accountability in this case, such as policies and procedures to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future," U.S. State Department spokesman Ned Price said in a statement. He noted that the U.S. Department of Defense had "recently underscored the need to improve its own assessments and practices to ensure civilian harm mitigation," and said that Washington would "continue to share best practices with our military partners and allies around the world." On Sept. 5, the IDF said it is probable that accidental Israeli fire caused the death of Abu Akleh. "It appears that it is not possible to unequivocally determine the source of the gunfire which hit Ms. Abu Akleh. However, there is a high possibility that Ms. Abu Akleh was accidentally hit by IDF gunfire that was fired toward suspects identified as armed Palestinian gunmen, during an exchange of fire in which life-risking, widespread and indiscriminate [fire was directed] toward IDF soldiers," the Israeli military said in a statement. The IDF emphasized that at no point was Israeli fire directed at anyone other than terrorists, some of whom were shooting "from the area in which Ms. Shireen Abu Akleh was present." The possibility that Abu Akleh was hit by Palestinian fire "remains relevant," the statement continued.

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Jewish Learning Institute and is co-author of one of JLI's most popular courses, "Fascinating Facts."

Hubal added, "Even with the pandemic, we've run a large number of successful programs that brought together old and young members, which created new inter-

actions within our community. Organizing community events and helping our local organizations to create community is what we plan to accomplish this year. Join us at the September 18 event for a delicious brunch and a chance to schmooze with old friends and make new ones."



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High Holiday services at area synagogues

All information was provided by the synagogues listed below. Other area synagogues are still in the process of planning their services to ensure the safety of their congregants - as those plans may change, those interested in attending services are asked to contact synagogues for the most up-to-date service schedule. See the Congregational Notes on page 10 for contact information for all of the area synagogues.

Beth David Synagogue

Note: Events with an asterisk (*) will be taking place in the synagogue.

Saturday, September 17

Selichot service - 10 pm

Sunday, September 25, erev Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah Candle lighting - 6:37 pm

Mincha - 6:40 pm*

Monday, September 26, Rosh Hashanah I

Shacharit - 8:15 am*

Shofar - 10:45 am*

Tashlich at Confluence Park - 5:50 pm

Mincha - 6:40 pm*

Candle lighting - after 7:35 pm

Tuesday, September 27, Rosh Hashanah II

Shacharit - 8:15 am*

Shofar - 10:45 am*

Mincha - 6:35 pm*

Yom Tov ends - 7:34 pm

**Wednesday, September 28, Tzom Gedaliah -
Fast of Gedalya**

Fast begins - 5:35 am

Fast ends - 7:32 pm

Friday, September 30, Shabbat Shuvah

Candle lighting - 6:28 pm

Saturday, October 1

Shacharit - 9:30 am*

Shabbat Shuvah Lecture during Kiddush*

Shabbat ends - 7:27 pm

Sunday, October 2

Service at Holocaust Memorial Monument - 10:30 am

Cemetery visitations following - approx. 11 am-noon

Tuesday, October 4, erev Yom Kippur

Candle lighting - before 6:21 pm

Fast begins - 6:21 pm

Kol Nidre - 6:25 pm*

Wednesday, October 5, Yom Kippur

Shacharit - 9 am*

Yizkor - 12:15 pm*

Mincha - 4:30 pm*

Shofar - fast ends - 7:20 pm*

Sunday, October 9, erev Sukkot

Candle lighting - 6:13 pm

Monday, October 10, Sukkot I

Shacharit - 9 am*

Candle lighting - after 7:11 pm

Tuesday, October 11, Sukkot II

Shacharit - 9 am*

Yom tov ends - 7:10 pm

Wednesday, October 12, first day Chol Hamoed

Sisterhood Sukkah Celebration - 1 pm*

Friday, October 14, Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot

Candle lighting - 6:05 pm

Shabbat, October 15

Shacharit - 9 am*

Shabbat ends - 7:04 pm

Sunday, October 16, Hoshana Rabba

Shacharit - 6:30 am*

Sunday, October 16, erev Shemini Atzeret

Candle lighting - 6:02 pm

Monday, October 17, Shemini Atzeret

Shacharit - 9 am*

Yizkor - 10:45 am*

Mincha - 6 pm*

Candle lighting - after 7 pm

Ma'ariv and Hakafot - 6:50 pm*

Tuesday, October 18, Simchat Torah

Shacharit - 9 am*

Hakafot - 9:45 am*

Yom tov ends - 6:59 pm

Congregation Tikun v'Or

All are welcome at Congregation Tikun v'Or's Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Membership and tickets are never required, but High Holiday donations of any amount will be appreciated. However, Tikun v'Or is requiring registration to attend services in person so that all participants can be safe and healthy. Masks are required while indoors at Tikun v'Or.

To request in-person attendance or for the Zoom links, contact info@tikunvor.org or call 607-256-1471.

More information can also be found at www.tikunvor.org. The High Holiday machzor (prayerbook) is available online at <https://tikunvor.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/112/2020/09/2020-High-Holiday-Mahzor-1-1.pdf>.

High Holiday services will be led by Rabbi Shifrah Tobacman.

See "Services I" on page 8



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Deadline: September 15 (September 23 issue)

Once again this year, *The Reporter* is inviting its readers and local organizations to extend New Year's greetings to the community by purchasing a New Year's greeting ad, which will appear in our September 23 issue.

You may choose from the designs, messages and sizes shown here - more are available. You may also choose your own message, as long as it fits into the space of the greeting you select. (Custom designs available upon request.) The price of the small greeting is \$20 (styles B, E and F), the medium one is \$38 (style A, C and D) and the largest one (style G) is \$74.

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PREPARE FOR ROSH HASHANAH

TC, TI to hold *Selichot* program, service on Sept. 17

Temple Concord and Temple Israel will hold a *Selichot* program and service on Saturday, September 17, at 8 pm, at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. The program will take place in person and on Zoom.

"Prepare for the High Holidays with a *Selichot* evening of film, discussion and services," said organizers of the event. "We will begin with showing the 'Northern Exposure' television show episode 'Shofar So Good' in which Dr. Joel Fleishman has an experience with the ghost of Yom Kippur, which allows him to

examine his present, past and future behavior and contemplate doing *teshuvah* by changing his ways. We will discuss the episode and its lessons for active repentance at this season."

The *Selichot* service will include *Havdalah*, sounding the *shofar* and High Holy Day melodies.

Anyone interested in attending in person should RSVP to either the Temple Concord office at 723-7355 or the Temple Israel office at 723-7461. The Zoom link is <https://bit.ly/3ps52Yo>, meeting ID 869 6646 9818 and passcode 649068.

TC to hold Super *Kiddush* after Rosh Hashanah service

Temple Concord will hold its almost annual Sisterhood-sponsored Rosh Hashanah Super *Kiddush* on Monday, September 26, following morning services. It will be held in the Dorothy Schagrin Memorial Gardens located behind the temple, weather permitting. If it is raining, it will be held in the mansion.

"This is a dedicated effort of about two dozen Sisterhood members and some of their families," said organizers of the Super *Kiddush*. "Sisterhood hopes you all will come and enjoy the goodies and the camaraderie. For attendees who aren't ready to remove their masks, paper bags will be provided so they can bag their goodies and eat them later."

TC holiday child care, advance reservations required

Free High Holiday child care will be offered by Temple Concord Sisterhood for youngsters ages 2 and 3 for parents and grandparents who will be attending services at Temple Concord the morning of Rosh Hashanah, Monday, September 26, and/or the morning of Yom Kippur, Wednesday, October 5.

Reservations *must* be made by Friday, September 16, for Rosh Hashanah morning care and by Friday, September 23, for Yom Kippur morning care. Child care will be available at 9 am on High Holiday mornings. The adult must take the child/

children to the Tot Time room on the third floor of the Mansion and register them with the responsible adult's name. Those adults must inform the ushers where they will be sitting in case of emergency. Adults are responsible for checking on children for diaper changes.

Reservations should be made by calling or e-mailing the temple office at 723-7355 or templeconcordaa@gmail.com. Without reservations made by the deadlines, there will be no child care available. Sisterhood High Holiday Child Care Chairwoman is Amanda Donahue.



On the Jewish food scene

Planning meals for the holidays

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

My first reaction to the e-mail that arrived in late August was to ignore it and click delete. Well, actually that was also my second and third reaction. You really want me to think about what I'm eating for the holidays more than a month before they begin? I'm not sure what I'm having for dinner tonight.

Let me put my refusal to plan menus in advance into context. When I suffered from allergic colitis in the 1990s, I had difficulty eating. (Yes, I realize that might be hard for friends I've made since then to believe, but during that period, there were many times I had no desire to eat anything.) I dealt with this by planning ahead. The deal with these menus was simple: If I had an appetite, I could eat whatever I wanted. If I didn't, I had to make and eat what I'd planned.

Fortunately, my colitis went into remission, but then I was faced with a blood sugar diet that strictly regulated when and what I could eat. The diet was supposed to prevent me from losing more hearing. Since this was before I needed hearing aids and a cochlear implant, you can see how well that worked. What did result is a revulsion for planning more than three or four meals ahead. (To give you an idea of the difference: I used to plan a minimum of two, if not three or four, weeks ahead.)

Another factor is that I'm not a fan of cooking elaborate meals. Low and slow for five hours? Forget it! An hour's worth of prep time? Not a chance. It also doesn't help that, while I now eat foods with sugar, I still can't use a recipe that requires me to put sugar in a dish. Somewhere along the way, I also stopped using salt in my cooking. (Yep, I'll never succeed on "Chopped." I'd be dinged for not enough seasoning.) Memories of indigestion from holiday meals in the past make it easier to resist fancy cooking. When cooking for myself, I'll opt for something simple. This is not a problem because, for me, food is not the point of the holiday.

This long rambling account explains why I'm dreading all the e-mails I'll be getting from Jewish websites during the next month or so: they're going to be filled with links to hundreds of recipes suggestions for the upcoming holidays. Sometimes I do actually look at them. But seriously think of making them? Ha, that makes me laugh. I know folks who obsess about their menus because cooking is one way of showing love to your family. I get that: I do enjoy feeding other people when I am not too tired to cook. But please spare me the 45 ways to cook chicken for Rosh Hashanah or the new must-try-way to make brisket. I'm just not interested.

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along with other leaders in the community and guest leaders Rabbi Lenore Bohm, Miranda Phillips, Michael Margolin and Azameira (Tikkun v'Or's singing group).

- Sunday, September 25, erev Rosh Hashanah**
Youth-led service in person and Zoom - 9:30-11 am
Evening service in person and Zoom - 6:45-8:30 pm
- Monday, September 26, Rosh Hashanah**
Morning service in person and Zoom - 9-11:30 am
Community picnic at Stewart Park - noon
Tashlich at Stewart Park - 1 pm
- Tuesday, October 4, erev Yom Kippur**
Kol Nidre in person and Zoom - 6:45 pm
- Wednesday, October 5, Yom Kippur**
Morning service in person and Zoom - 9 am-noon
Youth service in person and Zoom - 1-2 pm
Yoga on Zoom only - 1-1:30 pm
Meditation on Zoom only - 1:45-2:15 pm
Isaiah Challenge in person and Zoom - 2:30-4:15 pm
The speaker will be Luis Aguirre-Torres, director of sustainability for the city of Ithaca
Avodah in person and Zoom - 4:30-5:15 pm
Yizkor in person and Zoom - 5:30-6:15 pm
Neilah / Havdalah in person and Zoom - 6:15-7:15 pm

- Temple Beth El of Oneonta**
Temple Beth El strongly encourages those attending to wear masks to protect vulnerable congregants. Tickets for non-members are \$100 each. (Contact Steven Feuer at 607-432-0108.)
- Sunday, September 25, erev Rosh Hashanah**
Evening service - 7 pm
- Monday, September 26, Rosh Hashanah Day 1**
Morning service - 9:30 am
Torah and shofar services
Tashlich at Wilber Park, Spruce Street entrance - 1 pm
- Tuesday, September 27, Rosh Hashanah Day 2**
Torah Study in Wilber Park, near the upper pavilion - 1 pm
Use Center Street entrance. Please bring a chair if possible and your own lunch.
- Tuesday, October 4, erev Yom Kippur**
Candle lighting - 6 pm
Kol Nidre - 7 pm (please be prompt)
- Wednesday, October 5, Yom Kippur**
Morning service - 9:30 am
Torah service
Yizkor (Memorial) service - noon

- Mincha service - 4:45 pm
Neilah - 6:15 pm
Shofar blast - 7:20 pm
- Temple Brith Sholom**
Sunday, September 25, erev Rosh Hashanah
Evening service - 7 pm
- Monday, September 26, Rosh Hashanah I**
Morning service - 10:30 am
Tashlich at the creek - 6:30 pm
Evening service - 7 pm
- Tuesday, September 27, Rosh Hashanah II**
Morning service featuring Torah study and group discussion - 10:30 am
- Tuesday, October 4, erev Yom Kippur**
Kol Nidre - 6:45 pm
- Wednesday, October 5, Yom Kippur**
Morning services - 10:30 am
Yizkor, Musaf - 11:30 am
Jonah - 5:30 pm
Neilah - 6 pm
Break the fast - 6:45 pm

Temple Concord
All worship services will be in person and online unless noted otherwise. For those wishing to attend Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot or Shemini Atzeret-Simchat Torah services on Zoom, visit <https://bit.ly/3QN2yj9>, meeting ID 890 0903 1825 and Passcode 976194.

- Saturday, September 17, Selichot**
Program at TC: "Northern Exposure - Shofar So Good" - 8 pm
Selichot service following program
To join Temple Concord and Temple Israel online on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/3ps52Yo>, meeting ID 869 6646 9818 9818 and passcode 649068.

- Sunday, September 25, erev Rosh Hashanah**
Service - 8 pm
- Monday, September 26, Rosh Hashanah**
Morning service - 9:30 am
Youth services and programming in the mansion (in person only, registration required) - 10:30 am
Super Kiddush in Dorothy Schagrin Garden - 12:30 pm
Tashlich at Peace Park - 1:15 pm
- Tuesday, October 4, erev Yom Kippur**
Kol Nidre instrumental prelude - 7:30 pm
Kol Nidre service - 7:50 pm
- Wednesday, October 5, Yom Kippur**
Morning services - 9:30 am
Youth services and programming (in person only, registration required) - 10:30 am
Discussion "On Repentance & Repair: Making Amends in an Unapologetic World" - 1 pm
Meditative music - 3 pm
Yizkor memorial service - 4:15 pm
Healing service - 5 pm
Neilah concluding service - 6 pm
Havdalah - 6:45 pm
Congregational break fast following Havdalah
- Sunday, October 9, erev Sukkot**
Sukkot seder (in-person attendance, registration is required) - 6 pm

- Monday, October 10, Sukkot I**
Sukkot morning festival service - 10:30 am
BYO lunch in the sukkah - noon
- Friday, October 14**
Sukkot Shabbat Wine and Cheese Reception in the sukkah - 6:45 pm
Sukkot Shabbat services - 7:30 pm
- Saturday, October 15**
Sukkot Family Shabbat service (in person only, no reservation required) - 10:30 am
Community members are invited to eat in the temple sukkah during this week.
- Sunday, October 16, Shemini Atzeret-Simchat Torah**
Simchat Torah celebration and Yizkor service - 6:30 pm
- Monday, October 17, Shemini Atzeret-Simchat Torah**
Simchat Torah festival and Yizkor service - 10:30 am
BYO festival lunch follows services.

- Temple Israel**
Note: All Temple Israel High Holiday services will be in-person and live-streamed online via Zoom.
- Saturday September 17**
TI/TC Selichot at TI - 8:30 pm
- Sunday, September 25, erev Rosh Hashanah**
Service - 7:30 pm
- Monday, September 26, Rosh Hashanah I**
Preliminary/Shacharit services - 8:45-9:45 am
Break - 9:45-10 am
Torah service/ shofar/sermon - 10-11:45 am
Families with children services - 10:30-11:45 am
Break - 11:45 am-noon
Musaf service - 12-1:15 pm
Break - 1:15-4:15 pm
Tashlich (behind Newman House) - 4:15 pm
Mincha - 5-5:30 pm
- Tuesday, September 27, Rosh Hashanah II**
Preliminary/Shacharit services - 8:45-9:45 am
Break - 9:45-10 am

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Jewish online resources

By Reporter staff

A variety of Jewish groups are offering educational and recreational online resources. Below is a sampling of those. *The Reporter* will publish additional listings as they become available.

◆ Qesher will hold a variety of online Jewish tours and programs. All programs will begin at 3 pm and all talks will take about 90 minutes: "Sefarad: Music of the Jews of Spain, Portugal and their Diaspora" on Thursday, September 15; "Rosh Hashanah Food Traditions Around the World" on Sunday, September 18; and "Jewish Lisbon and Portugal: a community reconnecting with its past" on Thursday, September 22. For more information or to register, visit <https://www.qesher.com/upcoming-events/>.

◆ Maven will hold the virtual class "Talmud and Midrash" on eight Tuesdays, from October 25-December 20, at 3-4:30 pm. The cost to attend is \$285. The course will explore what the Talmud is, why it is so important to Judaism and more. For more information, visit <https://maven.aju.edu/events-classes/program/talmud-and-midrash1>.

◆ Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History will hold the virtual program "Let There Be Light - Conversation with Liana Finck and Jane Golden" on Wednesday, November 2, at 8 pm. Finck will be joined in conversation by Golden, the founder and executive director of Mural Arts Philadelphia. The program's conversation will look at Finck's new graphic work "Let There Be Light," her award-winning contributions to *The New Yorker*, her Instagram account that has over half a million followers, her creative process and more. For more information or to register, visit <https://theweitzman.org/events/liana-finck-and-jane-golden/>.

◆ The Museum at Eldridge Street will hold the virtual program "Why Did Jonah Run? Exploring the Yom Kippur Reading" on Thursday, September 29, at 7:30 pm. Rabbi Aviad Bodner will discuss the central question of the story: Why did Jonah run away from God? There is a suggested donation of \$12. For more information or to register, visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/why-did-jonah-run-exploring-the-yom-kippur-reading-tickets-390131994297?aff=odeimcmailchimp&mc_cid=d186dd25a9&mc_eid=b1c53698a8.

◆ ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal will hold the virtual program "Disenfranchised Grief" on Thursday, September 22, at 7:30 pm. The cost to attend is \$18. The program will explore the nature of loss and grief. To register, visit

<https://aleph.org/civicrm/event/register/?reset=1&id=478>.

◆ JTS's Context Online is a two-year program that focuses on studies of Jewish culture, religion, text and civilization. Participants meet weekly on Zoom, studying with scholars. A new cycle of Context Online will meet on Wednesday evenings starting September 21. Fall semester: "The Bible and Ancient Israel" with Dr. Ora Horn Prouser, JTS alumna and CEO and academic dean, Academy for Jewish Religion; and spring semester: "The World of Rabbinic Judaism" with Dr. David Kraemer, Joseph J. and Dora Abbell Librarian and professor of Talmud and rabbinics at JTS. For more information or to register, visit www.jtsa.edu/context-immersive-jewish-learning/context-online/.

◆ The Yiddish Book Center will hold several virtual programs this fall: A panel discussion "The Voice of a Woman: Diana Blumenfeld and Miriam Kressyn on Postwar Yiddish Radio," with Caraid O'Brien, Anna Rozenfeld and moderator Alyssa Quint, on Thursday, September 22, at 7 pm (https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oC-B7l-2vTN2rQWzK7eCaOg); "Sutzkever Essential Prose," with translator Zackary Sholem Berger, on Thursday, September 29, 7 pm (https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_c35YjhWqT3SzGnZQWrXUCQ); "Chava

Rosenfarb's Montreal," with Goldie Morgentaler, on Thursday, October 13, 7 pm (https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_AGADDPmWtwCkCpGBtCJUPw); and "Women's roles across literature, culture, and the rise of feminism: 1973-2005," with Deborah Dash Moore, on Thursday, October 27, at 7 pm (https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_t8xMwGQRRbqVWwV2Zj5RfA).

◆ Ritualwell will hold the virtual program "Creating New Jewish Liturgy: A Talk with Dr. Marcia Falk" on Thursday, September 22, from 3-4:30 pm. The cost to attend is \$36. Falk will discuss how her work evolved over time, and the relationship between theology and liturgy, with specific emphasis on feminist perspectives. The session will include a Q & A period. For more information or to register, visit <https://ritualwell.org/event/creating-new-jewish-liturgy-a-talk-with-dr-marcia-falk/>.

◆ Rabbi Meir Soloveichik is offering a new podcast called Jerusalem 365, which explores the history of the city. It includes a 15-minute daily episode (except the Jewish Sabbath and holidays) and daily e-mails with episode summaries and links to supplemental images and text. The cost is \$8.34/month. For more information or to subscribe, visit <https://lp.meirsoloveichik.com/jerusalem365>.

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Torah service/ shofar/sermon - 10-11:45 am
Junior Congregation (online only) - 10:30-11:30 am
Break - 11:45am-noon
Musaf service - 12-1:15 pm

Sunday, October 2

Holocaust Memorial at TI Cemetery - 10:30 am
Visiting TI Cemetery - 11:30 am-12:15 pm

Tuesday, October 4, erev Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre services - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 5, Yom Kippur

Preliminary/Shacharit services - 8:45-9:45 am
Break - 9:45-10 am
Torah service/sermon - 10-11:45 am
Junior Congregation - 10:30-11:30 am
Break - 11:45 am-noon
Musaf service - 12-1:15 pm
Martyrology/Yizkor (sanctuary/online) - 12:30-1:15 pm
Break - 1:15-5 pm

Study session (sanctuary only) - TBA
Break - 5:45-6 pm
Mincha - 6-7 pm
Neilah (ark open) - 7-7:53 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah, break the fast - 7:53-8:01 pm

Sunday, October 9

Building the Temple Israel sukkah - 10 am

Monday October 10, Sukkot I

Services - 9:30 am-noon

Tuesday, October 11, Sukkot II

Study session (details TBA) - 10:30-11:30 am

Sunday, October 16, Hoshana Rabbah

Study (details TBA) - 10:30-11:30 am

Monday, October 17, Shemini Atzeret

Services - 9:30 am-noon

Yizkor - approx. 11 am

Tuesday, October 18, Simchat Torah

Study (details TBA) - 10:30-11:30 am

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Ki Tetze, Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19

Finders keepers?

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Have you ever lost something and wished someone had returned it to you? Have you ever found an object and wondered can I apply “finders keepers” and keep what I found?

This week's Torah portion, Ki Tetze, contains 74 of the 613 *mitzvot*, the most *mitzvot* any *parasha* contains. I would like to highlight one *mitzvah*, the *mitzvah* of returning lost objects: “You shall not see your brother's ox or sheep straying, and ignore them. [Rather,] you shall return them to your brother. But if your brother is not near you, or if you do not know him, you shall bring it into your house, and it shall be with you until your brother seeks it out, whereupon you shall return it to him. So shall you do with his donkey, and so shall you do with his garment, and so shall you do with any lost article of your brother which he has lost and you have found. You shall not ignore [it].” (Deuteronomy 22:1-3)

As in every law, there is the letter of the law and “beyond” the letter of the law. The basic laws of returning lost objects as codified in Jewish law are: 1. There must be an identifying mark on the object, and 2. The one that lost the object is still hoping that it will be found. If the case is lacking one of the two, then one would not be obligated to return the object. However, one who goes beyond the letter of the law, and seeks out the owner and returns the lost object, is praiseworthy.

What would motivate someone to put in the extra effort and work to track down the owner? After all, one would still be following the law by either just keeping the lost object safe until the owner is found or, if there is no identifying mark, he keeps it for himself.

One reason: Be kind to others and others will be kind to you. A deeper reason, based upon four ideas taught

by our sages: 1. There is nothing random in our world. 2. We are all charged with a general mission to make this world a good and Godly place. 3. The manner in which the general mission is achieved is through every individual having their unique portion to work with. 4. Every single object has a “name tag” identifying its owner and their mission.

Consider a practical insight as to the benefit of taking the extra step to return a lost object. It enables the finder to fulfill his/her mission to make the world good and Godly through returning the lost object, and it helps the one who lost it fulfill his/her mission to be able to use their item to make this world good and Godly.

Let's us pray and hope that we merit to witness the completion and realization of this global mission, a world where only good prevails, with the coming of Moshiach!

Congregational Notes

Temple Israel

Orientation: Conservative
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Website: www.templeisraelvestal.org
Service schedule: Tues., 5:30 pm; Fri., 5:30 pm; Sat., 9:30 am
On Fridays and Tuesdays at 5:30 pm, services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown via Zoom and in-person (masks are required).

On Saturday, September 10, Shacharit services will be held at 9:30 am via Zoom and in-person (masks are required). The Torah portion is Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19 and the haftarah is Isaiah 54:1-10 and 54:11-55:5. At 8:15 pm, there will be Havdalah services via Zoom.

On Wednesday, September 14, there will be a Ritual Committee meeting at 10 am and Torah study from 4-5 pm on Zoom.

On Saturday, September 17, at 9:30 am, Shacharit services will be held via Zoom and in-person (masks are required). The Torah portion is Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8 and the haftarah is Isaiah 60:1-22. At 8 pm, there will be Havdalah services via Zoom.

On Monday, September 19, there will be a “Stop the Bleed” emergency medical training program at the synagogue at 7 pm. Registration by September 9 is required.

On Tuesday, September 20, there will be a Board of Trustees meeting at 7 pm.

On Wednesday, September 21, there will be Torah study from 4-5 pm on Zoom.

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Purpose: To maintain a Jewish identity and meet the needs of the Jewish community in the area.
Adult Ed.: Shabbat study sessions are held on designated Saturday mornings at 10 am. Call ahead, text or e-mail to confirm dates.

Temple Brith Sholom

Affiliation: Unaffiliated
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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Temple-Brith-Sholom-114006981962930/
Service leaders: Lay leadership
Shabbat services: Either Friday evening at 7:30 pm or Saturday at 10 am from Rosh Hashanah to Shavuot. Holiday services are also held. Check the Facebook page or weekly e-mail for upcoming services. Contact the president to get on the e-mail list.
Religious School: Students are educated on an individual basis.

Temple Brith Sholom is a small equalitarian congregation serving the greater Cortland community. Congregants span the gamut of observance and services are largely dependent on the service leader. The Friday night siddur is “Likrat Shabbat,” while the Saturday morning siddur is “Gates of Prayer.” The community extends a warm welcome to the Jewish student population of SUNY Cortland, as well as the residents of local adult residences.

Services and programs are held by Zoom on the first and second Fridays of the month.

Synagogues limit face-to-face gatherings

For specific information regarding services (including online services), meetings and classes at any of the area synagogues, contact them by phone or e-mail.

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Chabad will be holding pre-Shabbat virtual programs. For more information, visit www.JewishBU.com/S2020Partnership.

Temple Beth El of Oneonta

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
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Regular service times: Contact the temple for days of services and times.
Religious School/Education: Religious School, for grades kindergarten through bar/bat mitzvah, meets Sunday mornings. For the schedule of services, classes and events, contact the temple.

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
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Services: Fri. 8 pm; Sat. 10 am, unless otherwise announced.
Weekday morning minyan 7:30 am (9 am on Sun. and legal holidays).
Religious School/Education: September-May: Classes meet on Sunday, 9 am-12:30 pm and Wednesday, 3:45-5:45 pm. The Midrashah (eighth grade and high school) classes will meet at times designated by their respective teachers.
Adult Ed.: Numerous weekly courses, several semester-long courses and a variety of mini-courses and lectures are offered throughout the year. Call the temple office for more details.
For upcoming services and events on Zoom, visit www.tinyurl.com/HappeningAtTBE.

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Some services and programs are online only.

Friday, September 9: at 7:30 pm, Shabbat service with Anne Bussard, Robin Hazen and Jodi Sampey. To attend in person, proof of COVID-19 vaccination is no longer required. Masks are optional, but recommended. Join via Zoom at https://bit.ly/3hRmW2Y, meeting ID 869 9699 8146 and passcode 826330; or on the Temple Concord Facebook page, www.facebook.com/templeconcord/.

Saturday, September 10: Shabbat school at 9 am; Torah study with Alan Alt in the temple library, or on Zoom at https://bit.ly/3CVxM14, meeting ID 882 9808 7579 and passcode 676707; family service at 10:30 am with Rabbi Rachel Esserman; and “Havdalah with a Bonus” at 7 pm on Zoom at https://bit.ly/3zd0atv, meeting ID 897 4179 1260 and passcode 408279, or via the temple Facebook page.

Friday, September 16: at 7:30 pm, Shabbat services with Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination is no longer required. Masks are optional but recommended. Join via Zoom at https://bit.ly/3hRmW2Y, meeting ID 869 9699 8146 and passcode 826330, or on the Temple Concord Facebook page.

Saturday, September 17: Shabbat school at 9 am; Torah study with Rabbi Barbara Golden-Wartell in the temple library, or on Zoom at https://bit.ly/3CVxM14, meeting ID 882 9808 7579 and passcode 676707; family service at 10:30 am; and Temple Concord and Temple Israel Selichot program and service at Temple Concord at 8 pm (for more information, see the article on page 7).

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Adult Education: Offered regularly throughout the year. Check the website for details.

Deep-sea wonderland in Israel declared a Hope Spot

By Abigail Klein Leichman

(Israel21c via JNS) – Sunlight does not reach the Palmahim Slide, a rare geological formation deep in the Mediterranean Sea about 30 kilometers (19 miles) off the coast of Tel Aviv. And yet unique creatures flourish in this pitch-black, 1,000-square-kilometer (386-square-mile) hilly habitat of coral gardens, methane seeps, brine pools and other underwater wonders.

Formed in antiquity by a gradual landslide onto the

seabed, the Palmahim Slide is a biodiversity hotspot where blackmouth catsharks breed and bluefin tuna spawn, according to international studies led over the past decade by Yizhaq Makovsky of the University of Haifa and Israel Oceanographic and Limnological Research.

In July, the Palmahim Slide (also called a “disturbance”) became the first Israeli Hope Spot designated by Mission Blue, oceanographer Sylvia Earle’s organization dedicated to exploring and protecting significant marine areas.

“The diversity discovered there is nothing like anything seen before in the southeastern Mediterranean Sea,” said Earle, who was the first female “aquanaut” in Jacques Cousteau’s legendary ocean explorations.

Mission Blue has identified 144 Hope Spots deemed critical to the health of oceans and seas.

Earle urged Israeli policymakers to “follow in the Hope Spot’s steps in declaring 850 square kilometers of the Palmahim Slide as a no-take, give-back marine reserve large enough to protect the marine life that is there and allow no destructive activity in the reserve and its vicinity.”

Earle’s endorsement provides a spot of hope for marine projects coordinator Hadas Gann-Perkal and marine ecologist Ateret Shabtay of the marine program of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI).

Together with Israel’s Nature and Parks Authority, Gann-Perkal and Shabtay have been lobbying Israeli and international authorities, such as the Italy-based General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean, to declare most of the Palmahim Slide a protected area.

“Getting international recognition for the fact that this spot should be protected has already helped in our talks with the decision-makers responsible for the marine environment,” said Gann-Perkal.

They want to shield the Slide from habitat-destroying oil and gas exploration and deep-sea fishing while preserving it for scientific research that ultimately would benefit humankind.

“Deep-sea coral gardens that took thousands of years to grow could be gone with one swipe of a fishing net,” Gann-Perkal told ISRAEL21c.

“If the Palmahim Slide is declared protected, these beautiful ecosystems could continue growing and provide a whole new frontier for research and exploration,” she continued. “With submersibles and robots, we can get pictures and videos of what goes on there. As Sylvia Earle says, we can’t protect what we don’t know.”

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is peaceful, these stages – Stop, Look, Listen – will have their greatest impact.

◆ The “Stop” phase begins on Friday evening. Observing this “involves committing to a locale, settling into place, and completely letting go of the world of work, which includes any endeavor whose focus is on earning a living, buying and selling, business decision making, finance or investments.”

◆ The “Look” phase refers to the early part of Shabbat morning. This is the time to look “at the world with fresh eyes, eyes bathed in grace and gazing with benevolence.”

◆ The “Listen” phase occurs in late afternoon as the day begins to wane. The focus is on hearing what the world offers, to listen “with greater presence and acuity – to ambient sounds, to the voice of loved ones and wisdom teachers, to the whispers of one’s own heard, to the silence of the infinite.”

Polen looks to Chasidic practices to help create his Shabbat. These include *niggunim* (songs without words whose music helps create the appropriate mood), prayer

(but intensive prayer with a focus on nothing except the experience) and storytelling (which includes stories that offer parables and lessons about the world). For Polen, the themes of the Sabbath prayers reflect his divisions of the day. Everything that is done – including eating – should be part of the spiritual experience. One should not just be looking to rest: people should be seeking the true meaning of the freedom Shabbat offers. The author sees this freedom as “not needing to escape. On Shabbos, you are already home. There is no need to run; you are exactly where you want to be.”

“Stop, Look, Listen” uses mystical interpretations that might not resonate with all readers. However, Polen seeks to create a type of Eden during the day. In fact, he suggests that if Shabbat is truly observed there would be no more war because, in order to truly experience Shabbat, people would need to make peace with each other before the day began. While not everyone will agree with this idea, they may find useful tools that will help them create a Shabbat filled with meaningful, spiritual experiences.

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◆ Maven will hold the virtual program “Fighting Internalized Antisemitism” with Ben M. Freeman about his book “Reclaiming Our Story: The Pursuit of Jewish Pride” on Wednesday, September 21, from 3-3:45 pm. For more information or to register, visit <https://maven.aju.edu/events-classes/program/fighting-internalized-antisemitism>.

◆ The Jewish Book Council will hold the in-person and virtual event “Martha Anne Toll on ‘Three Muses’” on Thursday, September 22, at 7 pm. Martha Anne Toll will discuss her first novel, “Three Muses.” For more information or to register, visit <https://centerforfiction.org/event/debut-martha-anne-toll-on-three-muses-with-jewish-book-council/>.

◆ Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History will hold the virtual program “Jewish and Indigenous American Interactions Part 1” with David S. Koffman on Wednesday, October 12, at 8 pm. In the first of two lectures, Koffman will focus on the historical intersections and relationships between Indigenous and Jewish American communities. For more information or to register, visit <https://theweitzman.org/events/jewish-indigenous-american-interactions-1/>.

◆ The Institute for Jewish Spirituality will hold the virtual program “An Evening with IJS president and CEO, Rabbi Josh Feigelson, in conversation with Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg” on Tuesday, September 20, from 8-9 pm. Ruttenberg will speak about her new book, “On Repentance and Repair: Making Amends in an Unapologetic World.” To register, visit <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E102272&id=49>.

◆ The Jewish Theological Seminary will hold the virtual course “Conversion to and from Judaism” on Mondays, from October 24-December 12, from 7-9 pm, with Dr. Benjamin Gampel, Dina and Eli Field Family Chair in Jewish History. The course will investigate the history of conversion into and out of Judaism in the Christian and Islamic worlds from late antiquity to the first stirrings of modernity (fourth-17th centuries) in western Europe. For more information or to register, visit www.jtsa.edu/event/conversion-to-and-from-judaism/.

◆ Maven will hold the virtual course “Braiding Beautifully with The Challah Prince” on Thursday, October 13, from 10-11:30 pm. The cost to attend is \$21. Idan Chabasov will walk attendees through the steps of making and braiding a challah while sharing his Jewish journey to challah. For more information or to register, visit <https://maven.aju.edu/events-classes/program/braiding-beautifully-with-the-challah-prince>.

◆ The Mordecai Kaplan Center for Jewish Peoplehood will hold a variety of virtual seminars this fall, including “God is Here in Kaplanian Context” on Tuesday, September 13, at 7 pm; “Entering the Heichal (sanctuary) of the Voting Booth: Reflections on Judaism and Democracy” on Sunday, October 30, at 3pm; “Hanukah and a Friendly Critique of the Notion of Living in Two Civilizations” on Sunday, December 11, at 3 pm. For more information or to register, visit <https://kaplancenter.org/kaplan-center-webinars/>.

◆ MAZON: a Jewish Response to Hunger will hold the virtual “When Women Lead” series, which will feature women who will talk about the intersection of feminism and hunger. The first session will take place on Tuesday, September 20, at 1 pm, with MAZON President and CEO Abby J. Leibman in conversation with Kathy Spillar, ex-

ecutive director of the Feminist Majority Foundation and executive editor of Ms. Magazine. For more information or to register, visit <https://give.mazon.org/event/when-women-lead/e424340>.

◆ The Hadassah-Brandeis Institute will hold a virtual program of Sandra Seltzer Silberman HBI Conversations Series with Tamar Biala, editor of “Dirshuni: Contemporary Women’s Midrash” on Monday, October 19, at 12:30 pm. Her book is the English edition of a collection of *midrashim* composed by Israeli women. For more information or to register, visit https://brandeis.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYoceCqrDMoEtS4mRFnW_ksld_PobPWiqpD.

◆ Ritualwell will hold two open houses featuring short talks by its different instructors on Thursday, September 14, from 11 am-2 pm (<https://ritualwell.org/event/ritualwell-open-house-september-14th/>); and on Thursday, September 21, from 11 am-2 pm (<https://ritualwell.org/event/ritualwell-open-house-september-21st/>). Each open house features different programs.

◆ Museum of Jewish Heritage will hold the in-person and virtual program “Survivors: Faces of Life After the Holocaust with Martin Schoeller” on Sunday September 18, from 11 am-noon. The photographer Martin Schoeller will speak with Sara Softness, the museum’s curator of special projects about the new exhibition, “Survivors: Faces of Life After the Holocaust.” For more information, visit <https://mjhnyc.org/exhibitions/survivors-faces-of-life-after-the-holocaust/>. To register for the program, visit https://898a.blackbaudhosting.com/898a/tickets?tab=2&txobjid=7254676d-0898-48b1-b16b-69e6156f1585&_ga=2.7669178.9221154.1661777889-1935898665.1661346607.

◆ The Noshier will hold a virtual “High Holiday Cooking Series”: “Homemade Plum Jam Stuffed Challah” on Sunday, September 11, at 7:30 pm; “Rosh Hashanah Recipes From Around the World” on Thursday, September 15, at 7:30 pm; and “Traditional Sephardic Breakfast” on Wednesday, September 28, at 7:30 pm. The recipes will be posted on www.TheNoshier.com prior to the class with a list of ingredients. For more information or to register, visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScVYpgICUXk-MvmqN-vERoiT2MwoeGEq7SG5Zkfn2Y6bWYDHIG/viewform>.

◆ The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning will hold “Growing Older, Living Longer: Four Values that Support Our Elder Life Stages” with Rabbi Richard Address (founder and director of Jewish Sacred Aging) on Thursday, September 22, from 1-2 pm. For more information or to register, visit <https://marketplace.jewishtogether.org/event/318>.

◆ Reform Judaism will hold the virtual course “Spaghetti & Matzo Balls Watch Party and Conversation” with Rena Strober on Sunday, October 2, from 7:30-9 pm. It will focus on how Strober rediscovered her Jewish roots. For more information or to register, visit <https://reformjudaism.org/calendar/spaghetti-matzo-balls-watch-party-and-conversation>.

◆ The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning will hold “Oh Brother: Cain, Abel, and Sibling Rivalry” on Monday, October 24, from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. For more information or to register, visit <https://marketplace.jewishtogether.org/event/360>.

For additional resources, see previous issues of The Reporter on its website, www.thereporter.org/streams/miscellaneous-features/miscellaneous-features/tag/80309?

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From JNS.org

U.N. condemns Hamas' execution of five Gazans

The United Nations on Sept. 5 denounced as a violation of international law Hamas' execution on Sept. 4 of five Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. "We condemn the execution of five prisoners in Gaza and urge the de facto authorities in Gaza to establish a moratorium on all executions," said Ravina Shamdasani, spokesperson for the U.N.'s human-rights commissioner, in a statement. "Having ratified the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, as a matter of international law, Palestine is obliged to abolish executions," she added. The U.N. General Assembly voted in 2012 to give the Palestinians non-member observer state status, which has since allowed them to sign dozens of international treaties and conventions. Shamdasani noted that three of the men executed were convicted of murder, and two on charges of "collaboration" with Israel dating back to 2015 and 2009. They were the first judicial-related killings carried out in the Palestinian-controlled territories in five years. "There are serious concerns that criminal proceedings resulting in the imposition of death sentences in Gaza do not meet international fair trial standards," said Shamdasani, adding that those executed were not given the opportunity to seek clemency or a pardon. Hamas claimed that the alleged spies, aged 44 and 54, passed information to Israel that led to the killing of Palestinians. The Israeli Prime Minister's Office declined to comment.

Israel's top general: P.A. "helplessness" forces IDF to ramp up counterterror activities

The Palestinian Authority is unable to rein in terror in areas under its control, forcing Israel to intensify its own actions in Judea and Samaria, said IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Aviv Kochavi on Sept. 5. Speaking at a General Staff learning conference dealing with a military exercise held in May, Kochavi noted that the Israel Defense Forces had launched "Operation Breakwater" in March due to a "sharp increase" in the number of terrorist attacks in the Judea and Samaria region. As part of this operation, some 1,500 wanted individuals have been apprehended so far, and hundreds of attacks prevented, he said. "Part of the increase in attacks is due to the inability of Palestinian security forces to properly govern in certain areas of the Judea and Samaria region. As a result these areas become fertile ground for the growth of terrorism," he continued. The 1993-94 Oslo Accords divided the disputed territories into three administrative categories, areas A, B and C. The Palestinian Authority has full security control in Area A, in which the city of Jenin is located, and partial security control in Area B. In the weeks preceding the launch of "Operation Breakwater," 19 people were murdered in terrorist attacks, 11 of which were carried out by Palestinians from the Jenin area, according to the IDF. "As always, even when facing this increase, our test remains the same – to defend the security of Israeli civilians, and our mission is to prevent terrorist activity – we will reach every city, neighborhood, alley, house and basement," said Kochavi. "Our activity will continue and we are ready to increase it if need be."

German president acknowledges responsibility for 1972 Munich attack, aftermath

German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier on Sept. 4 admitted to feeling shame over the fact that it took Berlin 50 years to reach a compensation agreement with the families of the Israeli victims of the 1972 Munich Olympics terror attack. Speaking beside Israeli President Isaac Herzog, who is currently in Germany for an official visit, Steinmeier said, "That it took 50 years to reach this agreement in the last [few] days is indeed shameful," according to a report by AFP. Disagreement over the German government's previous offer to the victims' relatives threatened to derail the Sept. 5 memorial ceremony in Munich, with the families warning that they would boycott the event if the offer stood. However, a settlement was reached on Aug. 31, with compensation totaling 28 million euros. At a state banquet in Herzog's honor at Bellevue Palace in Berlin on Sept. 4, Steinmeier acknowledged that Germany bore a share of responsibility not only for the tragedy itself,

but for its aftermath. "Part of our responsibility as Germans is to shed light on the many unresolved issues, the blind spots of the attack in Munich – and also the blind spots in how we have dealt with the attack since then," he said. "For far too long, we did not want to acknowledge the pain of the bereaved families. And for far too long, we did not want to acknowledge that we, too, had to shoulder some of the responsibility: it was our job to ensure the safety of the Israeli athletes," he added. On Sept. 5, 1972, eight gunmen from the Palestinian terrorist group Black September burst into the Israeli team's Olympic village quarters, killing two Israelis and kidnapping nine. All nine hostages, as well as eight terrorists and a German police officer, died during a botched rescue effort by West German police. Over the years, victims' relatives have worked hard to obtain an official apology from Germany, access to official papers and greater compensation than the 4.5 million euros offered to the families of the 11 slain Olympians, the report noted.

Iran-linked hackers release Mossad chief's medical records, personal photos

Hackers linked to Iran have published personal photos and medical records of Mossad intelligence agency chief David Barnea, Israeli media reported on Sept. 4. The hackers reportedly accessed the cellular phone of Barnea's wife, according to I24 News. The stolen files were released on the eve of the Mossad director's visit to Washington, DC, for a series of meetings with senior American officials over the possibility of reviving the 2015 Iran nuclear agreement. The leaked files, published on the hackers' Telegram account, include the results of blood tests and medical examinations, and even a photo of Barnea from the 2016 U23 European Judo Championships in Tel Aviv, the report said. In March, the same Telegram account published other personal documents allegedly belonging to the Mossad director. Israeli sources said at the time that the files, which were also obtained from the cellphone of Barnea's wife, were old.

Israel to buy four Boeing air-force refueling tankers

The Israeli government and Boeing Co. announced a \$927 million deal on Sept. 1 to purchase four KC-46A refueling tankers for its air force. The first planes are slated to arrive in 2025. "I would like to thank the U.S. Department of Defense for approving the important agreement for the provision of fuel tankers to Israel," said Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz. "The refueling aircraft that are being purchased, along with the procurement of the F-35 squadron, helicopters, submarines and advanced munition, will enable the IDF to face security challenges near and far."

Antisemitism likely a factor in medieval deaths in UK

DNA evidence suggests that remains discovered at the bottom of a medieval well in Norwich in the United Kingdom belonged to victims of antisemitic violence in the 12th century. The findings, published in the journal Current Biology, indicate that these individuals were likely killed in a historically documented massacre. "We find that four of these individuals were closely related and all six have strong genetic affinities with modern Ashkenazi Jews," the researchers wrote. "These findings provide new insights into a significant historical crime, into Ashkenazi population history, and into the origins of genetic diseases associated with modern Jewish populations," they continued. They identified four alleles [gene variants] associated with genetic disease in Ashkenazi Jews and inferred "variation in pigmentation, including the presence of red hair." "Simulations indicate that Ashkenazi-associated genetic disease alleles were already at appreciable frequencies, centuries earlier than previously hypothesized," they wrote. Carbon dating placed the remains in the 11th-12th centuries. The researchers speculated that the Jews may have been murdered in 1190, when members of the community were killed during riots triggered by the launch of the Third Crusade. As part of the Chapelfield shopping center development, construction workers in 2004 found the bones of 17 persons, including 11 children, at the site of a medieval well located just south of the medieval Jewish quarter and, unusually, not on consecrated ground.

Leading Ukraine rabbi tells Jews to stay away from Uman this year

Rabbi Moshe Reuven Azman, one of several claimants to the position of chief rabbi of Ukraine, on Aug. 31 called on Jewish pilgrims to avoid their annual trip to Uman to visit the burial site of Rabbi Nachman of Breslov. "It's a real war... my message to people is to please try to not come this year," Azman told i24News from Basel, Switzerland, where he is attending a World Zionist Organization conference to mark the 125-year anniversary of the first Zionist conference. "Don't come this year. It's dangerous. It's a war," he added. Azman told i24News that Ukraine does not have the means this year to defend Jewish worshippers, as the country is fighting Russia's invasion. He also warned of potential Russian provocations, such as the launch of missiles in the vicinity of Uman. His message was echoed by Ukrainian officials, who cautioned Jewish pilgrims not to attend this year's celebration, citing a high probability of missile attacks and other potentially destabilizing Russian acts. "Don't come this year. It's dangerous. It's a war," Azman reiterated. Tens of thousands of observant Jews traditionally visit Uman during Rosh Hashanah to pray at the tomb of Rabbi Nachman. Despite the warnings, hundreds of Chasidic pilgrims have already gathered in Uman, and flights are being booked to bring thousands more before the celebration begins on September 25, according to the report. There has been an ongoing dispute about the identity of Ukraine's chief rabbi for the past 20 years, according to the *Forward*. Two of the current claimants are Azman and Rabbi Yaakov Bleich, a U.S.-born former member of Israel's Karlin-Stoliner Chasidic sect who was once an executive member of the World Jewish Congress.

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Using new technologies, said Gann-Perkal, "we can now find out tons of stuff about the deep sea. Fifteen or 20 years ago, you'd see this vast blue sea and not understand the amazing biodiversity it contains and how this affects our life here on Earth."

One way it affects the environment is that the deep sea is a carbon sink, absorbing and sequestering some of the environmentally harmful carbon we create. A better understanding of this function could have implications for climate-change research.

"Instead of vast areas of sand and mud as you might expect, this area of the deep sea with unique geological features is a complex area with different kinds of habitats where each animal can find its own niche," said Gann-Perkal.

Life is slow-paced down here. Without the photosynthesis of the sun, plant life is nourished by chemosynthesis – nutrients carried gradually deeper on streams of water starting from the surface of the sea.

Gann-Perkal noted that the Mediterranean covers about half of Israel's are – 4,000 square kilometers of territorial waters and 22,000 square kilometers of exclusive economic zone (EEZ) waters. If the Hope Spot is declared a national marine reserve, it would be the first in Israel's EEZ. "The deep sea hasn't been studied well, so it's very exciting," said Gann-Perkal. "It's like exploring outer space. We need to bring back information from 1,000 meters under the sea."

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