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## Binghamton Jewish Film Fest to hold virtual showing of “The Automat” in December

By Reporter staff

The Binghamton Jewish Film Fest will hold a virtual showing of the documentary film “The Automat” in December. The showing is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton in conjunction with the Ithaca Area United Jewish Community. Registration is required prior to Wednesday, December 7; the 72-hour link will be distributed to registrants in the afternoon of Thursday, December 8. A discussion with the film’s director and producer, Lisa Hurwitz, will take place on Zoom on Sunday, December 11, at 5:30 pm. Registration is free, but donations are welcome.

“The Automat” tells the history of the restaurant chain Horn and Hardart, which served food to millions of New Yorkers and Philadelphians for more than a century. Founded by Joseph Horn and Frank Hardart in 1888, it was said to have revolutionized the nation’s restaurant scene

“with comfortable interiors, quality food and state-of-the-art technology for the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The chain welcomed those who had been ignored, including immigrants, the working-class, Blacks and women, all of whom were often not welcome in restaurants.”

According to the film’s publicity, “Horn and Hardart’s technology captured the public’s imagination like nothing else in the 1900s – the customer put nickels into slots and little windows opened to reveal the customer’s pick, be it a slice of pie, macaroni and cheese, or a Salisbury steak. The gleaming glass and stainless-steel windows looked ‘sanitary’ and like nothing else in existence. ‘The Automat’ illustrates how the company both served the public with great food and at the same time treated its employees with fairness and integrity.”

The documentary’s theme song – “(There Was Nothing Like The Coffee) At the

Automat” – was composed by comedian and writer Mel Brooks, who used to eat at the Horn and Hardart automat. Brooks’ composer Hummie Mann wrote the rest of the film’s score, which was done in the Gentleman’s Swing genre and performed by a 26-piece orchestra.

Pete Hammond of Deadline said the film is “joyous and a hoot to watch.” Hannah Brown of *The Jerusalem Post* wrote that “The Automat” is “a very accomplished debut film.” Joe Morgenstern of *The Wall Street Journal* called the film “beguiling.”

“Join us for this delightful slice of American history,” said Shelley Hubal, executive director of the Federation. “The automat was a unique experience in the history of the United States and one that several generations of Jews were able to enjoy. I loved this film. We are also fortunate that the film’s director and producer will discuss the film with us.”



The Horn and Hardart automat, which was located at 157 Broadway, New York City, in the 1930s. (Photo courtesy of A Slice of Pie Productions)

## Giving Tuesday matching grant for *The Reporter*

By Reporter staff

*The Reporter* announced that it has received a \$2,500 matching grant for Giving Tuesday courtesy of the David and Virginia Eisenberg Fund. Donations will be accepted now through November 30. Donations may be made several ways:

◆ Give online through The Reporter Group website’s Donate tab.

◆ Through Giving Tuesday e-mails that will be sent by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton. Anyone who does not receive Federation e-mails, but would like to be on the list, should

e-mail [director@jfgb.org](mailto:director@jfgb.org) with “Federation e-mail list” in the subject line.

◆ Mail donations to The Reporter, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850 with “matching grant” in the check’s subject line.

“We are thrilled to receive this matching grant,” said Rabbi Rachel Esserman, executive editor of The Reporter Group. “If you are thinking about making a donation to the paper, this is the perfect time to do it. Every penny counts in this economic climate. So many Jewish newspapers are either going under or turning into online publications only. Although *The Reporter*

is now biweekly, I am pleased we are still able to produce hard-copy newspapers for our readers. I know that I prefer to read offline. Plus, a hard copy is great for those of us who like to read the paper on Shabbat, but don’t get on the computer that day.”

Shelley Hubal, executive director of the Federation, was also pleased that *The Reporter* received the grant. “I think the paper is a valuable addition to our community,” she said. “It not only lets me know what local organizations are doing, but helps keep us connected. Thank you

to the Eisenberg Fund for its gift. I know the generosity of our community will make this third Giving Tuesday mini-campaign a success.”

Esserman noted that the paper received four writing awards this year. “We received three awards from the Syracuse Press Club and one from the American Jewish Press Association Simon Rockower Awards for Excellence in Jewish Journalism,” she said. “That’s pretty impressive for a paper with such a small staff. We try to be the one-stop shop for those interested in learning about Jewish events in our community.”

## Chabad to offer JLI course “My G-d: Defining the Divine” beginning Nov. 7

Chabad of Binghamton is accepting last-minute registration for “My G-d: Defining the Divine, a six-week course produced by the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute that “unpacks Judaism’s understanding of God while providing fresh, profound answers to common questions about God.” The course begins on Monday, November 7. There will be a 7 pm session and an 8:45 pm session (if 10 sign up for that time). The course fee is \$79 per person or \$150 per couple, which includes the text book. To register for the course, call 797-0015, e-mail to [ruthshea@Jewishbu.com](mailto:ruthshea@Jewishbu.com) or visit [www.myJLI.com](http://www.myJLI.com).

“Jewish culture and the Jewish people’s outlook on life are indelibly shaped by the classic Jewish understanding of God,” said class organizers. “‘My G-d: Defining the Divine’ is a one-of-a-kind course that brings to light the Jewish understanding of God, from which Judaism and Jewish identity inevitably flow.”

Organizers added, “How did God come to be? Is God a He, a She or a They? Does God have feelings? If God has foreknowledge of all events, do we have free choice? Is there a place in Judaism for doubts about God? These are just some of the 25 questions addressed in ‘My G-d: Defining the Divine.’”

“The course’s fast-paced lessons will lead participants toward a comprehensive understanding of Jewish monotheism,” organizers continued. “The discussions will probe philosophical topics, but the course is anchored in real life and offers accessible answers for students of all backgrounds.”

“These are questions we hear all the time,” said Rivky Slonim. “This course might be the first time you can get straight, deep but accessible answers to all the big questions about God.”

Slonim said the new course is “the perfect offering for anyone with sincere questions

about God, or who just seeks an enhanced understanding of Judaism’s approach to this core topic.”

As with other JLI offerings, the course is designed for people at all levels of knowl-

edge, including those without any prior exposure to Jewish learning. All JLI courses are open to the public and attendees need not be affiliated with a particular synagogue, temple, or house of worship.

## Hillel Academy to hold open house on Nov. 9

Hillel Academy of Broome County will hold an open house on Wednesday, November 9, from 6-8 pm. Enrollment is open for the 2023-24 year. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 304-4544, e-mailing [frontoffice@hillel-academyofbc.org](mailto:frontoffice@hillel-academyofbc.org) or using the QR code in the ad on page 4.

“Why choose Hillel?” asked organizers of the event. “We offer small class sizes and a warm, nurturing environment. We are preparing future leaders for tomorrow by giving your children a superior education with a purpose. We also offer after-school enrichment programs in S.T.E.A.M.”

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## History Revisited

# Veterans Day 2022: Remembering the four chaplains

BILL SIMONS

Veterans Day evolved from the carnage and aspirations of World War I. On November 11, 1918, the armistice between the victorious Allies and Germany silenced the big guns of the Great War, as it was then called. The next year, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the first Armistice Day.

A 1954 act of Congress changed the name and purpose of the annual observance, and November 11 evolved into Veterans Day, a time to honor all those who served in the armed forces of the United States. Across the nation and spanning the generations, families and communities have veterans to remember.

The World War II saga of the four chaplains is one of those stories. It bears special significance as testament to faith that transcends religious differences. For Jews, it is a reminder that their role in World War II was not confined to Holocaust victimization. In numbers proportionate to their presence in the population, they served in a U.S. military that, with its Allies, defeated the totalitarian enemies of civilization.

Despite their distinct sectarian affiliations, the commonalities of the four chaplains were far greater than their

differences. Soon after Pearl Harbor, Methodist Reverend George Fox, Reform Jewish Rabbi Alexander Goode, Dutch Reformed Reverend Clark Poling and Catholic Father John Washington enlisted in the Army, eager for assignment at the battlefield. Unarmed, as chaplains do not carry weapons, they sought to go where danger and need were greatest.

Fox, Goode and Poling left behind wives and children. Washington bid adieu to a mother who had already witnessed two other sons enter the military. The chaplains believed that their mission was to provide support for soldiers fighting totalitarianism and to liberate their adversaries from despotic leaders.

At Camp Myles Standish in Taunton, MA, the four forged an implacable friendship based on dedication to democracy, patriotism, respect for all humanity, sacrifice, compassion, wit, music, ubiquitous conversation and a commitment to model ecumenical brotherhood. The chaplains were assigned to traverse the North Atlantic aboard the *USAT Dorchester*, an old, cramped transport ship – formerly a luxury liner. The *Dorchester* was part of a convoy that carried a mix of Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Merchant

Marines, as well as civilians, over German U-boat infested waters toward a covert destination, Greenland.

Life experience with suffering fostered empathy rather than bitterness in the four chaplains. Despite his age (41), Vermont congregation and lingering World War I injuries, Fox re-enlisted. The product of a dysfunctional family plagued by emotional distance and parental separation, Goode battled his York, PA, temple to champion alliances across religions and racial lines. Poling overcame serious childhood illness and his beloved mother's death, as well as the shadow of a charismatic father. After raging fever nearly took his life and a bullet left his right eye permanently impaired, Washington believed he was spared to live a purposeful life.

The four clergy were devout in their own denominational faiths, but embraced the role of the chaplain, which is to place counsel, comfort and support for their charges above theological proselytizing. Sea sicknesses and fear pervaded the crew as turbulent waters roiled the ship. At a certain point, it was apparent that dangerous U-boats shadowed the *Dorchester*. The chaplains prayed, comforted the sick, **See "Chaplains" on page 11**

## Opinion

From the Desk of the Federation Executive Director

### With gratitude

SHELLEY HUBAL

It started with Donald Trump posting on his social media platform Truth Social that "Jews have to get their act together and appreciate what they have in Israel – Before it's too late!" I don't care what your politics are or what his intent was, those are threatening words. Then Kanye West vowed on Twitter to "go death con 3 on Jewish people." Emboldened by all the rhetoric, neo-Nazis then shared a "Kanye was right about the Jews" message publicly in Los Angeles and Florida.

Hate is feeding off hate. A tap has opened a venomous cavity of our society and out of it has spewed a toxic evil. Hatred, oppression and violence against any group of people should be condemned, period. There is no other stance to take.

So, how come this makes me feel afraid and vulnerable?

I am afraid of the potential violence that I could attract by just mentioning Neo-Nazis. By even mentioning Trump, will I get the ire of community members who are conservative? How about those that lean far to the left complaining that my words are not harsh enough? Why do I need to even worry about this when our global Jewish community is under attack?

This makes me feel vulnerable. I want to be clear, though: I don't hate Donald Trump. I don't hate Kanye West, or even the people that are sowing the seeds of antisemitism. What makes me angry, however, is their actions. I am incensed that there are platforms that give them a voice. Our children are growing up in a world where toxicity is rampant and guns designed to be used in war are readily available: this causes me incalculable pain. The list goes

on and I own every awful feeling, but I refuse to hate. Hate only hurts the person holding it.

I don't have the answers to the problems our society is facing today. What I am grateful for, however, is that there are groups like the Anti-Defamation League that work every day to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and fight for a just society for all. On November 10, the ADL is sponsoring a summit on antisemitism and hate in New York City. There are both in-person and virtual opportunities to participate in this event that will feature world-class speakers. Go to [www.ADL.org](http://www.ADL.org) to learn more and donate to support the ADL's efforts. Now, more than ever, it is important that we all join together in speaking out against hate and work toward a safer, more tolerant society.

In My Own Words

### When words mean something different

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

I originally read the phrase and thought it meant something completely different. The phrase I'm referring to is "silent quitting." My first thought was, "Oh, people are quitting their jobs without giving notice to their employer? That's unprofessional. The standard notice is two weeks and most people in management give three to four weeks."

Then I read the article and realized my interpretation was wrong. Since then I've actually read a variety of definitions and realized the phrase refers to two different phenomena: one is that people are leaving their jobs at the official quitting time, while the other references what they are doing, or rather not doing, when they are at work.

If you're puzzled that people leaving at the official end of the workday is being called quitting, you aren't the only one. However, it seems some businesses are expecting people to work two or three hours past what should be closing time. It also refers to people quietly refusing to work on weekends, a time they are technically not required to work. I'm not writing about hourly workers (who do get paid for any extra hours they work): these other workers receive a salary in exchange for working a given number of hours.

I realize that many of us do put in extra time to finish specific work or projects. At my father's accounting office, employees were expected to work evenings and Saturdays during tax season. They were not, however, expected to work those extra hours during other times of the year. But to tell people that the business has a 35 or 40 hour work week, but they are expected to put in 50-60 hours every week, is simply not fair. This may be different, say, in a law office where new lawyers are hoping to make partner with the pay raise and perks that go along with that. But people need time outside the office – time spent with families and friends, in addition to time to physically and mentally refresh themselves.

The second meaning of silent quitting refers to people who are only doing the minimum in their jobs. In addition to not coming in early or working late, they are not doing any tasks outside of their core job. This may mean not helping fellow employees with projects or seeking ways to improve the work flow. I don't see this as a new phenomenon: there have always been people who do the minimum because they aren't invested in the work, meaning they may sim-

ply be working for the paycheck. I can't really fault them because not everyone is passionate about their work: their main interests may be outside the office, whether family, hobbies or volunteer work. Sometimes they do enough work for their employer to be satisfied. Other times, they slide below the minimum and may be let go.

Framing this another way, silent quitting means having a life outside of work. As someone recently said to me at a funeral we attended, "I should be at work, but I decided that on my death bed, I'm not going to feel bad that I missed work, but I will feel bad that I wasn't there for my friend in her time of need." It also means that a person wants to be paid for the hours they work. These workers may be saying, "Don't pretend that I'm being paid X amount of money for X amount of hours because I am really being paid far less." There is a difference between doing extra work occasionally to help your employer succeed and being regularly taken advantage of. Silent quitting may simply be these people's way of saying, "I've had enough." That's not quitting: that's living a balanced life, something to which we should aspire.



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# Beth David Sisterhood paid-up membership luncheon on Nov. 9

The Sisterhood of Beth David Synagogue will hold its paid-up membership luncheon on Wednesday, November 9, at 12:30 pm, at Beth David Synagogue. Program Chair Susan Wright said, "Organizers are looking forward to the event since we had to cancel the 2020 and 2021 paid-up membership meetings because of COVID concerns."

Although the luncheon is intended as a thank-you to everyone who has paid their membership dues of \$25 and has paid for any mitzvah cards they have requested, the event is open to the entire community, including men.

Non-members will be requested to pay a nominal fee of \$8 to help cover the cost of the food. People are asked to RSVP as soon as possible so that an appropriate amount of food can be prepared. Members are encouraged to contact Toby

Kohn or Marlene Serkin directly by Thursday, November 3, if possible. Others can contact the Beth David Synagogue office at 722-1793 or bethdavid@stny.rr.com. "We cannot guarantee that we will be able to honor any reservations made after Sunday, November 6," organizers noted.

November 9 marks the anniversary of Kristallnacht, "The Night of Broken Glass," which intensified the persecuting of Jews by the Nazis and other anti-Jewish groups in Germany. Synagogues were burned, Jewish businesses were destroyed, roughly 100 Jews were killed and an entire Jewish community was terrorized. During the luncheon, attendees will explore how the event was covered by local newspapers at the time and recite *Kaddish* in memory of those killed.

"Please join us on November 9 as we remember Kristallnacht, enjoy a light luncheon with friends old and new, and support Beth David Sisterhood," organizers said.

*The Jewish Community wishes to express its sympathy to Hollie Levine on the death of her husband,*  
**Brendan Byrnes**

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*The Jewish Community wishes to express its sympathy to Michael Wolff on the death of his mother,*  
**Marcia Wolff**

## Date change

# Chabad and Federation sponsor "Tea and Talk" on Nov. 10

Chabad of Binghamton, with co-sponsorship from the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, will hold its next "Tea and Talk" on Thursday, November 10, from 11 am-noon, in Chabad's atrium lounge. This is a different date than was published in the last issue of *The Reporter*. "Tea and Talk" is a monthly hour-long gathering for local Jewish seniors who are looking for "a meaningful conversation."

"The 'Tea and Talk' gatherings have become one of my favorite monthly events," said Shelley Hubal, executive director of the Federation. "The conversation is engaging,

and the atmosphere is friendly. If you are looking for a way to connect with others and learn something new, then join us for 'Tea and Talk.' We welcome your participation."

"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](http://www.JewishBU.com/Tea) or call 797-0015.

# Global Day of Jewish Learning to be held Nov. 13

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton will sponsor the local Global Day of Jewish Learning program with Temple Concord, Temple Israel and Beth David Synagogue in person and on Zoom. The in-person program will be held at Temple Israel, 4737 Deerfield Place, Vestal. There will be a 10 am brunch at Temple Israel that will be prepared by Victor Torres at Beth David Synagogue, followed by the program from 10:30 am-noon. The cost of the brunch is \$10 per person; the food will be kosher and will include a gluten-free option.

Reservations are needed for the meal preparation. Registration for the in-person and online program through Temple Concord (723-7355 or [templeconcordaa@gmail.com](mailto:templeconcordaa@gmail.com)), Temple Israel (723-7461 or [titammy@stny.twcbc.com](mailto:titammy@stny.twcbc.com)) or Beth David Synagogue (722-1793 or [rabbisilber@stny.rr.com](mailto:rabbisilber@stny.rr.com)). Study materials will be sent after registration. The Zoom link is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84097361294?pwd=dW1uM2hhMl0lUjNlMm1lSjIhU3FEQT09>.

This is the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Global Day of Jewish Learning and the fourth time the local community has participated. The program was started to celebrate the late Rabbi Adin Even-Israel Steinsaltz' completion of his translation of the Talmud into English in 2010. This year's learning theme is "Rebuilding."

"After two and a half years of pandemic, wars and the ever-present realities of turmoil in our personal lives, Rabbis Geoffrey Brown, Barbara Goldman-Wartell and Zev Silber



will guide us through how Jewish tradition approaches the moments after destruction, change and devastation," said organizers of the event. "We will be focusing on rebuilding family and other interpersonal relationships through exploring Abraham and Isaac's relationship during and after the *Akedah*, the Binding of Isaac, in Genesis 22, and its aftermath, in Genesis 23 and 24. How will we rebuild?"

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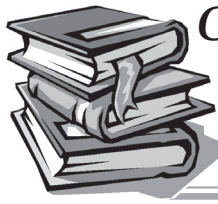
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## Off the Shelf

# Exploring the Torah through history and *midrash*

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

There are many ways to explore the Torah text, all of which offer insights into its meaning. Some of these approach the work from a historical point of view, rather than a religious one. Others offer a historical, close look at specific words in the text. While different types of study appeal to different audiences, when viewed together, they can enrich one's understanding and appreciation of the text. While "The Book of Revolutions: The Battle of Priests, Prophets, and Kings That Brought the Torah" by Edward Feld (The Jewish Publication Society) looks at the historic reasons behind the development of three codes found in the Torah, "Dirshuni: Contemporary Women's Midrash" edited by Tamar Biala (Brandeis University Press) offers an interpretation of the biblical text that is both feminist and very traditional at the same time.

"The Book of Revolutions" is an extremely interesting, but complex, look at how three sections of the Torah developed. Feld focuses on the Covenant Code (Exodus), the Deuteronomical Code (Deuteronomy) and the Holiness Code (Leviticus) to show how each developed during different time periods, and how they differ from each other. His work is so detailed that it's difficult to summarize, but some general observations are possible, even if the explanations are simplified.

◆ The Covenant Code: Feld suggests that the Covenant Code developed in the Kingdom of Israel and only later was adapted by the Kingdom of Judah (after the Kingdom of Israel was conquered and dispersed). This code was similar and different from other covenant codes of that time period. Unlike most covenant codes that have been discovered, all citizens were treated as equal (for example, there were none of the class distinctions that appeared in other codes); the punishments were seen as dictated by God, rather than by humans; and civil and religious laws were not considered separate entities. There was also one law for everyone in the kingdom, including non-Israelites.

◆ The Deuteronomical Code: Feld sees this code as having developed during the reforms of King Josiah of Judah. Although the Covenant Code can be read as suggesting there might be more than one god, Josiah's

reforms focused not only on the exclusive worship of Adonai, but the idea that Adonai was the only God. Worship was now to take place in Jerusalem exclusively. There is a nationalist aspect to this code, which makes a clear distinction between those who are members of this community and those who are not.

◆ The Holiness Code: Feld sees this code as developing in Babylonia when the exiles were deciding what form their religion would take now that there was no Temple. The Holiness Code expanded religious practice: God required not just sacrifices, but ethical behavior. This meant that the Israelite religion was not something only priests could do, but behavior everyone should follow. These ideas came from the prophetic books that noted that God didn't want the people's sacrifices if their society is unjust and treats its vulnerable citizens poorly.

Each code offered different ways of viewing the relationship between God and Israel. The Covenant Code saw Israel as a holy people, but required them to treat everyone fairly. The Deuteronomical Code transformed the idea of holiness, showing the Israelites as a "distinguished people treasured by God," something specific to them. The Holiness Code modified this claim, showing that holiness didn't belong to a particular nation, but rather was a way of life and a system of behavior.

Feld does an excellent job not only explaining the codes, but showing how they were influenced by political changes in the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah. His final discussion focuses on how these different codes came together in one book – the Torah. Feld sees the inclusions of these disparate codes as what makes the Torah a unique and powerful text: "The Five Books of Moses seems to have triumphed in the Jewish community that [survived the Babylonian exile] precisely because it did not resolve contradictions but instead incorporated the theologies of numerous traditions and parties. In holding on to its internal contradictions, it preserved a certain mystery, and a profound understanding that contradictory viewpoints and a variety of beliefs provide insight into truths beyond

single-minded formulations."

Among the things Feld notes in his final chapter are the *midrashic* interpretations that developed in order to explain these differences and contradictions in the text. *Midrash* was originally written by male rabbis. In contemporary times, women have begun to write their own, many looking at themes specific to women's concerns. For most North Americans, these *midrash* have appeared as short stories, novels or poetry, formats very different from traditional rabbinic *midrash*. However, Israeli women have recaptured that ancient format in "Dirshuni," a Hebrew word Biala translates as "seek me." These writers' works feature a very close reading of the original Hebrew, a language they use in daily life, and their interpretations play with these words and their meaning.

These *midrash* appear in sections labeled "Creation of the World," "Israel in the Desert," "Sexuality, Love, and Marriage," "Rape and Incest" and "Inequality in Jewish Law and in the Rabbinic Court," to name just a few. Each of the 50 *midrash* included opens with a short note about the subject matter, followed by the biblical text under discussion. The author's *midrash* (discussion of the text) appears next, before concluding with a commentary about the *midrash*, which is often the longest part of

the discussion. All works have been translated from the original Hebrew into English.

Which *midrash* will appeal to readers depends on individual tastes. Those who are only familiar with North American *midrash* might at first be puzzled by these texts. However, anyone who has studied traditional rabbinic *midrash* will recognize the format and be better able to appreciate what these women are doing – how they are able to be traditional in form and feminist in content. Most interpretations are not radical, at least in a North American liberal context.

While all the *midrash* have something to offer, a few stood out:

◆ Rivkah Lubitch's "Sarah and the Sacrifice of Isaac" speaks of God testing Sarah, rather than Abraham. Her discussion focuses on the phrase "and it came to pass after these matters," which Lubitch sees as continuing a discussion between Sarah and God. In this *midrash*, Sarah passes the test by refusing to sacrifice her son.

◆ "In the Presence of His Wife" by Hagit Rappel looks at the marriage of Isaac and Rebecca. She shows how their marriage developed so that both were able to appreciate their partners' good points and their flaws. Rappel also notes how Isaac came to understand Rebecca's pain due to her inability to conceive.

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## Off the Shelf

# Novels of dissatisfaction

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Dissatisfaction: That word partly summarized the feelings of the main characters in Elisa Albert's "Human Blues" (Avid Readers Press) and Felicia Berliner's "Shmutz" (Atria Books), although the cause of that emotion in each woman is radically different. In fact, their lives might at first seem to have nothing in common: Albert's Aviva is a singer-songwriter on the verge of fame who desperately desires a child, while Berliner's Raizl, who lives in an ultra-Orthodox community, finds her life unraveling due to a secret desire. Both are struggling with a need that threatens to subsume their lives.

In "Human Blues," Aviva, who is in her late 30s, is obsessed with the desire to become pregnant. Her husband supports her desire, although he is far more laid back about whether or not they have children. Aviva's emotional ups and downs are not helped by the fact that almost everyone she knows seems to either be pregnant or just had a child. Her fixation on social media adds to the problem because she can't stop tormenting herself by looking at other people's happy family lives. Her mother is pressuring her to use the new technologies available to become pregnant, but Aviva hesitates because she believes those techniques might negatively affect those children in the future. Her distrust of the medical profession is understandable, but, on the other hand, she willingly uses alternative treatments that also have not been tested.


In addition to the stress of trying to get pregnant, Aviva is also dealing with being on tour and learning to adjust to her newly found fame. Aviva is ambivalent about her success. On the one hand, she just wants to make music that speaks to her, but knowing that her music can make a difference in people's lives resonates with her. Throughout the book, Aviva rants and raves (with a great deal of profanity) over and over again about music, pregnancy and life in general. She does not always come across as a sympathetic character, partly because she is so conflicted about everything in her life and partly because she's tempted to stray from her marriage for no real reason other than sexual attraction. However, there is one thing – or rather, one person – she does love with her whole heart: Amy Winehouse, another

Jewish singer/songwriter whose life and death both inspires and frightens her. Can Aviva learn something from Winehouse that will help her find meaning in her own life?

"Human Blues" was difficult to read at times because it was tempting to give up on Aviva. However, that challenge is ultimately what made the work interesting to read. How do readers care for someone whose behavior they may find unpleasant and, at times, alienating? The novel may speak more to those who are either experiencing problems with fertility or who are fans of Winehouse's music. That's not to say others can't enjoy this work, but it may not have the same emotional impact.


Age and circumstance may also play into how readers react to "Shmutz." Eighteen-year-old Raizl's problem is far different from that of most novels featuring ultra-Orthodox women who feel they don't fit into their community. Although Raizl's desire to attend college in itself creates problems because her father doesn't believe in the need for advanced education for women, Raizl's specific problem is not common. Instead of using the computer the college gave her to do her school work, Raizl is using it to watch pornography. In fact, she's become addicted to it, so much so that her college career is in jeopardy. Plus, Raizl is now fearful about getting married because her newly discovered sexual desires don't seem to fit within her community's standards as she understands them. To help her overcome her fear of dating, her mother sends her to a psychiatrist. Although Raizl begins to meet some appropriate matches, the question remains whether she will be able to free herself from her addiction, or find a way to live with it and still be part of her community.

"Shmutz" also explores Raizl's feelings of alienation and her fears that she will no longer fit in the religious or secular world. Part of her longs to join the wider world, while another part understands and appreciates the community in which she lives. The novel offers readers an opportunity to debate whether having a computer is what has caused Raizl's problems, or whether it's the lack of understanding about sexuality in the ultra-Orthodox world to which she belongs – one that doesn't discuss sexuality in a way Raizl finds meaningful.



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# Beth David Luncheon Speaker Series resumes

## Luncheon on Nov. 12 to feature Prof. Randy Friedman

Beth David's monthly Luncheon Speaker Series will resume in person on Saturday, November 12, and is scheduled to take place the second Saturday of each month after Shabbat morning services, except for when Shabbat is a holiday. The November guest speaker will be Professor Randy Friedman of Binghamton University's Judaic Studies Department, whose talk is titled "It is Not in Heaven" and is based on a talmudic tale taken from the Bava Metzia tractate.



Professor Randy Friedman (Photo courtesy of Randy Friedman)

is of particular interest to me," Friedman continues, "because, as far as Jewish religious law is concerned, it opens the door to both fundamentalism and progressivism, depending on who the rabbis are."

Friedman majored in philosophy at Yale University, where he earned his undergraduate degree in 1993. He spent the following three years at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in the Department of Philosophy. In 2005, he was awarded his Ph.D.

from Brown University's Department of Religious Studies. He has been teaching at Binghamton University since 2005 in the Department of Judaic Studies, with a specialization in the philosophy of religion, and has also taught in the Department of Philosophy. Since 2013, he is an associate professor of Judaic studies and comparative literature. As of 2015, he also holds the position of director of the Center for Israel Studies, housed in Binghamton University's Department of Judaic Studies. He and Brenda Schlaen have lived in Binghamton for 17 years, and are the parents of Ellie, Mika and Zohar, all former students of Hillel Academy. Friedman also serves on the boards of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton and Temple Israel.

"Those of us who have heard Randy Friedman speak before already know what a gifted teacher he is, with that special talent of making all subjects engaging and thought-provoking," organizers say. "His See "Friedman" on page 6

The luncheon and speaker take place after Shabbat morning services and are open to the community. People are encouraged to attend the morning service, which will begin at 9:30 am. There is no charge for the luncheon.

"I will be dealing with the famous story of the oven of Akhnai (Bava Metzia 59b)," Friedman says. "Like many passages in rabbinic writing that are open to interpretation and where the arguments are often at loggerheads, this one is no exception. In this particular tale, we deal with a dispute between a group of rabbis and God, in which God 'admits' that the majority of rabbis, and not God, should determine halachah [Jewish religious law]."

After reading through the story of the other rabbis' refusal of Rabbi Eliezer's ruling and ultimately of the Divine intervention in support of Rabbi Eliezer, Friedman will discuss issues that the tale raises, including the nature of revelation, religious law, interpretation and authority. "This passage

## Luncheon on Dec. 10 to feature David Sliom

Beth David's Luncheon Speaker Series will continue in person on Saturday, December 10, with guest speaker David Sliom. The title of his talk is "South African Jewry: A Personal Perspective." Beth David's Luncheon Speaker Series takes place the second Saturday of the month after Shabbat morning services, and is open to the community. People are encouraged to attend the morning service, which begins at 9:30 am. There is no charge for the luncheon.



David Sliom (Photo courtesy of David Sliom)

Born in Durban, South Africa, Sliom and his family migrated to the United States in 1977, living first in San Antonio, TX, and then in St. Louis, MO, where he completed his high school education and then attended Washington University, graduating with a degree in mathematics in 1985. He is employed in the field of cybersecurity for several federal agencies, and resides in Annapolis, MD.

Sliom will discuss what it was like being Jewish in the 1960s and '70s in South Africa. He will also speak about the Jewish community and how its practices compare to U.S. ones. "I will discuss some of the traditions that are the same, as well as those that may differ," Sliom indicated. "I also look forward to sharing some of my family history, which has historical significance. When I used to ask my father why we did things a certain way in our Jewish practice, he always replied, 'This is the way your great-grandfather did it.'"

The year 2019 was the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary

of the death of Sliom's great-grandfather, Shmaryahu Sliom, who was the first rabbi in the Afrikaaner Republic in the 1890s. A commemorative article in the *Pretoria Jewish Chronicle* marked that anniversary, indicating that there was an active Jewish community there, and that Rev Sliom ministered to that community, taking on the additional functions of cantor, *shochet* and *mohe*l. The creation of a Chovevei Zion Organization, as well as a Ladies Benevolent Society and Ladies Zionist Society, were also due to the efforts of Sliom and his wife, Hannah.

"We are delighted that David will be sharing his insights based on his experiences growing up in South Africa," organizers say, "and his personal connection to an important part of its Jewish history. His talk is sure to generate a lively and thought-provoking discussion!"

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

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# TC to hold Kristallnacht program on Nov. 9

Temple Concord will hold a Kristallnacht program at the synagogue and on Zoom on Wednesday, November 9, at 7:30 pm. The program will include the documentary "Letters to Frieda," a Julian Farris film production with Holocaust survivor Michele Willner Levy and a discussion



Michele Willner Levy (Used with permission from Julian Farris film production)

with Levy, who will share her family's story. Registration is required in advance to receive the Zoom link and can be made at [bit.ly/3MoelDi](https://bit.ly/3MoelDi), meeting ID 783 628 8415 and passcode 867957. All are welcome to attend.

"Michele Willner Levy is featured in this documentary about her family's survival and heartbreaking destruction in the wake of the Holocaust," said organizers of the event. "Michele is one of the youngest witnesses to the Holocaust and the keeper of her family's history. She has a treasure trove of artifacts from that time: pictures, passports and handwritten letters that mask an unspeakable horror, and

tie her to a past she never knew."

Organizers added, "Levy will be joining us on Zoom from her home in Pennsylvania. She will share her uncle's account written about Kristallnacht including his arrest that night. There will be an opportunity for questions, as well.

"We are honored that Michele has agreed to do this program with us," organizers continued. "Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell worked with her to plan many Yom Hashoah v'Hagvurah programs in Allentown before she came to Binghamton."

## TC Whale of a Sale back in Nov.

Temple Concord Sisterhood's almost annual Whale of a Sale will be held Sundays, November 6 and 13, from 10 am-4 pm; Monday-Thursday, November 7-10, from noon-6 pm; and Friday, November 11, from noon-4 pm, in the first floor social hall of Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr.,

Binghamton. Shoppers should use the Riverside Drive or rear doors for entrance.

There will be a bake sale in the lobby on Sunday, November 6, from 10 am until it is sold out. On Sunday, November 13, there will be a bag sale at \$12 per bag.

Items have been accumulating for the past two years when the sale could not be held due to COVID. Organizers say this 2022 Whale of a Sale is one not to be missed. They expect the social hall to be "overwhelmed" with items for sale.

"Whale of a Sale features new and upscale used items," organizers noted. "The merchandise, very reasonably priced and just in time for holiday gifts and winter needs, includes quality clothing for all ages and sizes, housewares, home furnishings, jewelry, books for children and adults, baby items, toys, games, sports equipment, appliances and more!"

## "Jewish Food and Mediterranean Cuisine" talk at TC luncheon

Anthony Preus will speak at a Temple Concord luncheon on Sunday, December 4, at noon. The title of the talk is "Separate and Not Separate: Jewish Food and Mediterranean Cuisine." The cost of the Mediterranean-themed luncheon is \$10. Reservations are necessary to attend in

person. For more information, contact Merri Pell-Preus via e-mail at [merrypell.preus@gmail.com](mailto:merrypell.preus@gmail.com).

Preus is the Distinguished Teaching Professor of Philosophy at Binghamton University; the talk is a development of his course "Philosophy of Food."

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talk at the first in-person luncheon speaker series is sure to generate a lively discussion!"

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◆ Gili Zivan's "Bityah, the Daughter of God" uses the story of Pharaoh's daughter, who saved Moses' life, to speak of contemporary politics – the racism that foreign workers and their children face in Israel.

◆ "The Blessing for Breastfeeding" by Efrat Garber-Aran focuses on what blessings should be said over nourishment. In her discussion, men and women sages debate the appropriate blessing for breast feeding. Since babies cannot say

the blessing (they are incapable of speech), their mothers must bless. The specific blessing chosen is a wonderful one.

"Durshuni" would be an excellent work for study groups, schools or *Rosh Chodesh* groups. The texts need a close reading, which is why these formats would work best. However, anyone interested in *midrash* or contemporary Israeli women's thought should find this work intriguing and stimulating.


## TC Sisterhood Artisan Marketplace on Nov. 20

Temple Concord Sisterhood will hold an Artisan Marketplace on Sunday, November 20, from 10 am-4 pm, in the first floor social hall at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. Admission is a cash donation in any amount or a packaged food item for CHOW.

"This event is just in time for holiday gift-giving," said organizers. "It will feature some two dozen vendors selling jewelry, knitted hats and scarves, pottery, wooden bread boards and bowls, ornaments, glass, paintings, art cards, hand-decorated furniture, felted creations and more."

Deborah Williams is chairwoman of Artisan Marketplace for Temple Concord Sisterhood.

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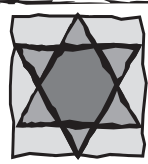
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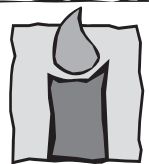
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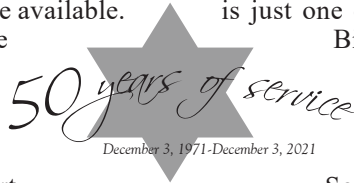
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# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## Study: Extensive use of smartphones by parents could hamper toddler development

**By JNS staff**

(JNS) – A new study from Tel Aviv University found that interaction between mothers and toddlers is reduced by a factor of four when the mothers use their smartphones, which might damage the toddler’s development and have even greater and far-reaching consequences.

The results of the new study, which was led by Dr. Katy Borodkin of the Department of Communication Disorders at the Stanley Steyer School of Health Professions, Sackler Faculty of Medicine of Tel Aviv University, were published in the top-tier *Journal of Child Development*.

The experiment involved dozens of mothers of toddlers (aged 2 to 3 years).

The mothers were ostensibly invited to participate in a study examining the link between the mother’s and the child’s interests, and so they were asked to perform three tasks: Browse a designated Facebook page, and “like” videos and articles that interest them; read printed magazines and mark articles that interest them; and finally, play with the child while the smartphone and magazines were outside the room (uninterrupted free play).

“Our goal was to simulate situations in real life where the mother has to take care of her child, while at the same time devoting some of her attention to her smartphone,” explains Borodkin. “The mothers were unaware of the purpose of the experiment, so they behaved naturally by splitting their interest between the toddlers, and the smartphone and magazines. We videotaped all the interactions between the mothers and the toddlers, and later scanned the recordings frame by frame in an attempt to quantify the mother-child interaction.”

Researchers from Tel Aviv University have defined three components of mother-child interaction. The maternal linguistic input was examined first, which is the linguistic content that the mother conveys to the child.

According to previous research, this is an important predictor of a child’s language development. It has been found in the past that reduced linguistic input leads to reduced vocabulary in a child, even as an adult. Next, conversational turns were examined – for example, how interactive the discourse was.

This is a predictor of language and social development, as the child learns that he or she has something to contribute to the interaction as well as the basic social norms of social interactions.

Finally, maternal responsiveness was examined, such as to what extent the mother responds to child bids. This is a measure of the immediacy of the response and its contingency on the child bid’s content. For example, when the child says “look, a truck,” there is no comparison between a response such as “yes, that’s great” and a response such as “correct, this is a red truck, like the one we saw yesterday.” This measure is the basis for almost every aspect of child development: linguistic, social, emotional and cognitive.

“We found that the three components of mother-child interaction were reduced by a factor of two to four relative to uninterrupted free play, both when the mother was reading printed magazines and browsing on her smartphone,” says Borodkin. “In other words, the mothers talked up to four times less with their children while they were on their phone.”

“Moreover, they exchanged fewer conversational turns with the toddler, provided less immediate and content-tailored responses, and more often ignored explicit child bids,” she continues. “Even when they were able to respond while browsing Facebook, the quality of the response was reduced – the mothers kept their responsiveness to a bare minimum to avoid a complete breakdown in communication with the toddler.”

Equally interesting is the fact that no difference was found between browsing a smartphone and reading magazines. “We did not find that one media distracted more than the other,” says Borodkin. “However, it is clear that we use smartphones much more than any other media, so they pose a significant developmental threat. It should be noted that we currently have no research evidence suggesting an actual effect on child development related to the parental use of smartphones, as this is a relatively new phenomenon. However, our findings indicate an adverse impact on the foundation of child development. The consequences of

inadequate mother-child interaction can be far-reaching.”

To conclude, Borodkin adds: “In our current research, we focused on the mothers, but we believe that our findings characterize communication interferences between

fathers and their toddlers as well, since the smartphone-usage patterns are similar between men and women, thus allowing us to estimate with high probability that the research findings are applicable to fathers and to mothers.”



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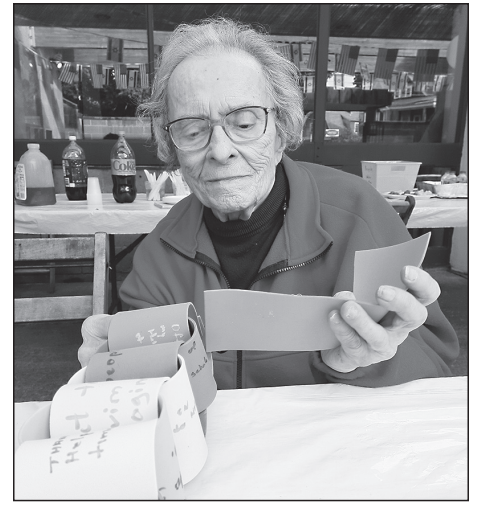
# BD Sisterhood celebrated Sukkot



At left: On October 12, Beth David Sisterhood members and friends met in the Beth David sukkah to celebrate the holiday of Sukkot. Judy Silber spoke about the seven female prophetes who are the counterparts to the traditional seven male ancestors called the ushpizen, who are invited to visit people's sukkot. She also showed how to make a paper chain, which will be used next year to decorate Beth David's sukkah.



Natalie Weiss Pachter worked on the paper chain that will be used to decorate Beth David's sukkah next year.



Marlene Serkin worked on the paper chain that will be used to decorate Beth David's sukkah next year.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

### Baku to establish an embassy in Israel amid Iran threat

After 30 years of diplomatic relations and amid tensions with Iran, Azerbaijan has decided to open an embassy in Israel, media in the South Caucasus nation reported. Arzu Naghiyev, a lawmaker and member of the Azerbaijan-Israel parliamentary friendship group, told his country's Pravda news site the week of Oct. 28 that "there is already a decision" and that "the opening of Azerbaijan's embassy in Israel can only be delayed by technical reasons." The lawmaker also mentioned Iran opening a new consulate and establishing close ties with Armenia, with which Azerbaijan fought a war in 2020. Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz visited Azerbaijan in October to discuss security and policy and foster security cooperation. Gantz met with Azerbaijan's president, Ilham Aliyev, during his visit. Last April, Azerbaijan opened a tourism office in Israel for the first time and signed a cooperation agreement. That month also marked the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of establishing diplomatic ties between the two nations. Both Israel and Azerbaijan see Iran as a threat. Azerbaijan fears Islamist influence.

### Israel, Bahrain hope to sign free trade deal by year's end

Israel and Bahrain hope to sign a free trade agreement within the next two months, officials from both nations said on Oct. 31. "We're optimistic and hopeful that we will close the deal by the end of the year," Bahraini Minister of Industry and Commerce Zayed Alzayani said during a visit to a leading Israeli venture capital firm, Jerusalem Venture Partners. Under U.S. sponsorship, Israel normalized diplomatic relations with Bahrain and its Gulf neighbor the United Arab Emirates two years ago. However, while Israel's economic ties with the UAE have grown in recent years, its trade with Bahrain has lagged far behind. Alzayani met with Jerusalem Venture Partners founder Erel Margalit to discuss future collaboration and said another round of free trade talks was scheduled for mid-November. The Economy Ministry of Israel said it would send a delegation to Manama for the next round, "in order to conclude the negotiations as soon as possible, and ideally by the end of the year."



L-r: Marlene Serkin, Judy Silber and Rita Bleier attended the Beth David Sisterhood Sukkot celebration.

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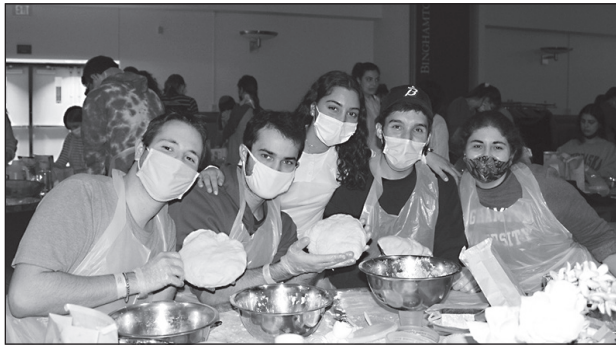
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# Chabad to hold Mega Challah Bake on Nov. 10

The Rohr Chabad Center – in co-sponsorship with Beth David Sisterhood, Chabad Women’s League and Temple Israel – will hold a Mega Challah Bake event on Thursday, November 10, at 7 pm, in the Mandela Room at Binghamton University. The fee is \$5 for the community with reservations made in advance. Participants will have an opportunity to taste eight flavors of challah and each participant will receive a gift to take home, as well as two challahs. Reservations can be made at [jewishbu.com/challah](http://jewishbu.com/challah).

“The Mega Challah Bakes, held in cities small and large, bring the community together in a fun and easy celebration of Jewish heritage. In our case, we will be uniting our campus and local communities, and through campus and



Participants in last year’s Mega Challah Bake displayed their dough.

local Jewish organizations co-sponsoring, and lots and lots of people coming out to enjoy this activity together,” explained Goldie Ohana, coordinator.

“Joining hundreds of communities across the nation and around the world, the Mega Challah Bake is where hundreds of students and community members will join in mixing, kneading and shaping challahs – one of which they will keep and one of which will be given away by participants to someone who would appreciate the gift,” said event organizers.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

### In first, Israeli athlete competes in Saudi Arabia

Shachar Sagiv on Oct. 29 became the first Israeli athlete to ever compete in Saudi Arabia, according to the Israeli Olympic committee. The event, which the committee described as a “very significant breakthrough,” came on the same day that an Israeli went head-to-head against a Saudi in a tennis match in Bahrain. Sagiv, 28, was eliminated from the NEOM leg of the Super League Triathlon after falling during the biking portion of the race, which also includes swimming and running. Sagiv and his brother Ran both competed in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, placing 20<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup>, respectively, in the triathlon. “In the past year we’ve seen many Arab states come to terms with the fact that hosting an international tournament means hosting Israelis,” Israeli Olympic committee head Yael Arad said in a statement. “This is a growing trend and the true force in normalization between nations, and especially people.” Meanwhile, Saudi tennis player Yara al-Hogbani, 18, defeated Israel’s Isabell Bilaus, 14, on Oct. 29 in the semifinals of the J5 Isa Town Tournament in Bahrain, according to Arab media reports.

## TC celebrated Simchat Torah



Above and at right: On October 16, Temple Concord celebrated Simchat Torah. Three Torahs were unrolled and placed on tables in the social hall. Members of the congregation took turns reading from the scroll, while others looked on.



# Financial Planning

## Three fraud prevention tips

(NAPSI) – Since government pandemic assistance programs have largely come to an end, fraudsters have turned their attention back to developing increasingly clever ways to trick you into giving them your money – but you can protect yourself and your assets.

Here are two confidence schemes that have been trending in recent months:

1. Malicious Links: Bad actors text a link that appears to be from a legitimate company. Even if you don’t provide any information, clicking on the link can lead to malicious software or viruses on your phone.

2. Spoofing: Fraudsters attempt to steal personal information by pretending to be someone with an urgent request – these bad actors often pose as government agents or fraud investigators from your bank.

In both scenarios, the goal of the bad actors is to trick the customer into providing personal information as well as bank account and login details that will let the fraudster take over the account and empty it using various peer-to-peer

payment services or wires. Since the bad actors have personal information and the bank account login details, they are able to pose as the customer and confirm that they want to send money. In the case of the impostor phone call, the scammer will often trick the customer into sending them money to “resolve fraudulent activity” while speaking with them on the phone.

The experts at Citi suggest the “Top 3 Tips” to help you avoid these types of fraud:

1. Scammers Have Learned How to Spell: Don’t assume that all scammers misspell or use obvious email addresses and URLs, or make requests that you send money to a far-away land to claim a lost fortune. Today’s fraudsters send e-mails and text links that closely imitate those from real companies or other trusted individuals and that may appear to be legitimate.

2. Be Skeptical of Unsolicited Messages: Be aware of seemingly real e-mails, texts and phone calls that ask you to urgently provide personal or account information. These tricks are especially successful when people are distracted

by their busy lives. Don’t click on a link from any e-mail or text that you receive unexpectedly and delete unsolicited incoming e-mails and texts. Additionally, don’t provide any personal identifying or account information to any inbound communication by phone, e-mail or text. Contact your bank or the merchant directly via known and trusted communication channels if you are concerned about an account that is the subject of an unsolicited or suspicious message.

3. Don’t Take the Call – Make the Call: If you get a call from an unknown number, don’t answer it or return it. Instead, reach out directly to your bank by logging in to its secure website or by calling the known customer service number from the back of your card to review account activity and information. Even if you get a call from a number which appears on caller ID as your bank’s name and number, do not provide personal information on that inbound call as fraudsters can easily spoof the incoming caller ID information.

For further information about fraud and how to fight it, visit [www.citi.com/fraudprevention](http://www.citi.com/fraudprevention).

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## Weekly Parasha

Lech Lecha, Genesis 12:1-17:27

Lech Lecha: The third Torah portion of our annual reading cycle introduces the story of both the great patriarch/matriarch team, Avraham and Sarah, as well as humanity's concept of monotheism. Judaism's direct and succinct relationship begins with God literally speaking to Avram, saying, "Go forth (*lech lecha*) from your land and your birthplace and your father's house to the land I will show you."

Many years ago, long before becoming a rabbi, it may be that this beginning line spurred me as a teacher to choose Lech Lecha as the quintessential portion to shepherd adults to become bar and bat mitzvah students. There are many adults who grew up in communities where access to Jewish education was unavailable. As they grew to maturity, years after the liminal 13-year typical age, they ached for Jewish study and the dream

of reading from the Torah and experiencing bar/bat mitzvah. Similar to Avram and Sarai, who were both adults, *b'nei* mitzvah adults have lived lives and are transitioning to a newly founded purpose: to step up as counted members of their Jewish communities. (Avram and Sarai's names changed in Genesis, chapter 17 when God declared Avram's new name as "Abraham" – "a father of many nations." Abraham then received the covenant. At Sarai's announcement of the birth of Isaac, she became Sarah, meaning noblewoman.)

In the case of Avraham and Sarah, their story becomes fundamental to the story of all Jewish people. We become "*eev-ries*," those who "pass" from our former selves to our newly improved selves. The Hebrew root, *ayin-vet-resh* describes our ancestor's wording journey, "and he passed through the land," thereby establishing the early

naming of the Jewish people. *Eevrie* is today's Hebrew coming conceptually from God's *lech lecha* directive to pass or cross over a boundary to a new place. Our Hebrew language is *eev-rit!*

This beginning relationship with God is not simply about God showing Avram a new place, but God projects the future of Judaism by saying, "and I will make you a great nation and I will bless you and make your name great." Indeed, the Jewish people have stood the test of time and have become a people that have contributed to the well-being of the world as we know it.

May we all continue to explore, learn and grow in our personal relationship with God and with Judaism, and may we all be inspired by our earliest matriarchs and patriarchs who passed over boundaries to new life experiences.

# New life experiences

RABBI GEOFFREY BROWN, TEMPLE ISRAEL

## Congregational Notes

### Temple Israel

Orientation: Conservative  
Rabbi: Geoffrey Brown  
Address: 4737 Deerfield Pl., Vestal, NY 13850  
Phone: 723-7461 and 231-3746  
Office hours: Mon.-Thurs., 8:30 am-3:30 pm; Fri., 8 am-3 pm  
E-mail: titammy@stny.twcbb.com  
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, November 5, Shacharit services will be held at 9:30 am via Zoom and in-person (masks are required). The Torah portion is Genesis 12:1-17:27 and the haftarah is Isaiah 40:27-41:16. This is Hebrew School and Junior Congregation Shabbat. At 6:45 pm, there will be Havdalah services via Zoom.

A geniza burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery on Sunday, November 6, time TBA.

On Wednesday, November 9, Torah study will be held from 4-5 pm on Zoom.

On Saturday, November 12, at 9:30 am, Shacharit services will be held via Zoom and in-person (masks are required). The Torah portion is Genesis 18:1-22:24 and the haftarah is II Kings 4:1-37. At 5:45 pm, there will be Havdalah services via Zoom.

A Board of Trustees meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 15, at 7 pm.

On Wednesday, November 16, Torah study will be held from 4-5 pm on Zoom.

### Penn-York Jewish Community

President-Treasurer-Secretary: Harvey Chernosky, 570-265-3869  
B'nai B'rith: William H. Seigel Lodge  
Purpose: To promote Jewish identity through religious, cultural, educational and social activities in the Southern Tier of New York and the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania, including Waverly, NY; Sayre, Athens and Towanda, PA, and surrounding communities.

### Norwich Jewish Center

Orientation: Inclusive  
Rabbi: David Regenspan  
Address: 72 South Broad St., Norwich, NY 13815  
Phone: 334-2691  
E-mail: fertigi@roadrunner.com  
Contact: Guilia Greenberg, 373-5087  
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  
Address: P.O. Box 572, 117 Madison St., Cortland, NY 13045  
Phone: 607-756-7181  
President: Carol Levine, 315-696-5744  
Cemetery Committee: 315-696-5744  
Website: templebrithsholomcortland.org  
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.

### Rohr Chabad Center

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E-mail: yohana@Jewishbu.com, gohana@Jewishbu.com  
Regular service times: Daily 7:30 am, Friday evening 6 pm, Shabbat morning 9:30 am, Maariv and Havdalah one hour after candle-lighting time, Sundays 9:30 am.

To join the mailing list, for up-to-date information on adult education offerings or to arrange for a private tutorial, for details concerning the Judaica shop and resource center, or for assistance through the Piaker Free Loan Society or Raff Maasim Tovim Foundation, call Chabad's office at 797-0015.

Chabad will be holding pre-Shabbat virtual programs. For more information, visit [www.JewishBU.com/S2020Partnership](http://www.JewishBU.com/S2020Partnership).

### Temple Beth El of Oneonta

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism  
Rabbi: Amelia F. Wolf  
Address: 83 Chestnut St., Oneonta, NY 13820  
Mailing address: P.O. Box 383, Oneonta, NY 13820  
Phone: 607-432-5522  
E-mail: TBEOneonta@gmail.com  
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  
Rabbi: Rachel Safman  
Rabbi Emeritus: Scott L. Glass  
Address: 402 North Tioga St. (the corner of Court and Tioga streets), Ithaca, NY 14850-4292  
Phone: 273-5775  
E-mail: rabbi-safman@tbeithaca.org, secretary@tbeithaca.org  
Website: www.tbeithaca.org  
Presidents: David Weiner and Linda Aigen  
Sisterhood President: Gail Zussman  
Director of Education: Rabbi Suzanne Brody  
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](http://www.tinyurl.com/HappeningAtTBE).

Friday, November 4, light candles before ..... 5:35 pm  
Shabbat ends Saturday, November 5 ..... 6:34 pm  
Friday, November 11, light candles before ..... 4:27 pm  
Shabbat ends Saturday, November 12 ..... 5:27 pm  
Friday, November 18, light candles before ..... 4:21 pm  
Shabbat ends Saturday, November 19 ..... 5:21 pm

### Beth David Synagogue

Affiliation: Orthodox Union  
Rabbi: Zev Silber  
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Office hours: Mon. closed; Tues. 10 am-1 pm; Wed. closed; Thurs. 9 am-1 pm; Fri. 10 am-1 pm  
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Website: www.bethdavid.org  
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### Temple Concord

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism  
Rabbi: Barbara Goldman-Wartell  
Address: 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905  
Office hours: Tues.-Fri., 10 am-2 pm  
Phone: 723-7355  
Fax: 723-0785  
Office e-mail: TempleConcordbinghamton@gmail.com  
Website: www.templeconcord.com  
Regular service times: Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat., 10:35 am, when religious school is in session.  
Hebrew school: Hebrew school meets at 4:15 pm and 5:15 pm on Tues. and Thurs. during the school year unless otherwise noted.

Some services and programs are online only.  
Friday, November 4: At 7:30 pm, Shabbat service with Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell. Masks are optional for those attending in person. Join via Zoom at <https://bit.ly/3hRmW2Y>, meeting ID 869 9699 8146 and passcode 826330, or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/templeconcord/](http://www.facebook.com/templeconcord/).

Saturday, November 5: At 9 am, Shabbat school; at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study, in person and via Zoom at <https://bit.ly/3CVxM14>, meeting ID 882 9808 7579 and passcode 676707; at 10:30 am, Ezra Leeson-Schatz bar mitzvah and Shabbat family service, in person and on Zoom at <https://bit.ly/3yP3PiC>, meeting ID 859 2251 0923 and passcode 388887.

Sunday, November 6: At 10 am, Jewish book burial at Temple Israel Cemetery; and 10 am-4 pm Whale of a Sale Week with a bake sale. For more information about Whale of a Sale, see the article on page 6.

Monday, November 7: Noon-6 pm, Whale of a Sale.

Tuesday, November 8: 6 am-9 pm, Election Day in the Temple Concord Library; and noon-6 pm Whale of a Sale.

Wednesday, November 9: Noon-6 pm, Whale of a Sale; and 7:30 pm, Kristallnacht program featuring Holocaust survivor Michele Willner Levy. For more information about the program, see the article on page 6.

Thursday, November 10: Noon-6 pm, Whale of a Sale. See "Concord" on page 11

### Congregation Tikun v'Or

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism  
Address: PO Box 3981, Ithaca, NY 14852; 2550 Triphammer Rd. (corner of Triphammer and Burdick Hill), Lansing, NY  
Phone: 607-256-1471  
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Presidents: Nomi Talmi and Shawn Murphy  
Rabbi: Shifrah Tobacman, rabbishifrah@tikkunvor.org  
Education Director/Administrative Coordinator: Naomi Wilensky  
Bnai Mitzvah Coordinator: Michael Margolin  
Services: All services currently on Zoom. E-mail info@tikkunvor.org for the times and links. Contemplative morning services every Tuesday from 8:30-9:30 am. Saturday mornings, Gan Shabbat and other special services at least once a month. Call for the weekly schedule. Jewish Learning Experiences (JLE) for second through seventh grade classes meet on Sunday mornings. Sixth and seventh grades also meet on Wednesday afternoons. Family programs for kindergarten and first grade held monthly. Adult Education: Offered regularly throughout the year. Check the website for details.

# 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.

◆ The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning will hold the four-class course “Beyond the Ashkenorm” on Wednesday, November 30-December 21, from 1-2:30 pm. There is a sliding scale for payment. Rabbi Johnny Solomon, who is Sephardic, will explore “the history, attitudes, customs and culture of the Spanish and Portuguese (Western) Sephardic community, the Iraqi/Indian (Oriental) Sephardic communities, the Moroccan Sephardic community and the Beta Israel/Ethiopian Jewish community.” For more information or to register, visit <https://events.org/events/calendarcourse?tid=9557376b-63c2-4360-ac79-6a2a4b3b6dde>.

◆ YIVO Yiddish Club will hold virtual meetings in November and December: “Yiddish Songwriting Today” with Adah Hetko on Sunday, November 20, at 2 pm (to register, visit [yivo.org/YiddishClub14](http://yivo.org/YiddishClub14)); and “Yiddish in Rio with Sonia Kramer” on Sunday, December 11, at 2 pm (register at [yivo.org/YiddishClub15](http://yivo.org/YiddishClub15)). There is no cost to attend either meeting.

◆ The Center for Jewish History will hold the virtual program “Jewish Paths to Emancipation: Struggles for Citizenship Across Revolutionary Europe,” featuring David Sorkin, Marsha Rozenblit, Daniel Schwartz and Ivy Weingram on Thursday, November 17, at 7 pm. For more information or to register, visit <https://programs.cjh.org/tickets/jewish-paths-2022-11-17>.

◆ Ruth Gruber, who saved nearly 1,000 Jews from the Holocaust, will be inducted into Jewish-American Hall of Fame on Sunday, November 13, starting at 12:30 pm. There is no charge to watch the induction ceremony on Zoom. To register, visit [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/wn\\_gh-ftq4xrwmxacx7ohneda](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/wn_gh-ftq4xrwmxacx7ohneda).

◆ The Institute for Jewish Spirituality will hold the virtual course “Shema: The Practice of Sacred Listening” on Mondays, November 14, 21 and 28, and December 12, and Wednesday, December 7, from 3-4:30 pm. Teaching portions of live sessions will be recorded and available for all participants. The cost of the class ranges from \$99-199. The course is “designed to help you be more fully present in conversation, especially when emotions, differing values, or judgments may arise.” For more information or to register, visit [www.jewishspirituality.org/get-started/shema-sacred-listening/](http://www.jewishspirituality.org/get-started/shema-sacred-listening/).

◆ Biblical Archaeology Society will hold a virtual lecture in the BAS Scholars Series “Holy City Hotspot: Exploring Jerusalem’s Acropolis” with Andrew Lawler, journalist and author, on Wednesday, March 8, from 8-9 pm. Lawler will speak about Jerusalem’s Acropolis. For more information or to register, visit [www.biblicalarchaeology.org/travel-study/bas-scholars-series-with-andrew-lawler/](http://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/travel-study/bas-scholars-series-with-andrew-lawler/).

◆ Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion announced its virtual programs for November, including “Prophetic Leadership in a Time of Democratic Crisis” on Wednesday, November 16, at 1 pm; “Polarization or Authoritarianism? Diagnosing the Threats to our Fragile Democracy” on Tuesday, November 22, at 1:30 pm; and “New Angles on Los Angeles: The LA Jewish Community” on Wednesday, November 30, at 4 pm. For more information or to register, visit <https://huc.edu/huc-connect/huc-connect-webinar-calendar-view#february>.

◆ Maven will hold the virtual tour “Cape Town” as part

of its “Tour Global Jewish Life” series on Thursday, December 1, from 3-4 pm. Craig Nudelman will offer photos and stories from the Jewish community of Cape Town. For more information or to register, visit <https://maven.aju.edu/events-classes/program/tour-global-jewish-life-cape-town>.

◆ The Museum of Jewish Heritage will hold the virtual book talk “The Disappearance of Josef Mengele” on Thursday, November 10, from 7-8 pm. Olivier Guez will talk about this novel “The Disappearance of Josef Mengele,” which traces Mengele’s travels during his years in hiding. For more information or to register, visit <https://898a.blackbaudhosting.com/898a/tickets?tab=2&txobjid=e3730f26-005c-45f7-bc57-10d6fe8a964f&>.

◆ The Museum of Jewish Heritage will hold a series of virtual talks on “The Holocaust: What Hate Can Do,” which will meet on every other Monday from November 7-September 18, 2023, from 12:30-1:30 pm. The cost per See “Resources” on page 12

## On the Jewish food scene Dry or sweet?

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

When I was at a friend’s for dinner several years ago, she asked me if I would like dry or sweet wine with my meal. Although I had developed a taste for dry wine (which was considered more sophisticated when I was young), I opted for sweet. It was love at first sip and I’ve never been able to appreciate dry wine since. What wine did she give me? It was called Moscato and I’d never heard of it before that night.

For those who have never tasted Moscato, it’s not sweet like the wine many of us drank as children. (In my youth, children were allowed to drink wine at a *kiddush*, just like adults.) Those wines usually added sugar to up the sweetness content. I find most Moscato wines lightly sweet – just enough to take away the bitterness of most dry or even semi-sweet wines. Of course, not everyone will agree on what is sweet or dry: another friend and I laughed recently when we had the opposite reaction to the same wine. She thought it was too sweet, and I found it dry and almost bitter.

I soon discovered there was more than one type of Moscato and they all taste slightly different. I had never tried one of the flavored variations until I received a sample of MYX Beverages’ MYX Fusions Watermelon Moscato. The wine is available in single-serve or full-size bottles and is gluten-free and OU kosher certified. As with most Moscato wines, it doesn’t contain much alcohol: this version is only 5.5 percent alcohol by volume, which I appreciate. I’ve never tried the peach, mango or coconut versions, but thought the new watermelon one offered sounded like fun. (Yes, as I’ve mentioned before, I love sampling food and drink.)



A single-serve bottle of MYX Fusions Watermelon Moscato

I brought a chilled bottle (as recommended) to a Sukkot gathering I attended and received the reactions I expected: those who prefer dry wines thought it was too sweet. Others thought someone who liked sweet wines would enjoy it. I actually thought it was a bit on the dry side with the watermelon taste coming through at the end almost as an aftertaste. For those who like sweetish – especially flavored – wines, this could be a fun addition to a meal or for use as a dessert wine.

## Chaplains. . . . . Continued from page 2

listened to the anxious, affirmed self-doubters, fostered morale and courage, and entertained the bored with stories, jokes, singing and activities, even organizing a talent show. Most of the crew regarded the four chaplains as a team, and were equally comfortable talking to, or attending the services of, any of them.

Within 150 miles of the Greenland coast, on Wednesday, February 3, 1943, at 12:55 am, the *Dorchester* was fatally damaged by a torpedo fired by Germany’s U-223 submarine. At 1:20 am, the ship descended to its watery grave. Given the number of inexperienced men and the poor quality of abandon-ship drills, accessing life preservers and escape craft was erratic. Overcome by fear and confusion, some died clinging to the rail decks of the sinking ship.

Coast Guard Captain Joseph Greenspun, senior convoy officer, prioritized an unsuccessful search for the U-boat that torpedoed the *Dorchester* and its wolfpack, delaying post-explosion rescue activities for 48 minutes. Few of those staying afloat on life preservers or clinging to the sides of rafts survived. Gurgling frigid salt water laced with oil, many choked to death. Heavy, water-logged life preservers drowned others. After 20 minutes in the freezing water, many succumbed to hypothermia. In one of the war’s worst North Atlantic tragedies, of the *Dorchester*’s crew of 904, 674 perished.

From the accounts of First Sergeant Michael Warish, Private James Eardley, Second Engineer Grady Clark and other *Dorchester* survivors, memories of the four chaplains during the fearful, frenzied 20 minutes between the torpedoing of the *Dorchester* and its sinking remained

indelible. The four chaplains sought to ameliorate panic by distribution of life jackets, facilitating the boarding of lifeboats and inflatable “donuts,” and, if necessary, cajoling emotionally paralyzed men to jump into the water and attempt to swim to a craft rather than go down with the *Dorchester*. Giving their own life jackets to others, Fox, Goode, Poling and Washington made no attempt to escape. As the ship listed, the chaplains locked arms, prayed and sang hymns before the *Dorchester* nosed down. Powerful swoosh and suction accompanied the sinking.

Army first lieutenants, chaplains and patriots, Reverend George Fox, Rabbi Alexander Goode, Reverend Clark Poling and Father John Washington shared military rank, belief in humanity’s common Creator and devotion to democracy. On this Veterans Day, may their memory be a blessing.

Lest we forget, however, many exhibited selfless bravery as the North Atlantic waters killed most of the *Dorchester* crew. Soldiers in other places and other times have also paid a price for their service – and still do. Agreement with past or present military policy is not a pre-requisite for respecting the sacrifices of soldiers and their families. On Veterans Day, honor those who served in your own way. It might be as simple as thanking a veteran for his or her service.

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Friday, November 11: Noon-6 pm, Whale of a Sale; and at 7:30 pm, Shabbat service honoring veterans with Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell; join via Zoom at <https://bit.ly/3hRmW2Y>, meeting ID 869 9699 8146 and passcode 826330, or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/templeconcord/](http://www.facebook.com/templeconcord/).

Saturday, November 12: At 9 am, Shabbat school; at 9:15 am, Torah study in person and via Zoom at <https://bit.ly/3CVxM14>, meeting ID 882 9808 7579 and passcode 676707; at 10:30 am, Shabbat family service in person only; and at 7 pm, “Havdalah with a Bonus” via Zoom at <https://bit.ly/3e8mZsy>, meeting ID 833 9654 6578 and passcode 333740, or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/templeconcord](http://www.facebook.com/templeconcord).

Sunday, November 13: At 10 am, Global Jewish Day of Learning Brunch and Program in person at Temple Israel. For more information, see page 3. Final day of Whale of a Sale from 10 am-4 pm with \$12 bag sale.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

**Zelenskyy: Israel to supply Ukraine with military communications systems**

Israel will provide Ukraine with military communications systems, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in an interview with Channel 12 that aired on Oct. 31. Zelenskyy revealed that Kyiv has also asked for drones and cyber security systems, in addition to a recent formal request for aerial defense systems, and called on Israel to “choose a side” in the conflict. As it relates to his previous comparison between Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and Hitler’s Final Solution, Zelenskyy stated, “When you hear the silence, especially from Israel, you begin to hear the voice of Nazis.” Zelenskyy also contended that Moscow had “used” Alternate Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, who earlier this year attempted to mediate between Russia and Ukraine. “The Russians don’t need a mediator, they just want someone to delay things,” Zelenskyy said, adding: “They saw in Bennett such a person. They used him. He wanted to stop the war, but he couldn’t.” The remarks came a week after Zelenskyy slammed Israel for not supplying weapons, and claimed that Moscow would help advance Iran’s nuclear program in exchange for Tehran sending drones and missiles to the Russian military. Meanwhile, Ukrainian Ambassador to Israel Yevgen Korniychuk told *The Hill* on Oct. 30 that he meets with his American counterpart Tom Nides every week in a bid to convince Washington to pressure Jerusalem into providing weapons to Kyiv. Earlier in October, Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz told European Union ambassadors that while the Jewish state is aligned with Kyiv and Western nations, it would not offer any arms. Israel has shied away from arming Ukraine over fears of upsetting Russia, the leading player in Syria, where the Israeli military has in recent years conducted hundreds of strikes aimed at curbing Iran’s military entrenchment and the transfer of weapons to Hezbollah there and in Lebanon.

**Kareem Abdul-Jabbar honored for combating antisemitism, calls out delayed response to Ye**

National Basketball Association legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar received the first annual Ally Against Antisemitism Award from Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for what the organization described as “being a steadfast ally in the fight against antisemitism and building bridges between communities.” Upon receiving the award on Oct. 26 at a fund-raiser in Toronto, Abdul-Jabbar addressed the ongoing antisemitism scandal surrounding the rapper Ye by saying, “I get condemnation from people who don’t want to see any progress, and I get support from people who understand that what people like Kanye West have to say is intolerable. We can’t have our people who set standards and who everybody wants to emulate... talking like that. That’s not what we’re supposed to be about, especially in America where we say that all men are created equal.” He continued, “Look what happened in the time it took for all the people who ended up condemning Kanye, look how long it took for them to get around to saying what they had to say. In the meantime, Jewish kids were intimidated and bullied and had to deal with a whole lot of violence or violent thoughts directed at them because someone like Kanye West says it’s OK. It’s not OK.” Despite the delay in condemnations for Ye, he eventually lost his “Yeezy” brand partnership with the German sporting goods giant Adidas. Professional athletes Jaylen Brown and Aaron Donald also left his agency, Donda Sports.

**Study: Israeli coastline contaminated with two million tons of microplastics**

The Israeli coastline is contaminated with over two million tons of microplastics, according to a new Tel Aviv University study. The most polluted Israeli beaches were found to be in Tel Aviv and Hadera. The main sources of pollution include food packaging, single-use plastic products, and fishing nets, according to the researchers. The study was published in the scientific journal *Marine Pollution Bulletin*, the university said in a statement on

Oct. 30. The study’s authors called the results “alarming,” warning that “given the current situation in Israel, exposure to microplastic waste, which is dangerous to the environment and human health, is inevitable.” The study, connected jointly with the Mediterranean Sea Research Center of Israel, saw researchers collect sand samples from six beaches, from Haifa to Ashkelon. The researchers assessed that Tel Aviv and Hadera beaches were specially polluted due to their close proximity to streams that carry microplastic particles to the sea, thereby intensifying the level of contamination on the beaches. The Alexander stream, for example, collects leachate from untreated West Bank sewage, as well as waste from agricultural and industrial areas located near the riverbeds. Similarly, microplastics accumulate at the Yarkon River from the industrial centers in Tel Aviv.

**Orthodox basketball player Ryan Turell selected in NBA minor league draft**

Orthodox Jewish basketball player Ryan Turell on Oct. 22 was selected No. 27 overall in the 2022 NBA G League Draft, ESPN reported. Turell, who went unpicked out of Yeshiva University in June’s NBA Draft, was selected by the Motor City Cruise, the minor league affiliate of the NBA’s Detroit Pistons. The NBA G League is the NBA’s official minor league system. “Being the first Orthodox Jew in the NBA would mean the world to me, and a dream come true, God willing,” Turell had told ESPN in March. “But, just as importantly, it would mean the world to others that never saw this as a possibility.” Last season, the 6-foot-7 small forward averaged 27.1 points for Yeshiva University, which competes in NCAA Division III sports. Turell led the NCAA in scoring across all three divisions.

**Google opens high-tech school in Israel**

Alphabet Inc.’s Google and Israel’s Reichman University have established a school to train high-tech professionals. The school will offer courses in computer programming, sales and data analysis, among other subjects, the university said on Oct. 24. “We believe that a variety of voices, opinions and perspectives enriches Israeli high-tech and its developments,” said Barak Regev, managing director of Google Israel. Although Israel has a thriving high-tech sector, a significant shortage of experienced tech professionals has resulted in tens of thousands of open job offerings. The School of High Tech in Herzliya, north of Tel Aviv, will subsidize students from various communities “including women, the ultra-Orthodox, Arabs, members of the Ethiopian community and people from the geo-social periphery and disadvantaged socio-economic groups,” the university said. Courses will be introduced over the next weeks and students who complete them will receive credit toward a degree, the university announced. The program will include core academic studies.

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talk is \$18 for museum members and \$36 for non-members. For more information or to register for individual talks, visit <https://mjhnyc.org/events/core-focus-special-topics-raised-in-the-holocaust-what-hate-can-do/>.

◆ The Yiddish Book Center’s Wexler Oral History Project offers free online documentary films that tell personal stories about Yiddish culture. For more information or to view the films, visit [www.yiddishbookcenter.org/language-literature-culture/wexler-oral-history-project-films-features-news/wexler-oral-history-project-presents](http://www.yiddishbookcenter.org/language-literature-culture/wexler-oral-history-project-films-features-news/wexler-oral-history-project-presents).

◆ The Jewish Theological Seminary will offer the virtual program “Between the Lines: Choosing Hope” on Monday, November 14, from 7:30-8:30 pm. Psychologist David Arnow will talk about his book “Choosing Hope,” which explored nine fundamental sources of hope in Judaism. For more information or to register, visit [www.jtsa.edu/event/between-the-lines-choosing-hope/](http://www.jtsa.edu/event/between-the-lines-choosing-hope/).

◆ Maven will hold several events in November: “Jewish Miss Wyoming: Representing Jewish Women Across America” on Thursday, November 17, from 10-10:45 (<https://maven.aju.edu/events-classes/program/jewish-miss-wyomings-fight-against-antisemitism>); “Jewish Values in the CIA: Acts of Loving Kindness” on Wednesday, November 16, from 3-3:45 pm (<https://maven.aju.edu/events-classes/program/jewish-values-in-the-cia-acts-of-loving-kindness>); and “We Are Not One: A History of America’s Fight Over Israel” on Tuesday, November 29, from 3-3:45 pm (<https://maven.aju.edu/events-classes/program/we-are-not-one-a-history-of-americas-fight-over-israel>). All events are free.

◆ The Museum of Jewish Heritage will hold in-person and virtual theater performances of “When Zaydeh Danced on Eldridge Street” from Thursday-Sunday, November 17-20. The play is based on the award-winning picture book by Elsa Okon Rael. For times of performances, for more information or to register, visit <https://mjhnyc.org/events/theater-when-zaydeh-danced-on-eldridge-street/>.

◆ The Jewish Language Project will hold the virtual program “Living Traditions: Women’s Songs in Endangered Jewish Languages” on Sunday, November 13, from 10-11:30 am. The program celebrates the online exhibit “A Millennium of Jewish Women’s Voices” (which can be found at [www.jewishlanguages.org/women](http://www.jewishlanguages.org/women)). For more information or to register, visit [www.jewishlanguages.org/events](http://www.jewishlanguages.org/events).

◆ UJA and the Jewish Week will hold the virtual event “Signal Fires: A Conversation With Dani Shapiro” on Wednesday, November 9, at 6 pm. Shapiro will explore themes of family secrets unfolding across generations with Sandee Brawarsky, who will moderate the conversation. For more information or to register, visit [www.ujafedny.org/event/view/folio-series-signal-fires](http://www.ujafedny.org/event/view/folio-series-signal-fires).

◆ The Museum of Jewish Heritage will hold the virtual program “The History of Blood Libel” on Tuesday, November 29, from 7-8 pm. The program will be a panel discussion about this history and the role it plays in contemporary antisemitism with Edward G. Berenson, author of “The Accusation: Blood Libel in an American Town”; Magda Teter, author of “Blood Libel: On the Trail of an Antisemitic Myth”; and Francois Soyfer, author of “Popularizing Anti-Semitism in Early Modern Spain and its Empire: Francisco de Torrejoncillo and the Centinela contra Judios (1674).” It will be moderated by Sara Lipton, author of “Dark Mirror: The Medieval Origins of Anti-Jewish Iconography.” For more information or to register, visit [https://898a.blackbaudhosting.com/898a/tickets?tab=2&txobjid=2f43ba2b-68f6-451c-bd39-9b68133a6bef&\\_ga=2.68586840.872081814.1666617773-513863296.1666617773](https://898a.blackbaudhosting.com/898a/tickets?tab=2&txobjid=2f43ba2b-68f6-451c-bd39-9b68133a6bef&_ga=2.68586840.872081814.1666617773-513863296.1666617773).

◆ The Mayerson JCC will hold a virtual talk in its Jewish Book Series, featuring Zack Bodner’s book “Why Do Jewish?,” on Monday, December 5, from 7-8:15 pm. Bodner will be in conversation with Rabbi Shena Potter Jaffee and Brian Jaffee. For more information or to register, visit <https://mayersonjcc.org/event/jewish-book-series-why-do-jewish-by-zack-bodner/>.

◆ To receive a free digital copy of Hillel International’s college guide, visit [https://hillel.tfaforms.net/139?utm\\_source=+College+Guide+Email](https://hillel.tfaforms.net/139?utm_source=+College+Guide+Email).

◆ Maven will hold the virtual program “Music and the Holocaust” with Emanuel Abramovits on Wednesday, November 30, from 5-6 pm. The cost to attend is \$21. He will discuss artists who died in the Holocaust, those who survived, the fate of their instruments that have been restored and how the musical world was affected. For more information or to register, visit <https://maven.aju.edu/events-classes/program/music-and-the-holocaust>.

For additional resources, see previous issues of *The Reporter* on its website, [www.thereportergroup.org/streams/miscellaneous-features/miscellaneous-features/tag/80309?](http://www.thereportergroup.org/streams/miscellaneous-features/miscellaneous-features/tag/80309?)

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