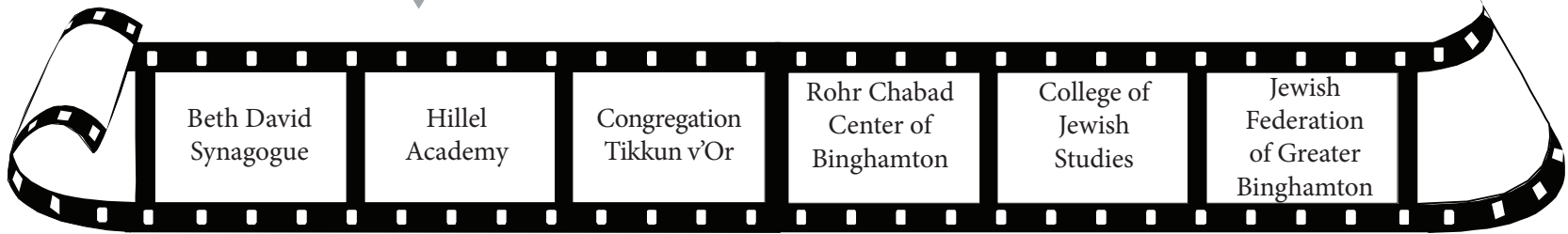


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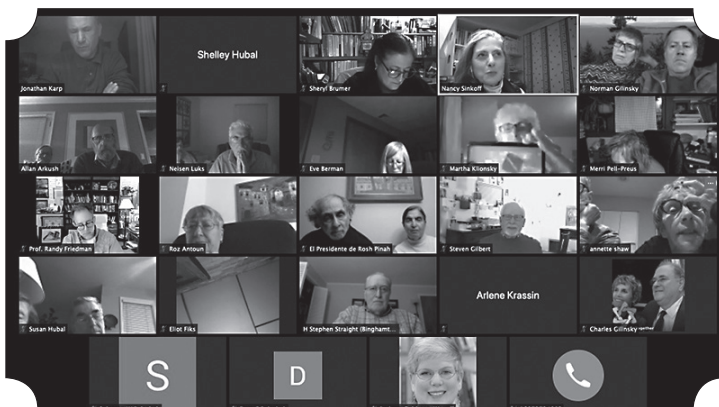
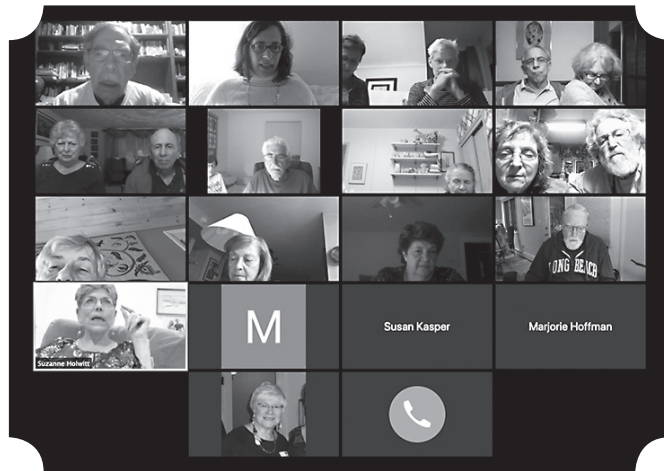
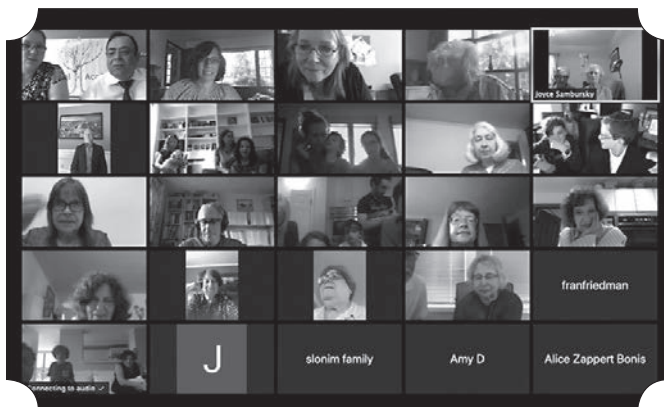
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# Hillel Academy

**Mission Statement:**

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

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

As a true community school, Hillel Academy brings together children from all corners of Binghamton's Jewish community – Conservative, Orthodox, Reform and unaffiliated – in a warm, nurturing environment. Hillel Academy fosters a community spirit based on mutual acceptance, and recognizes, respects and values diversity. Hillel Academy has served Binghamton for more than 50 years, providing the best in secular and Judaic education.

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

For more information, contact the school at 304-4544 or e-mail [frontoffice@hillelacademyofbc.org](mailto:frontoffice@hillelacademyofbc.org); Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu, Judaic studies-Hebrew/tech coordinator, at [rabbishmaryahu@gmail.com](mailto:rabbishmaryahu@gmail.com); or Sarah MacDougal, secular studies coordinator and tech coordinator, at [stomas1320@hillelacademyofbc.org](mailto:stomas1320@hillelacademyofbc.org).



Shown are the students of Hillel Academy who performed a comic retelling of the book of Esther, which was directed by Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu, Judaic studies coordinator, on February 26. Aviva Kaminsky played Haman, Shai Yarkoni played Mordecai and Sloane Weinstein played Queen Esther. Other Hillel students were featured as characters from the story. Hillel families attended the event, following New York state protocol. Next year, Hillel hopes to open its Purim play up to the entire community.



Part of Hillel Academy's Israel Independence Day celebration took place inside.

At right: Students from Hillel Academy of Broome County celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, on April 19. Students marched with Israeli flags.



At right: On June 25, 2020, Hillel Academy of Broome County held a virtual graduation ceremony on Zoom. Mika Friedman and Aaron Sambursky were the 2020 graduates. Shown is a screen shot of the evening.



At left: On Israel Independence Day, April 19, Hillel Academy students marched outside with Israeli flags.



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# Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton

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

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

In 2020, the Jewish Federation allocated funds to Hillel Academy, Hillel at Binghamton University, the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service, PJ Library, *The Reporter* and Jewish Federations of North America. The Federation also assists with other unique needs that occur throughout the year.

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

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

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

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

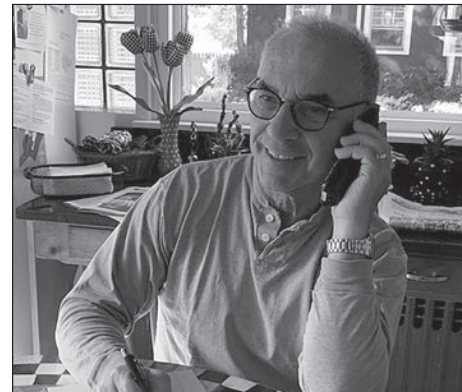
The Federation provides balanced public information about Israel and Jewish culture to Broome County, works to promote good relations with other ethnic and religious groups, and actively combats antisemitism and discrimination.

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

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



Rachel Coker made a phone call to a donor during Super Sunday.



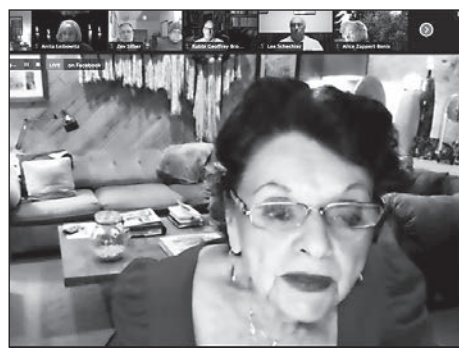
Arieh Ullmann chatted with a donor during Super Sunday on October 18.



More than 40 cars attended the Federation Drive-up Hanukkah event that took place in the JCC parking lot. Shown are some of the attendees talking before the event began.



A screenshot of some of those attending the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's "Conversation with Michael Oren" on Zoom on December 7. Dora Polachek (second box in the left hand column), associate professor of romance languages and literatures at Binghamton University, was the moderator. Shelley Hubal, executive director of the Federation who introduced the program, is shown in the second box on the top row.



During the Jewish Federation's Yom Hashoah commemoration program on April 8, Holocaust survivor Rachel Malmel Epstein spoke about her experiences as a hidden child.



The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton held a "Conversation with Michael Oren" on Zoom on December 7. Oren, who once served as Israel's ambassador to the United States, spoke about his book of short stories "The Night Archer and Other Stories." Oren also answered questions from the audience.



The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton commemorated Yom Hashoah on April 8. More than 65 households took part in the Zoom program.



Neisen Luks made phone calls during the Super Sunday phonathon.



Shelley Hubal, Federation executive director, spoke with a donor during Super Sunday.

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# Jewish Family Service

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

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



Rose Shea, director of JFS

the human service network in Greater Binghamton collaborates with JFS.

Holidays can be a difficult time for those struggling and JFS attempts to improve the situation by collecting and distributing money during the holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Hanukkah, Purim and Passover. Pre-COVID, JFS invited people to be guests at the Temple Concord Passover Seder and partnered with the JCC Friendship Club in visiting adult care facilities with greeting cards and *shalach manot* during Purim. We hope to be able to return to these activities in the future.

Periodic articles in *The Reporter* keep people informed about topics relevant to JFS activities and other issues in society. Volunteers are much appreciated and assist the director in implementing and completing various programs and tasks. Monetary donations from community members, as well as the annual allocation from the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, allow JFS to help many people in the community. If you are interested in joining the JFS Board or assisting in any other way, contact JFS at 724-2332. Remember, JFS is there for you in times of need. Please feel free to contact the office with any questions or concerns.

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

## Community Relations Committee

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

Acts of terror against Jews in the U.S.

and against the people of Israel, attempts to isolate and delegitimize the state of Israel, and the enduring anti-Israeli sentiment that often has antisemitic overtones in the media, on university campuses and throughout the international community continue to be of great concern. Members of the CRC monitor the local and national media for distortions, misrepresentations or instances

of overt antisemitism so as to provide a response to set the record straight and to educate the public.

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

The members of the CRC stand ready

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

# International Jewish Film Fest of Greater Binghamton

The Jewish International Film Fest of Greater Binghamton, under the auspices of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, provides a diverse range of film events that add to the cultural life of the Greater Binghamton community.

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

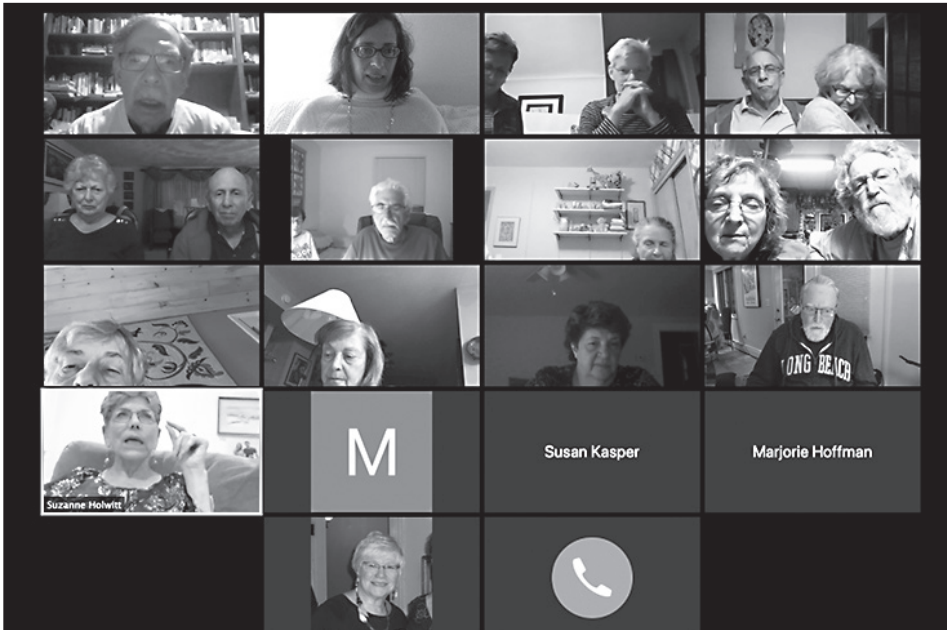
Due to the pandemic, the 2020 Film Fest was held virtually throughout the year.

The films covered a wide range of styles – comedy to drama to documentary – and a wide range of topics – sports, Torah, trauma and the Black American Jewish experience.

The Jewish Federation looks forward to continuing this community cultural event with more films in 2021. The Film Fest Committee welcomes anyone interested in being part of the selection or planning committee. Those interested are asked to contact the Federation office at 724-2332.



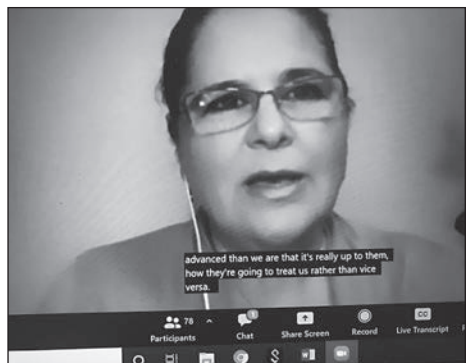
Some of those who participated in a Zoom question-and-answer session about the documentary "Space Torah" on March 15, which was shown as part of the Jewish International Film Fest of Greater Binghamton.



The Jewish International Film Fest of Greater Binghamton held a virtual showing of the documentary "They Ain't Ready for Me" during the second weekend in September. Fifty-five households signed up to watch the film. Around 20 people attended the virtual discussion, which was held on September 14 and led by Ben Kasper, professor emeritus of social science at SUNY Broome and a member of the Temple Israel Executive Board. Shown is a screen shot of the discussion. Those attending said they respected the work of Tamar Manasseh, an African American rabbinical student who is leading the fight against senseless killing on the south side of Chicago, who was the subject of the documentary.



Sixty-three computers signed up to see the film "Born in Jerusalem and Still Alive," which was part of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's virtual Film Fest. On January 31, 30 computers took part in a Zoom discussion of the film led by Stephen A. Lisman, Ph.D. Shown are some of the people who attended the Zoom discussion.



The Jewish International Film Fest of Greater Binghamton held a virtual showing of the short documentary "Space Torah." Rachel Raz, executive producer of the documentary, answered questions via Zoom on March 15.

NASA astronaut Dr. Jeff Hoffman was also on hand via Zoom on March 15 to discuss the documentary "Space Torah," which was shown as part of the Jewish International Film Fest of Greater Binghamton.

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# College of Jewish Studies

The College of Jewish Studies was founded in 1986 as a coalition of the Judaic Studies Department at Binghamton University and several local Jewish sponsoring institutions, including the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, Beth David Synagogue, Temple Concord and Temple Israel. Its mission is to provide opportunities for quality adult Jewish education in Broome County. The CJS Committee strives to bring

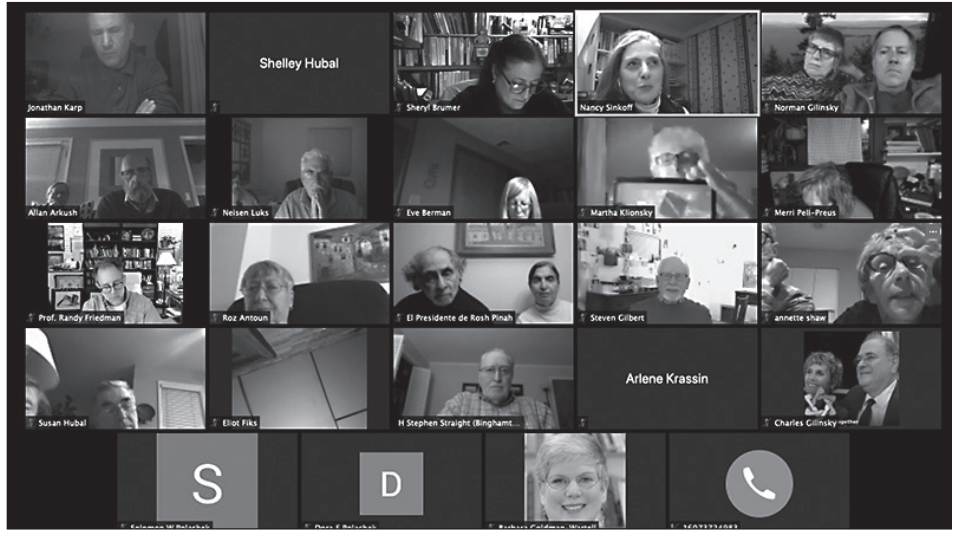
scholars locally and from across the U.S. for enlightening lectures; an effort is made to combine broad appeal with intellectual and stimulating content and challenge. The programs are open to the community.

The fall 2020 program theme was "New Books in Jewish History" and featured two authors, both historians, discussing their recent works. Professor Nancy Sinkoff of Rutgers University talked about her new biography of Lucy Dawidowicz, the scholar, public intellectual and author of the path-breaking, if controversial, Holocaust study "The War Against the Jews." Magda Teter of Fordham University discussed her new major study, "Blood Libel: On the Trail of an Antisemitic Myth."

The spring 2021 series focused on "Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah: Exploring the American Jewish Summer Camp Experience," featuring a talk by Dr. Sandra Fox, whose forthcoming monograph is titled "The Jews of Summer," as well as a roundtable discussion on "How to Run a Jewish Summer Camp," with Binghamton summer camp alumni Sima Auerbach and Sarah Klionsky, as well as Dr. Eliav Bock, executive director of Ramah in the Rockies.



Professor Magda Teter discussed her book "Blood Libel: On The Trail of an Antisemitic Myth" with the CJS audience via Zoom on November 5.



On October 29, the College of Jewish Studies hosted a Zoom lecture for community members, who listened to Professor Nancy Sinkoff (top row, second from right) discuss her new biography "From Left to Right: Lucy S. Dawidowicz, the New York Intellectuals, and the Politics of Jewish History." Sinkoff is a professor of Jewish studies and history, and the academic director of the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life, at Rutgers University.

Programming for the College of Jewish Studies is made possible through program admission fees, contributions from sponsoring institutions and additional financial support from a grant from The Community Foundation for South Central New York – David and Virginia Eisenberg Donor Advised Fund, the Jacob and Rose Olum Foundation, the B'nai B'rith Lectureship

Fund, the Victor and Esther Rozen Foundation, an endowment fund from the former Temple Beth El of Endicott, a grant from the JoyVel Charitable Fund, and the generous donations of individual sponsors.

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



A screenshot of some of those attending the November 5 CJS program.



A screenshot of some of those attending the October 29 CJS program.

## Seen around the community...



People listened to the Beth David Synagogue Zoom lecture given by Eitan Morell on "Connecting Archeology and the Bible" in memory of his father, Samuel (Shmuel) Morell on August 6.



The Temple Israel Caring Community Committee is partnering with Temple Concord to provide food to the CHOW pantry located at Temple Concord. L-r: Temple Israel members Marcia Hofstein, Barbara Zelter and Julie Piaker unloaded groceries at the Temple Concord CHOW pantry.

## The Reporter Group

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

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

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

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

The paper focuses on coverage of local events and activities of interest to the community, from pictures of sports, schools and camps to ongoing series spotlighting local businesses and leaders, including many

items submitted by local organizations. The Reporter's website (www.thereportergroup.org) and Facebook page complement the print edition.

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

Rachel Coker  
Editorial Board Chairwoman



Executive Editor Rabbi Rachel Esserman won two awards in the 40th Annual Simon Rockower Awards in the Excellence in Arts – Review/Criticism category: first place for "Hollywood and Jewish refugees" and honorable mention for "Jewish food studies."

# Other Organizations

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

The William H. Seigel Lodge of B'nai B'rith serves Bradford County (Pennsylvania) and southern Tioga County (New York). The Lodge is affiliated with the

Penn-York Jewish Community, and it draws members mostly from the Southern Tier of New York and the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania. As part of B'nai B'rith

International, the oldest and largest Jewish service organization in the world, the Lodge supports a variety of community activities.

## Binghamton Hadassah

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

It all began with two nurses more than 100 years ago. Since then, Hadassah has built the foundation for health

care in Israel with schools of medicine, nursing, dentistry, public health and occupational therapy.

Medical care, youth rescue and education are high priorities for Hadassah. Voter registration, women's rights and bias-free school curricula are just some of the other projects that help round out Hadassah's interests. Hadassah encourages its members to be strong women who follow a healthy lifestyle with programs like "Every Beat Counts" and "Every Step Counts."

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

For more information on the Binghamton Chapter of Hadassah, or to find out how to become a member, contact Barbara Gilbert at [barbarag66@aol.com](mailto:barbarag66@aol.com) or 723-2439.

## Seen around the community...



Barbara Krongold joined other volunteers in distributing treats, Havdalah candles, Jewish calendars, items for decorating the temple's sukkah and more at the Rosh Hashanah Afternoon Drive-Through program organized by Temple Concord.



People listened to the Beth David Synagogue Zoom lecture given by Eitan Morell on "Connecting Archeology and the Bible" in memory of his father, Samuel (Shmuel) Morell on August 6.



L-r: Jasmin Rosales, Zoe Friedman, Matan Bock and Ariella Kweller participated in the Temple Israel Enrichment pod in the fall.

### Federation Hanukkah Drive Up

## Board of Rabbis

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

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

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# Ithaca Area United Jewish Community

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

IAUJC supports a Holocaust Speakers Bureau that provides volunteer speakers who travel to local middle and high schools. This spring, there were several virtual presentations to students at different schools. Working with the bureau, the Ithaca College Park Scholars have recorded the stories of local Holocaust survivors and created a series of videos that can be shown in the classroom. The videos are available on the IAUJC website at <https://iaujc.org/holocaust-education/oral-histories-and-books-local-in->

terest. In April 2021, on Yom Hashoah, IAUJC honored Gale Halpern, founder of the Holocaust Speakers Bureau, and Rita Melen, who has participated as a volunteer speaker. These two women, whose parents were survivors of the Holocaust, spoke about their families' histories and the value of the Speakers Bureau. The Zoom event also included a candle lighting ceremony, live singing and a presentation by Shelley Wernick, managing director of the JFNA Holocaust Survivor Initiative.

Serving the Jewish youth of Tompkins County is one of IAUJC's objectives. Since 2008, it has sponsored the PJ Library, which provides free monthly books to Jewish children from birth to 8 years old. Funded in part by the Grinspoon Foundation, the program has expanded to include children from ages 9-11. PJ has been very active this past year, during the pandemic, offering monthly gift bags of activities and treats, as well as monthly Zoom gatherings devoted to the holidays and Shabbat.

A new fund was created in spring of



An Ithaca child enjoyed a Purim Zoom gathering for PJ Library families. (Name withheld on request.)



The PJ Library gift bag helped families celebrate Sukkot in Ithaca.

2020 – The Hesed Emergency Fund. It's purpose is to support sudden financial needs of community members. Generous contributions from donors have permitted IAUJC to assist a number of individuals and families. Support comes in the form of direct payments to creditors and gift cards to local grocery stores.

Through the generosity of the late Robert and Marcia Ascher, a couple from Ithaca, as well as gifts from other donors, IAUJC completed its sixth year of providing grants to families to help pay for Jewish summer camp and teen programs. One camp actually was open in the summer of 2020, allowing three children to attend. More grants have been awarded for the summer of 2021.

Thanks to an anonymous gift of \$500,000 made in 2015, IAUJC also supports four humanitarian projects in southern Israel. Those projects include Lunch and Learn in Dimona, a program that offers an after-school program for at-risk elementary students; Youth Futures,

which provides mentors to work with at-risk children and their families; the Ethiopian National Project, School Performance and Community Empowerment (or SPACE) program, which provides after-school scholastic assistance to Ethiopian-Israeli youth; and the AMIT Elaine Silver Technological High School, which provides mentoring and vocational training to teenagers who have not met academic requirements at their regular schools.

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



Gale Halpern, founder of the Holocaust Speakers Bureau, was honored this year by the IAUJC.



Rita Melen, a second generation volunteer speaker for the Holocaust Speakers Bureau, was honored this year by the IAUJC.

## B'Yachad Ithaca Jewish Preschool

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

At B'Yachad, each child enjoys individualized attention and a strong connection with faculty and other students due to the excellent faculty to student ratio. In B'Yachad's small classrooms, children are given the opportunity to develop self-confidence in a warm, supportive and nurturing environment, and to develop security and stability, all while engaging in play and educational activities. Music, dance and art are also components of the

B'Yachad program. The program emphasizes meaningful – and fun – experiential learning, and seeks to provide a positive and nurturing social experience for its children. A large outdoor play yard, with climbing structures and a sand box, offers snow play in the winter and gardening activities in warmer weather.

B'Yachad has its home at Temple Beth-El in downtown Ithaca (402 North Tioga St., Ithaca, NY 14850) and is open

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

### Seen around the community...



Holding up a sample of the Kiddush cup coaster made during the 2021 Intersisterhood event was Maxine Rosenberg, who provided the step-by step instructions. L-r: Jennifer Schutzer, Barbara Zelter and Rosenberg.



Almost 30 people attended the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's Tot Shabbat program on June 11, which was held at Arnold Park.



Around 30 people attended the concert presented by Kurtis and Jesse Parker at Temple Concord Sisterhood's Donor program on May 2. The Parkers played a variety of violin duets in the Kilmer Mansion and the "attendees" watched and listened from their computers via Zoom. (Photo by Phyllis Kellenberger)



Josh Hubal and Rabbi Benny Kellman performed songs for the children at the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's Tot Shabbat program at Arnold Park on June 11.



L-r: Oliver Lahoda, Mika Friedman and Gil Choi. Not pictured from this group in the Temple Israel Enrichment pod are Zev Rosales and Joshua Kweller.

# Broome County Synagogues

## Beth David Synagogue

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

Beth David is known throughout the community for its activity and involvement in all community functions, events and organizations. Its members occupy leadership roles in communal organizations and its rabbi is involved in community planning and events. All services and activities at Beth David are always open to any member of the community, regardless of synagogue affiliation. Members seek to make everyone and anyone comfortable, and welcome all with open arms. Beth David's services, traditionally chanted in Hebrew, are made easy to follow. Many parts of the service are sung to traditional tunes, which help make



Beth David Synagogue held a Zoom SELICHOT service on September 12.

them accessible to the novice and experienced alike. The veteran participants can always be counted upon to guide the visitors through the service, helping one feel at ease as a participant.

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

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

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

Judaism addresses every aspect of religious life and these can be observed at the *shul*. In addition to daily services both morning and night, Beth David can be helpful to those who wish to observe Judaism in accordance with tradition. Anyone observing a *yahrzeit* can comfortably come to say *Kaddish* for a loved one. The synagogue



On August 6, Beth David Synagogue held a Zoom lecture given by Eitan Morell on "Connecting Archeology and the Bible" in memory of his father, Samuel (Shmuel) Morell. Shown are some of those attending.

maintains the Binghamton *eruv* (Sabbath boundary) and *mikvah* (ritual bath).

Beth David is also a resource for life cycle events; feel free to call for assistance in arranging for a *kiddush* to celebrate a happy occasion; a *brit* and/or *pidyon haben* upon the birth of a son; a *simchat bat* upon the birth of a daughter; a wedding ceremony; or, when needed, a funeral.

Beth David Synagogue is the main address when seeking a Jewish religious and social experience. Those with questions may call Beth David's office at 722-1793. Regular office hours are Tuesdays, 10 am-1 pm; Thursdays, 9 am-1 pm; and Fridays, 10 am-1 pm.

## Rohr Chabad Center of Binghamton

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

The people who avail themselves of Chabad's numerous services and programs span the gamut of religious affiliation; the varied group includes those without formal affiliation at all. Chabad provides community members with many opportunities for enhancing their Jewish education and experience. To this end, it offers an extensive schedule of weekly classes on a variety of topics, presented on multiple levels, free of charge. Private tutorials are offered, as



The Rohr Chabad Center of Binghamton.

well. Chabad Center is an affiliate of the prestigious Jewish Learning Institute and offers three semesters of JLI university level Judaic classes annually. Chabad sponsors lectures and open forums featuring noted speakers and authorities in diverse fields of interest. On occasion, Chabad brings quality Jewish entertainment, artists and personalities to the area. Chabad Center is also the sponsor of the annual Pauline Piaker Memorial Lecture. Additionally, Chabad maintains a well-stocked, easy-to-use library of Jewish books; the resource serves both the casual browser as well as the serious researcher.

Chabad sponsors communitywide holiday celebrations such as dinners in the sukkah; a Chanukah Family Dinner; a Purim Feast that features ethnic food, live music and entertainment; and Passover seders. The Chabad Center staff provides counseling, referrals and pastoral advice, as well as guidance in religious matters and life cycle events. Chabad offers assistance by *kashering* kitchens, affixing kosher *mezuzot* and providing the necessary instruction and physical resources necessary to enhance Jewish observance.

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

The Chabad Center administrated Barrett J. Raff Maasim Tovim Foundation volunteers visits sick patients in area hospitals each Friday before Shabbat. Residents in area nursing homes, as well as shut-ins, also enjoy Chabad-sponsored holiday programming before or on each Jewish holiday and regular visits. Individuals interested in joining this group, or having a friend or relative visited, should call the Chabad office.

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



Rabbi Levi Slonim of Chabad Center tested the menorah that was lit for the Federation drive-up Hanukkah event, held in the JCC parking lot, on December 13.

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

### The Abraham Piaker Free Loan Association

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

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



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# Temple Concord

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

Temple Concord offers a welcoming and inclusive Reform Jewish experience to a diverse congregation, creating connections and increasing engagement in the Greater Binghamton community.

Temple Concord now offers its programs, classes and worship services with in-person and online options. Worship services, adult learning, Sisterhood, Book Club and meetings have been held beyond the building, expanding members' connections and encouraging supporting one another. Consult the temple directly to learn how to participate in its many offerings, whether in one physical location or many.

## Worship

Friday evening Shabbat services are held weekly, at 7:30 pm both in the building and online via Zoom and Facebook Live. Weekly "Havdalah with a Bonus" is held online. Saturday morning family services are held at 10:35 am when religious school is in session.

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

## Community

Temple Concord's community consists of many smaller communities. Temple Concord Sisterhood is the largest and most active auxiliary. It consists of dedicated, hardworking and enthusiastic women who work to support the temple, its religious school and the community. Sisterhood, a service and social organization, is affiliated with the national Women of Reform Judaism. Programs include holiday parties for religious school students; educational programs; a women's seder; and a Sisterhood retreat. Whale of a Sale and monthly rummage sales are the major fund-raising events. The Sisterhood board welcomes all and oversees all its programs.

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

The Social Action Committee focuses on *tikkun olam*, making the world a better place. The committee sponsors programs of social and political interest and engages in political awareness and advocacy efforts. Recently, these have included programs on human rights, immigration, LGBTQ+ issues, combating racism and other forms of hate, and local community involvement. The committee sponsors several mitzvah collection projects where a community agency is selected and a list of needed items is produced. Members of the committee and other congregants help prepare and serve hot meals to the needy at the Trinity Canteen at Trinity Memorial Church in Binghamton. Temple Concord is



Congregants had the opportunity to hear Sophie Coker blow the shofar at Temple Concord's Rosh Hashanah Afternoon Drive-Through program.

one of the principle groups in the Children of Abraham of the Southern Tier, which seeks to foster dialogue and understanding between Jewish, Christian and Muslim residents in Greater Binghamton.

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

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

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

In keeping with the tradition of the Jewish people and the principles of Reform Judaism, Temple Concord has a comprehensive religious school and Hebrew school program, starting with younger children and progressing to confirmation. Religious school for children in kindergarten through seventh grade meets on Saturdays from 9-11:45 am and includes attending Shabbat morning services. Hebrew classes meet on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Children in grades eight, nine and 10, the post-bar/bat mitzvah program, will meet once or twice a month. The curriculum covers Jewish religious concepts and practices; Torah; Hebrew; Jewish values, morals and ethics; Jewish history from biblical to present times; and comparative religion. Congregation membership is not required to participate in these programs.

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

Temple Concord is located at 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. The temple may be reached by phone at 723-7355, by e-mail at TempleConcordBinghamton@gmail.com, online at www.templeconcord.com and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/templeconcord.

Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell  
Lisa Blackwell, President  
Orly Shoer, Religious School Principal



At left: More than 40 cars joined in a Rosh Hashanah Afternoon Drive-Through program organized by Temple Concord. Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell greeted congregants in the parking lot of St. Michael's Orthodox Church of Binghamton where the program was held.

# Temple Israel

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

Temple Israel has evolved with the Southern Tier Jewish community, moving from a downtown home to a modern building in the suburbs in 1969. In December 2013, the roof collapsed, leaving the building uninhabitable. The Temple Israel congregation persisted through this calamity, operating at the Jewish Community Center while building a new building. In the summer of 2016, the congregation occupied its spiritual home for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Temple Israel adapted ritual practice and technology to address the pandemic, and did not miss a single Shabbat service throughout. All services are now live-streamed to enable inclusion of those unable to participate in person.

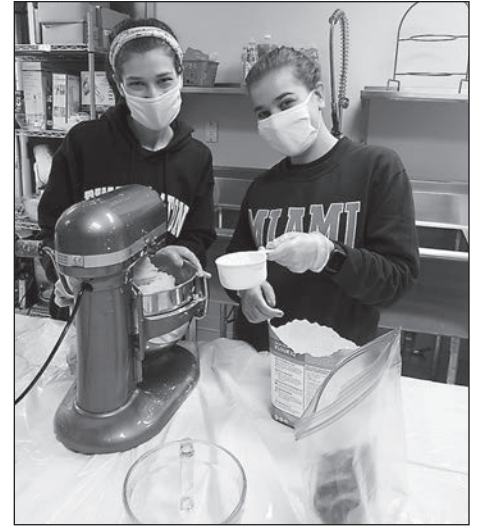
Traditional in practice, yet sensitive to the diverse needs of all the members of the community, Temple Israel holds that the religious experience, as reflected in the synagogue, should be spiritually satisfying, intellectually honest and aesthetically appealing. The synagogue, with its rich program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

Temple Israel has reached its 135<sup>th</sup> birthday as a Conservative synagogue. It welcomes all, solos and families, into a friendly, caring environment, replete with a variety of activities on several levels in an effort to enhance the social, spiritual and educational well-being of its members. As an egalitarian congregation, it allows men and women to sit together and count in the minyan.

The Hebrew school provides a Jewish education for children ages 5-13-plus, meeting Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons, and offers periodic Shabbat programming. Students receive instruction in Hebrew, prayer, rituals and traditions, as well as Jewish history, Israel and current events. All study is geared to preparing them to become knowledgeable



Mika Friedman worked on a project during the Temple Israel Enrichment pod.



L-r: Sisters Melissa Wolff and Emily Wolff made challah for Simcha Challah for Temple Israel.

Jewish adults, taking their rightful place in the congregation.

Temple Israel has both an adult library and a children's library, each with a relevant collection including classic and modern literature.

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

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

The Tzedakah Quilt Group was formed in 2014. Its members have already made and contributed many quilts, thanks to a donation from the Victor and Esther Rozen Foundation. Quilts are distributed to hospitals, cancer centers, neo-natal units, the V.A. and shelters by the Caring Quilters Project. This activity has been on hold during the pandemic.

Temple Israel provides a traditional Jewish cemetery for burial of members, located in the town of Conklin. The Chevra Kadisha (Jewish burial society) is available to prepare deceased members for burial according to the laws of Jewish burial practice.

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

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

Temple Israel welcomes volunteers for any of the aforementioned committees. For more information and updated calendars, visit the synagogue website, templeisraelvestal.org.



L-r: Jasmin Rosales, Morgan Milovich, Matan Bock and Zoe Friedman participated in the Temple Israel Enrichment pod in the fall.

# Area Synagogues

## Congregation Tikkun v'Or

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

### Spirit

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

Members treasure the richness and complexity of the community. The wide diversity of beliefs and relationships to God are a source of strength and learning. Congregation Tikkun v'Or is a safe place for members to share their faith and their doubt

as they support one another in the search for meaning and purpose in their lives.

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

### Community

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

Members take to heart "my house is a house of prayer for all people" (Isaiah 56:7) and seek to include rather than exclude. Tikkun v'Or welcomes interfaith families, LGBTQ people and others who have been denied full acceptance in the broader community. Tikkun v'Or treasures the members of its congregation who are not Jewish and celebrates the interfaith character of the community.

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

### Justice

Inspired by the prophetic tradition and the

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

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

"Spirit, Community and Justice" are integrated into all aspects of the life of the congregation. May all be blessed to witness the day when "love and truth

will meet, justice and peace will kiss" (Psalms 85:11).

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kol Haverim provides a warm, welcoming community for individuals and families who desire non-theistic ways to celebrate their identity, culture and

heritage, offering celebrations of Jewish holidays for the whole family, social, cultural and youth programs and experiences for adults and families. Kol Haverim welcomes LGBTQ+ individuals and families from mixed religious/ethnic backgrounds. Those interested should consult the website for up-to-date information on holiday celebrations and programs.

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

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

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

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

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## Norwich Jewish Center

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

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

Call Guilina Greenberg at 336-1523 for information. There is an answering machine on at all times. Callers are asked to leave complete phone number, including area code, and a brief message.

There are speakers, concerts and other events throughout the year, including a



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communal Passover seder and a Chanukah party. For more information, leave a message on the Center's answering machine.

## Penn-York Jewish Community

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

The Penn-York Jewish Community is a supporting member of the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers, and supports and participates in the activities and events held at Congregation Kol Ami in Elmira, NY. For more information, contact Harvey Chernosky at 570-265-3869.

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# Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

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

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

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

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

### Worship Services

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

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

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

### Festival Celebrations

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

### Youth Community

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

### Religious School

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



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

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

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

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

### Adult Education

The Temple Beth-El Adult Education Committee arranges several regular weekly classes, stimulating mini-courses

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

### Community Activities

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

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

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

### Temple Affiliated Organizations

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

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

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

# Temple Brith Sholom

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

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

Temple Brith Sholom is located at 117 Madison St., Cortland. For further information about its services, other events, or the cemetery, contact Carol Levine at 315-696-5744. See the temple's website ([templebrithsholomcortland.org](http://templebrithsholomcortland.org)) and Facebook page for more information about services and events.



Temple Beth El of Oneonta

Beth El to offer guest lecturers, concerts and interfaith events. All programs are open to the public.

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

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

# Temple Beth El of Oneonta

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

Services are held twice a month on Friday evenings. Adult Torah study, followed by Lunch and Learn, takes place on Saturdays twice a month. A full calendar of services and events is posted monthly on the temple's website. The religious school meets Sunday mornings during the school year. The Men's Club holds Sunday breakfasts on the third Sunday each month with programs of community interest and the Women's Club meets monthly, often on the first Sunday of the month. An Israeli film is shown monthly. This service and event information is true for when congregants return to the building, after coronavirus restrictions are lifted. In the meantime, they are holding Friday night and Saturday services twice a month via Zoom. Contact President Stephanie Bauer at 607-547-6231 for more information and to join the Zoom services.

An award-winning remodeling of the entire synagogue included the construction of a spacious, old-world sanctuary complete with Jerusalem stone. The new sanctuary's size and fine acoustics have created opportunities for Temple

## Seen around the community...

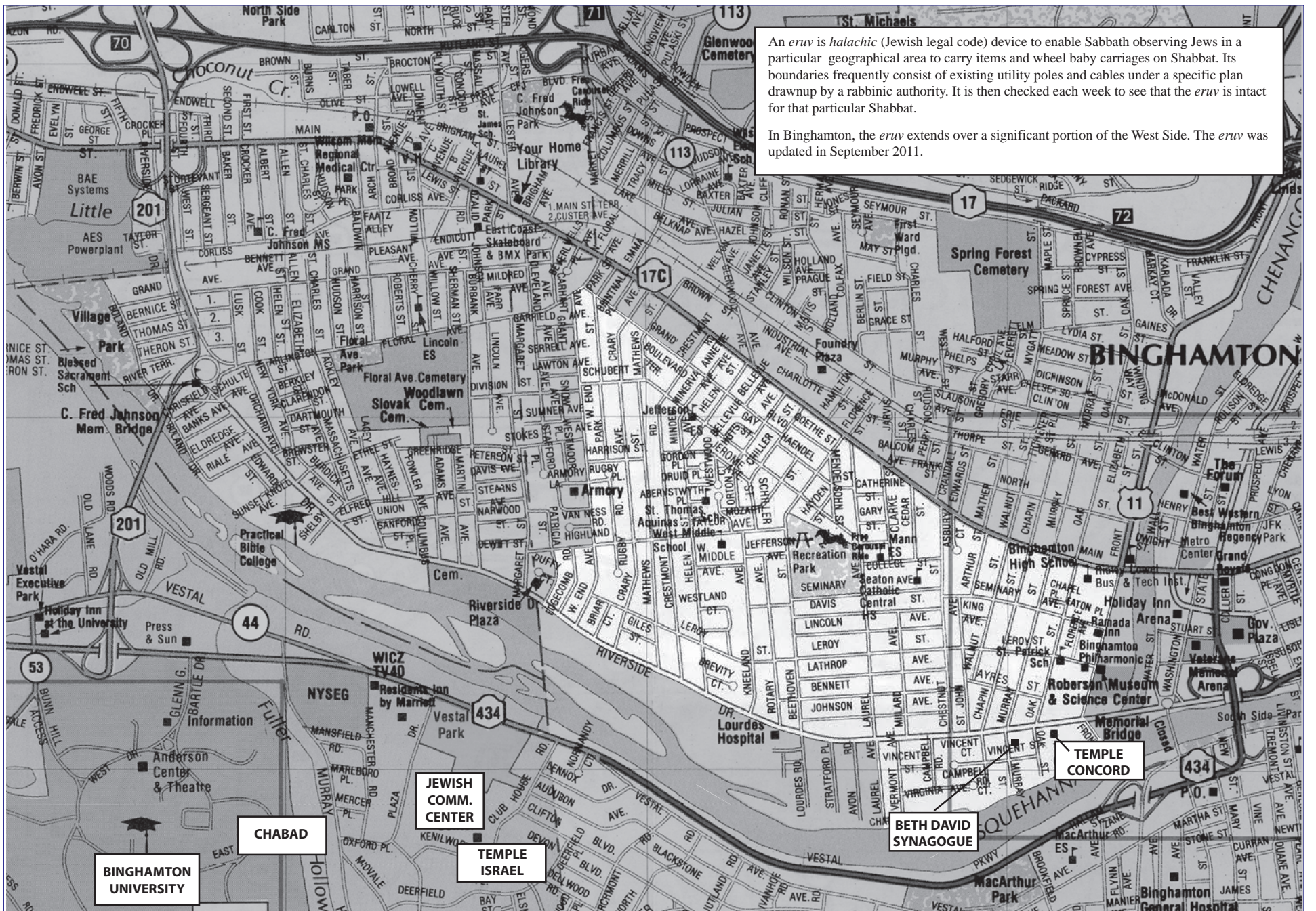


Members of the committee to form a Southern Tier Jewish History Museum met on Zoom on February 11. The museum's mission would be to inspire people from every background to connect with and preserve the history and culture of the Jewish community in Binghamton and throughout the Southern Tier. Anyone interested in being on the Board of Directors or volunteering with the museum in other capacities should contact Lisa Blackwell at [lrmblackwell@gmail.com](mailto:lrmblackwell@gmail.com).

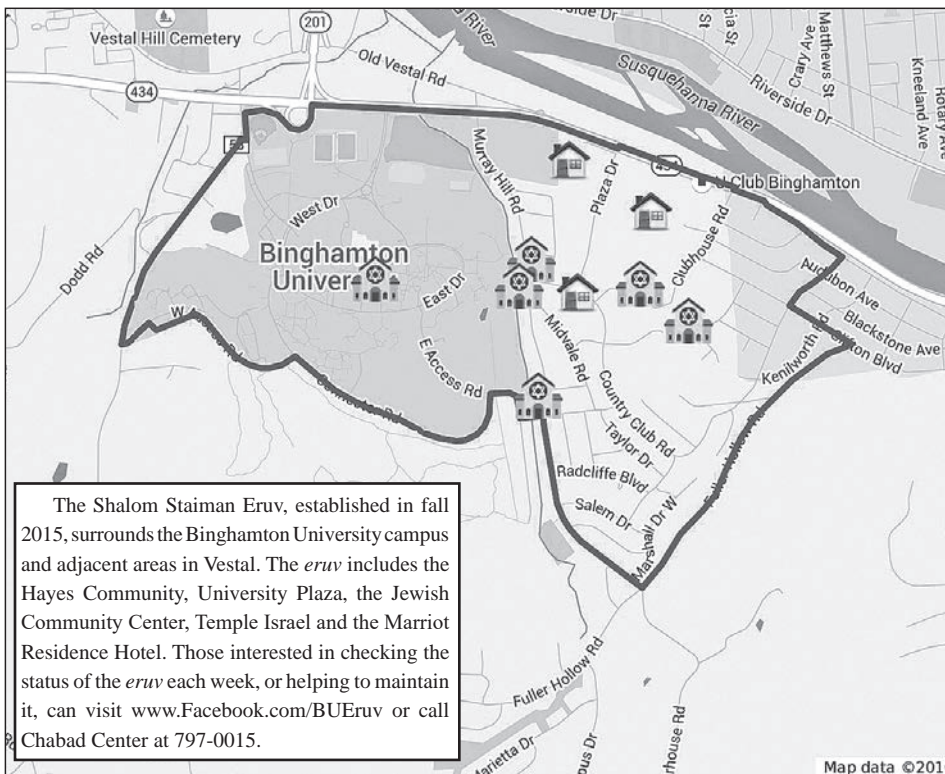


At least 25 people attended the virtual program "Human Dignity - K'vod Habriot," which was part of this year's Global Day of Jewish Learning on November 8. Member of Beth David Synagogue, Temple Concord and Temple Israel studied with Rabbis Geoffrey Brown, Barbara Goldman-Wartell and Zev Silber. Shown is a screenshot of some of those who attended the program.

# Binghamton West Side *Eruv* and other points of interest



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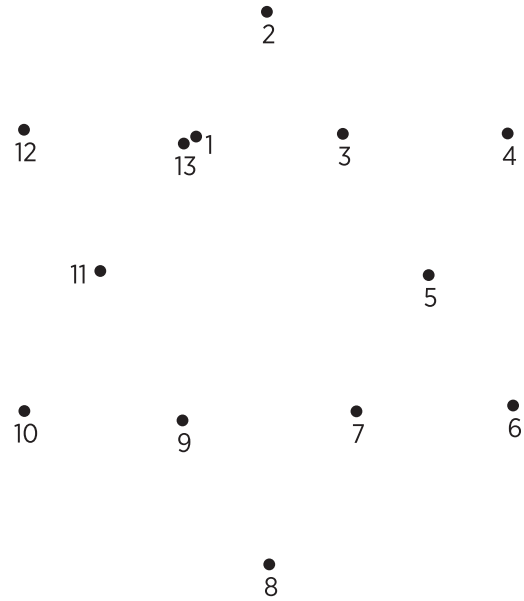


## Seen around the community...



Members of the community chatted at the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's pre-Shavuot gathering on May 16. More than 40 people attended the event.

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# Jewish Community Center

## Mission Statement and Purpose

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Half-Day Program

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

a unique offering among local programs. Morning snack is provided.

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

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

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

### Full-Day Program

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

### Universal Pre-Kindergarten

The JCC is a Universal Pre-Kindergarten provider for the Vestal and Binghamton school districts. The morning session runs from 9-11:45 am and the afternoon session runs from 1-3:45 pm. UPK follows the Common Core standards as set by the New York state Department of Education. Enrollment for Vestal is conducted through the school district. Binghamton residents may enroll directly through the JCC. Students are eligible for UPK the year they are 4 on or before December 1. Community residents can also join the ECC's UPK program as self-paying clients. Contact the ECC at 724-2417 regarding enrollment.

### Youth and Teen Programs/Services

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

### Kids Connection

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

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

### Adult and Senior Programs/Services

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

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

### Friendship Club

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



Swim lessons, water exercise, arthritis water exercise and community open swim times are held in the JCC's full-sized heated pool.



A group of campers, all part of a COVID-safe bubble, took a break for lunch at Camp JCC last summer.

### Yiddish Conversation Group

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

### Mind, Body and Health Programs/Services

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

Certified personal trainers, and yoga and pilates specialists welcome clients in the JCC's comprehensive fitness facility. Ellipticals, treadmills, exercise bicycles, free weights and a complete range of strength training equipment is available for members' use every day, except on the Sabbath when the JCC is closed.

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

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

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

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

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

### Aquatics

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

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

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

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

### JCC Summer Camp

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

Camp JCC continues to offer new programs designed specifically to address the changing needs of campers and their families. The professionally-run counselor orientation and training ensures the highest quality of camper supervision. Camp structure guarantees that children of all ages See "JCC" on page 15A

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will be provided the opportunity to thrive and grow. The program emphasis on outdoor fun, physical growth and learning cooperation encourages children to explore new aspects of the world around them.

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

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

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

### Kashrut

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

### JCC Guest Pass Policy

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

### Seasonal Program Guide

JCC Program Guides are distributed and posted online

At right: Camp JCC's counselors participated in training exercises the week of June 29, 2020, which included COVID safety protocols specific to day camps.



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

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



A group of campers participated in a swim lesson in the JCC's indoor pool.

## Seen around the community...



L-r (front): Eileen and Karen Miller performed during the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's pre-Shavuot gathering on May 16.



L-r: Suzanne Holwitz, Federation president, and Shelley Hubal, executive director of the Federation, the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's pre-Shavuot gathering on May 16.



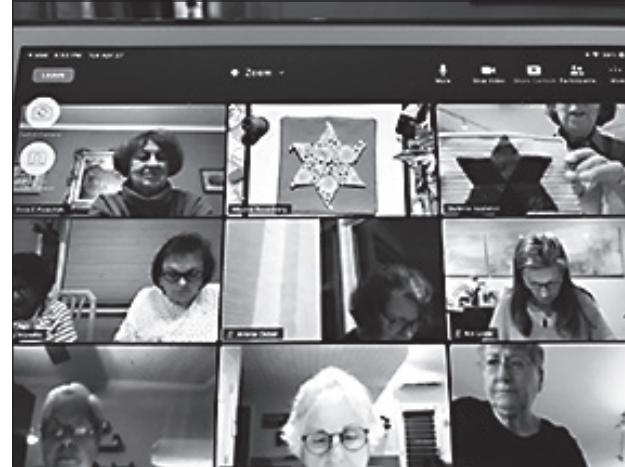
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Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell, spiritual leader of Temple Concord, spoke during the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's pre-Shavuot gathering on May 16.



L-r: Steve Gilbert and Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu performed during the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's pre-Shavuot gathering on May 16.



More than 30 participants joined to create a Kiddush cup coaster during the 2021 Intersisterhood event. Maxine Rosenberg provided the step-by step instructions. Hosted by Temple Israel, the event was coordinated by Ani Loew of Temple Concord, Dora Polachek of Beth David Synagogue and Barbara Zelter of Temple Israel. Participants Zoomed in locally, as well as from the Bahamas, Florida and California. The event was called "a great success, and a fun and productive way to connect safely."

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# Binghamton University

## Center for Israel Studies

Founded in 2016, the Center for Israel Studies at Binghamton University offers academic courses featuring a Binghamton University minor in Israel studies, research opportunities, and programming for students and faculty. Three core faculty members offer courses in modern Israeli history, Hebrew and Israeli literature, and Israeli culture and society.

The Center also directly supports undergraduate research, including paid summer internships and other research op-

portunities, through grants and fellowships generously funded by donors.

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

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

## Judaic Studies Department

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

The department offers a wide range of

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

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

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

## Hillel at Binghamton

Hillel at Binghamton, established in 2001, sponsors social, educational, religious and cultural programs for the nearly 4,000 Jewish students at Binghamton University. The office is located in the University Union on the second floor and the student lounge is located on the third floor. Hillel at Binghamton is served by a dedicated staff and group of student leaders, including Executive Director Brian Freedman and Student President Rebecca Slavsky, Assistant Director Jennifer Stone, OU-JLIC educators Rabbi Ben Menora and Elli Menora, Springboard Fellow Mickey Benson, Business Manager Cantor Abbe Lyons and Office Administrator Amy Krasno. The commitment and support of the Hillel at Binghamton lay board – along with the Binghamton Jewish community, Binghamton alumni, parents, friends and other stakeholders – enables the staff and student leaders to create a pluralistic Jewish atmosphere that encompasses students from all backgrounds at Binghamton University. Hillel at Binghamton has just completed its 19<sup>th</sup> year of programming and is continuing to grow.

The true leaders of Hillel at Binghamton are the students. Seven student leaders are elected to the Executive Board and oversee nearly 90 more student leaders in more than 14 program areas. Hillel's hardworking students envision, plan and implement more than 200 programs each semester, ensuring a wide variety of options for Jewish students

on campus. Hillel programs reach more than 2,000 different students throughout the year.

Among the program offerings each year are:

◆ **Israel programming:** In addition to two Birthright trips per year, Hillel offers many different Israel programs throughout the semester. Bearcats for Israel hosts several successful programs annually, such as Café Aroma, with hundreds of students enjoying Israeli cuisine and music, and the Leadership Reception, which brings together student leaders from 40 different student organizations. There is an annual Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's Independence Day) celebration, as well. Hillel's assistant director teaches a Jewish Learning Fellowship dedicated to asking big Israel questions. With Israeli learning, living and travel experiences plentiful, there are always ways to get involved with Israel through Hillel.

◆ **Shabbat:** More than 150 students find themselves in the C4 Multipurpose Room each week in order to spend Shabbat together. They enjoy a traditional meal, words of inspiration and the time to celebrate with their friends. Themed *Shabbatot* – such as Israel Shabbat and Interfaith Shabbat (a collaboration with the Muslim Student Association and Newman House) – bring even more students from every walk of life together to experience and celebrate Shabbat, and learn about what unites all Jews.

◆ **Jewish Learning:** The Orthodox Union and Hillel continued to partner in the

Jewish Learning Initiative (or OU-JLIC) program, maintaining the *eruv* throughout campus and the neighboring community, and weekly learning opportunities, guest speakers, Shabbat programming and support. Students were also supported by the Slifka fellowship, bringing Jewish Theological Seminary rabbinic students throughout the year. Reform Jews of Hillel hosted several brunch and learns to foster religious inclusion and pluralism on campus. In addition, the Jewish Learning fellowship hosts three to four small cohorts of about 20 students in deep, meaningful Jewish learning for 10 weeks of the semester, facilitating community through Jewish thought.

◆ **Social justice:** Making the world a better place is an important value to Hillel's students, as seen through both charity and actively volunteering. Hillel's Committee for Social Justice promotes awareness and volunteerism, and fund-raises for philanthropic endeavors. This year, C4SJ ran a program, Transcriptions for the Smithsonian, Letters to Lone Soldiers and a Goods Deeds Day Series of letter writing to Holocaust survivors. Hillel at Binghamton's Challah for Hunger chapter continues to be called one of the best in the country, and has baked and sold more than 2,500 challahs. Each week, volunteers bake and sell hundreds of loaves of kosher challah at several locations on campus, and 100 percent of sales are donated, half to Mazon

and half to local organizations that provide food to the hungry.

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

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

All Hillel at Binghamton events are open to the community. Those interested can reach the Hillel at Binghamton office by calling 777-3424 or e-mailing [hillel@binghamton.edu](mailto:hillel@binghamton.edu).

Visit Hillel's website, [www.hillelatbinghamton.org](http://www.hillelatbinghamton.org), to learn more.

## Binghamton University Zionist Organization

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

specifically the fundamental belief of Jewish self-determination in the historic Jewish homeland.

BUZO works with a number of student and non-student organizations to create both educational and cultural events, which serve to enlighten and

educate the student body about Israel and the current situation in the Middle East between Israel and her neighbors. Although BUZO is an apolitical organization, it serves as a platform for political discourse. Events include speakers, movie screenings, advoca-

cy programs, dinner and learns, and fund-raisers.

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

## MEOR Upstate

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

MEOR Upstate realizes that each person is unique and that true growth is an organic process. In that spirit, MEOR provides educational, religious and social programming to Jews of all backgrounds at Binghamton and Cornell universities, as well as other Southern Tier and Central New York colleges. Among MEOR's offerings are seminars, fellowships, study abroad programs, talks and other events that are open to the greater community, trips to Israel and regional/national trips.

MEOR's semester-long seminars – named after Maimonides, the Jewish scholar and author – combine interactive learning with social and religious programming, and cover key areas of Jewish thought and practice. The Maimonides Fellows program

explores the fundamentals of Judaism and their application to the modern world. The Maimonides Scholars program offers more advanced Torah study; topics have included kosher fundamentals, talmudic ethics, Torah study and a women's class dedicated to the study of women's issues. The Maimonides Mentors program of classes and hands-on workshops seeks to provide students with the skills considered essential to Jewish leadership, with one track focused on "Kosher Fundamentals" and a second on "Shabbat Fundamentals." All seminars are designed to accommodate even the busiest student's schedule. Interested students must apply for admission to the seminars. Participants receive a monetary stipend upon completion of each seminar, which are made possible by donations from American Jewish philanthropists. All costs associated with each seminar are assumed by MEOR Upstate; there are no out-of-pocket expenses for student participants.

MEOR's Rabbi Chaim Harkavy, his wife Adina and their nine children welcome BU students to their home with homemade meals and religious services in celebration of Shabbat and holidays, and treat guests

like family. Throughout the academic year MEOR celebrates Shabbat from Friday sunset through Saturday night at the Maimonides House, located at 401 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal – right next to Binghamton University. Depending on how the Jewish calendar coincides with the BU academic calendar, the following holidays may be celebrated at the Maimonides House: Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Chanukah, Purim, Passover, Lag B'Omer and Shavuot.

MEOR Upstate offers an array of travel opportunities to current students and alumni. Most trips are either in Israel or North America, though occasionally trips to Poland and other destinations appear. Many of the trips are subsidized and are open to young adults regardless of their involvement in MEOR Upstate. MEOR Upstate staff are available to answer any questions students or their parents may have. Trips to Israel include the free 10-day Birthright for Jewish young adults ages of 18-26, in partnership with Israel Free Spirit; MEOR Israel, a two-three week co-educational program based in Jerusalem that combines Torah study, touring throughout Israel, religious experiences and free-time; and MEOR Vision, a two-three

week program based in Jerusalem, with separate men's and women's tracks, that incorporates more advanced Torah study, leadership development and limited touring.

MEOR Upstate facilitates opportunities for students to explore Judaism in the outdoors. The programs include outdoor activities and relaxation time, as well as classes taught by world-class educators. Heritage Retreats runs a men's session and a women's session during both the winter and summer in various locations out West. Sinai Retreats runs three men's sessions and a women's session throughout the summer in the Adirondack Mountains, only a few miles from Lake George, NY.

MEOR Upstate also offers students the opportunity to study and grow at Jewish institutions both in America and Israel. All of the institutions cater to students regardless of their Jewish educational background, with four-six week programs during the winter and summer recesses, as well as semester and year-long programs for recent graduates or students looking to spend a semester or year studying abroad. MEOR runs two such institutions for young See "MEOR" on page 21A

# Cornell University

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

Cornell University Hillel: The Yudowitz Center for Jewish Campus Life is the gateway for Cornell University's 2,500 Jewish students to get involved in a wide variety of cultural, social, educational, political and religious activities on campus. As one of the largest and most dynamic Jewish campus communities in North America, Cornell Hillel provides positive and meaningful Jewish experiences

that are relevant to the lives of Jewish undergraduate and graduate students. This is done through a broad coalition of 30 different Jewish student groups, planning more than 1,000 programs a year, that are constantly developing as the needs of the students grow and change. Whether it's Israeli politics and advocacy, advocacy and service for local refugees, Latin-Israeli dancing, a *cappella* singing,

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

Cornell Hillel is dedicated to training and nurturing its students to become future leaders and members of the American Jewish community, empowering them to find the balance between being distinctively Jewish and universally human. Over the past several years, Cornell Hillel has seen a tremendous growth in the number of

students taking an active part in Jewish life, both on campus and at national and international locations for leadership training and service work.

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

## The Center for Jewish Living at Cornell

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

Throughout the 2020 and 2021 academic year with COVID safety precautions put in place, the CJL community adapted. Wearing masks, socially distancing and virtual learning were followed. Students creatively implemented new methods for engaging during holidays, Shabbat dinners and events.

CJL is a student-run operation led by an elected student board. The residential house is the epicenter of the CJL commu-

nity, serving as a home away from home for members. It is here that students learn, study and connect in an inviting atmosphere. Thirty male and female students live in the CJL residence each semester.

Adjacent to CJL is 104West! Kosher Dining Hall with seating for 250. Cornell Dining manages the kosher dining hall and it is included within the student dining plan. Jewish artwork adorns the facility, which provides two kosher meals daily during the academic year, and traditional Friday night and holiday meals. Menus are prepared under the supervision of STAR-K (meat and *pareve*) and STAR-D (dairy) kosher certifications, and Jewish dietary laws are strictly followed with the direction of a resident *mashgiach*. Approximately 200 students dine each Sabbath and 400 students on the High Holidays. Kosher dining options are also found around campus.

The chapel is appointed with stained glass windows with verses from *Kohelet*. Three prayer services are held daily. More than 200 students participate in religious services and faith education each week. CJL has a rabbi-in-residence in partnership



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

with the OU Heshe and Harriet Seif Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus (or JLIC), a program of the Orthodox Union in partnership with the CJL Endowment.

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

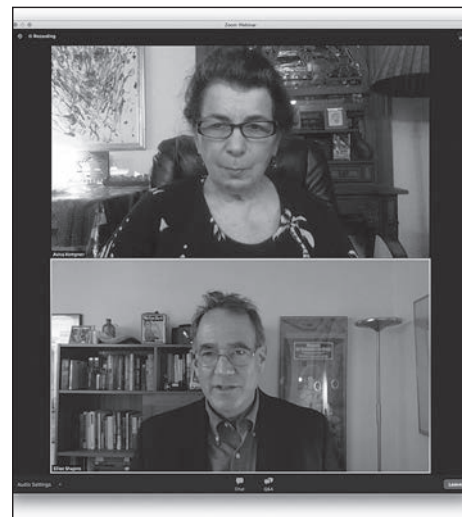
Alumni visit regularly to meet with CJL members and a Board of Trustees oversees endowment fund-raising. The CJL Endowment supports Shabbat celebrations, new faculty dinners, special events and enhancement of CJL attributes.

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

## Jewish Studies Program at Cornell

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

The Jewish Studies Program provides instruction in a range of fields, including Semitic languages; the Hebrew Bible; medieval and modern Hebrew literature and film; ancient, medieval and modern Jewish history; Holocaust studies; Jewish ethnography; and Yiddish culture. Undergraduate students can earn a minor in



Film-maker Aviva Kempner (top), participated in a Q&A on her documentary "The Spy Behind Home Plate," moderated by Elliot Shapiro (bottom, of Cornell's Jewish Studies Program), on April 29. The documentary highlighted Moe Berg, a major league Jewish baseball catcher who joined the OSS during World War II and spied on the Nazis' atomic bomb program.

Jewish Studies. The Jewish Studies Program also supports graduate and undergraduate student research.

Events and lectures throughout the

academic year, sponsored by the Jewish Studies Program, serve to explore the depth and breadth of Jewish experience, and also See "Cornell" on page 18A



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# Roitman Chabad Center at Cornell

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

There are classes on a variety of topics offered by Chabad, including Jewish mysticism, the weekly Torah portion, Jewish law and much more. The staff at Chabad are also available for one-on-one learning sessions on any topic. Chabad is now offering classes via Zoom (online video conferencing); sign up online

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allow partnerships with a broad range of other programs and departments.

The Jewish Studies Program's public programs are aimed at the general community, as well as a more specialized academic audience. Interested area residents are invited to contact the Jewish Studies Program, to follow it on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/JWSTCornell](https://www.facebook.com/JWSTCornell) and to join its e-mail list to receive updates about upcoming events and developments in the program. For instructions on joining the e-mail list, and for information about all the ways to stay connected, go to <https://jewishstudies.cornell.edu/stay-connected>. For more information on the Cornell University Jewish Studies Program, e-mail [jewishstudies@cornell.edu](mailto:jewishstudies@cornell.edu).



A screenshot of a digital event called "Jewish Trans Brazil: Identity, Activism, Music." Clockwise from top right: Jonathan Branfman; Simone de Lemos; Lilyth Esther Grove; and Assucena Assucena. The event discussed how Jewish transgender Brazilians are building visibility within São Paulo's straight Jewish spaces and Christian LGBTQ spaces. Latin Grammy-winning musician Assucena and her fellow artist and activist, Grove, shared their first-hand insights on trans Jewish Brazilian struggles and successes today. The event was moderated by Jonathan Branfman, of Cornell's Jewish Studies and English Studies departments. Portuguese-English translation was provided by Simone de Lemos, of Cornell's Romance Studies Department. Those interested can view the video at <https://www.cornell.edu/video/jewish-trans-brazil-identity-activism-music>.

at [www.chabadcornell.com/zoom](http://www.chabadcornell.com/zoom).

In addition to events and classes, Chabad provides for all practical Jewish needs – *mezuzahs*, kashering a home, birth of a child, bar and bat mitzvah preparation, marriage,

*mikvah* usage and assistance upon the passing of a relative, among others.

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

## Seen around the community...



Parents and children gathered to chat before the beginning of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's Tot Shabbat program at Arnold Park on June 11.



Families chatted during the Federation Tot Shabbat program.



An Ithaca College student (name withheld) enjoyed her pre-COVID Taglit-Birthright Israel: Hillel trip.



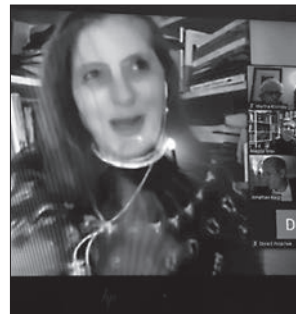
The children danced and clapped their hands during the performance by Josh Hubal and Rabbi Benny Kellman.



More than 40 people attended the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's pre-Shavuot gathering on May 16 in the Temple Israel parking lot. The event included readings from local rabbis, music and ice cream.



Lilian Rosenstreich, one of the owners of Kalanoit Books, read a book to the 15 children who attended the Federation Tot Shabbat on June 11.



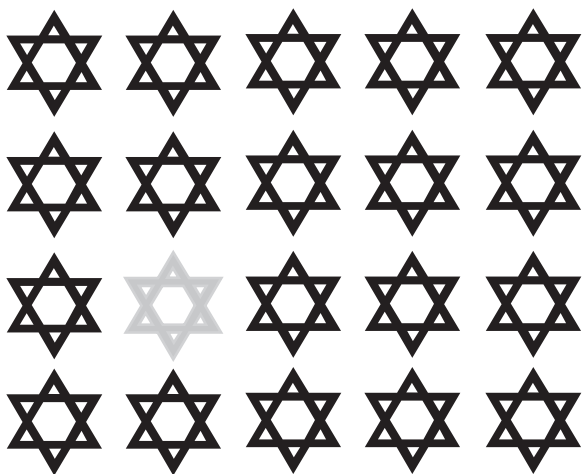
Professor Nancy Sinkoff spoke about "From Left to Right: Lucy Dawidowicz and the Representation of the Holocaust" to the CJS audience via Zoom on October 29.



Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu (at right) made the blessings over the grape juice and challah roles at the Federation Tot Shabbat on June 11.



At right, l-r: Josh Hubal and Rabbi Benny Kellman performed during the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's pre-Shavuot gathering on May 16.



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# Area Universities

## Hillel at Ithaca College

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

With more than 100 student programs and initiatives on campus, free and open to all members of Ithaca College community, Hillel prides itself as a partner with the college in building a diverse and inclusive community on campus. Hillel offers a spectrum of initiatives, ranging from holiday celebrations and religious observance, to social, cultural, fund-raising and educational opportunities

in various fields of interest to Jewish students and to the general student population.

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

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



Students (names withheld) enjoyed Hillel of Ithaca College's early move-in program, FreshFest, last fall.



Students enjoyed Hillel of Ithaca College's early move-in program, FreshFest, last fall.



Hillel at Ithaca College sent a large group of students to Israel through Taglit-Birthright Israel pre-COVID.

## Hillel at SUNY College at Oneonta

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

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

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

## Chabad of Oneonta

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

Through its diverse programming, Chabad offers everything from weekly Shabbat dinners to engaging Jewish educational opportunities. Chabad strives to reach every Jewish student and to inspire a positive connection to Judaism and Israel through a non-judgmental, friendly environment.

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

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

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

## SUNY Cortland Hillel

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

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

to places such as the Holocaust Museum and Broadway theater shows.

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

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



Two Ithaca College students (names withheld) picked up dinners during the Hit Me Up for Shabbat Dinner event.

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# Life Cycles

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## Birth

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

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

## Brit Milah

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

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

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

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

The rabbi of Temple Beth El of Oneonta coordinates the *brit milah* for the congregation.

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

## Simchat Bat

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

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

The rabbi of Temple Beth El of Oneonta coordinates the *simchat bat* ceremony for the congregation.

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

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

## Bar/Bat Mitzvah

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

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

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

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

ceremony is individually planned with the participation of the parents and rabbi.

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

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

Temple Beth El of Oneonta has a bar and bat mitzvah program, which the rabbi conducts.

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

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

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

## Confirmation

For Reform and some Conservative Jews, the confirmation year, 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade, represents a special time of celebration and commitment. Typically, the year includes study and meetings with the rabbi, culminating in a special service, often held during Shavuot since that holiday commemorates the receiving of the Torah by the Jewish people.

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

## Mikvah

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Conversion

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

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

Congregation Tikkun v'Or offers a conversion program for adults when requested.

Rabbi Rachel Safman of Temple Beth-El of Ithaca requests that individuals speak with her personally.

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

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

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

## Illness

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

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

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

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

The rabbi of Temple Beth El of Oneonta pays as-needed visits to hospitals and nursing homes.

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

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

## Death

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

The body of the deceased is treated with respect, ritually washed, wrapped in a plain white shroud and placed in a plain pine coffin before burial. During *shiva*, the departed is remembered with tears and reverence.

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

The synagogues in the area have arrangements with cemeteries.

Three, Beth David Synagogue, Temple Beth-El of Ithaca and Temple Israel, have burial societies, *chevra kadisha*, which prepare the body for burial according to Jewish law. The *chevra kadisha* of Beth David may be reached by calling Arieh Ullmann at 743-7209 or the rabbi. The *chevra kadisha* of Temple Israel may be reached by calling David Tanenhaus at 772-9172. Arrangements with the *chevra kadishas* of Beth David and Temple Israel can also be made through funeral homes that specialize in Jewish funerals. Temple Beth-El of Ithaca has a *chevra kadisha* committee that will assist all members of the Jewish community or other interested parties regardless of membership or affiliation. Contact the temple office at 273-5775.

The rabbi of Temple Beth El of Oneonta conducts Jewish funerals for the community.

To make cemetery arrangements through Beth David Synagogue for its cemetery in Conklin, call Arieh Ullmann at 743-7209.

To make arrangements through Temple Israel for its cemetery in Conklin, call Temple Israel at 723-7461 or Ron Sall at 722-7780.

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

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

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

For information on Temple Brith Sholom's cemetery, contact Carol Levine at 315-696-5744.

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

A number of synagogues have committees which try to help their member families, in mourning, with food and other services.

Beth David Sisterhood has a committee to prepare the meal for the family after the funeral.

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

Temple Concord has a Caring Community Committee that attends to the needs of the family and prepares the meal of consolation.

The Temple Israel Mitzvah Committee prepares a meal of consolation after the funeral and can be contacted through Marcia Hofstein at 785-6863.

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# Kashruth Guide

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## Local Kosher Establishments

**Kosher Kitchen of Binghamton University**  
 In the C-4 building  
*Kashruth* supervision: rabbi from the OU  
 Follows university calendar:  
 Mon.-Thurs.: breakfast (bagels only) 8-10 am; lunch 11 am-1:30 pm; dinner 5-8 pm  
 Fri.: breakfast (bagels only) 8-10 am; lunch 11 am-1:30 pm  
 Sat.: Closed  
 Sun.: brunch 11 am-1:30 pm; dinner 5-8 pm  
 Jewish holidays that BU is open: Kosher Kitchen closed; holiday meals available to order through Hillel  
 Phone: 777-2991

**104West! Kosher Dining Hall at Cornell University**  
 104 West Ave., Ithaca  
 Satellite dining hall, It's Kosher!, in Northstar Dining Room at Appel Commons  
*Kashruth* supervision provided by the Star-K under full-time *mashgiach*.  
 Follows university calendar.  
 All you can eat for a set fee.  
 Phone: 272-6907 (or 272-5810 Young Israel of Cornell)

Kosher meals are also available at various other dining halls on the Cornell campus. Cornell Dairy products – pasteurized and chocolate milks, ice cream and yogurt – are now certified kosher by the OU and are sold on campus in the dining halls and at the Dairy Bar in Stocking Hall.

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

**Kosher Meat**  
 There is no local kosher butcher.  
**Binghamton Price Chopper**  
 Foundry Plaza, 10 Glenwood Ave., Binghamton  
 Phone: 770-7151  
 This store carries packaged products, and frozen meats and chicken. Special deliveries of fresh meat, fowl and groceries can be ordered from the kosher butcher in the Colonie store (under the supervision of the Vaad Hakashrut of the Capitol District). For

information and to arrange a local delivery, call 518-456-2970 or 518-456-9314 and ask for kosher meat.

**Lipman's Kosher Market**  
 1482 Monroe Ave., Rochester, NY 14618  
 Phone: 585-271-7886  
 Deliveries are usually once a month to Temple Beth-El of Ithaca. Call Lipman's for more information. Kosher supervision by BVK – Buffalo, NY, Vaad.

**Wegmans**  
 650 Harry L. Dr., Johnson City  
 Carries a small selection of fresh kosher meat and poultry, as well as some *glatt* kosher deli.

**Wegmans**  
 Elmira Rd., Ithaca  
 Carries a small selection of fresh kosher meat and poultry.

**Weis Markets**  
 50 Pennsylvania Ave., Binghamton  
 Phone: 762-5410  
 Carries a small selection of fresh and frozen kosher poultry.

**Weis Markets**  
 100 Rano Blvd., Vestal  
 Phone: 763-8712  
 Carries a small selection of fresh and frozen kosher poultry.

**Supermarket Products**  
 There are kosher product sections in most of the local supermarkets. Look for them in the following:

**BJ's Wholesale Club**  
 40 Graham Rd. West, Ithaca  
 Phone: 241-4762  
 Kosher bakery (under Kof-K supervision) and carries kosher products.  
 756 State Highway 28, Oneonta  
 Phone: 431-1111  
 Kosher bakery and carries kosher products.

**Green Star Cooperative**  
 Ithaca

**Oasis (a health food store)**  
 DeWitt Mall, Ithaca

**Price Chopper**  
 Foundry Plaza, Binghamton  
 Endicott  
 Oneonta

**Tops Supermarket**  
 East Hill Plaza, Ithaca  
 Elmira Rd., Ithaca  
 Pyramid Mall area, Ithaca  
 W. Main St., Owego

**Wegmans**  
 Harry L. Dr., Johnson City  
 Elmira Rd., Ithaca

**Weis Markets**  
 Various locations

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men in Jerusalem: Machon Shlomo and Machon Yaakov. MEOR has also partnered with three Jerusalem seminaries in order to provide comparable opportunities for young women: Neve Yerushalayim, Midrashet Rachel and Shearim. Other institutions include Aish HaTorah, Darchei Noam and Ohr Somayach (both in Israel and America).

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- ◆ The Lakewood Fellowship offers young men a choice of two internship tracks each

summer in finance and medicine. The programs are offered in combination with the Lakewood Fellowship, a one-week Torah study opportunity at America's largest institute of Jewish learning in Lakewood, NJ.  
 ◆ PERI (Peer Educator Research Internship) allows students to enjoy an all-expense-paid internship in Jerusalem, Israel, during the winter and summer recess. The aim of the internship is to enrich the students' campus Jewish community by enabling them to share Torah wisdom with their peers. Interns are eligible for stipends.

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Rosh Hashanah	Tuesday-Wednesday, September 7-8	Monday-Tuesday, September 26-27
Yom Kippur	Wednesday, September 16	Wednesday, October 5
Sukkot	Tuesday-Monday, September 21-27	Monday-Sunday, October 10-16
Shemini Atzeret	Tuesday, September 28	Monday, October 17
Simchat Torah	Wednesday, September 29	Tuesday, October 18
Chanukah	Monday-Monday, November 29-December 6	Monday-Monday, December 19-26
Tu B'Shevat	Monday, January 17	Monday, February 6
Purim	Thursday, March 17	Tuesday, March 7
Passover	Saturday-Saturday, April 16-23	Thursday-Thursday, April 6-13
Yom Hashoah	Thursday, April 28	Tuesday, April 18
Yom Ha'atzmaut	Thursday, May 5	Wednesday, April 26
Lag B'Omer	Thursday, May 19	Tuesday, May 9
Yom Yerushalayim	Sunday, May 29	Friday, May 19
Shavuot	Sunday-Monday, June 5-6	Friday-Saturday, May 26-27
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Rabbi: Zev Silber  
 President: Saba Wiesner  
 Sisterhood Co-Presidents: Marlene Serkin, Cathy Velenchik and Susan Wright  
 PR Contact: Kathie Shelly  
 Office Hours: Tues., 10 am-1 pm; Thurs. 9 am-1 pm; Fri. 10 am- 1 pm  
 E-mail: bethdavid@stny.rr.com  
 Rabbi's e-mail: rabbisilber@stny.rr.com  
 Website: www.bethdavid.org

## Binghamton University Zionist Organization

E-mail: buzo@binghamtonsa.org

## B'Yachad Ithaca Jewish Preschool – 273-5775

Director: Rabbi Suzanne Brody, director@tbeithaca.org  
 E-mail: byachadithaca@gmail.com  
 Website: www.ithacajewishpreschool.com  
 (Phone is the Temple Beth-El office)

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

Director: Randy Friedman  
 Administrative Assistant: Maja Dragojlovic  
 E-mail: friedman@binghamton.edu  
 Website: https://www.binghamton.edu/centers/israel-studies/

## Chabad of Oneonta – 845-204-7436

Contacts: Rabbi Meir and Fraidy Rubashkin  
 Website: www.chabadofoneonta.com (site under construction at press time)  
 Facebook: Chabad of Oneonta - Rohr Jewish Student Center

## Congregation Tikun v'Or – 256-1471

Rabbi: Shifrah Tobacman  
 Presidents: Denice Cassaro and Nomi Talmi  
 Administrative Coordinator and Jewish Learning Experiences Director: Naomi Wilensky  
 Website: www.tikkunvor.org

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

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 Website: ithaca.edu/hillel  
 Facebook: fb.com/ichillel

## Hillel at SUNY Oneonta – 436-2440

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

## Ithaca Area United Jewish Community – 257-5181

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 E-mail: info@iaujc.org  
 Website: www.iaujc.org  
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## Jewish Studies Program at Cornell University

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## Judaic Studies Department, Binghamton University – 777-3030

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## Kol Haverim: Finger Lakes Community for Humanistic Judaism

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## Norwich Jewish Center – 334-2691

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## Penn-York Jewish Community

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 President: Lisa Blackwell  
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Treasurer: Harvey Chernosky, 570-265-3869

*Seen around the community...*



Josh Hubal performed a solo at the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's pre-Shavuot gathering on May 16.



Suzanne Holwitt, president of the Federation, welcomed the community to the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's pre-Shavuot gathering on May 16.



Dennis and Sandy Foreman called donors for the Super Sunday phonathon.



Rebecca Goldstein Kahn talked to a donor during Super Sunday.














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SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
Date	Light Candles	Date	Light Candles	Date	Light Candles	Date	Light Candles	Date	Light Candles	Date	Light Candles
3	7:15 pm	1	6:27 pm	5	5:34 pm	3	4:14 pm	7	4:30 pm	4	5:04 pm
6	*7:10 pm	8	6:15 pm	12	4:27 pm	10	4:14 pm	14	4:38 pm	11	5:13 pm
7	*after 8:09 pm	15	6:03 pm	19	4:21 pm	17	4:15 pm	21	4:46 pm	18	5:22 pm
10	7:03 pm	22	5:53 pm	26	4:17 pm	24	4:19 pm	28	4:55 pm	25	5:31 pm
15	*6:55 pm	29	5:43 pm			31	4:24 pm				
17	6:51 pm										
20	*6:46 pm										
21	*after 7:44 pm										
24	6:39 pm										
27	*6:34 pm										
28	*after 7:32 pm										
											
MARCH		APRIL		MAY		JUNE		JULY		AUGUST	
Date	Light Candles	Date	Light Candles	Date	Light Candles	Date	Light Candles	Date	Light Candles	Date	Light Candles
4	5:39 pm	1	7:11 pm	6	7:50 pm	3	8:16 pm	1	8:25 pm	5	7:59 pm
11	5:48 pm	8	7:19 pm	13	7:58 pm	4	*after 9:17 pm	8	8:23 pm	12	7:50 pm
18	6:56 pm	15	7:27 pm	20	8:05 pm	5	*after 9:18 pm	15	8:20 pm	19	7:40 pm
25	7:03 pm	16	*after 8:28 pm	27	8:11 pm	10	8:21 pm	22	8:14 pm	26	7:29 pm
		21	7:34 pm			17	8:24 pm	29	8:08 pm		
		22	*after 7:35 pm			24	8:25 pm				
		29	7:42 pm								
											
SEPTEMBER											
Date	Light Candles										
2	7:17 pm										
9	7:06 pm										
16	6:53 pm										
23	6:41 pm										
25	*6:37 pm										
26	*after 7:36 pm										
30	6:29 pm										



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