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Center for Israel Studies to show documentary on Jewish-Arab immigrants on Feb. 11

The Center for Israel Studies at Binghamton University will hold a public screening of the documentary "The Ancestral Sin" (Israel 2017) on Monday, February 11, from 3:30-6 pm, in the Fine Arts Building, room 258, on

the campus. The screening will be followed by a discussion led by Professor Erez Tzfadia.

"The Ancestral Sin" tells the story of Jewish-Arab immigrants in the early days of the Israeli state and reveals the

institutionalized policies that placed them in development towns. "Touching on the ideological nerves of Israel, the documentary sparked a public storm about the role of ethnicity and race in Israeli culture and

politics," said organizers of the event.

Tzfadia was the scientific adviser of "The Ancestral Sin." He teaches public policy and administration at Sapir College in Israel. His work focuses on spatial policy and politics.

Demonstration of 3-D printer at BD on Feb. 17

On Sunday, February 17, from 10-11:30 am, Harold Kohn will demonstrate and explain how 3-D printing works at Beth David Synagogue, 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. The event is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton and is open to the community. Breakfast will be served. The cost to attend is \$5. To RSVP, call Charlie Manasse at 765-3304.

Kohn will discuss what 3-D printing is,

how it works and what sort of things can be done with it.

Manasse, who organized the event, said, "Harold Kohn is a retired engineer who has his own 3-D printer. As a friend of Toby and Harold and, being curious about 3-D printers, I asked him about it. I was invited to their home for dinner and a demonstration. With the technology in its infancy, he bought a 'kit' and put it to-

gether. He has done several upgrades and modifications. I've heard about file formats stored with endings .com, .odt. and .gif. The inventor created a new .g file format. Other engineering software writers are writing to this format. The amount of new, free stuff is crazy. This demo can be appreciated by anyone from artsy to just plain curious. You do not need to be an electrical engineer. I'm not and I loved it."

Kohn has made a working model of a Toyota five-speed manual transmission, square gears, some spiral vases and much more. He has agreed to demonstrate the printer, and explain the process and operation.

Following the 3-D printer presentation, there will be an exploratory discussion for those interested about forming a unified community service group that would not be defined by congregation membership or identity.

JFS "Beyond the Rainbow" now to be held Feb. 26

Jewish Family Service, in conjunction with Pride and Joy Families/Lesbian and Gay Families Building Project and Temple Concord, will hold the program "Beyond the Rainbow:

Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer in the Binghamton Jewish Community" on Tuesday, February 26, at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. The event was postponed

due to inclement weather.

There will be no charge for the program and the light dinner. The dinner will be held at 5:30 pm, with the program running from 6:15-8 pm.

Those still interested in attending need to RSVP to Roz Antoun again at 724-2332 or rozjfs@stny.rr.com to prepare enough food and materials for all participants.

Children of Abraham to host Passover seder for non-Jews on March 3

The Children of Abraham will host a Passover seder for non-Jews on Sunday, March 3, from 2-4 pm, at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. Members of the Jewish community will be needed to host tables and assist preparation of seder plates and snacks. There is a charge of \$10 for those who can afford to pay.

"The Passover seder holds a particular fascination far beyond the Jewish community. Muslims revere Moses as a prophet, the Exodus from Egypt inspired African-Americans in their quest for freedom and justice in America, and

many Christians consider the seder to be the setting of the Last Supper of Jesus," said Eve Berman.

"I was approached on more than one occasion by Christian leaders asking if we could have a seder for them to experience how we as Jews observe Passover and the meaning it has for us as Jews. So we looked at how to offer this for our non-Jewish neighbors," said Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

This seder for non-Jews is being designed as an educational opportunity for the community, to experience Passover in a wholly Jewish context. While Goldman-Wartell of

Temple Concord and Rabbi Geoffrey Brown of Temple Israel will lead the seder, the goal is for each table to have a family-like experience. "Anything we can do to share the seder's symbols, in particular, those on the seder plate and how they relate to the story of the Exodus, will make memorable connections for participants," added Brown. A member of the Jewish community will serve as table host, helping with the rituals of the seder plate, and sharing their own experiences of Passover. At the conclusion of the event, each table will share their reflections on the experience.

The menu will include vegetarian mat-

zoh ball soup and macaroons. Grape juice will be used in place of wine to respect the Muslim prohibition on alcohol use and for those who also refrain from alcohol.

Contact Temple Concord at 723-7355, or e-mail interfaithbroomecounty@gmail.com if you are interested in assisting at the event. Help is needed to host tables, to prepare the seder plate and matzoh ball soup, and to cleanup.

Non-Jews can sign up for the seder at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4AAFAF2AA2FC1-children1>.

See www.interfaithbroomecounty.com for more information on the event and to sign up to volunteer.

Spotlight

As winter weather batters populations worldwide, JDC calls for aid efforts

By JNS staff

(JNS) – As extreme weather sweeps across the United States and Europe, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee urges the public to support local and global winter efforts that aid poor populations. JDC has provided such aid this year to more than 9,500 poor Jews, including the homebound elderly, across the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

The relief – deployed to ensure protection from dipping temperatures and rising costs during the winter months – includes thousands of tons of coal, firewood and gasoline; warm clothing and bedding sets;

utility subsidies; minor home repairs; and extra food and medical supplies for people with limited access to stores and facilities in inclement weather conditions.

"The human toll of extreme cold, especially for vulnerable groups like the poor, elderly and children, cannot be underestimated," said JDC CEO David M. Schizer. "As parts of America are plunged again into dangerous temperatures, the warm home and clothing we take for granted is often out of reach for those on the margins of society, like elderly Jews in places like the former Soviet Union.

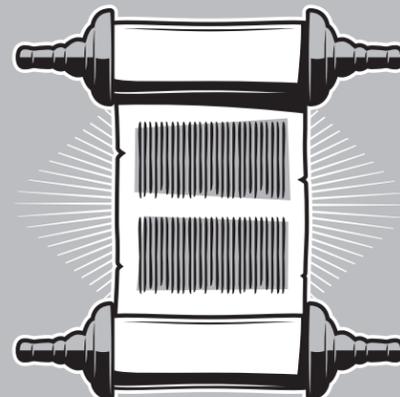
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Nadezhda B. (last name withheld) shoveled coal provided to her by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the JDC-supported Hesed Social Welfare Center outside Odessa, Ukraine. (Photo by JDC)

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From the Desk of the Federation President

Changes to our annual donation letter

SUZANNE HOLWITT

You should have recently received your 2018 tax donation letters from Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton. Although the tax laws at the federal level have changed, under New York state law there are still deductions that are allowed, so the letters should be helpful.

Moving forward, we are making a change that we hope will help make things easier. Instead of getting an end-of-year letter showing your donation(s), we will be

sending you a letter when we receive any donation that you make to the Federation (i.e. your generous pledge, or PJ Library, or in honor of, or in memory of, or for a special pledge drive). This letter will need to be placed in a folder by you with any other tax/donation information collected during the year. If you have made a donation since January 1 of this year, you should start to receive these letters.

Those of you making structured monthly contributions will receive your tax statements as usual in January.

I also want to thank our generous community for the support you have given to the Federation with your continued giving. This lets us know how much you appreciate all that we try to do for our community. I look forward to seeing you at many community events.

Jewish journalism isn't dead, it's just changing

By Jonathan S. Tobin

(JNS) – The news about The Forward hit the small community of Jewish journalists hard. After years of heavy financial losses, the paper fired about 30 percent of its staff, including its two top editors, and ended its monthly magazine, meaning that it will no longer appear in print.

This has led to some public mourning about the demise of Jewish journalism. But while there is no question that those tasked with the job of trying to inform the English-speaking world about Jewish issues and Israel are facing mounting difficulties, the death of this niche of the press world is, as Mark Twain would have said, “greatly exaggerated.”

As with the rest of the media, Jewish journalism is changing, and those who engage in it must adapt or die. That's bad news for those of us who enjoy holding a newspaper in our hands or who think the preservation of the institutions that dominated it for generations in their current form is a pre-requisite for the continuation of Jewish life. But as long as there are journalists with the savvy to navigate the current business environment, and who are able to create content that readers want and need, this niche of the field has the chance not only to survive, but also to thrive.

The Forward has a special place in the history of the Jewish press. In its heyday in the early 20th century, the Yiddish-language *Forverts* was a powerful voice for those who were part of the massive wave of immigration to the United States from Eastern Europe. At its peak, it had a national readership with 275,000 subscribers.

Its Socialist politics were representative of the thinking of many Jewish newcomers, even if that was out of step with the views of most Americans at the time. But the

paper, under the leadership of its brilliant longtime editor Abraham Cahan, aided the efforts of its immigrant readers to become part of their new home. Its advice column, called a “Bintel Brief” – or a bundle of letters – is a vital document in the history of American Jewry as its author dispensed sage suggestions that were intended to ease the process of Americanization.

[T]he most important reason why this niche journalism isn't dying is because there is still a large audience that is hungry for news and informed opinion about the Jewish world that it can't get from secular outlets. ... Jewish journalists must have faith that as long they provide the content that the community seeks and needs, there will be a place at the table for our work. The alternative is a future in which ignorance will reign and Jewish life will suffer.

But that Americanization inevitably led to the decline of Yiddish and the *Forverts*, and its many competitors that pursued different editorial agendas similarly fell on hard times. This once thriving business hasn't been profitable since 1945. It has survived by gradually selling off the company's assets.

While the Yiddish edition continues to publish for a small subscriber base, the paper was given a new lease on life when Seth Lipsky launched an English-language edition that became one of the most vibrant forces in American Jewish journalism. Since Lipsky left in 2000, the paper has taken a sharp left turn that is consistent with its Socialist roots. But while its stands on Israel and its decision to allow space to anti-Zionist views deserve criticism, this had nothing to do with financial problems that stemmed with yearly seven-digit deficits.

There should be no schadenfreude about what happened at The Forward from those who disagreed with its politics. American Jewry needs more voices speaking out and reporting on vital issues of interest, not fewer of them. Encouraging a competition of ideas in a community where ignorance and indifference toward Israel and Jewish concerns is widespread remains important to its future.

The demographic implosion of non-Orthodox American life has also taken a toll on Jewish weeklies. Just as other institutions that are at the center of Jewish life, such as Federations and synagogues, are hemorrhaging donors and members, it's hardly surprising that publications are suffering because much of the community no longer feels connected to Israel or even to local Jewish concerns.

Moreover, like all print operations, The Forward has suffered due to the decline of the format as advertisers have disappeared and younger readers are less inclined to read

newspapers in their traditional form. Local papers must also compete with all sorts of digital formats in an era where many, if not most, people get most of their news from their social-media feeds – usually on their smartphones or other mobile devices – and not by individual publications in print or otherwise. Moreover, the cost of maintaining hard-copy editions has caused other papers to switch, as The Forward has done, to an all digital and Internet model.

It's understandable if those of us who have grown up with print hate this development. But no one should confuse the future of print with the future of journalism. Like secular dailies, Jewish publications may no longer be able to count on local retail or national advertisers. Yet they can and have replaced that source of income with See “Changing” on page 7

In My Own Words

Fact-checks needed – on both sides

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

If we like a politician, it's all too easy to accept every word they say as the gospel. One of the most important things that journalists do is serve as fact-checkers – that is, make certain that statistics used are accurate and comparisons made are correct. This also means that politicians should carefully check their facts before making speeches or answering questions because, if one fact is wrong, it makes people doubt the other facts presented. I'm betting most people are thinking I'm speaking about President Donald Trump, but, while he is known for offering incorrect information, he is not the only person who isn't carefully analyzing material. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), for instance, has also been criticized for making grand statements that aren't supported by fact.

Ocasio-Cortez does seem like a breath of fresh air and most of the objections to her have been foolish. I mean, seriously, she danced in a video as part of a college project and people act like she's done something immoral. She's

young, which, for some, is another strike against her. She's also a self-declared democratic socialist and that scares the wits out of others. Ocasio-Cortez seems concerned about the working poor and others who usually have no voice in Congress, something I think is wonderful. However, that does *not* make her exempt from having her statements carefully checked by the press – the same press, by the way, that fact checks President Trump.

The Washington Post, the paper that once called President Trump's figures on illegal immigration “nonsensical,” has disputed material offered in several of Ocasio-Cortez's tweets. Their disagreements are not based on made-up figures, but rather on careful interpretations of material. Some of her tweets have received the *Post's* “four Pinocchio” designation, although she nowhere matches the number the president has received. Ocasio-Cortez has been criticized for speaking incorrectly about “living and minimum wages” and about errors in transactions made by the Pentagon. She claims the *Post* is concerned

about unimportant details, rather than her real point about misused funds that could be spent on health and education. I agree with her that we need to focus more on health and education, but that does *not* absolve her for using incorrect facts and figures.

Incorrect information and fake news travel quickly when they are shared on Twitter and Facebook. Some studies show that false statements are retweeted or shared faster than true stories, mostly because they are so outrageous people want to make certain everyone knows. We need to confirm a story or statement is true before passing it on. Politicians have the added responsibility to make certain that the information and interpretations they make public are correct. The facts *do* matter because without them we are ruled by cults of personality. Supporters of Ocasio-Cortez and Trump should do their own fact checking and not blindly follow them just because they like them. Politics of personality are wrong no matter which party or which side of an issue you support.



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“Beth David’s 55 Years on Riverside Drive: Sharing the Memories” talk at Feb. 9 BD luncheon

On Saturday, February 9, Beth David’s luncheon speaker will be Marlene Serkin. “February marks 55 years since Beth David Synagogue has been at 39 Riverside Drive,” organizers said, “and Marlene Serkin has vivid memories of the move, memories she will share with all of us. She will describe what the event was like when the Torah scrolls were moved to their new location, as well as talk about the rabbi at the time, community members who were actively involved in making the move possible and memorable events that have taken place at Beth David since the move.”



Marlene Serkin

City plant. “At the time,” Serkin said, “my three children ranged in age from 3½ to 9, and I decided to get involved in volunteering so that I would meet people and do some good.” The Serkins joined Beth David as soon as they moved to the area. After participating in Beth David’s Sisterhood, Serkin volunteered in community organizations that included Hillel Academy, the Jewish Community Center and Chabad. For many years, Serkin ran the rummage sales at Beth David, as well as Chabad’s Purim *shalach manot* program. She has served as the president of the

Regional Chapter of Women’s Branch of the Orthodox Union; treasurer of Hillel Academy; vice president and secretary of Beth David Synagogue; and president, vice president and treasurer of Beth David Sisterhood. “To this long list of service,” organizers said, “we can add the title of local historian of Beth David and the community. Marlene has

always been and continues to be our go-to authority on just about everything. We are delighted to have her enlighten us about Beth David’s history in its Riverside Drive location, and can’t think of a better way to mark our 55th anniversary!”

Beth David’s luncheon speaker series takes place the second Saturday of the month after Shabbat morning services, and is open to the community. There is no charge for the luncheon, but Beth David welcomes donations to the Luncheon Fund in order to keep the program going. Donations can be made in honor or in memory of someone, or to mark a special occasion. Those wishing an acknowledgment to be sent to the person being honored, or to the family of someone being remembered, can indicate that, along with the necessary information. Donations may be sent to Beth David Synagogue, 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905, Attention: Luncheon Fund.

OF NOTE

Ferentinos

Leah Ferentinos, daughter of Fran and Peter Ferentinos, represented the University of Pennsylvania Law School as a presenter at the 22nd UBC Interdisciplinary Legal Studies Graduate Conference at the Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia in Vancouver, BC. Her research paper was “How the ‘Appearance of Corruption’ and Money in Politics Shape U.S. Public Opinion and Trust in Government.”

TI Family Kabbalat Shabbat, dinner

The Temple Israel Sisterhood will hold an *erev* Shabbat event on Friday evening, February 8. The evening will begin at 5:30 pm with a family-oriented, kid-friendly *Kabbalat* Shabbat service, including music.

Immediately following the service, there will be a pot luck family dinner; participants are requested to bring menu selections that are either vegan, vegetarian or dairy.

Chinese company set to manage Haifa’s port, testing the U.S.-Israeli alliance

By Yaakov Lappin

(JNS) – The presence of Chinese state-owned companies at Israel’s seaports is acting as a thorn in U.S.-Israeli relations. According to China’s Ministry of Transport, a total of 52 ports in 34 countries are managed or were constructed by Chinese companies, and that number is set to grow as Beijing expands its program. These include Haifa’s new private seaport, which the Shanghai International Port Group will begin to manage from 2021 for 25 years. Meanwhile, China’s Pan Mediterranean Engineering Company is currently building Ashdod’s private port and is due to complete the project in 2021.



A view of the port in the northern Israeli city of Haifa. (Photo by Marcelo Sus/FLASH90)

The Israeli government views both new sites as alternatives to the older, state-owned ports, which are prone to costly strikes, but which will continue to operate. In particular, the Haifa port project is drawing the concern of the U.S. Navy, which often docks at the Israeli naval base in the northern coastal city. That close cooperation could change if the nearby civilian port comes under Chinese management, American officials have warned.

With the issue continuing to stir controversy and debate in Israel, a number of commentators have expressed concern over the harm that it might cause to Israeli-American naval cooperation. “There is no doubt that this has reached a crucial junction,” Professor Uzi Rabi, director of the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies at Tel Aviv University, told JNS. “The American antagonism is clear to all, and Israel will – like on many aspects of the Middle East and in general – find a middle way that is very creative.”

Asked whether Israel can indeed find a path that would let it enjoy the economic benefits of relations with Beijing, Rabi said that Israel will have to “dedicate a lot of energy and creativity” in charting a future of reciprocal economic relations. Such relations would have to ensure that China does not “take control of central pillars of the local economy, or taint relations with the U.S.”

An early sign of pressure on Israel to keep China out of the loop of new infrastructure projects may have emerged recently, when Israel reportedly restricted a tender for the construction of a major new international airport to NATO nations only.

Washington has made no secret of its displeasure over developments at Haifa. During his visit in mid-January, U.S. National Security Advisor John Bolton conveyed the Trump administration’s concern about China’s involvement at the port.

Dr. Ofer Israeli, a geostatist and international-security policy expert, said that while the construction of the Ashdod port is nearly complete – meaning that the matter is closed – the situation at Haifa port is very different. “In Haifa, a Chinese company would operate the port for 25 years and, therefore, the possibility of withdrawing from the deal is possible and essential to Israel’s security,” said Israeli. See “Port” on page 7

The Jewish Community wishes to express its sympathy to Denis and Mark Goldsmith on the death of their mother, Marilyn Goldsmith

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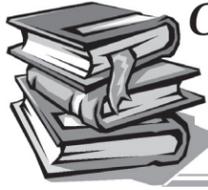
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Off the Shelf

World War II through teenagers' eyes

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

How do you introduce a child to the horrors of the Holocaust? Usually books for grade-school-aged children tone down Nazi atrocities because those readers may be too young to assimilate what occurred. Novels for teenagers, on the other hand, often offer graphic details about life during World War II for Jews who were forced into concentration camps or lived in hiding. While the three novels in this review are aimed at young adults, my hope is that their parents will read and discuss them with their children in order to help them understand the feelings that may arise from these works – works that I found to be heart-rendering and emotionally upsetting at times. Fortunately, all three novels also offer glimpses of acts of kindness and caring that occurred during those dark and difficult times.

“What the Night Sings”

One way to protect a child after the Nazis invaded your country was to pretend that you weren't Jewish. That was true for Gerta Rausch, the narrator of “What the Night Sings” by Vesper Stamper (Alfred A. Knopf), who didn't know she was Jewish until someone betrayed her and her father to the Nazis. Before that, the 14-year-old Gerta spent most of her days in their apartment practicing her viola with her father and her singing with her non-Jewish

stepmother in preparation for her debut concert. That life came to an abrupt end when the two Jews were arrested and taken to a concentration camp.

The novel begins, though, after Gerta has spent two years in the camp. Liberation is only a few days away. Although ill at first, Gerta begins to recover and is befriended by another teenager, Levi Goldszmit. Both teens have no living family and are forced to think about their future – a future for which they are completely unprepared. Gerta and Levi understand the world they once lived in no longer exists, but their time in the camp robbed them of the practical knowledge they need to make a future. For example, they can't even imagine how to do the simplest of things: deciding where to live and how to support themselves. Levi finds solace through prayer and Jewish rituals. Gerta, though, has no knowledge of Judaism; she can barely remember her Jewish mother. The only thing that has meaning is music, but, although she loves singing, she fears the war has robbed her of her voice.

“What the Night Sings” tells not only of Gerta's life in the camp, but the precious time before her dreams were crushed by reality. The novel contains black and beige drawings – some realistic and some impressionistic – that

complement the text. The novel is extremely well done and starkly portrays the hatred of Jews that existed before and after the war.

“The Librarian of Auschwitz”

The most ambitious and complex novel of the three is Antonio Iturbe's “The Librarian of Auschwitz” (Godwin Books/Henry Holt and Company), which takes place in the family camp section of Auschwitz. The camp is seen through the eyes of several characters and features the real-life Edita (Dita) Aderlova, Fredy Hirsch and Josef Mengele. Its main focus, though, is on young Dita, who was moved with her parents to the Terezin Ghetto and then to Auschwitz. Fortunately for Dita, she and her parents are placed in the family camp – one set up so the Nazis will be able to show the Red Cross how well they are treating people. Fredy has organized a school for the younger children with the permission of the Nazis and has asked Dita to be the school librarian. Since owning reading material is forbidden and punishable by death, Dita risks her life to care for and hide the few books available. The school also features what she calls living books – teachers who tell stories that help the children forget their surroundings. See “War” on page 7

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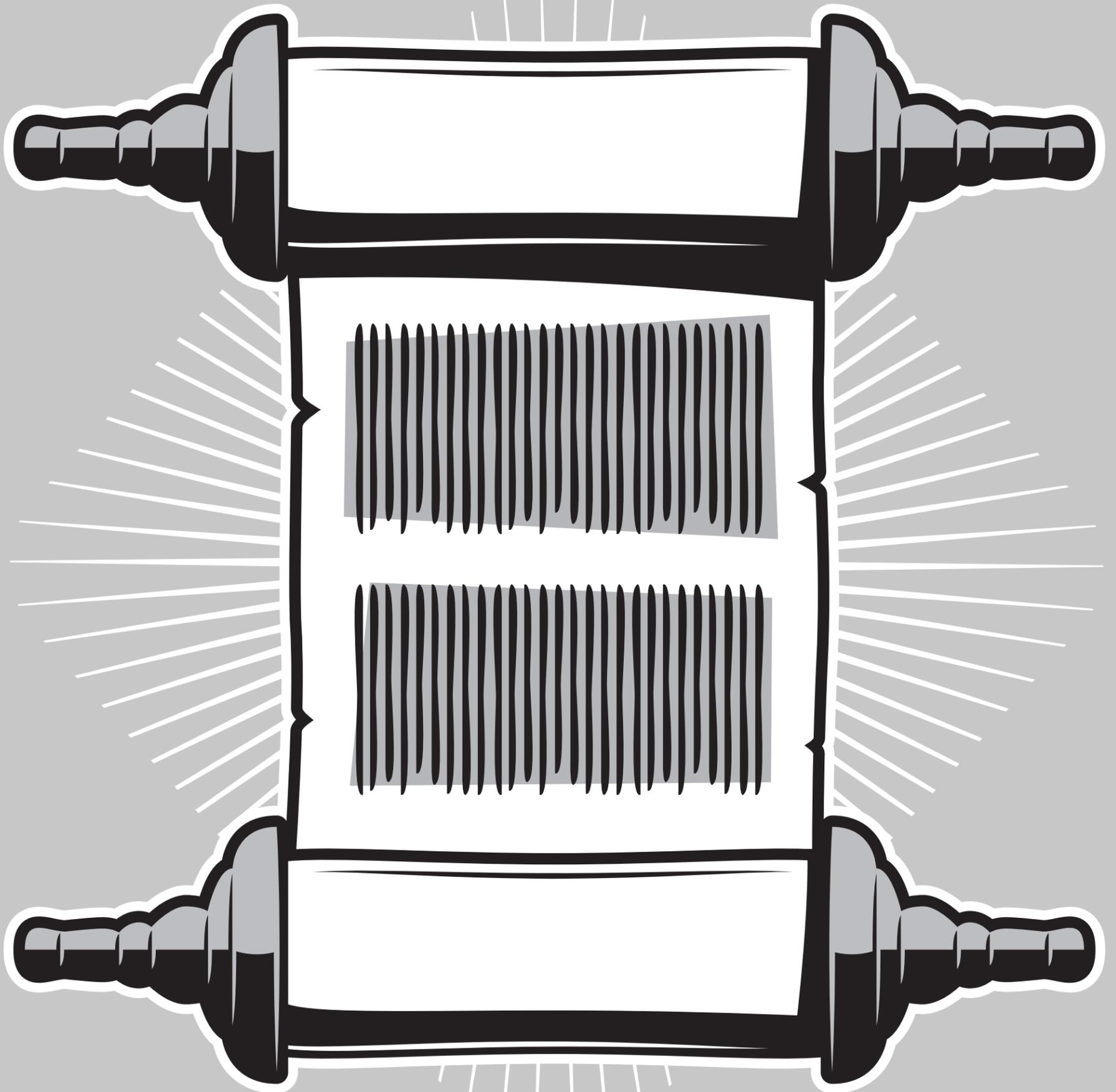
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Ten Bnei Menashe girls celebrate *b'not* mitzah in Israel

By Shavei Israel staff

JERUSALEM - Ten 12-year-old girls, all of whom are recent Bnei Menashe immigrants brought on *aliyah* from India by Shavei Israel, celebrated their bat mitzvah in January at a festive gathering of family and friends



A bat mitzvah celebration, organized by Shavei Israel and hosted by Girls Town Jerusalem, of 10 Bnei Menashe immigrants took place in January. (Photos by Shavei Israel/Laura Ben-David)

hosted by Girls Town Jerusalem, where they are enrolled as students.

"We were delighted to attend this very special and moving bat mitzvah celebration, which symbolizes the right of passage that the girls and their families have undergone in returning to the Jewish people," said Shavei Israel founder and Chairman Michael Freund. "We are grateful to Girls Town Jerusalem for the warmth, love and acceptance that they have showered upon these recent immigrants, some of whom arrived here barely six months ago. May they grow up to be proud Jewish women here in the land of their ancestors, the land of Israel.

"We are determined to continue with our efforts until all the remaining 7,000 Bnei Menashe still in India are able to return to Zion," he added. The Bnei Menashe have been called descendants of the tribe of Manasseh, one of the Ten Lost Tribes exiled from the land of Israel more than 2,700 years ago by



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the Assyrian Empire. So far, some 4,000 Bnei Menashe have made *aliyah* thanks to Shavei Israel over the past 15 years, including more than 450 last year. Another 7,000 Bnei Menashe remain in India, all of whom wish to make *aliyah*.

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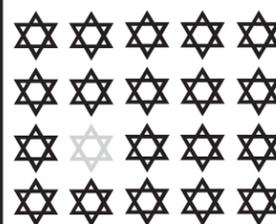
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Planning Timetable

At birth:

When the child is born start saving! Only joking. But if you can, it's not a bad idea to start a "bar/bat mitzvah club" savings account. If you don't use it, put it toward college.

1-3 years ahead:

- Set bar/bat mitzvah date
- Set a budget
- Reserve synagogue hall for *kiddush*
- Reserve hall for additional receptions
- Arrange for caterer/party planner and band/music for occasion (if desired)
- Buy a loose-leaf binder with dividers, or start a filing system for keeping business cards, estimates, notes, lists, etc.

10-12 months ahead:

- Begin bar/bat mitzvah lessons
- Begin attending weekly Shabbat services
- Arrange for photographer and/or video
- Book hotels and investigate transportation for out-of-town guests

6 months ahead:

- Plan color scheme and/or theme
- Arrange for florist and/or decorations' coordinator
- Make guest list

4-5 months ahead:

- Order invitations, thank you notes, imprinted napkins and personalized party favors
- Shop for clothing and shoes
- Purchase *tallit*, *tefillin*, etc.
- Choose a calligrapher, if desired

3 months ahead:

- Plan Sunday brunch (if applicable)
- Order printed yarmulkas, if desired

2 months ahead:

- Meet with photographer
- Meet with florist and/or decorations' coordinator
- Mail out-of-town invitations

6 weeks ahead:

- Order tuxedos (if applicable)
- Take care of clothing alterations

- Order wine for *kiddush*
- Mail in-town invitations

4 weeks ahead:

- Prepare bar/bat mitzvah speech
- Finalize hotel reservations and transportation
- Meet with caterer(s)
- Make up welcome gifts for out-of-town guests (if desired)
- Arrange *aliyot*
- Send honorary gift to synagogue
- Meet with rabbi
- Make up seating charts for reception

2 weeks ahead:

- Give final count to caterer
- Check with florist and/or decorations' coordinator

A few days ahead:

- Meet with rabbi
- Order bar/bat mitzvah cake, etc. for Friday night *oneg*
- Have bar/bat mitzvah rehearsal and take *bima* photographs
- Xerox copies of speeches, room and table layout, etc. and give them to a friend to hold or drop off at synagogue and reception hall, in case you forget to bring your copies that day.

Special Day:

- Prepare to enjoy your *simcha!*





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Mazel tov to these 2019 b'nai mitzvah

All information was provided by representatives of local synagogues.

B'nai mitzvah	Parents	Date	Synagogue
Sylvan Greenfield	Elaan Greenfield	March 9	Temple Beth-El, Ithaca
Victoria Heilveil	Amy Hornburg and Jeffrey Heilveil	March 30	Temple Concord
Jay Hirsh	Haym Hirsh and Lisa Ellin	March 30	Congregation Tikun v'Or
Abe Sachs	Aaron Sachs and Christine Evans	April 6	Congregation Tikun v'Or
Ella Avgar	Ariel and Christie Avgar	April 13	Temple Beth-El, Ithaca
Ellie Friedman	Randy Friedman and Brenda Schlaen	May 25	Temple Israel
Charles Edwards	Sara Edwards	May 25	Temple Concord
Laura Klotzkin	Shary and David Klotzkin	May 27	Temple Concord
Amiella Lissy	Micah and Razi Lissy	June 1	Temple Israel
Samara Schwartz	Peter Schwartz and Kathy Lacson	June 8	Congregation Tikun v'Or
Maren Friedman	Josh and Joan Friedman	June 9	Congregation Tikun v'Or
Ezri Rubenstein-Miller	Sarah Rubenstein-Gillis and Eric Miller	June 15	Congregation Tikun v'Or
Ari Green	Brett and Wendy Green	June 29	Temple Israel
Ava Rose	Norman John and Rebecca Norman	September 14	Temple Beth-El, Ithaca
Georgia Blackwell	Lisa and Jason Blackwell	October 12	Temple Concord
Aiden Levine	Paul Levine and Licia Pacheco	October 26	Temple Concord

Books on creating a great b'nai mitzvah

By Reporter staff

Need help preparing for your child's bar or bat mitzvah? Here are a few books that can help create the perfect event.

"The JPS B'nai Mitzvah Torah Commentary" by Jeffrey K. Salkin

Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin has taken his expertise in creating meaningful b'nai mitzvah ceremonies in a new direction by showing teenagers how the Bible - both Torah and haftarah portions - can speak directly to their lives in "The JPS B'nai Mitzvah Torah Commentary."

"Mitzvah Chic: How to Host a Meaningful, Fun, and Drop Dead Gorgeous Bar or Bat Mitzvah" by Gail Anthony Greenberg

This guide offers information on how to create both a meaningful b'nai mitzvah ceremony and a great celebration. It includes a discussion of the Torah portions, ideas for themed parties, a timeline for preparation, budget information and thoughts for how to include non-Jewish family and friends.

"Bar Mitzvah, Bat Mitzvah: The Ceremony, the Party, and How the Day Came to Be" by Bert Metter

Want your children to better understand how the b'nai mitzvah ceremony came into being? This book puts the event into historical perspective and explains its spiritual importance. Another chapter features information about the b'nai mitzvahs of actors and sports figures. The book is aimed at children, but is also directed at anyone unfamiliar with the ceremony.

"Putting God On the Guest List: How to Reclaim the Spiritual Meaning of Your Child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah" by Jeffrey K. Salkin

Jeffrey K. Salkin focuses on the spiritual meaning of the b'nai mitzvah. His book includes information on how to help children prepare for the event, including those with special needs; how to create a more meaningful service; ways to plan a party that is in keeping with the spirituality of the day; and issues related specifically to divorced or interfaith families.

"For Kids - Putting God on Your Guest List: How to Claim the Spiritual Meaning of Your Bar or Bat Mitzvah" by Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin

Aimed at children preparing for their b'nai mitzvah, this book explains the meaning behind the event and helps children better understand the spiritual aspects of Judaism. An

additional section gives advice on ways to perform tzedakah in honor of their coming of age.

"The Bar/Bat Mitzvah Planner: Everything You Need to Organize and Plan a Meaningful Ceremony and a Joyous Celebration" by Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer

This notebook-style work focuses on the different aspects of the event with information about everything from setting the date and budget to the speeches and toasts at the party. Also included is information about the ceremony itself.

"Reclaiming Bar/Bat Mitzvah: as a Spiritual Rite of Passage" by Rabbi Goldie Milgram

Rabbi Goldie Milgram writes about how to not only make the b'nai mitzvah into a more spiritual event, but to help children live a mitzvah-center life. The book includes true stories and a guide to help student feel "touched by Torah."

Bar/bat mitzvah service prep timeline

By Temple Concord's Religious School Committee

Editor's note: Some of these things may only apply at Temple Concord, but many are generally applicable. The Religious School Committee's original guidelines have been edited here.

2 years before:

- Parents set date of bar/bat mitzvah service with rabbi
- Decide priorities: bar/bat vs. sports, music, etc.
- Work on Hebrew prayerbook

1 year before:

- Parents and bar/bat mitzvah meet with rabbi
- Obtain Torah and haftarah sections
- Start tutorials in/out of Hebrew school/evaluate
- Sign contract for facility use at temple
- Go to/observe other bar/bat mitzvahs
- Seek out parent-parent mentor

9 months before:

- Lock in on tzedakah project/gift
- Work on Torah portion in Hebrew
- Decide on chanting as option
- Work on haftarah blessings
- Attend Friday night (Saturday morning) services
- Tallit and kippah: Place orders

6-5 months before:

- Know minimum verses from Torah
- Start reading Torah without vowels
- Review Hebrew prayerbook selections with rabbi
- Begin haftarah in Hebrew

4 months before:

- Begin practicing Hebrew parts in sanctuary
- Arrange for music at services

3 months before:

- Read English translation of Torah and haftarah (3 times)
- Attend Friday night (Saturday morning) services

2 months before:

- Discuss speech with rabbi
- Begin practicing English parts in sanctuary (with parents)
- Review Friday night (Saturday morning) parts with rabbi
- Add cues to service book/Hebrew names?

1 month before:

- Write speech with rabbi
- Work on parents' speech

2-3 weeks before:

- Full rehearsals in sanctuary

1 week before:

- "Welcome" pamphlet (office)
- Family rehearsal
- Stay cool!

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In Beersheva, the difference a decade can make

By Megan E. Turner

(JNS)—Ten years ago, the idea that leading corporations and technology companies would be actively growing business opportunities in the Negev Desert would have sounded like a fantasy. Not any longer. In November, for the second year in a row, more than 40 diverse employment organizations and 180 human-resources teams came together for the Negev Human Resources Conference in Beersheva, Israel. The conference was held as a medium to facilitate, create, strengthen and develop connections between organizations that promote employment in the Negev and human-resource managers, senior business organizations, industrial enterprises and leading employers in the Negev.

Organized and sponsored by the Lauder Employment Center, Jewish National Fund-USA, Eretz-Ir, the Manufacturers Association of Israel and Menora Insurance Group, the YES Planet Be'er Sheva Cineplex buzzed with people exchanging information and making plans for how to take their new connections into the real world and make solid, quality job placements happen in Israel's southern region.



More than 40 diverse employment organizations and 180 human-resources teams came together for the second annual Negev Human Resources Conference in Beersheva, Israel, in November. (Photo courtesy of JNF-USA)

“Deep, unique connections such as these happen only here in the Negev,” said Pnina Abutbul, director of Employer Relations at Eretz-Ir, as she addressed the crowd.

The 2018 conference focused on employment management in a multi-generational era and the tension between the X, Y and Z generations, which is at the center of the agenda of employers in the Negev, both small and large. The nature of the event's participants also encouraged the discussion of cross-cultural and cross-sector employment opportunities and challenges.

As part of its massive “Blueprint Negev” strategy to revitalize southern Israel, Jewish National Fund-USA has been a partner of Eretz-Ir and the Lauder Employment Center, strategically supporting its vision for a socioeconomic boom in the Negev.

Russell Robinson, CEO of JNF-USA, addressed participants and was joined by Bruce K. Gould of Orlando, FL, JNF-USA's president-elect. For Robinson, “It's unbelievable... that the discussion today is about how to employ different generations into the employment sector [in the Negev]. We started working in Beersheva 20 years ago and this conference could never have happened then,” pointing to the fast-paced growth and development happening in the region, which is encouraging younger generations to stay, giving stability to the older generations already there and increasing the quality of life for all Negev residents.

“You hold in your hand the next 50, 75, 100 years of life here in the Negev – that's how powerful of a responsibility you have. The differences you'll make today will be felt for the next century,” added Robinson.

One employment organization working to find quality jobs for the population it serves is Beersheva's Olim Department that focuses on new immigrants to Israel. Elena Linkovsky, employment director for the department, explained, “We provide support in all areas of life for new immigrants choosing to settle in Beersheva. They are a part of the rich human capital which contributes to the growth of the region, and we want them to stay and develop roots here.”

One challenge for these immigrants is finding work that allows them the chance to acclimate to their new culture, and to use their international perspective and skills set.



The November conference focused on employment management in a multi-generational era. (Photo courtesy of JNF-USA)

“Events of this kind create an encounter between the two sides of the employment equation – the job-seekers and the employers,” said Linkovsky. “The discourse created here... makes it possible to bring about change and to affect the entire employment world of the Negev. It is helping us greatly improve the quality of life for those we serve.”

Ibrahim Krinawi, director of professional internships at Ri'an Employment Centers, noted that “it's so important for me to be here and look for new partners. It changes the way I think and allows for a lot of potential output on my end – I have a lot of work waiting for me as soon as we are done.”

That's because the real work begins after the conference ends, with employment organizations and potential employers making their connections come to life by follow-up meetings in order to make the right job match.

With the help of organizations like Jewish National Fund-USA and Eretz-Ir, the explosion of Israel's newest and most innovative tech sectors in the Negev are said to be giving the next generation the chance to be a part of a social revolution that will shape Israel's economy for years to come.

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“Today, we are divided by many things, but we can all agree on aiding the poorest among us,” he continued. “We ask the public to support efforts – whether your hometown coat drive, volunteering in a shelter or community center, or donations overseas – that provides a warm sense of community for those who are alone.”

Among poor Jewish seniors in the former Soviet Union,

many of whom live on as little as \$2 a day in places like Ukraine, JDC winter relief centered on the payment of recipients' utility bills, minor home repairs, heating appliances and the distribution of winter clothing. The assistance was provided in Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.



At left: A Jewish volunteer – one of thousands trained by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee's volunteer centers in the former Soviet Union, a partnership with the Genesis Philanthropy Group – shoveled snow outside a Jewish senior's residence in the northern Moldovan city of Balti. (Photo by Arik Shraga/JDC)



Warm bedding was delivered to Svetlana M. (last name withheld) in Babruysk, Belarus, from a representative of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee's Hesed Social Welfare Center. (Photo by JDC)

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Weekly Parasha

Terumah, Exodus 25:1-27:19

Making a place for holiness to dwell

RABBI MARJORIE BERMAN, SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR, RECONSTRUCTIONIST RABBINICAL COLLEGE

Our portion this week, Terumah, begins with God telling Moses to instruct the Israelite people to “bring Me gifts; you shall accept gifts for Me from every person whose heart so moves [them].” These gifts are to be used for the creating of a *mikdash shochanti b'tocham*, a “sanctuary that I may dwell among them.” It is interesting to note that God commands that the gifts are to be given by every person “whose heart so moves [them].” This is clearly a voluntary offering. Our tradition has no difficulty with saying exactly what each person should bring, and what each person is obligated to – we see it elsewhere in the Torah, whether in regards to sacrifices or a census. Even the concept of *tzedakah* is based on obligation. It is not an act of love or generosity, but a requirement made of each

person to create a just society.

What is commanded in Terumah is something else, more of a free will offering – whatever you are moved to do. The Hebrew verb used here is *yidvenu*. One understanding of this verb is to impel, to incite, to call, to be noble, to be willing, generous or ready; another is to speak; and yet another is to move gently, to glide or to glide over. It seems that what is asked of the Israelites is to give what their heart calls on them to give, or to give what enables the heart to glide gently.

It seems that to make a place for the Holy to dwell among them, and by extension, us, we need to check in with our hearts. What do we need to bring? What do our hearts incite us to? It is much easier to look up the pay-

ment for synagogue dues, to check last year's taxes to see what donations we gave and in what amount, to do what is expected of us. And those things are vitally important. They build community and support justice in our world. But do they create a place for the Holy to dwell?

The *mikdash*, or sanctuary, is not just a place of awe and beauty – although it is that as well – but a place which is built out of people's longing and their generosity of heart. It can often be hard to find that place in our own hearts. We are so accustomed to doing what is required of us, what we are obligated to and what we feel we should. But to connect to that spark of the Divine, and to make a space for it inside of us, I think we need first to get quiet inside. We See “Place” on page 7

Congregational Notes

Temple Israel

Orientation: Conservative
Rabbi: Geoffrey Brown
Address: 4737 Deerfield Pl., Vestal, NY 13850
Phone: 723-7461 and 231-3746
Office hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am-4 pm; Fri. 8 am-3 pm
E-mail: titammy@stny.twcbc.com
Website: www.templeisraelvestal.org
Service Schedule: Tuesday, 5:30 pm; Friday, 5:30 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am

On Friday, February 8, at 5:30 pm, there will be a Sisterhood Kabbalat Shabbat family service and potluck dinner. (See article on page 3.)

On Saturday, February 9, at 9:30 am, Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Exodus 25:1-27:19. The haftarah will be I Kings 5:26-6:13. Arlene Osber and Mike Azersky will sponsor the kiddush following services. It will be a Hebrew/Sunday School Shabbat. All are invited to attend.

On Sunday, February 10, at 4 pm, there will be an Israel Trip Interest group meeting.

On Thursday, February 14, at 1:30 pm, there will be a Caring Community meeting.

On Friday, February 15, at 5:30 pm, there will be a Scout Kabbalat Shabbat and dinner. All are invited to attend.

On Monday, February 18, the temple office will be closed for Presidents' Day.

Rohr Chabad Center

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Rabbi: Zalman Chein
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Phone: 722-3252

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

Linking Hearts for youngsters with special needs: This program connects Jewish special-needs children and teenagers, ages 5-14, who have mental, physical and/or functional disabilities, with student volunteers who will visit participating youngsters weekly in their homes.

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

Norwich Jewish Center

Orientation: Inclusive
Rabbi: David Regenspan
Address: 72 South Broad St., Norwich, NY 13815
Contact: Guilia Greenberg, 336-1523
Purpose: To maintain a Jewish identity and meet the needs of the Jewish community in the area.
Adult Ed.: Saturday morning study is held at 10 am. Call for more information and to confirm.

Temple Brith Sholom

Affiliation: Unaffiliated
Address: P.O. Box 572, 117 Madison St., Cortland, NY 13045
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Service leaders: Lay leadership
Shabbat services: Either Friday evening at 7:30 pm or Saturday at 10 am from Rosh Hashanah to Shavuot. Holiday services are also held. Check the weekly e-mail for upcoming services. Contact the president to get on the e-mail list.
Religious School: Students are educated on an individual basis. Temple Brith Sholom is a small equalitarian congregation serving the greater Cortland community. Congregants span the gamut of observance and services are largely dependent on the service leader. The Friday night siddur is “Likrat Shabbat,” while the Saturday morning siddur is “Gates of Prayer.” The community extends a warm welcome to the Jewish student population of SUNY Cortland, as well as the residents of local adult residences.

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

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

On Friday, February 8, the hey-vav service will be held at 6:15 pm. A Shabbat dinner for the students and their families will follow.

On Sunday, February 10, at 3 pm, the film “The Forgotten Ones,” which looks at the Holocaust of the Jewry of former Yugoslavia, will be shown in the temple social hall. Dr. Dani Novak, whose parents were survivors from Yugoslavia and who was interviewed in the film, will be present for a discussion after the film. For further information, contact danovak@gmail.com.

On Friday, February 15, Ithaca Mayor Svante Myrick will speak after the 8 pm service on “Antisemitism is the Fuel of White Nationalism – Lessons from Modern Poland.”

On Wednesday, February 20, at 7 pm, Rebecca Lesses, associate professor and Jewish studies coordinator at Ithaca College, will discuss “Women and Jewish Magic” as part of the temple's adult education series.

Temple Beth El of Oneonta

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Rabbi: Molly Karp
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Mailing address: P.O. Box 383, Oneonta, NY 13820
Phone: 607-432-5522
Website: www.templebetheloneonta.org
E-mail: TBEOneonta@gmail.com
Regular service times: visit the temple website for days of services and times
Religious School/Education: Religious School, for grades kindergarten through bar/bat mitzvah, meets Sunday mornings. Rabbi Karp conducts services and holds classes in Torah, beginning Hebrew and Maimonides.
For the schedule of services, classes and events, see the website.

Kol Haverim

Affiliation: Society for Humanistic Judaism
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Website: www.kolhaverim.net
Chairwoman: Abby Cohn
Kol Haverim: The Finger Lakes Community for Humanistic Judaism, is an Ithaca-based organization that brings people together to explore and celebrate Jewish identity, history, culture and ethics within a secular, humanistic framework. KH is part of an international movement for Secular Humanistic Judaism and is affiliated with the Society for Humanistic Judaism, a national association with over 30 member communities and congregations around the country. Established in the spring of 1999, it offers celebrations of Jewish holidays, monthly Shabbat pot-lucks, adult education, a twice-monthly Cultural School for children, and a bar and bat mitzvah program.
KH welcomes all individuals and families, including those from mixed religious backgrounds, who wish to strengthen the Jewish experience in their lives and provide their children with a Jewish identity and experience.

Friday, February 8, light candles 5:09 pm
Shabbat ends Saturday, February 9 6:10 pm
Friday, February 15, light candles 5:18 pm
Shabbat ends Saturday, February 16 6:19 pm

Beth David Synagogue

Affiliation: Orthodox Union
Rabbi: Zev Silber
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Shabbat Services:
Shabbat, Feb. 9 9 am
..... Mincha after the kiddush
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Mornings:
Sun., Feb. 10 8:30 am
Mon.-Fri., Feb. 11-Feb. 15 7 am
Evenings:
Sun., Feb. 10 5:15 pm
Mon.-Thurs., Feb. 11-14 7 pm
Classes: Rabbi Zev Silber will hold his weekly Talmud class every Tuesday evening after services.

Temple Concord

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism
Rabbi: Barbara Goldman-Wartell
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Office hours: Tues.-Fri., 10 am-2 pm
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Fax: 723-0785
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Website: www.templeconcord.com
Regular service times: Friday, 8 pm; Saturday, 10:35 am, when religious school is in session.
Hebrew school: Hebrew school meets at 5:15 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year unless otherwise noted.

On Friday, February 8, at 8 pm, there will be Shabbat evening services with a 9 Adar Constructive Conflict focus led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell. The oneg will be co-hosted by Claudia Stallman and Rob Neuberger in honor of their “special” birthdays. There will also be Israeli dancing.

On Saturday, February 9, at 9 am, there will be religious school, at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study and, at 10:35 am, there will be Shabbat family services with birthday blessings.

On Tuesday, February 12, at 4:15 and 5:15 pm, there will be Hebrew school.

On Thursday, February 14, at 4:15 and 5:15 pm, there will be Hebrew school.

On Friday, February 15, at 6:30 pm, there will be a Shabbat BYO Picnic. At 8 pm, Shabbat service with Visual Tefillah will be led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Saturday, February 16, at 9:15 am, Torah study will be held. There will be no religious school or services.

Penn-York Jewish Community

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

Congregation Tikun v'Or

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Presidents: Miranda Phillips and Shawn Murphy
Rabbi: Brian Walt
Religious School Director/Admin. Coordinator: Naomi Wilensky
Services: Fridays at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted. Family services and Tot Shabbat once a month at 6:30 pm. Call for weekly schedules.
Religious School: Preschool through seventh-grade classes meet on Sunday mornings. Sixth-grade Hebrew and seventh-grade b'nai mitzvah classes meet on Wednesday afternoons.
Adult Ed: Mini courses throughout the year. Adult Hebrew offered regularly. Call the office for details.

Jewish Community Center

Family Movie Night at JCC to feature “Toy Story”

The Jewish Community Center of Binghamton will hold a Family Movie Night on Saturday, February 9, featuring “Toy Story.” The movie will begin at 6:30 pm, with doors opening at 6:15 pm. The cost is \$2 a person, with a \$10

maximum per family. The entire community is welcome. “Before ‘Toy Story 4’ hits theaters, join us to revisit the Disney and Pixar classic ‘Toy Story.’ A guaranteed good time for all,” said organizers of the event. Attendees

are asked to bring a blanket, pillow, or chair to use during the movie.

For more information about the movie night or the JCC, contact the JCC office at 724-2417.

Port

Israeli, who lectures at the Institute for Policy and Strategy at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya, argued that giving away the keys to a strategic port to any foreign party means a loss of Israeli control over a central gate to the outside world. Israeli is also concerned by numerous reports of China taking advantage of the infrastructure it builds in other countries for surveillance, intelligence gathering, or cyber warfare.

The proximity of the civilian port to the Israeli Navy base

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

Prospective Jerusalem cable car geared to alleviate traffic

Israel’s National Planning Council has approved plans for a cable car that will lead from the Jerusalem First Train Station to the historic Old City, crossing over the Ben Hinom Valley. The council was to publish plans for the tourist attraction and convenient new travel system in newspapers on Feb. 1, which will begin a 60-day public response period during which time criticism can be raised prior to finalization. According to the plan, up to 3,000 people will be able to use the system every hour, helping to unclog the Old City destination with the use of 72 10-person cabins. The initiative is being backed by Tourism Minister Yariv Levin and Jerusalem Mayor Moshe Lion, who say the cable car will revolutionize tourism in Jerusalem and smooth the flow of the city, bringing travelers from the First Train Station over Ben Hinom Valley to Mount Zion, then over the Silwan neighborhood to the soon-to-be-built multi-story Kedem Center at the site of the City of David archaeological excavations, just outside the Dung Gate entrance to the Western Wall plaza. The entire mile-long journey is expected to take under five minutes. The initial plan was announced on Jerusalem Day 2017, marking 50 years since the liberation of Jerusalem in the 1967 Six-Day War. The project is estimated to cost \$55.2 million and become operational in 2021. In a letter written in September, Canadian-Israeli architect Moshe Safdie warned that the plan would shift traffic rather than solve it, and said the modern travelway would mar the historic and ancient aesthetic of the city.

Changing

online sources, as well as a philanthropic model that has allowed many secular opinion and intellectual journals to continue publishing.

But the most important reason why this niche journalism isn’t dying is because there is still a large audience that is hungry for news and informed opinion about the Jewish world that it can’t get from secular outlets. They may no longer consume news in the way they once did, and publishers must find different ways of supporting their endeavors. But good work that speaks to the key issues facing Jews today – and which seeks to hold Jewish institutions accountable for when they work against the interests of the Jewish future and Israel – will always find

War

All the characters – except for Mengele – feel three-dimensional as they look for ways to survive and remain human during inhumane times. Some find themselves surprised by love; others turn against their neighbors for an extra crust of bread. The horror they live through – entering a gas chamber to empty it of dead bodies, the sorrow of watching someone you love being transported to another camp to die, and the daily cruelty and brutality – are made far more explicit in this work than in the others. The psychological traumas – the risk of giving up and allowing yourself to die – are made clear as Dita tries to maintain her sanity and find a reason to live.

“The Librarian of Auschwitz” felt overpowering at times simply because it is so graphic. It shows the role luck played in survival, although it also acknowledges the strength that kept others from succumbing to illness and starvation. The novel feels too intense for tweens, and parents might want to read it first before offering it to their teenagers. However, the work also shows the courage and hope that allowed the real-life Dita to live long enough to tell her story – a story worth celebrating.

“My Real Name is Hanna”

Not all who survived the Holocaust did so as prisoners in concentration camps. Some families managed to

at Haifa could allow the Chinese to track Israeli naval activity, which is supposed to be classified, warned Israeli. “In my view,” he said, “Israel will not be able to deal with the security risks – not just in terms of spying, but also on other matters, such as the Chinese desire to bring ships to the port that could be on their way to train or assist Syrian forces or Hezbollah.”

Washington will in all likelihood “force us to withdraw from the deal, and Israel will pay a higher price to the Chinese for every passing day, through the rising exit fines, and through the harm that would come to relations with China,” he cautioned.

Roie Yellinek, a doctoral student in the department of Middle East Studies at Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan, recently published a paper at the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies, in which he placed the Haifa-port tension within the wider context of growing, global American-Chinese competition. Yellinek, a fellow at the China-Med Project, which monitors relations between Beijing and regional countries, wrote that “while the direct implications of the port’s management are of interest to China and the U.S., their concerns are more related to a Cold War-type struggle.”

“Similar to the Soviet-American struggle during the Cold War, Washington and Beijing are competing over areas of control and patronage. The question of influence over Israel is very important to both countries,” said Yellinek. “From the American perspective, Israel is its oldest and most important ally in the Middle East, and one of the current administration’s closest friends. From Beijing’s perspective, the opportunity to increase its influence on a country that maintains such close ties with the U.S. can have deep implications for China’s international status.”

Speaking to JNS, Yellinek said that he believed that Israel could deal with the potential security challenges created by the Chinese company’s presence at Haifa. But the strain this issue would cause to relations with the United States would be too costly for Jerusalem to bear, he argued. “My personal view is that we need to satisfy American expectations because they guarantee Israel’s security, while China has few sentiments for Israel’s security needs,” Yellinek said. “I think the government will have to act... Ultimately, China is closer to Iran than it is to Israel.”

Yellinek noted that China has quietly begun establishing soft power channels in Israel to promote its cause. He also noted that Chinese companies operate ports

an audience. Rather than weep for that which is never coming back, Jewish journalists must have faith that as long they provide the content that the community seeks and needs, there will be a place at the table for our work. The alternative is a future in which ignorance will reign and Jewish life will suffer.

We at JNS are resolved to keep providing our readers and subscribers with exactly that sort of vital work. With the help of those faithful readers and donors, we have no doubt that JNS will still be here doing its job serving the Jewish world far into the future.

Jonathan S. Tobin is editor-in-chief of JNS – Jewish News Syndicate. Follow him on Twitter at @jonathans_tobin.

successfully hide from the Nazis. In “My Real Name is Hanna” by Tara Lynn Masih (Mandel Vilar Press), Hanna lives with her parents in a small village in Ukraine that’s occupied by the Soviet Union. When Germany invades the country, the Nazi threat seems far away because their village is so small and unimportant. However, it isn’t long before Hanna’s parents realize that it is not safe to stay in their home. With the help of friends, several Jewish families hide in cabins in the forest. When those no longer prove safe, the groups move to a series of connected underground caves.

Hanna, who is 13 when the novel opens, narrates the story, which is loosely based on the Stermer family that survived the war in similar caves. While the characters don’t face the horrors of concentration camp life, the lack of food, light and medicine becomes a real challenge. There is also the fear of discovery, not only by the Nazis, but those living in nearby villages who would gladly accept a reward from the Germans for betraying any Jews in their midst. However, there are also heroes: friends who risk their lives to help their Jewish neighbors and warn them when danger is near. This bittersweet story of survival and loss shows how, in the midst of danger and betrayal, the bonds of family and friends can sustain life.

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around the world, and that there is nothing inherently unusual about the Israeli case.

As the world’s second-largest economy after the United States, China has been rapidly expanding its global presence. Under President Xi Jinping, the country launched its ambitious Belt and Road Initiative, creating a network of land and sea trade hubs across Eurasia. It is a network that greatly expands China’s access to – and influence on – global trade.

In September, Rear Adm. Oded Gour-Lavie (Res.), a former head of the Israeli Navy’s Strategic Task Force, told JNS that given its location in the eastern Mediterranean, and coastline on the Red Sea, Israel is well suited to benefit from China’s initiative. But in a situation in which economic interests clash with security interests, Israel will have to make future decisions differently, “so that we don’t shoot ourselves in the foot,” Lavie said.

From Yellinek’s perspective, the alliance with Washington is the most important factor to defend. “The Israeli government should tell the U.S. that yes, Washington is undoubtedly Israel’s best friend, but also that no American company offered to manage Haifa’s port,” said Yellinek. “And that this is above board.”

Place

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need to let go of both internal and external expectations, of self-judgment and the judgment of others, and to find the core of our humanity. In that place, if we can touch it, there is safety and belonging. It is a place where we know, without reservation, that we are made in the image of the Holy, that we are a part of God and of all creation. From this place, generosity flows unimpeded, without fear of scarcity. From this place, the heart glides easily, and doesn’t get stuck on status or resentment or being self-protective. From this place, we give with a full heart, and that fullness makes a wide space for Holiness to dwell.

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Christian group funding incoming flights of Ethiopian immigrants to Israel

In the aftermath of Israel approving immigration flights from Ethiopia, the first group of 80 Ethiopian newcomers was to arrive on the evening of Feb. 4 on flights organized by the Jewish Agency and funded by the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem. Israel has not offered the Falash Mura citizenship per the Law of Return due to the group's members being compelled to convert to Christianity in the 19th century, despite closely preserving Jewish traditions. Nonetheless, the Israeli government unanimously approved a process in 2015 to allow those deemed eligible to reunite with their families in Israel under humanitarian conditions. This nearly stopped in 2018. However, Israel's Cabinet gave the green light last October to permit another 1,000 Ethiopian immigrants and, as requested by the Jewish Agency, the ICEJ agreed to fund their flights throughout 2019. "The Christian Embassy is excited to be a partner with Israel in this latest wave of Ethiopian *aliyah*," said ICEJ president Jürgen Bühler. "We know this is going to make a lot of Ethiopian Jewish families very happy to be reunited after such a long and difficult time of separation." Since its beginning in 1980, the ICEJ has helped more than 142,000 Jews worldwide make *aliyah*, and is considered "the largest global pro-Israel Christian ministry, with branch offices in more than 90 nations and a reach into more than 170 countries worldwide," according to a statement from the organization.

Israeli rescue team in Brazil finds bodies after dam rupture, but no survivors

More than 100 Israeli soldiers from the IDF Home Front Command who were sent to Brazil to help search-and-rescue teams hunt for hundreds of missing people will be returning home around Feb. 1, having recovered at least 20 bodies, but finding no survivors. Approximately 60 hours after a dam belonging to the Vale ore-mining company collapsed and flooded Brumadinho, a team of Israeli soldiers, officers, engineers, doctors and rescue personnel arrived in Brazil to take part in the search effort. Israel was the only country to send a search-and-rescue team. The Israelis concentrated in areas believed to be heavily populated at the time of the dam collapse and resulting mudslide—a restaurant containing at least 140 diners, a bus transporting approximately 40 passengers, a minibus and a hostel. The team was also accompanied by an army psychologist, who helped the

personnel deal with the traumatic sights and experiences of the tragedy. "One of the bodies we recovered turned out to be a partner of the driver who drove us to the disaster area," Lt. Col. Sagi Baruch told Ynet. "We saw a picture of her in his car and realized who she was. He burst out crying and said that he knew from the start she didn't survive."

Israel gets "key" to Eurovision, BBC rejects calls to boycott

At a ceremony in Tel Aviv on Jan. 28, Israel officially received the "keys" to the Eurovision Song competition for 2019. The "insignia handover," symbolized with the passing of a large decorated key chain, took place between Deputy Mayor of Lisbon Duarte Cordeiro and Tel Aviv Mayor Ron Huldai. Lisbon hosted the 2018 Eurovision contest. Huldai noted the appropriateness of the Eurovision slogan, "Dare to Dream," for Tel Aviv, saying, "Tel Aviv is the startup city in the startup nation," and said his city was working to "make sure that the Eurovision this year will be the best show on earth in the coolest city in the world." On Jan. 29, a letter signed by 51 cultural figures, including Vivienne Westwood and Peter Gabriel, circulated calling on the BBC to boycott the Eurovision because it will be hosted in Israel. However, a BBC spokesperson said the network would participate in the event, despite pressure. "The competition has always supported the values of friendship, inclusion, tolerance and diversity, and we do not believe it would be appropriate to use the BBC's participation for political reasons. Because of this, we will be taking part in this year's event. The host country is determined by the rules of the competition, not the BBC," said the spokesperson. The Eurovision Song Contest 2019 is scheduled to be held at Expo Tel Aviv, the city's convention center. The show will consist of two semi-finals on May 14 and May 16, with the final on May 18.

Church group to pull its "accompaniers" from Hebron

The World Council of Churches announced on Jan. 30 that it is pulling its "ecumenical accompaniers" from Hebron due to "security concerns." The announcement came two days after Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu announced that Israel would not be extending the mandate of TIPH, the Temporary International Presence in Hebron. The WCC's flagship project, Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel, sends activists to Israel to "monitor" and "report human-rights abuses." WCC has recently come under fire from Im Tirtzu, NGO Monitor, CAMERA, DMU and other pro-Israel organizations over promoting anti-Israel rhetoric and the BDS movement. Over the past few months, members of Im Tirtzu have been continuously filming and disrupting the activities of EAPPI in Hebron. Im Tirtzu CEO Matan Peleg welcomed this announcement and vowed to continue protecting Israel Defense Forces' soldiers.

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