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JCC Annual Meeting to be held on June 13

On Thursday, June 13, at 7 pm, the Jewish Community Center will host its Annual Meeting. All JCC members, friends and supporters are welcome to attend.

The event will begin promptly at 7 pm with drinks and a dessert buffet prepared by chef Victor Torres, with background music performed by Kim Metaxas and the

JCC Community Band. The evening will continue with the presentation of awards honoring those individuals who went "above and beyond" in their service and dedication to the JCC this past year, as well as a presentation honoring outgoing JCC President Carrie Wenban.

The meeting will conclude with the

installation of the 2019-2020 JCC Board of Directors.

Executive Committee: Sue Walker, president; Carrie Wenban, past president; Lillian Levy, past president; Jeff Platsky, treasurer; Sarah Manasse, assistant treasurer; Bonnie Brown, secretary; and Mark Walker, Federation liaison.

Boardmembers: Neil Auerbach, Lisa Berk, Michelle Foster, Charles Gilinsky, Gerry Hubal, Jeff Loew, Charles Manasse, Emily Rose, Justin Salkin, Jeff Shapiro and Rita Shawn.

The event is free to the community. Anyone planning on attending is requested to call the JCC office to make a reservation at 724-2417.

Jewish International Film Fest of Greater Binghamton concludes this weekend

By Reporter staff

The Jewish International Film Fest of Greater Binghamton will conclude this weekend with the film "Shoelaces" on Sunday, June 2, at 7 pm. It will be shown at the Jewish Community Center, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal. Each screening will be followed by a discussion of the picture led by a community member. The event is open to the entire community. Tickets cost \$10 per film. To purchase tickets in advance or for more information, call 724-2332. The event is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton.

"Shoelaces" tells the story of Ruven (Doval'e Glickman), a gruff, 60-year-old

man who owns a small auto repair shop in Tel Aviv. He was once married, but has long been divorced. When his wife gave birth, the couple found out that their son Gadi (Nevo Kimchi) had special needs. Ruven and his wife eventually split up, with Ruven's wife and Gadi moving out of town. One day, Ruven gets a phone call telling him that his ex-wife has died. He goes to the funeral and finds out from a social worker named Ilana (Evelin Hagoel) that he has to take in Gadi, who is now in his 30s, for a few weeks until a facility opens up with a space that Gadi can permanently live in.

The film will be moderated by Shelley Hubal and Rabbi Rachel Esserman.

At right: A scene from "Shoelaces" with Nevo Kimchi (left) and Doval'e Glickman.



Federation to hold calendar meeting on June 4

By Reporter staff

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton will hold its annual calendar meeting on Tuesday, June 4, at 3 pm, at the Jewish Community Center, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal. During the calendar meeting, all Jewish organizations can place their

organization's meetings and events for the 2019-20 year on the calendar. The purpose of the meeting is to prevent conflicts and allow all organizations the opportunity to maximize the number of people who can attend their events. The events are then placed on the Community Calendar,

located on the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's website. (Visit www.jfgeb.org and click on "calendar.")

"Why do we have a calendar?" asked Sima Auerbach, executive director of the Federation. "It's to prevent two wonderful events being held on the same day and time. We have such a great community with so much to offer and we want people to be able to attend as many events as possible."

Auerbach noted that having the calendar online offers another advantage. "Have you forgotten the date of your organization's event? Can't remember when the CJS lecture is? Do you want to hear what's happening at the next Federation board meeting? Are you planning an event and want to make sure there are no conflicts? Then go to www.jfgeb.org and hit 'calendar,'" she said. "This is your Community Calendar! All the events this amazing community holds are listed –

and if you do not see what you were looking for, call us at 724-2332. In a community of this size – where people belong to several organizations or synagogues – we want to make certain that people don't miss an important event or meeting."

Shelley Hubal, incoming executive director of the Federation, also noted the importance of the meeting. "Some people don't even realize that the Federation has a calendar," she said. "But it's an important tool for all of us to use. I look forward to seeing how our community actively works together and this is a wonderful opportunity to see us in action."

Updates or additions of events for the calendar can be made throughout the year by contacting the Federation through its website (click on "calendar" and then "click here to request a change to the calendar") or by calling 724-2332.

U.S. and Israel call for end of UNRWA

By JNS staff

The United States and Israel on May 22 called for UNRWA, the U.N. agency that oversees the Palestinian refugees, to cease operations.

"We need an additional \$1.2 billion for our activities in 2019. We don't believe the future of Palestine refugees should be framed in decades of UNRWA," said Pierre Krähenbühl, the UNRWA representative, at a U.N. Security Council special discussion about the agency. "They deserve a better political future. Until then, we will continue to operate."

"UNRWA has been empowering the refugee problem for years, instead of trying to solve it while adopting a unilateral political position," responded Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations Danny Danon. "The organization's schools have been transformed into terror and incitement infrastructures, with textbooks distributed on the ground denying Israel's existence, and underground tunnels dug by Hamas."

One UNRWA textbook offers a revisionist history of Israel as part of its goal to incite violence against Israelis: "Since the

Zionist movement established in 1856 its first settlement, known as 'Montefioriyah' [Mishkenot Sha'ananim, built by Sir Moses Montefiore before the emergence of modern Zionism], south-west of the Jerusalem city wall, the series of division [actions] in Palestine has not stopped," according to an UNRWA-funded social studies book for ninth-graders. "It [i.e., the Zionist movement] established settlements that included training centers and arms depots. After the 'Catastrophe' [nakba in Arabic] of 1948 it ruled over more than 78% of Palestine's territory," continues the text. "More than 850 thousand Palestinians were made to emigrate and they and their families lived in refugee camps in Palestine and in the Diaspora. Nothing of it [Palestine] was left, except the Gaza Strip and the West Bank that were occupied [later] in 1967." Palestine has never been a state.

"UNRWA failed to rehabilitate the Gaza Strip and succeeded only in inciting violence against the state of Israel. UNRWA's mandate must come to an end," added Danon. He then said to Krähenbühl, "UNRWA, like any See "UNRWA" on page 5

Save the Dates!

- August 1** Israeli Scouts 7:30pm, JCC
- September 22** Day of Caring 10am, Temple Israel Cemetery
Repairing the gravesites of indigent members of the community
- October 6** Holocaust Memorial Ceremony
- October 27** Super Sunday



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From “oy” to joy: A call for positivity in Jewish engagement

By Rabbi Benji Levy

(JNS) – There is a dissonance between the Jewish story and narrative. We are a people who have demonstrated an inverse relationship between numbers and impact for thousands of years, and represent an unparalleled catalyst for curiosity and growth. We recently celebrated the 71st year since our rebirth and the state of Israel has achieved mind-boggling feats, against seemingly insurmountable odds, and this is just part of the incredible story we have to tell.

Still, with ongoing antisemitism at heights unseen in ages, victimization and crises are deeply ingrained in our national narrative. Too many seem to focus on putting out fires, rather than sowing seeds and planting trees.

Having grown up in Sydney, Australia, where so many in the community are descendants of “survivors,” the Holocaust has always been a core component of the community’s Jewish identity. The Gen17 Australian Jewish Community Survey found that 95 percent of participants saw remembering the Holocaust as important to their personal Jewish identity, marking it as the highest factor. Similarly, the 2013 Pew Report revealed that a staggering 73 percent of American Jews see remembering the Holocaust as essential to their sense of Jewishness, and there are many other studies that reflect the same global trend.

Threats to one’s Jewish identity often provoke an instinctive reaction of protectiveness, but just as the current generation feels less direct connection to the destruction of the Temples, or to the Spanish Inquisition, this approach is becoming less effective as the distance from events such as the Holocaust widens as time marches on.

The establishment of the state of Israel has been coupled with significant general improvements for global Jewry, and many Jews have not been directly exposed to antisemitism and the powerfully emotional tribalism it can induce. Instead, as Jewish millennials are welcomed with open arms into Western societies, they have become increasingly disengaged from a heritage they struggle to relate to.

Desperately attempting to re-establish these stirrings of Jewish pride, I have seen many Jewish educators double

down on Jewish victimhood, limiting their educational impact by focusing on instilling a responsibility to lead Jewish lives purely because the victims of prior generations could not. To me, this underscores a lack of confidence in our ability to inspire positivity and pride.

When teaching Jewish history, the Holocaust must, of course, be given due attention, but it should not become an emotional crutch. The most effective Jewish teachers also focus on the incredible array of Jewish cultures and traditions that emerged over the past 2,000 years, helping young Jews realize that traditions have continued relevance and can be built upon in modern Jewish practice.

While this narrative continues to inspire a sense of Jewishness, it has generally not been strong enough to translate emotion into action in a consistent and pervasive way. As such, this negative narrative is becoming increasingly ineffective, and yet crisis remains the dominant narrative for Israel, as well.

The Israeli timeline, as taught and discussed, is dotted with wars. The years 1948, 1967 and 1973 are, in the Jewish psyche, some of the most powerful dates in modern Jewish history and often synonymous with Israel, despite its many other achievements.

While we need to commemorate Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), Yom Hazikaron (Israel’s Remembrance Day) and Yom Ha’atzmaut (Israel’s Independence Day) – three days that embody the complex duality of tragedy and triumph – we must consider how to shift this balance toward the positive. We must stand tall and say that we are proud to be Jews, not because of terrorism in places like Pittsburgh or Poway, but in spite of it.

One of my favorite scientific studies shows why this positive approach – in which Judaism’s life-affirming, beneficial value becomes the standard – is more crucial now than ever before.

In the late 1960s, Stanford psychology professor Walter Mischel conducted a series of experiments on delayed gratification known as The Marshmallow Test. Mischel was trying to understand how age and cognitive development affect one’s ability to delay gratification in order to

receive a greater reward. Particularly fascinating for psychologists today are the follow-up studies, decades later, which found that childhood ability to delay gratification correlated with higher SAT scores, professional success and better physical health.

Writing for Forbes, Justin Daab, president of Magnani Continuum Marketing, an experience design and strategy firm in Chicago, challenges the notion that delayed gratification results in increased success in life, stating that “millennials are rationally maximizing their long-term value by sampling a bit of marshmallow today.” As millennials grow up, they are witnessing the collapse of the long-term security once offered by traditional institutions, older generations losing their entire accumulated wealth, debts rising, and job prospects and job security declining. As a result (whether consciously or not), they assign greater social value to experiences – memories that are guaranteed to last.

Hence, when sharing Judaism with young Jewish women and men, positive, transformative experiences are vital and, therefore, serve as a guiding principle of Mosaic United. As Daab explains, “For millennials, past performance is no guarantee of future performance.”

Judaism, when lived fully, includes enriching, positive substance that can make a far more enduring impact on the individual than the declining sense of obligation to marry Jewish and the uninspired schlep to a synagogue on the High Holidays. On the other hand, exposure to the Shabbat experience, for example, can lead to an appreciation that supposedly disruptive restrictions can grant the freedom and head space to value the truly important things in life.

Jewish teachings about charity and hospitality allow one to appreciate how an ancient moral compass can enhance quality of life for the most vulnerable members of modern society. And a deeper understanding of the vibrant, nuanced, multi-faceted reality of Israel can allow one to acknowledge its issues while seeing past its falsified reputation and appreciate the truth of its inclusivity and flourishing democracy.

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In My Own Words

Odds and ends

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Honest religious conversation

I have Christian friends with whom I’ve had very interesting conversations about religion. We are able to do that because we are open and honest about our faith, and respect each other’s religious practice. I’m not fond of people trying to convert me, but I understand the impulse. However, while they may feel the obligation to change my religion, I feel no obligation to listen.

What does bother me is deception, which is why reading about a couple who disguised themselves as Orthodox Jews – in order to live in an Orthodox community and convert their neighbors to Christianity – struck me as wrong. If you think your religion is great, then own it. Wear your cross or your head covering, and openly and honestly debate me. Don’t pretend to be other than you are. That is unacceptable.

Grumpy Cat

Anyone who’s visited *The Reporter* office is probably aware that I like Grumpy Cat. My bulletin board and walls are covered with pictures from Grumpy Cat daily

calendars. Sometimes I like the saying for the day; other times I just like the photo.

I’ve always been a fan of grumps and grouches. (Oscar the Grouch was my favorite Muppet character for decades.) To really understand how much I like that cat, I even watched a really horrible 2014 Lifetime movie called “Grumpy Cat’s Worst Christmas Ever.” This is from someone who does *not* watch Christmas movies and rarely watches anything on the Lifetime Channel.

Grumpy Cat died recently. I can’t say I was heartbroken, but it is kind of sad. I feel for her owner because I have friends who connect closely with their pets. They actually become part of their family. What I hope is that Grumpy Cat’s owner stocked up on photographs of her cat before she died because I’ll miss my daily grumpy comment if the calendars stop. One such remark offers a philosophical reaction to being a grump: “I grump, therefore I am.”

I want to watch it now

My mother is still amazed that she can watch films on TV that she saw when she was a child and teenager. Before TV, once a film was shown, it basically disappeared. Even after films were shown on television, it might have appeared once or a twice a year at most. Now, with so many cable channels, films and TV shows play over and over. As if that’s not enough, people can buy DVDs of their favorite shows and movies, and watch

them anytime. For shows that aren’t popular enough to be put on DVD, some can be found on websites that allow viewers to buy the right to watch a movie/TV series as often as they like.

I thought of this when getting my “Imaginary Mary” fix the other week. Looking at pictures of that computer-generated character reduces my blood pressure. (OK, I don’t have medical proof of that, but I certainly feel calmer after watching my screen saver slide show featuring photos of Mary.) But there is something special about watching the CG character in action. Being able to do this on my computer at home may seem like a small thing, but it’s the small things that can make our day.

Summertime

In case you haven’t noticed that summer has arrived, I’m here to confirm that fact. Now I know there are still several weeks before the calendar makes it official, but the signs of summer are here. No, I don’t mean the budding trees or the summer fruit appearing at the grocery store – although those make me happy. It’s not even the large number of birds appearing on our lawn or the first sight of the rabbit who lives in our bushes. For me, the real start of summer is when it’s warm enough for me to sit outside and read – something I’ve done several times over the past few weeks. Remember: summer in New York goes quickly, so be sure to make time for your favorite warm weather activity before the colder weather returns.

Correction

In the TC-TI Shavuot program article on page 3 of the May 24 issue of *The Reporter*, there was an error in the RSVP e-mail address. The correct e-mail address is templeconcordbinghamton@gmail.com.



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CJS concluded spring program



L-r: Mitchell Duneier spoke with Marcy Yonaty after his talk on "Ghetto: Invention of a Place, History of an Idea," which was part of the CJS spring program on "Rethinking 'the Ghetto' in Jewish History and Beyond."



Federica Francesconi discussed "From Venice to Rome: Jewish Girls and Women in Early-Modern Italian Ghettos" as part of the CJS spring program.



Gina Glasman spoke with Nancy Titler after Glasman's talk on "Painting a Ghetto Paradise: The Political Artistry of Moritz Daniel Oppenheim."

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TC-TI to hold joint erev Shavuot program on June 8

Temple Concord and Temple Israel will hold an Ice Cream Extravaganza and a "Taste of the Book of Ruth" on Saturday, June 8, at 7:30 pm, at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton.

"Make your own ice cream sundaes, enjoy some schmoozing time together, gain some insights into the Book

of Ruth as we move from Shabbat to Shavuot together," said organizers of the event.

To make certain there are enough refreshments, those planning to attend the event are asked to RSVP to Temple Concord at 723-7355 or templeconcordbinghamton@gmail.com.

TC Sisterhood to host adult ed. event on June 25



Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell

Temple Concord Sisterhood Adult Education will present "Jewish Customs and Traditions Around the World" on Tuesday, June 25, from 7-8:30 pm, at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton.

Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell will speak about Jewish customs and traditions. A discussion will follow her talk. Attendees are encouraged to bring a Jewish item that has been part of their family's traditions or Jewish memorabilia from travels in the United States and other countries.

The program is free and open to all Sisterhood members,

members of Temple Concord and community members. Light refreshments will be served.

Reservations should be made by Sunday, June 23, to Lani Dunthorn at lani.dunthorn@yahoo.com or 348-4099.

"Tribes" at Kitchen Theatre Company

The Kitchen Theatre Company will perform the play "Tribes" from June 2-23. The show features an "irreverent" Jewish family that struggles to navigate the difficulties of communicating with and including one another. It follows Billy, the youngest son born deaf into a fast-talking, academic family, who was never taught sign language. When a young woman introduces him to the Deaf community, Billy, who has assimilated into the hearing world by reading lips, decides it is time his family learns to communicate with him on his terms.

"It is a play full of people that deeply, deeply love each other, but have never fully listened to what the other has to say. Argument equals love for this family and in their many ways of arguing, the play unearths truths about their tribe, asking us 'What does it mean to truly be heard?'" said M. Bevin O'Gara, artistic producing director at the Kitchen Theatre Company.

The Kitchen Theatre Company is located at 417 West State/MLK Jr. St., Ithaca. For information about days and times of performance and the price of tickets, visit <http://kitchentheatre.org/tribes.html> or contact the theater at 272-0403. To purchase tickets, call 272-0570.

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Off the Shelf

Writing by, and about, queer Jews

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

Noam Sienna, the editor of the impressive “A Rainbow Thread: An Anthology of Queer Jewish Texts From the First Century to 1969” (Print-O-Craft), notes that “queer Jews often feel like they are the first and only of their kind.” Their history is rarely featured in traditional day school or after-school religious classes, or acknowledged by many members of the Jewish community. Sienna’s “A Rainbow Thread” seeks to correct this neglect by offering a wide variety of texts – positive and negative – speaking specifically to, and about, queer Jews.

Sienna writes that “the significance of [his] book resides in its recovery of a lineage which has been denied and withheld from the people who have sought it. History is important for everyone, but it takes on a special importance when evidence of one’s very existence has been manipulated and censored, forgotten, buried, and destroyed. This is particularly true for queer Jews and others with doubly- and multiple-marginalized identities who so often must fight for recognition and legitimacy on many fronts, both inside and outside the various communities to which they belong.” Sienna has collected texts from early rabbinic writing to 1969, the year of the Stonewall riots (which is regarded as a major turning point in the LGBTQ community). “A Rainbow Thread” includes 120 texts, a number considered significant in Judaism because it is said to be the age of Moses when he died.

The texts included come from a wide variety of sources, with some appearing in English for the first time. Sienna notes that his work is not a “listing of ‘Famous Gays in Jewish History’” nor does it serve as a guide to Jewish law, although legalistic writings are included. Reading primary

sources can be difficult because, at times, it’s necessary to read between the lines or know the history of the particular text in order to understand its meaning. Fortunately, Sienna includes an introduction to each text, which places it in context and offers additional biographical or historical information when available. Sometimes his comments are as interesting, if not more interesting, than the text itself.

According to Sienna, “The sources in this book fall into two categories. Many sources relate to intimate relationships, whether erotic or emotional, between people of the same sex or gender. Other sources are concerned with gender itself: with gender transition, with movement between genders, and with non-binary bodies and identities that do not fit easily in any gender category.” The texts appear in chronological order: “Pre-Modern Voices (First Century-1500 CE),” “Early Modern Voices (1500-1900)” and “Modern Voices (1900-1969).” This later section not only features the largest number of text, but the greatest number of pages. However, for those who are looking for particular types of text, Sienna offers lists at the end of work focusing on different genres, identities and geography.

The book does include information that may make contemporary readers uncomfortable because some writing focuses on relationships of unequal power, for example, those with youth below the current age of consent. Questions remain about the exact nature of those featured in a text: one example is people who dressed as members of the opposite sex. They were not often asked about the motivation for their behavior: was it done for sexual, social or monetary reasons? Readers will differ on what texts are the most appealing or

challenging, but some of the following stood out.

◆ “What Was Adam’s Sex? A Midrash (Land of Israel, Fifth Century)” explores the meaning of the biblical verse “let us make man in our image.” (Genesis 1:26) Some ancient rabbis believed that meant the first human created was androgynous. Others suggested different gender possibilities.

◆ A discussion of a sex change that occurred in the womb can be found in the *midrash* featured in “Dinah’s Sex is Changed: A Midrash (Land of Israel, Sixth to Eighth Century).” This story claims that when Leah found out she was pregnant with yet another boy (her seventh), she prayed to God to change the sex of her baby so her sister Rachel would be able to give birth to two boys.

◆ Esther Brandeau/Jacques Le Fargue’s life is featured in “A Gender-Bending Jewish Runaway Arrives in New France (Quebec, 1738).” Brandeau/Le Fargue dressed as a man and worked as a male in France and on French ships. One journey took Brandeau/Le Fargue to Quebec, a colony that prohibited non-Catholics from settling there. When both identities (female and Jewish) were discovered, Brandeau/Le Fargue was sent back to France, where she disappeared from historical records.

◆ A fascinating look at the legal rulings concerning a married woman who “‘changed’ into a man” can be found in “An Ottoman Sephardi Rabbi Rules on Gender Transformation (Izmir, 1896).” The questions discussed include whether or not the person needed a *get* (divorce document) from her husband and whether or not the person should say the daily prayer thanking God for not making her a See “Queer” on page 11

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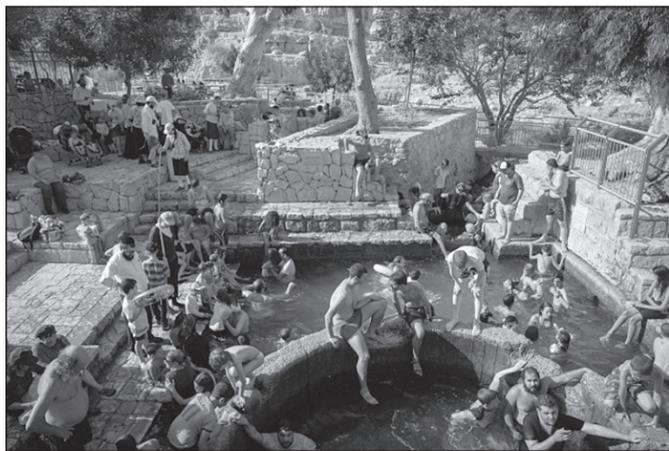
By Deborah Fineblum

(JNS) – When you visit Nachal Prat, you can almost feel what it was like to be a seventh-century Israelite leading your donkey, its saddle bags full of water, to Jerusalem. Nachal Prat, often referred to by its Arab name, Wadi Qelt, is nothing less than “a hidden gem both for its beauty and its sense of the past visible in every stone here.”

So says Daniel Gutman, a tour guide who has been leading groups around Israel for the last decade: “It’s in a place like Nachal Prat that the past comes alive before your eyes. You just have to know where to look.”

Gutman knows where to look in great part because he doesn’t embark on a tour without his well-thumbed copy of the Tanach, which embraces the Five Books of Moses (what Jews know as the Torah), the Prophets and the Writings. “So much of what we see here can be found in these pages,” he says. “What’s amazing is that it was all recorded thousands of years ago right here.”

Take Nachal Prat’s Ein Mabua nature reserve, for instance, one of Gutman’s all-time favorite destinations. It’s a spot deep in the Judean desert, a hop, skip and jump from the small *yishuv* (village) of Kfar Adumim and some 15 kilometers from the larger city of Ma’ale Adumim, considered by many a Jerusalem suburb.



Above, left and right: Israelis enjoyed their summer holidays at the Ein Mabua spring in the Prat Stream, Wadi Qelt, south of Jerusalem, on August 16, 2017. (Photo by Hadas Parush/Flash90)

If traveling by car, you’ll find Ein Mabua to be only 10 minutes from Highway 1, veering off the Jerusalem Dead Sea Highway onto Route 458. (Better yet, program your GPS or Waze for Ein Mabua National Park.)

Gutman points out signs of the many conquerors who have claimed this place as their own: The mosaic floor was a gift of fifth-century Byzantine Christian monks who built a monastery here. The blocks of stone alongside the roads and trails were souvenirs of small Jewish outposts from the seventh century B.C.E. The aqueduct reminds us that King Herod’s engineers

used to transport water from this freshwater spring to the king’s winter palace in Jericho. The swimming pool and buildings (now used as a gift shop, snack bar and public bathrooms) are remains of the pumping station the British built here in the 1930s.

The reason this isolated desert locale was so popular? In one word, Gutman says: water. The natural freshwater spring here in the desert was the kind that Moses struck the rock to release, Gutman reminds us, with enough water gushing forth to satiate the parched Israelites. This natural source of water was why the Hasmonean dynasty around 100 B.C.E., and later King Herod, built aqueducts to transport water to their winter palaces in Jericho. “Even in the worst draught, you can still get water here,” says Gutman.

“It all makes sense if you have a modest understanding of physics and the geology of the region,” he adds. Put together a 1,300-foot drop in elevation, a steep valley and an underground source of rain water that’s been there for millennia. When that water finds ways to escape, that’s how

natural springs are formed.

“This water in the middle of the desert kept us alive in times of drought,” he adds. The spring stops flowing a few times a day due to what’s known as the siphon effect and is then replenished with a fresh supply of water. “That’s why you have to keep an eye on your kids when they’re swimming here since the pool will fill quickly.”

Not only can you cool off in the pool, but you can picnic by the waterfall or take one of the marked hiking trails, including a five-kilometer one that takes three hours to complete and rewards the visitor with some “spectacular desert vistas.”

While exploring, you may wish to take along Gutman’s “guidebook” that offers insights into what you see around you. You’ll find the area referred to in Joshua 15:7 as the border between the tribes of Benjamin and Judah, where it’s referred simply as *nachal* (a Hebrew word for “river”). Or take a look at Deuteronomy 8:6 that speaks of the “good land the Lord is giving, of springs and underground water,” and Jeremiah 13 when God See “Land” on page 11

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A healthy Jewish communal body cannot thrive on a diet of tragedy alone. It cannot devolve into a skeleton devoid of marrow, based on external threats, and instead must celebrate the inner beauty of Jewish life. To move from oy to joy, we need a paradigm shift in our pedagogy. The impetus for Jewish living must come from inside the Jewish world, being proactive rather than reactive. We must begin by truly believing that the Jewish story is worth telling and then reconsider how we tell that story.

After all, our children no longer want

to hear how not to leave. They need to experience why they must stay.

Rabbi Benji Levy is CEO of Mosaic United, a partnership between the state of Israel and the global Jewish community dedicated to mapping the broad spectrum of Jewish experiential opportunities and creating accessible routes to meaningful Jewish connections for millennials. A recent immigrant from Australia, he previously served as the dean of one of the largest Jewish schools in the world, Moriah College.

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organization, must have clear goals. What are those goals? How long will it take to reach them? And how much will it cost?” Danon demanded that council members receive the representative’s answers within six months.

“It is time to face the reality that the UNRWA model has failed,” said U.S. special envoy for Mideast peace negotiations Jason Greenblatt. “Year after year, budget shortfalls threatened essential services to Palestinian mothers and children. And year after year, Palestinians in refugee

camps were not given the opportunity to build any future; they were misled and used as political pawns. We need to start a conversation about planning the transition of UNRWA services to host governments and international or local non-governmental organizations.”

UNRWA was established by the U.N. General Assembly in 1949 to assist Arabs who became refugees during Israel’s War of Independence the previous year. The United States cut its funding to UNRWA in September.

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Ruven (Doval’e Glickman) is a gruff, sixty-year-old man who owns a small auto repair shop in Tel Aviv. He was once married but has long been divorced. When his wife gave birth, the couple found out that their son Gadi (Nevo Kimchi) had special needs. Ruven and his wife eventually split up, with Ruven’s wife and Gadi moving out of town. One day Ruven gets a phone call telling him that his ex-wife has died. He goes to the funeral and finds out from a social worker, named Ilana (Evelin Hagoel) that he has to take in Gadi, who is now in his 30s, for a few weeks until a facility opens up with a space that Gadi can permanently live in.

All films will be shown at The JCC, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, New York, and will start at 7pm. Each screening will be followed by a discussion of the picture led by a community member. The films are open to the entire community. Tickets cost \$10 per evening or \$45 for a subscription. The event is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton and donors are soon to be announced.

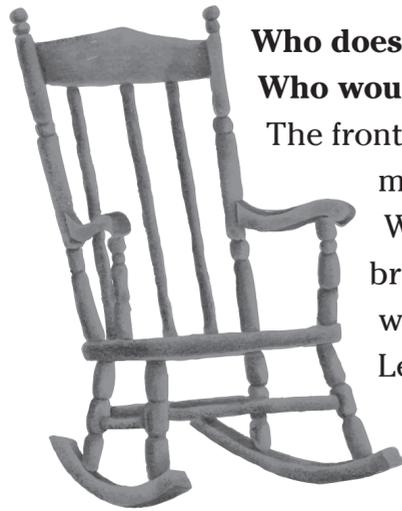
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The Jewish Federation is still the front porch of Binghamton.

OUR MISSION

Since 1937, the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton has been a volunteer-led organization that strives to make our community and the world a better place to live for Jews and non-Jews alike by:

- Conducting a unified annual campaign to benefit local Jewish organizations and causes.
- Acting as a unified force in the Jewish community and the community at large.
- Helping those in need through Jewish Family Service regardless of race, religion or ethnicity.
- Representing the interests of local Jewry in Binghamton to the greater community.
- Engaging and promoting learning throughout the life cycle.
- Apprising the community of local happenings, world situations, and current opportunities through our weekly newspaper, *The Reporter*.
- Sending a monthly book to children aged 6 months to 8 years of age through the PJ Library.
- Connecting the Jews of Greater Binghamton to Jewish life across the nation, Israel and beyond.

Key Programs and Activities

Financial Support

The single most important program remains providing financial support to Jewish organizations and individuals in Greater Binghamton and, through JFNA, to causes worldwide. Financial support is funded from two sources: The annual campaign which raises funds for local needs (the JCC, Hillel Academy, the Reporter Group, Jewish Family Service) and the Federation's operating budget, including the PJ Library. Small allocations are given to Hillel @ BU, Hanukkah House at Temple Concord, College of Jewish Studies and the Beth David Synagogue Mikvah, when requested. Grants from the endowment support large projects of affiliate organizations when needed, i.e. parking lot, school classrooms, playgrounds, etc. and, on a smaller scale, projects of Jewish content for local youth.

Jewish Family Service (JFS), a Federation organization, has a mission to strengthen and support individuals and families in need. By providing information, referrals and advocacy, we assist people in navigating our complex human service network. JFS is a trusted resource for families in need of in-home caregivers for their infirm and elderly loved ones. "WE REMEMBER YOU" distributes food and money during the High Holidays and funds for Purim, Passover and Chanukah to many Jewish families who struggle financially, thanks to the generous support of the Greater Binghamton Jewish community. JFS is often involved in life cycle events within the Jewish community including end of life decisions. We thank Roz Antoun for her 18 years of caring & wise decision making. We all wish you well & hope your retirement fulfills your expectations.

The Reporter Group, a Federation organization, is an award winning group of Jewish community newspapers that reach more than 25,000 readers in New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut communities. The Reporter's goal is to promote all local events as well as keeping us informed of local and world news of importance to our community. The staff works closely with the Federation to create publicity and materials. As is happening across our world, newspapers are diminishing & the concept of a local paper has become a thing of the past. "The Reporter" staff is juggling ideas & dreams to keep producing a paper we look forward to each weekend.

PJ Library is committed to Jewish education of the next generation. This program, available across North America, distributes high-quality Jewish children's literature - free - to families with young children in Greater Binghamton. There are currently 117 (up from 102 in 2017) children enrolled in the program which is made possible through a partnership with local donors and/or our Jewish Federation. In the 2018-2019 year two PJ Library programs were held.

Year in Review

Annual Events

Super Sunday

The Yasher Koach award ceremony, the highlight of the morning was a meaningful moment to thank and celebrate exemplary volunteers whose dedication is critical to the success of our community. Congratulations to Rachel Greenblott, Jean Hecht, Gerry Hubal, Eileen Miller, Marti Klionsky, Toby Kohn, Richard Lewis, Alan Piaker, Julie Plaker, Sarah Thomas, Marie Werner & Marcelene Yonaty. Many attendees made promissory donations that morning which gave Super Sunday a great start!

Holocaust Memorial Ceremony

On the Sunday morning between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur community members gathered for a FOURTH year at the Holocaust memorial erected in 1952 at Temple Israel cemetery on Conklin Ave. to take part in this meaningful service and say Kaddish. The monument was erected because one member of this community over 60 years ago said he did not know where or when to say Kaddish for his parents who died in the Holocaust. We will gather again Oct. 6, 2019.

On the Calendar

A continuing goal this year for community and the organizations within the community is to work together creating and sharing events. The Day of Caring is an example of this success seen across organizations. The Federation decided to clean up the indigent area of the Temple Israel cemetery. Many of the graves were sunken and the markers not visible. Two Sundays were devoted to discovering over 20 and repairing several of the grave sites. There is much work left to be done. The Day of Caring will be an annual event. Keep an eye out for the next Day of Caring. We hope you will join us for this mitzvah.

Binghamton International Jewish Film Fest

Binghamton International Jewish Film Fest brings internationally acclaimed films of Jewish content to Binghamton that otherwise might not be available. The program is made possible by sponsors, attendees and many indispensable volunteers. The committee is chaired by Susan Hubal and consists of Roz Antoun, Sima Auerbach, Brendan Byrnes, Sondra Foreman, Ben Kasper, Steve Lisman & Susan Remizowski.

The films they selected this season are:

May 12	<i>THE NIGHT IN THE GARDEN</i> and <i>PROSECUTING EVIL</i>
May 19	<i>POLISH HONEYMOON</i>
May 23	<i>CAPERNAUM</i>
May 30	<i>CITY OF JOEL</i>
June 2	<i>SHOELACES</i> (all films 7pm @ JCC)

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Financial Report (2017-2019 YTD)

By April 2019, the Endowment rose to \$1,604,580 (April 2018 \$1,370,229). In Sept. 2015 the JCC began paying back a 10 year loan of \$100,000 for the parking lot which the repayment now totals \$45,000 YTD added to the endowment. Following the Endowment Committee guidelines, \$75,000 is also invested in Israel Bonds.

The past two years has seen a loss in in the number of donors which has a direct correlation on our ability to allocate funds. Fortunately, to offset some of this reduction in funding, the David & Virginia Eisenberg Donor Advised Fund and many donors have stepped in and increased their pledges. The 2019 campaign had the inclusion of a \$10,000 matching grant from an anonymous donor. Thanks to all who increased their donation! The distribution of the campaign revenue through the allocation process remains the same (see chart). Please note that the Federation distribution includes salaries for the Federation and Jewish Family Service. Allocations of \$322,922 has been partially dispersed out as well as some small grants.

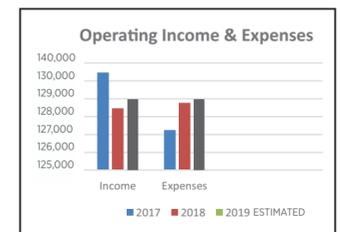
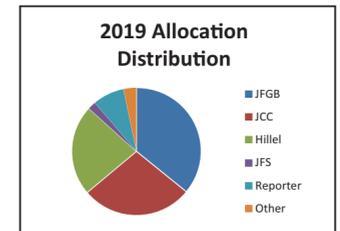
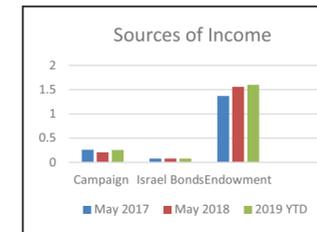
The Jewish Federation offers its deep appreciation to all of our contributors to the Annual Campaign and to those who have made contributions to the endowment and contributions to specific programs (i.e. PJ Library), specific projects (Temple Israel indigent section cemetery clean-up) and to all those who have supported our programs by your attendance and your funds!

The Federation is honored to receive contributions commending those celebrating a mitzvah and remembering those who have passed.

We are indebted to those who have remembered our Federation in their wills and to those who have made donations to our Endowment enabling the Federation to supply funds when necessary and ensure the future of our community.

Thank you to the following:

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This situation is difficult to predict as we are early into the fiscal year.

Challenges

Our community is continuing to age and shrink which reverberates across the Federation. To safeguard the future of the Greater Binghamton Jewish community please consider creating or making a charitable remainder trust or donor advised fund contribution or annuity to the Endowment Fund. Contributions are very welcome - contact us if this is your intention.

Thoughts about the Future

Conversations are continuing with BU faculty about how we can serve each other better; our Federation to the students and the campus community to us. Discussions are continuing with JFNA about how their resources can assist us in achieving our goals and continuing our mission.

From the Board

To Sima, **thank you!** "What we do matters."
You have taught us that. We say to you YASHER KOACH!
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Welcome to Shelley Hubal!

Your enthusiasm for the community and for this position is obvious. And as your Board and donors, we will not let you down!



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Chef Paula Shoyer offers simple elegance for Shavuot

By Stuart Schnee PR staff

The holiday of Shavuot is just around the corner (June 9-10). French trained chef and best-selling cookbook author Paula Shoyer is offering contemporary and delicious recipes. Unique to Shavuot is the often lavish, and sometimes challenging, dairy menu. Shoyer says she is sensitive to those who limit their lactose, calorie and gluten intake, and suggests a holiday menu with a variety of recipes – and a smidge of indulgence: Brioche Challah, Kale Caesar Salad, Pasta Siciliana, Dry Rubbed Roasted Salmon and White Chocolate Mousse Cake.

Brioche Challah (dairy)

Makes two medium loaves

Brioche is a buttery French bread that tastes like a pastry. It is typically eaten for breakfast in France, and makes the perfect dairy challah for Shavuot. When I learned how to make brioche in pastry school in Paris, we were instructed how to prepare it by hand. The process of mixing and kneading the dough and then kneading in the butter took 30 minutes. During two separate pastry courses I had made brioche by hand, so when I had to make it a third time, I asked my teacher if I could make it by machine. I explained that we could compare both methods and see which was superior. He only agreed because at the time I was visibly pregnant with Sam. The chef was sure that the hand-kneaded one would be better; but, alas, he had to admit that the taste and texture of my machine-made brioche was perfect. In the interest of time, I am not even suggesting that you ever make this dough by hand.

¼ cup (60 ml) warm water
4 Tbsp. (50g) plus 1 tsp, sugar, divided

½ ounce (2 envelopes, 14g) dry yeast
2½ cups (315g) bread flour, plus extra for dusting
1 tsp. salt
4 large eggs, beaten slightly, plus 1 egg for glazing
¾ cup (1 ½ sticks, 170g) unsalted butter, cut into pieces, at room temperature, plus 1 Tbsp. for greasing bowl
2 tsp. water for glaze

In a measuring cup, measure ¼ cup (60 ml) warm water, add the teaspoon sugar and yeast and stir. Let the mixture sit five minutes, or until thick. In the bowl of a stand mixer, place the flour, salt and four tablespoons (50g) sugar and mix. Add the four eggs and proofed yeast mixture and mix with the dough hook on low speed for two minutes, scraping down the bowl and hook two to three times. Turn the speed up to medium and knead for eight minutes, stopping to scrape down the hook and sides of the bowl three to four times. Turn the speed to low and add the 1½ sticks (170g) soft butter, two tablespoons at a time, making sure each addition is fully mixed in before adding more butter. When all the butter has been added, turn the speed to medium and mix for three minutes, stopping to scrape down the bowl once or twice.

Place the dough into a medium bowl greased with the tablespoon butter. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise for one hour. Remove the dough from the bowl, punch down by folding over a few times, then gather the dough back into a ball and return it to the bowl. Cover the dough with the plastic and let rise for 30 minutes. Once again, remove the dough from the bowl, punch it down, return to the bowl, and cover it. Place in the fridge for 30 minutes.

Lightly flour your hands and kitchen counter. Divide the

dough in half and braid each half into a challah, adding a little more flour to your hands if the dough feels a little sticky. Place the challahs on a parchment-covered baking sheet. Beat remaining egg with two teaspoons water. Brush the challahs all over with the mixture. Let them rise for one hour.

Preheat oven to 375°F. Brush challahs again with the egg wash. Bake for 30 minutes or until golden. Store wrapped in foil at room temperature for up to five days or freeze for up to three months.

Kale Caesar Salad

Serves 8

Kale became trendy in the U.S. back in 2004 and is now popular both at home and in restaurants. My family started eating kale when my husband, Andy, who is always on a diet because of my work, met with a nutritionist who suggested that he add more leafy greens to his diet.

Prep time: 15 minutes.

Advance prep: Dressing may be made two days in advance; salad may be made one day in advance.

⅔ cup (165ml) mayonnaise

2 cloves garlic, crushed

Juice of ½ lemon

½ tsp. Passover teriyaki or “soy” sauce (optional)

2 Tbsp. water

Salt and black pepper

½ cup (50g) freshly grated Parmesan cheese, divided

1 bunch kale (8 ounces/225g), tough ribs removed

To prepare the dressing:

In a bowl or 2-cup measuring cup, whisk together the mayonnaise, garlic, lemon juice, and teriyaki sauce, if using. Whisk in the water. Add salt and pepper to taste and half the Parmesan cheese and mix. May be made 1 day in advance; cover and store in the fridge.

To assemble the salad:

Stack bunches of the kale leaves and slice them into ¼- to ½-inch-thick (6- to 12-mm) ribbons. Place into a large bowl. Add the dressing, a little at a time, tossing until all the leaves are coated with the dressing. Add the remaining cheese and more pepper to taste and toss.

Pasta Siciliana (dairy)

Serves 6-8

This is a dish that my husband, Andy, and I absolutely loved eating while living in Geneva, Switzerland – fried eggplant slices stirred into penne pasta with a garlicky tomato sauce, and then covered in cheese and baked. Here is my healthier version using baked eggplant and whole-wheat pasta. You can use this method of baking eggplant in any recipe that calls for fried eggplant.

Prep time: 15 minutes.

Cook time: 1 hour 20 minutes.

Advance prep: May be made two days in advance and frozen.

4 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil, divided

2 large eggplants, stem and bottom trimmed, and cut into ½- to ¾-inch (12-mm to 2-cm) circles and then into ½- to ¾-inch (12-mm to 2-cm) long strips

1 medium onion, chopped into ½-inch (12-mm) pieces

10 cloves garlic, roughly chopped

½ tsp. dried oregano

½ tsp. dried basil

¼ tsp. black pepper

Pinch sugar

¼ to ½ tsp. red pepper flakes, to taste

½ tsp. salt

28-ounce (795-g) can crushed tomatoes

1 pound (450g) whole-wheat penne pasta

8 ounces (225g) shredded mozzarella cheese

Preheat oven to 450°F (230°C). Place 1 tablespoon of oil on each of two jelly roll pans. Use an offset spatula or your hands to entirely coat each of the pans.

Divide the eggplant slices between the two pans, leaving a little space between the slices. Bake the eggplant for 25 minutes. After 15 minutes, switch the pans on the racks, to ensure even browning.

To make the sauce, place the remaining 2 tablespoons of oil into a medium saucepan and heat it over medium heat. Add the onions and cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. If the onion starts to color, turn down the heat. Add the garlic and cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the oregano, See “Shavuot” on page 9

The dairy dilemma

By Rabbi Rachel Esserman

When I was young, the food for Shavuot was blintzes. Thinking about blintzes brings back memories of helping my mom in the kitchen. There were several steps before the final blintz appeared: making the thin crepe-like wrap, filling the blintzes and then rolling and folding them, while praying the covering didn't rip. Unlike a crepe, though, the edges were folded under so the filling was completely covered.

The first blintz cover never came out right: the pan needed to temper before those beautiful, round crepes could come out perfect. The filling was always some kind of cheese (cottage cheese or farmer's cheese, if I recall correctly) mixed with sugar and cinnamon. My mom taught me to put down a small amount of filling toward the edge of the crepe, fold the sides over and then role it until a rounded, rectangular shape appeared. We never put fruit in our filling, but the blintzes were always served with sweetened strawberries and sour cream. My preference was to just use strawberries, but my dad – a Brooklyn boy – always ate them with sour cream.

Fast forward about five decades and almost no one makes blintzes anymore – at least, not by hand. Most celebrations I've led or gone to feature either cheese cake or ice cream as the dairy food. Since not everyone likes cheesecake, ice cream parties have become very popular. There's no cooking or baking, and you can offer a wide variety of choices.

I know some people make savory dairy treats for Shavuot, but, while I read about those each year, I've never been tempted to make them myself. Some years, the synagogue I belong to has a potluck luncheon after services and people find very creative ways to include dairy in their dishes. Still, blintzes and other sweet foods feel more like celebratory holiday food, at least to me.

However, sweet or savory, if someone else is cooking, I'm ready to try the food. Below are links to some recipes that may be of interest. Just let me know if you want a guinea pig to sample these treats. I'd be happy to oblige.

Blintz recipes

◆ If you've never made blintzes, check out this video by Jamie Geller, which shows how to make a blintz: www.youtube.com/watch?v=5o3q8HYk8CI.

◆ Another recipe, which includes suggestions for several different fillings, can be found at www.myjewishlearning.com/recipe/blintzes/.

◆ Other articles with blintz recipes can be found at <https://motherwouldknow.com/jewish-cheese-blintzes-for-shavuot/>, <https://jewishfoodexperience.com/recipes/blintzes/> and <https://jewishfoodexperience.com/recipes/bubbes-cheese-blintzes/>.

Cheesecake recipes

There are an enormous number of cheesecake recipes on the web and everyone has their favorite. But, if you want to do some experimentation, you can try out those below.

◆ This article claims to have the seven top recipes for Shavuot cheesecakes: www.haaretz.com/food/the-top-seven-recipes-for-a-sweet-shavuot-1.5249633.

◆ Not to be outdone, this site offers 31 versions of cheesecakes that it claims will make you drool: www.myjewishlearning.com/the-nosher/31-drool-worthy-cheesecake-recipes-for-shavuot/.

◆ Looking for an Israeli twist to your cheesecake? Check out these four recipes: www.joyofkosher.com/holidays/4-israeli-cheesecake-recipes-for-shavuot/.

◆ If you want to pick and choose between your desserts, this site not only has several recipes for cheesecakes (including cheesecake pops), but some other dairy desserts that look tempting: www.thespruceeats.com/kosher-cheesecake-recipes-2122331.

Other Shavuot ideas

◆ For a wide variety of Shavuot recipes from main courses, side dishes and desserts – including *pareve* ones for those who can't eat dairy – check out www.thekosherchannel.com/shavuot-recipes.html.

◆ Sutlatch is a Sephardic dairy pudding eaten on Shavuot. To learn more about this custom, visit <https://sephardicfood.com/2014/05/29/hold-the-cheesecake-ill-take-sutlatch/#more-2793>. For the recipe, visit <https://sephardicfood.com/test/sutlatch-turkish-rice-flour-pudding/>.

◆ The recipe for Greek burekas, which are a savory dairy pastry, can be found at www.myjewishlearning.com/jewish-and/greek-burekas-a-treat-at-shavuot-or-year-round/.

◆ Another Greek Jewish custom is to eat something called “bread of the seven heavens.” To learn about the custom and find a recipe, visit www.timesofisrael.com/from-spain-to-salonika-a-disappearing-shavuot-tradition-revisited/.

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basil, pepper, sugar, red pepper flakes, and salt, and stir. Add the crushed tomatoes and bring the mixture to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce the heat to low. Cover the pan and simmer the sauce for 25 minutes.

After 25 minutes of roasting, turn over the eggplant strips and roast them for another 5-10 minutes, until they are fork-tender and browned. Cook the pasta al dente, according to the directions on the package, and then drain it; do not overcook the pasta.

Preheat the oven to 400°F (200°C). Place the pasta in a 9x13-inch (23x33-cm) baking dish. Add the baked eggplant slices and sauce and mix well. Cover the pan with foil and bake the eggplant for 40 minutes. Uncover the pan and sprinkle the cheese on top. Bake uncovered for another 5 minutes.

Dry Rubbed Roasted Salmon (gluten free)

Serves 6

This recipe started out as one thing and then turned into something else. My plan was to coat fresh salmon with the spices that are used to cure pastrami. I rubbed my spice mix on the fish and even then I noticed that it was not very black and pastrami-like. After letting the rub sit on the salmon for a while, I simply baked it in the oven. It was only when it was done, and I'd taken it out of the oven, that I realized I'd never added any oil to the fish or the pan. I served it anyway and it was flavorful and moist, without any fat, other than what was naturally in the fish. Feel free to add more black peppercorns to the spice mix if you want more kick.

Prep time: 5 minutes to make spice mix; marinate for 30 minutes

Cook time: 20-22 minutes

Advance prep: Spice mix may be made one week in advance; fish may be cooked one day in advance

3-pound (1.5-kg) salmon fillet, whole or cut into 6 8-ounce (250-g) servings

- 1 Tbsp. coriander seeds
- 1 Tbsp. whole black peppercorns, or more to taste
- 1 Tbsp. black or yellow mustard seeds
- 2 tsp. juniper berries
- 1 tsp. fennel seeds
- 2 tsp. light brown sugar
- 2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. onion powder
- ½ tsp. smoked or regular paprika
- ¼ tsp. ground cloves
- ½ tsp. kosher salt

Place the coriander seeds, black peppercorns, mustard seeds, juniper berries, and fennel seeds into a coffee grinder or food processor and grind them into small pieces (making sure none are left whole), but not completely into a powder. If you use a food processor and some of the spices are still too big after processing, crush them using a mortar and pestle, or put them in a quart resealable plastic bag and then smash it with a rolling pin. Transfer the ground seeds, peppercorns and the rest of the mixture into a small bowl. Add the brown sugar, garlic powder, onion powder, paprika, cloves and salt, and mix well.

Spread the spice mix on a plate and press each slice of salmon into the mix to cover it completely. Use all the spice mix. Place the fish on a roasting pan, leaving space between the pieces. Let the fish sit at room temperature for 30 minutes, covered with plastic wrap, or refrigerate it if you will be cooking it later.

Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Bake the salmon for 20-22 minutes, 20 minutes if you like it a little pink inside, longer if you want it fully cooked. Serve the fish hot or at room temperature.

White Chocolate Mousse Cake

Makes one 8-inch cake, 12 servings

Meringue

- 4 large egg whites, at room temperature one hour
- ⅔ cup sugar
- ⅔ cup confectioners' sugar

Mousse

- 8 ounces white chocolate broken into 1-inch pieces



White Chocolate Mousse Cake Raspberry Sauce (Photo by Paula Shoyer)

- 6 ounces fresh raspberries
- 2-3 Tbsp. confectioners' sugar, to taste
- 2 Tbsp. hot water
- 2-4 ounces white chocolate to decorate, if desired

Preheat oven to 230°F. Cover two cookie sheets with parchment paper trimmed to fit perfectly on the pan bottom. Take an 8x2½-inch high dessert or flan ring (no bottom) and trace three circles on the parchments. Turn the papers over and place on your cookie sheets. Set aside.

To make the meringue: In the bowl of an electric mixer, beat the egg whites on medium-high speed until you have soft peaks. Turn the mixer to low and add the granulated sugar, a tablespoon at a time, waiting until each addition is mixed in before the next addition. Turn the speed up to high and beat another minute. Sift the confectioners' sugar into the egg whites. Turn the machine to low and

mix briefly to combine.

Fit a pastry bag with a ¼-inch round tip. Fill with the meringue batter. Starting from the center of the drawn circles, squeeze out spirals until your circle is about half an inch smaller than the drawn circle. If you do not have a pastry bag, use a silicone spatula to shape three circles of meringue batter.

Squeeze out any leftover batter into small circles, about an inch wide, and then lift up, like Hershey's kisses, to decorate the cake later, if desired. Place in the oven, turn down the temperature to 220°F and bake for two hours. Turn off the oven and let the meringues remain in the oven another two hours to dry out. May be made two days in advance and stored uncovered at room temperature.

To make the sauce, place the raspberries into the bowl of a food processor fitted with a metal blade and purée, scraping down the sides of the bowl until all the fruit pieces are puréed. Add the water and sugar and mix. Taste and add more sugar if the mixture is too tart. Use a sieve to strain out the seeds and discard. May be made two days in advance and stored covered in the fridge.

To make the mousse: Melt the white chocolate either in a double boiler or in the microwave oven for 45 seconds, stir, 30 seconds, stir, and 15, seconds, stir, until melted and smooth. Add the egg yolks one at a time and whisk well. In a large bowl, with an electric mixer on high speed, beat the whipping cream until stiff. Fold the whipped cream into the white chocolate mixture and mix until well blended.

To assemble the cake, you will need an 8-inch cardboard circle. If the circle is larger than your ring, trace your ring and then cut out the circle. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper, place the ring on top, and place the cardboard circle into the ring. Place a tablespoon of the mousse on

the cardboard to glue the meringue circle in place. Place one of the meringue circles in the ring. Pour a third of the mousse into the ring to cover the meringue. Make sure you get some mousse on the sides between the meringue and the ring. Add the second meringue circle and another ⅓ of the mousse. Repeat with the last meringue circle and more mousse and then use a metal flat blade spatula to smooth the top, reserving any extra mousse in a small bowl in the refrigerator to decorate the top, if desired. Place into the freezer for four hours or overnight.

Remove from the freezer. To remove the ring, place the cake (with the cardboard bottom) on top of a large can of tomatoes or vegetables. Place boiling water in a small bowl. Take a towel or paper towel, dip it into the hot water, and then rub around the outside of the ring; this will help release the ring from the mousse. Go around the entire ring with the hot towel. Take your hands and gently slide the ring down off the cake. Place the cake on the parchment-lined cookie sheet.

To decorate the cake, use a vegetable peeler to scrape white chocolate curls on top of the cake or use any leftover mousse in a pastry bag with a decorative tip. Store cake in the freezer and then remove five minutes before serving to cut perfect slices. To serve, spoon some raspberry sauce on your serving plate and place the cake slice on top. Store in the freezer for up to three months.

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Bechukotai, Leviticus 26:3-27:34

Hidden blessings

RABBI AARON SLONIM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHABAD OF BINGHAMTON

The Torah reading of Bechukotai includes a section known as the Rebuke. It is an ominous warning of the troubles that will befall Israel should we stray from the Godly path. The mystics teach that even those frightening punishments are, in reality, hidden blessings that cannot be perceived at face value.

The well-known author Rabbi Dr. A. J. Twerski offers an analogy on them: A mother takes her toddler to the doctor. The doctor prepares to give the child a vaccination by injection. The kid isn't stupid. He sees trouble coming, so he doesn't make it easy for the doctor. In fact, mom must hold the child down while the doctor administers the injection, and throughout, the kid is kicking and screaming. Not a minute later the child is burying his face in mom's shoulder, desperately seeking solace in his mother's em-

brace. Why? Was mom not an accomplice to the crime when she held him down while the doctor hurt him? Why is this child suddenly finding comfort on mom's shoulder? She is the enemy!

The answer is that every child knows intuitively that his mother loves him and wants only the best for her child. Even if there seems to be a momentary lapse, he knows it will be short-lived. After the fleeting test of faith, the innate and essential bond of love between mother and child is quickly re-established.

And so it is with our Father in Heaven. Sometimes we may feel angry. Why does He allow all these terrible misfortunes to befall us? And yet, we know that he really and truly does love us. After all is said and done, we are His children. Does the mother in the clinic hate her child? Is she punishing

him? Does the doctor want to hurt the child? Of course not.

To us it may remain a mystery, but to God there is a cosmic, eternal plan. The child doesn't understand or appreciate an injection and neither can we fathom the divine "vaccinations" we must put up with from time to time. Nevertheless, we accept in good faith that somehow there is a reason – and even a good reason – behind all our problems. It may not be revealed to us in this world, only in the next. So we do need a fair amount of patience.

In our moments of misery and days of distress, we remember that our loving Father in Heaven is surely no less caring than the mother in the doctor's rooms. And yet, we pray constantly that God grant us revealed and manifest goodness only and not the type we have to believe is good. So may it be for us all. Amen.

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 On Saturday, June 1, at 9:30 am, Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Leviticus 26:3-27:34. The haftarah will be Jeremiah 16:19-17:14. The Lissy family will sponsor the kiddush.
 On Saturday, June 1, at 9:30 am, there will be the bat mitzvah of Amiella Lissy.
 On Wednesday, June 5, at 4 pm, there will be a Sisterhood open meeting.
 On Thursday, June 6, at 7 pm, the Annual Congregational meeting will be held.
 On Sunday June 9, at 9:30 am, there will be first day of Shavuot services and Yizkor.
 On Monday June 10, the temple office will be closed for the second day of Shavuot.
 On Friday June 14, beginning at 7 pm, there will be a Kabbalat Shabbat honoring women with music and a Viennese table, followed by services at 8:15 pm.

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 Saturday, June 1, Shabbat ends 9:15 pm
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 On Friday, May 31, at 8 pm, there will be a Shabbat service led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.
 On Saturday, June 1, at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study.
 On Sunday, June 2, at 10 am-3 pm, Sisterhood will sponsor a rummage "bag" sale in the Temple Concord basement. Each bag will cost \$5. Shoppers should use the Oak Street entrance.
 On Tuesday, June 4, at 10:30 am, the Tuesday Morning Book Club will meet at Temple Concord.

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 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 Saturday, June 1, services will be held at 10 am; Tot Shabbat at 11:15 am and Tea 'n Talmud at 4:30 pm.
 On Monday, June 3, at 6:30 pm, an Interfaith Pride Service will be held at First Unitarian Society, corner of Aurora and Buffalo streets.
 On Tuesday, June 4, at 6:30 pm, Sisterhood's annual dinner will be held at 104 West. RSVPs were required in advance.
 On Friday, June 7, at 8 pm, services will be held.
 On Saturday, June 8, at 10 am, services will be held and, at 9 pm, the evrev Shavuot service will be followed by a study session.
 On Sunday, June 9, at 10 am, Shavuot I services will be held followed by a dairy dish-to-pass lunch; at 9 pm, the evrev Shavuot II service will be held.
 On Monday, June 10, at 10 am, the Shavuot II service will be held and Yizkor will be recited.

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 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.

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

Knesset approves first reading of bill to dissolve government

In a vote of 64-44, the Israeli Knesset on the night of May 27 approved in its first reading a bill to disband the legislature. Second and third readings were likely to be held the night of May 29 if Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu failed to secure a coalition by then. Only if the bill is approved in all three readings can new elections be held. A tentative date for another round of elections is Sept. 17, just 161 days after the previous election, which is an unprecedentedly short interval. The failure of coalition negotiations has hinged on talks between Netanyahu and Israel Beiteinu leader Avigdor Lieberman, who has refused to join the government unless he is promised the passage of a law subjecting ultra-Orthodox Israeli men to the country's mandatory draft. The ultra-Orthodox United Torah Judaism and Shas parties have refused to be part of Netanyahu's coalition if such a law is drafted. Opposition leaders have said they want to be given the opportunity to form a government, rather than go to elections. Recent polls have shown that a new election would yield an even stronger right-wing bloc than was chosen on April 9, with Naftali Bennett and Ayelet Shaked predicted to pass the threshold, Likud to gain a seat, the Union of Right Wing Parties to gain a seat and the United Arab List and Kulanu Party dropping out of the legislature. Analysts believe Kulanu would merge with Likud if new elections are called.

Latest poll: new elections would strengthen Likud, right-wing bloc

If Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu fails to secure a coalition before the May 29 deadline and Israel goes to another round of elections, Netanyahu's Likud Party will win again, according to a survey conducted on May 26 by Israeli daily *Ma'ariv*. Conducted by the Politics Panels Research Institute on May 26 after a large rally led by the opposition Blue and White Party in Tel Aviv against a proposed law that would give serving prime ministers immunity from indictment, the survey shows that a right-wing bloc would be victorious. The poll showed that Likud would retain 35 seats, Blue and White would get 34, Shas and United Torah Judaism would hold at eight each, the Union of Right Wing Parties would grow from five to six seats, Israel Beiteinu – led by Avigdor Lieberman, who is causing the current coalition crisis – would grow from five to six seats, Meretz would rise from four to five seats, Ahmed Tibi's Ta'al would rise from six to seven seats, and Labor would remain at six. However, the New Right Party's Naftali Bennett and Ayelet Shaked would achieve a major turnaround and enter the Knesset with five seats, according to the poll, after shocking the country and defying the polls by failing to enter the Knesset in the April 9 election. Both Kulanu and the United Arab List, which only met the minimum threshold of four seats, are expected to fail to meet the threshold and be knocked out of the Knesset. All in all, a right-wing bloc would rise from 65 seats to 68, while the left-wing bloc would fall from 55 to 52 mandates.

Remains Jews shot by Nazis unearthed in Belarus reburied

The remains of more than 1,000 Jews shot by the Nazis during the Holocaust that was uncovered in Belarus in February were reburied on May 21. The burial was administered by volunteers from the Israeli emergency response group Zaka and was supervised by a local Chabad-Lubavitch rabbi, reported the news website Jewish.ru. In a Jewish ceremony, the remains were inserted into several coffins and then buried. They were originally unearthed by Belarusian soldiers in a pit at a construction site for a luxury housing project in Brest, a city along the Polish border. At least 28,000 Jews lived in the Brest ghetto in 1941-42.

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woman. The rabbi offering the ruling decided the person did not need to receive a *get* because there was no longer a wife to be divorced (since the person was now male). As for the prayer, since God had originally made the person female, he should say a different prayer, one that thanked God for transforming him into a man.

◆ “Memoirs of a Man's Maiden Years’: A German Jew's Transition (Berlin, 1907)” is a captivating look at someone whose genitalia were nonbinary (neither specifically male or female). However, at birth, a doctor declared him female, an identity that did not fit. Karl Baer felt dissatisfied with life as a woman and transitioned to male. Reading Baer's words offers insights unavailable in other texts.

◆ The poetry of Meir (Manfred) Lewis that appears in “A Young German Jew Writes His Boyfriend a Love Letter (Berlin, 1942)” was of less interest than the story of how Lewis not only tried to save his boyfriend from the Nazis by dressing as a Hitler youth, but joined the resistance.

“A Rainbow Thread” belongs on the bookshelves of anyone interested in LGBTQ Jewish history. It would make an excellent resource for discussion groups or classes, or a great gift for anyone exploring their sexual identity.

**Jewish Community Center
Fused glass Garden Art class**

By Paige Bartholomew

The Jewish Community Center of Binghamton will hold a Garden Art class aimed at teens and adults on Sunday, June 2, from 3-5:30 pm. The cost, which includes all supplies, is \$60 for non-members and \$45 for members of the Center. The class will be held at Jablon Studios, located at 14 Alice St., Binghamton. The entire community is welcome and encouraged to attend. Pre-registration and payment are required.

Participants will be guided in the creation of their fused glass garden art by local public artist and frequent JCC instructor Emily Jablon. She has been active in Binghamton's art scene for several years, and has designed many

public art installations, including the mosaic on the JCC's playground wall. Everyone who attends the class will be given free reign to create a fused glass garden art piece. “Whether it ends up being a bird, a flower or another shape entirely, this artwork will make an art piece to decorate your garden or a handmade gift for a loved one or friend,” said a JCC representative. “The class is a group activity, giving couples or friends the opportunity to spend time together creating artwork that can be used during the spring and summer seasons for years to come.”

For more information about the Garden Art class, JCC's adult programming or the JCC, contact the JCC office at 724-2417.

JCC Friendship Club

The JCC Friendship Club met on May 22, and heard a review of the chapter about Jewish gangsters in New York City from the book “But He Was Good To His Mother” by Robert A. Rockaway. Because I gave the review and I am writing about it, I will use first person. The reason I picked up this book was because some of these names were familiar to me. We lived on the Lower East Side of Manhattan when I was born and moved to Brooklyn when I started first grade.

To soften the tone of these violent, ruthless gangsters, I brought in some pictures of my family when we lived there and after moving away. The names I knew were their nicknames. They were Louis “Lepke” Buchalter, Benjamin “Bugsy” Siegel, Arthur “Dutch Schultz” Flegenheimer and Meyer “The Little Man” Lansky.

There were other names that I did not recognize, such as Arnold Rothstein, who ran the racketeers as a business. He organized them and together with other groups, set up territories. He became a millionaire before he was 30. His businesses were smuggling narcotics, gambling and bootlegging. He was shot to death in 1928. He was never in jail. During Prohibition, 50 percent of the nation's bootleggers were Jewish. New York had 1.7 million Jews at that time. It was 4 percent of the nation's Jewish population.

Waxy Gordon's real name was Irving Wexler. He got that name because he was such a good pickpocket. Rothstein saw his ability and made him a partner to import whiskey from Scotland. He became wealthy and eventually owned speakeasies, night clubs, gambling casinos, a fleet of rum running ships and blocks of real estate in Philadelphia and New York.

Arthur “Dutch Schultz” Flegenheimer got the nickname because he looked like a Dutch man. His parents were from Germany. He was 8 when his father deserted the family. His mother took in washing to support them. He quit school when he was 12 and worked by selling newspapers, as an office boy and as a pressman in a printing plant, as well as other odd jobs. He joined a gang and when arrested he listed himself as Jew, Protestant or Catholic at different times. He was known as one of the flakiest, cheapest, cold-blooded gangsters and was not well liked.

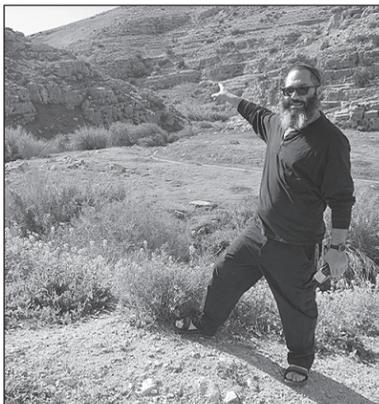
Bugsy Siegel and Meyer Lansky formed a gang. Lansky liked to read, and it was said that he was the brains and Siegel was the brawn. They were into protection. Lansky expanded to open gambling in Cuba and Bugsy opened the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas. There were more gangsters, but I was getting upset about all the violence. I did not recognize the names of the gangsters in other cities, such as Chicago or Detroit.

The meeting was called to order. Ann Brilliant said the blessing over the cookies after the Pledge of Allegiance. Sue Herzog gave the treasurer's report. Come join us for another interesting program on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm at the JCC.

Sylvia Diamond,
President

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tells the prophet to go to Prat. Though commonly translated as Euphrates, Gutman argues that it makes more sense that Jeremiah was sent here to Nachal Prat since he lived basically around the corner in Anatot (which the Arabs now call Anata).



“It feels connected just being here,” says Omni Israel, a 28-year-old Israel Defense Forces' veteran who says he took the job at the gift shop for that reason alone. “I felt pulled here, for the beauty and the peace and quiet.” So he left the big city, moved to the desert and took this job. “It's also a place that shows us we can coexist,” he says. “The local Arabs and Bedouins who also come to swim remind us that we are not alone here.”

But the Jews who visit need look no further than their own history, Gutman adds. “Here, the Torah comes alive when you know what to look for,” he says, pointing to a cluster of hyssop (*esov*) that the priests in the Temple would use for purification and which we read about on Passover as used to paint blood on the Israelites' doorposts to keep out the Angel of Death.

“You have the feeling this place, like the Torah, isn't ruled by human forces,” says Gutman. “Being a tour guide in Israel is showing people their inheritance – a part of themselves they haven't had to opportunity to reclaim until now. The Bible is our GPS here because the children of Israel and the land of Israel are tied together by the Torah of Israel, making a three-strand rope that is unbreakable.”

There is no charge to visit Ein Mabua National Park, which is open from 8am-6 pm in the summer; and 8 am-4 pm in the winter. For more information, call 02-633-9263. To reach Daniel Gutman, visit israelwithdaniel.com.

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Abbas: Trump administration peace proposal can "go to hell"

"The 'deal of the century,' or the deal of disgrace, will go to hell," said Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas at a ceremony in Ramallah on May 27. Speaking of the U.S.-sponsored conference in Bahrain scheduled for June 25-26, Abbas added that "the economic project they [conference participants] are working on for next month will also go to hell ... we said we are not going to accept this meeting and its results because they are selling us illusions that will lead to nothing. ... The Palestinian Authority does not recognize this conference." The P.A. announced a boycott of the Trump administration at the end of 2017, following the official recognition by the United States of Jerusalem as the capital of the state of Israel. It also officially rejected an invitation last week to participate in the Bahrain conference, with top P.A. negotiator Saeb Erekat saying that "the conference will surely fail without Palestinian participation." Bahraini Foreign Minister Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa urged the P.A. to send representatives, saying the conference was intended to help Palestinians "through developing their abilities and enhancing their resources." While no official Palestinian authorities are expected to attend, Hebron businessman Ashraf Jabari, who has maintained ties to the Trump administration and maintains peaceful relations with the Jewish community of Hebron, has said he will attend. The United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia announced they would send delegates. Israel will send its finance minister, Moshe Kahlon.

Israel bombs Syrian anti-aircraft battery following attack on Israeli warplane

The Israel Defense Forces has confirmed that it launched a strike against a Syrian anti-aircraft battery on the night of May 27, after the battery fired on an Israeli fighter jet flying a routine mission over northern Israel. "The IDF views with gravity any

threat against its planes and takes active measures to defend them," the IDF said in a statement. According to the IDF, the Syrian anti-aircraft missile, which was launched at around 9 pm on May 27 and landed in Syrian territory, originated in Quneitra on the edge of the Golan Heights. The Israeli strike on the launcher is reported to have killed a Syrian officer and a soldier, as well as damaging a military vehicle. No Israeli casualties or damage were reported. Quneitra is under the control of Syrian President Bashar Assad. On May 25, Syria's SANA news reported a number of missiles fired from Israel had been shot down by Syrian air defenses. On May 24, Syrian state TV also reported that air defenses had intercepted missiles fired by Israeli jets. The IDF did not comment on the reports.

Arson suspected in Mevo Modi'im blaze that razed nearly 50 homes in Israel

Investigations into the fire which destroyed the Mevo Modi'im community the week of May 24 have determined that the evidence points to arson, as firebombs start a blaze outside another Jerusalem neighborhood. Israel's National Fire and Rescue Authority initially suspected faulty electrical wiring as the cause of the Mevo Modi'im blaze, and some speculated that customary Lag B'Omer bonfires were likely to blame for the massive conflagration, which burned 40 of the town's 50 houses to the ground and damaged five more. However, authorities have revealed that the fire is believed to have started from several points of origin - evidence that the fire was intentionally set. If this proves to be true, the victims of the fire will be eligible for government compensation for their lost homes. An unknown number of the 1,023 wildfires that raged across Israel on May 23-25 are believed to have been set intentionally, by individuals who took advantage of the scorching heat wave and the pretext of Lag B'Omer fires to wreak destruction across the country. On May 26, fires broke out in a wooded area between the Jerusalem neighborhood of Pisgat Ze'ev and the Shuafat encampment, with Hebrew

media reporting that the blaze was caused by firebombs. Israel's Kan news reported that an additional fire bomb was thrown at firefighters as they attempted to extinguish that fire. The firefighters were able to successfully put out the flames before they caused injuries or damage to property.

Palestinian security prisoners getting perks, NGO reveals

Palestinian security prisoners with blood on their hands received millions of shekels' worth of special food for holidays, an expensive TV in every cell, a ping-pong table and games, workout machines, unlimited newspapers and lavish family visits, according to official details obtained by Israeli NGO Im Tirtzu. The details were released by the Israel Prison Service after a year-long legal battle that erupted when Im Tirtzu's Legal Division submitted a request for the information under the Freedom of Information Law. According to the information provided by the Prison Service, terrorists serving time in Israeli prisons receive a special meal for the Islamic holidays of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha, which includes a chicken dish costing NIS 47 (\$13) per prisoner. In the year 2018 alone, these special holiday dishes for terrorists cost the Israeli taxpayer NIS 540,000 (\$149,480), and from 2008 to 2018 the cost has exceeded NIS 6,500,000 (\$1.8 million). In addition, every prison cell contains a television costing NIS 480 (\$132) and prisoners have access to workout machines, a ping-pong table, backgammon, chess, checkers and nearly unlimited newspapers and books. The document also revealed that in 2018, the 5,753 security prisoners in Israeli jails received more than 41,000 visits, or seven visits per prisoner per year, which exceeds the Prison Service's own bylaws that permit one visit per two months, or six per year per prisoner. Among the visitors were Knesset members from the Arab parties. According to the information, in 2016 various Arab Knesset members visited terrorists 22 times.

WHO passes resolution faulting Israel for Palestinian crisis

The World Health Organization passed a resolution the week of May 22 accusing Israel of perpetuating a health crisis in the Palestinian territories. The tally was 96 in favor, 11 against and 21 abstaining. Voting against the measure were the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, Brazil, Germany, Czech Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary and, of course, Israel. "The World Health Organization has, yet again, demonstrated the pervasive double standards within the United Nations which single out Israel for condemnation while absolving the Palestinian authorities of any wrongdoing or responsibility in the territories under their control," said World Jewish Congress President Ronald S. Lauder. "As in the U.N. General Assembly, the Human Rights Council, the Commission on the Status of Women and other bodies, the World Health Organization has debated only one country-specific resolution at this session, despite scores of conflicted regions where the deterioration of health continues to pose an alarming and pressing threat. "This resolution, which in its very essence is deeply flawed, does not once mention Hamas or its responsibility for the health crisis in the Gaza Strip and barely mentions the role that the Palestinian Authority plays in caring for its residents, placing the blame disproportionately on Israel," continued Lauder. "It also turns a blind eye to the corruption that abounds within the Palestinian leadership, and the misuse of funds that could and should be devoted to health care and are instead used to reward terrorists for murdering and maiming Israelis."

Iranian president rejects negotiations with Trump

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani rejected negotiations with the Trump administration amid increasing tensions between Washington and Tehran. "Today's situation is not suitable for talks, and our choice is resistance only," said Rouhani on May 21, according to the state news agency IRNA. U.S. President Donald Trump has shown tough rhetoric, but also a willingness to sit down for talks with the regime. Since withdrawing last year from the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, the U.S. has increased pressure on the Islamic Republic by reimposing sanctions lifted under the deal. Earlier in May, the U.S. enacted new sanctions and deployed two warships with fighter jets, in addition to a Patriot missile battery, to the Gulf in response to Pentagon reports that Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps was planning an attack on U.S. forces or interests in the region.

NY's Yeshiva U. inaugurates Innovation Lab, in partnership with Israel

Yeshiva University announced the grand opening of the YU Innovation Lab, a collaborative learning space focused on creating a hands-on entrepreneurial environment where Israeli-based startups can grow their U.S. market potential while leveraging YU's community of students and faculty experts. In attendance at the May 21 opening were elected New York officials, university leadership, faculty, students and community members. Entrepreneurs from the "Startup Nation" now have space in New York, where they can jointly create the next new technologies. Yissum, the technology transfer company of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, is a strategic partner in this new university-led initiative; four of its startups (AquiNovo, Betalin Therapeutics, NewStem and Pepticom) currently participate in the YU Innovation Lab. Healnavigator, a New York City-based Israeli startup, is the fifth participating company.

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