The morning Book Club announces its chiff reading season

The books for the July 2021-June 2022 season are:

- July 7 – “Count to a Thousand” by Caroline Goldberg Igra
- August 4 – “Evening: A Novel” by Nessa Rapoport
- September 1 – “Mother Land: A Novel” by Leah Franqui
- October 6 – “The Last Shlital: A Novel” by Max Gross
- November 3 – “The Other Einstein: A Novel” by Marie Benedict
- December 1 – Paris Library: A Novel” by Janet Skeslien Charles
- January 5 – “Exile Music: A Novel” by Jennifer Steil

- February 2. – “The Nazis Next Door: How America Became a Safe Haven for Hitler’s Men” by Eric Lichtblau
- March 2 – “The Book of Lost Names: A Novel” by Kristin Harmel
- April 6 – “Hannah’s War” by Jan Eliaszberg
- May 4 – “Elie’s Promise: A Novel” by Ronald H. Balson
- June 1 – “A Place at the Table” by Saadia Farkaoui and Laura Shovan

All books were published between 2014 and 2021, and are available on e-readers or in print edition.

The Reporter wants the community to kvell with you

If your baby was born between July 2020 and July 2021, submit your baby’s picture to The Reporter for the annual Family Focus issue, which will be published on July 2. Pictures must be delivered by Tuesday, June 22. Parents and grandparents are welcome to put a photo into an envelope and stop by or mail to The Reporter on values at the JCC, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850, or e-mail as a JPG or TIF to TRreporter@ aol.com with “baby photo” in the subject line. Please include the baby’s name, sex, date of birth, parents’ names, and living grandparents’ names and great-grandparents’ names. Photos may be picked up at The Reporter after July 5 or include a self-addressed stamped envelope and it will be mailed back to you.

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Medical alert bracelets funded by bat mitzvah project

By Rabbi Rachel Esserman
This bat mitzvah project was personal. Shayna Foreman, the daughter of Abbi and Ben Foreman, of Vestal, had the money she raised from her batmitzvah project to buy medical alert bracelets because she knew their importance: two years ago, two friends of hers were diagnosed with type 1 diabetes.

The medical alert bracelets are to let others know they have diabetes in case of emergency,” Foreman said in an e-mail interview. “For example, if their blood sugar gets too high, they could pass out, and others could see the bracelet and know how to handle the situation.”

Foreman, who will celebrate her bat mitzvah in August at Temple Concord, learned from her religious school studies about the importance of helping others. “My Torah portion is all about helping people in need or just helping people,” she said. “I think it is important because it has to do with what I am reading in the Torah. I learned that helping people is not only fun, but it really is important.”

I knew that raffle baskets are fun, and they are safe to do with COVID,” she said. The basket raffle raised $1,325 in donations. RoadID, which sells medical ID bracelets, gave Foreman a discount on the items so she was able to purchase 100 medical alert bracelets in different sizes for use by both Type 1 and Type 2 diabetics.

Foreman noted that she is going into 7th grade next year and is involved in several school activities, including synchronized swimming. Her favorite subject in school is English and she also plays the trumpet. “When I am free, I like to tumble,” she said. “I am working on getting my back handpring.” In addition to this, she is a good friend, willing to help both of her friends and others with diabetes stay safe.
On a Father’s Day several years ago, my father, my mother, and I stood before a large wall mirror adjusting our ties while doing that work, I have taken it off when going into church, because of his home runs and refusal to play baseball on Saturday. My father was a right fielder in the real world, but he was also a right fielder in the world where he lived. He appeared to be sleeping. There was neither fear nor anxiety, just the quiet peace of a man who had lived a full life. There was no sense of urgency or urgency to do anything. My father and I stood before a large wall mirror adjusting our ties, while doing that work, I have taken it off when going into church, because of his home runs and refusal to play baseball on Saturday. My father was a right fielder in the real world, but he was also a right fielder in the world where he lived. He appeared to be sleeping. There was neither fear nor anxiety, just the quiet peace of a man who had lived a full life. 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Jewish online resources

By Reporter staff

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

The Temple Emmanu-El Streicker Center will hold several virtual events: “Like No Other Country: The Remarkable Rescue of Denmark’s Jews” on Tuesday, June 29, at 11:30 am; “Gooz: Sparkling Inspiration with Adeena Sussman and Benny Brigga on Tuesday, July 6, at 11:30 am, about Israel beverages,” “Gabi Allon is Back” with Daniel Silva’s “The Cellar” on Tuesday, July 13, 11:30 am; and “From Nazi Prisoner to Wall Street King: The Indefatigable Siggi Wilzig” on Tuesday, July 20, at 1:30 pm. Some events may be free; there is a charge for others. For more information or to register, visit https://streicker.nyc/category/events.

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Cornell Jewish Studies Program held events

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

DEADLINES

The following are deadlines for all articles and photos for upcoming Jewish issues.

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The Reporter

Off the Shelf

Soviet Jews in Russia and the U.S.

RABBI RACHEL ESSEMAN

Post-Soviet Union Jewish identity: is there such a thing? It’s difficult to come up with a specific name for those who once lived in what is now the former U.S.S.R.: Soviet Jewish women and girls who may have said “I’m Jewish but who-don’t-accept-that-designation. Different people fit each possibility, and sometimes a person’s identity fits into more than one category. Two new works of fiction don’t answer that question, but rather give readers even more ways to think about the problem. Mikhail Issel’s “Love Like Water, Love Like Fire” (Bellevue Literary Press) offers short stories, many of which take place in the former Soviet Union. While the characters in these stories are vital: they “were combatants, editors of underground magazines, and in intelligence and education and their proved eagerness to stay alive.”

In “Necessary Evil,” the author makes clear the problem of being Jewish in the U.S.S.R. The narrator tells us that the story is not yet 10 years old, but his family has decided it’s time to reveal a bitter truth: he is Jewish. The narrator is still coming to terms about culture he heard from his parents: They are evil, greedy traitors who help their fellow Russians. How can he be Jewish and, if he does that mean he’s evil? The debate between him and his parents about his identity only seems to complicate matters. Although the end of the story felt a bit odd on first read, it made more sense in retrospect.

The nation’s heroism appears in “Flying Crane.” The narrator and his family have moved into a new apartment. Most of the story tells of life in their previous cramped housing and the narrator’s introduction to those who live in the new building. However, the first words he hears from two old women sitting in the courtyard concern whether he is Jewish, along with the suggestion that if Hitler and Stalin were alive, they would have gotten rid of any troublesome Jews.

The author also writes about family: In “April 1st, Sunset Hour,” the narrator talks about walking through Leningrad with his grandmother, a story which takes a surprisingly tragic turn at its end. During “Moscow Windows,” the narrator talks about the difference between his hometown Leningrad and the Moscow in which his grandparents live. Underlying this story and others is the precarious balance facing death and torture by the Nazis if they were caught, but they never gave up. Their acts of resistance began to flourish as the war progressed and they became officers, an extremely high rate, which surely inflicted as much harm as possible before they died. However, a few of the stories which take place in the former U.S.S.R.: Soviet life – make these stories worth reading.

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The narration rotates between the two sisters, but Anna’s story is told like a year-old child’s story, told to her by a woman from Russia who claims to be her half-sister. Anna is in college – she’s the good daughter who does what others want without question. Anna wants to stay in Milwaukee and paint in order to take classes her parents will feel will lead to a real job. Anna, who doesn’t remember as much of her life in Russia, also wants to know more about the past and the Russian heritage that her parents have turned their backs on.

When searching for Anna, Masha has to revisist her own past, her life in Milwaukee that she hoped to leave permanently behind. She also learns of the mysterious possible murder of her half-sister. Faced with a father refuses to discuss. In addition, Masha discovers that Anna may have been involved with someone whose actions could get her in serious trouble.

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Ra'am Party leader vows to "reclaim" lands "expropriated from our people"

Mansour Abbas, head of Israel's Ra'am Party, said on June 13 that he would "reclaim the lands that were expropriated from our people." In a mostly Arabic speech before the Knesset plenum ahead of the swearing-in of Israel's 36 government, Abbas called the reclamation of those lands a "national cause of the first order." Abbas switched to Hebrew toward the end of the speech to criticize remarks made earlier before the plenum by outgoing Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who had accused Prime Minister-designate Naftali Bennett of "selling the Negev to Ra'am." Netanyahu was referring to the government's coalition agreement with Ra'am, which offers several concessions concerning illegal construction in the Israeli-Arab sector, including by Bedouin in the southern Negev. "No one sold the Negev to Ra'am. The Negev still remains within the state of Israel. The residents of the Negev are citizens of the state of Israel. There is a conflict about ownership of the land. Every modern country deals with these questions, of tribal claims," said Abbas. The Ra'am leader added that if citizens' problems were raised into national issues, "then apparently we have to solve all the crises – to provide a solution for a disagreement drenched in blood for over 100 years – in order to find a solution for the [everyday] challenges facing the state's citizens: education, welfare, employment [and] regularizing settlements so that they receive municipal status. I hope that the partnership that we want to push forward will also bridge the gaps on the national and the religious levels," he added. Ra'am, an Arab Islamist party with ties to the Muslim Brotherhood, is the first Arab party in history to join an Israeli government. Arab-Israeli parties, which are anti-Zionist, have traditionally refused to join Israeli governments for fear of lending legitimacy to the Jewish state. In February, Abbas broke with the Joint List, an Arab faction made up of four parties. The dispute centered on whether to continue along the path of rejectionism or to engage with the Israeli government in order to solve the problems facing their constituency. The Ra'am Party's support was essential to the formation of the new coalition government.
Mission Statement

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton strives to create a caring, vibrant, enduring community locally, in Israel and worldwide. The Federation uses its assets and contributions to strengthen local Jewish institutions and organizations, to support Jewish people in need, and to educate the people in the Southern Tier about Jewish values and identity.

Message from Leadership

Dear Community Members,

This annual report highlights Federation-sponsored events and the impact of your monetary contributions from June 2020 through May 2021.

This year we confronted a pandemic that created unprecedented challenges and brought out the best in our community. We discovered new ways to come together and respond to the crises we faced.

The fundraising Campaign for 2021 began virtually in October 2020. COVID-19 had some negative impacts on the Campaign, but our steadfast goal was to help our local institutions weather the many challenges of the pandemic. We are grateful to our donors who have helped the Binghamton Jewish community to remain whole during this difficult time.

We worked hard this year to provide stimulating virtual programming that would keep us all connected. Virtual programming enabled us to reach out to Binghamton Jewish community members both near and far.

We know that, despite whatever happens, we will remain a unified Jewish community. We, once again, want to express our gratitude to all our donors. Thank you for trusting in the work we do. We will continue to be guided by the sacred principle that “all Jews are responsible for one another.” Wishing you all good health in the year to come. We look forward to being together soon.

Shalom,
Shelley Hubal, Executive Director
Suzanne Holwitt, Board President

Federation Support

2020 Beneficiary Agencies

- Hillel Academy
- Jewish Community Center
- Jewish Family Service, operating budget
- Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, operating budget
- The Reporter Group
- PJ Library
- Hillel at Binghamton University
- Jewish Federations of North America

Timeline of Events 2020

- June 8, 2020: Headline Home: The ‘Silk of Your Soul’ event at the Jewish Community Center.
- June 14, 2020: Shabbat: an Evening of Sharing, gathering, learning, and eating.
- October 10, 2020: KOLkIDS for the 2020 Campaign.

Annual Campaign

The annual Campaign is the core of the Jewish Federation. Our staff and volunteers work hard every year to raise the funds that sustain our community. The 2020 Campaign raised $595,019 from 345 donors. The Campaign for 2021 kicked off in October. Due to social distancing restrictions, volunteers made calls and wrote thank you notes from their homes. To date, the Campaign for 2021 has $74,801 in pledges from 333 donors. In the last year, the Binghamton community experienced many financial and social challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Campaign for 2021 is not as robust as years past; however, we remain grateful for all who have stepped up to support the local Jewish community.

Jewish Family Services offer essential human services and families in their well-being. If anyone is provided guidelines as fund through thoughtful, compassionate care to help people reach a more secure and With the COVID-19 assumed as large emotional as well.

Summary of JFS in May 2021:
- 76 emergency gifts
- 92 families given a
- $2,150.00 arising
- 71 individual cases
- 47 well checks calls
- 50 referrals to food
- 50 referrals to NPI
- 47 housing financi
- 46 mental health
- 19 legal assistance
- 20 employment assistance
Federation by the Numbers

71 Emotional support calls
345 Donors contributed to the 2020 Campaign
$292,019 raised in 2020 Campaign
1,085 copies of The Reporter delivered each week
37 Dedicated Federation board members
$2,150 distributed in relief funds for food
76 total monetary gifts distributed by JFS to Jewish families in the Binghamton area during Jewish holidays

Leadership June 2020 - May 2021

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  - Susan Walker

The Reporter Group

During the pandemic, The Reporter has continued to produce papers for its Binghamton and Scranton communities, offering local, national and international news. Our services have been even more important since people are unable to gather in person. The Reporter has offered information about virtual programs offered by community organizations, which keeps the community connected. It also provides listings to virtual events occurring in different parts of the United States for those seeking educational opportunities or virtual performances. The paper is grateful to its dedicated readers and contributors for their support.

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This division, he continued, “has led us to a storm of hatred and a clash of brothers, paralyzing the country.”

In an apparent jab, he said that “credit must be given to Netanyahu” for “paving the way” to cooperation with the Islamic Ra’am Party and its leader, Mansour Abbas. It referred to Netanyahu’s initial attempt at counting the latter to buck the coalition he tried to build.

Lapid forfeited his prepared speech, the full text of which he gave to the media, opting instead to “ask for forgiveness” from his 86-year-old mother in attendance. “I wanted her to be proud of Israel’s democratic process,” he said. “Instead, she and every other Israeli citizen is ashamed of you [opposition MKs] and has again remembered why it’s time to replace you.”

Netanyahu’s speech, which went on for more than half an hour (exceeding its 15-minute limit), listed the accomplishments of the governments he has been and attacked incoming coalition members Yamina and Gideon Sa’ar’s “New Hope Party as ‘fake right.’” Expressing “concern” about Bennett’s ability to confront Tehran and deal with the administration of U.S. President Joe Biden, he said that the incoming prime minister “does the opposite of what he promises” and “will fight Iran the same way that he wouldn’t sit [in a coalition] with Lapid, Labor and Ra’am.”

Bennett, Netanyahu insisted, “doesn’t have the international standing; he doesn’t have the credibility; he doesn’t have the capabilities; he doesn’t have the knowledge; and he doesn’t have the governmental support to allow him a real defense [against Iran].” Among all the differences between us and the incoming government, this is the most important and most futile difference to the future of Israel.”

Winding down his address, Netanyahu stated, “I will fight daily against this terrible, dangerous left-wing government in order to topple it. With God’s help, it will happen a lot earlier than you think.” In conclusion, he issued a warning to Iran, Hamas and Hezbollah that he’s “not going anywhere,” saying in English: “We’ll be back soon.”

Following the vote of confidence, Netanyahu’s party leader, Bennett, and his allies in the coalition—Lapid, Labor and Ra’am—took their seats in the Knesset and the government started its work last week. The new government is comprised of eight (left, right, center and Islamist) of the 13 parties that won seats in the elections. It will be the first government in Israel’s history to have an Orthodox Jew as prime minister and to include an Arab party.

The following is the composition of the incoming Cabinet: Naftali Bennett (Yamina) – prime minister; Yair Lapid (Yesh Atid) – alternate prime minister and foreign minister; Benny Gantz (Blue and White) – defense minister; Gideon Sa’ar (New Hope) – justice minister; Avigdor Lieberman (Yisrael Beiteinu) – finance minister; Ayelet Shaked (Yamina) – interior minister; Yifat Shasha-Biton (New Hope) – education minister; Nitza Horowitz (Meretz) – health minister; Oma Barhi (Yesh Atid) – economy minister; Merav Michaeli (Labor) – transportation minister; Karin Elharar (Yesh Atid) – energy minister; Elazar Stern (Yesh Atid) – intelligence minister; Omer Bar-Lev (Labor) – public security minister; Ze’ev Elkin (New Hope) – housing and Jerusalem affairs minister; Yair Brut (H Narendra (New Hope)) – communications minister; Tamir Zandberg (Meretz) – environment minister; Hili Tropper (Blue and White) – culture and sports minister; Pratima Tamano-Shata (Blue and White) – immigration and absorption minister; Meir Cohen (Yesh Atid) – welfare minister; Merav Michaeli (Labor) – social equality minister; Matan Kahana (Yamina) – religious affairs minister; Hamad Amar (Yisrael Beiteinu) – minister in the Finance Ministry; Oded Forer (Yisrael Beiteinu) – agriculture and Negev minister; Eunavi Fren (Meretz) – regional cooperation minister; Orit Farkash-Hacohen (Blue and White) – science and technology minister; Yoel Karov (Yesh Atid) – tourism minister; and Machtan Shai (Labor) – Diaspora affairs minister.

Five basic things everyone should know about their car

StatePoint – Driving can be expensive if you lack basic car-care knowledge or proper insurance. Regular maintenance can prevent costly breakdowns and extend your car’s life, and the right coverage can protect your wallet in the event of an accident.

Here are five need-to-know basics from Erie Insurance:

1. Know car insurance basics. Before getting behind the wheel, know these terms:
   ➢ Liability: Every state requires you to carry liability insurance, which covers injuries to others or damage to others’ property. You may hear it referred to as Property Damage (PD for short) or Bodily Injury (BI for short).
   ➢ Deductible: This is the amount you’ll pay out-of-pocket for repairs before insurance kicks in.
   ➢ Collision vs. comprehensive: Collision pays for repairs to your car if you hit another vehicle or crash into an object. Comprehensive covers other incidents. For example, hitting a deer, hailstorm damage, vandalism or theft.
   ➢ Endorsement: Sometimes referred to as a “rider,” an endorsement refers to a change or addition to existing coverage. For example, some insurance companies have an endorsement that customers can add to policies so their rates will increase only if they change their policy, drivers, vehicles or their address, even if they file a claim.

2. Read the owner’s manual. Learn the car’s bells and whistles and how often to rotate tires, check belts and hoses and change the oil. Check dashboard warning lights. Red typically indicates your car may be unsafe to drive. Yellow or orange usually means you should get it checked but it’s See “Car” on page 9

Car insurance can be complicated, so we don’t expect drivers to know everything, but we do recommend understanding a few basics,” says Jon Bloom, vice president of personal auto at Erie Insurance. “Working with an insurance agent can help you get the right coverage for you, based on your car and budget.”

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Build ourselves, self-actualize and achieve difficult things. Below are some tips on how to avoid consumer conflict, and the ones which precede, are shaping this country’s entrepreneurs.

Dream big

It’s no secret that working with Israelis can be challenging, but that pushiness and drive makes Israelis who we are. That tenacity, that we-can-do-it-despite-the-odds mindset has shaped Israel. Israelis understand that they need to dream big and that Israel is always the test market. We see that especially today in how forward thinking, raising record-breaking sums of VC money and in the many multinationals with offices in the “Startup Nation.”

Dreaming of what is possible to dispute “obvious” logic or “common sense” has been at times the only way through. If the creators of the Iron Dome had believed and internalized the idea that you could not stop rockets in mid-air, we would all have been worse off during these recent trying days. The big picture thinking that often happens in Israel runs in parallel to the global thinking typical of Silicon Valley. We are constantly dissatisfied and challenging the status quo. Contrarian thinking was ingrained in the founders of the country, such as David Ben-Gurion, and in modern leaders such as Shimon Peres. They had the audacity to dream big.

The country’s leaders understood that there was no other choice; they could not fail. An bravery (there is no choice) was not just a rallying cry, but a reminder of the pressing existential threats they faced and we still face.

When there was so much at stake, the country’s leaders had to summon their inner strength and resourcefulness to meet the challenges, and we see that ethos in today’s high-flying entrepreneurs.

The gift of struggle

When I was a young soldier in the Golani Brigade of the IDF years ago, going through this grueling mental and physical challenge, I realized it was a gift. I realized that going through my service would prepare me mentally for what challenges lay ahead.

Oftentimes we must go through hell in order to get to heaven, but what is needed is perspective. You cannot have it both ways; you need to go through the struggle to grow and develop and become the best version of yourself. The same applies to a business and to a country.

If not for the security challenges, and the threats on the lives of its citizens, Israel would not have been able to become the tech superpower it has become by countering these threats. It is not in spite of these challenges that Israel is the “Startup Nation,” it is because of them.

While I don’t wish this on any person or state, we can interpret the challenges the world throws at us in a way that helps us become better versions of ourselves or we can be worse off by casting blame and being perpetual victims.

That includes asking the right questions and thinking how we can grow and learn from a challenging security situation.

The mystical inner resourcefulness

The story of Israel is the story of the gift of a startup. One that is scrappy, almost meeting its demise only to come out and win in the end.

The country quickly came back from near defeats, and learned from its mistakes, but many lives were lost as a result. Similar to being there, it is not easy.

The idea of the underdog (the David) is still part of the country’s DNA. Despite how the country is portrayed, we are still in an underdog position, though you may not believe it by seeing the overwhelming hatred on social media directed toward Israel.

Watching the current crisis unfold on social media has been particularly challenging for those in the tech community, many of whom don’t always agree with the government’s policies but seeing the world of social media turn against Israel in a heartbeat has been difficult. This is where resilience plays a role. It’s knowing that you can overcome this challenge and that it can be a better place because of it.

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Resources

- My Jewish Learning will host the virtual program “Synagogues Around the World: Tour of Liberal Synagogue in Buenos Aires, Argentina” on Wednesday, June 30, from noon-1 pm. For more information or to register, visit www.myjewishlearning.com/the-hub-synagogues-around-the-world-tour-of-liberal-synagogue-in-buenos-aires-argentina/
- Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies has a list of its summer courses at www.pardes.org.il/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/ Summer-online-program-2021-26-05.pdf. The first summer course will be held from July 12-22.
- Respectability will hold the virtual “Leaders of the Future: Leadership Series for Jews with Disabilities.” The lectures in the series can be taken separately: “Effective Social Media Posts – A Primer” on Tuesday, June 22; “How NonProfits Work” on Thursday, June 24; “Development: Individual Prospects” on Tuesday, June 29; “Development: Foundations” on Thursday, July 7. “Leading at the Next Level: Working in the Jewish World” on Tuesday, July 13; “Effective Disability Advocacy from the Inside” on Thursday, July 15; and “Accessible Events – Both In-Person and Online” on Tuesday, July 20. All lectures will begin at 1:30 pm. For more information or to register, visit www. respectability.org/online-events.
- The Women’s Initiative of the Orthodox Union will host the ALIT-Virtual Summer Beit Midrash for Women on Monday-Thursdays, July 5-15. There will be morning and evening classes on each day. Subject details are subject to change include Tanach, halachah, tikun hamidrash and Jewish history. For more information or to register, visit www.ou.org/women/ali2021/.
- The Museum of the Jewish People has posted photos from its 2021 Jewish Lens Photo Contest at www.anumuseum.org.il/jewish-lens-2021-photos/.
- The Milken Archive offers “REDISCOVER Ralph Shapley: Radical Traditionalist,” with an article about the composer and a short video of an interview in which he discusses his personal and evocative meditation on the Holocaust, “The Covenant.” There are also links to listen to his music. The material can be found at www.milkenarchive.org/news/news-items/view/rediscover-ralph-shapley-radical-tradition.

For additional resources, see previous issues of The Reporter on its website, www.thereportergroup.org.

Moving any time soon?

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Car

Not urgent. Green generally indicates a feature is working.

1. Check tire inflation. Proper tire pressure promotes good gas mileage and can extend tire life. Consider learning how to change a tire, a handy skill when assistance isn’t available.

2. Get regular oil changes. Some companies equip vehicles with oil monitors so owners know when to change oil. If you don’t have this feature, reference your owner’s manual. Most manufacturers recommend changing oil between 5,000 and 7,500 miles, while synthetic oils are likely good for 10,000 miles.

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5. Master the jump-start. Usually a car battery needs to be replaced every five years. While a dead battery is never convenient, it’s easy to jump start a car. Attach one red clamp to the positive terminal of the dead battery. The other red clamp goes on the positive terminal of the live battery. The black clamp attaches to the negative terminal of the live battery. The final clamp goes on an unpainted metal surface on the dead car’s engine block to prevent hazardous sparking. Turn on the live car. Allow the dead car to run for at least half a hour to charge. Always double-check your owner’s manual to be sure your vehicle doesn’t require special jump-starting procedures.

By knowing the basics, you can hit the road with confidence.
The red heifer ritual

RABBI GEOFFREY BROWN, TEMPLE ISRAEL

Israel, according to the Torah in the parsha of a month, is a month in which God decreed that the first born of every family in Israel will be offered as a burnt offering to God. This month, according to the Torah, is a month of redemption, a month in which God decreed that the first born of every family in Israel will be offered as a burnt offering to God. This month, according to the Torah, is a month of redemption, a month in which God decreed that the first born of every family in Israel will be offered as a burnt offering to God. This month, according to the Torah, is a month of redemption, a month in which God decreed that the first born of every family in Israel will be offered as a burnt offering to God. This month, according to the Torah, is a month of redemption, a month in which God decreed that the first born of every family in Israel will be offered as a burnt offering to God. 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Lino Ashram wins gold, silver in European Gymnastics

(Israel Hayom via JNS) – Israeli gymnast Lino Ashram was crowned European champion in the clubs exercise in the European Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships in Varna, Bulgaria, on June 13. The 18-year-old joined the two silvers she scored in the competition over the June 13 weekend in the ball and hoop categories. She placed fourth in the ribbon exercise. Ashram, who is one of Israel’s hopes for an Olympic medal in the Tokyo Games, scored 27.85 in the hoop exercise and went on to achieve a score of 28.6 for her ball routine. Ashram’s clubs routine earned her a score of 28.5 from the judges, representing the first gold medal in a single exercise for an Israeli athlete at the European Championships. Her second gold was the exercise was the only one for which she did not win a medal. Ashram came in fourth with a score of 22.575 points.

Biden congratulates Bennett, agrees to work closely on regional security, Iran

Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett spoke with U.S. President Joe Biden on June 13 just days after Biden had been elected. The leader had “introduced this conversation into our conversations” to Bennett and “highlighted his decades of steadfast support for the U.S.-Israel relationship and his unwavering commitment to Israel’s security,” according to a White House readout. The president also expressed a desire to deepen the cooperation between the two countries, agreeing that “they and their teams would consult closely on all matters related to regional security, including Iran.” The readout noted that Biden also “conveyed that his administration intends to work closely with the Israeli government on efforts to advance peace, security and prosperity for Israelis and Palestinians.” According to a readout from the Prime Minister’s Office, Bennett thanked Biden for his support for Israel during the recent conflict with Hamas. The leaders further “emphasized the importance of the alliance between Israel and the United States, as well as their commitment to strengthening ties between the two countries and maintaining the security of the state of Israel.”

Man arrested, charged with assault after kosher pizzeria in Brooklyn

A kosher pizza shop was temporarily closed and charged with assault and criminal mischief after flipping over tables and attacking customers at a kosher pizzeria in Brooklyn, NY, on June 9, according to CBS 2 New York. Surveillance footage from inside the Bush Pizza place in the Flatbush neighborhood showed an African-American man turning over tables and throwing salt shakers, as well as other items, at patrons and staff members inside the restaurant. He also hurled profanities, according to the The Jerusalem Post, which cited multiple news sources. The pizzeria, which is located under a home where the suspect could be found, was shut out of the premises, while others barricaded themselves in the store bathroom, including 10 women, a pregnant woman and an infant. Seconds after the violence started, a Jewish man wearing a black shirt entered the eatery and threw a high chair at the attacker to distract him from continuing to vandalize the pizzeria. The suspect then quickly ran out of the restaurant, threw an object at the Jewish man and walked across the crosswalk before following a female pedestrian. On the street, he was addressed by a man wearing a kippah, exited and tackled the attacker to the ground in the middle of the sidewalk. Others joined in to keep the man subdued until police arrived at the scene. When police arrived, they asked the attacker: “Why are you doing this?” the attacker replied. “Because I can,” and then admitted that he dislikes Jews. The man was taken to a hospital for psychological evaluation, according to CBS 2 New York.

Quebec govt’t adopts IHRA antisemitism definition

Quebec Premier François Legault announced in a statement: “The rites pertaining to the sacrifice of the heifer which are an expensive item.”

KAYLA REISER – The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton is seeking a midnight observer to help monitor the wearing of kippot, the traditional Jewish head covering, at the upcoming New York State Assembly and Senate sessions.

A midnight observer is a person who monitors the wearing of kippot in order to ensure that all individuals entering a building are wearing a kippah. The midnight observer is responsible for making sure that all individuals entering the building are properly wearing a kippah and that any individuals not wearing a kippah are reminded to do so. The midnight observer is also responsible for making sure that any individuals who are not wearing a kippah are not discriminated against or harassed in any way.

The midnight observer will receive training from the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton and will be given a list of all the locations where the midnight observer will be needed. The midnight observer will be expected to work for a minimum of 10 hours per week.

Any person who is interested in becoming a midnight observer should contact the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton at 607-760-0530 or email grw45@gmail.com.

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The UNESCO World Heritage Site on Mount Carmel. Evidence of human and pre-human activity during the last 500,000 years has been discovered in the cave, which has contributed to the understanding of human evolution. In 1992, Mount Carmel was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1992. It is the oldest site in the world that has been identified as part of a new project that

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(sanctuary), the Kohen sprinkles some of its blood seven times in the direction of the Mikveh and then builds a fire. He places the remainder of the animal in the fire along with cedar wood and hyssop bound together with a red string. Following the burning process, the ashes are subdivided into three equal parts: one-third for future use to be mixed with the next red heifer; one-third is placed safely outside of the Mikveh; and one-third for a sacrifice. Only the Mikveh can be used to purify one who can touch a corpse. A ritually pure individual was consigned to wash in the small quantity of red heifer water with fresh spring water. This designated pure person would then sprinkle water on and into the corpse to purify the corpse’s path to purity – once one has been in touch with a corpse.

Tools for Town Council playing tool.

Whether you align with Rabbi Shor or Shlomo, the key concept is that not every ritual annulled by God’s decree – chukat may be fully understood. You may need to let this one unfold under an undeniably fascinating glimpse into the Torah’s contextual ritual to make those whose become impure due to their touching proximity to death.

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