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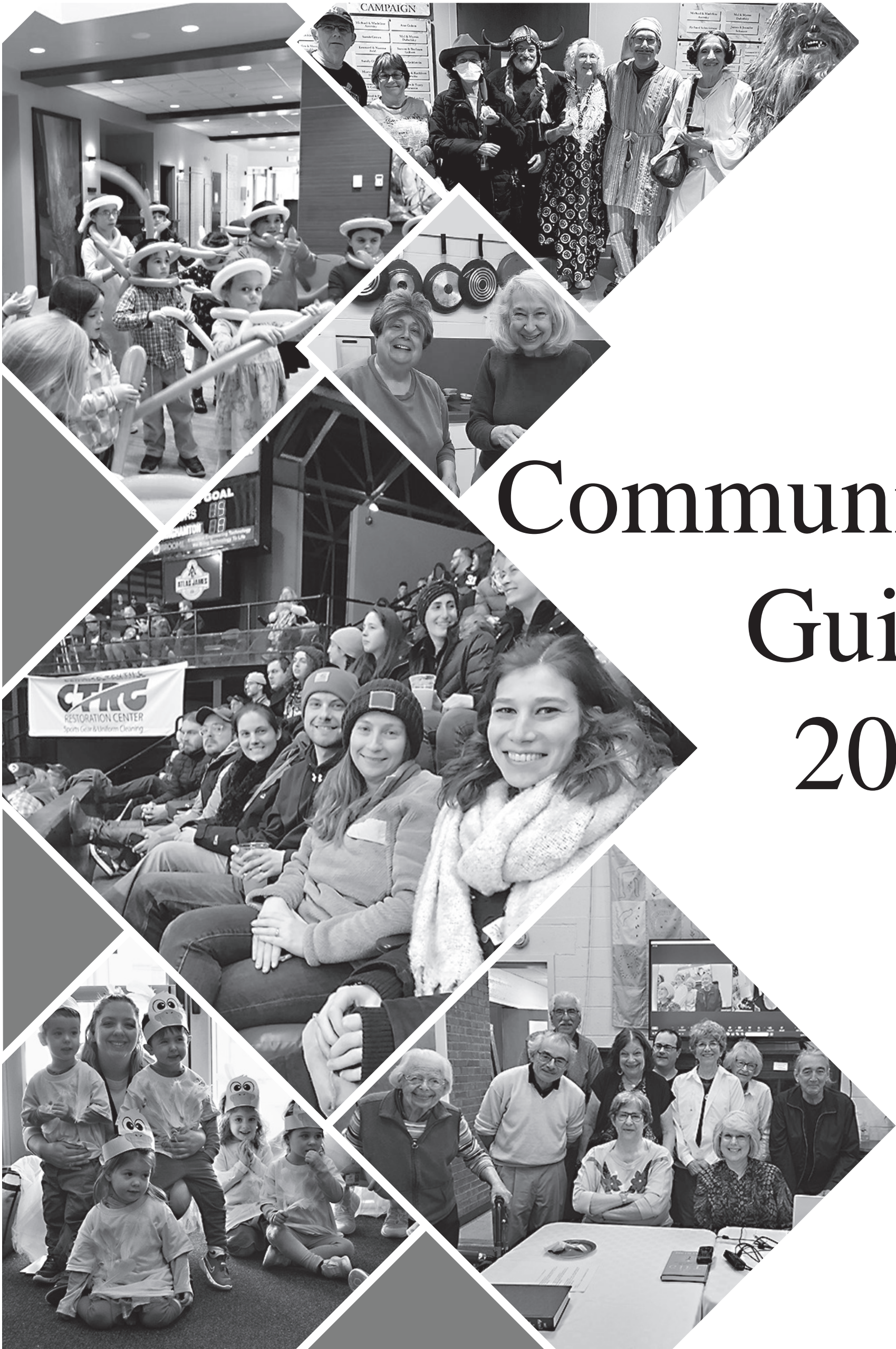


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About the
cover

This year’s Community Guide cover was created by Julie Weber, production associate of *The Reporter*.



Hillel Academy

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

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

As a true community school, Hillel Academy brings together children from all corners of Binghamton's Jewish community – Conservative, Orthodox, Reform and unaffiliated – in a warm, nurturing environment. Hillel Academy fosters a community spirit based on mutual acceptance, and recognizes, respects and values diversity. Hillel Academy

has served Binghamton for more than 50 years, providing the best in secular and Judaic education.

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

For more information, contact the school at 304-4544 or e-mail frontoffice@hillelacademyofbc.org; Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu, director of Judaic studies, at rabbishmaryahu@gmail.com; or Sarah MacDougall, director of secular education, at sthamas1320@hillelacademyofbc.org.



Students recited parts of the Kabbalat Shabbat service at Hillel Academy on November 18. (Names of students held on request.)



Students from Hillel Academy sang songs from the Kabbalat Shabbat service on November 18 led by Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu (standing), head of Jewish studies at the school, and Rabbi Ben Menorah (seated).



Hillel Academy second-fifth grade students went to Glass Creations by Carol to learn how to work with decorative glass. Shown are students with their glass dreidels.



Hillel Academy held a carnival for Hanukkah. Included in the fun were students learning to make balloon hats.



Students at Hillel Academy participated in a model seder while learning about Passover.



Students at Hillel Academy worked on art projects as part of their Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration.



Students participated in a Hillel Academy Chess Club session led by chess teachers Jon Cardinali and David Goguen. (Names of the students held by request.)



Students from Hillel Academy of Broome County and Hebrew Day School of Syracuse celebrated Tu B'Shevat on February 6 at Schaefer's Gardens.



Students from Hillel Academy looked at the baby chicks during the Science Fair. (Students' names held on request.)

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Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton

Established locally in 1937 and incorporated in 1957, the mission of the Federation is to serve and further the welfare of the Jewish community. The Federation is an advocate for local Jewish organizations. Since its origination, the Jewish Federation has focused on a unified fund-raising Campaign, the proceeds of which provide grants to local Jewish organizations through an allocation process. The Federation also sponsors educational, cultural and faith-based activities throughout the year. Through our Committee for Safety and Security, Federation acts as a unifying organization to address security concerns for the community. Federation serves as a unifying umbrella for the entire Binghamton Jewish community.

Additional Federation grants to support Jewish infrastructure and culture come from the Federation endowment fund. A gift to the endowment ensures the Jewish community of Greater Binghamton will remain intact for years to come.

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

Jewish Family Service, an agency of the Federation, provides essential human services and limited financial supports to families and individuals facing challenges to their well-being.

The Jewish Federation publishes *The Reporter*, the nationally recognized biweek-

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

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

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

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton extends its gratitude to all its contributing members and volunteers whose support helps to keep the Binghamton Jewish community strong. For additional information, to make a contribution, or to volunteer for one of the programs, stop by the Federation office at 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850; visit its website, www.jfgb.org; or call 607-724-2332.



More than 30 people attended the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton’s day at the Rumble Ponies on July 10. Shown are some of the attendees.



On September 19, the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton held a Stop the Bleed program presented by United Health Services Trauma Services. More than 40 people attended and learned how to take life-saving action if needed until professional help can arrive following an accident, mass shooting or other acts of violence.



L-r: Suzanne Holwitt, president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, with Merri Pell-Preus and Tony Preus at the Federation’s Yom Ha’atzmaut program on April 23.



More than 30 young Jewish professionals attended the Federation’s L’Dor V’Dor Next Generation group event on February 4. The group watched a Binghamton Bears hockey game. L-r: Kurtis Parker, Harris Weiss, Jessica Prusinowski, Eris Rouse, Rose Shapiro-Rouse and Melissa Wolff attended the event.



L-r: Ilya Stein, Jodi Sampey and Rose Shea, director of Jewish Family Service, enjoyed the Federation’s Yom Ha’atzmaut program celebrating Israel’s 75th anniversary on April 23.



The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton held a Holocaust memorial service at the Holocaust Memorial Monument in the Temple Israel Cemetery on October 2. The monument was one of the first memorials in the United States to acknowledge the Holocaust. Approximately 20 people attended the event. Shown are some of those who attended the event.



At left: Israeli dancing was enjoyed by those attending the Federation’s Yom Ha’atzmaut program celebrating Israel’s 75th anniversary on April 23.



In front, l-r: Binghamton University students Zoe Handelman, EJ Meltzer and Shoshana Klein attended the hockey game on February 4 with the Federation’s L’Dor V’Dor Next Generation group. In the row behind them is Brian Freedman, then director of Hillel at Binghamton.

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Jewish Family Service

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

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



Rose Shea, director of JFS

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

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

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

Community Relations Committee

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

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

of overt antisemitism so as to provide a response to set the record straight and to educate the public. At the local level, the CRC responds to instances of antisemitism and to inappropriate actions by local school officials with regard to observance of religious holidays in the schools. The members of the CRC stand ready

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

Binghamton Jewish Film Fest

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

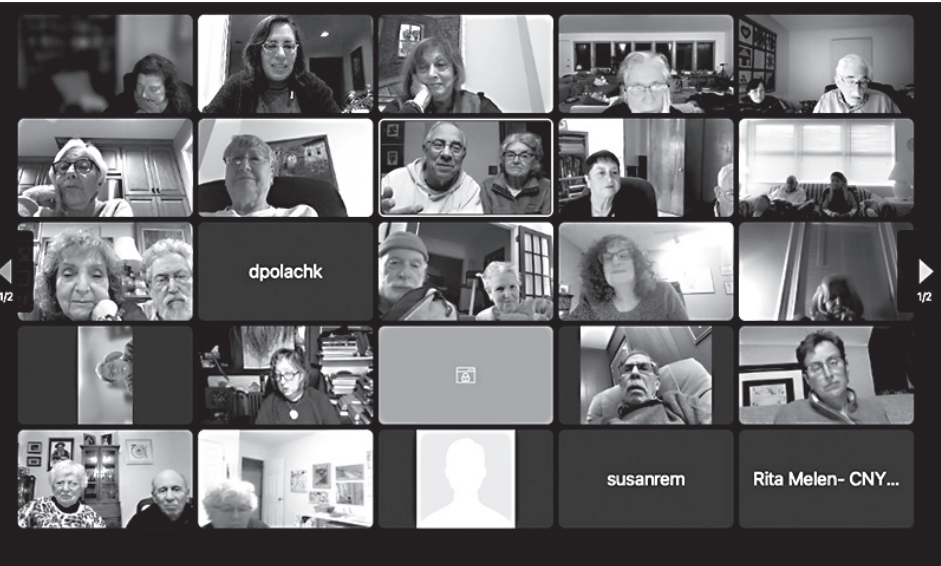
The film festival began in 2012 with a committee of five. Each film is followed by a discussion led by a community member. Films are held both virtually and in-person, and cover a wide range of styles – comedy

to drama to documentary to short film – and a wide range of topics. Screenings are open to any member of the community. The Jewish Federation looks forward to continuing this community cultural event with

more films in 2023 and 2024. The Film Fest Committee welcomes anyone interested in being part of the selection or planning committee. Those interested are asked to contact the Federation office at 607-724-2332.



The Binghamton Jewish Film Fest's December film was "The Automat." Close to 160 people watched the film. Forty-nine people attended the virtual discussion, which was held on December 11. Shown are some of those who attended.



The Binghamton Jewish Film Fest held a virtual discussion of the film "Greener Pastures" led by Neisen Luks on January 15. Shown are some of the 28 households that signed on for the discussion.

Seen around the community...



Chabad of Binghamton's Fashion for a Cure raised money for Sharsheret.



Students participated in a Hillel Academy Chess Club session led by chess teachers Jon Cardinali and David Goguen.

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College of Jewish Studies

The College of Jewish Studies was founded in 1986 as a coalition of the Judaic Studies Department at Binghamton University and several local Jewish sponsoring institutions, including the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, Beth David Synagogue, Temple Concord and Temple Israel. Its mission is to provide opportunities for quality adult Jewish education in Broome County. The CJS Committee strives to bring scholars locally and from across the U.S. for enlightening lectures; an effort is made to combine broad appeal with intellectual and stimulating content and challenge. The programs are open to the community.

The Reporter Group

The Reporter, a bi-weekly newspaper published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, provides a voice for an inclusive Jewish community. *The Reporter* turns 51 this year and is still going strong, holding true to its roots as a community newspaper. Members of the community are encouraged to share their news, *simcha* or sad, via *The Reporter*.

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

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

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

The paper focuses on coverage of local events and activities of interest to the community, from pictures of sports, schools and camps to ongoing series spotlighting local businesses and leaders, including many items submitted by local organizations. *The Reporter's* website (www.thereportergroup.org) and Facebook page complement the print edition.

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

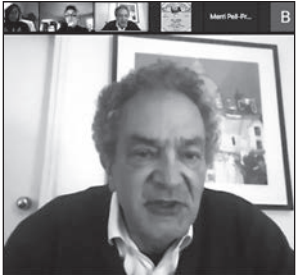
Rebecca Goldstein Kahn
Editorial Board Chairwoman

The fall 2022 program theme was "Two Lectures and a Movie," and featured two speakers on topics relating to American Jewish politics, Professors Yoav Fromer (Tel Aviv University), and Allan Arkush (Binghamton University). A silent movie, "The Ancient Law," was also presented and featured live music by Alicia Svigals and Donald Sosin. The spring 2023 series was "Jews and Ukraine: History and the Current Conflict" and featured talks by Professor Marci Shore (Yale University), Professor Gina Glasman (Binghamton University) and Lord Maurice Glasman (of the British House of Lords).

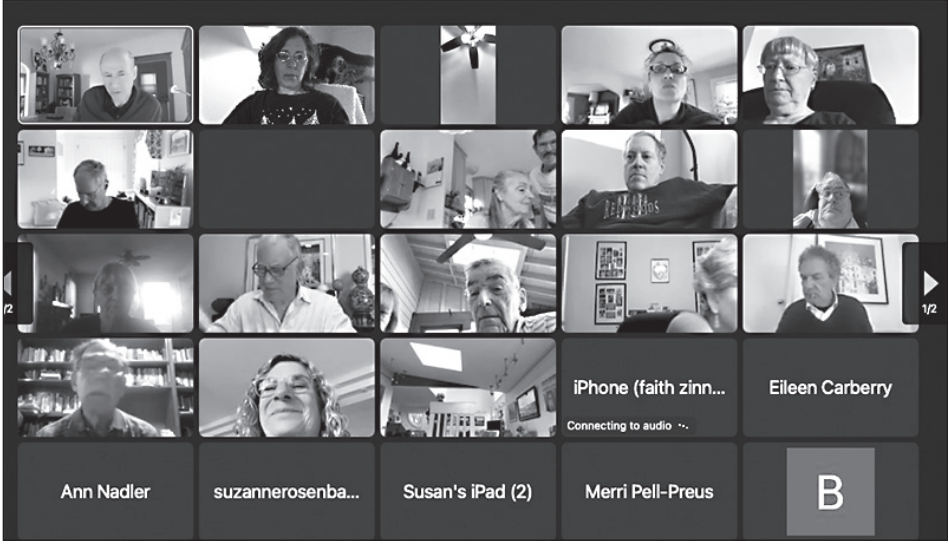
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The College of Jewish Studies committee is comprised of representatives from the local Jewish community and faculty from Binghamton University.



Above: The College of Jewish Studies lecture on May 11 featured Lord Maurice Glasman, whose talk was called "There are No Jews Left in Ukraine." At right: Members of the community listened to Lord Maurice Glasman speak.



Seen around the community...



Rabbi Zev Silber (left) talked during the Holocaust memorial service on October 2. Shown in back (l-r): Shelley Hubal, executive director of the Federation, and Alice Bonis, who also spoke.



At left: Jailyn Stein, shown with the Rumble Ponies mascot, threw out the first pitch on July 10, 20022, at the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's day at the Rumble Ponies.



BU students enjoyed the "Pizza and Parsha" class at Chabad.



L-r: Marlene Serkin, Judy Silber and Rita Bleier attended the Beth David Sisterhood Sukkot celebration on October 12.



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



Students created works of art at Hillel Academy of Broome County's Family Art Night on May 24. (Students names held on request.)



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Other Organizations

William H. Seigel Lodge of B’nai B’rith

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

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

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

Ithaca Area United Jewish Community

The Ithaca Area United Jewish Community raises funds to support a variety of Jewish organizations in Tompkins County, such as the Hillels at Cornell University and Ithaca College, the religious schools of Temple Beth-El and Congregation Tikkun v’Or, B’Yachad Jewish Preschool and Chabad of Ithaca. IAUJC also allocates funding to programs that support Jewish communities in Israel and around the world. IAUJC functions as an umbrella organization for the Ithaca area and endeavors to welcome all Jewish members of the community. Cultural and educational programs are also created and supported by IAUJC.

The IAUJC Holocaust Speakers Bureau, headed by Gale Halpern, provides volunteer speakers who travel to local middle and high schools. From March-May 2023, first and second generation Holocaust survivors presented in 12 local classrooms, reaching 945 students. Working with the bureau, the Ithaca College Park Scholars have recorded the stories of local Holocaust survivors and created a series of videos that can be shown in the classroom. The videos are available on the IAUJC website at <https://iaujc.org/holocaust-education/oral-histories-and-books-local-interest>.

On April 17, IAUJC hosted its ninth annual community Holocaust commemoration, once again in person at Temple Beth-El. This program is very well attended, whether in person or virtually, attracting both Jewish and non-Jewish community members. This year, the Holocaust commemoration featured Ithaca High School teacher Severin Drix, who was born in a displaced persons camp after World War II. He spoke about his father’s experiences in the war. Drix, together with his father, Dr. Samuel Drix, wrote “Witness to Annihilation: Surviving the Holocaust,” a memoir of Dr. Drix’s experiences, which was published in 1994, and is available online.

Serving the Jewish youth of Tompkins County is one of IAUJC’s objectives. Since 2008, IAUJC has sponsored the PJ Library, which provides free monthly books to Jewish children from birth to age 9. PJ has been very active this past year, during the pandemic, offering holiday gift bags of activities and treats, as well as Zoom gatherings devoted to the holidays and Shabbat. Local families were able to meet in person for outdoor events for Rosh Hashanah and Tu B’Shevat. Currently, there are approximately 175 subscribers in the Ithaca area.

During the pandemic, recognizing sudden financial needs of community members, the IAUJC established The Hesed Emergency Fund. Created in 2020, with generous contributions from donors, IAUJC has been able to assist



Severin Drix spoke about his father’s experiences in the Holocaust on April 17, at the IAUJC’s Yom Hashoah event.

a number of individuals and families. Support comes in the form of direct payments to creditors and gift cards to local grocery stores.

Through the generosity of the late Robert and Marcia Ascher, the IAUJC has been able to award grants to assist families interested in sending their children to Jewish summer camp and teen experiences. This summer, the ninth year providing awards, \$8,850 has been awarded to seven children.

Thanks to an anonymous 10-year gift totaling \$500,000 made in 2015, IAUJC also supports four humanitarian projects in southern Israel. These projects include Lunch and Learn in Dimona, a program that offers an after-school program for at-risk elementary students; Youth Futures, which provides mentors to work with at-risk elementary and middle school children and their families; the Ethiopian National Project, School Performance and Community Empowerment (or SPACE) program, which provides after-school scholastic assistance to Ethiopian-Israeli youth in grades seven-12 and their families; and the AMIT Elaine Silver Technological High School, which provides mentoring and vocational training to teenagers who have not succeeded in traditional schools.

This is also the second year featuring the new Global Spotlight Initiative. The IAUJC board invites donors to nominate international non-profit organizations doing important humanitarian work assisting Jews globally, including in Israel. Two organizations were selected this See “IAUJC” on page 8A



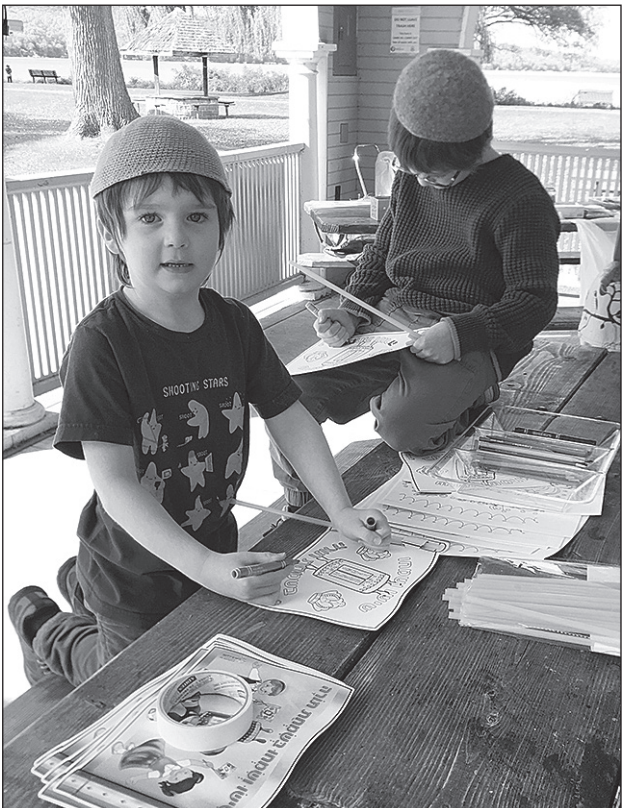
The IAUJC supports a Lunch and Learn program in Dimona, Israel, which is an after-school program for at-risk elementary students. Seen are participants enjoying a birthday party.

B’Yachad Ithaca Jewish Preschool

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

At B’Yachad, each child enjoys individualized attention and a strong connection with faculty and other students due to the excellent faculty to student ratio. In B’Yachad’s small classrooms, children are given the opportunity to develop self-confidence in a warm, supportive and nurturing environment, and to develop security and stability, all while engaging in play and educational activities. Music, dance, yoga, and art are important components of the B’Yachad daily program. The program emphasizes meaningful – and fun – experiential learning, and seeks to provide a positive and nurturing social experience for its children. A large outdoor play yard, with climbing structures and a sand box, offers snow play in the winter and gardening activities in warmer weather.

B’Yachad has its home at Temple Beth-El in downtown Ithaca (402 North Tioga St., Ithaca, NY 14850) and is open to all children ages 2.5-5 years. During the school year, B’Yachad offers a full-day program from 8:30 am-2:30 pm, along with a 8:30 am-11:30 am half-day option and a 2:30-3 pm extended day. B’Yachad Ithaca Jewish Preschool is licensed by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. For inquiries and registration, visit the B’Yachad website at www.ithacajewishpreschool.com, e-mail byachadithaca@gmail.com or call 607-273-5775 (the Temple Beth-El office).



The IAUJC hosted a PJ Library event for Simchat Torah.

Board of Rabbis

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

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

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| Jewish Holiday Calendar | | |
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| HOLIDAY | 2024-25 • 5784 | 2025-26 • 5785 |
| Rosh Hashanah | Saturday-Sunday, September 16-17 | Thursday-Friday, October 3-4 |
| Yom Kippur | Monday, September 25 | Saturday, October 12 |
| Sukkot | Saturday-Friday, Sept. 30-October 6 | Thursday-Wednesday, October 17-23 |
| Shemini Atzeret | Saturday, October 7 | Thursday, October 24 |
| Simchat Torah | Sunday, October 8 | Friday, October 25 |
| Chanukah | Friday-Friday, December 8-15 | Thursday-Thursday, Dec. 26-Jan. 2 |
| Tu B'Shevat | Thursday, January 25 | Thursday, January 25 |
| Purim | Sunday, March 24 | Friday, March 14 |
| Passover | Tuesday-Tuesday, April 23-30 | Sunday-Sunday, April 13-20 |
| Yom Hashoah | Monday, May 6 | Thursday, April 24 |
| Yom Ha'atzmaut | Tuesday, May 14 | Thursday, May 1 |
| Lag B'Omer | Sunday, May 26 | Friday, May 16 |
| Yom Yerushalayim | Wednesday, June 5 | Monday, May 26 |
| Shavuot | Wednesday-Thursday, June 12-13 | Monday-Tuesday, June 2-3 |
| Shiva'a Asar B'Tammuz | Tuesday, July 23 | Sunday, July 13 |
| Tisha B'Av | Tuesday, August 13 | Sunday, August 3 |

Seen around the community...



Approximately 70 people attended the Yom Ha'atzmaut program celebrating Israel's 75th anniversary that was held by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton at Temple Israel on April 23.



L-r: Stacey Silber, Natalie Weiss Pachter, Gina Santiago, Joshua Witte and Charlotte Shults waited for the beginning of the Purim seudah at Beth David synagogue.



Some of the attendees at one of Chabad's Tea and Talk events, a monthly hour-long gathering for local Jewish seniors co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton.

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year from the nominations – Hand in Hand Schools in Israel, where Jewish and Arab children learn together, including bilingual and multicultural curriculum; and Neve Shalom, a village in central Israel, where Jews and Arabs live together and where their children also attend the same school. IAUJC invites community members to become active volunteers and donors, and to provide feedback on its programs. For more information, contact info@iaujc.org or visit www.iaujc.org.

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Broome County Synagogues

Beth David Synagogue

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

Beth David is known throughout the community for its activity and involvement in all community functions, events and organizations. Its members occupy leadership roles in communal organizations and its rabbi is involved in community planning and events. All services and activities at Beth David are always open to any member of the community, regardless of synagogue affiliation. Members seek to make everyone and anyone comfortable, and welcome all with open arms. Beth David’s services, traditionally chanted in Hebrew, are made easy to follow. Many parts of the service are sung to traditional tunes, which help make them accessible to the novice and experienced alike. The veteran participants can always be counted upon to guide the visitors through the service, helping one feel at ease as a participant.

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

Social activities abound at Beth David. A weekly Shabbat *kiddush* after services reverts into a Shabbat

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

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

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

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

Beth David Synagogue is the main address when seeking a Jewish religious and social experience. Those with questions may call Beth David’s office at 607-722-1793. Regular office hours are Tuesdays, 10 am-1 pm; and Thursdays, 9 am-1 pm.



The Beth David Sisterhood held its opening meeting on September 14. Members learned about holiday food traditions. L-r: Judy Silber, Toby Kohn, Marcy Yonaty, Sima Auerbach, Dina Danon, Susan Hubal, Cathy Velenchik and Marlene Serkin.



L-r: Aaron Alweis, Judy Silber, Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu, Bob Kutz, Maria Kutz and Brian Tuberman (with his back to the camera) enjoyed hamantashen after the evening megillah reading.

Rohr Chabad Center of Binghamton

The Rohr Chabad Center in Broome County is an affiliate of the international Chabad-Lubavitch network, which maintains educational and social service institutions in approximately 4,600 locations. The Chabad Center is located at 420 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal; a satellite center serving the needs of BU students living downtown is located at 60 Henry St., in downtown Binghamton. While the primary focus of Chabad is its programs and services geared toward the thousands of Jewish students at Binghamton University, Chabad is open to all members of the Jewish community. There is no membership fee, nor is a prior background or experience in Jewish life necessary.

The people who avail themselves of Chabad’s numerous services and programs span the gamut of religious affiliation; the varied group includes those without formal affiliation at all. Chabad provides community members with many opportunities for enhancing their Jewish education and experience. To this end, it offers classes on a variety of topics, presented on multiple levels, free of charge. Private tutorials are offered, as well. Chabad Center is an affiliate of the prestigious Rohr Jewish Learning Institute and offers three semesters of JLI university level Judaic

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

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

The Women’s League for Chabad offers a local *shalach manot* service for the Purim holiday.

The Chabad Center administrated Barrett J. Raff Maa-sim Tovim Foundation volunteers visit residents in area nursing homes, as well as shut-ins, on a weekly basis with programming and special food gift packages distributed before every holiday. Individuals interested in joining this group, or having a friend or relative visited, should call the Chabad office.

Chabad Center publishes the Hakesher magazine, as



Binghamton University students enjoyed time at Chabad Downtown.



Some of the attendees at Chabad’s November Tea and Talk, a monthly hour-long gathering for local Jewish seniors co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton.



JLI classes were held in person and online through Chabad.

well as the Jewish Art Calendar, both of which it sends free of charge to community members.

In sum, Chabad Center is many things to many people, but for all it is a warm, open and welcoming environment where Jewish education, enrichment and joy is the priority. For more information, to join the mailing list or to set up an appointment to visit with the Chabad staff, call the office at 607-797-0015, or e-mail aslonim@binghamton.edu. Don’t forget to visit Chabad’s websites at www.chabad-ofbinghamton.com or www.JewishBU.com.



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Temple Concord

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

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

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

Worship

Friday evening Shabbat services are held weekly, at 7:30 pm both in the building and online via Zoom and Facebook Live. Monthly "Havdalah with a Bonus" is held online. Saturday morning family services are held at 10:35 am when religious school is in session. Jewish holidays are an important part of the year. High Holidays, festival and holiday services and programs are open to all. Services are designed for people to find the joy of Judaism within the context of community worship. As part of Shabbat and holiday celebrations, Temple Concord congregants often will often come together for a celebratory meal.

Community

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

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

The Social Action Committee focuses on *tikkun olam*, making the world a better place. The committee sponsors programs of social and political interest and engages in political awareness and advocacy efforts. Recently, these have included programs on human rights, immigration, LGBTQ+ issues, combating racism and other forms of hate, and lo-



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

cal community involvement. The committee sponsors several mitzvah collection projects where a community agency is selected and a list of needed items is produced. Members of the committee and other congregants help prepare and serve hot meals to the needy at the Trinity Canteen at Trinity Memorial Church in Binghamton. Temple Concord is one of the principle groups in the Children of Abraham of the Southern Tier, which seeks to foster dialogue and understanding between Jewish, Christian and Muslim residents in Greater Binghamton.

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

The members of Caring Community prepare and serve meals of consolation following the funeral of temple members. They provide additional support to members at times of illness, accident, or other needs.

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

Education

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

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The children attending the Temple Concord Religious School helped lead the last service of the school year on May 6. Shown are students with their parents and teachers.

Temple Israel

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

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

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

Temple Israel has reached its 137th birthday as a Conservative synagogue. It welcomes all, solos and families, into a friendly, caring environment, replete with a variety of activities on several levels in an effort to enhance the social, spiritual and educational well-being of its members. As an egalitarian congregation, it allows men and women to sit together and count in the minyan.

The Hebrew school provides a Jewish education for children preschool through 13 years, meeting Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons, and offers periodic

Shabbat programming. Students receive instruction in Hebrew, prayer, rituals and traditions, as well as Jewish history, Israel and current events. All study is geared to preparing them to become knowledgeable Jewish adults, taking their rightful place in the congregation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Two dozen Temple Israel congregants—mostly live, a few via Zoom—enjoyed a participatory Purim megillah recitation with Rabbi Geoffrey Brown on March 6. Shown are some of those who took part in the reading.



Temple Israel's informal Purim costume contest was won by a pair of intergalactic travelers. Hamantaschen were served as refreshments.

Area Synagogues

Congregation Tikkun v'Or

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

Spirit

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

Members treasure the richness and complexity of the community. The wide diversity of beliefs and relationships to God are a source of strength and learning. Congregation Tikkun v'Or is a safe place for members to share their faith and their doubt as they support one another in the search for meaning and purpose in their lives.

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

Community

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

Members take to heart "my house is a house of prayer for all people" (Isaiah 56:7) and seek to include rather than exclude. Tikkun v'Or welcomes interfaith families, LGBTQ people and others who have been denied full

acceptance in the broader community. Tikkun v'Or treasures the members of its congregation who are not Jewish and celebrates the interfaith character of the community.

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

Justice

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

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

"Spirit, Community and Justice" are integrated into all aspects of the life of the congregation. May all be blessed to witness the day when "love and truth will meet, justice and peace will kiss" (Psalms 85:11).

Students in kindergarten-seventh grade/bmitzvah can join Jewish Learning Experiences, with classes on Sunday mornings, Wednesday afternoons, or Shabbat morning programs.

Teens can join in the Jewish community program Ithaca No'ar.

There are classes and programs for adults. Members participate in holiday celebrations, community social action projects, Shabbat dish-to-pass dinners, Shabbat-in-the-community, Shabbat-in-the-Park, music and dance programs, guest speakers, discussion groups and special events. There are several active working groups of the Social Justice Committee.

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

Shabbat services are held every Friday evening, usually at 7:30 pm. They are led either by Rabbi Shifrah Tobacman or lay leaders. Most are offered both in-person and on Zoom.

The synagogue is located at 2550 Trip-hammer Rd., Ithaca. For more information

about Congregation Tikkun v'Or, call 607-256-1471, visit www.tikkunvor.org, e-mail info@tikkunvor.org or write to P.O. Box 3981, Ithaca, NY 14852.



Congregation Tikkun v'Or's Jewish Learning Experiences Kitah Dalet-Hey students played Israel Twister.

Norwich Jewish Center

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

A rabbi serves the egalitarian congregation on a part-time basis. Shabbat study sessions are held on designated Saturday mornings at 10 am. Call ahead, text or e-mail to confirm dates.

Call Guilia Greenberg at 373-5087 for information. There is also an answering machine at the Jewish Center, 334-2691. Callers are asked to leave a message including their phone number with area code. Information can also be requested by e-mailing fertigj@roadrunner.com.

The Norwich Jewish Center conducts



The Norwich Jewish Center

Shabbat study sessions on designated Saturdays, and various cultural and community events throughout the year. Call ahead for information.

Penn-York Jewish Community

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

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



Kitah Vav-Zayin students made hummus in their Congregation Tikkun v'Or's Jewish Learning Experiences class

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Temple Beth-El is a welcoming, progressive, egalitarian synagogue that strives to preserve and enhance its members' Jewish heritage. The synagogue provides a wide range of religious, educational, social and cultural activities to encourage exploration of and involvement in Judaism, and it supports participation in the social action initiatives and interdenominational life of the broader community.

The temple is an active center of Jewish life for downtown Ithaca and the surrounding area, and is affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Temple Beth-El welcomes Jews from all backgrounds, persons of all cultures, races, ethnicities, genders and sexual orientations, as well as individuals of other faiths interested in exploring Jewish traditions. All are welcome to attend services and programs.

Visit the website, www.tbeithaca.org, for updated times of services and events.

Temple Beth-El provides support and education for all ages and for all life cycle events, and newcomers are always welcome. Programs described elsewhere in this Community Guide include B'Yachad Ithaca Jewish Preschool (www.ithacajewishpreschool.com) and the Rabbi Felix Aber Religious School.

Worship Services and Celebrations

- Most TBE services are held both in person and via Zoom.
- ◆ KABBALAT Shabbat and evening services take place every Friday evening, with times listed at the website homepage and calendar.
 - ◆ Shabbat morning services begin at 10 am. Morning services for children and youth, including Tot Shabbat, occur on a regular basis.
 - ◆ The daily minyan meets at 7:30 am (9 am on Sundays and federal holidays) and 5:30 pm, with some services via Zoom only.



A view of the windows in Temple Beth-El's sanctuary.

- ◆ Festival services on evenings and mornings generally follow the Shabbat schedule, with special programs available for families and children on Shavuot, Sukkot, Simhat Torah, Hanukkah and Purim.
- ◆ High Holy Days at Temple Beth-El include traditional worship, with extended services and special services with educational enrichment for children, youth and adults. TBE has announced that services to welcome 5784 in September 2023 will be led by Rabbi Amy Levin and Cantor Michael Zoosman. Services for preschoolers and youth will be led by Hazzan Star Wahnnon.

Youth Community

Temple Beth-El provides young people a balanced program of religious, social and educational activities. The program is offered in conjunction with the Tzafon Region of United Synagogue Youth (ninth through 12th grade) and Kadima (sixth through eighth grade).

Religious School

The program of the Rabbi Felix Aber Religious School of Temple Beth-El begins with preschool and extends through high school, and is open to members and others (except where noted).

Preschoolers and their adults meet once each month for a taste of religious school, including stories, songs, crafts and more to introduce Shabbat and holidays.

Kindergartners and first-graders attend classes on Sundays to learn about the holidays, Bible stories, Jewish values and a taste of the Hebrew language.

Second through seventh grades attend twice a week on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons for a comprehensive program that includes Hebrew reading, prayer, Torah study, Jewish ethics and values, the Jewish calendar and life cycle, history and Israel.

To prepare for greater participation in the life of the community and to enhance their study of liturgy, each class participates in leading a Shabbat service once each year.

B'nai mitzvah training begins in sixth grade and continues through seventh grade, with classroom instruction, as well as private weekly lessons. Preparation includes family meetings for all members of the family to participate in the learning that precedes the celebration. B'nai mitzvah opportunities are offered only to member families.

Ithaca's teen NO'AR program meets twice per month on Sundays in the early evening. Designed to accommodate busy student schedules, each session includes dinner and a chance to socialize with friends. Ithaca NO'AR is a place where teens can discuss relevant current events and topics with Jewish peers in a safe, nurturing space.

Adult Education

Regular classes for adults currently include "Chanting the Tanakh" and "Prayerbook Hebrew." Additional lectures and mini-courses occur throughout the year. Guest lecturers and visiting scholars often enhance these offerings. Many classes are available via Zoom.

Arts

TBE has an active Arts Committee that provides exhibits and programs throughout the year, focusing on art and entertainment. Programs include craft fairs; film festivals; an annual evening of Jewish stories, poetry and music; as well as special presentations by artists on their work.

Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El

Sisterhood enhances Jewish life at TBE by supporting the Religious School, sponsoring social, cultural and educational programs for its members and the community, and See "Beth-El" on page 19A

Temple Beth El of Oneonta

Temple Beth El of Oneonta is an egalitarian congregation affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Located approximately halfway between Binghamton and Albany, its membership of approximately 50 families is drawn from surrounding counties.

Services are held once a month on Friday evenings and adult Torah study takes place on Shabbat morning once a month. (Neither is held in the summer.) Religious school meets Sunday mornings during the school year. The Men's Club holds Sunday breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month and the Sisterhood meets on a Sunday as scheduled. An Israeli or Jewish-themed film is shown monthly. Services are being held in person and sometimes also on Zoom.

The synagogue has its own cemetery located in Oneonta. Plots are available for purchase.

Temple Beth El is located at 83 Chestnut St., Oneonta, NY 13820. The phone number is 607-432-5522; leave a



Temple Beth El of Oneonta

message for a return call. The temple's website, www.templebetheloneonta.org, is updated regularly. For more information, e-mail tbeoneonta@gmail.com.

Temple Brith Sholom

Temple Brith Sholom acts as the center for Jewish religious and cultural activities in Cortland, NY, and in the surrounding Cortland County community. A diverse group comprised of about 30 individuals and family members, Temple Brith Sholom frequently shares programs with the active SUNY Cortland Hillel, and participates in inter-faith community events. High Holiday services, Shabbat services and other events will be offered in person and/or virtually in 2023-24. Plans are currently under way to meet the religious and cultural needs of the congregation, as well as to host several concerts and other cultural on line or live events.

The community maintains a Jewish cemetery on the grounds of the Cortland Rural Cemetery. The congregation provides many opportunities for personal growth through service to the community, whether serving on the Board

of Trustees, serving on committees, leading services, or planning a special program. Members welcome new friends at any service or program. Temple Brith Sholom is located at 117 Madison St., Cortland, NY 13045. Its mailing address is PO Box 572, Cortland, NY 13045. For further information about services, other events, or the cemetery, call 607-756-7181. Also, see the temple's website (templebrithsholomcortland.org) and Facebook page for more information about services and events.

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to participate in these programs.

Adults have many opportunities to study together. Torah study takes place on Saturdays at 9:15 am and is open to all.

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

Alycia J. Harris, President
Orly Shoer, Religious School Principal



On May 13, the Temple Concord Saturday Morning Torah Study Group held its last Torah study with Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell. Seated (l-r): Goldman-Wartell and Rabbi Rachel Esserman. Standing (l-r): James Marcello, Liz Smithmeyer, Suzanne Holwitt, Murray Rosenberg, Patricia Jordan, Neisen Luks, Allen Alt and Ruth Dorfman. (Photo by Merri Pell-Preus)



Temple Beth-El of Ithaca's playground for children in the Rabbi Felix Aber Religious School and B'Yachad preschool.



The Temple Concord Sisterhood Shabbat and Board Installation service was held on May 19. Shown are board members and those who participated in the service. Bottom row (l-r): Marty Eisenstadt, Barbara Thomas, Sylvia Diamond, Hollie Levine and Babs Putzel-Bischoff. Second row: Shari Neuberger, Robin Hazen, Nancy Dorfman, Phyllis Kellenberger, Jesse Parker, Sima Auerbach and Marsha Luks. Top row: Deb Daniels, Roz Antoun, Suzanne Holwitt, Rabbi Rachel Esserman, Helene Philips and Carol Herz. (Photo by Rob Neuberger)

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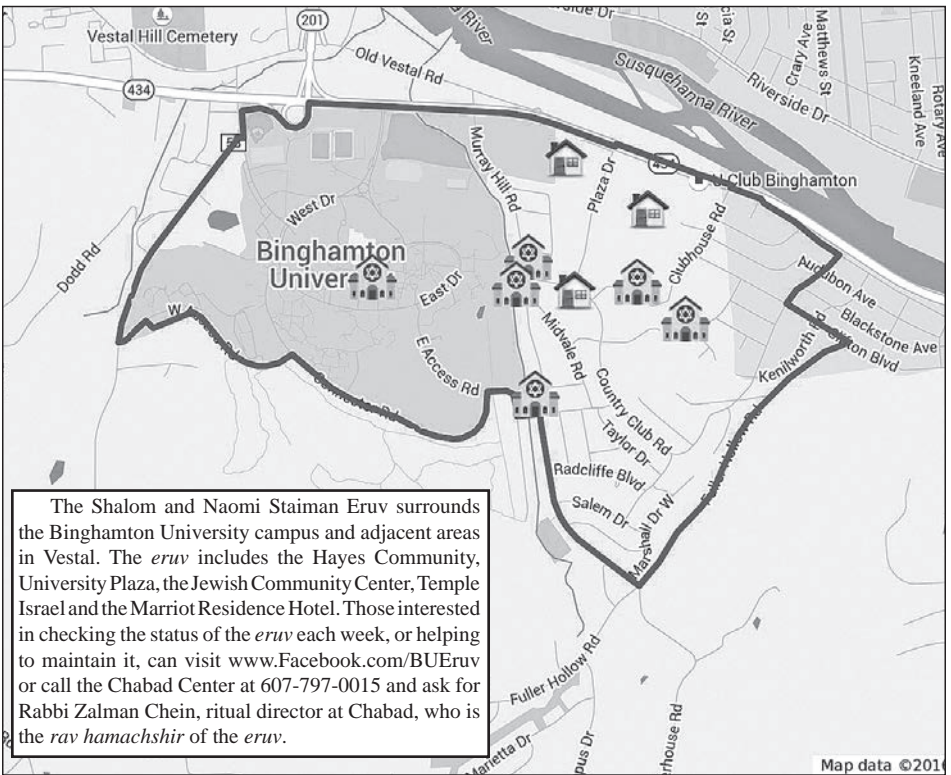
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Jewish Community Center

Mission Statement and Purpose

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

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

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

Dr. I.J. Rosefsky Early Childhood Center

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

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

Full-Day Program

The ECC's full-day program, opened in 1992, brings child care services year-round to families with children aged 6 weeks-5 years, from 7:30 am-5:30 pm Monday-Friday. The morning programs provide opportunities for both free

play and directed activities. Art, crafts, music, dramatic play, story-time, outdoor play, cooking, nature and science are included. The program also includes a weekly large-motor gym period, with instruction provided by a qualified physical education specialist, and the opportunity to swim in the JCC's pool, a unique offering among local programs. Morning and afternoon snack is provided.

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

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

Universal Pre-Kindergarten

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

Youth and Teen Programs/Services

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

Kids Connection

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

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

Adult and Senior Programs/Services

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

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

Friendship Club

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

during that month. The senior group also plans trips and outings during the year.

Yiddish Conversation Group

The Yiddish Group met at the JCC every Thursday for more than 20 years. It was a vibrant group of people, from all walks of life, who spent more than an hour each week in Yiddish conversation discussing serious and current topics, telling stories and jokes, writing poetry and more, with no knowledge of Yiddish required. If you are interested in getting this program up and running again, call the JCC.

Mind, Body and Health Programs/Services

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

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

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

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

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

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

Aquatics

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

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

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

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

JCC Summer Camp

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

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JCC ECC children celebrated Purim.



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School-age children in the JCC's Kids Connection program made mini pies for Thanksgiving.



JCC ECC children celebrated Shabbat on June 2 with Harry Cohen and musical guest Josh Hubal.



A water exercise class in the JCC's indoor heated pool.



Children enjoyed a variety of activities during the JCC's "Slice of Camp Specialty Camps" last summer.

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include week-long co-ed sports camps and specialty camps. Camp JCC continues to offer new programs designed specifically to address the changing needs of campers and their families. The professionally-run counselor orientation and training ensures the highest quality of camper supervision. Camp structure guarantees that children of all ages will be provided the opportunity to thrive and grow. The program emphasis on outdoor fun, physical growth and learning cooperation encourages children to explore new aspects of the world around them. Camp JCC is based at the Jewish Community Center complex (indoor and outdoor) at 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal. The location provides children with a safe, clean and flexible environment where they can enjoy all that summer has to offer, rain or shine.



Campers participated in Camp JCC's color wars last summer.

Camp JCC is the perfect place for young children to learn to swim, study nature, sing, dance, play sports, polish their sports skills, learn arts and crafts, explore folklore, and experience day trips, overnights and much more. All camp information and fees can be found online at www.binghamtonjcc.org.
Kashrut
The JCC adheres to *kashrut*, the Jewish dietary laws. Arrangements for kosher food for programs and activities may be made through the JCC office.
JCC Guest Pass Policy
JCC members in good standing may receive complimentary passes to the JCC for out-of-town house guests for a period of up to two weeks. A \$10 guest pass is required each time a local guest is brought to the JCC accompanied by a member. After three visits per year, local guests can choose to become a JCC member by visiting or calling the JCC office at 724-2417.
Seasonal Program Guide
JCC Program Guides are distributed and posted online in the spring, fall and winter. The Center offers educational, fitness, family-oriented and community-based programs and services for all ages, from toddlers through senior citizens. Day and evening classes, lectures and special programs are scheduled throughout the year. Those interested need not be members to enroll in the many JCC courses listed in the guide. The Program Guide can be found and downloaded from the JCC's website, www.binghamtonjcc.org, at any time. To receive a paper copy, call the JCC office at 724-2417.
The JCC is a member agency of the United Way of Broome

County and the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, whose support underwrites priority services for those who cannot afford to pay the full cost of fees and charges.

At right: At the JCC's 95th Annual Dessert Meeting on June 30, 2022, Sue and Mark Walker stood by the sign for the newly dedicated Walker Meeting Room.



The JCC held its 95th Annual Dessert Meeting on June 30, 2022. The Koffman family honored the late Buddy Koffman at the event.



Life Cycles

From the Jewish News of Greater Phoenix, with additions by Marc S. Goldberg.

Birth
When a child is born, parents choose a name, which is inscribed on the birth certificate. A Hebrew name also is chosen but is not given officially until the *brit milah* or *simchat bat*.
In Jewish families of European origin (Ashkenazic), a child usually is named after a deceased relative. In families of Mediterranean origin (Sephardic), a child usually is named after a living relative the parents wish to honor.
Brit Milah
Circumcision, or *brit milah*, is performed to symbolize the covenant between God and Israel. A healthy baby boy is circumcised on the eighth day of life. The ceremony includes giving the child his Hebrew name. Traditionally, circumcision is done by a *mohel* (a person ritually trained to perform circumcisions).
Beth David Synagogue suggests that people call the rabbi to arrange the *brit milah*, including arranging for a *mohel* to perform the circumcision.
Congregation Tikvun v'Or can arrange for a *brit milah* or alternative Jewish ceremonies (with or without circumcision) to welcome children into the Jewish community.
Ceremonies can be arranged for Temple Beth-El of Ithaca members and newcomers. A certified *mohel* is engaged for circumcision.
Cantor David Green of Temple Beth El of Oneonta coordinates the *brit milah* for the congregation.
Temple Concord works in coordination with local physicians for *brit milah* ceremonies.
Temple Israel refers people to a certified *mohel*.

Simchat Bat
The birth of a baby girl traditionally is marked in the synagogue, when her father or parents are called to the Torah on the Sabbath to give the newborn girl her Hebrew name. There are also baby-naming ceremonies available to be used at home or in a synagogue.
Beth David Synagogue can arrange a *simchat bat* ceremony in the synagogue or in the home.
Congregation Tikvun v'Or can arrange for *simchat bat* or alternative Jewish ceremonies to welcome children into the Jewish community.
Temple Beth-El of Ithaca can arrange a *simchat bat* service for members and newcomers.
Cantor David Green of Temple Beth El of Oneonta coordinates the *simchat bat* ceremony for the congregation.
Temple Concord encourages *simchat bat* ceremonies for naming a girl to be held at temple.
Temple Israel will arrange a *simchat bat* ceremony according to the Sephardic ritual, in the home, or according to the Ashkenazic ritual, in the synagogue.

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

his ability to be counted as a member of the congregation. In most Reform and Conservative synagogues, the bat mitzvah ceremony is identical to that of the bar mitzvah. In Orthodox synagogues the ceremony varies.
“Today, I am a man,” the old cliché bar mitzvah speech begins and, in a religious sense, it is accurate. A bar mitzvah marks a religious coming of age. A bar or bat mitzvah is now religiously responsible for their actions and can participate in most religious functions as an adult.
And then, after this serious demonstration, there is the party. It can range from an elegant luncheon for the congregation immediately following the service, to a full-blast catered affair on Saturday night. Aside from the ritual blessings associated with any meal, there are no rituals required here, just fun – and a sense of relief on the part of the bar/bat mitzvah.
At Beth David Synagogue, the traditional bar mitzvah ceremony can be held on Shabbat or another day that the Torah is read. The bat mitzvah is expected to give an in-depth talk to the congregation demonstrating serious learning of some aspect of Judaism. The bat mitzvah may also lead some religious ceremonies such as *Havdalah*. Each ceremony is individually planned with the participation of the parents and rabbi.
Congregation Tikvun v'Or offers education and bmitzvah preparation as part of the religious school program. Adult bmitzvah programs are offered when requested.
Temple Beth-El of Ithaca provides *b'nai* mitzvah training to students and their families. B'nai mitzvah celebrations are limited to synagogue members.
Temple Beth El of Oneonta has a bar and bat mitzvah program, which the cantor conducts.
Temple Concord has a bar/bat mitzvah guide available for parents. In addition to leading worship services and reading from the Torah, *b'nai* mitzvah students are required to do a mitzvah project.
Temple Israel has a bar/bat mitzvah guide available for parents. The guide covers the history of the ceremony, the honors given out in the synagogue, making party arrangements, etc.
To make bar/bat mitzvah arrangements, call any of the synagogues to get particulars on what they require.

Confirmation
For Reform and some Conservative Jews, the confirmation year, 10th or 11th grade, represents a special time of celebration and commitment. Typically, the year includes

study and meetings with the rabbi, culminating in a special service, often held during Shavuot since that holiday commemorates the receiving of the Torah by the Jewish people.
The confirmation class at Temple Concord is for ninth- and 10th-graders. It follows two years of study in eighth and ninth grade in the Kollel program. The curriculum of the class includes Jewish texts that help the students find ways to make Judaism relevant in their own personal lives. A creative confirmation worship service is held on Shavuot.
Mikvah
Mikvah is a ritual bath of water used for spiritual purification. For many Jews, married life involves laws of *taharat hamishpachah* (family purity), after menstruation. The *mikvah* is also used today by some brides and grooms before their wedding, for purification before the High Holy Days and to renew or establish a deep commitment to Judaism. Converts to Judaism traditionally go to the *mikvah* as part of the birth of a new Jewish soul. New cooking utensils and dishes are taken to the *mikvah* before they are used in a Jewish home.
A *mikvah* is located at Beth David Synagogue in Binghamton. It is modern, beautiful, filtered and heated. Persons wishing to use it must schedule their visit in advance by calling the *shul* office at 607-722-1793.
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Binghamton University

Hillel at Binghamton

Hillel at Binghamton, established in 2001, sponsors social, educational, religious and cultural programs for the nearly 4,000 Jewish students at Binghamton University. The office is located in the University Union on the second floor and the student lounge is located on the third floor. Hillel at Binghamton is served by a dedicated staff and group of student leaders. The commitment and support of the Hillel at Binghamton lay board – along with the Binghamton Jewish community, Binghamton alumni, parents, friends and other stakeholders – enables the staff and student leaders to create a

pluralistic Jewish atmosphere that encompasses students from all backgrounds at Binghamton University. Hillel at Binghamton’s programs are truly led by the students. Seven student leaders are elected to the Executive Board and oversee nearly 90 student leaders in more than 12 program areas. Hillel’s hardworking students envision, plan and implement more than 200 programs each semester, ensuring a wide variety of options for Jewish students on campus. Hillel programs reach more than 2,000 different students throughout the year.

Among the program offerings each year are:

- ◆ **Israel programming:** In addition to two Birthright trips per year, Hillel offers many different Israel programs throughout the semester. Bearcats for Israel hosts several successful programs annually, such as Café Aroma, with hundreds of students enjoying Israeli cuisine and music, and the Leadership Reception, which brings together student leaders from 40 different student organizations. There is an annual Yom Ha’atzmaut (Israel’s Independence Day) celebration, as well. Hillel also offers a Jewish Learning Fellowship dedicated to asking big Israel questions. With Israeli learning, living and travel experiences plentiful, there are always ways to get involved with Israel through Hillel.
- ◆ **Shabbat:** More than 150 students find themselves in the C4 Multipurpose Room each week in order to spend Shabbat together. They enjoy a traditional meal, words of inspiration and the time to celebrate with their friends. Themed *Shabbatot* – such as Israel Shabbat and Interfaith Shabbat (a collaboration with the Muslim Student Association and Newman House) – bring even more students from every walk of life together to experience and celebrate Shabbat, and learn about what unites all Jews.
- ◆ **Jewish Learning:** The Orthodox Union and Hillel continued to partner in the Jewish Learning Initiative (or OU-JLIC) program, maintaining the ERUV throughout campus and the neighboring community, and weekly learning opportunities, guest speakers, Shabbat programming and support. Students were also supported by the Slifka fellowship, bringing Jewish Theological Seminary rabbinic students throughout the year. Reform Jews of Hillel hosted several brunch and learns to foster religious inclusion and pluralism on campus. In addition, the Jewish Learning fellowship hosts three to four small cohorts of about 20 students in deep, meaningful Jewish learning for 10 weeks of the semester, facilitating community through Jewish thought.
- ◆ **Social justice:** Making the world a better place is an important value to Hillel’s

students, as seen through both charity and actively volunteering. Hillel’s Committee for Social Justice promotes awareness and volunteerism, and fund-raises for philanthropic endeavors. This year, C4SJ ran a program, Transcriptions for the Smithsonians, Letters to Lone Soldiers and a Goods Deeds Day Series of letter writing to Holocaust survivors. Hillel at Binghamton’s Challah for Hunger chapter continues to be called one of the best in the country, and has baked and sold more than 2,500 challahs. Each week, volunteers bake and sell hundreds of loaves of kosher challah at several locations on campus, and 100 percent of sales are donated, half to Mazon and half to local organizations that provide food to the hungry.

- ◆ **Arts and culture:** The arts also remain a pillar of Hillel’s programming. Kaskeset, Hillel’s *a cappella* group, has become regionally well-known and is often invited to synagogues and Hebrew schools for performances. Jewish *a cappella* competitions give the students a chance to show how hard they have worked.
- ◆ **Social programming:** Hillel’s annual student-led FreshFest program allows new students to get to know other Jewish freshmen through a weekend-long retreat filled with fun and learning about the Jewish community on campus. Upperclassmen also create programming for first-year students to help them adjust to campus and to develop the next generation of Hillel leaders. Hillel also has regular social programming, including an opening weekend, welcome back barbecue and a formal. The students of Hillel also screened movies related to Holocaust education, sponsored bagel brunches to learn about sexuality and gender in Judaism, enjoyed “Caffeination Station” or weekly drop in and chat opportunity, and held ice cream socials.

All Hillel at Binghamton events are open to the community. Those interested can reach the Hillel at Binghamton office by calling 607-777-3424 or e-mailing hillel@binghamton.edu. Visit Hillel’s website, www.hillelatbinghamton.org, to learn more.

Center for Israel Studies

Founded in 2016, the Center for Israel Studies at Binghamton University offers academic courses featuring a Binghamton University minor in Israel studies, research opportunities, and programming for students and faculty. Three core faculty members offer courses in modern Israeli history, Hebrew and Israeli literature, and Israeli culture and society. The Center also directly supports undergraduate research, including paid summer internships and other research opportunities,

through grants and fellowships generously funded by donors. Lectures and workshops open to university and local community members enrich the Center’s academic offerings. Community members are invited to participate in courses and Center for Israeli Studies activities on campus and online through live-streaming of all events. For more information about courses and programming, contact the director, Professor Randy Friedman via e-mail at friedman@binghamton.edu.

Judaic Studies Department

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

erature, American Judaism, Israel studies, religious studies, Sephardi and Mizrahi studies and Holocaust studies – as well as language instruction in Hebrew and Yiddish. The department lists current courses on its web page: www.binghamton.edu/judaic-studies/undergraduate/courses.html. Students are encouraged to work as interns in local institutions through departmental community internships. Community members are invited to audit all courses in Judaic studies and Israel studies. For more information about courses, programming and auditing courses, contact the chair, Professor Beth Burch, via e-mail at bburch@binghamton.edu.

Binghamton University Zionist Organization

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

specifically the fundamental belief of Jewish self-determination in the historic Jewish homeland. BUZO works with a number of student and non-student organizations to create both educational and cultural events, which serve to enlighten and educate the

student body about Israel and the current situation in the Middle East between Israel and her neighbors. Although BUZO is an apolitical organization, it serves as a platform for political discourse. Events include guest speakers, leadership training, advocacy programs, and

fund-raisers. For more information and a schedule of upcoming events, e-mail buzo@binghamtonsa.org, follow BUZO on Instagram @buzo1948, and “like” BUZO on Facebook at www.facebook.com/buzo1948/info.

MEOR Upstate

MEOR Upstate serves the students of Binghamton University, Cornell University and other area colleges. MEOR seeks to create a vibrant Jewish future led by a new generation who are literate in Jewish wisdom, culture and heritage; instilled with a personal identity that inspires commitment to Jewish values; and empowered and engaged in the Jewish community and support of Israel. MEOR Upstate realizes that each person is unique and that true growth is an organic process. In that spirit, MEOR provides educational, religious and social programming to Jews of all backgrounds at Binghamton and Cornell universities, as well as other Southern Tier and Central New York colleges. Among MEOR’s offerings are seminars, fellowships, study abroad programs, talks and other events that are open to the greater community, trips to Israel and regional/national trips. MEOR’s semester-long seminars – named after Maimonides, the Jewish scholar and author – combine interactive learning with social and religious programming, and cover key areas of Jewish thought and practice. The Maimonides Fellows program

explores the fundamentals of Judaism and their application to the modern world. The Maimonides Scholars program offers more advanced Torah study; topics have included kosher fundamentals, talmudic ethics, Torah study and a women’s class dedicated to the study of women’s issues. The Maimonides Mentors program of classes and hands-on workshops seeks to provide students with the skills considered essential to Jewish leadership, with one track focused on “Kosher Fundamentals” and a second on “Shabbat Fundamentals.” All seminars are designed to accommodate even the busiest student’s schedule. Interested students must apply for admission to the seminars. Participants receive a monetary stipend upon completion of each seminar, which are made possible by donations from American Jewish philanthropists. All costs associated with each seminar are assumed by MEOR Upstate; there are no out-of-pocket expenses for student participants. MEOR’s Rabbi Chaim Harkavy, his wife Adina and their nine children welcome BU students to their home with homemade meals and religious services in celebration of Shabbat and holidays, and treat guests

like family. Throughout the academic year MEOR celebrates Shabbat from Friday sunset through Saturday night at the Maimonides House, located at 401 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal – right next to Binghamton University. Depending on how the Jewish calendar coincides with the BU academic calendar, the following holidays may be celebrated at the Maimonides House: Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Chanukah, Purim, Passover, Lag B’Omer and Shavuot. MEOR Upstate offers an array of travel opportunities to current students and alumni. Most trips are either in Israel or North America, though occasionally trips to Poland and other destinations appear. Many of the trips are subsidized and are open to young adults regardless of their involvement in MEOR Upstate. MEOR Upstate staff are available to answer any questions students or their parents may have. Trips to Israel include the free 10-day Birthright for Jewish young adults ages of 18-26, in partnership with Israel Free Spirit; MEOR Israel, a two-three week co-educational program based in Jerusalem that combines Torah study, touring throughout Israel, religious experiences and free-time; and MEOR Vision, a two-three

week program based in Jerusalem, with separate men’s and women’s tracks, that incorporates more advanced Torah study, leadership development and limited touring. MEOR Upstate facilitates opportunities for students to explore Judaism in the outdoors. The programs include outdoor activities and relaxation time, as well as classes taught by world-class educators. Heritage Retreats runs a men’s session and a women’s session during both the winter and summer in various locations out West. Sinai Retreats runs three men’s sessions and a women’s session throughout the summer in the Adirondack Mountains, only a few miles from Lake George, NY. MEOR Upstate also offers students the opportunity to study and grow at Jewish institutions both in America and Israel. All of the institutions cater to students regardless of their Jewish educational background, with four-six week programs during the winter and summer recesses, as well as semester and year-long programs for recent graduates or students looking to spend a semester or year studying abroad. MEOR runs two such institutions for young See “MEOR” on page 17A

Cornell University

Cornell University Hillel: The Yudowitz Center for Jewish Campus Life

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

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

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

students taking an active part in Jewish life, both on campus and at national and international locations for leadership training and service work. Cornell Hillel is a member of CURW (Cornell United Religious Work) and the Hillel offices are located in Anabel Taylor Hall. For news and activities of Jewish life on campus, visit Cornell Hillel's website at cornellhillel.org or call 255-4227.

The Center for Jewish Living at Cornell

The Center for Jewish Living at Cornell covers one square acre located at 106 West Ave. on the south edge of campus. CJL is comprised of a living community, kosher dining, and a location for religious holidays and education.

CJL is a vibrant hub of Jewish life for students across campus, providing a residential cultural community, kosher dining, a chapel for 24/7 prayer and meditation, Shabbat and holiday celebrations, religious services and rabbinic guidance. Cornell is home to a large and diverse Jewish community, and CJL connects students of all backgrounds. CJL religious and social programming events aim to imbue each student with a sense of belonging and community while reinforcing their connection to their Jewish roots. Jews of all backgrounds and levels of observance are welcome.

The residential house is the epicenter of the CJL community, serving as a home away from home for members. It is here

where students learn, study and connect in an inviting atmosphere. Thirty male and female students live in the CJL residence each semester.

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

The chapel is appointed with stained glass windows with verses from *Kohelet*. Three prayer services are held daily. More

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



than 200 students participate in religious services and faith education each week. CJL has a rabbi-in-residence in partnership with the OU Heshe and Harriet Seif Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus (or JLIC), a program of the Orthodox Union in partnership with the CJL Endowment.

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

educational pathway, research interests and university updates. Alumni visit regularly to meet with CJL members, and a Board of Trustees oversees endowment fund-raising. The CJL Endowment supports Shabbat celebration, kosher dining and enhancement of CJL attributes. For more information, contact the Center for Jewish Living at 607-272-5810 or e-mail vpcomm@cornellcjl.com. To support the CJL Endowment, send a gift to Cornell University, Acct# 0001399, PO Box 37334, Boone, IA 50037-0334.

Jewish Studies Program at Cornell

The Cornell University Jewish Studies Program was founded in 1973 on the conviction that understanding the impact and richness of Jewish culture requires training in the languages, literature and history of the Jewish people, as these developed across the globe and over thousands of years. Jewish Studies course offerings cover Jewish civilization from its ancient Near Eastern origins through its contemporary history. It is an interdisciplinary program, the interests of which are diverse and cross-cultural.

The program brings together faculty from an array of departments, including Anthropology; Classics; English; German Studies; History; Linguistics; Near Eastern Studies; Performing and Media Arts; Philosophy; Romance Studies; and Science and Technology Studies. The Jewish Studies Program provides instruction in a range of fields, including Semitic languages; the Hebrew Bible; medieval and modern Hebrew literature and film; ancient, medieval and modern

Jewish history; Holocaust studies; Jewish ethnography; and Yiddish culture. Undergraduate students can earn a minor in Jewish Studies. The Jewish Studies Program also supports graduate and undergraduate student research. Events and lectures throughout the academic year, sponsored by the Jewish Studies Program, serve to explore the depth and breadth of Jewish experience, and also allow partnerships with a broad range of other programs and departments.

The Jewish Studies Program's public programs are aimed at the general community, as well as a more specialized academic audience. Interested area residents are invited to contact the Jewish Studies Program, to follow it on Facebook at www.facebook.com/JWSTCornell and to join its e-mail list to receive updates about upcoming events and developments in the program. For more information on the Cornell University Jewish Studies Program, e-mail jewishstudies@cornell.edu.

Roitman Chabad Center at Cornell

The Roitman Chabad Center at Cornell University offers a warm and welcoming Jewish environment to all Jewish people in the Greater Ithaca area. Chabad caters to students, community members and visitors. The center, located at 102 Willard Way, Ithaca, provides open and lively Shabbat meals on

both Friday night and Saturday for lunch, as well as a traditional service on Friday night and Saturday morning. All Jewish holidays are celebrated at Chabad and open to the public. There are classes on a variety of topics offered by Chabad, including Jewish mysticism, the weekly Torah portion, Jewish law

and much more. The staff at Chabad are also available for one-on-one learning sessions on any topic. Chabad is now offering classes via Zoom (online video conferencing); sign up online at www.chabadcornell.com/zoom. In addition to events and classes, Chabad provides for all practical Jewish needs – *me-*

zuzahs, kashering a home, birth of a child, bar and bat mitzvah preparation, marriage, *mikvah* usage and assistance upon the passing of a relative, among others. Contact Chabad for all of your Jewish needs and RSVP for events via the website at www.chabadcornell.com.

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men in Jerusalem: Machon Shlomo and Machon Yaakov. MEOR has also partnered with three Jerusalem seminaries in order to provide comparable opportunities for young women: Neve Yerushalayim, Midrashet Rachel and Shearim. Other institutions include Aish HaTorah, Darchei Noam and Ohr Somayach (both in Israel and America). Additionally, MEOR Upstate offers internships in an array of fields, both in America and Israel, in partnership with the following programs: ♦ The J-Internship in Jerusalem, Israel, with internships in almost every field of interest and a customized program that incorporates Torah study at top institutions, as well as opportunities to tour Israel's sites, exploring Jewish heritage and enjoying contemporary Israeli society. The program can last anywhere from a few weeks to a few months, depending on a student's schedule. You may be eligible for grants. To be considered for the program you must be recommended by MEOR Upstate, so please be in touch if you're interested. ♦ The Lakewood Fellowship offers young men a choice of two internship tracks each

summer in finance and medicine. The programs are offered in combination with the Lakewood Fellowship, a one-week Torah study opportunity at America's largest institute of Jewish learning in Lakewood, NJ. ♦ PERI (Peer Educator Research Internship) allows students to enjoy an all-expense-paid internship in Jerusalem, Israel, during the winter and summer recess. The aim of the internship is to enrich the students' campus Jewish community by enabling them to share Torah wisdom with their peers. Interns are eligible for stipends. ♦ Sinai on the Hill places students interested in politics or social activism in a congressional internship in Washington, DC. The unpaid internship is combined with a session at Sinai Retreats in the Adirondacks. MEOR Upstate is a branch of the MEOR Heritage Foundation, which aims to bring the highest quality of Jewish programming to Jewish students at America's colleges and universities. For more information about the national MEOR Heritage Foundation, visit meor.org. For more information on MEOR Upstate, visit www.meorupstate.org or e-mail meorupstate@gmail.com.

Seen around the community...



Binghamton University students enjoyed time at Chabad Downtown.

Kashruth Guide

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Local Kosher Establishments

Kosher Kitchen of Binghamton University

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

104West! Kosher Dining Hall at Cornell University

104 West Ave., Ithaca
 Satellite dining hall, It's Kosher!, in Northstar Dining Room at Appel Commons
 Kashrut supervision provided by the Star-K under full-time mashgiach.

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 Phone: 272-6907 (or 272-5810 Young Israel of Cornell)
 Kosher meals are also available at various other dining halls on the Cornell campus. Cornell Dairy products – pasteurized and chocolate milks, ice cream and yogurt – are now certified kosher by the OU and are sold on campus in the dining halls and at the Dairy Bar in Stocking Hall.

Terrace Dining Hall at Ithaca College

IC Kosher Korner has a station in Terrace Dining Hall, which is open when the college is in session (closed mid-May through late August).
 Kosher grab-n-go meals are available in Campus Center Dining Hall.

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encouraging Jewish observance. The Sisterhood is affiliated with the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, which provides members with a voice in national and global arenas.

Community Activities

TBE members participate in a variety of Jewish initiatives that seek to widen and deepen engagement with Judaism. The Ithaca Area United Jewish Community supports many projects at the local and international level, including PJ Library, and sponsors an annual Holocaust Memorial event at TBE. IAUGC is a network organization of the Jewish Federation. The congregation contributes to Mazon and encourages active support of Mercaz and the Masorti movement in Israel.

In the wider Ithaca community, TBE belongs to and supports Area Congregations Together, an organization of local congregations. TBE members assist with ACT's Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard food pantry by collecting and distributing food, as well as participating in the administration of the Cupboard. In addition, the congregation helps provide personal care items to clients of Catholic Charities. TBE's Social Action Committee and individual members are involved in a wide range of other activities both locally and beyond.

Kosher supervision by Star K.
 Hours as of spring 2023:
 Sun. brunch 10 am-2 pm
 Mon.-Thurs. lunch 11 am-2 pm, dinner 5-7 pm
 Fri. lunch 11 am-1:30 pm
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 Phone: 274-3905

Kosher Meat

There is no local kosher butcher.
Binghamton Price Chopper
 Foundry Plaza, 10 Glenwood Ave., Binghamton
 Phone: 770-7151
 This store carries packaged products, and frozen meats and chicken.

Lipman's Kosher Market

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 Phone: 585-271-7886
 Glatt kosher meat deliveries are usually once a month to Temple Beth-El of Ithaca. Call Lipman's for more information or visit its Facebook page. Kosher supervision by Rochester Kosher Services and Buffalo Vaad Kashrut (BVK).

Wegmans

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

Wegmans

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

Weis Markets

50 Pennsylvania Ave., Binghamton
 Phone: 762-5410
 Carries a small selection of fresh and frozen kosher poultry.
Weis Markets
 100 Rano Blvd., Vestal
 Phone: 763-8712
 Carries a small selection of fresh and frozen kosher poultry.

Supermarket Products

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

BJ's Wholesale Club

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

Green Star Cooperative

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

Price Chopper

Foundry Plaza, Binghamton
 Endicott
 Oneonta

Tops Supermarket

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

Trader Joe's

744 S. Meadow St., Ithaca
Wegmans
 Harry L. Dr., Johnson City
 Elmira Rd., Ithaca
Weis Markets
 Various locations

Seen around the community...



Congregation Tikkun v'Or's Jewish Learning Experiences students learned about counting the omer with Rabbi Shifrah Tobacman.



Younger members of the JCC attended the JCC's 95th Annual Dessert Meeting on June 30, 2022.



The planning committee members for Rohr Chabad of Binghamton's Shabbat 2000 held at Binghamton University.

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 Office Hours: Tues., 10 am-1 pm; Thurs. 9 am-1 pm
 E-mail: bethdavid@stny.rr.com
 Rabbi’s e-mail: rabbisilber@stny.rr.com
 Website: www.bethdavid.org

BinghamtonUniversityZionistOrganization

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 Website: <https://www.binghamton.edu/centers/israel-studies/>

Chabad of Oneonta – 845-204-7436

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 Facebook: Chabad of Oneonta - Rohr Jewish Student Center

Congregation Tikkun v’Or – 256-1471

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 Website: www.tikkunvor.org

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