Federation to hold Super Sunday on August 29

By Reporter Staff

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton will hold Super Sunday on Sunday, August 29, at 10 am, at the Jewish Community Center, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal. It will feature a brunch, a comedy routine by comedian Josh Wallenstein and a showing of the film “Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles” about the Broadway musical “Fiddler on the Roof.” Larry Kassan, who has directed productions of the musical, will facilitate the film discussion. The cost of the brunch and film is $15 and reservations are requested by Sunday, August 22. To make reservations, visit the Federation’s website, www.jfbg.org, or contact the Federation at director3@jfbg or 724-2332.

“We are hoping to get community members to pledge early this year,” said Shelley Hubal, executive director of the Federation. “We started the 2021 Campaign with almost 25 percent of the pledges already made. That helped to cut back on the manpower we needed to get through the Campaign. When the community pledges early the allocation process is much easier. We also want the snow birds to have an opportunity to get involved before they leave for summer climates this fall.”

Wallenstein, who hails from Wallenstein, will share a comedy routine. During the pandemic, he returned to this area from California where he had been performing stand-up. “Since last Valentine’s Day, he has been working as a fifth-grade teaching assistant and was recently featured in a New York Times article about how to Share Behind the Scenes of Virtual Teaching.

Larry Kassan will facilitate the film discussion of “Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracle” at Super Sunday on August 29. For more information about the event, see the article on this page.

Larry Kassan, who is coordinator of special events and theatre at the Rod Serling School of Fine Arts at Binghamton City School District, knows “Fiddler on the Roof”: not only has he seen more than a dozen productions of the musical, but he has directed, designed or produced “Fiddler” at least six times. Why does he feel the musical is so popular? “I can say that in one word: tradition,” he noted in an e-mail interview. “Honestly, Tevye’s story is universal. It touches who we see it. I recently was watching ‘The King and I.’ I could even see Tevye’s struggles [as similar to those of the king of Siam] a changing world [where one is] so desperately trying to hold onto one’s traditions.”

The many performances he’s seen range from community theatre to Broadway. He noted, “I saw the recent revival and a revival a lifetime ago starring Harvey Fierstein, who took over the role from Alfred Molina. I must admit my favorite to date was the all-Yiddish revival directed by Joel Grey at the New York City Museum of Jewish Heritage. It was wonderful and held a special place in my heart since my mother always got a kick from it. A month later, I sobbed through the wedding scene and ‘Sunrise Sonata’ when I got to meet the actor, Claus Evans, play the lead in an outdoor summer production in Albany, but surprisingly never saw him here at the former Cider Mill Playhouse.”

His connection with the musical began young. He noted that his first production took place during his high school years at his temple on Long Island. Other performances include those at community theaters and summer stock productions, including one in Lake Placid, NY, just prior to the 1980 Winter Olympics. But some of his favorite memories are from productions held in the Binghamton High School Helen Foley Theatre.

“As you know, [Binghamton High School] is a very diverse school and our cast both reflected and celebrated this diversity,” Kassan said. “Tevye, who makes a point often throughout the musical, is the one that has five daughters! In our production of his five daughters, one was African American, see “Kassan” on page 5.

There are two delivery options: 
- Honeybee: Group gifts that are for local delivery only. The first box sent is $18, additional boxes are $6 each. The person’s name will be included on a group card delivered with the gift box.
- Bumblebee: A gift box is $18 and will be sent to a single recipient anywhere in the U.S. along with a custom greeting.

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Orders with payment must be received by the temple office by Monday, August 16, and include the recipient’s name and address. To place an order, call the temple office at 724-7461, or e-mail titammy@stny.twc.com.

The Reporter’s Annual Community Guide is inside this paper.
“I pledge to be funny.” Those are the words my son Joshua wrote down years ago when he was asked to sign a behavior contract before going to sleep-away camp. Not satisfied with just coming up with a personal philosophy and respecting others and following the camp rules, he made a commitment that to himself and those around him in good spirits was just as important. I have no doubt he fulfilled his pledge. He came home from camp that summer with a huge smile, an endless repertoire of catchy camp songs and lots of newly acquired knowledge of Jewish ideas and principles.

Last week, we dropped Joshua off at Camp Ramah New England where he will be participating in its special needs Tikvah program for the first time. After being home with his parents for the last 15 months, we feel blessed that Joshua can once again spend time with his peers and participate in fun, age appropriate activities in a Jewish setting.

Sending a kid off to camp in 2021 is a very different experience from other years. Joshua had to have two COVID tests before camp and another one before he could get out of the car on drop-off day. For months now, the camp has been sending weekly e-mails outlining COVID procedures and policies. Staff also held several town hall zoom meetings to answer camper and parent questions. Luggage this year had to be sent weeks in advance in lieu of packing because they were not allowed to step foot in camp. There will be no packages sent to camp this year because the staff needs to focus on other things and there will be no field trips.

As a parent who appreciates good communication and planning, I have marveled at the enormous efforts the camp administrators underwent this last year to create not only a safe space for their campers, but a joyous place where they could come together and share their pride as Jewish people with other kids who are in a very difficult time. It has been an inspiration to witness the camp staff providing each challenge for the greater good of the young people in their care. In some ways, Federation has the same mission: we are committed to creating a meaningful Jewish life for the people of the Binghamton community.

There was no behavior contract for Joshua this year, but I am certain there is a bunk somewhere in the woods of the Berkshires where a young man is upholding the commitment he has made to us and himself to be funny and share his good spirits with others. I am wishing you all a meaningful summer filled with laughter and joy.

**In My Own Words**

Emerging from the pandemic

*By Julianna Bat-Simeon*

Comparing this year with previous ones, I feel that life could start to resemble the pre-2020 normal. So, I am doing more than I thought I would. Go to a restaurant with no masks? That’s a double win! We finally got to explore our city without wearing a mask: the former normal now seems like a bit abnormal. I’m still wearing masks when going shopping and still limit the number of places I go. Informal “I’m just looking” shopping still rarely happens. There are still places I have to wear a mask and I don’t mind because my preference is to err on the side of caution. I approach Tisha B’Av, where God is also not with us, to mourn and wail at the tragedies that have befell our people. Rather, in the words of another rabbi at my university’s Hillel, “When people feel yearning for God, that is the manifestation of God’s compassion. Compassion is holding someone where they are and helping them to grow.”

As Jews, God wants us to strive to be our best selves, and through it all, we have evidence that God has not abandoned us. How does this relate to Judaism? Well, God made it a point to tell our ancestor Rachel in the biblical book of Jeremiah, “Thus says God, hold back your voice from weeping and your tears from tears: for there is reward for what you have done, says God, and they will return from the land of your enemies. There is hope for you says God, and says God, your children will return to their borders.”

Indeed, these prophetic words have come true: After years of exile, today, people can reclaim their homeland and returned to Israel. When we challenge ourselves to be better people and reconnect with God, we also come closer to achieving our goal of living peacefully with each other.

On Tisha B’Av, we will mourn a broken connection between the Jewish people and God, but God has always granted us the space to rebuild that connection. As we continue to fight for our homeland against those enemies who work to destroy it, as we make mistakes and struggle to pray sometimes, and in all we don’t always view all Jews as our family, God is still there to help us grow.

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

- Tablet presents new episodes of the cooking show "Joan Knows Best" at www.tabletmag.com/tags/joan-knows-best. Last summer, the co-founder of a 36-year-old Deli Henry Gerson, cooked together on Zoom. This year, they are doing it in person. The first episode is up and new episodes will air every other week for the remainder of the summer.

- The Tikvah Online Academy will hold "Great Speeches and Great Leaders," a new program for middle and high school students. The classes will study the "defining moments of Jewish, Zionist and American history. It will take place in August 2021 on weekdays, week days and Sundays. The registration is now open. For more information, visit https://tikvahfund.org/speaches/.

- JewishFiction.net announced that its summer 2021 issue is up at www.jewishfiction.net/current-issue/. Ten stories, originally written in Yiddish, Hebrew and English, are ready to read at no cost.

- The BAS Scholars Series will hold the virtual seminar "The Book of Genesis: Tracing the Origins of the Ancestral Narratives" with Professor Gary A. Rendburg, Rutgers University, on Thursday, August 26, starting at 8:30 pm. The cost to attend is $10. His focus will be on the stories of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, along with their primary wives Sarah, Rebecca and Leah. This webinar is sponsored by the NJF. For more information or to register, visit www.biblicalarchaeology.org/travel-study/bas-scholars-series/.

- Jewish Live offers the program "Sacred Science," hosted by Sinai and Synapses Founding Director Rabbi Geoffrey A. Mitelman, two to four times a week, at 2 pm, at www.jewishlive.org/sacredscience. Mitelman talks with professionals and religious and spiritual leaders. Previous episodes can be found on the site and transcripts are available a few days after the program airs.

- The Bible 365 Podcast covered the complete Hebrew Bible in one year and is taught by Rabbi Dr. Meir Soloveichik. Subscribers receive a new, 20-minute episode every day, daily e-mails with lesson summaries, and access to every new podcast and the full Bible 365 archives. The cost for a year is $100. For more information or to register, visit https://bible365podcast.com/.

- The Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust will hold several programs in July and August, including "Legends: Judy Heumann," about the disabilities activist on Tuesday, July 27, at 2 pm (https://mjhnyc.org/events/legacies-judy-heumann/); "Olympic Pride, American Prejudice," about the 1936 Olympics in Nazi Germany, on Thursday, July 29, at 7 pm (https://mjhnyc.org/events/olympic-pride-american-prejudice/); "Stories Survive: Doron Graubbaum," about her family's experiences in World War II, on Tuesday, August 3, at 2 pm (https://mjhnyc.org/events/stories-survive-doron-graubbaum/); "Sarah Aroseet with Shai Bachar: Ladino Music From Yesterday to Today, Live From Edmond J. Safra Hall" on Sunday, August 8, at 3 pm (https://mjhnyc.org/events/jewish-music-from-yesterday-to-today-live-from-edmond-j-safra-hall/); "Nu Jewish Storylab," a rhythm and movement exploration of Jewish children's stories from traditional to cutting edge, on Sunday, August 22, at 5 pm (https://mjhnyc.org/events/storylab/); and "10 Years of Recipes Remembered," about the book "Recipes Remembered: A Celebration of Survival" that contains more than 80 stories gleaned from personal interviews with Holocaust survivors and their families, on Thursday, August 26, at 5 pm (https://mjhnyc.org/events/recipes-remembered/).

- The Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center and American Inspiration will hold a virtual conversation with Menachem Zeltser, author of "Plunder: A Memoir of Family Poverty and Nazi Treasure," and Dr. Bernice Lerner. Kasher’s book tells the story of his battle to reclaim the family’s apartment building in Sosnowiec, Poland. The conversation will be held on Tuesday, July 20, at 6 pm. For more information or to register, visit https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ws-1FhSR8xZIYF4__y_C4w.

- The American Jewish University will hold two virtual classes: "What Would Moses Say About Your Smartphone?" with Rabbi Jeffrey Schein on Monday, July 26, from 5-6 pm (https://learning.aju.edu/event/workshop-what-would-moses-say-about-your-smartphone/); and "Workshop: What Would You Do If You Weren’t Afraid" with Michal Oshman about her book of the same title on Wednesday, August 11, from 3-4 pm (https://learning. aju.edu/event/workshop-what-would-you-do-if-you-weren’t-afraid/).

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The exploration of family relationships—the families we are born into and the ones we choose—is one of the core elements of Girls. Although the book features insights into three characters, the memoir, she debates her choices and notes the good, and bad, decisions that she made.

“Osnat’s Rainbow”

At first, David Hirshberg’s “Jacobo’s Rainbow” (Fig Tree Books) doesn’t seem to have a great deal of Jewish content. However, readers may note some important clues. Many of the poems were written in English, but others were translated from Hebrew and Russian. Some poems have specific religious subject matter, while others focus on the writers’ personal lives. However, all—either directly or indirectly—offer Jewish themes, although the editors might want to explore Rosenfeld’s work. Some memorists try to portray their decisions in the best possible light. That’s not true of Rachel Michelberg, the author of the memoir “Jacobo: How I Became a Reluctant Caregiver” (She Writes Press). Instead of being brutally honest, she offers a picture of the woman who decided to accept her parents’ care when she was no longer able to work—disapproving of her actions.

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Fleischmanns, NY, Part I

BIL SIMONS

Fleischmanns, NY, sits in the Western Catskills, approximately 100 miles northwest of Binghamton. Metropolitan areas dominate the demographics of American Judaism, but Fleischmanns, with a population of about 350, has reflected the Jews’ small-town presence. John Thorn, historian of baseball and currently a resident of Fleischmanns, says Fleischmanns’ essence: “an appealingly forlorn spot…50 fit 100 years [separate it] from the rest of America. In its old-fashioned Catskills summers – fresh air, cool mountain nights, porch sitting, ball playing, swimming, and being left to do what you like. It has been swallowed up…In Fleischmanns, the mangled evidence of its former glories has not yet become unrecognizable; on the contrary, the evade remains...form the spur to memory.”

To escape the blistering summers of the Midwest, the Fleischmann family – Jewish whiskey and yeast moguls, owners of the Cincinnati Reds, and Ohio political powerbrokers – came to the area, then known as Griffin Corners. The Fleischmann family and their cohorts built great mansions, instated heated pools, funded a uniformed band, created a spacious park and founded and operated a hotel. Fleischmanns became a hotspot at a time when antisemitism often restricted accommodations to white Protestants, other Jews, and members of other faiths. Fleischmannsummer sojourn to the area, establishing seasonal homes, board-and-boards and operating a variety of events and entertainments. Lake Switzerland, an idyllic construct of human endeavor, hosted swimming, boating and fishing. In 1913, the incorporated and consolidated village adopted the name Fleischmanns. The first hall of the 20th century, Fleischmanns hosted the heyday of Jewish resorts in Fleischmanns and other Catskill communities.

By the mid-1950s, the summer world of Fleischmanns’ Jewish resorts experienced declension. Over the next generation, interstate highways, air conditioning and air conditioning increased making summer vacation in mountaintops almost appear sedate and antiquated. The grand hotels closed, prompted suspensions that insurance incentives prompted certain resort finalities to close. As time went on, many resorts werewrought devastation. Two rather dark commercial movies filmed on location in Fleischmanns. The community came close to formal dissolution. Amidst the remnants, several impressive Queen Anne and Victorian houses and mansions remain. And memories of the halcyon days live on.

In the Cloveverse Cemetery, along old Route 20, the Jewish community operates the old Fleischmanns. The Jewish portion of the cemetery rests on a gentle rising hill. There, the most prominent denotes the Fleischmann family plot. It domiciles the graves of Jacob and Dinah Edelstein, immigrant Jews, who operated a hotel in Fleischmanns. Their daughter, Gertrude, and her husband, Lewis Berg, shared the family plot. The dates on the gravestones indicate that Jacob was 20 and Dinah when their daughter was born. Young Gertrude would write and perform skits in the family hotel. In time, Gertrude Berg achieved fame as a scriptwriter, producer and actress. From the 1920s through the 1950s, she immortalized the character of Molly Goldberg, chronicling Jewish family life on radio and television. In 1984, Gertrude Berg and the families and friends of actress and film industry advocate Mrs. Fauvel. Fleischmanns figures prominently in the arc of Gertrude Berg’s life and legacy. In 2000, Fleischmanns placed a small rock on her gravestones.

A summer resort, Oppenheimer’s Regis Hotel, survives in Fleischmanns. The hotel is ample and kosher and the clientele is Jewish. Orthodox and Hasidic Jews figure prominently in the summer migration to Fleischmanns.

Over the years, tensions between Jewish and non-Jewish Americans have emerged. Demarcations between summer and year-round residents, downtown and upstate sensibilities, and Orthodox Hasidic and liberal secular Jews have flared. The COVID pandemic brought these fissures to a peak in 2020. Disputes took place over the dominoing of masks. Violation of public health edicts that ordered the closure of several summer enterprises – camps, lodgings, restaurants and yeshivas – owned by observant, seasonal Jewish residents of Fleischmanns generated confrontation. In response to his insistence on enforcement of public health regulations, Fleischmanns’ then-mayor, Fred Woller, was accused of antisemitism by the owner of summer businesses frequented by observant Jews. The mayor, secular in his orientation, counseled that he grew up Jewish.

By June 2021, the COVID pandemic and temps had receded in Fleischmanns. On Sunday, June 13, about 100 friends, and public officials gathered on the front lawn of Congregation B’nai Israel for the 2 pm dedication ceremony of a roadside marker. It was an older group that assembled outside the synagogue on the pastoral setting at 357 Wagner Avenue. Few wore masks and most sat on folding wooden chairs. The program began with the reading of the Kaddish by the shuk-eratan prayer of gratitude. Presiding over the ceremony, synagogue President Gil Rubin remarked that it was good to begin the spring season after the congery of the assembling. Congregation B’nai Israel had previously received recognition on the United States and New York state historical registries. After significant research and rigorous documentation attesting to the historic importance of the site, the William C. Pomeroy Foundation awarded the synagogue a roadside marker. With yellow base, post and lettering, the blue of the roadside marker reads: “B’nai Israel: founded 1918. By Jewish Farmers & Businessmen From Fleischmanns & The Catskills A Synagogue For Worship, Building Funds Raised 1919. William C. Pomeroy Foundation 2020.” Congregation B’nai Israel is one of the most venerable synagogues in the Catskills.

Affiliated with the Conservative movement, B’nai Israel is inclusive and egalitarian. A white, wooden framed exterior announces the sanctuary, its bima forward, Stars of David emblazoned on stained-glass windows and seating for about 250. From late June until the shofar marks the conclusion of Yom Kippur, Cantor Shai Simonson conducts services.

At the dedication of the B’nai Israel marker, Assemblyman Chris Tague observed that the history of the synagogue is a “truly American tale…[created in] classic small-town fashion.” The Assemblyman wished the synagogue an additional hundred years of “worship and love.”

Right next to B’nai Israel is another site central to Fleischmanns’ Jewish history, a park centered by baseball. Part II of the series will examine Fleischmanns’ field of dreams. Bill Simon is a professor of American history at SUNY Oneonta, whose course offerings include sport and ethnic history. He is also the co-editor of The Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture, and served as a speaker for the New York Council on the Humanities.
Rumination on the Three Weeks and Beyond

devarin, Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22

This coming Sunday, July 18, marks Tisha B’Av, the saddest day in the Jewish calendar. It marks the destruction of both Holy Temples and the end of a period of time known as the Three Weeks. The Three Weeks began with the destruction of the First Temple in Jerusalem on the 17th of Ab, and concluded with the destruction of the Second Temple; the wicked Apostomos burned a Torah scroll; and he erected the altar of sacrifices on the Temple Mount.

This three-week period is referred to by our sages as bein hametzurim – between the straits – and is distinguished from any other similar period associated with mourning: mourning rituals are not held during this time; we refrain from music and dancing or from pleasure trips; and from hair-cutting and weaning of newborns. Moreover, this is a difficult period; aside from the mourning aspect, it is considered an unfavorable time for the Jewish people. Paradoxically, despite its tragic associations, this period is characterized by strong positive spiritual influences. Jewish mysticism teaches that everything that transpires in the material world has a corresponding spiritual force that operate in the higher realms. Moreover, the way any entity functions on the physical plane results from specific relationships between spiritual forces that are a source of all corporeal existence. For example, the sun is associated with the name of God that expresses the Divine attribute of truth, which is the highest expression of the sun, especially during the Three Weeks when it is at its most powerful, thus indicates the prevalence of intense Godly mercy.

The tragic nature of the Three Weeks and its status as a See “Three” on page 7

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For the schedule of services, classes and events, see the regular Temple Concord’s website or call the office for more details.

Weekly Parasha
Devarim, Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22

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To attend in person, contact the office by 2 pm on Friday, July 16. Toivov on Zoom, https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82733268347?pwd=BR1DWD66HR1MVE9Yd0JtMz0vMzZjQT09, meeting ID 827 3382 6834 and passcode 880491.

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Adult Ed.: Numerous weekly courses, several semester-long courses. All courses and courses are offered throughout the year. The temple office for more details.

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EU unpublished report finds Palestinian textbooks contain antisemitism, incitement

By JNS staff

(JNS) – An unpublished report by the European Union on Palestinian textbooks has previously drawn attention to similar offensive content in the Palestinian curriculum includes antisemitic content, incitement of violence and the delegitimization of Israel. The German newspaper Sprung, who was also the European Championship’s most valuable player and the tournament host, said, among others, that “by hosting the European Championships, we proved what an amazing organization the AFI is, and how affordable it is to be in Jerusalem and in Israel. Now we are ready for the rest of the world to see that as well.”

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time in which God’s mercy is manifest, are not mutually exclusive. The inner motivating force of the Three Weeks is God’s love. However, genuine love can at times require conduct which appears harsh. When a parent chastises his/her child, it is unpleasant for both, but the parent is not less motivated by deep concern and love for the child as when he/she presents the child with a reward. The positive and overtly recognizable aspect of this love will be revealed in the Era of Redemption, as Maimonides teaches: “All the commenorative acts will be annulled and will be transformed into holidays and days of rejoicing.” But we can, if we make an effort, enjoy a foreshadow of that era already in this world, just as much as we can learn from the important exercise of “being within but staying above” – seeing the future as it transcends the present.

Once, relatives of the Talmud, Rabbi Akiva was walking along the road in Jerusalem with Rabbis Gamliel, Elazar Ben Azariah and Yehoshua when they heard the tumultuous sound of a Roman multitude coming from a great distance. They began to weep while Akiva laughed. They said to him, “Why do you laugh?” He answered, “And why do you weep?” They said: “We heard the sound of a Roman multitude coming from a great distance. They began to weep while Rabbi Akiva laughed. They said to him, “Why do you laugh?” He answered, “And why do you weep?” They said: “We heard the sound of a Roman multitude coming from a great distance. They began to weep while Akiva laughed. They asked him, “Why do you laugh?” He withdrew from hosting the World Championships. Israel has a strong organization and the backing of the Kraft Family and American football is a passion for me, so it is a joy to host.”

He explained that Israel was slated to host the World Championships in 2014, but the Gaza war forced the IFAF to cancel the championship. However, he said, “We have an opportunity to showcase Israel and Jerusalem to the top echelons of the sport we love. We have two huge stadiums as at the foil is the biggest, and the FFWC ever held, and to finish in the top eight and qualify the Israeli teams for the 2022 World Games.”

Kenny Sprung, a long-time flag-football player who is now the head coach of the Israeli Men’s National Flag Football team, told JNS that hosting the event “adds extra incentive for the team, which is already excited to compete for a top finish and to do so in front of our home crowd. We look forward to showing the world delegations what we can do to offer the best organizing in and off the field.”

Both the men’s and women’s national teams have had success in tournaments at venues worldwide in the past nearly two decades. At the 2019 Jerusalem European Championships, the men’s team just missed the podium finishing in fourth place, while the women had a respectable sixth-place finish.

As always, the Three Weeks represent the opportunity to be joyful and to celebrate and to reflect. May this Three Weeks be for us a time of true joy and of deep renewal. May this Three Weeks be a time of great achievement and of fulfillment in our service to our Holy Land. May this Three Weeks be a time of great accomplishment and of our commitment to our dear ones. May this Three Weeks be a time for us to dedicate ourselves to our family, our friends, and our communities.

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Israel set to host world flag football championship

By Josh Hasted

(JNS) – The International Federation of American Football has selected Israel to host the Flag Football World Championships at the Kraft Family Sports Campus in Jerusalem from December 6-8. The three-day tournament is expected to attract more than 40 teams from up to 16 countries competing for the world title and a spot in the World Games 2022.

The competition, which was previously scheduled to take place in Denmark in 2020, but was postponed due to the worldwide coronavirus pandemic. The Kraft Family Sports Campus hosted one of the most successful European Championships in 2019.

The men’s and women’s teams that finish in the top eight in Israel respectively will go on to compete in the World Games in Birmingham, AL, in July 2022, when the flag football competition will fall under the auspices of the National Football League (NFL). Israeli American Football, in Israel here, we have been mostly off the field until [early March]. First, Denmark and then Spain

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IFAF President Richard MacLean said “the Kraft Family Sports Campus in Jerusalem is fast becoming an iconic venue for flag football. I look forward to seeing the world’s finest flag football players coming together for what will undoubtedly be a great event. The competition is tremendous as teams compete to secure their place at the World Games, and only one team will earn the honor of being crowned IFAF Flag Football World Champions.”

Robert “Bobi” Sprung, the IFAF’s President and Head of the IFAF Group, which owns the NFL’s six-time Super Bowl champion New England Patriots and has been the top supporter of football in Israel for nearly 20 years, along with his late wife Myra, said: “We love the game of American football and are so proud to see the sport’s popularity continue to grow internationally in its various forms, including flag football.

“We invested in the Kraft Family Sports Campus,” he continued, “it was with the hope that it would not only provide a location for daily exercise and competition for all Israelis, but that it would also become a destination for championships, league-level competition for football leagues throughout the Middle East, Europe, and the rest of the world.”

It is an investment in both Israel-American football – two of my greatest passions.”

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Israel’s men’s flag football team (Photo courtesy of American Football in Israel)

Israel’s women’s flag football team (Photo courtesy of American Football in Israel)
Bennett taps former Mossad official as national security adviser

Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett on July 11 announced the appointment of Eyal Hulata as national security adviser and head of the National Security Council. Hulata, 45, has served in key administrative positions during his 23-year career in Israel’s Mossad intelligence agency, including head of the Strategic Planning and Policy Division and of the Technology Division, according to a statement from Bennett’s office. He is a recipient of Israel’s Security Prize. Hulata holds a doctorate in physics from Tel Aviv University and a master’s degree in public administration from Harvard University. He is a graduate of the Israeli Defense Forces Talpiot program at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. A married father of three, he resides in Kfar Saba. Upon government approval of the appointment, Hulata will replace outgoing National Security Council head Meir Ben-Shabbat.

Israel seizes cryptocurrency wallets used by Hamas

Israel’s security establishment has begun to seize cryptocurrency wallets belonging to Hamas. As part of this effort, the US Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) sanctioned 10 individuals, including the Hamas military chief, for “their support of Hamas’ goal of the rehabilitation of its damaged military arm,” according to a report. Sources in Gaza have confirmed the report, emphasizing that Hamas’ goal is the rehabilitation of its damaged military arm.

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Oman’s foreign minister said on July 10. “Oman believes in striving for a just, comprehensive and lasting peace on the basis of the two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict,” Bin Hamad bin al Maktoum told the London-based Arabic-language daily Asharq Al-Awsat in an interview. “This is the only option recognized by the Arab Peace Initiative and the international community,” he noted. Muslim countries have made clear that they do not wish to recognize Israel, and if they respect the sovereign decisions of states, we expect others to respect our sovereign decisions,” Oman has been part of the covert rapprochement between Israel and the Gulf kingdoms in recent years, a theme that has been raised in 2018 when Israel’s then foreign minister, minister Benham Netanuyah and Sultan Qaboos bin Sait, who ruled over Oman for 49 years until his death in 2020. The meeting in Oman arguably represented the most important announcement by any Gulf state since the its establishment in 1971.

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The Jewish Agency for Israel has launched a pilot program to increase informal Hebrew education and raise awareness of the language at Jewish camps in the United States and abroad. As part of the program, the Jewish Agency uses Jewish-sung, educatinal games, outdoor activities, sports, cooking workshops and more to provide campers with an introductory Hebrew vocabulary and familiarity with Israeli slang. “This innovative program is to instill the love and understanding of the Hebrew language and the centrality of Hebrew to the birth of every girl and boy to learn the language common to all us,” said the pilot program was developed by academics focusing on informal Hebrew learning and the connection between language and society. It was created with support from the Patrick and Lina Drahi Foundation in collaboration with Hebrew at the Center, which developed the educational content. Its website defines the center’s mission as engaging institutions and professionals worldwide with the goal of advancing excellence in Hebrew teaching and learning. Its website defines the center’s mission as engaging institutions and professionals worldwide with the goal of advancing excellence in Hebrew teaching and learning.

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