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Gaza terrorists fire 200-plus rockets at Israel after strike on top Islamic Jihad commander

By JNS staff

(JNS)—Some 200 rockets were launched at Israeli civilian areas by Palestinian terrorists in the Gaza Strip on November 12, following Israel's assassination of senior Palestinian Islamic Jihad commander Baha Abu al-Ata in the Hamas-controlled enclave. Abu al-Ata's wife was also reportedly killed in the attack.

According to the Israeli military, while the country's Iron Dome air-defense system intercepted many of the incoming rockets, direct hits were recorded in Netivot, Sderot, Rishon Letzion and Ashdod, while sirens

were triggered in Tel Aviv, Modi'in, Holon and Bat Yam on November 12, and in Beit Shemesh near Jerusalem on November 13. The rocket fire was expected to continue, possibly for "several days," according to the military.

"We are prepared for several days of battle with an aerial defense shield, including in the center of the country," Israel Defense Forces' spokesperson Hidai Zilberman told reporters on November 12.

Al-Ata was directly responsible for hundreds of terror attacks against Israeli civilians and soldiers, according to the IDF, and target-

ed because "his next attack was imminent." IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Aviv Kohavi said Baha Abu Al Ata was "responsible for most attacks emanating from Gaza over the last year," calling him a "ticking time bomb."

The strike was reportedly carried out at approximately 4 am on November 12, with Israel Air Force jets targeting the building in Gaza City where Abu al-Ata was staying. According to Gaza's Health Ministry, a man and a woman were killed in the strike and two other people were wounded.

According to IDF international spokesman Jonathan Conricus, prior to the strike Israel attempted to "send a message" to the Palestinian Islamic Jihad to give up their plans to attack Israel. "We tried to send a message to Abu al-Ata and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad that we are aware of his actions and to persuade him to stop these attacks. Obviously, these warnings were not successful," said Conricus.



Rockets fired from Gaza toward Israel followed the targeted killing by Israel of Palestinian Islamic Jihad commander Baha Abu Al-Atta on November 12. (Photo by Hassan Jedi/Flash90)

He added that the IDF had launched the attack in close coordination with Israeli Prime See "Gaza" on page 8

TI/TC Global Day of Jewish Learning on Nov. 17

This year's Global Day of Jewish Learning will be held on Sunday, November 17, from 10 am-noon, at Temple Israel. This has been an annual event since 2010, commemorating the 45-year effort of Rabbi Adin Even-Israel Steinsaltz to translate the Talmud into English. Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell of Temple Concord and Rabbi Geoffrey Brown of Temple Israel will be initiating a joint program for the Binghamton area, to be held at Temple Israel. As indicated in the title, this is a worldwide event with multiple learning sites in numerous countries all occurring on the same day. The programs are intended to be accessible to all regardless of level of Jewish education or knowledge of Hebrew.

The theme for this year is "Speaking Volumes" and the locally selected topic is "Not One Empty Word." "The Bible is a book that speaks volumes through the ongoing act of interpretation known as *midrash*," said organizers. "How do those



Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell



Rabbi Geoffrey Brown

interpretations affect our understanding of the source texts, and what is our role in that tradition?"

The program is being held under the auspices of the joint Temple Concord/Temple Israel Adult Education Committee. There will be a brunch at the beginning of the program, with a \$5 fee. RSVP to Tammy at Temple Israel at 723-7461 or titammy@stny.twcbc.com.

Film Fest Committee met



Members of the Jewish International Film Fest of Greater Binghamton committee met on November 6 to talk about the upcoming film fest. The Film Fest is tentatively scheduled for the end of April and early May. L-r: Shelley Hubal, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton; Ben Kasper, Sima Auerbach and Susan Hubal, chairwoman of the Film Fest Committee.

Spotlight

Teaching through podcast

By Rabbi Rachel Esserman

Google defines a podcast as "a digital audio file made available on the Internet for downloading to a computer or mobile device, typically available as a series, new installments of which can be received by subscribers automatically." Podcasts can be used to share information and/or teach people about your interests. That's certainly the reason behind Martin Bidney's podcasts. Bidney, a professor emeritus of English and comparative literature at Binghamton University, noted in an e-mail interview that "like the teacher that I was at BU for 35 years, I use each podcast as a chance to 'teach a class' on a book I've published. I always loved teaching, and now I have a new way to do it — and become an actor, too."

Bidney's original reason for doing the podcasts was to help him sell the 27 books of poetry he's published, but his ideas changed once he began making them. "Each podcast

is a dramatic reading of poems with comments," he noted. "After doing a few, I realized that I also love acting, and now I think of them each as a performance act, with just enough clarifying context to make the lyrics come alive. I recite or vocally scan the metrical patterns, too, and I've even sung on a podcast ('Reviving Ancient Wordsong Forms') a few of the 14 original poems I've set to music."

He does some initial planning before the recording, but is open to surprises occurring. "Before each lecture-and-performance, I write out on a single page a 'synopsis' with poems I plan to feature and major points I'd like to make about them," he said. "I don't read from it, but occasionally I may glance at it to quote something well-phrased. After the perfor-



Martin Bidney

mance, which never conforms wholly to plan, I'll revise it a bit to print on YouTube as a little preface to the podcast."

Bidney calls his podcast "The Be-loving Imaginer" because he says he is "not a believer, but a be-lover. The roots of 'lieve' and 'love' are closely related." He believes there is an "Ultimate Being [who] is beyond naming, it is the Unnamable. Propositions about it in human

sentences can't be accurate ways of naming or knowing it. But metaphor can give us glimpses, ways to reach out (or in). I'm in love with the Unnamable, so I will be its poet, telling the truth of my feeling. Every human being, created in the likeness of the Unnamable, is also unnamable, unknowable. 'Know yourself' sounds good, but it can't be done. We can't know, but

we can imagine, and 'imagine' is the job description of the poet."

As to how he approaches the writing he does about each poet, Bidney says he imagines his work as an interview between himself and the poet. "I fall in love with the works of a poet, and I choose that poet as my mentor," he added. "When I interview the poet, I emulate the verse forms I'm hearing; we are friends and collaborators. I imagine my way into the mentor's world by emulating the verse forms in which the beloved poet's soul is expressed."

For example, he notes that "my podcast 'Bisexual Shakespeare' is about my book 'Shakespair [Sonnet Replies to the 154 Sonnets of William Shakespeare]', where the bard is my guest and I'm the host, so every time he recites one of his 154 sonnets, there's one by me on the facing page, responding to his thought, feeling See "Podcast" on page 7

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Tech Shabbat

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

If we want, we can stay connected 24/7 to our electronic devices. While that may seem wonderful, researchers are debating not only whether all this screen time is healthy, but the fact that always being connected may actually make us less productive. Does working seven days a week really help us accomplish more, or are we doing the same amount of work due to all the time wasted looking at irrelevant information and texts on our devices? Would a break help us refresh physically and mentally? While a mental and physical break is not considered the reason Jews are told to observe Shabbat, many Shabbat observers claim the break does make them more productive the rest of the week. That's definitely true of Tiffany Shlain, an Emmy-nominated filmmaker and the creator of the Webby Awards. Although she notes that she is not a particularly observant Jew (and her ideas do not conform to Jewish law), she and her family observe a "Technology Shabbat." In her book "24/6: The Power of Unplugging One Day a Week" (Gallery Books), Shlain offers Jews and non-Jews incentives to unplug for a tech Shabbat—regardless of what day is chosen. She also offers step-by-step instructions on ways to accomplish that goal.

In her introduction, Shlain is clear about the important and beneficial ways tech Shabbat affects her life: "Living 24/6 feels like magic, and here's why: it seems to defy the laws of physics, as it both slows down time and gives us more of it. I laugh a lot more on the day without screens. I notice everything in greater detail, I sleep better. It strengthens my relationships and makes me feel healthier. It allows me to read, think, be more creative, and reflect in

a deeper way. Each week I get a full reset. Afterward, I'm much more productive and efficient, with positive effects that radiate out to the other six days." She also feels that she better appreciates the Internet after a day off and uses technology more wisely. Tech Shabbat reminds her that technology is a tool to be used—that she controls technology rather than being at its beck and call.

Shlain does not ignore what technology does for us; for example, the ability to share knowledge with those across the globe and quickly learn about important events in order to mobilize help and/or social action. However, there is a negative side to this: we can easily misunderstand a text/media post because we are unable to hear a person's tone of voice or read their body language. False information also spreads quickly across the web, and can affect people's lives even years after being proven incorrect. While people can feel more socially connected due to the Internet, at other times, it has the opposite effect, leaving them feeling more lonely and disconnected. For example, the wonderful events posted by friends and family may not have included an invitation to the person viewing them. Most people on social media share only good news or the better parts of their lives, which leave others feeling depressed if they think their own lives are less fulfilling.

While observing a tech Shabbat one day a week won't solve all these problems, Shlain believes it can help people gain perspective. It also forces people to spend face-to-face time with each other. For example, the author writes of how she, her husband and children enjoy tech Shabbat together. They have a weekly Friday night dinner and invite

family and friends to the meal. There are planned family activities for Saturday, including time spent in nature. If her children say they are bored, they are encouraged to find creative ways to have fun without using a screen. Reading, writing, game playing and art projects are just some of the activities she mentions.

For those who think it's impossible to observe a tech Shabbat, Shlain offers a section called "It's Easier Than You Think: A Step-by-Step Guide." She does note holding a tech Shabbat may mean planning ahead; for example, printing out maps or directions if you want to travel. For those who worry about how people can contact them in an emergency or how they will tell time, she encourages investing in a landline phone and buying a watch, a regular old-fashioned one that does not connect to the Internet. Also offered are suggestions about everything from about what to do on the day to identifying barriers to observing a tech Shabbat. Shlain encourages readers to think about what they want from a screen-less day, and to include the use of practices and traditions from your childhood or culture that can help make the day more meaningful. In addition, she offers a list of activities for children by age group, from 5-and-under to 18 plus, for those who need more structure to their day.

Shlain shows how having a tech Shabbat can offer benefits during the other six days of the week. These suggestions are worthwhile even for those who don't want a full day a week without screen time. The book also features interviews of those who have observed their own tech Shabbats and found the time off screens beneficial.

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Opinion

In My Own Words

"What type of store..."

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

My answer might surprise you. I was reading the Food Network Magazine and an article featured suggestions by chefs about conversation starters that could help prevent family fights about politics during the Thanksgiving meal. One chef suggests asking the question, "What type of store would you like to own?" My first thought? I'd like to own a toy store.

Not a bookstore, you ask? As much as I love books, I always thought it would be fun to own a toy store, not that it's economically feasible to own either type of store today. I still love playing with toys and think nothing of plopping down next to a toddler and helping them play with their toys. (Well, it is harder to get on the floor than it used to be,

but that was a great way to reintroduce myself to friends' children when I used to visit them in Philadelphia or New Jersey.) When I'm in a department store, I often find myself gravitating toward the toy section to see what new types of toys are available. No, I don't usually buy anything, but it's fun to look, particularly at the doll section. I played with dolls long after most of my peers thought they were too childish. But I saw nothing childish about creating stories and acting them out.

As a young child, my favorite store was the Children's Supermarket on Main Street in Endicott. The owners were my father's clients and I would often accompany him when he went to the store. (I don't remember if these

visits took place in the evening or during the weekend, but I do remember frequent stops.) Sometimes he'd say that he wasn't going to buy me anything if I went with him, but my memory says those purchases occurred on a regular basis. I specifically remember being told that I was not getting a Midge doll, even though a friend down the street now had one. (I was a big Barbie doll fan and Midge was her new friend.) I'm not sure how it happened, but I remember coming home with one. For someone who was not interested in fashion for herself, I loved doll's clothing and was thrilled that I owned at least two Barbies with different hairstyles. The store also offered books and I know that's where my Nancy Drew and Bobsey Twins books were purchased.

Of course, there is another reason that I might have been thinking about something connected to my father. A few days before I read the Food Network Magazine, I'd received a notice about his *yahrzeit* from my synagogue. Although I remember his Hebrew death date (he died on the 30th of Cheshvan), the fact that it was also the Tuesday before Thanksgiving is hard to forget. This year, his *yahrzeit* falls on Thanksgiving itself. Fortunately, I don't remember Thanksgiving being a major holiday in our family. I know we celebrated it, but I can't remember exactly what we did when I was young. I do remember that the last years my dad was alive, he, my mom and I would go out for Chinese. (Yes, I know that was supposed to be for Christmas, but my family was never one to follow tradition.)

So maybe I was thinking about toy stores because I connect them to my father. Or maybe it's because I've managed to retain my youthful enthusiasm and still think toys are great. (Or as some of my friends have said, "You are such a kid.") Nostalgia is usually not my thing, but sometimes reviewing the past can warm our hearts and remind us of connections long forgotten. Either way, the question from the Food Network Magazine brought back pleasant memories.

Letters

Alums for Campus Fairness at SU

To the Editor:

On many North America campuses, Jews and other supporters of Israel increasingly encounter harassment, intimidation, ostracism and exclusion from fellow students, scorn from radical faculty and indifference, or worse, from administrators. Many other students suffer from an all-enveloping environment hostile to any expression of heterodox opinion.

Heretofore, a potentially potent voice, that of alumni, has been largely absent. A new national organization, Alums for Campus Fairness, aims to fill that void. The Syracuse University chapter is among a growing list of several dozen nationwide. Their mere presence sends a strong supportive message to students and sympathetic faculty.

ACF's stated mission is to inform, and to involve, alumni in fighting manifestations of antisemitism, and to promote open and fair dialogue concerning the Arab-Israel

conflict. It takes no official positions on political issues surrounding that conflict, other than having a commitment to Israel's existence as a Jewish homeland, with safe and secure borders. ACF keeps alumni informed of ongoing developments, positive and negative, through webinars, social media and regular news updates. It provides a number of valuable support services accessible to students (info@campusfairness.org).

For more information, or to join the SU Chapter, or another (including Binghamton and Cornell), go to www.campusfairness.org. (Also on www.facebook.com/campusfairness; www.twitter.com/campusfairness.) Although primarily directed at alumni, students, parents and faculty are also welcome to join.

Sincerely yours,
Richard D. Wilkins
Head, SU Chapter



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Joel Rubin and Veretski Pass in Ithaca Nov. 15-17

Klezmer concert at Ithaca College Nov. 15

On Friday, November 15, at 7:30 pm, in Textor 101 on the Ithaca College campus, the klezmer trio Veretski Pass joined by clarinetist Joel Rubin will perform and explain their research into the Polish roots of klezmer music. In this presentation – part concert, part lecture and part discussion – Veretski Pass and Rubin lay bare the sources for their “Poyln: A Gilgul (Poland: A Metamorphosis)” project. “With field and archival recordings and historic manuscripts, they will demonstrate how they transformed both Jewish and Polish melodies into cohesive and colorful suites, peppered with lively and spiritual arrangements as well as their own compositions,” said organizers of the event. “This project is the meeting of Jewish and Polish music – a missing link of the klezmer revival.” For more information, visit poyln.com.

Klezmer music of the late 19th and early to mid-20th century sought to create a cultural bond that brought Jewish families and communities together. Venturing beyond the known horas, freylekhs, bulgars and shers of Moldova, Ukraine and Russia, Veretski Pass and Rubin mined the obereks, kujawiaks, krakowiaks and polkas of Poland, the land that housed three million Jews before the Holocaust. Inspired by the 1901 story “A Gilgul Fun a Nign” (“Metamorphosis of a Melody”), written by Polish Jewish author I.L. Peretz, the repertoire draws from previously unknown Chasidic tunes, country dances, contemporary and 19th century ethnographic collections, as well as from field research by the musicians and their colleagues. “Both urban and rural music come together here to enrich the genre currently known as klezmer music,” said organizers.

The lecture is sponsored by Ithaca College’s Jewish Studies Program and is free and open to the public. Parking is free anywhere on the Ithaca College campus after 5 pm. For more information, contact Peter Silberman at 274-1496 or psilberman@ithaca.edu, or visit the Facebook page www.facebook.com/events/402720247084599/. Individuals with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Silberman by e-mail or phone. Requests for accommodations need to be made as soon as possible.

Temple Beth-El to host group on Nov. 16

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca will host a lecture and demonstration about klezmer music on Saturday, November 16, at 7 pm. The event will feature an inside, behind-the-scenes look at the making of the klezmer music CD “The Magid Chronicles” by Veretski Pass, in collaboration with Joel Rubin. It will take place at the synagogue, which is located on the corner of Court and Tioga streets, Ithaca. Entry will be on Tioga Street at the top of the ramp. A suggested donation of \$10 requested, but no one will be turned away. Refreshments will be served.

The lecture will detail project development based on the field work of Sofia Magid, the Jewish ethnographer who worked intensively documenting Jewish music in Belarus and Ukraine during Stalin’s regime in the 1920s and ‘30s. Magid’s recordings contain rare examples of women’s songs and instrumental pieces from these regions, which form the nucleus of the lecture.

Pass and Rubin will talk to the audience about the process of cleaning, deciphering and transcribing the dubs of the cylinders and then arranging, performing and recording them. The lecture will present the material on the original cylinders, and invites the audience to experience how they were interpreted from fragments, and how the musicians shaped them so that they could be recorded and performed.

The musicians will also offer free klezmer workshops on Friday-Sunday, November 15-17. Contact Rima Grunes for further information at 272-4424.

Klezmer concert at Cornell U. on Nov. 17

Veretski Pass, in collaboration with Joel Rubin, will present “The Magid Chronicles,” an instrumental collection based on pieces collected by Sofia Magid, the Jewish ethnographer who worked to document Jewish music in Belarus and Ukraine during Stalin’s regime in the 1920s and ‘30s. The concert will take place on Sunday, November 17, at 7:30 pm, in the Anabel Taylor Hall Auditorium (230 Anabel Taylor Hall), at Cornell University, and is open to the public. The suggested donation is \$10, but no one will be turned away.

Magid’s 600 recordings contain rare examples of women’s songs and instrumental pieces from these regions. In addition to the instrumentals and songs collected by Magid, the concert will include music collected by Magid’s Kiev counterpart, Moyshe Beregovski, among others, and See “Cornell” on page 7

Early deadline for The Reporter

Due to holiday closings, the deadline for the following upcoming issue of *The Reporter* is as follows. No exceptions will be made.

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OF NOTE

Mativetsky



Hadassah Mativetsky

Hadassah Mativetsky, software quality engineer at Universal Instruments in Conklin, was honored with the Division Director of the Year Award by District 65 of Toastmasters International for her “outstanding service and exceptional leadership.” The award recognizes a division director “whose dedication, commitment and division team significantly contributed toward achieving the district mission.” The award was given as part of Toastmasters International District 65 Fall Leadership Event “Driven by Heart.” Mativetsky completed her term as the Division D director serving from Elmira to Cooperstown and from the Southern Tier up to Ithaca. She also served as the vice president of membership for the Endicott Toastmasters, which meets in the George F Johnson Memorial Library in Endicott.

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TC religious school activities



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Temple Concord religious school students showed off their artwork. (Names withheld on request.)

Mailbox Shorts

Bagels TV

Bagels TV, www.bagels.tv, seek to present viewers with the best in Kosher-style videos for the entire family that the company believes entertain, inspire and present thought-provoking ideas. The website notes that the video selections "are 'kosher-style,'" meaning that not all of them are directly Jewish related, but ones it believes Jews should watch. The videos presented are considered family friendly; there is also a "frum" option with videos appropriate for *haredim*. In addition to music and videos about Israel, there is a study option labeled "Torah," which offers material from the *parasha* of the week to *daf yomi* (Talmud) study.

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Lovgu L.L.C., Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/20/2019. Cty: Broome. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Yi Wang, 171 Floral Avenue Johnson City, Johnson City, NY 13790. General Purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY UNDER NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

- The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is En-Spect Environmental, LLC.
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Notice of Formation of CASN, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/01/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon

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- The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is DAVIDGE HOLDINGS, LLC.
- The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is OCTOBER 10, 2019.
- The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.
- The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 3004 Pleasant Drive, Endwell, NY 13760
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: The name of the limited liability company is: 15 Ketchum, LLC (the "Company"). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was October 17, 2019. The county in which the principal place of business of the Company shall be located is Broome County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company, to Donna Stack, 17184 Bay Street, Jupiter, FL 33477. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

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- The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is Harvey's Karate Studio, LLC.
- The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is October 29, 2019.
- The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.
- The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any

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- The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

Notice of Formation of Carol A. Clark Farm, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/17/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 98 Tide Point Ln., Kilmarnock, VA 22482. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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Soulon Education LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 10/26/2019. Cty: Broome. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Gisela Xiangdong Jia, 2 W. 32nd St., Ste. 503, New York, NY 10001. General Purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY UNDER NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

- The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is HEATH C-TOWER, LLC.
- The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is November 7, 2019.
- The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.
- The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: PO Box 658, Binghamton, NY 13902.
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TC to hold Holiday Artisan Marketplace on Nov. 24

The eighth annual Holiday Artisan Marketplace will be held on Sunday, November 24, from 10 am-4 pm, in the social hall and Kilmer Mansion at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. The Marketplace

has grown to be a juried artisan event. Helene Philips is chairwoman of the Temple Concord Sisterhood sponsored event.

Artisans from around the region will be featured and will sell their hand-crafted

jewelry, hand-knitted scarves, table runners, pillow covers, blankets, wine bottle covers, pet treats, novelty t-shirts, posters and plaques, handmade pens, photography, paintings and many other one-of-a-kind hand-crafted items.

There will also be a homemade bake sale with Marsha Luks and Roz Antoun

serving as co-chairwomen. Lunches will be sold and prepared by Deb Saltzman and other volunteers.

Admission to the Holiday Artisan Marketplace will be either cash, a non-perishable food donation for CHOW or a contribution to the Kilmer Mansion Restoration Fund.

TI Sisterhood *Kabbalat* Shabbat on Nov. 15

Temple Israel Sisterhood members invite the community to join them in celebrating *Kabbalat* Shabbat on Friday, November 15. The event will be preceded by a "Sip and

Nosh" reception in the Temple Israel social hall from 5-6 pm. The service will begin at 6 pm. There is no charge for this family friendly evening.

Music in the Kilmer Mansion on Nov. 16

On Saturday, November 16, at 7 pm, Temple Concord will present "Music in the Kilmer Mansion: Reflections: Music of Jewish Composers and Themes; A Chamber Music Recital."

Mezzo-soprano Ivy Walz, cellist Zachary Sweet and pianist Pej Reitz will present a concert of chamber music at the historic Kilmer Mansion at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. The concert will include "From Jewish Life" by Ernest Bloch, "From The Book of Nightmares" by Jake Heggie, musical theater selections, selections from "Akhmatova Songs" by John Tavener, "Four Songs" by Andre Previn and "Five Hebrew Love Songs" by Eric Whitacre.

Walz is on the voice faculty at Ithaca College. She has performed as a recitalist, concert soloist and opera singer throughout

the United States and in Europe. She is passionate about song recital as a medium for expressing musically and artistically, and for giving voice to many different social justice issues. She has cultivated a diverse array of programs and collaborations. Sweet is currently instructor of cello at Nazareth College, Binghamton and Colgate universities, as well as on the faculty at Ithaca Talent Education and Music Together of Ithaca, and artistic director of Ithaca Free Concerts. As a performer, Sweet has performed throughout the Tri-state area, and is currently principal of Colgate University Orchestra. Sweet plays regularly with the Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes, the Binghamton Philharmonic and Tri-Cities Opera. Reitz is a native of the Binghamton area. She has accompanied throughout the See "Music" on page 7

Celebrate end of Shabbat in Ithaca on Nov. 23

The IAUGC Campership Initiative, PJ Our Way, Temple Beth-El/Rabbi Felix Aber Religious School and Congregation Tikken v'Or invite all to end Shabbat together with *Havdalah*, singing, crafts and snacks on Saturday, November 23, from 6-7:30 pm, at 4H Acres (Kiwanis Building, 418 Lower Creek Rd., Ithaca). *Havdalah* is the

ceremony that marks the symbolic end of Shabbat and ushers in the new week.

Organizers invite all ages to "sing by candlelight and relive your memories of camp!"

Additional information may be found at www.facebook.com/events/563797447699684/.

TC Sisterhood white elephant gift exchange

Temple Concord Sisterhood will hold a white elephant gift exchange with wine and cheese on Sunday, December 8, from 5-7 pm, at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. Reservations should be made by Wednesday, December 4, to Phyllis Kellenberger at pweinste@stny.rr.com or 727-8305 or 723-2193. The program is free for all Sisterhood members. There will be

a \$3 charge for non-members.

Each attendee should bring a gift-wrapped item from home that she no longer wants. Participants will have the opportunity to exchange their "gift" for something else. "This promises to be a lot of fun," said Kellenberger.

There also will be an opportunity to shop in the Hanukkah House Judaic Shop.

TC animal friendly service



Temple Concord religious school students participated in an animal friendly service in honor of the weekly Torah portion about Noah and the ark.

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Weekly Parasha

Vayera, Genesis 18:1-22:24

Self-sacrifice, or sacrifice of oneself?

RABBI LEVI Y. SLONIM, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND CHABAD DOWNTOWN, ROHR CHABAD CENTER FOR JEWISH STUDENT LIFE AT BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

In this week's *parasha*, we read about the binding of Isaac. This event is widely considered the most important, the crescendo of the 10 events with which God tested Abraham's faith. The Talmud asks: "Why did God, in commanding Abraham regarding the *Akedah*, say, 'Please, take your son'?" Answers the Talmud: "God said to Abraham: 'I have tried you with many tests, and you have withstood them all. Now, I beg you, please withstand this test for Me, lest they say that the earlier ones were of no substance.'" (Talmud, Sanhedrin 89b)

This piece of the Talmud seems a bit peculiar. Granted, the test of the *Akedah* was a difficult one, no doubt, but had Abraham not withstood the test, why would that be an indication that *all* the earlier ones were "of no substance"?

Upon taking a deeper look at the *Akedah*, we can perhaps understand the significance in this and its relevance to us today.

Abraham was a man with a mission, a life long mission to spread Godliness and monotheism throughout the world. He dedicated his entire being to this. A mission, no doubt, more important to him than his own life. As he got older, he was deeply concerned about what the future would bring. God promises and sends him a son to continue the legacy and covenant. Now God tells him to take this son and offer him as a sacrifice.

This action was the opposite of anything that made sense, or anything Abraham had been told beforehand, or, indeed, taught others!

And yet, this was not just the ultimate test, but the validating test. Because it was *this* test that validated the fact that all the other nine tests Abraham passed and, in fact, his entire life long mission was not about him, not about his invention or discovery of God, but rather was

about what God wants from him. The moment that same God commanded him to do something else, no matter if it seemed to be contrary to everything told to him before, or anything that made sense on any level – ultimately it wasn't about him or what he understands, but about the will of God.

There can be those ready to give their physical life for something they believe in or promote – but are they actually giving of themselves? Or are they promoting themselves, and their opinion, in the form of giving their physical life?

We may be ready to die for God, but are we ready to live for God? Are we ready to put our interests and perspectives on hold for the greater will of God? Only we can answer that question for ourselves.

Based on the teachings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe of righteous memory.

Congregational Notes

Beth David Synagogue

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 Shabbat Services:
 Shabbat, Nov. 16 9 am
 Mincha after kiddush
 Weekday Services:
 Mornings:
 Sun., Nov. 17 8:30 am
 Mon.-Fri., Nov. 18-22 7 am
 Evenings:
 Sun., Nov. 17 4:25 pm
 Mon.-Thurs., Nov. 18-21 7 pm
 Classes: Rabbi Zev Silber will hold his weekly Talmud class every Tuesday evening after services.

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Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism
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 Phone: 607-256-1471
 Website: www.tikkunvor.org
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 Services: Fridays at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted. Intergenerational Shabbat, music services, and other special services. Call for the weekly schedule.
 Religious School: Preschool through seventh-grade classes meet on Sunday mornings.
 Sixth-grade Hebrew and seventh-grade b'nai mitzvah classes meet on Wednesday afternoons.
 Adult Ed.: Mini courses throughout the year. Adult Hebrew offered regularly. Call the office for details.

Norwich Jewish Center

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

Temple Brith Sholom

Affiliation: Unaffiliated
 Address: P.O. Box 572, 117 Madison St., Cortland, NY 13045
 Phone: 607-756-7181
 President: Bruce Fein, 607-423-3346
 Service leaders: Lay leadership
 Shabbat services: Either Friday evening at 7:30 pm or Saturday at 10 am from Rosh Hashanah to Shavuot. Holiday services are also held. Check the weekly e-mail for upcoming services. Contact the president to get on the e-mail list.
 Religious School: Students are educated on an individual basis. Temple Brith Sholom is a small equalitarian congregation serving the greater Cortland community. Congregants span the gamut of observance and services are largely dependent on the service leader. The Friday night siddur is "Likrat Shabbat," while the Saturday morning siddur is "Gates of Prayer." The community extends a warm welcome to the Jewish student population of SUNY Cortland, as well as the residents of local adult residences.

Temple Concord

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism
 Rabbi: Barbara Goldman-Wartell
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 Office hours: Tues.-Fri., 10 am-2 pm
 Phone: 723-7355
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 Website: www.templeconcord.com
 Regular service times: Friday, 8 pm; Saturday, 10:35 am, when religious school is in session.
 Hebrew school: Hebrew school meets at 4:15 pm and 5:15 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year unless otherwise noted.

On Friday, November 15, at 8 pm, there will be a Shabbat evening service led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Saturday, November 16, at 9 am, there will be religious school; at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study; at 10:35 am, there will be a Shabbat morning service with November birthday blessings led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell; and, at 7 pm, there will be a Music in the Kilmer Mansion concert.

On Sunday, November 17, from 10 am-noon, there will be a Global Day of Learning joint program at Temple Israel on "Speaking Volumes: Not One Empty Word" with Rabbis Goldman-Wartell and Brown.

On Tuesday, November 19, at 4:15 pm and 5:15 pm, there will be Hebrew school.

On Wednesday, November 20, at 10:30 am, there will be a class on "Jewish Worship Services" with Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Thursday, November 21, at 4:15 pm and 5:15 pm, there will be Hebrew school; from 5-7 pm, the CHOW pantry will be open; and, at 7 pm, there will be a class on "Jewish Worship Services" with Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Friday, November 22, at 8 pm, there will be a Shabbat evening service led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

Rohr Chabad Center

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

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 Regular service times: visit the temple website for days of services and times
 Religious School/Education: Religious School, for grades kindergarten through bar/bat mitzvah, meets Sunday mornings. For the schedule of services, classes and events, see the website.

Friday, November 15, light candles before 4:24 pm
 Saturday, November 16, Shabbat ends 5:24 pm
 Friday, November 22, light candles before 4:19 pm
 Saturday, November 23, Shabbat ends 5:19 pm

Temple Israel

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

On Friday, November 15, at 5 pm, there will be a Sisterhood Kabbalat Shabbat, "Sip and Nosh," followed by a family friendly service. RSVP to the temple office.

On Saturday, November 16, at 9:30 am, there will be Shabbat services led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Genesis 18:1-22:24. The haftarah will be II Kings 4:1-37. The kiddush sponsors will be Randy Friedman and Lynne Green.

On Sunday, November 17, from 10 am-noon, there will be a Temple Israel/Temple Concord Adult Ed. program at Temple Israel. Rabbi Geoffrey Brown and Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell will be speakers for the Global Day of Jewish Learning. The cost is \$5 per person for the brunch.

On Monday, November 18, at 7:30 pm, there will be a Ritual Committee meeting.

On Tuesday, November 19, at 7 pm, there will be a Board of Trustees meeting.

On Thursday, November 21, at 3 pm, there will be a Caring Community meeting.

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
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 Services: Friday 8 pm; Saturday 10 am, unless otherwise announced. Weekday morning minyan 7:30 am (9 am on Sundays and legal holidays).

Religious School/Education: September-May: Classes meet on Sunday, 9 am-12:30 pm and Wednesday afternoons, 3:45-5:45 pm. The Midrashah (eighth grade and high school) classes will meet at times designated by their respective teachers. Adult Ed.: Numerous weekly courses, several semester-long courses and a variety of mini-courses and lectures are offered throughout the year. Call the temple office for more details.

On Saturday, November 23, Jeff Spitzer will lead participatory singing with new melodies during the morning Shabbat services. There will be a breakfast at 9:30 am before services; RSVP to Jane Griffith in the temple office at secretary@tbeithaca.org or 273-5775.

Kol Haverim

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

JDC holds Active Jewish Teens sixth annual conference in Kiev

By JNS staff

(JNS) – More than 400 Jewish teens from around the world gathered for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee’s sixth annual Active Jewish Teens Conference in Kiev recently to celebrate their growing role in fostering local Jewish identity and community.

A bar and bat mitzvah ceremony for five teens (a conference first) was to serve as a model of commitment to Judaism, leadership and taking action in regional communities. “My hope is that when I stand up there in front of my peers for my bar mitzvah, I serve as an inspiration for what is possible when you embrace Jewish values and commit to community,” said Ilia Buzunov, one of the *b’nai* mitzvah participants from Kiev who works with Jewish youth at the Halom JCC, one of JDC’s flagship community centers in the former Soviet Union. “I was a teenager when I first found out I was Jewish. From that moment, my life was completely changed, and today, six years later, I am a proud Jew, doing what I love – working to make my community better every day.”

The gathering from November 7-10, which is created and run by AJT teens, draws participants from across the former Soviet Union, including Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. The theme – the Jewish experience in communities around the world – will be examined in 150 different workshops.

“In much of the rest of the world, a *b’nai* mitzvah marks the entrance of young people into adulthood and the obligations of Jewish community life. But for AJT teens, this sense of responsibility and identity are already on the fast track,” said Michal Frank, director for JDC’s former Soviet Union operation. “They are the emerging leaders of the post-Soviet Jewish space, engaging their friends, parents, grandparents and wider communities in peer-to-peer Jewish learning, volunteerism and the need for shared responsibility. Their enthusiasm is key to building not just the future of Jewish life in this part of the world, but globally as they build bridges to other Jews the world over.”

The conference was to include song sessions, dancing and art workshops, and Shabbat and *Havdalah* ceremonies, as well as classes on *tikkun olam* (“repairing the world”), Jewish mutual responsibility, volunteerism best practices and contemporary interpretations of classic Jewish texts.



Song sessions, dancing and art workshops were part of the three-day American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee’s sixth annual Active Jewish Teens Conference in Kiev from November 7-10, as they were last year (pictured). (Photo by JDC)

Participants were to hear from AJT teachers and “inspiring” speakers, including a Jewish para-Olympic champion from Ukraine, in addition to directors of youth clubs and well-known local educators, to deepen their Jewish knowledge. The conference also featured a project fair where teens presented their grassroots initiatives.

AJT, which partners with Genesis Philanthropy Group, BBYO and private philanthropists, connects some 3,200 Jewish teens through local chapters in 60 cities across the former Soviet Union.

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Although it covers an important topic, “24/6” is easy to read. Shlain writes simply and convincingly about her own experience. She encourages readers to try a tech Shabbat and is honest enough to mention when she or her husband have sometimes broken theirs for work-related reasons, but not often. In fact, she notes that the tech Shabbat works because the time is set, meaning they usually are forced to fit their schedules around the Shabbat, rather than trying

to fit the Shabbat around their schedules. Shlain is also clear that she is not looking for a seven day week with no work, but rather a constrained time that forces her and her family to live without their screens.

While those who already observe a tech Shabbat, or some type of variation on it, won’t need much convincing, others may feel it’s impossible not to be attached to the larger world. They would be the ideal readers of “24/6” if only so they can learn how to make certain they are controlling their connection to devices, rather than being controlled by them.

Sylvia Diamond,
President

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United States, England, South America, Spain and at the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria. She was a winner of the Artistic Ambassadors Program by the United States Information Agency in partnership with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Those attending are invited to a reception following the concert. Tickets are \$15. Students are admitted free of charge. Tickets are available by calling Temple Concord at 723-7355 and leaving a message, or by e-mailing TempleConcordBinghamton@gmail.com.

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and perception in his own sonnet form, rhythm and rhyme pattern. In ‘Qur’an and Poetry’ and ‘Jews & Christians in the Qur’an,’ I interview the speaker persona of the Islamic scripture in responding with original poems to passages I love. In ‘Rilke: Love and Conflict,’ I interview the greatest German-writing poet of the 20th century, replying to him in the stanza forms he taught me. In ‘King Solomon the Lover,’ I quote from my complete verse rendering of the biblical Song of Songs, and then reply with nearly 300 love poems of my own.”

Bidney also explores other themes in his work, including “expanding approaches to gender in verse ranging from Renaissance England to 19th century Germany to medieval Persia,” making connections between eastern and western culture, and reviving ancient poetry formats. Each of these is reflected in his podcasts and the works of poetry he’s written.

As of this interview, Bidney is working on a podcast called “Sufi Lyrics in the Egyptian Desert,” which will show the inspiration for his latest book. “In 2011, I spent a month in Egypt, teaching English in a desert farm settlement, reading widely in Sufism, and listening to legends and songs recited or sung by my neighbor, Pakistan-born Sufi calligraphic painter Shahid Alam,” he said. “The podcast, like the introduction to my poetry book, will show how seeds planted in the 90 poems I wrote during that month-long stay at Sekem (an hour from Cairo) grew and flourished in later poems and books.”

Bidney’s podcasts are available on www.youtube.com; his website, www.martinbidney.org; and his Facebook page, www.facebook.com/martin.bidney.

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music from Turkey, Greece and Rumania. “The event will combine the archival with the creative impulse to achieve something new, with new compositions, arrangements and improvisations by the members of the trio and Joel Rubin,” said organizers of the event. “Sometimes raucous, sometimes meditative, this new program is a true melding of past, present and future.”

Rubin, a scholar of Ashkenazi Jewish klezmer music and a klezmer clarinetist, has performed throughout Europe, North America and Asia since the 1980s, including appearances at the Berlin Philharmonic, the Gewandhaus in Leipzig, the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam and Carnegie Hall. Rubin also holds the distinction of having founded the Cornell University Klezmer Ensemble in 2003.

The members of Veretski Pass are Cookie Segelstein (violin, viola), Josh Horowitz (accordion, cimbalom, piano) and Stu Brotman (bass, basy-cello, tilinca-shepherds’ flute and baraban-bass drum). The trio specializes in Old-World klezmer music of the Carpathians, where the musical traditions of the Jewish Klezmerim met with those of Rumania, Ottoman Turkey, Magyar Hungary, Ukraine and other peoples.

Jewish Community Center

JCC Friendship Club

The JCC Friendship Club met on November 6 and enjoyed a game day. Sue Herzog, program chairwoman, brought in a book of slogans. She read part of a slogan, and we filled in the ending. We began with, “Let your fingers do.” The answer is, “the walking.” It was an ad for AT&T, a telephone company. Another one was “A mind is a terrible thing to” – answer: “waste.” We went around the room and were surprised at how many we remembered. Bruce Orden not only knew most of the answers, but sang the songs that went with them. Ada Brummer, who is 98 years old, knew most of the answers also.

We then went on to a sing-along. We picked a paper with a word or two out of a basket and had to sing a song with the word in it. We had fun with the words railroad, beautiful and home. There were more words and songs. The time went so fast that the meeting came to an end before we knew it.

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia Diamond. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ann Brilliant said the blessing over the cookies.

On Wednesday, November 20, we will meet at The Tri-Cities Opera building at 315 Clinton St., at 2 pm, for a program called “Memory Makers.” There will be no meeting on Wednesday, November 27, the day before Thanksgiving. We will return to the JCC on Wednesday, December 4, to hear Hersh Rozen talk about “How Nature Inspires Knitting.” Come join us at the JCC at 1:30 pm.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

Greece endorses universal definition of antisemitism

Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis endorsed the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism on Nov. 8. The IHRA definition says: "Anti-Semitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities." The American Jewish Committee, a leading global Jewish advocacy organization, has long advocated European governments to adopt the working definition as a vital tool to mobilize against antisemitism. "To effectively combat antisemitism requires leaders who are willing to speak out and take action against the persistent hatred of Jews," stated AJC CEO David Harris. "Thanks to Prime Minister Mitsotakis, Greece has joined the growing list of nations agreeing on defining antisemitism, including

U.N. Human Rights Council reps praise Iran on human rights

Ninety-five out of 111 delegates, or 85 percent, of the delegates to U.N. Human Rights Council's Nov. 8 review session on Iran's human rights record praised the Islamic Republic, according to Geneva-based NGO UN Watch. Only 16 nations criticized Tehran's human rights record, according to the NGO. North Korea, Qatar, Malaysia and Belarus were among the nations that offered praise for Iran's human rights record at the session. "Sadly, as underscored by the recent election of Venezuela's Maduro regime to the U.N. Human Rights Council, where China, Cuba and Saudi Arabia already sit, it's the foxes guarding the chickens," said UN Watch Executive Director Hillel Neuer. "Cynical politics have hijacked this council, giving a free pass to a regime that subjugates women, tortures human rights dissidents, executes gays and spreads hatred, war and terror across the region, including aiding and abetting genocide in Syria," Neuer added.

First-ever medical school opens in West Bank, for students everywhere

U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman attended the recent opening of the first medical school in Samaria. "A new medical school opens in Samaria," he said at the opening ceremony on Oct. 31. "It's worth saying again – a new medical school was opened in Samaria. How many people have ever thought these words would ever be uttered?" Dr. Miriam and Sheldon Adelson were present for the opening day of the new medical school in the city of Ariel named in their honor: the Adelson Medical School of Ariel University. "We had bureaucratic issues to overcome to get permission to establish the school here in Ariel," said Dr. Miriam Adelson. "And in Israel, as in Israel, we had to overcome people who tried to stop the establishment of this critical and much-needed medical school on this ancestral Jewish land to try to remove from us our legitimacy in being on this land. ...But we won, Zionism won, and the truth won," she continued. "And the truth is that there is no better place than Ariel for a new medical school. It was here where our ancestors prayed at the Tabernacle in Shiloh and established an amazing religion that the lights the path for the whole world. ...From here on in, young students of all backgrounds – Jewish, Muslim, Christian, Israelis, Palestinian Arabs and foreigners – will learn the holy work of medicine to help all of humanity. And by doing so, they will show the world that the modern country of Israel continues to be a light unto the nations."

Antisemitic hate crimes on New York City subways on the rise, NYPD reveals

New police statistics show an increase in antisemitic hate crimes targeting Jewish riders on New York City subways, The City reported on Nov. 6. Since Oct. 20, the New York Police Department has logged 42 hate-crime complaints involving antisemitic acts in the subway – a 162 percent increase over similar incidents reported through that same date in 2018. MTA data obtained by The City showed 13 instances through Oct. 23 where the discovery of the hate symbols, such as swastikas, caused trains to be taken out of service or subway cars to be isolated before being cleaned. Antisemitic graffiti and assaults on Jewish people also accounted for nearly 60 percent of subway hate crimes in 2019, with the highest number of them occurring in the borough of Brooklyn. "People are emboldened and they want the largest possible audience for what they want to communicate," said Alexander Rosemberg, director of community affairs for the Anti-Defamation League of New York and New Jersey. "And the subway is where they find that audience."

StandWithUs opens legal-ed. resource center on Jewish people and Israel

The legal department at StandWithUs has announced the opening of the Israel education group's continuing legal education resource center. Attorneys who need to fulfill their CLE credits can do so in a navigable setting while exploring specific legal matters that affect the Jewish people and Israel. The StandWithUs Saidoff Legal Department said legal scholars have dedicated their time and knowledge to help create content for the resource center.

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Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and only when it was clear that al-Ata was in an area with minimal civilians present. In response to the rocket barrage, the IDF Home Front Command ordered schools closed in Tel Aviv, the Yarkon region, the Lachish region, the western Negev, the Gaza periphery, the Shfela region and the central Negev. November 12 marked the first time schools in the Tel Aviv metropolitan area were closed since the "Operation Protective Edge" in Gaza in 2014.

In areas closer to Gaza, gatherings of more than 100 people were forbidden by the IDF and non-essential businesses were ordered closed. In areas under a lesser degree of threat, businesses were allowed to remain open as long as bomb shelters were accessible, while gatherings were restricted to fewer than 300 people. Ben-Gurion International Airport continued normal operations.

Despite the ongoing rocket fire, Israel is "not interested in escalating the situation," said Conricus, while reports indicate that Israel has urged Hamas not to join the fighting. "We are monitoring [Hamas'] activities and will conduct ourselves accordingly."

Incoming Israeli Defense Minister Naftali Bennett, who took up his post as rockets fell across the country on November 12, declared a "special situation" in communities within 50 miles of Gaza, granting local authorities greater powers.

Two Israelis have reportedly been injured by rockets since the attacks began, both being lightly injured by shrapnel. An additional 23 people were treated for wounds suffered while running for shelter, and 23 more were treated for anxiety and shock-related symptoms, according to Israel's Magen David Adom emergency medical services.

An 8-year-old girl from Holon was hospitalized in critical condition on November 12, after apparently suffering a heart attack when a warning siren sounded. She was reportedly in serious condition on November 13.

Gaza officials have reported 23 deaths since the fighting began, at least 11 of whom belonged to Palestinian Islamic Jihad or Fatah's al-Aqsa Martyr's Brigades.

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