

Spring CJS program on “Rethinking ‘the Ghetto’ in Jewish History and Beyond”

The spring 2019 program of the College of Jewish Studies will focus on different aspects of “the ghetto” as an historically specific and sometimes idealized place in Jewish history and as an abstract concept that has relevance beyond Jewish history.

The first lecture in the program will be on Thursday, May 2, “Ghetto: Invention of a Place, History of an Idea.” Mitchell Duneier, professor of sociology and chair of the Department of Sociology at Princeton University, and author of the book “Ghetto: Invention of a Place, History of an Idea,” will speak on the idea of the ghetto from its beginnings in the 16th century, its revival by the Nazis to the present day and how an understanding of the ghettos of Europe can help lead to an understanding of race, poverty and American urban problems.

On Thursday, May 9, Federica Francesconi will speak on “From Venice to Rome: Jewish Girls and Women in Ear-

ly-Modern Italian Ghettos.” Francesconi is assistant professor of history and director of the program of Judaic studies at the University at Albany. Her research and publications address the social, religious and cultural aspects of the early modern history of Jews in Italy, focusing on the multifaceted politics and dynamics of ghetto life. She is currently completing a monograph, “Invisible Enlighteners: Modenese Jewry from the Renaissance to Emancipation.”

The final lecture in the spring program

will be on Thursday, May 16. Gina Glasman will speak on “Painting a Ghetto Paradise: The Political Artistry of Moritz Daniel Oppenheim.” Glasman is a lecturer in Hebrew and Yiddish literature in the Judaic studies department at Binghamton University. She will talk about Moritz Daniel Oppenheim, known as the first Jewish painter of the modern era. Oppenheim’s work attempted to challenge negative assumptions of Jews held by a non-Jewish audience by emphasizing positive aspects of Jewish life and culture.

Several of his paintings depicted late 18th century Jewish ghettos in an idealized fashion.

College of Jewish Studies programs are open to the entire community; general admission is \$8 per program, or \$20 for all three programs; senior admission is \$5 per program or \$12 for all three programs. BU students are welcome to attend with no charge. All programs will begin at 7:30 pm at the Jewish Community Center, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal. See “CJS” on page 5

Federation PJ Library event on April 7

By Reporter staff

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton will hold a PJ Library event for children 2-6 years old on Sunday, April 7, from 11 am-1 pm, at the Jewish Community Center, 500 Clubhouse Rd.,

Vestal. There is no charge to attend the event.

The event will feature the reading of Passover-themed books, along with food and activities. Graduates from Hillel Academy will help with the readings.

Sima Auerbach, executive director of the Federation, noted that the PJ Library offers a variety of books with Passover themes. “There is something for every child,” she said. “There are new versions of old tales that offer Jewish slants to the story, and stories showing how contemporary children can relate to the holiday. Some of the stories are so good that adults will love them, too.”

To RSVP for the event, contact the Federation at 724-2332, dirjfbcb@gmail.com or clitvinl@binghamton.edu.

Hillel Academy students celebrated Purim



At left: Hillel Academy students came to the Jewish Community Center in their Purim costumes to deliver a shalach manot basket to Federation Executive Director Sima Auerbach. (See page 6 for more community Purim photos.)



Sima Auerbach, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, showed Passover-themed books from the PJ Library.

Spotlight

David Rittberg wins JFN’s 2019 JJ Greenberg Memorial Award

By Jewish Funders Network and Reporter staff

The Jewish Funders Network awarded the 2019 JJ Greenberg Memorial Award to David Rittberg, director of the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation’s U.S. Jewish grant making portfolio, in a ceremony on March 18 at the 2019 JFN International Conference in San Francisco. The award honors young foundation professionals.

Rittberg, who is the son of Riva and Howard Rittberg, grew up in Vestal and was involved in the Binghamton Jewish Community Center from preschool through his teens, during which he was an active member of the JCC’s Jewish Center Youth group as

president of the local chapter, as well as serving as an officer on the group’s Teen Regional Board. “David had it all: he was talented, smart, generous, caring and wise beyond his years,” said Sheryl Brumer, JCC executive director. “I always knew David would do great things, that he was the one to watch.”

Rittberg serves as a director for the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation. Based in the Washington, DC, office, he advises Co-chairwomen Lynn and Stacy Schusterman on how to best leverage their investments in existing organizations and



David Rittberg

take new initiatives to scale. While some may know him for his semi-pro guitar skills, Rittberg’s true calling has been called his hands-on approach to this philanthropic portfolio: He spends much of his time working directly with organization staff and board members to help build their team’s capacity, develop long-term strategy and grow as integral players in common ecosystems.

Prior to arriving at Schusterman, Rittberg’s career took him across the country, from his hometown of Binghamton to Brooklyn, San Francisco and Tucson, AZ.

Rittberg served as executive director at the Edgar M. Bronfman Center for Jewish Student Life at NYU, Hillel at New York University and, in 2011, received NYU’s Hallmark Award for outstanding university administrators. Rittberg was also part of the Hillel staff at The University of Arizona and Stanford.

Rittberg received his B.S. in marketing from the Smeal College of Business Administration at Penn State University and an executive M.P.A. from NYU Wagner. He now resides in Potomac, MD, with his wife and two children.

“In 2017, as Houston was reeling from Hurricane Harvey, David jumped on a See “Rittberg” on page 11

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

JDC in Mozambique
The JDC is sending medical supplies and a relief team to cyclone devastated Mozambique.
..... Page 2

Klezmer concert
The klezmer ensemble Big Galut(e) will perform in Oneonta on April 7.
..... Page 3

News in brief...
Israel ramps up defenses on Golan and Gaza border; U.S. recognizes Golan as Israeli.
..... Pages 8-9

Special Sections
Legal Notices..... 4
Book Review..... 4
Spring Home Improvement..... 8-9
Classifieds..... 12

Shabbat event celebrates 25th anniversary at BU

Twenty-five years ago, the Rohr Chabad Center for Jewish Student Life at Binghamton University started what has become a longstanding student tradition, and has since been replicated by campuses throughout the

world. The 25th Annual Shabbat 1800 dinner will be held on Friday, April 5, at 6 pm, at the Binghamton University Events Center.

"The event unites a diverse group of college students

in a joyous and meaningful Shabbat dinner and cultural experience," said organizers of the event.

A national Chabad on Campus initiative, pioneered in 1994 by the Rohr Chabad Center for Jewish Student Life at Binghamton University, the event continues to hold the record for the largest single Shabbat dinner attended by students held on any campus.

To date, more than 50 campuses in the U.S. and throughout the world have replicated the Shabbat 1000 model since its inception at Binghamton in 1994.

In recognition of the event's 25th anniversary, additions have been made to the program, including the presence of Binghamton alumni whose involvement in organizing Shabbat 1000 goes back to 1994.

Shabbat 1800 has been called "a yearly highlight for many Jewish students at Binghamton, with some reporting that it was the first Shabbat dinner they ever attended."

"This event takes months of planning and hundreds of hours of work on the part of hundreds of volunteers. Our students are spectacular and I am privileged to work with them and inspired by their efforts every day," said Rabbi Levi Slonim, program and development director at Chabad.

TC Sisterhood's annual donor program on March 31

On Sunday, March 31, from 11:30 am-1:30 pm, Temple Concord Sisterhood will hold its annual donor program in the Kilmer Mansion. Sisterhood members are invited to a presentation about KNOW Theatre to be given by Tim Gleason, the artistic director of this local theater in Binghamton. Gleason will also give several short performances.



Tim Gleason

"Not a donor? It's never too late to become one." said organizers. "To attend, pay Sisterhood dues plus make a donation of \$25, or \$36 if you wish to bring a guest to the event." A guest is someone who is not eligible to join Sisterhood such as a gentleman, daughter or a member of another temple's Sisterhood.

Brunch will be \$5 per person to help cover the cost of the food. Payment, including donor if that donation hasn't already been made, may be made at the door the day of the event. Reservations were requested by March 22 at the temple office.

TC Sisterhood to vote for 2019-20 board on April 3

On Wednesday, April 3, at 7:30 pm, Temple Concord Sisterhood members are invited to an evening of voting for the 2019-20 board members, followed by making ice cream sundaes and playing board games.

Participants should bring board and card games to play. Reservations may be made by calling the Temple Concord office by Friday, March 29, to ensure there are enough tables, ice cream and toppings.

Officers proposed for the 2019-20 board are Lani Dunthorn, president; Helene Philips, past president; Sandy Gutman, treasurer; Janet Hayman, financial secretary; Marty Eisenstadt, recording secretary; Hayman, corresponding secretary; Babs Putzel-Bischoff,

Marsha Luks, Barbara Thomas and Deb Williams, directors; Williams, Nominating Committee chairwoman; Phyllis Kellenberger, ways and means vice president; Deb Daniels, education vice president; Putzel-Bischoff, Kellenberger and Dunthorn, publicity; Putzel-Bischoff, Barbara Dickman, Gayle Klein and Luks, Rosh Hashanah Kiddush; Pam Burgman and Hayman, rummage; Carol Herz and Sue High, Judaica Shop; Philips and Marilyn Strosberg, Holiday Artisan Marketplace, with Luks and Roz Antoun doing the bake sale; Hollie Levine, Sisterhood Sabbath; Ani Loew, Intersisterhood; Thomas, cradle roll; Amanda Donahue, High Holiday child care; Rachel Coker, re-

ligious school parties; Daniels and Kellenberger, adult education/programming; Dickman (paperwork); Sylvia Diamond and Eisenstadt, Friday night onegs; Philips and Elaine Rapaport, membership/retention; Hayman, house; Sandy Foreman and Eisenstadt, co-chairwomen of Hospitality Committee; Linda Krushansky, Olwen Searles, Jan Dickler, Arlene Krassin, Linda Lisman, Jodi Sampey, Robin Hazen and Cathy Eckert, members of Hospitality Committee; Putzel-Bischoff, Nancy Dorfman, Dunthorn, Kellenberger and Hayman, Nominating Committee; and Jean Hecht, Sisterhood funds.

Positions still to be determined are co-treasurer, Whale of a Sale team, donor and retreat.

JDC to provide medical supplies, disaster-relief team to Mozambique after cyclone

By JNS staff

(JNS) – Following deadly Cyclone Idai, which struck Mozambique on March 14, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is providing emergency medical supplies through its partner, the Afya Foundation, and will deploy a response and assessment team, including a disaster-relief expert and field medic, to the devastated nation in the coming days.

With widespread destruction and a rising death toll, JDC activated its network of local and international partners, is assessing emerging needs and will continue to direct relief accordingly.

Earlier the week of March 22, the Israeli humanitarian-aid organization IsraAID announced that it's planning to send a response team to Mozambique after the African country was hit by the cyclone on March 14 after days of incessant rains.

"As we offer our prayers for the safekeeping of those still unaccounted for and mourn the tragic loss of life in Mozambique, we are doing all we can to ensure the most immediate and urgent needs are met," said JDC CEO David M. Schizer. "The imperative to aid survivors and begin their healing process is crucial on what will be a very long road to recovery."

See "JDC" on page 5

Opinion

In My Own Words

Hate and fear

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

He wants us to feel that there's no safe place in the world. That's one message the shooter at the Christchurch, New Zealand, mosque wants us to learn. The shooter (whose name I refuse to use) was motivated by hatred: hatred of anyone different from him. Hatred of those whom he feels take precious economic resources away from him by their very existence. Yet, I feel another emotion underlays his hatred, the very emotion he so badly wants us to feel: fear.

One way to view the world is to see it as a pie. When someone gets a larger piece of that pie, that leaves less for you. When you've been part of a group that has usually had the most resources available to you, you fear those who may want a piece of your pie, for whatever reason. You fear – yes, fear is the word – for your future, and for the future of your children if they have to share limited

economic resources with those who are different from them.

We need another image to replace this us-versus-them idea of a pie – maybe an overflowing fountain that can quench all our thirsts. The world is a better place when we all cooperate – when we work together to help each other. Unfortunately, there doesn't seem to be a way to reach those who view people of a different color or religion as a threat. The hate has become central to their being because they don't want to reveal just how afraid they are.

I wrote before the last presidential election about the anger expressed by those who felt the government no longer spoke for them. One of my suggestions was that, no matter who won, someone needed to deal with this – to talk to those who feel they are on the losing end of our country and find ways to help them get past this anger – to

help them deal with the changes that are occurring. Social change is inevitable and we need to help them adjust to it. Unfortunately, that hasn't happened. Things are even worse than they were before the election, with more polarization occurring.

There aren't any easy answers. But I do think we need to take the anger and fear seriously, and find a way to change and/or direct it so the people feeling those emotions can learn to deal with and adjust to the changing world – if only to prevent more violence. The idea of a race war or a war of religion scares the hell out of me. No one will win, no one will be better off. We all have something to lose. It's time to lay down our weapons – guns or words – and find a way to create cohesion rather than dissension.



Jewish Federation
OF GREATER BINGHAMTON

Suzanne Holwitt, President
Sima Auerbach, Executive Director

607-724-2332 ~ www.jfgeb.org

The Reporter Editorial Board

Rachel Coker, chairwoman
Rebecca Goldstein Kahn, Ben Kasper,
Toby Kohn, Richard Lewis,
Robert Neuberger, Dora Polachek

HOW TO REACH THE REPORTER

Mail ~ The Reporter, 500 Clubhouse Rd. Vestal, NY 13850

E-mail ~ TReporter@aol.com • Fax ~ 607-724-2311

Phone ~ 607-724-2360 or 800-779-7896

Extension#/Department ~ 1. Advertising 2. Business Office
3. Art Department 4. Circulation 6. Editorial/News

THE REPORTER
Published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton
BINGHAMTON, NY

OPINIONS

The views expressed in editorials and opinion pieces are those of each author and not necessarily the views of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton.

LETTERS

The Reporter welcomes letters on subjects of interest to the Jewish community. All letters must be signed and include a phone number; names may be withheld upon request.

ADS

The Reporter does not necessarily endorse any advertised products and services. In addition, the paper is not responsible for the kashruth of any advertiser's product or establishment.

DEADLINE

Regular weekly deadline is noon, Wednesday, for the following week's newspaper.

Executive Editor Rabbi Rachel Esserman
Layout Editor Diana Sochor
Assistant Editor Ilene Pinsker
Advertising Bonnie Rozen
Production Coordinator Jenn DePersis
Bookkeeper Kathy Brown

Proofreaders

Barbara Bank, Eleanor Durfee, Fran Ferentinos,
Leah Ferentinos, Rebecca Goldstein Kahn,
Merri Pell-Preus, Heidi Thirer



"The Reporter" (USPS 096-280) is published weekly for \$36 per year by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, 500 Clubhouse Road, Vestal, NY 13850-3734. Periodicals Postage Paid at Vestal, NY and at additional mailing offices. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Reporter, 500 Clubhouse Road, Vestal, NY 13850-3734 or reach us by e-mail at TREPORTER@AOL.COM.

www.thereportergroup.org

Big Galut(e) to perform in Oneonta on April 7

The Oneonta Concert Association will present a klezmer performance by Big Galut(e) on Sunday April 7, at 3 pm, at Foothills Performing Arts Center, 24 Market St., Oneonta. The Jewish music ensemble has appeared regionally numerous times, most recently at Cornell University and at the Glimmerglass Festival. The ensemble's programs include a variety of Jewish music spanning five continents and six centuries. "Bring the whole family for a program of klezmer arrangements of familiar classical pieces and, of course, some humor," said organizers of the program.

Winners of the Simcha Prize at the 2017 International Jewish Music Festival in Amsterdam, Big Galut(e) has

appeared at the National Yiddish Book Center, New York City's Center for Jewish History, at colleges and on chamber music series across the country. Tickets for the event can be purchased online at www.oneontaconcertassociation.org or by calling 607.433.7252

The Oneonta Concert Association has been hosting cultural offerings since 1928. Past presentations include the Vienna Boys Choir, Count Basie Orchestra, Alvin Ailey Dance Company and many other artists the world over.

At right (l-r): The members of Big Galut(e) Mark Rubinstein, Sasha Margolis, Richard Sosinsky, Robin Seletsky and Michael Leopold.



BD luncheon on April 13: "The Number Four and its Significance on Passover"

Beth David's April 13 Saturday Luncheon Speaker Series will feature Rabbi Zev Silber, who will link his talk to the upcoming holiday of Passover, which begins on Friday evening, April 19.

Noting the importance in Jewish life of numbers such as 10 (for example, the 10 commandments, the 10 plagues) and the number one (representing monotheism and the unity of the Jewish people), Silber will focus on why the number four finds itself in so many places during Passover and the seder. "We may think immediately," Silber says, "of the four questions and the four 'sons,' but have we ever

given thought to where else this number appears, and why?" Silber will help attendees discover what special meanings this frequent use of the number four has on this holiday. "The Saturday before Passover is known as Shabbat Hagadol," organizers say, "and we cannot think of a more appropriate topic for our April luncheon. What a wonderful way to get us in the proper frame of mind for this special holiday!"

Silber has served as rabbi at Beth David Synagogue since 2005. He earned his bachelor of arts



Rabbi Zev Silber

degree in math and his master of science degree in Talmud at Yeshiva University. He received his *smicha* (rabbinic ordination) from Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University in 1970. In addition, he holds a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

Silber has been a teacher and principal in Jewish day schools in small and medium-sized See "BD" on page 11

Community Passover seder at TC on April 19

Temple Concord will continue its tradition of offering a Passover seder for the community. This year, it will be on the first night of Passover, Friday, April 19, at 6 pm, at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton.

Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell will lead the seder rituals. The kosher-style Passover meal will be catered by Phantom Chef Catering chef Michelle Bank McIlroy. Traditional seder foods will be served, as well as Passover desserts,

kosher wine and other beverages.

Paid reservations are due by Friday, April 12. Contact the Temple Concord office at 723-7355 or templeconcordbinghamton@gmail.com to make reservations. The cost will be \$38 per person, \$15 for children younger than 13, free for children 2 and younger.

For financial assistance to attend the seder, contact Rabbi Goldman-Wartell at 723-7355, or Jewish Family Service or the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton at 724-2332.

JFS seeks Passover funds for needy

With people beginning to prepare for Passover, Jewish Family Service is asking the local community to do a mitzvah by contributing funds to help the needy. "Your kindness and generosity will enable 12 Jewish families who are struggling financially to purchase Passover foods required to celebrate a seder and to help them carry on the Jewish traditions that are so important to us all," said Roz Antoun, director of Jewish Family Service. "Please send your check made out to Jewish Family

Service, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850 and note on the memo line: JFS Passover donation."

Donations must be received no later than Tuesday, April 9, so that Jewish Family Service will have time to process and distribute the funds.

"In these difficult economic times, the community's generosity will surely brighten the celebration of Passover for the recipients and remind those families that they are being remembered," said Antoun.

Chabad to hold community seder, make *shmura* matzah available for purchase

Chabad Center has announced that it will hold a Passover seder open to the general community on the first night of the holiday, Friday, April 19. Festivities will begin with services at 7:30 pm, followed by the seder, at the Chabad Center, 420 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal.

The seder will include all of the traditional observances, dinner, handmade *shmura* matzah and "mystical insights." The haggadah will be read with participation from all present in both Hebrew and English, and the customs and traditions of the seder will be explained.

"Our seder is open to anyone who wants to attend a traditional seder; no previous knowledge or level of observance is required," explained Rabbi Aaron Slonim, executive

director of Chabad. "Be prepared to be welcomed – just are you are – as part of the family."

"We will be serving a full course, traditional holiday dinner, but I do urge participants to have a bite to eat earlier in the evening to tide them over the ceremonial, opening portion of the seder, which precedes dinner," added Rivky Slonim.

There is no charge for the seder, but there is a suggested minimum donation of \$18 per person, which can be sent to See "Matzah" on page 5

The Jewish Community wishes to express its sympathy to the family of Leonard "Lenny" Roy Schneider

Temple Beth El of Oneonta seeks a Part-Time Rabbi for up to two weekends a month, from September-June. See our ad at www.jewishjobs.com

49TH ANNUAL CENTRAL NEW YORK

Maple Festival

On Interstate 81 - Exit 9

CONTINUOUS ENTERTAINMENT FREE ADMISSION

JURIED CRAFT DISPLAYS

VISIT THE VILLAGE SUGAR SHACK

FREE SYRUP SAMPLES

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE MEAL

For information, please call 607-345-6067

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT HISTORICAL EXHIBITS MOUNTAIN MEN ENCAMPMENT AND MUCH MORE

www.maplefestival.org

ERNEST H. PARSONS FUNERAL HOME

Faithfully Serving Broome County Since 1928

PRE-ARRANGEMENTS AND PRE-FUNDING AVAILABLE

Joseph Fritsch
Managing Director

71 Main St., Binghamton, NY 13905
Phone 607-724-1336
Fax 800-948-5844

parsonsfuneral@yahoo.com
www.ParsonsFuneral.com

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

Welcome to our newest practitioner, Heather Nannery, FNP!

Heather serves women seeking care that includes annual well woman visits, IUD's, and other gynecology concerns.

Request an appointment with Heather Nannery, FNP, by visiting our website at www.womensobgynassociates.com or by calling our office at 607.754.9870.

Women's OB/GYN Associates
401 Main Street, 1st Fl. • Johnson City, NY 13790
607.754.9870 • www.womensobgynassociates.com



Off the Shelf

Turning Jews into Americans

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

The Jewish path in America has not always been an easy one. The acceptance of Judaism as a mainstream American religion equal to that of others did not begin until World War I, at least according to Jessica Cooperman's "Making Judaism Safe for America: World War I and the Origins of Religious Pluralism" (New York University Press). Although some acceptance began during the first part of the 20th century, Jews still experienced economic antisemitism even after World War II. Some Jews tried to ease their economic future by changing their names, something discussed in "A Rosenberg By Any Other Name: A History of Jewish Name Changing in America" by Kirsten Fermaglich (New York University Press). Together, the two books offer insights into American Jewish history and the changing perception of Jews by their fellow citizens.

Perhaps the most interesting fact – and one that may be difficult for those of us in the 21st century to grasp – is that the Protestant outlook was so ingrained in the American mindset that most people considered the religion nonsectarian. Cooperman notes "for much of American history, Protestantism seemed so naturally intertwined with the institutions of American life that it was almost invisible, appearing only as the seemingly neutral ground on which society rested." The idea of a non-religious Protestantism affected Jews and Catholics who wanted to practice their own religions, and be fully accepted.

Cooperman shows how the definition of Protestantism as secular changed through policies instituted by the U.S. government during World War I. Her main focus is on the Jewish Welfare Board, an organization formed by the "old guard" of American Jewish leadership to help Americanize new immigrants from eastern and east-central Europe while they were in the armed forces. The JWB worked to gain acceptance by the government as the official representative of

American Jews in order to provide services for Jewish soldiers, much as the Knights of Columbus sought to provide services for the Catholic ones. The government originally picked the YMCA to be the only organization to offer leisure activities to soldiers. The military saw the YMCA as nonsectarian, even though the organization proselytized, something that disturbed the Catholic Church and Jewish organizations.

The JWB was not equally accepted by all branches of Judaism. That was partly because the JWB sought to make Jewish religious practice resemble that of American Protestantism. For example, when Jewish groups pushed for kosher food for Jewish soldiers, the JWB decided not to request that from the government. Since the purpose of the organization was to show the military that Jews were like their fellow Americans, saying that special food was necessary would highlight their difference rather than their similarities. Cooperman also suggests that JWB had specific ideas about what a Jewish American man should be like: "He should be athletic and good looking, dignified in his bearing, personable, open, liked by all, and possessed of intuitive good sense and pride in his Judaism, but not overly punctilious about religious observance." Of course, this idea did not sit well with those who were more religiously observant.

For draftees, language served as a barrier for those immigrants whose native tongue was Yiddish. Being in the military meant adapting to the English language and American culture. Difficulties also arose from antisemitism: Jews were disliked for their foreignness and their interest in "isms" – socialism, Zionism, etc. – that were considered suspect. The JWB hoped to ameliorate these problems with programs and classes that would help these soldiers accept American culture and create friendships between Christians and Jews. Some soldiers definitely wanted a Jewish space where they could relax and feel at home. The JWB worked

with local communities to provide connections with other Jews, particularly "good Jewish girls." This was to remind the men of their communal obligations so they would become upstanding citizens after they left the service. Where the JWB drew the line was intermarriage: the organization believed there was a difference between the public sphere – where the soldiers were expected to be good citizens like everyone else – and the private sphere, where they were expected to remain Jewish and marry Jewish women.

By the time World War II arrived, the U.S. government had formed another group to help all soldiers: the United Service Organization – also known as the USO – became the umbrella group for all service related religious groups. Now, religious groups no longer had to pretend they were nonsectarian or appeal to all soldiers. According to Cooperman, "the USO affirmed that Jews and Judaism had something of crucial value to contribute to the welfare of the country as a whole, and that Protestants, Catholics, and Jews stood side by side as equally valuable contributors to the moral welfare of the country."

Cooperman admits that it was not until the 1950s that Judaism was truly seen as an equal partner – with Protestants, Catholics and Jews being equally American. That fact plays an important role in Fermaglich's study of name changing in the United States. Fermaglich notes that no one has seriously studied Jewish name changing. In fact, the general understanding about name changing is wrong: few Jews' names were changed by officials at Ellis Island and most Jews who changed their names did *not* opt out of the Jewish community. The opposite was in fact true: Jews changed their names in order to make themselves sound more American so they would have greater economic opportunities, but most remained involved with the Jewish See "Americans" on page 8

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of NIYA NICOLE LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/12/2019. Office Location: Broome Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom service of process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Niya Carrington, 2011 Chatterton Avenue, Bronx, New York 10472. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of Vision 72, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/05/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 45 Lewis St., Binghamton, NY 13901. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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

1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is SLC SEL, LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is February 13, 2019.
3. The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.
4. 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: 1694 Union Center Maine Hwy, Endicott, NY 13760.
5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

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

1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is JCJ Property Management, LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is February 19, 2019.
3. The County within the State of

New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.

4. 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: 630 Conklin Road, Binghamton, NY 13903.
5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: The name of the limited liability company is: Midstate Group, LLC (the "Company"). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was February 19, 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 Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP, Attn: Ryan M. Mead, 80 Exchange Street, Suite 700, Binghamton, NY 13901. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: The name of the limited liability company is: Hometown Barbershop, LLC (the "Company"). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was February 20, 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 Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP, Attn: Christopher L. Roma, Esq., 80 Exchange Street, Suite 700, Binghamton, NY 13901. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

Notice of Formation of 3CE Renovation, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/28/2019. Office Location: Broome

Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom service of process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: James Bishop, Jr., 3301 Foster Avenue, Apt. 1C, Brooklyn, New York 11210. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of Goldenrod Studios Design, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/4/2019. Office Location: Broome Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom service of process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Erin Slavik, P.O. Box 285, Binghamton, New York 13903. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Hemp Geek LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/22/19. Office: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 279 Front St, Binghamton NY 13905. Purpose: Retail Store

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: The name of the limited liability company is: The Back 40 Acres, LLC (the "Company"). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was November 30, 2018. 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 Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP, Attn: Alexandra Sullivan, Esq., 80 Exchange Street, Suite 700, Binghamton, NY 13901. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

Notice of Formation

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that T.RICH



To place your legal notice, contact Bonnie Rozen at 724-2360, ext. 244 or bonnie@thereporter.org

CONTRACTING LLC was formed by the filing of Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State on February 5, 2019. 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 to the company at 265 Greenwood Road, Lisle, NY 13797, the principal office of the company, which is located in Broome County. The company is authorized to conduct any lawful act or activity except one which requires some other business entity or natural person to be formed or used.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: The name of the limited liability company is: Lucas Little Enterprises, LLC (the "Company"). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was March 19, 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 Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP, Attn: Ryan M. Mead, 80 Exchange Street, Suite 700, Binghamton, NY 13901. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: The name of the limited liability company is: Hurd Development, LLC (the "Company"). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was March 19, 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 Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP, Attn: Ryan M. Mead, 80 Exchange Street, Suite 700, Binghamton, NY 13901. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose.

Notice of Formation of Nova Lehigh JV 1 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/29/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may

be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Ron Kutas, 24 Commerce St, Ste. 1200, Newark, NJ 07102. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of CGC Memorial Properties LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/26/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 64 Sweetland Hill Rd., Chenango Forks, NY 13746. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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

1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is JENNINGS ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is MARCH 21, 2019.
3. The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.
4. 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: 113 Hawley Street Binghamton, New York, 13901.
5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

Notice of Qualification of RENEW PC 4 LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/11/19. Office location: Broome County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 09/11/17. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Renew Energy Partners, LLC, 745 Atlantic Ave., 8th Fl., Boston, MA 02111. Address to be maintained in DE: National Registered Agents, Inc., 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with the DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St. #3, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.

For information on legal notice advertising, contact Bonnie Rozen at 724-2360, ext. 244 or bonnie@thereporter.org



Joint TI/St. Vincent's Sisterhood event held

On March 13, the Temple Israel Sisterhood members welcomed as their guests the Sisterhood of St. Vincent de Paul Blessed Sacrament Church, TI's next-door neighbor, to a chair yoga program led by Angela Clark, a local certified yoga and Pilates instructor.

The program was an hour long session followed by

healthy refreshments and a drawing for door prizes. There were approximately 30 participants who experienced the class and the new opportunity for all of the attendees to become acquainted. Jennifer Schutzer, Kathy Hurwitz and Marcia Hofstein coordinated the event. The invitation and the decorations were designed by Maxine Rosenberg.



The two Sisterhoods gathered in the social hall, poised to participate in yoga exercises while seated in chairs.



L-r: Jennifer Schutzer, Marcia Hofstein and Kathy Hurwitz, chairwomen for the event.

At right, l-r: Jennifer Schutzer with instructor Angela Clark, who offered the door prize awarded at the end of the program.



TC Sisterhood held Shabbat service

At right: Temple Concord Sisterhood members participated in a Shabbat service honoring the 30th anniversary of the Women of the Wall.



Attendees lined up at the snack buffet following the yoga program.

JDC Continued from page 2

Cyclone Idai has been regarded as one of the worst tropical cyclones on record to affect Africa and the Southern Hemisphere as a whole. Mozambique's President Filipe Nyusi said that the death toll could surpass 1,000, with hundreds of thousands impacted by the storm.

JDC has worked in Africa for decades, addressing a variety of emergencies and development challenges including famine, war, educational opportunities for women, economic advancement for smallholder farmers, and medical issues including spinal and heart disease.

The organization has recently responded to disasters and crises in Guatemala, India, Indonesia, the Philippines, Mexico, the Caribbean, Sri Lanka and East Africa, and has continued its post-disaster development work in Nepal and Haiti. JDC also provides ongoing humanitarian aid to refugees in Europe and the Middle East.

JDC's disaster-relief programs are funded by special appeals of the Jewish Federations of North America and tens of thousands of individual donors. Relief efforts of JDC are coordinated with the U.S. Department of State, USAID, the Israeli government and the United Nations, as well as local and international partners.

To support JDC's Mozambique relief efforts, visit <http://donate.jdc.org/mozambique>.



Volunteers brought donated goods on March 19 to be transported to the Chimanimani District of Zimbabwe and other affected areas by Cyclone Idai. (Photo by Columbus Mavhunga/VOA via Wikimedia Commons)

CJS Continued from page 1

The College of Jewish Studies provides opportunities for adult Jewish education for the Broome County community by offering fall and spring programs. Drawing on local resources and inviting scholars and experts from a range of universities and cultural and religious institutions, CJS sponsors an array of programs dealing with Jewish history, culture, religion and politics.

The College of Jewish Studies, founded in 1986, is an informal coalition between the Judaic Studies Department of Binghamton University and several area Jewish sponsoring institutions: the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, Beth David Synagogue, Temple Concord and Temple Israel. Programming for CJS would not be possible without the additional financial support of a grant from The Community Foundation for South Central New York-David and Virginia Eisenberg Donor Advised Fund, the Jacob and Rose Olum Foundation, the B'nai B'rith Lectureship Fund, the Victor and Esther Rozen Foundation, an endowment fund from the former Temple Beth El of Endicott, a grant from the JoyVel Charitable Fund and the donations of individual sponsors.

CJS is asking community members to consider becoming an individual sponsor so that CJS can continue bringing programs to the community. For more information on how to become an individual sponsor or to make a donation, e-mail bingcjs@gmail.com. The College of Jewish Studies is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

For more information on the College of Jewish Studies and its programs, visit www.bingcjs.org and www.facebook.com/bingcjs.

Matzah Continued from page 3

Chabad before or after the holiday. For more information and reservations, write aslonim@Jewishbu.com or call the Chabad office at 797-0015.

Handmade *shmura* matzah will be available for purchase through the Chabad Center for \$15 a pound (three matzahs can be purchased for \$9) as long as the supply lasts. Those interested in purchasing the matzah are asked to place their orders as soon as possible by calling the Chabad Center at 797-0015.



Limited Space Available for 2019!
Visit www.campsenecalake.com for details.

Camp Seneca Lake has provided children entering grades 3-11 with over 80 summers of fun, friends, and cherished memories.

Our 200 beautiful wooded acres in the Finger Lakes region of New York State provides the ideal backdrop for camp. Campers participate in a variety of exciting areas, including waterfront (skiing, sailing, wakeboarding and more), high and low ropes courses, most land sports, overnight hiking, nature, drama, as well as arts and crafts.

Camp Seneca Lake • Louis S. Wolk JCC of Greater Rochester • The William and Mildred Levine Building
1200 Edgewood Avenue • Rochester, NY 14618 • (585) 461-2000



Visit us on the web at www.thereportergroup.org

Community celebrated Purim



On March 20, members of Temple Concord and Temple Israel performed a Purim spiel with a "Mary Poppins" musical theme.

TC religious school prepping for Passover



Temple Concord religious school students made aprons for Passover.



Kathie Shelley read a Dr. Seuss style Purim poem at Beth David Sisterhood's Purim program.



Co-President Cathy Velenchik read a Purim parody of the Passover, now Purim, seder at Beth David Sisterhood's Purim program.



Temple Concord religious school students were ready to bake hamantaschen for Purim.



At left: Marlene Serkin (left) and Kathie Shelley listened as Lillian Sommer read the opening prayer at Beth David Sisterhood's Purim program.

PASSOVER 2019 Greetings

Deadlines: April 11 (April 19 issue) and April 18 (April 26 Health Care Greetings issue)

Passover is traditionally a time for sharing with family, friends and strangers. While your seder table may not be large enough to fit all these people, you can share the warmth of this holiday with the entire local Jewish community by placing a Passover greeting in *The Reporter*. You may choose from the designs, messages and sizes shown here - more are available. You may also choose your own message, as long as it fits into the space of the greeting you select. (Custom designs available upon request.) The price of the small greeting is \$18 (styles C & F), the medium one is \$36 (styles A & D) and the largest one (style G, not shown) is \$72.

To ensure that your greeting is published, simply fill out the form below and choose a design that you would like to accompany your greeting, or contact Bonnie Rozen at 724-2360, ext. 244 or bonnie@thereporter.org. Checks can be made payable to *The Reporter* and sent to: *The Reporter*, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850.

Wishing you and your family peace, health and happiness this Pesach

Your Name(s)

Style A • \$36 Actual Size: 3.22" x 1.975"

Passover Blessings

Your Name(s)

Style D • \$36 Actual Size: 3.22" x 1.975"

PASSOVER 2019 Greetings

Deadlines: April 11 (April 19 issue) and April 18 (April 26 Health Care Greetings issue)

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
 Greeting Style _____
 Message _____
 How you would like it signed _____

We accept Visa Mastercard American Express Discover (if applicable)

Print Name on Card _____
 Card Number _____
 Expiration Date _____
 Address, City, State, Zip (Registered billing address of card) _____

Checks can be made payable to *The Reporter*, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850.



THE REPORTER

Your Name(s)

Style C • \$18 Actual Size: 1.5278" x 1.975"

Your Name(s)

Style F • \$18 Actual Size: 1.5278" x 1.975"

Deciphering the past Fragment of Persian-era clay jar with human face found in Jerusalem

By JNS staff

(JNS) – A fragment of a clay jar decorated with a human face dating back to the Persian era (fourth or fifth century C.E.) has been discovered in Jerusalem's City of David National Park's Givati parking lot excavation.

"Pottery from this period was exposed in the past in the City of David, but this is the first time that such a vessel has been found in archaeological excavations in Jerusalem or anywhere in the Judean highlands," said Tel Aviv University's Yuval Gadot and Israel Antiquities Authority's Yiftah Shalev.

The human face on the jar consists of two wide open eyes, a nose, one ear and a small section of the corner of the mouth. These jars are called "Bes-Vessels," according to archaeologists, and they were very common during the Persian period. In Egyptian mythology, Bes is the protector deity of households, especially mothers, women in childbirth and children.



A fragment of a clay jar decorated with a human face dating back to the Persian era (fourth to fifth century C.E.) was discovered in Jerusalem's City of David National Park's Givati parking-lot excavation. (Photo by Eliyahu Yanai/City of David, Jerusalem)

Over time, Bes became regarded as the defender of everything good, archeologists explain. He also became associated with music and dancing. His figure adorned the walls of houses and various vessels (pottery and various everyday objects, such as See "Jar" on page 8

Passover with PJ Library
 Sunday, April 7
 11 a.m - 1 p.m.
 at the JCC

Join us for food and fun activities!
 RSVP to Cherie, the PJ Library Intern,
 at clitvin1@binghamton.edu

storytime • hametz scavenger hunt • afikomen cover making

weis wishes you a *Happy Passover*

Kosher Fresh Chicken Items



Fresh Kosher Boneless Chicken Breast Fillets  

\$4.99
per pound



Fresh Kosher Cut Up Chicken Fryers  

\$2.49
per pound



Fresh Kosher Whole Broiler Chickens  

\$2.49
per pound

We have a selection of Kosher for Passover cakes and cookies made by Lilly's Bakery Shop.



Selected Manischewitz Matzo Balls - 4.5 or 5 ounce

4 FOR \$5



Selected Manischewitz Potato Pancake Mix - 6 ounce

\$3.49



Selected Kedem Grape Juice - 64 oz; Sparkling Grape Juice - 25.4 oz

2 FOR \$6



Gefen Fancy Clover Pure Honey - 12 ounce

\$3.49



Manischewitz Gefilte Fish 24 ounce

\$5.99



Yehuda Passover Matzo 5 pound

\$4.99



Manischewitz Macaroons 10 ounce

2 FOR \$5



Manischewitz Chocolate Cake Mix - 14 ounce

\$3.99

weis HOLIDAY REWARDS

REDEEM NOW THROUGH 4/27/19!
Limit one per household. While supplies last.



Yehuda Matzo 5 pound

FREE with 100 

Visit Weis for all your Food & Drink needs or order online at weismarkets.com/shop

We reserve the right to limit quantities. • Not responsible for typographical or pictorial errors. • Products may not be available in all stores.

all prices good through 05/01/19

EAT BETTER, *Spend Less*

DOUBLE COUPONS

DOUBLE COUPONS! everyday up to 99¢

FOLLOW US ON     

Americans.....Continued from page 4

community. They just made the same distinction between the public and private spheres of American life as did the JWB: they were not identified by their religion at work, but lived a Jewish life at home.

Fermaglich notes that "name changing was an important and widely-practiced phenomenon among New York Jews in the 20th century. Between 1917 and 1967, thousands of American-born New York Jews submitted name-changing petitions as families in order to combat antisemitism, find jobs, and receive an education. In fact, Jewish names represented in the New York City Civil Court name-changing petitions are far out of proportion to their numbers in the city, suggesting that legal name changing was a Jewish behavior during this era." During that time period, Jews were starting to enter the middle class, but often found themselves discriminated against because of their names. This occurred whether they were applying to colleges, the Civil Service or private businesses. Most of the name changing petitions did not address the idea of antisemitism: rather, people wrote they wanted to change their names because they were difficult to pronounce or spell. Two name-change petitions that did address the issue were submitted by non-Jews with Jewish sounding names: they wanted to change their names because of the problems caused by people thinking they were Jewish.

The petitions for name changes soared during World War II. Fermaglich believes that during this time "antisem-

itism grew to its greatest heights in American history... thousands of Jews came to believe that officially reshaping their personal, familial, and racial identities would provide them with safety, security, and opportunity." Before the U.S. entered the war, Nazi propaganda was used against Jews: Jewish stores were picketed and synagogues were vandalized. Jews were being seen as a race apart – one that did not participate in American life. Fermaglich notes there were still problems after the U.S. entered the war: "Young Jewish men's and women's efforts to find jobs associated with the war, to serve honorably in the military, and to scale the military hierarchy sometimes met with exclusion and humiliation, and their distinctive names were frequently at the heart of these experiences." The end of World War II did not end discrimination, however. That continued into the 1970s. It was only after the passing of civil rights legislation that Jews began to move away from changing their names.

Misconceptions about Jewish name changing still exists. In the past, those who changed their names were sometimes condemned for trying to disguise their Jewishness. The fear was that they were trying to assimilate and leave the community. While a small proportion did leave, most remained active within the Jewish community and with Jewish organizations. The idea behind a name change was to prevent discrimination in the public sphere. This would not prevent people from practicing Judaism or joining Jewish religious and secular institutions in their private lives. Fermaglich notes that even today, when people discuss name changing in fact or fiction, the writers tend to disparage those who made a change. Those writers seem blind to the economic and social realities of that time, especially the antisemitism that was common in the U.S. during those years.

Both "Making Judaism Safe for America" and "A Rosenberg By Any Other Name" offer unique windows into Jewish American history – focusing on parts of 20th century Jewish history that are often forgotten. Although scholarly works, both are easy for a layperson to read and each contains a fascinating amount of information – far too much to be discussed in this review. Both books complement each other and reading them together offers greater depth than reading either alone. Anyone interested in 20th century American

Judaism will want to add them to their bookshelves. Readers may also find that these works help them better understand contemporary American reactions to Judaism.

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

IDF positions hundreds of soldiers in Gaza border

Reservists for air-defense units and two additional brigades of Israel Defense Forces were called to the Gaza border region following the launch of a long-range missile from Gaza, which destroyed a residential building and injured seven people, including three children, on March 25. The call-up will bring more than 1,000 additional Israeli soldiers to the Gaza border, and will be comprised of an infantry and an armored brigade. Several reservists in the Iron Dome air-defense division and other select units were also called in. Following the attack on Mishmeret in central Israel, which occurred at 5:20 am on March 25, Palestinian terror groups began immediately evacuating their positions throughout Gaza in anticipation Israeli counter-strikes. Israeli military officials have already begun to hold briefings with heads of local government in communities near Gaza to prepare them for strikes and a serious uptick in violence along the border. Though the IDF has not issued any specific safety instructions, it has encouraged all citizens to be prepared to find shelter immediately in the event of a siren.

Bipartisan bill introduced to sanction financial supporters of Hamas

A bipartisan bill was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives the week of March 22 to sanction financial backers of Hamas. Introduced by Reps. Brian Mast (R-FL), Michael McCaul (R-TX), Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ) and Eliot Engel (D-NY), who is the chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, the Palestinian International Terrorism Support Prevention Act, if enacted, would slap financial penalties on foreign persons, agencies and governments that assist Hamas, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad or their affiliates. Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad are U.S.-designated terrorist groups.

Jar.....Continued from page 6

mirrors), or was worn as an amulet around the neck. Bes usually appears as a kind of bearded dwarf with a large face, protruding eyes and tongue sticking out when he is wearing a feather hat. The grotesque figure is apparently intended to evoke joy and laughter, and drive away the evil spirits.

The figure as a protector was apparently adopted by the Phoenicians, and many such amulets and Bes vessels have been found in numerous Persian Period settlements along the coast. Such vessels and amulets were also found in Persia itself, in Shushan, Persepolis and other cities, reaching there by Egyptian craftsmen who operated there as part of the international trade economy of the period.

Spring Home Improvement

JACK'S
GENERAL CLINTON

STRIP REFINISH UPHOLSTER

- Custom Furniture Restoration
- Repair/Veneer/ Cane
- Designer Fabrics
- Free Estimates and Delivery

723-1596
Jack & Mimi Carmen
132 CLINTON ST., BINGHAMTON

Lawn equipment: keep safety in mind

(NAPSI) - When spring is on its way, home owners are often eager to get outside and spruce up their yards. It's important when doing so to keep safety in mind.

"Before you use a mower, trimmer, blower, chain saw, pruner or other piece of outdoor power equipment this season, it's important to refresh yourself on handling and safety procedures," said Kris Kiser, president and CEO of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute, an international trade association representing outdoor power equipment, small engine and utility vehicle manufacturers and suppliers.

"We're all eager to get outside and enjoy the living landscape after a long winter, but take the time to do basic maintenance now to ensure your equipment operates safely for the season and is ready to get the job done."

These six tips can help:

1. Read your owner's manual. Follow all guidelines for your outdoor power equipment and familiarize yourself with the controls. If you have lost your manual, look it up online (and save a copy on your computer for easy reference in the future).

See "Lawn" on page 9

GLASS CREATIONS
In Glass

CUSTOM DESIGNS TO MATCH YOUR DECOR
CLASSES - SUPPLIES - GIFTS
MOSAICS
LAMPS - REPAIRS - TEACHING

HOURS
Wed & Fri: Noon-6pm
Tue & Thurs: Noon-7pm
Sat: 9am-2pm
Call for Summer Hours

Owner & Artisan
Carole Perkosky
607-754-2728
Cap4glass@gmail.com
www.cap4glass.com

305 FRONT STREET, VESTAL, NEW YORK 13850

PICKETT PAINTING
Specializing in Aluminum Restoration

ROB PICKETT
786-9544

- Interior
- Exterior
- Free Estimates

Looking for a cure for the common kitchen?

For about 50% of the cost to replace your kitchen cabinets, our skilled craftsmen will reface your cabinets and install custom-made doors that will make your kitchen look like new!

- We offer free, professional in-home consultations and estimates.
- A large selection of premium solid wood cabinet doors and drawers.
- Professional installation from a national company you can trust.



Rx FURNITURE MEDIC®
607.748.8657
www.furnituremedic.com

It just makes cents to advertise here in **The Reporter!**
To advertise, contact Bonnie Rozen at 724-2360, ext. 244 or bonnie@thereportergroup.org.

THE REPORTER
Published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton

WE'RE THE BEST, AND THAT'S NO GARBAGE.

Bert Adams DISPOSAL
607-648-4863
www.bertadamsdisposal.net

Residential • Recycling • Commercial • Roll-off

Bert Adams
648-4863
Disposal

www.AUDIOCLASSICS.com
AUDIO • HOME THEATER • STEREO

Phone/Fax **607-766-3501**
BUY • SELL • TRADE • REPAIR • CONSIGN
3501 Vestal Road Vestal, NY 13850 Hours: Mon-Fri 8-5:30 • Sat 11-4

NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

U.S. recognizes Israeli sovereignty over the Golan

On March 25, the United States officially recognized Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights, adding another accomplishment for an administration that has been lauded for its pro-Israel agenda that includes recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of the Jewish state and relocating the U.S. embassy in Israel to Jerusalem. U.S. President Donald Trump signed a proclamation to make what he tweeted last week become official. "After 52 years it is time for the United States to fully recognize Israel's Sovereignty over the Golan Heights, which is of critical strategic and security importance to the State of Israel and Regional Stability!" he posted on Twitter on March 21. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, originally in the United States for the annual AIPAC conference in Washington and standing by Trump's side at the White House, called the decision a "historic justice" and a "diplomatic victory. ...Israel won the Golan Heights in a just war of defense," he added, referring to the 1967 Six-Day War and Israel's control of the Golan Heights since then. Trump's move comes as Netanyahu faces a close re-election battle on April 9, in which this new achievement will most likely be seen as a political and diplomatic boost, in addition to a boon to Israeli national security. The Israeli prime minister cut his trip short after a long-range missile was launched from the Gaza Strip and hit central Israel on March 25, destroying a home and injuring seven people. Netanyahu later addressed the AIPAC conference via satellite. He said Israel is in the midst of "responding forcefully" to the attack, even calling up air-force reserves. Along those lines, Trump stated that "we do not want to see another attack like the one suffered this morning north of Tel Aviv."

IDF ramps up defense presence along Golan border post-Trump announcement

The Israel Defense Forces has increased its presence at the Syrian border in anticipation of protests following U.S. President Donald Trump's announcement of his intention to recognize Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights. "The IDF and Israel Police are preparing for the possibility of tension in the northern Golan Heights on both sides of the border," the IDF said on March 23. Reports indicate that preparations include the positioning of snipers along the northern Golan and the deployment of riot control equip-

ment, such as tear gas and rubber bullets. On March 21, as Jews in Israel and around the world celebrated the holiday of Purim, Trump took to Twitter to announce: "After 52 years it is time for the United States to fully recognize Israel's Sovereignty over the Golan Heights, which is of critical strategic and security importance to the State of Israel and Regional Stability!" U.S. President Donald Trump signed a proclamation to make what he tweeted become official on March 25. Syria has rejected Trump's announcement, saying that America has a "blind bias" toward the "Zionist entity." A senior Syrian Foreign Ministry source was quoted in the SANA state news agency vowing his state would retake the Golan Heights "through all means available," and that the American announcement would not change "the fact that the Golan was and will stay Arab and Syrian." Some of the Golan's 20,000 Druze residents serve in the IDF and maintain loyalty to the state of Israel. However, others believe in Syria's right to the Golan and have Syrian citizenship.

Rafi Eitan, founder of Israeli intelligence community, dies

Former top Mossad spy Rafi Eitan, who led the team that captured Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann and was the personal handler of Jonathan Pollard, died on March 23 at the age of 92. Eitan, who served in the Shin Bet and the Mossad, began foreign spy work for Israel in the 1950s and is considered a founder of the Israeli intelligence community. He was born in Kibbutz Ein Harod in 1926 to Zionist immigrants from Russia who came to Palestine in 1923 and grew up in Ramat Hasharon. At the age of 12, he joined the Haganah underground militia, quickly transferred to the Palmach and was injured in the War of Independence in 1948. Eitan was the head of the eight-person team that captured fugitive Nazi mastermind Adolph Eichmann in May 1960 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The Eichmann trial took place in 1961; he was executed by hanging the next year. Eitan was rumored to have stolen uranium from Belgium for use in an Israeli reactor, helped capture Israeli-Soviet spy Yisrael Bar and stolen designs of the French Mirage aircraft for use by Israeli military industries. In 2014, Eitan apologized on a personal level for his role in the Pollard affair. Eitan recruited U.S. naval intelligence officer Jonathan Pollard to glean information for Israel from 1984-85, which is believed to include intelligence that enabled Israel to neutralize existential threats. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called Eitan "one of the heroes of the state of Israel's intelligence service in countless acts for Israel's security" for whom "there was no match for his wisdom, wit and endless commitment to the people of Israel and our country."



Lawn..... Continued from page 8

2. Inspect equipment. Check for loose belts and missing or damaged parts. Replace any parts needed or take your equipment to a qualified service representative for servicing.
3. Drain old fuel. Never leave fuel sitting in the gas tank of your equipment for more than 30 days. Untreated gasoline (without a fuel stabilizer) left in the system will deteriorate, which may cause starting or running problems and, in some cases, damage to the fuel system.
4. Protect your power by using only E10 or less fuel in outdoor power equipment. Some gas stations may offer 15 percent ethanol (E15) gas or higher-ethanol fuel blends, but any fuel containing more than 10 percent ethanol can damage - and is illegal to use in - small engine equipment not designed for it.
5. Store fuel safely. Label your fuel can with the date of purchase and ethanol content of the fuel. Never put "old"



gas in your outdoor power equipment. If you don't know the date of purchase, dispose of the fuel in the can safely and buy fresh fuel. Always store fuel out of the reach of children or pets and in approved containers.

6. Clean equipment. Remove any dirt, oil or grass stuck to it. Clean equipment will run more efficiently and last longer.

For more safety tips, go to www.opei.org. For further information on proper fueling, go to www.LookBeforeYouPump.com.

BELKNAP
BUILDING CENTER

Est. 1956

- * KITCHEN DESIGN STUDIO
- * EXOTIC WOODS & HARDWOODS
- * WINDOWS & DOORS
- * CUSTOM MILL WORK

(607) 729-1583
WWW.BELKNAPPLUMBER.COM

Susan G. Stephens
NYS Lic. Associate Real Estate Broker
ABR®, SRES®, GRI®

3456 Vestal Parkway East,
Vestal, New York 13850
SueStephens@WarrenHomes.com
C: 607-725-8258
O: 607-422-3108 F: 607-238-7334

Early Owego
ANTIQUE CENTER

43-45 Lake St.
P.O. Box 8
Owego, NY
607-223-4723

Take Exit 64 Off
NYS 17/I-86
cross the bridge,
take second right

**Quality Antiques and
True Collectibles**

**Over 90+ Vendors in a
clean, modern building**

Open 10:00 am - 6:00 pm daily
Friday til 8:00 pm
Closed Tuesdays

Find us on Facebook and visit
www.EarlyOwegoAntiqueCenter.com

Greater Binghamton's Preferred Electrical Contractor

**FREE ESTIMATES
GUARANTEED WORK
24 HOUR
EMERGENCY SERVICE**

Spring Home Improvement

\$75 OFF

Electrical Panel Change-out
OR **Service Upgrade (200 Amp)**

\$50 OFF 100 Amp or 150 Amp Change-out or upgrade
Valid for residential service only. Cannot be combined with other offers.
Not valid on prior sales or services. Offer expires 6/30/19

Complete Home Rewires
Service & Meter Upgrades
Panel Change-outs
GFCI / AFCI Plugs
Appliance circuits / outlets
AC & Heating Circuits
Outdoor landscape lighting
Pool & Spa Wiring
Insurance Claims

High-Tech Installations
Smart Home
Structured Cabling
Computer Networking
Data & Phone Cabling

429 Commerce Road
Vestal, New York 13850
blanding-electric.com

729-3545

RESIDENTIAL GLASS REPAIR
AND INSTALLATION SPECIALISTS

Glass Repaired in Most Types of Windows
Patio Door Replacement Glass
Plexiglass & Lexan · Mirrors · Glass for Furniture Tops
Screens Repaired · Vinyl Replacement Windows

607-723-8839

www.allstateglassbinghamton.com
allstateglassbinghamton@gmail.com

Disaster
Clean-Up

Fire & Water Damage Restoration

Mold Removal
Dehumidification
Moisture Testing • Contents
Building Cleaning
Packouts & Storage
Construction & Repairs

24/7 Including Holidays

607.748.0128 (ph)
607.748.3604 (fx)

Arthur Diamond, President
3216 Watson Blvd.
Endwell, NY 13760

www.disaster-cleanup.com



Weekly Parasha

Shemini, Leviticus 9:1-11:47

Toward a macro-cosmic view of Leviticus

RABBI MOLLY KARP, TEMPLE BETH EL, ONEONTA

“God called to Moshe and spoke to him from the Tent of Meeting, saying: Speak to the Children of Israel and say to them ‘When a person from among them would bring near (*yakriv*) an offering (*korban*) to Adonai from the cattle, from the herd and from the flocks you shall bring near (*takrivu*) your offering (*korbanchem*).’” (Leviticus 1:1-2)

These opening verses of Vayikra contain the Hebrew root k-r-v four times, referring to both the person who approaches God, and the offering that s/he brings near to God in order to approach the Holy Presence. What we generally translate as “sacrifice” is literally the thing that we bring near to God in order to come near to God’s presence.

Vayikra is the central book of the Torah. It is a catalogue of instructions for Israel about how to approach

and retain God’s presence in our midst. In the opening words of the book, God calls to Moshe; Leviticus calls on all of us, teaching us where we might find God’s presence. This *d’var* Torah will take a macrocosmic view of Vayikra’s teachings.

Parashat Vayikra, along with Tzav and Shemini, deals with the different kinds of offerings, and the ordination and installation of the Kohanim. God does not desire that we lay down our lives on the altar; rather, our offerings replace us, allowing us to draw near to God’s presence. The Kohanim are also stand-ins for us, accepting and bringing the offering near to God on our behalf. Thus both God and Israel are protected from the consequences of those who would draw too near to God’s presence. The deaths

of Aaron’s sons, Nadav and Avihu, serve as a cautionary note regarding these dangers.

Shemini suggests that our bodies are analogues to the altar, instructing us to eat only what we may place on it. Tazria and Metzora continue this idea of the relationship between our bodies and the sacred space, instructing us to separate ourselves from the Holy Space when we have emitted or been in contact with reproductive fluids or death. The beginning and end of life belong to the Divine domain; we may not approach the Divine through sexual expression or ancestor worship. Acharai Mot explains how, in the first Yom Kippur, the sacred space is purified of these *tum’ot* annually, in a riddance ritual that includes the scapegoat. See “View” on page 11

Congregational Notes

Beth David Synagogue

Affiliation: Orthodox Union
 Rabbi: Zev Silber
 Address: 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905
 Phone: 722-1793
 Rabbi’s Office: 722-7514
 Fax: 722-7121
 Office hours: Mon. closed; Tues. 10 am-1 pm; Wed. closed; Thurs. 9 am-1 pm; Fri. 10 am-1 pm
 Beth David e-mail address: bethdavid@stny.rr.com
 Rabbi’s e-mail: rabbisilber@stny.rr.com
 Website: www.bethdavid.org
 Facebook: www.facebook.com/bethdavidbinghamton
 Shabbat Services:
 Shabbat, March 30 9 am
 Mincha after the kiddush
 Weekday Services:
 Mornings:
 Sun., March 31 8:30 am
 Mon.-Fri., April 1-4 7 am
 Evenings:
 Sun., March 31 7:15 pm
 Mon.-Thurs., April 1-4 7 pm
 Classes: Rabbi Zev Silber will hold his weekly Talmud class every Tuesday evening after services.

Temple Beth El of Oneonta

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
 Rabbi: Molly Karp
 Address: 83 Chestnut St., Oneonta, NY 13820
 Mailing address: P.O. Box 383, Oneonta, NY 13820
 Phone: 607-432-5522
 Website: www.templebetheloneonta.org
 E-mail: TBEOneonta@gmail.com
 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. Rabbi Karp conducts services and holds classes in Torah, beginning Hebrew and Maimonides.
 For the schedule of services, classes and events, see the website.

Penn-York Jewish Community

President-Treasurer-Secretary: Harvey Chernosky, 570-265-3869
 B’nai B’rith: William H. Seigel Lodge
 Purpose: To promote Jewish identity through religious, cultural, educational and social activities in the Southern Tier of New York and the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania, including Waverly, NY; Sayre, Athens and Towanda, PA, and surrounding communities.

Norwich Jewish Center

Orientation: Inclusive
 Rabbi: David Regenspan
 Address: 72 South Broad St., Norwich, NY 13815
 Contact: Guilina 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.

Rohr Chabad Center

Affiliation: Chabad-Lubavitch
 Rabbi: Aaron Slonim
 E-mail: aslonim@binghamton.edu
 Address: 420 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal, NY 13850
 Phone: 797-0015, Fax: 797-0095
 Website: www.Chabadofbinghamton.com
 Chabad on the West Side
 Rabbi: Zalman Chein
 E-mail: zchein@JewishBU.com
 Address: 27 Bennet Ave., Binghamton, NY 13905
 Phone: 722-3252
 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.
 Linking Hearts for youngsters with special needs: This program connects Jewish special-needs children and teenagers, ages 5-14, who have mental, physical and/or functional disabilities, with student volunteers who will visit participating youngsters weekly in their homes.
 To join the mailing list, for up-to-date information on adult education offerings or to arrange for a private tutorial, for details concerning the Judaica shop and resource center, or for assistance through the Piaker Free Loan Society or Raff Maasim Tovim Foundation, call Chabad’s office at 797-0015.

Temple Concord

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism
 Rabbi: Barbara Goldman-Wartell
 Address: 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905
 Office hours: Tues.-Fri., 10 am-2 pm
 Phone: 723-7355, Fax: 723-0785
 Office e-mail: TempleConcordbinghamton@gmail.com
 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 5:15 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year unless otherwise noted.
 On Friday, March 29, at 8 pm, there will be Shabbat evening services led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell, Victoria Heilveil and her family.
 On Saturday, March 30, at 9 am, there will be religious school; at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study; and, at 10:35 am, there will be Shabbat services celebrating Victoria Heilveil becoming a bat mitzvah, with a kiddush luncheon following for the entire congregation.
 On Tuesday, April 2, at 10:30 am, the Tuesday Morning Book Club at Temple Concord will meet; and, at 4:15 and 5:15 pm, there will be Hebrew school.

On Thursday, April 4, at 4:15 and 5:15 pm, there will be Hebrew school.
 On Friday, April 5, at 8 pm, there will be Shabbat evening services, including remembrance of the 10th anniversary of the American Civic Association shooting, led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Saturday, April 6, at 9 am, there will be religious school; at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study; and, at 10:35 am, there will be Shabbat family services geared to younger children with Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell, Jeff Strosberg and the assistance of the kindergarten-third grade students, followed by a potluck lunch.

Temple Brith Sholom

Affiliation: Unaffiliated
 Address: P.O. Box 572, 117 Madison St., Cortland, NY 13045
 Phone: 607-756-7181
 President: Bruce Fein, bfein@twcny.rr.com
 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.

Kol Haverim

Affiliation: Society for Humanistic Judaism
 Address: P.O. Box 4972, Ithaca, NY 14852-4972
 Phone: 607-277-3345
 E-mail: info@kolhaverim.net
 Website: www.kolhaverim.net
 Chairwoman: Abby Cohn
 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.

Friday, March 29, light candles 7:07 pm
 Shabbat ends Saturday, March 30 8:09 pm
 Friday, April 5, light candles 7:15 pm
 Shabbat ends Saturday, April 6 8:17 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 Saturday, March 30, at 9:30 am, Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Leviticus 9:1-11:47. The haftarah will be Ezekiel 36:16-38.

On Tuesday, April 2, at 7 pm, there will be an Executive Board meeting.

On Saturday, April 6, at 9:30 am, there will be the baby naming of Howard and Bonnie Brown’s grandchild.

On Sunday, April 7, at 10 am, there will be a TI/TC Adult Ed. event.

On Sunday April 14, at 11 am, there will be a Hebrew/Sunday School Parent/Student Seder.

Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
 Rabbi: Scott L. Glass
 Address: 402 North Tioga St. (the corner of Court and Tioga streets), Ithaca, NY 14850-4292
 Phone: 273-5775
 E-mail: rabbi@tbeithaca.org and secretary@tbeithaca.org
 Website: www.tbeithaca.org
 President: Jerry Davis
 Sisterhood President: Julie Paige
 Director of Education: Rabbi Suzanne Brody
 Administrative Assistant: Jane Griffith
 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 Friday-Saturday, March 29-30, an interim rabbi candidate will visit.

On Saturday, March 30, at 11:15 am, there will be an “Emoji and Escape Room” Shabbat for Religious school students.

On Friday, April 5, the dalet class service will be held at 6:15 pm.

On Saturday, April 6, Tot Shabbat will be held at 11:15 am.

On Thursday, April 11, at 7 pm, Nava Scharf, senior lecturer in modern Hebrew at Cornell University, as part of the temple’s adult education series, will discuss “Hayuta’s Engagement Party,” a story by Savion Liebrecht that demonstrates the younger Israeli generation silencing Holocaust survivors even after the Eichmann trial.

Congregation Tikkun v’Or

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism
 Address: PO Box 3981, Ithaca, NY 14852; 2550 Triphammer Rd. (corner of Triphammer and Burdick Hill), Lansing, NY
 Phone: 607-256-1471
 Website: www.tikkunvor.org
 E-mail: info@tikkunvor.org
 Presidents: Lauren Korfine and Shira Reisman
 Rabbi: Brian Walt
 Religious School Director/Admin. Coordinator: Naomi Wilensky
 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.

Jewish Community Center

Camp JCC and after school info night

On Wednesday, April 3, the JCC will hold an informational session about summer camps and year-round after school programs at the JCC. The event will be held in the JCC meeting room from 5-6:30 pm, with an informational presentation at 5:15 pm. Informal questions and tours will follow. There are many options at the JCC for children entering kindergarten in fall 2019 through age 15. On site will be Youth Director Stacy Robitaille, Camp JCC Director Nora Graven and HPER Director Brendan Doherty.

Camp JCC features an onsite day camp for children ages 5-15 that is available in one- to six-week sessions, with overnight and travel opportunities for campers entering grades four and up. Campers explore art, science, nature, the world of drama, sports and more during daily electives and group activities. All groups



Camp JCC's teen campers enjoyed an afternoon Yankees game at Yankee Stadium on August 1 during their four-day trip to New York City.

participate in daily swim lessons and weekly off-site field trips. All campers registered by Thursday, May 9, will receive a 10 percent discount if they are paid in full by Thursday, May 30.

Information on summer co-ed sports camps, theater camp, art camp and swim camps, for all ages and skill levels, will also be available.

Kids Connection, the JCC's school-age after school program, is a New York State Office of Children and Family Services licensed program that offers children "an engaging, safe and fun-filled" environment. Kids Connection is open Monday through Friday from 3-6 pm while school is in session, and offers a long-day program from 7:30 am-6 pm on days off from school, snow days and early-release days. Kids Connection follows the Vestal School District calendar. Children attending the Vestal School District can be bussed to the JCC after school.

Paperwork will be offered to register for both Camp JCC and Kids Connection.

For additional information regarding this event, or to RSVP, contact the JCC Youth and Camp Department at 607-724-2417, ext. 421, or via e-mail at StacyR@binghamtonjcc.org. RSVPs are encouraged, although walk-ins will be welcome.

Rittberg..... Continued from page 1

plane to support Repair the World, the Houston JCC and the local community in mobilizing volunteers to aid in disaster relief," said Lynn Schusterman, chair emerita of the Foundation bearing her name. "Three years prior, during Operation Protective Edge, David made a similar decision. Grantees were grappling with how to continue their programs in Israel and communicate with participants' families as the conflict unfolded. Without hesitation, David booked a ticket to Israel, where he developed response plans, called parents and served as support staff for our partners."

Stacy Schusterman, chair of the Foundation, praised "David's utter dedication to the Jewish people" as well as his humility, energy and warmth. He is also a fierce advocate for respectful, effective grant making."

Felicia Herman, executive director of Natan, said that "David has a profound emotional intelligence and empathy: he cares about everyone involved in his work, whether they are the funders he loyally represents, funding partners, nonprofit professionals, or program participants."

"There's a particular phrase David uses," said Yoni Heilman, CEO of TAMID Group, "which epitomizes the way he approaches grantmaking. It comes out when I'm sharing a new idea: I pause to look at David, expecting him to question, to reflect, to shift the conversation. He speaks two words: 'Say more.' In that moment, no two words could be more powerful. They make space for the other; they encourage without distracting. They demonstrate an awareness of the complicated relationship between grant-maker and grantee, but cut through it to bring out the best in the other."

A guitarist, Rittberg grew up dreaming of rock stardom. "I dreamed of following in the footsteps of Jerry Garcia and Duane Allman," said Rittberg. "Decades later, I have yet to play Madison Square Garden, but I'm using the

View..... Continued from page 10

Acharai Mot ends with Chapter 18, which, together with Chapter 20, addresses sexual morality and worship, instructing us how to behave in our most intimate and private moments with each other and with God. These chapters envelop Kedoshim, the holiness code, the heart of Vayikra, the heart of the Torah, which describes how to be holy – how to treat each other as made in the image of God, and ways of approaching God that are forbidden. Here we find perhaps the most famous verse in Torah: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself, I am Adonai." (Leviticus 19:18)

Emor addresses the conduct and qualifications of the priestly families, Israel's representatives to God. It addresses the sacred calendar. Besides finding God's presence in time, it also finds God's presence especially in the land. This conjunction of sacred space and sacred time – the observance of the sacred calendar in the land where God resides, suggests God's presence squared. Perhaps the instructions here for the *ner tamid* in the *ohel mo'ed*, serve as a reminder of this. The section ends with a cautionary tale about defiling the Divine Name, and committing murder, suggesting an analogous relationship between the two.

The twin portions of Behar and Bechukotai focus on laws for the promised land. We learn how to treat the land that is God's extended sacred domain, and the rules regarding the sacred cycles of sevens that echo the first Shabbat, reminding us once again that God can be found in both time and space. We learn the rewards for observing these laws, and the consequences for ignoring them.

Leviticus teaches us to approach God's presence through our gifts to God, the food we eat, our worship, sexual morality, holy relationships with others, observance of the sacred calendar and respect for the land as sacred space. There are thus many possibilities to find and approach God in virtually everything we do.

It is my prayer that we are able to find God when and where we seek, and that we see the divine spark that is in ourselves and each other as well. God is there for us to find – it is for us to do the seeking.

lessons I learned as a young musician to guide me. Great improvisational music is a conversation, and to really connect with your audience and bandmates, you have to listen more than you play. As a foundation professional, I approach my work with the knowledge that the answers to our most pressing questions lie with our grantee partners and the constituencies they serve."

The JJ Greenberg Memorial Award was created and endowed by his family, friends and colleagues as a memorial for Jonathan Joseph Greenberg following his death in a traffic accident in 2002, when he was just 36. The award is presented annually to a foundation professional engaged in grantmaking, age 40 or under, who, like Greenberg, has exemplified through words and deeds the highest of Jewish values and the relentless pursuit of excellence in all aspects of life.

Jewish Funders Network is the global networking organization for Jewish philanthropists, with members in 14 countries worldwide and offices in New York, Israel and Los Angeles. JFN members' annual charitable giving is estimated at more than \$1 billion. JFN is a community that seeks to grow the size and impact of Jewish philanthropy. Its plan is "to connect funders together, empower individual excellence and catalyze collective action and work for a vibrant, meaningful, inclusive, interconnected, creative and compassionate world." To learn more about JFN, visit www.jfunders.org.

BD..... Continued from page 3

Jewish communities for more than 40 years, including at Binghamton's Hillel Academy of Broome County for 13 years, until his retirement in 2012. He continues serving in his position as rabbi at Beth David, and is now in his 14th year.

Beth David's luncheon speaker series takes place the second Saturday of the month, after Shabbat morning services, and is open to the community. There is no charge for the luncheon, but Beth David welcomes donations to the Luncheon Fund in order to keep the program going. Donations can be made in honor or in memory of someone, or to mark a special occasion. Those wishing an acknowledgment to be sent to the person being honored, or to the family of someone being remembered, can indicate that, along with the necessary information. Donations may be sent to Beth David Synagogue, 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905, Attention: Luncheon Fund.

HEADED NORTH?
Make sure that we have your correct mailing address!
 Please contact us at least three weeks in advance at 724-2360, ext. 254 or TReporter@aol.com

HOPLER & ESCHBACH FUNERAL HOME
"A new family tradition"
 Personal Service Professionalism
 Experience You Can Trust
 COMPARE OUR PRICES
We charge far less than other area funeral homes
 Kurt M. Eschbach, Funeral Director
 483 Chenango Street Binghamton
 607-722-4023
www.HEfuneralhome.com

JCC Friendship Club

Purim is a happy holiday to remind us how the Jews were saved. It was written in the Book of Esther. The joy was shared with the residents of three nursing facilities.

On March 13, Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu and the children from Hillel Academy told the story in their own way and sang holiday songs at Brookdale. A few members of the JCC Friendship Club joined the party. Sylvia Diamond brought tapes with holiday music. Thanks to Bruce Orden, who got the tape player to work, we could listen to them. Refreshments were served and pictures were taken by Kris Zduniac, director of activities. Jeff Strossberg made balloon animals, flowers and hats for the residents.

On March 18, a party was held at Hill Top. Groggers were passed out. Sylvia read a picture story about Purim and walked around the room so those present could see the pictures with her. We also sang Purim songs from a song sheet. Hamantashen and drinks were served. Everyone was enthusiastic about making noise with the groggers when Haman's name was mentioned. Sylvia explained that the song on the tape, "Hevanu Shalem Alechem," was a greeting to friends. Since many at the party were not Jewish, Sylvia translated a line in a song, "nosh some hamantashen," as to have a snack.

On March 19, Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell came to Castle Gardens for the Purim party. She told the story of Queen Esther and encouraged comments from the audience. Song sheets were passed out and we sang songs about Purim. Everyone got hamantashen that were baked by the members of Temple Concord, as well as the ones provided by the facility with drinks. Pictures were taken and Paula Francisca, director of activities, took a picture of Bruce Orden with his mother, a resident, and Sylvia.

Let me wish everyone a Happy Purim and may we do it again next year.

Sylvia Diamond
President

SPRING BREAK BASKETBALL CAMPS at the JCC
April 15 - 18
 For information BrendanD@binghamtonjcc.org

Little Stars
for the beginner player
 Skill Work * Competition * Game Play
 9am - Noon • ages 5 - 8
 \$100NM/\$50 JCC Member

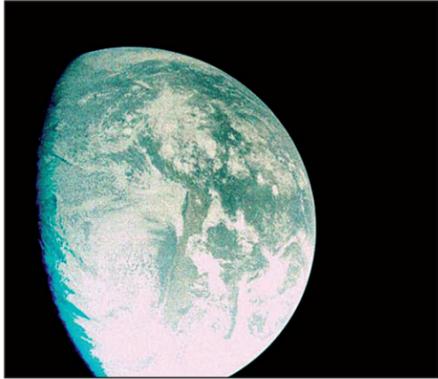
Super Stars
for players with experience
 Skill Development * Competition * Activities * 3 on 3 Games
 1 - 4pm • ages 8 - 12
 \$100 NM/\$50 JCC Member

JCC binghamton 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850
 (607)724-2417
www.binghamtonjcc.org

“Beresheet” sends new images, video to Earth on way to moon

By JNS staff

(JNS) – Fresh images and video were transmitted to Earth from the Israeli space-



A photo of Earth taken by one of the “Beresheet” spacecraft’s perimeter cameras on March 19 from a distance of 15,000km. The photo shows South America. (Photo by “Beresheet”)

craft “Beresheet” as it makes its way to the moon, announced SpaceIL and Israel Aerospace Industries on March 24.

SpaceIL and IAI engineering teams, based in Israel, have downloaded new images and videos from the spacecraft. The photos and videos were taken by the spacecraft at different heights and times.

One of the videos includes a sunrise from the spacecraft’s viewpoint – the Earth can be seen hiding the sun from the spacecraft, and then exiting the same shadow created by the Earth and the sun’s exposure. This process creates a kind of sunrise image.

“Beresheet,” named after the first word and the first book in the Torah (meaning “in the beginning”), lifted off from Cape Canaveral on February 22. If it succeeds, it will be the first Israeli spacecraft to land on the moon, as well as the first privately owned craft to do so.



“Beresheet” send a selfie image from 265,000 kilometers from Earth. (Photo by “Beresheet”)

Eye-Catching Classifieds

YOUR HEATING & PLUMBING SPECIALISTS
BAKER'S PLUMBING & HEATING
We Also Do Natural Gas Conversions & All Plumbing Work
 Free Estimates • Fully Insured • Residential & Commercial
We Install, Service & Repair...
 Furnaces • Air Conditioners
 Water Heaters • Gas Fireplaces
SERVING BROOME & TIOGA COUNTIES
754-6376
 pbaker927@yahoo.com

SUE E. RAPP, LCSW-R
Counseling for teens & adults
All major insurances accepted
 300 Main Street Vestal, NY 13850
 srapp@stny.rr.com 607-743-4536

ALBRITE ELECTRIC
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR
607-748-2105
 Residential & Commercial
 • Troubleshooting • Panel Upgrades • Outlets • Switches • Generators • Indoor/Outdoor Lighting • Electric Heat • And ALL Your Electrical Needs!
 Fax: (888) 831-7958
 Email: ksa@albriteelectric.com
 www.albriteelectric.com
 Licensed & Insured

To advertise, contact Bonnie Rozen at 724-2360, ext. 244 or bonnie@thereportergroup.org
THE REPORTER
 Published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton

GARY RILEY
I'll drive you or I'll deliver your vehicle near or far, pets welcome!
REFERENCES AVAILABLE
607-760-0530
GRILES45@GMAIL.COM

SUCCESS NETWORK
 Success Network is a small business association whose members are exclusive in their category and are organized to assist each other in providing and receiving business leads.
Enjoy a free lunch on us when you become a member!
 For more information or if you are interested in membership, please contact Bonnie Rozen at (607)724-2360, ext. 244.
Businesses helping businesses grow!
www.successnetworkbc.com

HANDYMAN 4 SENIORS, INC.
 All your home maintenance and repairs, along with in-home care services. These care services include but are not limited to:
 • Bath Assistance
 • Meal Prep
 • Cleaning
 • Shopping, etc.
John Jacoby M.C.
Valerie Jacoby C.N.A.
 (Licensed & Insured)
888-540-0320
 www.handyman4seniors.com

Cleaning Services:
 • Real Estate Cleaning
 • Passover Cleaning
 • Domestic Cleaning
 • Office Cleaning
 • Commercial Cleaning
 • Window Cleaning
 • Post-Construction Clean-Up
house cleaning & special projects \$25 per hour
 Gift certificates available!
Dust Bunniez Cleaning, LLC
 www.dustbunniez.com
(607) 644-8886
 NYS Certified Minority & Women Owned
 Bonded & Insured

Need someone to drive you close to home?
 I can drive you to:
 • Restaurants
 • Doctor Appointments
 • Shopping
 • Casinos
 • Airports Closer to Home
 • ?
Bob Howe • 607-427-2534
 References provided

It just makes cents to advertise here in **The Reporter!**
 For information on advertising, contact Bonnie Rozen at 724-2360, ext. 244 or bonnie@thereportergroup.org.
THE REPORTER
 Published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton

COOK'S TREE SERVICE
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
 Fully Insured Free Estimates
 Our 50th Year
ISA CERTIFIED ARBORIST
Professionals In All Phases Of:
 • Tree Care • Tree Stump Removal
 • Trimming Trees Shrubs & Tall Hedges
 • Tree Insect & Disease Identification & Treatment
WWW.COOKSTREESERVICE.NET
607-748-2347
 4 Pumphouse Rd Vestal, N.Y.

Ana Spitz
Academy of Fashion Design
 Learn to:
 1. Beginner, intermediate or advanced crochet
Materials required
 2. Hand sew a 2-piece evening gown without pattern.
Materials required
 Save money and relax at the same time! Call 352-0525
 Will come to your house or mine. \$25 per 45 minutes

To advertise, contact Bonnie at 724-2360, ext. 244 or bonnie@thereportergroup.org
YOUR AD COULD BE HERE!
THE REPORTER
 Published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton

Dashing Queen
NAIL & SPA
Bring a friend!
Purchase one service and second guest gets service only for half price!
 Available only January - March
 (20% Tips of original price would be appreciated)
 951 Vestal Parkway East
 Vestal, NY 13850
 760-6219 • 798-8880