

## Jewish Federation of Northeastern Pennsylvania unveils new logo

Logos are all about identity. They reflect the ideal and affiliations of the group using them. For many years, our Federation has used a logo including a dove, reflecting the Jewish ideal of peace – shalom. We felt that was a powerful symbol that we all identify with, but it did not reflect our participation in the larger

American Jewish community. To reflect that affiliation, rather than simply adopting the Jewish Federations of North America logo and modifying the wording, as so many communities around the country have done, we felt the need to preserve our historical identity. We combined our traditional logo with elements of the National Jewish

Community logo. The result, shown with this article, is our new logo. You will see it gradually appearing in everything we do – stationery, fliers, electronic communications. Most important, changing our logo does not change our commitment to organized Jewish life in Lackawanna, Monroe, Pike and Wayne counties.



## Brandeis to start field work for Jewish Population Study

Who are we in Northeastern Pennsylvania? Where do we live? How do we connect? The answers to these questions and many more will come from the Jewish Population Study to be conducted by Brandeis University in our four counties under the auspices of the Jewish Federation of Northeastern Pennsylvania with additional support by Brandeis University itself and the Jewish Federations

of North America. This study became possible because of the incredible generosity of Al Reich (z"l). All area Jewish organizations were asked to cooperate with Brandeis. Over the next few weeks, researchers of Brandeis University will contact people in the community to help us answer the questions describe above. Those answers will help us figure out

the best way to open the doors of organized Jewish life to all those who wish it: It will help us reach out to those Jews who have yet to connect with our organizations. It will take a couple of months for the researchers to collect the data, organize it, analyze it and prepare a presentation that will be useful to every Jewish organization in Northeastern Pennsylvania. We expect the

final results to be presented to the whole community in the fall. You might receive a call from one of these researchers who will identify themselves as Brandeis University researchers conducting the survey on behalf of our local Federation. Please cooperate with them – if you have any questions, please contact the office at 570-961-2300 or Daniel. chejfec@jewishnepa.org.

## Rabbi Chaim Mintz to speak at Scranton Hebrew Day School's 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Anniversary Dinner

The Scranton Hebrew Day School's 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Anniversary Dinner will take place Sunday, May 21, at the Hilton Conference Center in downtown Scranton. The dinner, which is sponsored by the Fink family in memory of their beloved parents and grandparents, David and Tobi Fink, of blessed memory, will begin with a gala reception at 4:30 pm. An elegant banquet will follow at 5:30 pm, recognizing Guests of Honor Dr. and Mrs. David Horowitz.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gans will be presented with the Diamond Leadership Award and Mr. Dan Cardonick, executive director of the Scranton Jewish Community Center, will receive the Community Service Award. Guest speaker at the dinner will be Rabbi Chaim Mintz, former Scrantonian, son of the late Sam and Laura Mintz, of blessed memory, and alumnus of the school's



Rabbi Chaim Mintz

founding class, 1953. Rabbi Mintz is *mashgiach* (spiritual supervisor) of the Yeshiva of Staten Island, NY, and founder of OORAH – a pioneering, national *kiruv* (outreach) organization that has spread Jewish values and ethics amongst thousands of adults and teens. Rabbi Mintz still has family in Scranton, in particular, his sister, the venerated Mrs. Hannah Mintz Leiter. The Mintz

family connection to Scranton and the day school together with the Finks, the Horowitzs and the Ganses has spanned the seven and one-half decades since the school's inception. A special commemorative Journal will be distributed at the dinner. To place an ad or make a reservation for this very special event, please call the school office at 570-346-1576.

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# Powerful new Israeli eye in space will keep tabs on Iran

BY YAAKOV LAPPIN

(JNS) – It was the announcement the Israeli defense establishment had been waiting to make. On April 10, the country's Defense Ministry revealed that the "Ofek 13" spy satellite, launched on March 28, had successfully transmitted its first images. The development was a milestone on the way to the satellite becoming a fully operational Israeli intelligence asset.

The "Ofek 13's" key feature is its synthetic-aperture radar (SAR) on-board sensor. The SAR payload grants the craft advanced observation capability, which is not limited by many of the constraints that apply to space-based cameras, being able to capture highly detailed images even through cloud cover, or at night.

The satellite "will drastically improve Israel's intelligence capabilities from space for years to come," said the head of the Israeli Defense Ministry's Space and Satellite Administration, Avi Berger, following the launch.

Israel's "Ofek 10" and "Ofek 8" satellites were also equipped with SAR capability.

According to Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, Israel is one

of very few countries to possess such capabilities. In early April, he praised Israeli engineers' "creativity, talent and consistency in addition to the hard work of outstanding professionals that took part in this operation," vowing to "continue to prove that even the sky isn't the limit for the Israeli defense establishment."

A key figure in this project is Brig. Gen. (res.) Daniel Gold, head of the Defense Directorate for Research and Development. Gold described the SAR satellite as being at "the peak of global technology," adding that the March 28 launch establishes Israel's "superiority in the field of space yet again. It also constitutes a leap forward in operational and technological abilities for the preservation and improvement of Israel's standing in space for the coming decades."

The keys to the satellite are now in the hands of the IDF's Military intelligence 9900 Unit, which will begin receiving around-the-clock images from it, and building a full operational intelligence picture.

In July 2020, in the middle of the coronavirus global pandemic, Israel launched its "Ofek 16" observation satellite into orbit from central Israel. "Ofek 16" carries an on-board camera that provides higher-res-



The launch of the "Ofek 13" satellite from the Palmachim Airbase in central Israel on March 29. (Photo by Israeli Ministry of Defense)

olution images than ever before. While no additional information was offered regarding the Ofek 16, it's worth noting that Elbit Systems' sophisticated camera system known as "Jupiter" had been put on earlier Israeli satellites.

The camera allows for inspections of "extremely high-value targets," and it produces higher clarity photographs of small and discrete vehicles, objects, and structures, according to Elbit's website. In order to examine the harm done to adversary targets, it can also be utilized for "more advanced battle damage assessment" and "more

detailed operational planning."

Other Israeli satellites in orbit include the "Ofek 5," which was launched in 2002 and is still in use today, according to Defense Ministry officials.

The series kicked off in 1988 with the launch of the "Ofek 1" ("Horizon 1").

Israel Aerospace Industries is the prime contractor in the development of the "Ofek 13" satellite, launcher and ground monitoring system. Rafael Advanced Defense Systems developed the launch engines, together with Tomer, a government-owned firm.

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## Israeli hydrogen-powered drones could prove revolutionary

BY YAAKOV LAPPIN

(JNS) – A new drone made by Israeli company HevenDrones could revolutionize defense and commercial drone uses. The firm's hydrogen-powered H2D55 Drone is five times more energy efficient than traditional lithium battery-powered drones and can fly for 100 minutes with a payload of seven kilograms (15 pounds), according to the company.

The drone, which was unveiled in February at Abu Dhabi's IDEX (International Defence Exhibition and Conference), can be used for a wide range of defense and commercial applications, from emergency responses to last-mile delivery and intelligence-gathering missions.

Bentzion Levinson, founder and CEO of HevenDrones, told JNS the company was founded three-and-a-half years ago, based on the concept of seeing drones not merely as flying cameras, but also as flying robots.

The vast majority of drones currently act as flying cameras, he said, identifying problems, gathering information over a battlefield or spotting hazards like fires – all

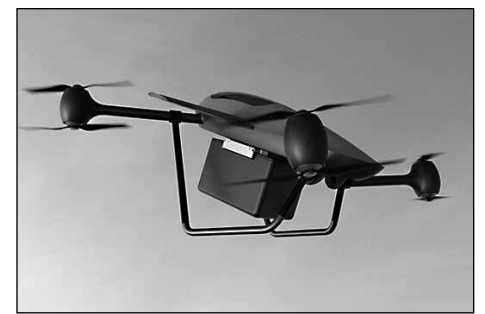
highly important functions. "The problem is limiting drones to being flying sensors. We wanted to develop flying robots that can do things from the sky, like lifting larger payloads over larger distances," he said. "We asked, how can relatively small drones carry significant payloads for longer?"

The answer, Levinson and his team found, was in the battery. With drones already starting to play greater functions, such as Amazon's delivery project, Levinson's company identified a key bottleneck: limited flight time.

"We saw two problems. The first is the range, usually capped at around 10 kilometers and sometimes shorter. The second is the need to get multiple drones to work as a swarm. That creates value and takes the person out of the loop. If you have to come back to change batteries every 30 to 40 minutes, that has less value," he said.

The company gathered energy experts and concluded that hydrogen is the best power source for UAV fuel cells.

HevenDrones works with the



HevenDrones' H2D55 UAV (Photo courtesy of JNS)

Israeli Defense Ministry and has become its supplier of hydrogen-powered drones after demonstrating proof of concept for the ministry in November. The H2D55 Drone is the company's first product line. It is planning two additional models that can take heavier payloads greater distances.

Levinson described the technology as a game-changer. "The hydrogen allows for much longer flights, for massive increases in hovering and maneuvering. We achieved five times the flight speed and 10 times the range," he said.

The drones can take any kind of payload, for example, universal containers and logistic packages.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Pass Over or not Pass Over?

During the beginning of April, we celebrated Passover. It struck me that the English name for the holiday comes literally from the English phrase “passed over,” reflecting how the last plague did not affect the Israelites celebrating their very first seder in Egypt, on the eve of their liberation.

That got me thinking: Does the Almighty really “pass us over?” And my answer is “hardly”; and it applies not only to the actual event in Egypt, but to the whole of our history. Think about it:

If God “passed us over” – would we really have left Egypt? Our history is full of examples showing that, at the worst times in our sojourn, a leader, or a group of idealists, stood up and defended our dignity and our right to be different. The list is very long and it probably can never be complete, so I will mention some of the highlights:



### FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DANIEL CHEJFEC, PH.D.

◆ When our people were exiled to Babylon, the prophet Yehezkel (Ezekiel) not only comforted the exiles, but gave them the strength to keep their identity in a new situation – being a disempowered minority determined to keep

their unique identity.

◆ When the Greeks tried to force their ideas upon the people, Mattityahu ben Hasmon (Mattathias the Hasmonean) and his children rose up to defend our right to be different and to embrace our own culture.

◆ As the Roman troops set siege to Jerusalem and all appeared to be lost, Yohanan Ben Zakai and his disciples established the Yavne Yeshiva to prepare the Jewish people to live in exile without a Temple.

Through the years of the Diaspora, many more

contributed to the preservation of our identity; among others, the Babylonian academies that created the Talmud, the medieval rabbis who through their responsa helped Jews to remain faithful to our heritage, people like the Aben Ezra, Maimonides, Nahmanides, Yosef Caro and so many others. And not only rabbis, but also lay people like Dona Grazia de Nassi.

Skipping over to closer times, in the darkest

hours of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Jews held to their heritage and defied the Nazis by living their lives Jewishly every day – and taking up arms in defense of their people when there was no other alternative, as in the Warsaw Ghetto rebellion.

And in spite of all odds, after over 1,900 years of the destruction of Judea, the Jewish people proclaimed independence in the land of our ancestors, and for 75 years defended that independence against many foes, fighting too many wars to keep the dignity and self-determination of the Jewish people.

As Jews, we have always played against the odds, we have always seen ourselves as Jews, but also as part of the human family – and we contribute to the culture of our human family to an extent that belied our numbers. And today, the American Jewish community continues that tradition by helping people all over the world, whether that is the Jews of Ethiopia or the victims of an earthquake in Turkey. The Jewish Federations of North America is very important, too, in those efforts: providing funds to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Jewish Agency for Israel, ORT, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, Magen David Adom, United Hatzalah, and many other organizations helping people.

I don’t want to change the name of the holiday, but in light of my reading of history, I believe we have been hardly “passed over”; our beliefs and our cultural heritage made us strong and compelled us to stand up for what is right, to speak truth to power regardless of consequences, and to continue – generation after generation – the unending task of making the world a better place. When you contribute to the Federation’s Annual Campaign, you become part of the fight to preserve our past, sustain our present and secure our future. Thank you for your support.

## Six million pennies to keep the memory alive

On April 18, at the Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration, we launched a community-wide initiative to collect six million pennies for Holocaust education.

The community is already doing important programs to preserve that memory, like the Teenage Symposium on the Holocaust sponsored by the Jewish Federation, which has brought together every year over a thousand public high school students to interact directly with Holocaust Survivors and Liberators, and done so for the past 35 years.

But antisemitism is on the rise in America, and troubling polls show how little non Jewish Americans really know about the Holocaust; or even how a growing number is questioning whether the Holocaust really happened. To ad-

dress these problems, we are starting strategic programs to strengthen the memory of the Shoah and the lessons to be learned from it working with schools, the media and the general public.

Elie Wiesel, the Nobel Prize winner and Holocaust survivor, once said that “Human beings should be held accountable. Leave God alone. He has enough problems.” Join us to make antisemites and Holocaust deniers accountable and spread the message of social Justice and the value of human lives – so that one day we can say “Never Again” and actually make it happen.

Collection points are in many Jewish organizations and congregations throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. Bring your pennies and help us make it happen.

### DEADLINES

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

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## Jewish online resources

### BY REPORTER STAFF

◆ Maven will hold the virtual talk “The Madwoman in the Rabbi’s Attic: The Tale of Yalta the Shrew” with Pardes Lecturer Gila Fine on Monday, May 22, from 3-3:45 pm. The cost to attend is \$21. Fine will look at the talmudic tale of Yalta through the lens of authors and thinkers such as Aristotle and Aelian, William Shakespeare and William Congreve, Washington Irving, Charles Dickens and more. For more information or to register, visit <https://maven.aju.edu/events-classes/program/the-madwoman-in-the-rabbis-attic-the-tale-of-yalta-the-shrew>.

◆ The Biblical Archeology Society will hold the virtual lecture “A Wise Woman and a Bearded Man: Seven Seasons of Excavation at Tel Abel Beth Maacah” with Nava Panitz-Cohen, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, on Sunday, June 4, from 3-4 pm. The cost is \$10 and registration must be done by Friday, June 2. A recording of the lecture will be available for participants to watch until Monday, September 4.

◆ Melton will hold the virtual course “Israeli Pop Jamz” on Mondays, May 8-22, from 7-8:30 pm. There is a sliding scale cost to attend. Cantor David Lipp will survey decades of Israeli pop music with an ear for how these “jamz” reflect modern Israeli identity. For more information or to register, visit <https://events.org/events/calendarcourse?tid=6daac2c1-1343-49ce-aca5-8479dafb0aab>.

◆ Melton will hold “Our Animals, Our World, and Ourselves” on Tuesdays, May 9-30, from 1-2:30 pm. There is a sliding scale cost to at-

tend. Jewish Initiative for Animals’ Executive Director Rabbi Jonathan Bernhard will explore the fundamentals of Jewish animal ethics from a variety of perspectives. For more information or to register, visit <https://events.org/events/calendarcourse?tid=5ef1916f-9d1a-4ddf-9110-b35db35a76e8>.

◆ Melton will hold “Jewish Genealogy 101” on Wednesdays, May 10-31, from 1-2:30 pm. There is a sliding scale cost to attend. Yale University professor Dr. Dan Oren will offer the building blocks to begin an exploration into Jewish genealogy. For more information or to register, visit <https://events.org/events/calendarcourse?tid=2a7e1bab-f2eb-4ce0-974b-8c9f2874519f>.

◆ Melton will hold “Moses Meets Madison: Comparing Jewish and American Law” on Tuesdays, June 6-27, from 7-8:30 pm. There is a sliding scale cost to attend. Harman Grossman will offer a text-based exploration of the similarities and differences between the Jewish and American legal systems. For more information or to register, visit <https://events.org/events/calendarcourse?tid=61fb01f8-34e5-491b-9e9b-200797a22e0b>.

◆ Qesher will hold a variety of virtual tours, including “Jewish Amsterdam: A Small Community with a Giant History” on Thursday, May 4, at noon; “Vilnius: The Jerusalem of Lithuania and the city of my family” on Sunday, May 7, at noon; “The 3K Virtual Tour of Jewish Lithuania: Kaunas, Kedainiai and Kalvarija” on Thursday, May 11, at noon; “Remember Baghdad” on

Sunday, May 14, at noon; “Sefarad: Music of the Jews of Spain, Portugal and their diaspora” on Thursday, May 18, at noon; “‘Streets of Kazimierz’: The History of Krakow’s Jewish Quarter” on Sunday, May 21, at noon; and “Music among the Crypto-Jews of Portugal: An almost vanished world” on Wednesday, May 24, at noon. This is a cost for these events. For more information or to register, visit [www.qesher.com/upcoming-events/](http://www.qesher.com/upcoming-events/).

◆ Literary Modiin will hold its virtual May author event on Sunday, May 21, at 1 pm. It will feature authors Aaron Hamburger, Judy Labensohn Lev and Jonathan Papernick discussing their most recent works. For more information or to register, visit [www.juliezuckerman.com/event-info/literary-modiin-may-2023-author-event](http://www.juliezuckerman.com/event-info/literary-modiin-may-2023-author-event).

◆ The Jewish Council will hold the virtual program “A Global Literary Conversation: On Artists in Captivity” with Simon Parkin and Susan Wider on Thursday, May 4, from 1-2 pm. They will discuss their award-winning books – “The Island of Extraordinary Captives: A Painter, a Poet, an Heiress, and a Spy in a World War II British Internment Camp” and “It’s My Whole Life: Charlotte Salomon: An Artist in Hiding During World War II” – and the role of Jewish artists in the Holocaust. For more information or to register, visit [www.jewishbookcouncil.org/events/a-global-literary-conversation-on-artists-in-captivity-with-simon-parkin-and-susan-wider](http://www.jewishbookcouncil.org/events/a-global-literary-conversation-on-artists-in-captivity-with-simon-parkin-and-susan-wider).

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For further information on gifting stocks in payment of your pledge to our Annual UJA Campaign, please contact the Federation at 570-961-2300 (ext. 3) for details.

# Grants Committee awards Jewish Family Service special grant

The Jewish Federation of Northeastern Pennsylvania is a proud partner of the Jewish Family Services of Northeastern Pennsylvania, which provides for the needs of our community members. JFS provides emotional and psychological support as well as financial support when

needed – never losing sight of our Jewish heritage. One of the programs of JFS that embodies this mission is its Passover meals and Passover Drive.

The Federation was proud this year to award JFS a special grant of \$2,500 to help support these programs.



## First-ever online campaign to support Beth Shalom Academy on May 28-29

As our students at Beth Shalom Academy of Scranton continue to grow in a warm environment infused with love of Torah, *tefilot* and *mitzvot*, we are thrilled to share that we are holding our first-ever

online crowd-funding campaign from May 28-29. This campaign will help ensure we have the resources to support our students to grow as individuals, with different learning modalities, progressing at

their own pace. You can partner with us in providing strong curricula in areas such as Judaic studies, math, science, social studies, music and art.

Our community has committed to

the ongoing success of this special school and we ask each of you to participate in our campaign. From May 28-29, you can make a gift on-line at <https://causematch.com/bethshalom>.

### Drones

The promise of hydrogen fuel has been talked about by various industries for the past 20 years, so far with few tangible results. There are some hydrogen-powered cars on the market but they have yet to make major inroads.

Levinson said issues of easy access to hydrogen fuel have until now formed a main challenge. To overcome this, HevenDrones teamed up with supply chain partners, including American energy company Plug Power, which creates lightweight hydrogen fuel cells.

“Drones have the ability to lead the hydrogen revolution. The main challenge goes back to the supply chain,” said Levinson. “Customers need 24/7 resupply.”

To overcome this challenge, the company offers three options: resupplying the customer directly with fuel tanks, a portable technology in which the tanks are pressurized by clients such as hospitals, and an option in which clients create their own hydrogen using nothing more than running water and electricity – a solution

Levinson described as a “real breakthrough.”

“Any army base or offshore energy rig can use electricity and running water to create energy out of thin air,” he said.

This enables automated refueling systems to come online. “This technology is here. The final stages of it are being commercialized,”

said Levinson. The environmental benefits of this power source are clear, he added.

The company is working with a number of clients worldwide. Levinson said the journey ahead is exciting. “As regulation and capabilities grow, more and more problems will be solved by these flying robots,” he said.

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# All seats filled at BSA's Arts Festival 2023

**BY ARI LEITER, ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL, BSA, AND LEX BELUZZI, DIRECTOR OF GENERAL STUDIES, BSA**

The students at Beth Shalom Academy of Scranton hosted their first annual Arts Festival on March 19. BSA had previously hosted events featuring poetry or artwork, however this arts festival included a selection of poetry, art, music and public speaking. Students shared both original and well known works. The event was dedicated in memory of Mrs. Sylvia Eisenberg, a dear friend to BSA and staunch supporter of the school's mission to bring the arts into the lives of the next generation.

The first festival of its kind in a Jewish school in Scranton was the brainchild of our esteemed guidance counselor, Mrs. Bri O'Brien. Mrs. O'Brien has excited our students to new heights week by week. Our "elder statesmen" at BSA, Miss Anita Vogel and Miss Sara Grossman, opened the program by showcasing the music part of our festival by playing "Hatikvah" and "The Star Spangled Banner" respectively followed by Rabbi Kreiman, or "Rebbi" as our BSA students affectionately call him, who recounted a story of the importance of music in Judaism. Some of our younger stars at BSA then went on to entertain the no-available-seats crowd with favorites such as "You Are My Sunshine," "Hashem Is Everywhere" and "Be My Friend" while accompanied by Mrs. O'Brien on her "cool" ukulele.

This festival has had the effect of exciting BSA as the students prepared for it these last many weeks. Mrs. O'Brien has really put forth a dedication for this performance, which was remarkable, and we are very appreciative of her hard work. BSA's festival empowered

students to showcase their creativity as they walked across the stage with original works of art, which also were simultaneously projected on a giant, flat screen monitor to enhance the experience. But the show didn't stop there! Students also recited original works of poetry, in addition to reading some of their favorites by authors such as Shel Silverstein and e.e. cummings. The audience was also captivated by the surprise performance of renowned violinist (and grandfather to one of our pre-k students) Rabbi Avraham Goldstein. Rabbi Goldstein captivated the crowd with famous melodies and "tricks" of his fiddle.

"To think this small school started off the year with just over a dozen students and now has tripled in size in just under a year," remarked one onlooker from the crowd of over 125 as the show wrapped up. BSA students truly love their school because their school truly loves them! A huge thank you to the staff, teachers, parents, community members and friends of BSA for coming out and filling our auditorium to celebrate the individual and

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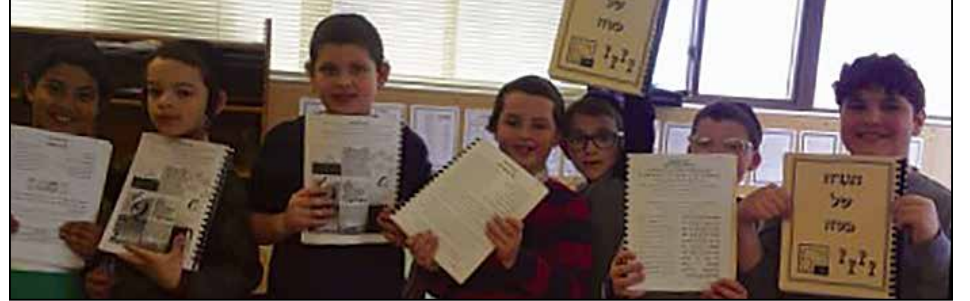


# Scranton Hebrew Day School celebrated Passover

*At right: Second-graders displayed their haggadot at Scranton Hebrew Day School.*



*Rabbi Smith's third grade class at Scranton Hebrew Day School got ready for the Pesach seder.*



*Fourth grade boys with their haggadot at Scranton Hebrew Day School.*



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◆ Maven will hold several free programs: "Finding Hope After the Holocaust: Portraits of Resilience" on Tuesday, May 9, from 3-3:45 pm (<https://maven.aju.edu/events-classes/program/finding-hope-after-the-holocaust-portraits-of-resilience>); "The Marriage Box: Old World Traditions Meet New World Desires" on Tuesday, May 16, from 3-3:45 pm (<https://maven.aju.edu/events-classes/program/the-marriage-box-old-world-traditions-meet-new-world-desires>); and "Life, Love, and the BRCA Mutation" on Tuesday, May 23, from 3-3:45 pm (<https://maven.aju.edu/events-classes/program/life-love-and-the-brca-mutation>).

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# Nostalgia in the form of rich dairy on Shavuot

BY ETHEL G. HOFMAN

(JNS) – It was a typical one-hour flight from Edinburgh to Shetland last year; tea and biscuits (cookies) were served by a smiling tartan-clad stewardess. My heart flipped as the little Saab plane bumped over the landing strip. Ocean waves lapped up almost to the edges of the runway. As I clung to the rail of a rickety stairway to descend onto the tarmac, I inhaled the familiar salty air deep into my lungs.

This was Sumburgh Airport, Shetland – the most northerly commercial airport in the United Kingdom. Although I've spent a lifetime in the United States, this is still home.

I landed, curious. How were these remote islands coping with the deadly pandemic? The population hovering at 23,000 did not escape COVID-19, though they fared much better than most in the beginning. As my 70'ish friend Jean Anne described it: "Being here saved my sanity; I could be out in the fresh air. Even in winter, I could go out walking, take my dog out, and two or three of us, observing social distance, would take a swim every day in the ocean." (OK, I did give her a look and a shudder when she added: "No sweatsuits and 8 degrees Celsius, warmed by the Gulf Stream.")

While respectful of those with autoimmune systems, Shetlanders are seemingly nonchalant about being out and about right now. "Almost everyone is vaccinated; after all, it's not going to kill you," they say.

With restrictions lifted at the end of April 2022, hundreds of locals mingled with American and overseas visitors for the Folk Festival, a week-end event showcasing the best international, British and Shetland music. Organized by an enormous group of volunteers, they shuttled between venues. "It's crazy, but it works," voiced an enthusiastic group of teenagers. This is typical of people coming together – Shetlanders, newcomers, oil-rig workers, young and old all pulling together for a common cause. All year long there are events such as fund-raising Sunday teas, where volunteers of all ages bake and serve; Shanty Songs, a group to support Alzheimer's caregivers, or on a recent weekend, Voar Redd Up (dialect meaning "spring cleanup"). About 4,500 volunteers – or 20 percent of the population – clear beaches, coastlines and roadsides of litter and debris washed up by winter storms.



The Shetland Islands. (Photo by Pixabay)

I'm grateful for having grown up Jewish on this remote island. I learned the value of respect and caring within a Christian community – one where extended family included "Granny Hunter, Auntie Joanne, Uncle Johnny," and playmates who became close as cousins. My parents who assimilated socially made sure I was immersed in my Jewish heritage. Friday morning was abuzz with cooking and cleaning, newspapers spread on the scrubbed kitchen floor, tall brass candlesticks polished to light on Shabbat and always a chicken simmering in a pot ready for kneidlach (matzah balls) to be dropped in.

For my mother, cooking for Shavuot was easy. Even during the starkness of World War II, there were plenty of fresh local dairy ingredients – eggs, butter, cheeses, milk and cream – all delivered daily to our front door. In fact, many of our weekday, dairy dishes, like baked rice puddings and fish pies, fit right in with Shavuot, the holiday that commemorates the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people on Mount Sinai more than 3,300 years ago.

Shavuot begins this year on the evening of Thursday, May 25, the fifth of Sivan. It's customary to serve dairy meals during the two-day festival (one day in Israel). Some scholars claim that spring harvest festivals usually feature dairy dishes because cheese was produced during this season. Others take the practice directly from scripture saying we eat dairy to symbolize the "land flowing with milk and honey."

During visits to longtime friends last year, besides laughter and memories, I brought back ideas and recipes, perfect to serve during Shavuot. Salmon and Haddock Pie was on the table in less than half an hour, using chunks of ocean-fresh fish in a milk gravy studded with green peas and a mashed-potato crust. Creamed mushrooms on slabs of homemade bread served as a late supper – the perfect way to finish leftover Shabbat challah. Boiled Fruit Loaf, a childhood favorite, is mixed in one pot. Checking my mother's recipe, I tweaked it to reduce the sugar without sacrificing the rich fruit and spice flavors. In my house, Mondays were laundry days, and creamy rice pudding was the reward at supertime. The cheesecake recipe, shared by my Florida friend, Terri, is prepared with ricotta cheese rather than cream cheese. It's a fluffier version of the traditional cake, which is much richer, heavier and, yes, See "Shavuot" on page 10

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# Oldest near-complete Hebrew Bible to be displayed in U.S.

BY ETGAR LEFKOVITS

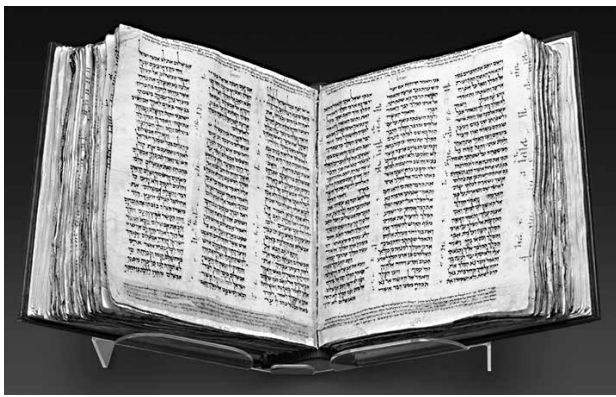
(JNS) – The Codex Sassoon, the oldest near-complete edition of the Hebrew Bible – which was shown to the public only once before, four decades ago – will be displayed in Dallas, Los Angeles and New York before being auctioned at Sotheby’s in New York on May 16. It is expected to fetch an estimated \$30 million-\$50 million, making it potentially the most expensive book or historical document ever to be sold at auction.

In 2021, the auction house sold a first printing of the U.S. Constitution for \$43 million, setting a record for that category.

Dating from the late ninth to early 10<sup>th</sup> century C.E., the Codex Sassoon – named after a former owner, British collector David Solomon Sassoon (1880-1942) – is the earliest, most complete known copy of the Hebrew Bible. The only similarly ancient manuscript ever discovered is the Aleppo Codex, which dates from 930 C.E. but is missing roughly 40 percent of its pages.

The Codex Sassoon, which comes from around that same period, is more complete, with all 24 books of the Hebrew Bible present. Fifteen leaves are missing and many more are partially missing.

Carbon dating arranged by the current owner confirmed the Codex Sassoon is of a similar age to that of the Aleppo Codex but “significantly more complete,” according to the auction house. The manuscript, which measures about 12 by 14 inches and weighs 26 pounds, is housed in



The Codex Sassoon, late ninth to early 10<sup>th</sup> century (Photo courtesy of Sotheby’s)

an early 20<sup>th</sup>-century nondescript brown leather binding.

The earliest known Hebrew biblical manuscripts are the Dead Sea Scrolls, which were discovered in caves between 1946 and 1956, and date from the third century B.C.E. to the first century C.E.

Over the next seven centuries, the Hebrew Bible is believed to have been preserved and transmitted orally, with only fragments of texts ever uncovered from that period.

The Codex Sassoon text is identical to the Hebrew Bible read and studied around the world today. It uses the Masoretic text, the authoritative and traditional text of the Hebrew Bible, named after the Masoretes, a group of scholar-scribes who lived primarily in the Land of Israel (Tiberias and Jerusalem) as well as in Babylonia (Iraq) from about the fifth to the 10<sup>th</sup> centuries and developed a meticulous system of

annotation – known as *nikkud* – to ensure that the text would be read and pronounced properly.

The manuscript changed hands many times, since shortly after its creation, and was considered lost for more than 600 years until it resurfaced in 1929, when Sassoon, a collector of Judaica from a prominent family that made its fortune in the 18<sup>th</sup> century in India and China, bought it. It was subsequently acquired by its current owner, Swiss financier and investor Jacqui Safra.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

### Holocaust survivors asked to record testimony with families

Some 100 Holocaust survivors and their families are participating in a new campaign of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference) called “Our Holocaust Story: Pledge to Remember” ([www.claimscon.org/ohs/](http://www.claimscon.org/ohs/)). Seeing survivors with their family members send a powerful message, said Greg Schneider, executive vice president of the Claims Conference. “They didn’t just survive the Holocaust, they went on to live, to build a family, a family that would not exist if they had not survived,” stated Schneider. “Each survivor has a profound impact on the world, and it is our responsibility to carry forward the torch of their testimony. We should all make a pledge to remember.”

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more calorie-laden, though those don't count at holiday time.

Make one or all, and enjoy!

## SALMON AND HADDOCK PIE (DAIRY)

Serves 4

*Cook's tip: Substitute any white fish for haddock (cod, for example).*

- 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- ½ medium onion, thinly sliced
- 1 rib celery, cut into ¼-inch slices
- 6 oz. skinless salmon, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 6-8 oz. haddock, cut into 1-inch chunks
- ½ tsp. each salt and fresh ground pepper
- ¼ cups milk
- 1 Tbsp. butter or margarine, softened
- 1 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 1 cup green peas
- 3 cups mashed potatoes
- Paprika to sprinkle (optional)

Heat the vegetable oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add the onion and celery. Cook 5 minutes or until beginning to soften.

Add the salmon, haddock, salt and pepper. Pour the milk over and stir gently.

Cover and bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium. Cook for 15 minutes, or until the fish begins to flake.

Meanwhile, combine the butter and flour, mixing to a smooth paste. Drop a teaspoon at a time into the simmering liquid, stirring constantly. The mixture will begin to thicken. Stir in the peas.

Cook, simmering, for 4 to 5 minutes. Transfer to an ovenproof casserole. Spoon mashed potatoes over. Heat in the microwave for 3 to 4 minutes until hot.

Sprinkle with paprika and serve.

## CROFTERS NOODLES (DAIRY)

Serves 4-6

*Cook's tips:*

- ◆ Any pasta may be used instead of noodles. Kids like macaroni.
- ◆ Greens such as lettuce or spinach may be substituted for kale.

8 oz. noodles, cooked and drained according to package direction

- 1½ cups small-curd cottage cheese
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 leek, trimmed and thinly sliced
- 1 cup finely shredded kale
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Place the cooked noodles in a large microwave-safe serving dish. Stir in the cottage cheese and set aside.

In a medium skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add the leek and kale. Cook and stir until softened, about 5 minutes. Add to the noodles, stirring lightly.

Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Cover and microwave for 3 or 4 minutes to heat through. Spoon into bowls and serve.

## CREAMED MUSHROOMS ON TOASTED CHALLAH (DAIRY)

Serves 4

*Cook's tip: No challah? Toasted Kaiser rolls or thickly sliced bread work just as well.*

- 2 Tbsp. butter or margarine
- 1 small onion, thinly sliced
- 1½ cups thinly sliced white mushrooms
- 1½ cups sour cream
- Freshly ground pepper to taste
- 4 slices of toasted challah about ½-inch thick

In a medium skillet, melt butter over medium heat.

Add the onions and cook until softened. Stir in the mushrooms. Reduce heat. Cover and simmer 5 minutes longer. Remove from heat. Stir in the sour cream.

Season to taste with pepper.

Spoon onto toasted challah and serve at once.

## CUCUMBER AND RADISH SALAD WITH LEMON ZEST (DAIRY)

Serves 4-6

*Cook's tip: For a creamy texture and a few more calories, use ½ cup low-fat sour cream and ½ cup plain yogurt.*

- 1 cup plain yogurt
- 1 Tbsp. lemon zest
- 1 Tbsp. rice vinegar
- ½ tsp. freshly ground pepper
- 2 cucumbers, unpeeled, thinly sliced
- 1 bunch of red radishes, trimmed and thinly sliced
- ½ cup golden raisins

In a medium bowl, combine the yogurt, lemon zest, vinegar and pepper.

Add the remaining ingredients and toss to mix. Serve chilled.

## BOILED FRUIT LOAF (DAIRY)

Makes 8-10 slices

*Cook's tips:*

- ◆ Use a mixture of any dried fruits such as raisins, currants, dried cranberries and a handful of shredded coconut; whatever you have on hand.
- ◆ To make self-rising flour, add 2 teaspoons of baking powder to 1 cup of all-purpose flour.
- ◆ Don't be afraid of substituting favorite spices – pumpkin spice, Chinese Five Spice – but go easy on ground cloves.

- 2 cups dried fruits
- ½ cup sugar
- 1½ cups milk
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1¾ cups self-rising flour
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- ½ tsp. ground nutmeg

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray a loaf pan, 9x5x3inches, with nonstick vegetable spray.

In a medium saucepan, combine the dried fruits, sugar, milk, butter and baking soda. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring often.

Lower to simmer and cook for 5 minutes or until dark and beginning to be syrupy. Remove from heat. Set aside to cool completely.

After the mixture has cooled, whisk in the egg and spices, then add the flour gradually, ½ cup at a time. Transfer to prepared loaf pan. Bake in preheated oven 45-50 minutes or until a skewer comes out clean when inserted.

Cool, slice and enjoy. Freezes well.

## MA'S STOVETOP RICE PUDDING (DAIRY)

Serves 4-6

*Cook's tips:*

- ◆ Best made in a double boiler but may use a heavy-bottomed saucepan, stirring often.

◆ May use low-fat *Ma's Stovetop Rice Pudding* (Photo by Ethel

◆ Add ¼ teaspoon *G. Hofman* orange or vanilla extract.

- ½ cup rice
- 4 cups milk
- ¼ cup sugar
- 2 tsp. unsalted butter
- ½ cup dark raisins

Place all ingredients in a double boiler. Stir to mix.

Cover and cook over the lowest heat for 1½ hours, or until thick and creamy. Stir often.

Check the water in the lower pot of the double boiler, adding more water as needed.

Serve warm or at room temperature.

## TERRI'S RICOTTA CHEESECAKE (DAIRY)

Serves 12-16

*Cook's tips:*

- ◆ Prepared pie crust may be used to line the pan instead of graham-cracker crumbs.

◆ Top cheesecake with sugared strawberries or berries before serving.

- ⅓ cup graham-cracker crumbs
- 8 eggs, separated
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 lbs. of ricotta cheese
- ½ cup of flour, sifted
- 1 Tbsp. finely grated lemon rind
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- ½ cup heavy cream, whipped

Preheat oven to 425°F.

Spray a 12-inch springform pan with nonstick vegetable spray. Sprinkle graham cracker crumbs over the bottom. Set aside.

In a medium bowl, whisk the egg whites with ½ cup sugar until they peak. Set aside.

In a large bowl, beat ricotta until smooth. Gradually add 1½ cups sugar and the egg yolks, beating well after each addition.

Beat in the flour, lemon rind and vanilla. Fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites and the whipped cream. Turn into the prepared springform pan.

Bake in preheated 425°F oven for 10 minutes. Reduce temperature to 330°F and bake for 1 hour.

Turn off the heat. Allow to cool in the oven with the door closed for about 2½ hours.

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*Ma's Stovetop Rice Pudding* (Photo by Ethel

*G. Hofman*)



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## U.S. State, Treasury designate Hezbollah-supporting “sanctions evasion network”

In an April 18 announcement, the U.S. Treasury Department designated a “global sanctions evasion network” supporting Hezbollah with the U.S. State Department re-advertising a \$10 million reward for information about Hezbollah’s “financial mechanisms.” The latter specified information about Nazem Said Ahmad, a “specially designated global terrorist.” Since 1997, the State Department has designated Hezbollah a Foreign Terrorist Organization. The two departments – working with the Departments of Justice, Homeland Security and Commerce, and with the United Kingdom – noted that the evasion network “facilitates the payment, shipment and delivery of cash, art and luxury goods” for Hezbollah’s benefit. In December 2019, the United States sanctioned individuals and entities that launder money for Hezbollah, and then-Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin singled out Ahmad, for having “used money-laundering and tax-evasion schemes to fund terrorist plots” and finance his lavish lifestyle. Ahmad, who owns a large art collection and has “blood diamond” trade ties, is reported to be a top Hezbollah donor.

## United Hatzalah volunteer saves teen’s life on Israel-New York flight

A United Hatzalah emergency-service doctor on April 18 saved the life of a teen suffering from anaphylactic shock aboard an El Al flight from Israel to New York. Dr. Natan Ungar came to the rescue of a 16-year-old boy whose throat had begun to close due to a severe allergic reaction to something he ate. The young passenger was in possession of an EpiPen epinephrine injection device, but it had expired. Ungar, therefore, asked the flight attendants for the plane’s medical kit, which contained a vial of adrenaline that was administered intravenously. The teen’s condition immediately started to improve, and he was soon able to breathe normally. At that point, the decision was made to continue the flight as

planned to Joh F. Kennedy Airport in New York City. United Hatzalah is an emergency medical service based in Israel. The organization also carries out humanitarian missions across the globe in response to wars and natural disasters.

## Cohen heads to Turkmenistan to open Israeli embassy

Eli Cohen was set to become the first Israeli foreign minister to step foot in Turkmenistan in nearly three decades when he arrived in the Central Asian country’s capital Ashgabat on the night of April 19 to open an embassy there. It will be the closest Israeli embassy to Iran as Ashgabat is located 15 miles from the Turkmenistan-Iran border, which spans 713 miles from the Caspian Sea to Afghanistan.

## Nearly half of the world’s Jews live in Israel

At the start of 2022, there were a total of 15.3 million Jews in the world, seven million of whom, roughly 46 percent of all Jews worldwide, resided in Israel, Israel’s Central Bureau of Statistics revealed on April 16. In 1939, on the eve of World War II, Jews numbered 16.6 million, and 449,000 (3 percent) resided in the Land of Israel. Just under 10 years later, in 1948,

the world’s Jewish population had diminished to 11.5 million; of them, 650,000 (6 percent) lived in Israel. Among Diaspora Jews, about six million live in the United States, 442,000 in France, 392,000 in Canada, 292,000 in Britain, 173,000 in Argentina, 145,000 in Russia, 118,000 in Germany and another 118,000 in Australia, according to the report. Ahead of Holocaust Remembrance Day, which begins on the evening of April 17, the CBS also revealed that 147,199 Holocaust survivors or victims of antisemitic actions during the Holocaust are currently living in Israel. Of those survivors, 61 percent are women and 39 percent are men. A small number, 4.5 percent, immigrated to Israel before the establishment of the state, between 1933 to 1947; 31.7 percent immigrated during the large *aliyah* wave following the state’s establishment (1948 to 1951); 29.7 percent immigrated between 1952 and 1989 and 34.1 percent came since the 1990s, during the wave of *aliyah* from the former Soviet Union. In a 2021 survey, 87 percent of Israel’s survivors said they were either “satisfied” or “very satisfied” with their lives, similar to the 88 percent of Jews and others above the age of 75. However, 17.3 percent of Holocaust survivors said they felt lonely often, compared to 12.6 percent of Jews and others 75 and older.

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