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# **New Study of Jewish Poverty**

Jewish Senior Life and Jewish Family Service of Rochester are teaming up to undertake a study of Jewish poverty within our community, against the backdrop of a larger poverty initiative underway in Greater Rochester.

"The purpose of this study is to bet-

ter understand the very real poverty-related needs for supports and services within our Jewish community, for those of all ages," says Michael King, president and CEO of Jewish Senior Life. "Our goal is to un-



Mike King and Janet Sunkin

derstand the need for supports and services that might now be unrecognized and unmet."

"The unanticipatedly strong response to both the Brighton Food Cupboard and Brighton Your Wardrobe programs made it clear that there is more poverty within the Jewish community than has been acknowledged and addressed," says Janet Sunkin, President and CEO of Jewish Family Service.

The survey will be administered online through March 31 at JewishHiddenReality. org. It is confidential

and anonymous to participate. Those without internet access may call 461-0110 ext. 110 for help in finding another way to participate. Computer kiosks are available in the lobbies of the Jewish Home and the JCC. x

## **Elections and the U.S.-Israel Relationship**

The Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester will present a lecture featuring the noted political analyst and author Norman Ornstein on March 17 as part of "Israel 2016: The Series." The program, which will take place at Temple Beth El at 7:30 p.m., is free and open to the community.

Ornstein is a long-time observer of Congress and politics. He is a contributing editor and columnist for National Journal and The Atlantid and is an election eve analyst for BBC News. As co-director of the AEI-Brook-



ings Election Reform Project, Ornstein led a working group of scholars and practitioners that helped shape the law, known as McCain-Feingold, that reformed the campaign financing system.

His many books include "The Permanent Campaign and Its Future"; "The Broken Branch: How Congress Is Failing America and How to Get It Back on Track," with Thomas E. Mann; and, most recently, the New York Times bestseller, "It's Even Worse Than It Looks: How the American Constitutional System Collided With the New Politics of Extremism," also with Tom

## **Georgetown Gets \$10 Million Gift** To Endow Holocaust Study Fund

WASHINGTON (JTA) -Georgetown University will create a permanent program on the forensic study of the Holocaust using a new \$10 million gift.

The donation to the Washington, D.C., school is from Norman and Irma Braman, a Florida couple who have made large gifts to other universities and hospitals. Norman Braman is founding chairman of the Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach, and the couple is active with Yad Vashem in Israel and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington.

The Braman Endowed Program Fund will support teaching, research and field study for Georgetown faculty and students and fund the development of a new public outreach program with the aim of preventing future Holocausts. The money will fund an endowed professorship as well as research and public service programs on the Holocaust.

"This gift will ensure that the study of the Holocaust remains an integral area of study and scholarship at Georgetown," the Jesuit and Catholic university's president, John DeGioia, said in a statement issued Wednesday.

The Rev. Patrick Desbois, a

historian, was named the first holder of the Braman Endowed Professorship of the Practice of the Forensic Study of the Holocaust. A Roman Catholic priest from France, Desbois was instrumental in bringing the Bramans' gift to Georgetown.

"I have decided to make this gift, now, and to Georgetown, in part as a sign of my appreciation for the leadership of Pope Francis and the priority he so clearly attaches to fostering closer relations between Jews and Catholics," Norman Braman said in the university statement.

Georgetown also announced that as of Feb. 29, its Program for Jewish Civilization will be renamed the Center for Jewish Civilization.

The center will teach many aspects of the Holocaust, including its causes and consequences, its role in the establishment of the modern State of Israel, its continuing impact on modern Judaism, anti-Semitism and questions of Israel's legitimacy.

The Program for Jewish Civilization, which opened in 2003, has received gifts totaling \$10 million from more than 500 alumni and friends to ensure it would be permanently endowed. 💸





#### **MARCH 2016**

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#### FRIDAY, MARCH 4

**Challah Baking**, at Temple Emanu-El. With Rabbi Drorah Setel. The dough will be prepared at **9:00** a.m. and braided at **11:00** a.m. Come at either time. Free and open to the community. 266-1978.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 5

Amadeus Chorale and Brockport Symphony Orchestra British & Celtic Celebration Concert, at Hochstein Performance Hall, 7 p.m. Directed by Darla Bair and Jonathan Allentoff, this 20th anniversary season concert will feature guest soloists, dancers, and a special dessert reception. For tickets call 402-8126.

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 6



**Brunch**, at Temple Emanu-El, **10:30** a.m. Changkuk Jung, Ph.D. will discuss "The Middle East." Temple Emanu-El's Sunday morning brunches feature a variety of topics and speakers from the community. Different guest chefs each month outdo each other in serving a delicious meal. Fee. RSVP to Leslie Schwartz, 944-2361.



Jewish Book Festival: Ron Lieber, "The Opposite of Spoiled: Raising Kids Who Are Grounded, Generous and Smart About Mone," at the JCC, 7 p.m. New York Times financial columnist and best-selling author, Lieber provides a practical guidebook for parents wanting to use conversations about money to imprint good values.

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 8**

**Echoes and Reflections: Leaders in Holocaust Education**, at the Jewish Federation, **9 a.m.** This program will explore a range of topics designed to support educators including anti-Semitism, Nazi ideology, ghettos, the Final Solution, and resistance. Free; RSVP to Bonnie Abrams, 461-2000.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

**Interfaith Bible Study**, at the Jewish Federation, **noon**. "Violence." The series will explore the range of emotions experienced through psalms. With Samara Sofian, director of education, Temple Beth El; and Professor Mark Brummitt, Colgate Rochester Divinity School. Free and open to the community. 461-0490.

**Sherut: Bubbies Kitchen Pilot**, at 58 Whitestone Lane, **6:30 p.m.** An intergenerational program aimed at bringing women together through food and cooking. Participants will learn how to cook and sample one Jewish dish over drinks and casual conversation. RSVP to Debbie Zarkowsky, 241-8627.

NCJW-GRS Board Meeting, at the JCC, 7:30 p.m. 234-3475.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 11

Challah Baking, at Temple Emanu-El. 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. See March 4.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 12

Jewish Family Service Annual Gala, at Temple Beth El, 6:30 p.m. Cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception, sit-down dinner catered by Chef Tony Gullace of Max of Eastman Place, and dancing to Prime Time Funk. Cocktail attire/black tie optional. Honoring, Susan Kramarsky and Dr. Kevin McGowan, founders of the Brighton Food Cupboard. Couvert. Tickets at 461-0110.

**Temple Sinai Havdalah Gourmet Dinner**, at congregants' homes. Members will be assigned and invited to a host's home for an intimate Shabbat dinner, with each home hosting 7-11 adults. RSVP to Joyce Schacter, 381-6890.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Introduction to Jewish Prayer, at Temple Emanu-El, 11:00 a.m. Rabbi Drorah Setel will discuss "The Six-Pointed Structure of the Service." Open to the community. Call 266-1978.

**Three Views of Biblical History**, at Temple Beth El, **1:30 p.m.** Hazak senior group presents Carter Brown on "Three views of Biblical History" in the Beit Café. Call Joanne Prives, 244-3111.

Phone-a-thon for Teens, at the Jewish Federation, 4 p.m. Call Debbie Zarkowsky, 241-8627.

#### **CORRECTION**

The Jewish Book Festival event with **Judith Viorst** will take place at **2 p.m. Sunday**, **March 20**, at the Atkin Center of Jewish Senior Life.

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