

Shootings, Rockets & Fires ... *A Devastating Month*

In the month since the last issue of the Jewish Community News, eleven Jews were killed by an anti-Semitic gunman while praying on Shabbat morning at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. In the days that followed, vigils and memorial services were held, with many of our non-Jewish neighbors joining the Jewish observances throughout our country. Days later, rockets from Gaza began terrorizing southern Israel, 460 in total, and the cease fire is tenuous, with Hamas continuing to threaten

Israel. And now the devastating wildfires in California, causing so much destruction and loss of life.

By email, our Jewish Federation notified our community of the pleas for help from the Greater Los Angeles Jewish Federation, and their needs continue to mount. We're including their information below. We're also sharing the extraordinary outpouring of love from the Pittsburgh community for its Jewish neighbors. It doesn't even the playing field but makes it more bearable.

Destruction in LA



The Los Angeles wildfires are still burning and will be bringing havoc for days to come. Thousands of individuals and families have been evacuated and displaced. The Los Angeles Jewish community needs our collective support now – to rebuild and ensure the strength and security of all members of the community. Families who have been evacuated do not have a place to go, and many have already lost their

homes. We need to mobilize our extended network to help in this time of need. The local wildfires have destroyed or damaged many of our beloved Jewish institutions. Impacted organizations include Camp JCA Shalom, Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps (Camp Hess Kramer and Gindling Hilltop Camp). Ilan Ramon Day School was destroyed.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles has opened an LA Wildfire Relief Fund – 100% of all funds raised will go to individuals and institutions affected by the fires: <http://www.jewishla.org/LAfires>.

Pittsburgh Paper Prints Mourner's Kaddish Prayer on Front Page



The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, the largest newspaper serving the Pennsylvania city's metropolitan area, printed a part of the Jewish mourner's prayer in Hebrew as its front-page headline.

The first four words of the Mourner's Kaddish were printed on the November 2nd front page as a tribute to the 11 people killed the prior weekend in a shooting attack at the city's Tree of Life synagogue, allegedly by a far-right extremist. The

words mean "may His great name be exalted and sanctified."

On Twitter, historian Aaron Astor wrote: "The Jewish Mourner's Kaddish is one of the most important prayers of all. This was a very moving gesture by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette to post it as the headline."

Jodi Kantor, an investigative journalist for The New York Times, wrote that the unusual headline is "The ultimate tribute to the victims. A statement that Jews belong."



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The recent tragedy at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh and, now, the wildfires in California affecting the Los Angeles Jewish community and its institutions, have prompted members of our Desert Jewish Community to ask if there was a way they could be notified of community responses (vigils, emergency funding, etc...). Our

Jewish Federation maintains an email list and sends timely messages ... not necessarily limited to emergencies ... and anyone in the Jewish community is invited to be part of this list, simply by giving us your email address.



However, in response to recent requests, we are willing to create what might be considered a "CRISIS" email list. Persons on this list would be contacted when extraordinary events occur.

If you wish to be added to the current email list or if you wish to be part of the emergency/crisis e-blasts, email us and we will add you to our community contact program.

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Reflections on Pittsburgh

From the CEO



Bruce Landgarten

*Jewish Federation
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It has been several weeks now, but we have hardly begun to grapple with the reality and the ramifications of this assault to Jewish peoplehood, let alone allow the mourning process to unfold, and realize this could have happened in any synagogue. In the days that followed, our community's temples, as Jewish communities throughout this country, held vigils and memorial services. Our Christian and Muslim neighbors joined us. We were moved by their urgency to be with us.

Our Desert community came together like rarely before, to grieve

together, support each other and know that by standing strong, we strengthened each other.

The shooting in Pittsburgh was a direct attack on the Jewish community, motivated by hatred, but the anti-Semitism that struck Pittsburgh wasn't 'just' a Jewish problem. Anti-Semitism is everyone's problem. The war that starts against the Jews doesn't end with the Jews. Anti-Semitic incidents have increased almost 100% in 2017 and have spiked even higher the past few weeks.

Anti-Semitism is not foreign in our country... and we have experienced, with great sorrow, gun violence in Jewish communal spaces before. But what happened in Pittsburgh was different. It happened on Shabbat ... in a sanctuary ... the safest of spaces, where children run freely without fear... where the worshipers sing with joy ... where we are vulnerable before God. We cannot let this space

be taken from us...we cannot let hate win...we cannot let fear win... we cannot let anti-Semitism win...we must stand unafraid ... in our places of worship ... and everywhere.

The late Mister Fred Rogers, a resident of the Squirrel Hill neighborhood where the Tree of Life Synagogue is located, once said: "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'"

Those words don't just comfort us, they empower us. They remind us of our Federation's vision to create a vibrant, caring, and enduring Jewish community that is a force for good. Our Federation does this through collaboration ... convening partners, providing philanthropic support, and developing resources to strengthen the security of our community's Jewish organizations. This murderous rampage was an offensive act to civilized people everywhere. This attack against Jewish people will not

deter Federation and our Jewish agencies in any way. In fact, it has strengthened our resolve to be welcoming of people of all faiths and doing all we can to build a better community ... everyday ... for all our citizens.

As we move forward, I want to share a quote by Elie Weisel: "I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."



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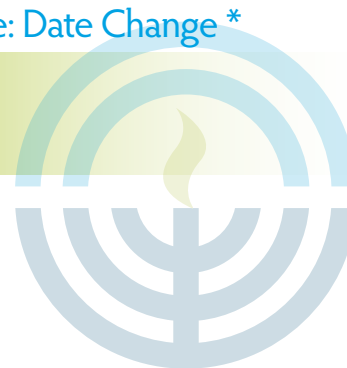
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Israel Thanks the US 'For Standing with Us'

In first, US votes against UN resolution condemning Israeli presence in Golan

By Times of Israel staff

On November 16 the United States for the first time voted against an annual UN resolution calling for Israel to withdraw from the Golan Heights, signifying a dramatic shift in US policy toward the territory. The US usually abstains.

Despite the unprecedented move by the US, the resolution passed with 151 in favor, two against (Israel and the US) and 14 abstentions, one of nine anti-Israel resolutions passed by the world body in one day.

Israel Ambassador to the UN Danny Danon thanked the US for the move and said the "UN should deal with Syria's civil war, not meaningless decisions that won't affect Israel's sovereignty in the Golan Heights."

"Today, we said in a clear voice — the time has come for the world to recognize we will not retreat. We thank the US for standing with us on this vote," he said.

During the debate, the Syrian envoy vowed that Damascus would recapture the heights by peace or by war.

The US announced its changed policy ahead of the vote on "The Occupied Syrian Golan" resolution. "If this resolution

ever made sense, it surely does not today. The resolution is plainly biased against Israel," outgoing US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley said in a statement.

The non-binding resolution, which is voted on by a UN General Assembly committee each year, takes issue with the "illegality of the decision" taken by Israel "to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration on the occupied Syrian Golan," which it says is illegal under international law.

Israel captured the Golan Heights from Syria in the 1967 Six Day War and annexed the territory in the early 1980s. But the United States and the international community have long refused to recognize Israeli sovereignty there and officially consider it Syrian territory under Israeli occupation.

Haley, however, said on Friday that "the atrocities the Syrian regime continues to commit prove its lack of fitness to govern anyone."

The UN also passed eight other measures which range from condemnations of Israeli construction in East Jerusalem and the West Bank to

renewing the mandate of a UN committee probing "Israeli practices affecting the human rights of the Palestinian people and other Arabs of the occupied territories." They were sponsored by a number of countries that have been scrutinized for their own human rights records, among them Cuba, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and Zimbabwe.

Ahead of the vote a UN watchdog condemned the censures that only targeted Israel as "surreal."

"The UN's planned assault on Israel with a torrent of one-sided resolutions is surreal," said Hillel Neuer, executive director of the UN Watch monitor group.

Neuer noted the vote on the resolutions came just days after Hamas and other Palestinian terror groups in the Gaza Strip launched some 460 rockets toward Israel. "The world body now adds insult to injury," he said.

Israel has reportedly pressed the White House in recent months to recognize the Golan annexation, arguing that the bloody civil war in Syria undergirded Israeli claims that the plateau is critical to maintaining security.

Danon welcomed the US announcement of its changed stance, saying in a statement that "the change in the American voting pattern is another testament to the strong cooperation between the two countries."

"It is time for the world to distinguish between those who stabilize the region and those who sow terror," he added.

In September, US ambassador to Israel David Friedman said that he expects the annexed territory to remain under Israeli control "forever." "I cannot honestly imagine a situation in which the Golan Heights is not part of Israel forever," Friedman told the Israel Hayom daily.

But during a visit to Israel a month earlier, US National Security Adviser John Bolton said there were no discussions on such recognition. "Obviously we understand the Israeli claim that it has annexed the Golan Heights — we understand their position — but there's no change in the US position for now," he told the Reuters news agency in an interview.

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Isle of Klezbos is a soulful, fun-loving powerhouse all-women's klezmer sextet that has been touring from Vienna to Vancouver for two dynamic decades. The band's repertoire ranges from rambunctious to entrancing, including neo-traditional folk dance, mystical melodies, and Yiddish swing.

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Israeli Scientists Develop Implanted Organs That Won't Be Rejected

Breakthrough development uses a patient's own stomach cells, cutting the risk of an immune response to implanted organs.

By ISRAEL21c Staff

Israeli researchers report that they have invented the first fully personalized tissue implant, engineered from a patient's own materials and cells. The new technology makes it possible to engineer any kind of tissue implant, for the spinal cord, to the heart, or brain, from one small fatty tissue biopsy.

"We were able to create a personalized hydrogel from the materials of the biopsy, to differentiate fatty tissue cells into different cell types and to engineer cardiac, spinal cord, cortical and other tissue implants to treat different diseases," said lead researcher Prof. Tal Dvir of Tel Aviv University's Center for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology and Sagol Center for Regenerative Biotechnology.

"Since both the cells and the material used derive from the patient, the implant does not provoke an immune response, ensuring proper regeneration of the defected organ," Dvir explained.

The research was conducted by Dvir's postdoctoral researcher, Reuven Edri, and doctoral students Nadav Noor and Idan Gal, in collaboration

with Prof. Dan Peer and Prof. Irit Gat Viks of TAU's Department of Cell Research and Immunology and Prof. Lior Heller of Assaf HaRofeh Medical Center in Israel. It was recently published in the journal *Advanced Materials*.

Avoiding Anti-rejection Drugs

Currently, in tissue engineering for regenerative medicine, cells are isolated from the patient and cultured in biomaterials to assemble into a functional tissue. These biomaterials can be synthetic or natural, derived from plants or animals.

After transplantation, they may induce an immune response that leads to rejection of the implanted tissue. Patients receiving engineered tissues or any other implants are treated with immuno-suppressors, which unfortunately can endanger the health of the patient. The new method solves that problem.

"With our technology, we can engineer any tissue type, and after transplantation we can efficiently regenerate any diseased or injured organ — a heart after a heart attack, a brain after trauma or with Parkinson's

disease, a spinal cord after injury," said Dvir.

"In addition, we can engineer adipogenic [fatty tissue] implants for reconstructive surgeries or cosmetics. These implants will not be rejected by the body."

The researchers extracted a small biopsy of fatty tissue from patients, then separated its cellular and a-cellular materials. While the cells were reprogrammed to become induced pluripotent stem cells — able to make cells from all three basic body layers, so they can potentially produce any cell or tissue the body needs to repair itself — the extracellular material was processed to become a personalized hydrogel.

After combining the resulting stem cells and the hydrogel, the

scientists successfully engineered the personalized tissue samples and tested the patients' immune responses to them.

The researchers are currently engaged in regenerating an injured spinal cord and an infarcted heart with spinal-cord and cardiac implants. They have also begun to investigate the potential of human dopaminergic implants to treat Parkinson's disease in animal models.

The researchers plan to regenerate other organs, including intestines and eyes, using the patients' own materials and cells.

"We believe that the technology of engineering fully personalized tissue implants of any type will allow us to regenerate any organ with a minimal risk of immune response," Dvir said.



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NASA, Israel Space Agency Ink Deal for Moon-bound Mission

Agreement will put NASA tools at the service of the Israeli nonprofit Spacell's private lunar mission, expected to land on the moon in 2019.

By ISRAEL21c Staff

The United States space agency, NASA, signed an agreement on October 3 with the Israel Space Agency to cooperatively utilize the Israeli nonprofit Spacell's commercial lunar mission, expected to land on the moon in 2019.

As a part of the agreement, a retro-reflector from NASA will be installed on Spacell's unmanned spacecraft. This instrument reflects laser beams, which will enable NASA to locate the spacecraft precisely on the lunar surface after the landing.

NASA will grant Spacell access to its Deep Space Network



Spacell's lunar module on a simulated moon backdrop.

communication services, and its Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter — currently orbiting the Moon — will try to capture images of the Israeli spacecraft during its landing.

Also, under the agreement, NASA will have access to data gathered by the magnetometer installed aboard the spacecraft. This instrument, developed in collaboration with the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, will measure the magnetic field on and above the landing site.

The agreement was signed by NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine and Avi Blasberger, director of the Israel Space Agency, in the presence of Spacell CEO Ido Anteby.

"I'm thrilled to extend progress in commercial cooperation we've made in low-Earth orbit to the

lunar environment with this new agreement with the Israel Space Agency and Spacell," said Bridenstine. "Innovative partnerships like this are going to be essential as we go forward to the Moon and create new opportunities there."

Spacell competed in the Google Lunar XPRIZE and continues to work toward landing the first Israeli spacecraft on the moon. Together, NASA and Spacell will collaborate on analyzing the scientific data returned from the mission.



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Pittsburgh Steelers Quarterback Wears Star of David Cleats to Honor Tree of Life Victims

by Benjamin Kerstein *The Algemeiner*

Ben Roethlisberger, quarterback for the Pittsburgh Steelers football team, wore special cleats emblazoned with the Star of David during the November 4th game against the Baltimore Ravens.

The cleats were white, black, red, and blue with yellow Stars of David at the top and the words "Stronger Than Hate" on the front.

According to The Hill, Roethlisberger wore the cleats in honor of the victims of the Tree of Life synagogue massacre and their families. In particular, the quarterback is expressing solidarity with Michele Rosenthal, a former Steelers employee who also worked with Roethlisberger's charity foundation. Rosenthal lost two brothers in the shooting.

The Pittsburgh Penguins hockey team also paid their respects to the victims with patches on their jerseys. The jerseys were then auctioned,



Special cleats worn by Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger November 4 in honor of the victims of the Tree of Life synagogue massacre.



Patch worn by Pittsburgh Penguins Hockey Team

with the proceeds going to the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. In addition, the team held a blood drive for victims and raised funds for them and their families.

Ultrasound Breakthrough Allows Doctors to Examine Patients Remotely

Israeli startup iNNOGING enables physicians to manipulate captured ultrasound video and perform a dynamic exam virtually without the patient present.

By Abigail Klein Leichman, Israel 21c

The idea of ultrasound technology is to give radiologists a dynamic look at moving parts inside the body. However, most ultrasound scans today are done by technicians – so the radiologist is reviewing recorded images or video clips instead of seeing the full real-time picture.

As a result, the doctor may miss something important or send the patient for a repeat ultrasound or a more costly and invasive diagnostic imaging.

A new invention from Israel will enable physicians to manipulate captured ultrasound video and perform a virtual dynamic exam without the patient present.

“Ultrasound is a volume created by many frames, so all the data exist but cannot be seen. By taking apart the video and building it again we can navigate inside and see everything that’s going on,” explains Adi Baruch, cofounder and CEO of iNNOGING Medical.

“Our technology quite simply converts the video clip into a 3D model.”

The doctor maneuvers through this 3D model with iNNOGING’s Probe & Pad hardware attached to any computer. The probe is identical to the transducer used in a live ultrasound exam, while the pad simulates the patient’s body. There’s no special training needed for any doctor who already knows how to perform an ultrasound.

“It’s like the patient is sitting right there getting a real-time exam,” says Baruch.

Breakthrough in sonography The iNNOGING software and hardware were invented in the Kinematics and Computational Geometry Lab at Israel’s Ariel

University, co-directed by Dr. Nir Shvalb, and licensed through the Ariel Scientific Innovations tech-transfer company.

Shvalb previously helped invent the ViRob micro-robot platform commercialized by Microbot Medical and founded Memic Innovative Surgery based on his uniquely small, flexible robotic surgical system called Hominis.

Shvalb envisioned the remote ultrasound viewing and analyzing tool as a training simulator that student doctors and technicians could use at home. Existing simulators are expensive and bulky.

“By taking apart the video and building it again we can navigate inside and see everything that’s going on.”

Brought into the project for his international expertise in medical devices, Baruch immediately recognized that Shvalb’s invention had much broader implications: it could bring an entirely new capability to doctors in order to increase diagnostic accuracy and reduce medical costs.

He believes this is nothing less than a breakthrough.

“No other ultrasound technology advancements at the moment are focused on the doctor,” Baruch tells ISRAEL21c. “Most of the developments are about helping technicians capture better video images. Our technology is focused on the doctor doing the diagnosis without seeing the patient.”

He explains that due to the sheer volume of ultrasound exams, at least 85 percent are performed by highly trained technicians. But even for the 15% performed by the diagnosing physician, iNNOGING presents a

new opportunity for that doctor or a consulting physician to analyze and manipulate the recorded images after the patient has gone home.

“For example, checking a baby in utero can take a long time and if the doctor doesn’t have adequate time during the appointment, or failed to capture certain angles, it can be done later with our technology,” says Baruch.

The startup is in talks with several Chinese entities, he reveals. “In China there are large geographic distances between doctors. Using our system, a technician can do the ultrasound scan and a radiologist far away can analyze it dynamically.”

Path to Market

The startup completed its first investment round within 100 days. “We got investments from angels and doctors. We didn’t go to VCs as most startups do,” says Baruch.

He expects the iNNOGING (which stands for “innovative imaging”) ultrasound simulator product to be ready for commercialization in one year. It will not need regulatory approvals and would be sold like a textbook for students.

“Our plan is to do a licensed spinoff with the simulator and put all our focus on the medical ultrasound analyzer,” says Baruch.

The medical analyzer could launch in the US market within three years, pending FDA approval. “The process is not complicated. We just need to show that the data we provide is identical to the data we get from any ultrasound machine,” says Baruch.

“We are now looking for doctors and radiologists to join our advisory board, and we are looking to hire more software developers to help us expand. There are interesting

joint ventures we can discuss for the simulator.”

Larry Loev, CEO of Ariel Scientific Innovations, says the iNNOGING system “is the obvious next step in the procurement of digitized healthcare because it facilitates telemedicine. Ultrasound is becoming a more ubiquitous type of diagnostic device worldwide.”

Loev notes that the technology is patented in United States and European Union.

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Mossad Helps Foil Iranian Assassination Plot in Denmark

The Israeli intelligence agency provided key information to its Danish counterpart to save Iranian dissidents from being murdered by Iranian government agents.

By Batya Jerenberg, World Israel News

Israel's Mossad helped Danish dissident group who had found asylum in the Nordic country. A senior Israeli official said that the

Mossad had provided the Danes with key information that led to the arrest ten days ago of a Norwegian citizen of Iranian descent in the Swedish city of Goteborg on suspicion of plotting to assassinate the leader of the Danish branch of the Arab Struggle Movement for the Liberation of Ahvaz (ASMLA).

Two other suspected members of the group who lived in Denmark were also reportedly targeted by the Iranian-backed cell.

The ASMLA is an Arab nationalist insurgent group that advocates a separate Arab ethnic state in Khuzestan Province in Persian-dominated Iran. It is classified as a terrorist group by the Iranian government, which blames it for killing 25 during a military parade in the city of Ahvaz in late September, including soldiers of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps.

Danish Foreign Minister Anders Samuelsen said, "We are dealing with an Iranian intelligence agency planning an attack on Danish soil. Obviously, we can't and won't accept that."

Copenhagen's immediate steps



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu greets Jesper Vahr, Denmark's ambassador to Israel, in Jerusalem.

include calling for new European Union sanctions against the Islamic Republic, as well as recalling its ambassador "for consultations."

British premier Theresa May quickly voiced support for Denmark's position during a meeting in Oslo of northern European leaders, and Danish leader Lars Lokke Rasmussen tweeted his appreciation, adding his determination to "stand up to Iran" together with the U.K, and other countries.

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3D Bioprinted Lungs to be Available for Global Transplants

Israel's CollPlant inks licensing and commercialization deal with major American biotech firm to make human organs.

By Abigail Klein Leichman, Israel 21c

CollPlant, an Israeli regenerative medicine company focused on 3D bioprinting of tissues and organs, signed a license, development and commercialization agreement with United Therapeutics Corporation of Maryland for 3D bioprinted lung transplants.

The agreement combines CollPlant's proprietary recombinant human collagen (rhCollagen) derived from engineered tobacco plants, and its Biolnk technology, with the regenerative medicine and organ manufacturing capabilities of United Therapeutics subsidiary Lung Biotechnology PBC.

One of many companies founded by Hebrew University nanotechnology pioneer Prof. Oded Shoseyov, CollPlant will manufacture and supply Biolnk for a few years to meet development process demand, and will provide technical support to United Therapeutics as it establishes a US facility for the manufacture of CollPlant's rhCollagen and Biolnk.

The Biolnk product line also includes a soft-tissue repair matrix for treating tendinopathy and a wound repair matrix to promote a rapid

optimal healing of acute and chronic wounds.

In addition to the initial focus on 3D bioprinted lungs for transplant surgeries anywhere in the world, the agreement grants United Therapeutics an option to expand the field of its license to add up to three additional organs.

"We are excited to work with CollPlant's extraordinary Israeli technology to transform the tobacco plant that is so associated with lung disease into a collagen-expressing plant that will be essential to the production of an unlimited number of transplantable lungs," said United Therapeutics Chairwoman and CEO Martine Rothblatt.

Once the agreement is approved by the Israel Innovation Authority and meets certain closing conditions, Ness Ziona-based CollPlant will receive an upfront payment of \$5 million and milestone payments of up to \$15 million based on the achievement of certain operational and regulatory milestones related to the development of manufactured lungs.

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New York University Students Introduce Divestment Resolution Targeting Israel

By Shiri Moshe, *The Algemeiner*

Students at New York University introduced a resolution to support the boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel.

The measure — brought to the Student Government Assembly (SGA) by students affiliated with the anti-Zionist clubs Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) and Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) — calls for the university to pressure General Electric, Caterpillar, and Lockheed Martin to cease their involvement “in the violation of Palestinian human rights and human rights globally,” and pursue divestment if the companies fail to comply.

It describes the Palestinian-led BDS campaign as “an inclusive, anti-

racist, and non-violent set of tools to pursue the Palestinian human rights movement,” which opposes all forms of discrimination, “including anti-Semitism and Islamophobia.”

Yet BDS has been strongly denounced by major Jewish communal bodies worldwide and in the United States, including for its leaders’ wholesale rejection of Zionism — a diverse movement that broadly supports the Jewish people’s right to national self-determination in their homeland. The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) civil rights group has warned that the founding goals and “many of the strategies used by BDS campaigns are anti-Semitic.”

The resolution — which did not

mention any alleged violations by Palestinian factions in the ongoing conflict with Israel — will be debated on December 6th by six students from each opposing side of the debate, and then voted on by secret ballot. It has been endorsed by 54 student groups, nearly all of whom signed a BDS pledge in April that extended the boycott to Zionist student clubs at NYU, as well as prominent off-campus Jewish and Zionist groups like the ADL. Signatories also agreed to boycott “Israeli goods and goods manufactured in the Occupied Territories, except for those manufactured by Palestinians” — an effort that would overwhelmingly target Jews.

“Clearly there’s a huge, huge passion for this on campus, and people are talking about it and it’s important for them,” said Alternate Senator-at-Large Leen Dweik while presenting the resolution. “As a student government body which represents the students, it should therefore be our priority as well.”

Thirty-four faculty members have also extended their support to the measure — equal to the number of student clubs who announced a boycott of NYU’s study abroad program in Tel Aviv, after accusing Israel of engaging in “targeted discrimination against activists and Palestinian and Muslim students.” That declaration was rejected by NYU’s administration, which reiterated its “clear, long-standing policy opposing an academic boycott of Israel.”

“Contrary to the students’ belief, it is an academic boycott that violates

the tenets of academic freedom, as the national [American Association of University Professors] itself has declared,” a spokesperson for the school said, noting that “no NYU student has been prevented from going to Israel, and a case involving a student from a different school” — namely Lara Alqasem, a former SJP leader at the University of Florida who was temporarily denied entry to Israel — “was reversed in court.”

In March, the SGA passed a resolution calling on NYU to issue “a formal memorandum to the State of Israel to remove its barricade of entry for NYU Students for Justice in Palestine and NYU Jewish Voice for Peace,” referencing a 2017 Israeli law barring entry to any foreigner who “knowingly issues a public call for boycotting Israel.”

The resolution also called on the school to “conduct a fully transparent review of its nondiscrimination policies for Palestinian, Middle Eastern and other affected students traveling to the State of Israel and attending NYU Tel Aviv.”

JVP urged students in November 2017 not to visit Israel on a trip organized by NYU’s Bronfman Center for Jewish Student Life, partly on the basis that it opposes BDS. More than 20 student groups pledged to comply, including NYU College Democrats.

Months earlier, student activists published a 50-page “NYU Disorientation Guide” that equated Zionism with racism and called the Tel Aviv portal campus one of NYU’s “imperial projects.”

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Rabbi Andrew Bentley, Temple Sinai, Palm Desert

Last month I visited my son in Israel, where he serves as a Lone Soldier in an elite unit in the IDF. As the sun set over the Jordan Valley one Shabbat, one of his fellow soldiers asked me about the horrific attack at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. That was how I learned of the attack. Like all of us, I was in shock and, as the news sunk in, was heartbroken.



Rabbi Bentley with son Nate

This soldier asked some thought-provoking questions. Why is anti-Semitism rising in the United States? What are communities doing to protect themselves against the ever-increasing cycle of violence? How ironic that while we in the US are so used to being concerned about Israel, we are now on the receiving end of that apprehension. The tables indeed

have turned. This event has led me to reflect upon my journey as a wandering Jew. Born and raised in England, my family made aliyah to Israel when I was a teenager. One of the reasons we moved was the ever-increasing anti-Semitism we experienced, both verbally and physically. In Israel, we found our home and despite the wars and violence, still felt safe as Jews.

I first encountered the Jewish community of the Coachella Valley 21 years ago as a rabbinical student living in Israel. I interviewed for the position

of Rabbi in Palm Springs by two members of what was then The Desert Synagogue, who were also board members of the Jewish Federation.

Before moving to the Desert, we met again, this time in the Old City of Jerusalem along with Rabbi Denebeim from Chabad of Palm Springs. I was heartened to know, as I was about to embark on what I thought was a three-year stint, that the Jewish community in the desert had such strong connections to Israel. Their passion and support affected me, and I consider them trusted friends today.

I have served as a rabbi in the Coachella Valley in various roles over the past twenty years, most recently at Temple Sinai, and have always been proud that the Jewish community remains steadfastly loyal to Israel across all denominations and political affiliations. Especially now with my son serving in the IDF, I genuinely appreciate all the work our community does to raise awareness of both Israel's challenges and achievements.

In light of all this, I responded to the soldier that we have a strong community, led by the Jewish Federation of Palm Springs, which continues to be proactive by offering training and support through their programs. One such program, in which

Temple Sinai will again participate, is training delivered in partnership with Secure Action Network and local law enforcement. These programs are instrumental in keeping our community informed and prepared.

So, what now? How do we heal? How do we protect ourselves against future tragedies? How do we unify and come together in solidarity in the face of this growing threat to our people?

First, we must remain unified and not allow our differences of belief, politics, philosophy, and religion divide us. When we become fractured, the enemy wins.

Second, ensure our Jewish institutions have robust security and continue to come together in support of Israel to ensure that all Jews throughout the world have a place to call home.

Finally, we must continue to educate the next generation with Jewish values and beliefs. Help them understand why Israel is so important, as well as how to counteract the anti-Semitism many will face on campuses and in the workforce. Having this clarity strengthens our community.

It is vital for all of us to remember that continuing this legacy is our holy and sacred duty.

Men's Outreach Group Hear Israeli Consul



On October 29th 80- 85 members from the Jewish Men's Outreach Group of the Desert heard Eitan Weiss, Deputy Chief of Mission, Israeli Consulate Los Angeles, present a briefing on Israel, preceded by a strong message from Jewish Federation CEO Bruce Landgarten (photo left) on grappling with the reality of the Pittsburgh shootings two days earlier. Federation Board Co-chair Celia Norian welcomed attendees, including (left-right) Deputy Chief Consul Eitan Weiss, Arnie Gillman and Ben Weissbach.

Our Amazing Trip to Israel

By Stephanie S. Ross

In October, my husband Paul and I traveled to Israel for three incredible weeks. The highlights of our trip were attending the 2018 Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) General Assembly, held for the first time in Tel Aviv, and spending an incredible day in Ramat HaNegev, our Federation's partnership project.

We joined a mission from the New Jersey Four Corners of Israel (Central New Jersey) Federation for touring and then went to the GA. The theme of this year's GA was "Let's Talk," exploring the differences between Israelis and Diaspora Jewry and how we can come together on the important issues.

We were treated to a magical performance by the Jewish Agency's Amigour Choir, made up of students with disabilities. How inspiring!! We also spent a riveting plenary session with Dr. Iris Adler of Ichilov Hospital and a IsraAid Volunteer, and Molly Bernstein, Volunteer and IsraAid Disaster Specialist, who go behind enemy lines to help aid Syrian refugee children and mothers. IsraAid is an Israeli based humanitarian organization that responds to emergencies all over the world. We also heard from representatives of the Israel Trauma Center, who spoke about how they devote their lives to helping Israelis when faced with life-threatening situations.

Outgoing JFNA Chair Richard Sandler spoke to our group about important issues that inspire us, concern us and often divide us. We left feeling uplifted with the hope that diaspora Jewry and Israelis can come together and unify as one people with shared visions of a bright future for the entire Jewish people. We can overcome our differences!

The other highlight of our trip was



going down to Ramat HaNegev, a region consisting of 15 communities, including 3 kibbutzim, 25 individual farms and two religious communities, MerkaVam and Retamin. We spent a good deal of time at the Ramat HaNegev Regional Office. Approximately 1200 children grades 1 - 8 and 400 high school students are bused to this facility, where they participate in individual after-school programs as drama, art, dancing, music and sports. Many of their students have won regional awards and they are looking for more funds to expand these programs. While limited space is affecting programming, in 2019 the first regional high school, which is in the process of being built, supported by funds from our Federation, will be able to house these groups. If these after school programs did not exist, the children would have to travel 1½ hours to communities as Beer Sheva

to participate in after school activities.

We learned that at the Regional Headquarters there is a Treatment Center for children with special needs. Approximately 60 children per week are involved in this program, which involves occupational, speech therapy and therapy for children with social difficulties.

We met with Moti Zama, chief of security, who is in charge of the command center, that turns into a war room when any security situations arise in the Negev, which is constantly the case with Ramat HaNegev being so close to both the Egyptian border and Gaza. Sadly, the recent events of the rocket barrage from Gaza is proof of the critical, important work they are doing. It is quite impressive to learn all the functions that the Regional Headquarters support.

We went to the kindergarten our Federation supports at Kibbutz

Telalim and the children sang songs and waved Israeli flags in our honor. What a treat. After a delicious lunch at Kibbutz Mashabei Sade, we traveled to the R&D Agricultural Center where they are developing agriculture in arid conditions, with brackish water irrigation. We also traveled nearby to the biggest solar energy field in the Middle East. It was so impressive to look at this huge 270 meter tower, consisting of 51,000 solar panels, and learn that it supplies 2% of all of Israel's energy needs. Electric companies such as GE are involved in this solar project.

We visited the Community Center in the religious community of Merchav Am, which our Federation dedicated 3 years ago. We saw the impressive library that has been finished and learned that in the past 3 years they have had one Bar Mitzvah and one wedding at this beautiful facility. However, much more remains to be done to complete the other rooms in the building. This community is growing and attracting more and more families to live there.

Finally, we visited Ben Gurion's burial site at the community of Midreshet Ben Gurion which is the largest community in Ramat HaNegev and overlooks the magnificent Zin Valley. Almost 2000 residents live and work in this community. On the grounds is world renowned Jacob Blaustein Institute for Desert Research, part of Ben Gurion University, which attracts thousands of students in the field of Environmental Physics, Water Sciences and Technology, Ecology and Cellular and Molecular Biology.

We left Ramat HaNegev feeling so proud of all of its accomplishments and our Federation's longtime relationship with these remarkable community.

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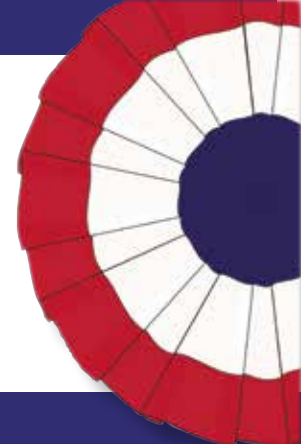
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37 Jews Will Serve in 116th Congress

By Miriam H. Bent

Jews comprise 2.2 percent of the United States population but will represent 9 percent of the Senate and 6.4 percent of the House of Representatives in the upcoming 116th Congress. The nine Senators, all Democrats, include three who were reelected (Senator Ben Cardin of Maryland, Senator Dianne Feinstein of California and Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont), one who successfully moved from the House to Senate (Senator-elect Jacky Rosen of Nevada) and six of whom were not running this year (Michael Bennet of Colorado, Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut, Brian Schatz of Hawaii, Charles Schumer of New York and Ron Wyden of Oregon).

There will be 28 Jewish members of the House, of which two are Republican (3rd term Congressman Lee Zeldin of New York and 2nd term Congressman David Kustoff of Tennessee). California and New York each have five Representatives (Californians Susan Davis, Mike Levin, Alan Lowenthal, Adam Schiff and Brad Sherman; New Yorkers Eliot Engel, Nita Lowey, Jerrold Nadler, Max Rose and Lee Zeldin). Of these ten, two are newcomers. Democrat Mike Levin won the seat long held by Republican

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Darrell Issa, who did not run this year, and in what was considered one of the biggest upsets this election, 31-year-old Army veteran Max Rose defeated incumbent Republican Dan Donovan and will represent Staten Island and Brooklyn.

In Michigan Andy Levin easily won the seat vacated by his father, Sandy Levin, who retired after 35 years in Congress. Two successful candidates were given an almost even chance of winning: Dean Phillips, the grandson of the original 'Dear Abby,' Abigail Van Buren, who beat incumbent Erik Paulsen in Minnesota,

and political activist Susan Wild who won her seat in Pennsylvania. Elissa Slotkin, who formerly worked for the CIA, was given a 5 in 9 chance of defeating Republican incumbent Mike Bishop but in Michigan. The other two newcomers' successes were unexpected. Elaine Luria, a former Navy Commander, was given a 2 in 9 chance of winning but successfully defeated Republican incumbent Scott Taylor. Pediatrician Kim Schrier overcame 4:9 odds to win her seat in the state of Washington.

With the Democrats winning the House of Representatives, five important Congressional committees will be chaired by Jewish members: Jerrold Nadler - Judiciary, Adam Schiff - Intelligence, Eliot Engel - Foreign

Affairs, Nita Lowey - Appropriations, and John Yarmuth, Budget. In gubernatorial races, Billionaire Democrat J.B. Pritzker soundly defeated first-term Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, who conceded his reelection bid less than an hour after the polls closed, giving Democrats near total control of Illinois' state government. Democrat Jared Polis was elected Colorado's governor, making him the first openly gay man ever elected to lead a state. He had served five terms as a congressman from Colorado, where he was one of the wealthiest men in Congress, with a personal net worth of nearly \$400 million. Democrat David Zuckerman easily won reelection as Lieutenant Governor of Vermont, despite efforts

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Rabbi Jules King. Note new location: Meet at UC Riverside/ Palm Desert Campus, 75080 Frank Sinatra (at Cook), Palm Desert the second Friday of each month at 7:00 pm. Musical Shabbat service, followed by wine/light nosh oneg. Complimentary valet parking in Lot B. 760-449-0111. Mailing address: P.O. Box 982, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270. www.Desert-Outreach-Synagogue.com.

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Rabbi Ken Emert.
Services held at Sun City Del Webb, Palm Desert/Sunset View Clubhouse/ Speakers Hall, First and third Friday evenings at 7:15 pm.

TEMPLE HAR SHALOM, Idyllwild
Rabbi Malka Drucker.
(951) 468-0004. www.templeharshalomidyllwild.org Email: templeharshalomofidyllwild@gmail.com.
Friday night services once a month and study with Rabbi the following Saturday morning. Contact for December dates. Services held at St. Hugh of Lincoln Episcopal Church, 25525 Taquitz Drive, Idyllwild, CA.

TEMPLE ISAIAH
Rabbi David J. Lazar.
332 West Alejo Road, Palm Springs, CA 92262, 760-325-2281. www.templeisaiahps.com. Shabbat evening: 6:30 pm; morning services 10:00 am.

TEMPLE SINAI (Reform)
Rabbi Andrew Bentley
73-251 Hovley Lane West, Palm Desert, CA 92260.
www.templesinaipd.org
760-568-9699.
Friday evening services: 7:30 pm, Saturdays: 8:45 am Torah study; 10 am Shabbat services.

BIKUR CHOLIM
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Community Calendar - December 2018

Email (preferred) Miriam Bent at mhbentjcn@earthlink.net or call 760-323-0255 to have your events included in the community calendar.

Sundays

Chabad Rancho Mirage Children's Programs
C Teen Global Teen network offering social, educational & humanitarian programming.
C Teen Jr. for 7-8 graders.
Educational and social programming.
C Kids ages 4-11. Meets Sundays 10:30-noon. Trips. Art. Cooking. Teaching Life Skills.
Call 760-272-1923 or email Chaya@chabadrm.com for information about the groups and meeting dates.

Mondays

6:30 pm Chabad of Rancho Mirage
Men's Talmud class, given by Rabbi Benny Lew at Chabad of Rancho Mirage. RSVP 760-636-2897 or Rabbibenny@chabadrm.com.

Tuesdays

10 am Temple Sinai **Yiddish Club**
Noon Temple Sinai **Introduction to Judaism**. Facilitator: Arava Talve.
1:15 pm Temple Sinai **Ten Paths to God**. Presenter: Rabbi Andrew Bentley
5-7 pm Chabad of Rancho Mirage
Weekly BBQ. Affordable, fun and kosher. Reservations not required but helpful: 760-770-7785.

Wednesdays

3:00 pm Temple Isaiah
ExploraTorah with Rabbi David Lazar.
4:00 pm Temple Sinai Mah Jongg

Thursdays

1:00 pm Temple Sinai Mah Jongg

Sunday, December 2

11:00 am (10:30 am VIP Major Donor Meet & Greet) - Jewish National Fund Love of Israel Brunch.

S36. Speaker: Dr. Jonathan Adelman, Professor of International Studies. Questions? Call Donna Raider, 760-864-6208 ext 989.

Sunday, December 2

11:00 am – 2:00 pm Tolerance Education Center **"Latke Larry"**

Sunday, December 2

5:00 pm Chabad of Rancho Mirage **Chanukah at the River Celebration**, Rancho Mirage.

Monday, December 3

5:00 pm Bikur Cholim annual **Chanukah Celebration at Boomers** in Cathedral City. Information, call 760-325-8076.

Tuesday, December 4

4:30 pm Bikur Cholim **Chanukah candle lighting** at Eisenhower Medical Center, Main lobby.

Wednesdays, December 5, 12, 19

3:30-5:00 pm Har-El Galen Trimester Course "Understanding the Experience of Loss." Discussion leader: Rabbi Richard Zions. To register call 760-779-1691 or email harelurj@gmail.com..

Wednesday, December 5

11:00 am and 2:00 pm Tolerance Education Center film screening **"Bagels Over Berlin"**

Wednesday, December 5

4:30 pm Bikur Cholim **Chanukah candle lighting** at Cathedral City Civic Center.

Thursday, December 6

4:30 pm Bikur Cholim **Chanukah candle lighting** at Palm Springs City Hall.

Thursday, December 6

6:30 pm Sabra Hadassah. **Installation and Chanukah Celebration**. Sun City Palm Desert Sunset View Clubhouse. Call 760-449-8666 for more information.

Saturday, December 8

6:30 pm Beth Shalom **"Hanukkah and Hazerai" Party**. Latke "bar" and Dessert Buffet, Menorah lighting and gift auction. Members: \$15/person; Non-members: \$18/person. Information, call 760-200-3636

Sunday, December 9

5:00-7:00 pm Temple Isaiah **Hanukkah Party at Hotel Zoso**, Palm Springs, featuring the music of Klezmer Juice. Information: Call 760-325-2281.

Sunday, December 9

6:00 pm **Chanukah** celebration and dinner at Mission Hills Country Club, Rancho Mirage. Special guest: Cantor David Propis of Bloomfield, Michigan. See ad page 7.

Sunday, December 9

6:15 pm Reception / 7:00 Program: Temple Sinai **Klezmer Concert** with **"Isle of Klezbos."** Tickets: \$50 - \$75; discount for group sales. See article and ad on page 6.

Monday, December 10

10:30 am Har-El Galen Book Course: "Bibi: The Turbulent Life and Times of Benjamin Netanyahu," by Anshel Pfeffer. Fee for non-members. Information/registration: Call 760-779-1691 or email harelurj@gmail.com.

Thursday, December 13

4:00 pm Beth Shalom **Book Club**

Discussion "Button Man" by Andrew Gross. Discussion led by: David Baellow. New members and guests welcome. Information: 760-200-3636.

Thursday, December 13

5:30 pm Temple Sinai **Brotherhood Dinner and Movie: "Cabaret."** Call 760-568-9699 for information and reservations.

Thursday, December 13

6:00 pm Temple Isaiah program **'God as Light in Judaism & Christianity'** Dialogue with Rabbi David Lazar and Father Andrew Green of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, held at Palm Springs Art Museum. Free.

Sunday, December 16

4:00 pm Temple Isaiah **Twice Blessed Lecture**: Rabbi Lisa Edwards and Everlyn A. Hunter "Is There Still a Need for LGBTQ Synagogues?" Reservations call 760-325-2281. See ad page 9.

Tuesday, December 18

3:00 pm Temple Isaiah **Book Club**: "Mezuzah in the Madonna's Foot" by Trudi Alexy. For information contact Marc Becker at mbecker4985@gmail.com.

Wednesday, December 19

11:00 am and 2:00 pm Jewish Family Service screening of **"The Boys in the Band"** at the Tolerance Education Center. See ad page 8.

Saturday, December 22

3-5 pm Shalom Group December Shabbat Social at Rancho Mirage home of Alan Lawrence. RSVP online at TheShalomGroup@gmail.com.



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- **Ron Shulman**, In memory of your beloved mother, from Janet Ball.



The PJ Library Family Falafel Night November 14th at the Sunshine Café in Cathedral City was a smashing success! About 30 people from all over the Coachella Valley joined us for a delicious falafel night sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Desert. Children colored Jewish themed coloring pages and listened to PJ Library stories read by Adina Hemley.



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Neo-Nazi and Racist Candidates Chalk Up Thousands of Votes in Midterm Elections

By Ben Cohen, *The Algemeiner*

Less than a fortnight after the massacre of 11 Jews at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life Synagogue, three openly white supremacist candidates running for the US Congress were roundly trounced in the 2018 midterm elections — but they still managed to garner nearly 200,000 votes between them, with all three winning above 25 percent of the vote in their districts.

"The fact that 200,000 people voted for candidates with positive views of Nazism and Hitler doesn't mean those voters agree with those views," Abraham Foxman — the national director emeritus of the Anti-Defamation League — told *The Algemeiner*. "But what troubles

me is the fact that those views were not enough for them to say, 'I don't care if I agree with you on immigration, your support for Hitlerism and Nazism disqualifies you from my support.'"

Added Foxman, who now heads an antisemitism study program at the Museum of Jewish Heritage — A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in New York City: "That's just as scary as voting for them because you agree with those views. Any decent American should be able to say, 'Regardless of whatever political issues we may agree on, I can't vote for neo-Nazis.'"

The three candidates, two in Illinois and one in California, were all disowned

earlier this year by the Republican Party nationally; each ran on GOP tickets after being elected unopposed during the party primaries.

In the Illinois 3rd Congressional District, Arthur Jones — a former American Nazi Party activist with a fondness for dressing in Nazi uniforms — won 26.5 percent of the ballots cast, with 56,350 votes, in his defeat to Democratic candidate Dan Lipinski. A virulent Holocaust denier, Jones' election website carries a section entitled "Holocaust?" which includes a screed with the headline, "The Holocaust Racket." Among its assertions was a description of Jews as "bloodthirsty criminal vampires" who are now intent on pushing the US into a war with Iran.

Meanwhile, the far-right candidate in the Illinois 17th Congressional District, Bill Fawell, chalked up 86,218 votes — 38.2 percent of the ballots cast — in his loss to Democratic opponent Cheri Bustos. A dedicated conspiracy-monger, Fawell believes that the Al Qaeda atrocities of September 11, 2001 were "false flag" operations coordinated by the CIA and Israel's Mossad intelligence service. Fawell has made similarly outrageous claims about the 2012 shooting massacre at an elementary school in Sandy Hook, CT., where 20 young children were murdered by gunman Adam Lanza.

In the California 11th Congressional District, John Fitzgerald — a candidate whose published opinions about Jews, Zionism and the Holocaust are virtually identical to those of Pittsburgh synagogue gunman Robert Bowers — secured 43,053 votes, 28.1 percent of the total, in his defeat to Democrat Marl DeSaulnier. A committed Holocaust denier and 9/11 conspiracy theorist, Fitzgerald's campaigning tactics included robocalls to voters that urged an "end to

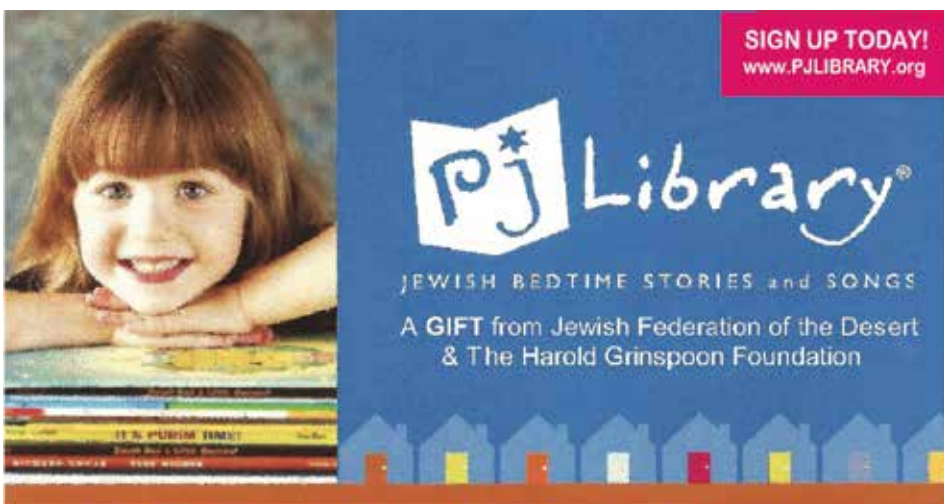
the Jewish takeover of America."

2018 is not the first time, of course, that white supremacist candidates have run in US elections. According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, nine hopefuls with neo-Nazi platforms contested the 2010 elections, two of whom went on to win seats in their respective state assemblies. Among the more seasoned and well-known of the far-right candidates on the US election scene is former Ku Klux Klan Grand Wizard David Duke, who most recently contested a seat in the US Senate in 2016. Duke won election to the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1989 with 51 percent of the vote, while his failed campaign to secure that state's governorship in 1991 saw him garner nearly 700,000 votes — almost 40 percent of the ballots cast.

A major part of this ongoing challenge from the far right, Foxman observed, is what he called the historical "knowledge gap."

"Aside from the issue of the Nazi persecution of the Jews, we need to remember that America sacrificed thousands of men and women in fighting Hitler and the Nazis," Foxman said. "Ignorance of that is riling and distressing, and what it tells us is that we need to educate this country about the sacrifices we have made to defend democracy and freedom."

An ADL study of the electoral performance of right-wing extremists in the midterms concluded that a total of 1.8 million Americans voted for candidates who have expressed virulently racist, homophobic and anti-Muslim sentiments, as well as playing with traditionally anti-Semitic themes and language. "In races for the US Senate and US House, extremists pulled in, on average, 33% percent of the vote," the ADL report noted.



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European Parliament Committee Votes to Withhold €15 Million to Palestinian Authority Over 'Hate Speech' in Textbooks

By Shiri Moshe, *The Algemeiner*

The European Parliament Budgetary Committee on September 25th approved a bill to withhold some payments to the Palestinian Authority until it commits to reforming its school curriculum, which has been accused of inciting hatred toward Israel and Jews, among others.

The amendment to the European Union's draft 2019 budget seeks to suspend five percent — more than 15 million Euros — from the body's planned annual commitment to the PA, which surpasses 308 million Euros. It was brought forward by Ingeborg Gräßle, a member of Germany's ruling Christian Democratic Union and chair of the Budgetary Control Committee.

"The reserve will be released when the Palestinian Authority has committed to reform its school curriculum and textbooks to bring them in line with UNESCO standards for peace and tolerance in school education," the bill states.

It notes that textbooks published by the PA in 2017 were financed by PEGASE — the fund through which the EU channels its aid to the PA — and "contain, across all subjects, numerous examples of violent depictions, hate speech — in particular against Israel —, and glorifications of jihad and martyrdom."

"As has already been pointed out by Parliament in its resolution on the 2016 budget discharge (par. 272), EU-financed teaching and training programmes should reflect common values," it concludes.

The amendment was supported by the parliament's largest faction, the European People's Party, as well as the European Conservatives and Reformists. The Progressive Alliance of



The European Parliament's debating chamber during a plenary session in Strasbourg

Socialists and Democrats, the second-largest group in the parliament, led the opposition.

"This is the first time that a reserve on PA funds has been adopted by the committee, until changes to the textbooks are made," said Marcus Sheff, head of the Jerusalem-based research group IMPACT-se, which supported the bill's passage.

A report released by the group

earlier this month accused grade 1–12 PA textbooks of portraying the entirety of Israel as Arab territory, glorifying martyrdom and mass-murderers, and referring to Jews as "sinful and liars."

IMPACT-se cautioned that the amendment — which faces another vote on October 24 — may not be approved in a package like most others, but rather be considered separately.

"There is much to do, to ensure the amendment passes at plenary," Sheff said. "The Socialist and Democrat faction members who opposed at committee surely cannot believe in their hearts that it is acceptable to spend millions of European taxpayer Euros encouraging Palestinian children to martyr and sacrifice themselves.

Nor that it is right to teach 1.2 million youngsters that if they continue the struggle long enough, the desired outcome of a single Palestinian state from river to sea will emerge."

"Ultimately, the reserve is the best possible method of stopping the hate in textbooks and giving Palestinian children a change of peace education," he continued. "And it should be increased year-on-year if the PA continues to ignore the wishes of those who pay for the curriculum."

In April, another European Parliament committee approved amendments that aim to prevent aid to the PA from financing educational materials considered discriminatory or intolerant.

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HAPPY CHANUKAH

Hatikvah Played in United Arab Emirates when Israeli Judokas Win Gold

In a first, Israeli national anthem played in Abu Dhabi as Sagi stood on the winner's podium. Teammate Peter Paltchik won a gold following day.
By Abigail Klein Leichman ISRAEL 21C

Israeli judoka Sagi Muki made history on October 28 – coincidentally, World Judo Day — by winning a gold medal in the 81-kilo weight class at the Abu Dhabi Grand Slam.

This marked the first time Israeli competitors were permitted to show the Israeli flag on their uniforms and the first time Israel's national anthem, "Hatikvah," was played in the United Arab Emirates.

Muki's teammates Gili Cohen, Baruch Shmalilov and Timna Nelson Levi won three bronze medals earlier in the Grand Slam, and Peter Paltchik won a gold medal in the under 100-kg weight class the next day.

Muki, 26, won a gold medal in the 2018 European Championship in Judo last April.

In another landmark development on World Judo Day in Abu Dhabi, Israeli Minister of Sports and Culture Miri Regev and Israel Judo Association President Moshe Ponte signed an agreement to bring an IJF World Judo Tour event to Israel for the first time. The Tel Aviv Grand Prix will take place in January and a second Grand Prix is set for 2020.

A year ago, 12 Israeli judokas brought home five medals from the Abu Dhabi Grand Slam 2017 — a gold for Tal Flicker and bronze medals for Ori Sasson, Peter Paltchik, Gili Cohen and Tohar Butbul.



From left, President of UAE Judo & Wrestling Federation Mohamed Bin Tha'loob al Derai, Israeli Sports and Culture Minister Miri Regev, 81kg winner Sagi Muki, and International Judo Federation President Marius Vizer.

However, the Israelis were forced to compete under the banner of the IJF and the IJF anthem was played instead of "Hatikva."

Following that incident, the heads of the Israel Judo Association, International Judo Federation and the UAE Judo & Wrestling Federation declared a commitment to meeting again in Abu Dhabi in 2018 under equal conditions.

IJF President Marius Vizer said after Muki's win: "We are able to send to the world a message of solidarity, friendship and peace and I thank everyone involved in this achievement. We showed a nice example to the youth of the world in a moment that was not just more than a sport but more than judo and was a crucial moment in the world. I hope the unity between the two cultures, Muslim and Israeli, is a start for a new era in sport and in the world."

Have A Nosh With Miriam

By Miriam H. Bent



This year Chanukah begins the night of Sunday, December 2nd and runs through December 10th. Rather than latke recipes this year I'm giving you three recipes for sufganiyot, two from my collection and one originating from the New York Times. I started making what amounted to donut holes to bring into my son's class when we did presentations for Chanukah. The small 'donut holes' made sense because I had to make so many of them ... and when I was in a hurry, I found an easy "baking powder instead of yeast" recipe that was an equal hit. Hag samayach! Happy Chanukah! MHB



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3/4 cup orange juice (or water)	2 eggs, beaten
1/4 lb. margarine	dash of salt
4 Tbsp. sugar	1/3 cup powdered sugar, mixed with 1
2 pkg. dry yeast	teaspoon cinnamon
3 cups flour	Vegetable oil for deep frying

Combine orange juice, margarine and sugar. Heat until margarine melts. Cool to lukewarm and add yeast. Stir until dissolved. Add flour, eggs and dash of salt and mix well. Remove from bowl onto a floured board and knead until smooth. You may need to add a little more flour. Place dough in a greased bowl and cover. Let rise in a warm spot for 30 minutes. Punch down. Break dough into pieces and shape into small balls. Cover with a light kitchen towel and let rise another 30 minutes. Deep fry in 375-degree oil until golden brown. Drain on paper towels. Dust with cinnamon sugar.

Baking Powder Sufganiyot (Dairy)

3 cups flour	1/4 cup salad oil
1/4 cup sugar	3/4 cup milk
3 tsp. baking powder	1/2 cup sugar, mixed with 1 teaspoon
1 teaspoon nutmeg or mace	cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt	Vegetable oil for deep frying
1 egg	

Combine flour, 1/4 cup sugar, baking powder, nutmeg (or mace) and salt. Add egg, oil and milk. Mix thoroughly. Drop by small teaspoonfuls into 375-degree oil and fry until golden brown. Drain on paper towels and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar. Makes about 4 dozen.

Orange Scented Sufganiyot (Dairy or Parve)

1/4 cup lukewarm milk or water	1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon dry yeast	Freshly grated zest of half orange
3 tablespoons sugar	1 2/3 cups flour, more as needed
1 whole egg plus 1 egg yolk	1/2 cup thick raspberry or strawberry jam
3 tablespoons sour cream or vegetable oil	Vegetable oil for deep-frying
1/4 teaspoon salt	Confectioners' sugar for dusting

Place milk or water in small bowl. Sprinkle yeast and 1 teaspoon sugar over milk. Set aside until frothy, about 10 minutes. In a mixer fitted with paddle attachment, beat remaining sugar with egg and egg yolk. Add sour cream, salt, vanilla extract, orange zest and yeast mixture, and mix well. With mixer running, gradually add flour. Mix until dough is soft, smooth and elastic, adding flour if dough seems very sticky (do not add more than an additional 3 tablespoons flour), 3 to 5 minutes. Dough will be somewhat sticky but will firm up in refrigerator. Place in an oiled bowl, cover, and refrigerate at least 4 hours or overnight.

On a floured surface, roll out dough to 1/2-inch thickness. Use a biscuit or a cookie cutter to cut out 2-inch rounds, placing them on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Reroll scraps and cut again. Let rise in a warm place 30 minutes.

In a heavy pot, heat 3 inches of oil to 365 degrees; when hot enough, a small piece of dough will brown on bottom in 30 seconds. If too hot, doughnuts will brown outside before cooking through. Working in batches, fry doughnuts until golden brown, turning once. Drain on paper towels and dust with sugar while still warm. Let oil come back to 365 degrees between batches.

If you have a pastry bag, fit with a small round tip and spoon jam into bag. When doughnuts are cool enough to handle, use tip of bag (or pointed tip of a serrated knife) to make a hole in bottom of doughnut. Squeeze or use a small spoon to nudge 1/2 teaspoon jam into hole. Repeat with remaining doughnuts and serve immediately. Dust again with powdered sugar.

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