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Be a Part of the Jewish Future: Create a Lasting Personal Legacy

All of us who care about Jewish life care about it for many reasons. We care because we have a deep and abiding connection to our Jewish community — at home, in Israel, and everywhere that Jews gather. We believe the Jewish values of tzedakah and tikkun olam are moral imperatives to help the less fortunate, be a voice for the voiceless, and to pursue justice. We want to pass on our values, faith, traditions, and heritage to our children and grandchildren.

Endowments are the key to ensuring that Jewish life is vibrant and thriving when today's toddlers are tomorrow's community elders, by ensuring the long-term financial security that provide the programs and services critical for Jewish life.

What will your legacy be?

Chuck Cohen and Cora Ginsberg are spearheading Jewish Federation of the Desert's Legacy of Endowment program. As they explain, "A legacy gift supports and sustains Jewish community and guarantees that the most vulnerable among us will know they are not alone in the world. A legacy gift gives a donor the power to ensure families in need will not just survive but will have the opportunity to thrive and live full Jewish lives. A legacy gift also can help a child build the foundation of a lifelong identity at Jewish summer camp, connect young adults to Jewish life in new and meaningful ways, support our impactful work in Israel, and more."

To the right we are featuring the 29 women who have already made the commitment to endow their gift through the Lion of Judah Endowment (LOJE) program. As Cora Ginsberg observes, "Endowment is the insurance policy for our Jewish community's future, it is the guarantee that our Federation will always be there for those Jews in need of a helping hand."

Pictured (row 1): F. Lee Auerbach*, Annabelle Bresler*, Rosalyn Bronstein*, Francine Cohn*, Nancy Ditlove,

(row 2) Evelyn Edidin*, Helene Galen; Cora Ginsberg, Ellen Glass, Shelli Goodman,

(row 3) Gloria Gorelik*, Peggy Greenbaum, Libby Hoffman, Ruth Kaufman;

Jo Ann Kocen

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(row 5) Cydney Osterman; Barbara Platt, Charlotte Quint*, Stephanie S. Ross, Helene Berman Seidenfeld*,

(row 6) Helen Varon, Mildred Weissman*, and Rosella Weissman*. Photo unavailable for Munzika Shweid*.

*Deceased



Poway Shootings Underscore Our Community's Commitment to Security

Jewish Federation of the Desert condemns the shooting at Chabad Community Center in Poway, CA, killing at least one individual and wounding three more during Shabbat / Passover services. We are deeply saddened by this unthinkable act of violence and we send our condolences to the families of the victims and the entire Poway community.

Attacking people at prayer is a particularly heinous act. This assault is a direct attack on Judaism

and America's Jewish community. This anti-Semitic hate crime is a sad reminder of our continued need to fight hate in every quarter and with every means.

From an increase in hate crimes and anti-Semitic incidents, to the devastating and historic loss of life that occurred in Pittsburgh, PA just over four months ago, the direct threats facing the General and Jewish communities in the U.S. are both real and varied.

Our thoughts, prayers and support are with all of the Jewish families affected in each and every

instance. Jewish Federation of the Desert will always stand firm against anti-Semitism, hate, bigotry and intolerance.

Since the attack at Tree of Life, law enforcement has arrested individuals in the states of Washington, Ohio and Georgia who were plotting similar attacks. At the same time, multiple other individuals have been arrested who were attempting to support domestic as well as foreign-based terrorist organizations.

Times like these bring the challenges of security to the

forefront. Our Federation makes it a daily and top priority through our Security Initiative for safety and security training with the help of Law Enforcement and the Secure Community Network.

This training is directed to non-denominational non-profit agencies and includes the Christian churches, Unitarian, Jewish Temples and all houses of worship, senior community centers and many others.

*Bruce Landgarten,
Chief Executive Officer
Jewish Federation of the Desert*

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Keeping Our Community Safe

On April 17 the Jewish Federation held a security training session at the Jewish Federation offices, attended by local Jewish and non-Jewish institutions, including Jewish Family Service, our many temples, and representatives from several local churches, along with members of local law enforcement.

Jewish Federation and Secure Community Network are partners in addressing matters of communal safety, security and all-hazards preparedness and response, crisis management and security measures emphasizing common standards to enable our nonprofit interfaith community to embrace a culture of security awareness, preparedness and disaster response and resiliency.

Secure Community Network was represented by its National Director, Michael Masters, along with Doron Horowitz, a specialist in counter terrorism. SCN is recognized as a national model by the US Department of Homeland

Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The training exercise was focused on all attendees being actively engaged in real life scenarios to inform, educate and empower them and recognize early warning signs and developing a "mindset" for response. Unlike prior security sessions, participants moved throughout the Federation offices, "responding" to staged possible threats, in an effort to heighten their appreciation for the necessity of proactive, immediate responses to danger.



Bruce Landgarten
welcomes
community
participants



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Members of community attending training

The Allocation Process

From the CEO



Bruce Landgarten

Jewish Federation
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Officer

Our Federation leadership has just finished its annual task of deciding how to best distribute the funds that you, our supporters, have given. It is not an easy task. Committee members commit to many hours of challenging and demanding meetings as they work to make the right decisions in how we distribute funds locally and overseas. For our Allocations Committee, having the resources doesn't necessarily make the decisions easier – even with the dollars we raise, they understand how careful they must be in distributing the dollars to get the maximum benefit.

The process takes weeks from start to finish and includes reviewing pages and pages of budgets and descriptive narrative from our partner agencies that explain the local and overseas programs we fund. The agencies also have had an opportunity to articulate through the proposals to

the Allocations Committee about the programs they have submitted for funding. Then each Allocations sub-committee looks at its specific group of programs. Finally, this culminates in a large group final approval process.

For example, our Safety Net Services sub-committee meets to decide on the amount and priority of each program in that area. The amounts are determined by what the agency asks for, prior allocations to that program (unless it is new) and what the sub-committee feels – after a significant amount of homework – the program merits. Sometimes a program is awarded the amount requested; other times it isn't.

The whole Allocations committee deals with the balancing act of how much money is available to give vs. how much has been requested.

The Local Impact

So what is the impact of this funding? It could mean more or less scholarships for children to attend a pre-school program at the Temple Sinai or the ability for a person in need to receive the good service JFS provides. Perhaps it will provide a senior adult with various services at

the seniors centers such as "Meals on Wheels" at Joslyn and Mizell. It could also mean helping to secure a spot on a Birthright Israel trip or Onward Israel mission. This is why all decisions are carefully weighed.

I know there are many who have a difficult time connecting to this communal process; they want to make an individual decision by giving directly to an agency or program. I understand and appreciate that sentiment. In fact, I give donations to other organizations besides the Jewish Federation. If you are one of these people, remember this: When you give a gift to any organization (including Jewish Federation), you are responsible for understanding where your money goes.

I always encourage you and your family to ask yourselves a few questions:

Do I understand the organization I am giving to, and where my money goes?

Are there programs of value the Federation supports that I may not know about?

Can I leverage my dollars better with a communal effort?

Can I truly check to ensure the outcomes I want for my money are happening at any given organization?

Is there another group that could do a better job offering this service?

These are just a few of the questions the Allocations Committee asks as it plows through the dozens of proposals for funding. Most of the time we, as individuals, might make a decision to give money based on the emotion of the appeal. Or perhaps because we know someone who benefits from the service. Or upon request from a friend.

The Allocations Committee looks beyond that to insure all services in our community – even those an individual might not think of now but may need someday – are here today...and in the future.

Whenever the need arises. That, in a nutshell, is why a communal process is necessary and important.

So for this season, I want to thank Phil Glass, chair of our Allocations Committee, and staff members Kevin Giser, Community Impact Director, and Gloria Benavides, Executive Assistant, for their work to take this process from start to a successful finish. I also extend a sincere thank you to the many volunteers who sit on this committee and give of their time, so our community's needs are properly supported.

Our fiscal year ends June 30. There is still time to help Federation continue its work - donate now!

My profound thanks for your support

UCR/Federation Series Closes with Largest Attendance Yet

On April 9th the final lecture of the 2018/2019 UC Riverside/Jewish Federation of the Desert Lecture Series, held at the UCR/Palm Desert Campus, enjoyed the largest attendance of the series, with Dr. Bruce Haynes speaking on "Jews of African Descent in America" to a near capacity crowd.

The series was coordinated by Dr. Michael Alexander, UCR Maimonides Chair in Jewish Studies, and brought



(left to right) Jewish Federation CEO Bruce Landgarten, Dr. Bruce Haynes and Dr. Michael Alexander

four diverse programs to our community over the past five months.



Near capacity crowd

Taking Stand Against 'Modern Day Anti-Semitism,' German Soccer Giant Borussia Dortmund Donates \$1.1 Million to Yad Vashem

By Algemeiner Staff

One of Europe's most storied soccer clubs is among the five top German companies who announced a major donation to Israel's national Holocaust memorial on April 2nd.

Borussia Dortmund is contributing \$1.1 million of a total \$5.6 million donation to Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. The soccer powerhouse — which is currently top of the German league, two points above arch-rival Bayern Munich — joined leading German corporations Daimler, Deutsche Bahn, Deutsche Bank and Volkswagen in making the donation.

The money will be spent on designing and building a new space — the Shoah Heritage Collections Center — to hold Yad Vashem's growing collection of Holocaust artifacts. The construction of the new center, with a floor area of approximately 45,000 sq ft, is expected to start in August 2019.

"Remembering, documenting, researching and teaching are the pillars on which Yad Vashem is founded," said Hans-Joachim "Aki" Watzke, CEO of Borussia



Dortmund, in a statement. "It is our honor and obligation to strengthen them. Future generations should know the suffering that has been inflicted on people by other human beings."

Carsten Cramer, managing director of Borussia Dortmund, pointed out that the club had been engaged in Holocaust education programs aimed at soccer fans for more than a decade. "Together with this strong network, we are making a lasting commitment to the memory of the Holocaust, as well as against modern day anti-Semitism," Cramer said.

'Gas the Jews' Graffiti Found Again in Oklahoma as Police Release Video of Suspect

By Algemeiner Staff

The main suspect behind anti-Semitic and racist vandalism carried out in Norman, Oklahoma, in early April is believed to have also painted hateful graffiti in neighboring Oklahoma City a week earlier.

The latest incidents of vandalism were found outside the Cleveland County Democratic Party headquarters, the Firehouse Arts Center, and McKinley Elementary School in Norman, police said. Messages included "Israel burns," "gas the Jews," "every race but white," "Nazi no ch*nk allowed," and "hang n***er kids." Threats were also shared against prominent Jewish Americans, namely academic Barbara Spectre and conservative commentator Bill



Racist graffiti in Norman, Oklahoma in April 2019

Kristol.

Kate Bierman, a Norman City Council member who is Jewish, uploaded photos of the graffiti to social media the next morning.

Community volunteers quickly mobilized to remove much of it within hours and organized a rally condemning hate that evening.

Police released surveillance video footage showing the woman suspected of painting the graffiti in Norman, as well as racist messages that were found outside the state Democratic Party and Chickasaw Nation buildings in Oklahoma City on March 28, among them, "gas the Jews," "white planet only," "welcome to Germany," and the white supremacist symbol "1488."

Oklahoma City and Norman Police said they are collaborating closely over the case.

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"Dimensions in Testimony" Program a Fascinating, Moving Experience

By Miriam H. Bent

"Dimensions in Testimony" delivered all it promised and more. On March 25, Dr. Steven Smith, Finci-Viterbi Executive Director/Chair, University of Southern California Shoah Foundation and UNESCO Chair on Genocide Education, brought "Dimensions in Testimony" to our community, under the sponsorship of Ellen and Phil Glass. As advertised, "Dimensions" enabled attendees to have conversations with pre-recorded video images of a Holocaust survivor. State of the art playback technology enabled the survivor to seamlessly answer questions posed to him and recognize similarities in word patterns to elicit appropriate responses.

"Dimensions in Testimony" is currently on permanent display at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center and will eventually be available at selected museums



(left to right) Phil Glass, Federation CEO
Bruce Landgarten, Heather Maio Smith,
Ellen Glass and Dr. Stephen D. Smith

and learning institutions around the world, to enhance USC Shoah Foundation's mission of keeping voices of the Holocaust and other genocides alive for education and action.

USC Shoah Foundation and USC Institute for Creative Technologies (ICT) compiled the questions posed for "Dimensions in Testimony" from a variety of sources, including



Close-up of Holocaust survivor featured in program.



Hologram with Dr. Steven Smith explaining process

hundreds of students and members of the public. In all, more than 2,000 questions have been compiled for each interviewee, covering a vast



Part of crowd attending first session

range of subjects. Through this innovative program, years from now, long after the last survivor has left us, "Dimensions in Testimony" will be able to provide a valuable opportunity for future generations to engage with a survivor, ask them questions directly and, hopefully, better comprehend the enormity and horror that was the Holocaust.

Har-El Holds Third Annual Interfaith Seder



On April 9th, Congregation Har-El held its third annual Interfaith Seder for parishioners of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church led by Rabbi Richard Zions. The haggadahs used were designed by Rabbi Hillel Cohn specifically for an Interfaith Seder, and guests from St. Margaret's and Har-El congregants joined together in the singing of familiar Passover songs in both Hebrew and English, led by Laura Farber, Audrey Liebross and Joan Moyer. The program was coordinated by chair Bob Schneeweiss, and committee members Sherry Schor, Roberta Nyman, Sandra Harris, Judy Wallis, Jay Jarvis, John Reiner, and Dorys Forray. The ecumenical event was made possible, in part, by a grant from the Jewish Federation of the Desert.

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Yom HaShoah 2019 Remembered

On Sunday, April 14, hundreds from our Desert Jewish community gathered at the Helene Galen Auditorium of the Annenberg Health Services Center to commemorate Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance. Once again chaired by Ellen Glass, Roberta Nyman and Stephanie S. Ross, the program included participation by Jewish and interfaith community leadership and our community's Holocaust survivors. The keynote speaker was Peggy Shapiro, the Midwest Director of StandWithUs, the international Israel education and advocacy organization. A child of teenage Holocaust survivors, Peggy Shapiro was born in a displaced persons' camp in Lansberg, Germany and raised in the Chicago area. Her moving speech intertwined the story of her family with the horrors of the Holocaust in a way that impacted all in attendance.

Our community's spiritual leaders participated in the program, *Part of crowd in attendance*



along with members of the Christian clergy, community leaders and Captain Jason Huskey of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. Three students from Palm Desert Charter Middle School spoke and shared a video of their school's visit to the Museum of Tolerance Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles and the impact of that experience. Survivors lit candles in conjunction with the moving readings.



Co-chair Roberta Nyman, Keynote speaker Peggy Shapiro, Jewish Federation CEO Bruce Landgarten, Chair Ellen Glass and Co-chair Stephanie S. Ross



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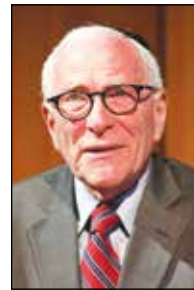
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Dutch Firm Wins Bid to Examine Building Artificial Airport Island Off Israeli Coast

By Adi Pick / CTech

Dutch engineering and project management consulting firm Royal Haskoning DHV has won a tender from the Israeli Ministry of Transportation to examine the planning and economic viability of building an artificial island off the coast of Israel to house an airport.

Royal Haskoning DHV is working on the project with Israel-based infrastructure planning company



A beach along Israel's coast.

Aviv AMCG, a subsidiary of Matrix

IT. The two companies started the assessment approximately mid-March, Margalit Mosse Friedberg, Aviv AMCG's director of the project's local task force.

In 2002, the Israeli government approved a plan to construct two artificial islands off the country's shores, specifying one for an international airport and one for housing.

During a cabinet meeting in January 2018, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu resurfaced the idea to construct artificial islands in Israel's territorial waters as a solution for Israel's finite territory. In a cabinet meeting in July, Netanyahu instructed a team of ministers to advance the plan in order to replace Tel Aviv's domestic Sde Dov airport.

Michel Bacos, Heroic French Pilot in 1976 Entebbe Hijacking, Dies at 95

A French pilot remembered as a hero for his actions in the hijacking of an Air France plane to Uganda's Entebbe airport in 1976 died March 26th at age 95 in Nice, France.

Bacos was awarded the Legion of Honor, France's highest decoration, for refusing to leave the plane's passengers after the plane was hijacked and grounded.

"By refusing with bravery to quit in the face of anti-Semitism and barbarity, he honored France," Nice Mayor Christian Estrosi said.

The Tel Aviv-Paris flight was hijacked on June 27, 1976, by members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and a German radical group. The hijackers released 148 non-Israeli passengers after the plane landed in Uganda.



Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon (back to camera) welcoming the rescued Air France passengers and crew, including pilot Michel Bacos (left), coming off an Israel Air Force Hercules plane at Ben-Gurion International Airport, July, 1976.

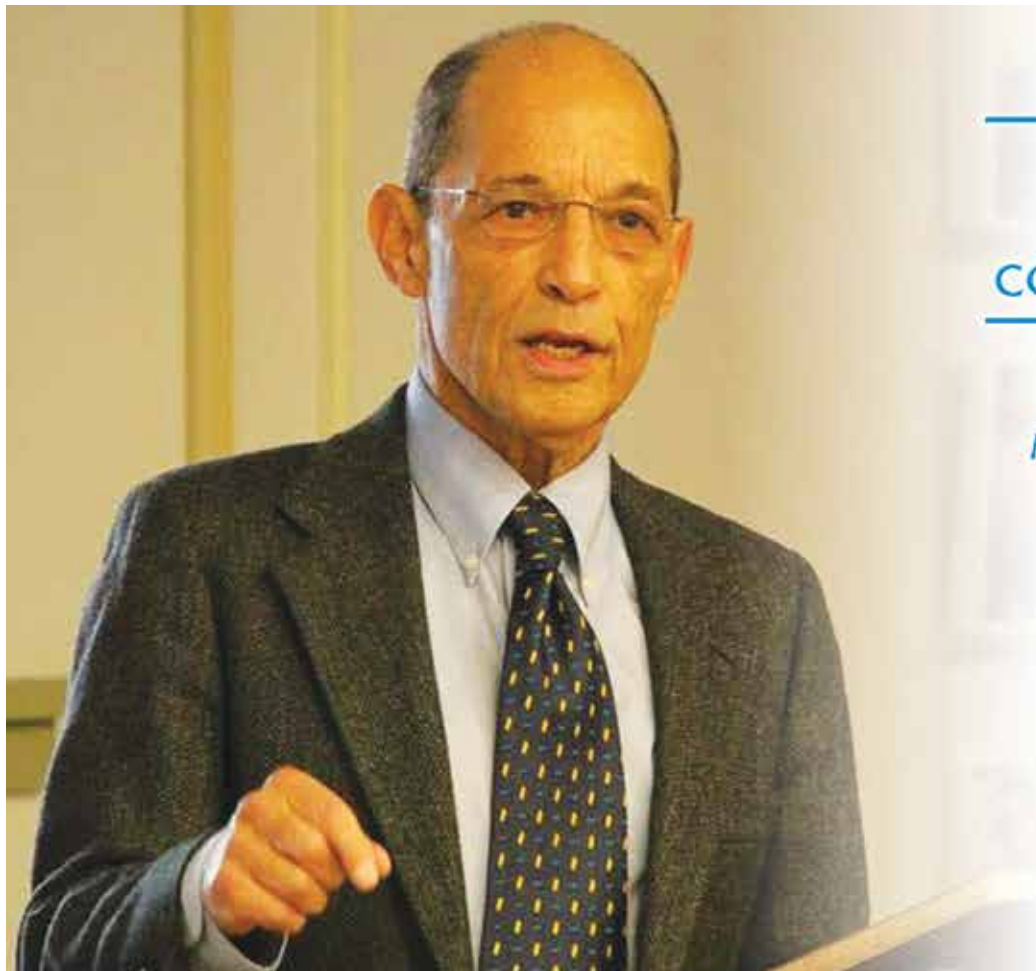
Bacos remained with the hostages despite offers of release.

The seven pro-Palestinian hijackers held some 110 Jewish

and Israeli hostages in the airport terminal for nearly a week before Israeli commandos led by Yonatan Netanyahu, the older brother of Israel's current prime minister, freed them.

The commandos flew over 2,500 miles from Israel to Uganda to attempt the daring operation. Yonatan Netanyahu was the sole Israeli military casualty in the raid on Entebbe. Three Israeli hostages were killed along with all seven of the hijackers.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hailed Bacos as the "hero captain" of the hijacked Air France flight on Twitter: "I bow my head in his memory and salute Michel's heroism."



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The PJ Library offers free, high-quality Jewish books and music each month to children ages 6 months through 8 years across North America. We are proud that our Jewish Federation is able to offer this program to the Jewish community. Imagine the excitement of receiving a gift in the mail each month, cozying up with your little one and learning about Jewish holidays, traditions and values in children's books and through lively music. If you have a child who is six months through eight years old, this could be your reality,



thanks to Federation's PJ Library.

What does PJ stand for? Pajamas! Think of all the special activities — reading, dancing, singing — that you share with your children when they're wearing pajamas!

But PJ Library is so much more than books. Through family engagement

programs, we make PJ Library come to life for Jewish and interfaith families. We are planning fun holiday programs like menorah making for Chanukah and hamantaschen baking for Purim as well as family programs that tie into PJ Library book themes.

Federation Women's Philanthropy and Programs Coordinator Leslie Pepper is planning PJ Library programs now and will be reaching out to families who have been receiving the PJ Library books each month, plus any families who participated in activities this past year. Anyone interested is invited to contact her at leslie.pepper@jfedps.org or at the Federation Office, 760-324-4737.

Israeli UN Envoy Hails General Assembly's Condemnation of Anti-Semitism

By *Algemeiner Staff*

On April 2 Israel's envoy to the United Nations hailed the passage of a General Assembly resolution on hate crimes that was amended to include a specific condemnation of anti-Semitism as "an Israeli achievement at the UN and a crushing loss to the forces of hatred."

Danny Danon, Israel's ambassador to the UN, pointed out in a statement



Israeli Ambassador to the UN Danny Danon addresses a Security Council meeting

that the original version of the resolution — drafted by Turkey in

response to the March 15 shooting massacre at a mosque in Christchurch, New Zealand — had omitted any mention of anti-Semitism. Following sustained pressure from Danon and other ambassadors at the UN, Turkey agreed to amend the resolution.

"The memory of history seems to be fading with time, but our diplomatic efforts have shown that we will not allow the international community to remain silent while a wave of anti-Semitism spreads throughout the world," Danon said in a statement.

Danon reflected that it was "very unfortunate that we had to fight to include anti-Semitism in the draft resolution." He added that "denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination in their land and being anti-Israel is no different from anti-Semitism."

Said Danon: "The time has come for the world to act uncompromisingly against hatred and anti-Semitism, and to ignore those, both inside and outside the United Nations, who seek to undermine these efforts."

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Israel's RightHear Orients Visually Impaired at McDonald's

Sensor-and-app system makes McDonald's Israel the first restaurant chain in the world to offer full access to customers with orientation challenges

By Abigail Klein Leichman ISRAELI 21C

"When we started, we were thinking of large complex environments like malls and airports because this is where sighted people usually get lost," says Idan Meir, cofounder and CEO of RightHear in Ra'anana.

"But we learned from user feedback that even small environments can be difficult for the blind or people with other orientation challenges. We realized we could create an impact there as well."

Getting the RightHear system into small venues could most efficiently be accomplished by partnering with chains, leaders of the four-year-old company concluded. So about a year ago they approached McDonald's Israel, the country's largest burger chain.

McDonald's agreed to pilot the system in some of its 180-plus branches throughout the country and subsequently decided to deploy it in nearly all of its restaurants in Israel.

After a seven-month trial run to be sure everything worked properly, the fast-food chain publicly announced the availability of RightHear in January – making McDonald's Israel the first restaurant chain in the world to offer full



The sign on this Israeli McDonald's restaurant says, "This place is accessible to people with vision impairment and the blind."

access to customers with orientation challenges.

How it works: In each participating venue, Right-Hear installs tiny self-powered sensors near entrances, restrooms, elevators, stairs and so on. The sensors use Bluetooth technology to communicate with the user via the free RightHear smartphone app, providing general information about the location and its accessibility, as well as 360-degree audio orientation in the surroundings.

For example, when arriving on a college campus, RightHear users might hear, "The admissions office is 100 feet ahead to the right. Hours are 9:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday."

They can also point their phone in any direction and RightHear will tell them what's there. Through the app, users can request live assistance at the venue if they feel it's necessary.



RightHear cofounders Idan Meir, left, and Gil Elgrably.

RightHear charges its clients a fee based on the number of accessibility spots installed. The service is free for users.

A recently released new version of the RightHear iOS and Android app allows users to use it in outdoor environments with the aid of GPS rather than sensors.

"It's like a walking companion based on GPS," says Meir. "While Google Maps is accessible it's not designed for our audience in mind. Our app will tell you where you are and if you point the phone to something it will tell you what is there. Another really cool thing is our users can create their own landmarks with an audio recording, for example a bus station they go to frequently."

Expansion Outside Israel

In addition to the visually impaired and blind, the app-and-beacon system can help anyone

with orientation issues including people with dementia, cognitive impairment or even language barriers or agoraphobia (anxiety in unfamiliar places).

The McDonald's deployment is especially exciting for the RightHear team of eight because such a large swath of the population can benefit from it, Meir tells ISRAEL21c.

Right-Hear systems also are installed in many larger venues such as the Habima Theater in Tel Aviv, Azrieli shopping malls, Assuta medical centers and the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot.

About 90 percent of the company's clients are in Israel, with the rest in Europe and the United States, including three Lighthouse for the Blind facilities in Florida.

"Most of our efforts these days are going to expanding our activities in English-speaking markets, chains and large locations such as airports," says Meir.

Will Americans soon be able to find their way around Mickey D's using RightHear?

"I cannot disclose too much, but we are optimistic about expanding with McDonald's in other countries and with other chains that we can't name," says Meir.

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Ex-British PM Gordon Brown Slams Own Labour Party for Allowing 'Demonization of the Entire Jewish People'

By Benjamin Kerstein, *The Algemeiner*

Former British Labour Prime Minister Gordon Brown has joined the Jewish Labour Movement in an act of solidarity with the Jewish community, denouncing his own party for allowing the "demonization of the entire Jewish people."

Since far-left MP Jeremy Corbyn became Labour leader in 2015, the party has been wracked by anti-Semitism scandals, several of them touching Corbyn personally. Polls show that an overwhelming majority of British Jews consider him personally anti-Semitic. Last month, several MPs quit the party, citing institutionalized anti-Semitism as one of the reasons.

In a video released by Brown on April 1, the former PM announced that he was joining JLM as an affiliated member. JLM is a venerable

organization associated with the Labour party for nearly a century. It recently considered cutting ties with Labour due to its antisemitism problem.

In the video, Brown — who served at 10 Downing Street from 2007-2010 — cited Nicholas Winton, a Labour party member who helped rescue Jewish children from the Nazis as part of what has come to be called the Kindertransport.

"The Labour Party has always had a long, proud, and noble tradition of standing up against all forms of prejudice and racism," noted Brown. "But in the last few years it has let the



Former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown

Jewish community down."

Speaking of the Labour leadership, he said, "They should never have allowed legitimate criticism of the current Israeli government to act as a cover for the demonization of the entire Jewish people."

"The message to the Jewish community should be clear and unequivocal: You will never walk alone and we will never walk on by on the other side. We must never tolerate intolerance," Brown added.

"Solidarity means standing up with those who are under attack and that is why I am joining as an affiliated member," he said of JLM. "I urge all my colleagues to do the same."

"Tackling anti-Semitism and racism and fighting for equality is

not a diversion nor a distraction from our purpose as a party," he stated. "It is our purpose as a party."

"We will never allow evil to triumph over good and neither will the British people," Brown promised.

Labour MP Margaret Hodge, a prominent critic of anti-Semitism in her party, tweeted in response to Brown's video, "Thank you Gordon. Please watch this video. It's what solidarity & rebuilding trust with the Jewish community looks like. A brilliant message on the anti-racism values that must underpin the Labour Party and a call to renew our commitment to the @JewishLabourMovement."

Abusive Husband Grants Divorce After Being Fired as Egged Bus Driver

Husband's divorce recalcitrance led the Jerusalem Rabbinical Court to order Egged to fire the husband due to his refusal to grant his wife a divorce

By Jeremy Sharon, *The Jerusalem Post*

A physically abusive husband who refused to grant his wife a divorce, tried to extort money from her in the divorce proceedings, and absconded from legal proceedings, has finally agreed to the divorce after being fired from his job and arrested for failing to appear before a rabbinical court. The husband had refused for several years to accede to divorce proceedings and defied a rabbinical court ruling obligating him to grant his wife a divorce.

The legal representatives of the wife requested that the Jerusalem Rabbinical Court, where the case



was handled, order the Egged bus company, where the husband worked as a driver, to fire him from his job, in accordance with legislation that revokes a person's rights to be employed in a state-funded

company, as Egged is.

Egged fired the husband in March and, after he failed to appear at a rabbinical court hearing, a warrant was issued for his arrest. He was eventually located by a private investigation firm hired by the wife's legal representatives in the Yad La'isha Legal Aid Center and was subsequently arrested by the police, brought before the rabbinical court and finally agreed to grant the divorce.

The couple in question immigrated to Israel from India several years ago with their only child.

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Israeli and Diaspora Jews Are More United Than We Think

By Danny Danon, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations

JNS.org

In recent months, some Jewish community leaders and pundits have been sounding an alarm about a rift developing between American and Israeli Jews. As evidence, they point to specific instances where Americans disagree with Israel's political or social policies and decisions. They say that for younger generations of American Jews, Israel no longer resembles the beloved underdog of their parents' or grandparents' generations.

However, these critics miss the far more important point: There is more that unites Jews in America and Israel than divides us. We should not let individual points of contention distract us, sow division, and embolden our enemies when the broader story between Diaspora and Israeli Jewish communities is one of unity and a shared sense of purpose.

We should not mistake temporary disagreements for an irreversible fracture. Just as all families disagree from time to time, the Jewish people — whether they live in Israel or the Diaspora — are not immune from the occasional dispute. Yet most American Jews side with Israelis on the big, existential issues: the belief in Zionism, and in the sovereignty of the Jewish

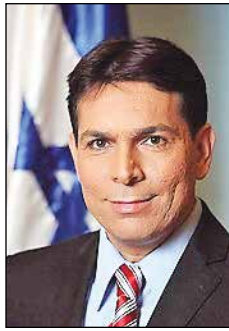
state.

Knowing that both sides share the same starting point, it is less concerning when inevitable disagreements arise on smaller, tactical matters. And in the 70-plus years of Israel's existence, there have been many areas where Jews in America and in Israel have disagreed.

Indeed, almost immediately after Israel's establishment, the relationship between the nascent Jewish state and the American Jewish community faced its first test. The re-establishment of the Jewish people in their historic and ancient homeland raised the important question: Where would the global center of Jewish life be? The destruction of European Jewry made the United States the demographic, financial and political center of world Jewry. Considering how welcoming America was to its Jewish citizens, many believed America to be the epicenter of Jewish life.

This matter came to a head when Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, both vied for which country would be considered the "Jewish" state. Eventually, an agreement was signed that recognized the necessary support that American Jews would provide to Israel, while Israel would respect the autonomy of American Jewry. This agreement set the foundation for relations between the two countries' Jewish populations and has held for decades.

The critics also miss an important aspect to relations between the two communities: the fact that more American Jews than ever are visiting



Ambassador
Danny Danon

Israel. I have long advocated that the best way to get to know Israel and Israelis is to visit the country and meet the people; I have led trips for dozens of UN ambassadors that show them the history, beauty, and ingenuity of Israel and its people.

Today, travel to Israel is common, easy, and, with certain programs, virtually free of cost for participants. Access has never been simpler, and American Jewish teenagers, college students, and young professionals in particular are taking advantage of these opportunities. For most of its history, only 15 percent of American Jews visited Israel; today, that number is more than 40 percent and growing. And increasingly, there are programs that bring Israelis to America to work in local communities, further increasing connections and understanding.

This increased interaction creates deeper ties, with both communities learning from the other. In today's hyper-politicized and polarizing world, polls continually reflect the favorable opinion that American Jews across the religious and political spectrum have of Israel.

This feeling is mutual. Although Israel is enjoying a period of unprecedented strength and independence, we look to our American cousins as our greatest supporters, allies and benefactors. Polling in Israel consistently reflects that Israelis believe that a thriving American Jewry is important for the security and welfare of Israel, and they support programs that bring young American Jews to visit, study and live in Israel. What's more, the Israeli government prioritizes this investment by budgeting millions of dollars per year to programs like Taglit-Birthright, Masa, and others that bring Diaspora Jews to Israel.

The connection between Israeli and Diaspora Jewry goes both ways. Around the world, the Jewish community

carefully tracks events in Israel and does not sit idly by when Israel is in need; it mobilizes its resources to help us. It is clear that Israel occupies a central role in the lives of most of Diaspora Jewry.

Israel is equally committed to the Diaspora. We, too, respect and appreciate the bond with world Jewry and always want to offer our help. When terrorists hijacked an airplane and held Jews — regardless of nationality, political ideology or religious observance — hostage in Entebbe, Uganda, we felt a responsibility to act. When Jews are murdered in a synagogue in Pittsburgh, we, too, feel that pain and want to stand with our grief-stricken brothers and sisters.

History teaches us that our enemies do not stop to consider a Jew's observance level, nationality or political ideology before attacking us. To the antisemites of the world, a Jew is a Jew. And, increasingly, as we see in Sweden, France, and even in the halls of the US Congress, these bigots take refuge in justifying anti-Semitism as anti-Israel rhetoric. Let's not help them out.

If our enemies view the wonderfully diverse tapestry that is world Jewry as a monolithic bloc, why should we do them the favor and start chipping away at what is our greatest strength: our unity and sense of shared purpose? When the Israelites wandered in the desert after leaving Egypt, they were attacked by our greatest enemy, Amalek. Amalek targeted the weak and vulnerable, striking at small groups, rather than the whole unit. The Israelites only defeated Amalek when they stood as one people. We are strong when we stand together, and recognize that the Jewish people — whether we live in Israel, America, or anywhere else — are part of one family. ... Let us remember that despite our disagreements, we all support and are a part of the incredible Zionist story.

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Rare Korean War Haggadah from 1952 Finds New Home in Israel

By Cnaan Liphshiz

As the owner of the world's largest collection of haggadot, the National Library of Israel is no stranger to unusual versions of the text that Jews read on Passover. Among the library's 10,000-odd haggadot is the Prague Hagaddah from 1556, of which only two copies exist. And the even older Rothschild Hagaddah from 1450, which was written in Italy on parchment so delicate that it's kept in a dark vault (unusually, the library in Jerusalem put that Haggadah on display this year, but only for two days.)

Yet one of the library's most special haggadot is younger than the institution's chairman, 74-year-



Jewish American soldiers celebrating Passover in Seoul, Korea, 1952

old David Bloomberg. Dubbed the Korean War Haggadah, the booklet from 1952 was recently purchased by the library because it is "extremely rare," the museum said in a statement. It did not say how much the 32-page booklet cost.

Printed in Korea for the use



Hand drawn cover of haggadah used for the Passover Seder by the Jewish American troops in Korea in 1952.

of US military personnel fighting there, it was first used in a seder, the traditional Passover meal, organized by two Jewish chaplains who were also responsible for producing the Haggadah.

Jewish soldiers from across Korea were given furlough and transported to that seder.

The book's cover is decorated with hand-drawn insignias of the main military units involved in the seder. The insignia of the Jewish chaplaincy appears in the middle. The seder's menu includes gefilte fish, 'chicken soup aux kneidlach' and three types of wine, including Manischewitz California State.

Western Wall Gets Preservation Treatment

Experts douse boulders with lime-based material to prevent peeling, remove more stone, plaster particles than usual; notes to be cleared from cracks next week, ahead of Passover

By Times of Israel Staff

Inspectors completed a biannual safety inspection and maintenance of the Western Wall on Wednesday, with rabbis overseeing the preservation of corroding stone.

The Western Wall stones, portions of Wilson's Arch, and the wall of the Makhama building were cleaned and loose rock and debris was removed, according to the Western Wall Heritage Foundation.

"During the recent pre-Passover inspection, a greater than normal amount of stone and plaster particles was removed from between the stones," it said in a statement.

Under the supervision of Western Wall Rabbi Shmuel Rabinowitz, experts also doused the stones in a material to prevent peeling — a process the organization said was done in accordance with Jewish law.

"This year, many 'husks' were removed. In order to solve this, the



A Western Wall safety inspection on April 3, 2019

preservation experts soak the peeling stone in binding materials based on natural lime (the stone's consolidation). This strengthens the layers and stops the peeling," it said.

Last July, a large boulder from the Western Wall was dislodged from the ancient structure, tumbling down onto an egalitarian prayer platform. There were no injuries in the incident near Robinson's Arch, south of the main prayer plaza, but the rock landed very close to a female worshiper. It damaged the platform where she was praying.

An archaeologist who visited the site later that day warned that the entire

Western Wall was a "danger zone," and said the public should stay away. Zachi Dvira said he noted multiple cracks in other stones and feared that another stone fall was just a matter of time. Other stones "could immediately fall on the heads of people," said Dvira, who is completing a PhD on the recorded archaeology of the Temple Mount.

At the time, the Israel Antiquities Authority said there were a number of possibilities that may have led to the stone's fall, such as vegetation growing in the wall's cracks, or entrapped moisture that may have led to the stone's wear. There is also the possibility of a still unknown engineering failure.

In a notable case in 2004, large pieces of Western Wall stone fell in the mainstream prayer plaza — slightly injuring a worshiper on Yom Kippur — due to erosion caused by foreign metal objects inserted into the wall's cracks by birds.



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Community Calendar - May - June - July 2019

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- C Teen Global Teen network offering social, educational & humanitarian programming.
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- Call 760-272-1923 or email Chaya@chabadm.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@chabadm.com.
- 7:30-8:30 pm** Chabad Palm Springs Program: **'A Journey Through the Era of the Prophets'**: A class exploring the Prophets, beginning with Joshua. Held at home of Rabbi Arik and Chaya Denenbeim 410 Avenida Ortega, Palm Springs. Instructor: Rabbi Boz Werdiger, Email: bozwerdiger@googlegmail.com.

- 5:00-7:00 pm** Chabad of Rancho Mirage **Weekly BBQ**. Affordable, fun and kosher. Reservations not required but helpful: 760-770-7785. Usually ends at Shavuot. Call to confirm.

- 7:00-8:00 pm** Chabad of Sun City **Women's Torah Study**. Contact sussiedenebeim@gmail.com.

- 7:00-8:00 pm** Chabad Palm Springs Program: Text-based Study on Maimonides's fundamentals of Judaism. Instructor: **Rabbi Moishe Witkes**. For location, call or text 760-412-1005.

- Wednesday, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**
1-2:30 pm Temple Isaiah Hands on **'Collage Your Life Story'**, with artist Marvin Meisler. Call 760-325-2281 for information and to RSVP.

Thursday, May 2

- 9:30 am** Sabra Hadassah meeting. Speaker: **Stacey Dorenfeld**, HSC Chair of Hadassah Advocacy. Sun City Shadow Hills. Couvert: \$18. Questions? Call 760-360-8465.

Thursday, May 2

- 4:00 pm** Beth Shalom Book Club Discussion **"Strangers in Budapest"** by Jessica Keener. Discussion led by **Dan Weisberg**. New members and guests welcome. Information: 760-200-3636.

Sunday, May 5

- 11:00 am** Temple Isaiah Twice Blessed (LGBTQ) **'Cinco de Mayo'** get-together at private home. Call 760-325-2281 for location and to RSVP.

Sunday, May 5

- 7:00-9:00 pm** Tolerance Education Center program with California State University Northridge's **Dr. Beth Cohen: "Child Survivors of the Holocaust in the United States."** Call 760-328-8252 for details and to RSVP.

Thursday, May 9

- 2:00 pm** Tolerance Education Center.

- Film screening of **Exodus 1947**, followed by **Robert Sylk** speaking about his family's connections to the ship. Call 760-328-8252 to RSVP.

Monday, May 13

- 5-7 pm** Cal State San Bernardino **Third Annual Rabbi Hillel Cohn Endowed Lecture on the Contemporary Jewish Experience**. Featured speaker: **Dr. Gerald Sorin**, "Remnant of Jewish Life in Post-Holocaust Europe: A Personal Journey." Held at Cal State San Bernardino/Palm Desert Campus. Free to attend. RSVP by May 10: 909-537-5004. See ad page 7.

Tuesday, May 14

- 5-7 pm Hillel Cohn Endowed Lecture** held at Riverside Art Museum. See May 13 entry, above, and ad on page 7.

Tuesday, May 14

- 11:00 am** Tolerance Education Center. Presentation on the **Wannsee Conference**, Germany's conference on the implementing the Final Solution. Speaker: Bernard Epps, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Call 760-328-8252 for details and to RSVP.

Sunday, May 19

- 12:30 pm** Beth Shalom **Lag B'Omer Barbecue and Movie: "GI Jews: Jewish Americans in World War II"**. Members/\$15; Non-Members/\$18. Reservation deadline: May 14. Information: 760-200-3636.

Wednesday, May 22

- 10:00 am – 2:00 pm** Har-El Annual **Summer Film Festival Course**. Held at Tolerance Education Center.

- \$10 includes lunch. Reservations required. Contact harelurj@gmail.com. See classified ad page 22.

Thursday, June 13

- 4:00 pm** Beth Shalom Book Club Discussion **"By Light of Hidden Candles"** by Daniella Levy. Discussion led by: **Ken Hailpern**. New members and guests welcome. Information: 760-200-3636.

Sunday, June 23

- 4:00 pm** Beth Shalom **Sunday at the Movies - "Fill the Void"** (Hebrew with subtitles). Members: Free; Non-members: \$5 per person. Lite refreshments served. Information: 760-200-3636.

Mondays, July 1, 8, 15, 22

- 7:00-9:00 pm** Sabra Hadassah 31st annual Women's Summer Series coordinated by Miriam Bent. Flyers will be emailed in late May or early June. Women not receiving Hadassah's emails and wish to attend are invited to call Miriam Bent at 760-323-0255.

Sunday, July 7

- 1:00 pm Jewish Community Day at Dodger Stadium**. Special ticket includes an exclusive Jewish Community Day Kippah! Call Temple Isaiah for details and to purchase your tickets: 760-325-2281. Deadline: May 20.

Thursday, July 25

- 4:00 pm** Beth Shalom **Book Club Discussion**. Call the synagogue office for this month's selection. New members and guests welcome. Information: 760-200-3636.

Israel Opens Embassy in Rwanda, 11th on African Continent

By Barney Breen-Portnoy, *The Algemeiner*

On April 1, 2019 Israel opened an embassy in the Rwandan capital of Kigali. The embassy “symbolizes the policy of Israel’s return to Africa,” the Foreign Ministry said in a statement, noting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had visited the continent four times in the past three years.

“Rwanda is a true friend of Israel and is one of the mainstays of Israel’s long-standing friendship with the continent,” the Foreign Ministry added. “Like Israel, Rwanda is small country with great capabilities and aspirations. The opening of the embassy reflects the continued strengthening of relations between



The inauguration ceremony of the new Israeli embassy in Kigali, Rwanda

the two countries and will enable the expansion of cooperation in many fields, including education, women’s empowerment, science and technology, innovation and agriculture.”

Ambassador Ron Adam will serve as Israel’s first permanent envoy to Kigali.

Israel established diplomatic relations with newly-independent Rwanda in 1962, but those ties were severed following the Yom Kippur War just over a decade later. The relationship was restored after the end of the Rwandan Civil War in 1994.

The inauguration ceremony of the embassy — the Jewish state’s 11th in Africa — was attended by Foreign Ministry Director-General Yuval Rotem. While in Kigali, Rotem met with Rwandan President Paul Kagame and Foreign Minister Richard Sezibera.

Rotem was also present at the launch the same day of a “Center

of Excellence for Horticultural Development” near the Rwandan capital — a project of MASHAV, the Israeli Foreign Ministry’s Agency for International Development Cooperation.

“I am certain that over the course of the next few years, the establishment of an Israeli embassy in Rwanda will advance our relations with Africa in general and Rwanda in particular to a much higher level,” Rotem said.

According to the Foreign Ministry, Rwanda’s flag carrier, RwandAir, will begin direct flights to Israel in the near future.

Global Survey: World Losing Interest in Palestinians

By David Isaac, *World Israel News*

A global survey commissioned by Israel’s Foreign Ministry to discern attitudes throughout the world about the Jewish State have revealed surprising results where Muslim countries are concerned — that in many cases the populations want closer ties with Israel, even in Iran.

Daily paper Israel Hayom, which reported the results March 27, said that 75 percent of those queried thought that relations with Israel

would be good for their countries.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry highlighted in particular the results from Muslim countries, which found that large segments of the general population wanted better relations with Israel.

Percentage of population interested in ties with Israel:

Iraqis — 43%

Emiratis — 42%

Moroccans — 41%

Iranians — 34%

Tunisians — 32%

Saudis — 23%

Algerians — 21%

The surveys were taken without the knowledge of the participants that the polls had been commissioned by Israel, Israel Hayom reports.

An additional question in the survey asked whether the Palestinian Authority was the main obstacle on the road to peace in the Middle East. The poll found that over half of those polled on average didn’t have a position on the issue.

According to a senior official in the Israeli Foreign Ministry, quoted by Israel Hayom, “In connection to the Palestinians, the meaningful figure is just how uninterested the global public is in the conflict.”

“In contrast, Israel is seen as a country with which it’s worth having relations. It’s a positive trend because people see Israel’s strengths,” the official said.

Also encouraging for Israel, the polls found that a significant majority of Latin American countries supported moving their embassies to Jerusalem, Israel Hayom reports.

In the global survey, participants were also asked about Iran. In every region of the world, more people didn’t believe than believed that Iran had ceased its nuclear weapons development. The region where the population believed it the least was the Middle East.

Q: Do you believe that Iran has ceased developing nuclear weapons?

Region	Believe	Don’t Believe
North America	18%	33%
Western Europe	18%	34%
Middle East	15%	43%
Africa	22%	37%

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Zelensky Win Makes Ukraine 1st Country Outside Israel With Jewish PM, President

By Cnaan Liphshiz, *The Times of Israel*

Ukraine entered uncharted political waters after exit polls showed a comedian with no political experience and few detailed policies had easily won enough votes to become the next president of a country at war.

The apparent landslide victory of Volodymyr Zelensky, 41, is a bitter blow for incumbent Petro Poroshenko who tried to rally Ukrainians around the flag by casting himself as a bulwark against Russian aggression and a champion of Ukrainian identity.

Zelensky was born in 1978 to Jewish parents and seems set to become Ukraine's first Jewish president. Ukraine's Prime Minister Volodymyr Groysman is also Jewish.

Two national exit polls showed Zelensky had won 73 percent of the vote with Poroshenko winning just 25 percent. Early voting data suggested the polls were accurate. Zelensky, who plays a fictitious president in a popular TV series, is now poised to take over the leadership of a country on the frontline of the West's standoff with Russia following Moscow's annexation of Crimea and support for a pro-Russian insurgency in eastern Ukraine.

Following the victory of Volodymyr Zelensky in Ukraine's presidential elections, the country will become the only one in the world besides Israel whose president and prime minister are both Jewish.

To some of incumbent Petro Poroshenko's critics, the landslide success of the vague campaign



Volodymyr Zelensky

by the politically inexperienced Zelensky, a comedian, was not surprising in light of widespread resentment over the persistence of corruption under Poroshenko, who was elected in 2014 on a platform that vowed remedial action on exactly that front.

More unusual to some, however, was how Zelensky's appears to have won the elections so decisively despite his Jewish ancestry being well known in Ukraine.

Russia and other critics claim Ukrainian society has a serious anti-Semitism problem and legacy.

"Imagine, a pure-blooded Jew with the appearance of a Sholom Aleichem protagonist wins by a landslide in a country where the glorification of Nazi criminals is enacted into law," wrote Avigdor Eskin, a Russian-Israeli columnist, in an analysis published earlier in April. Eskin downplayed allegations of widespread anti-Semitism in Ukraine, attributing much of the attention to the problem in media and beyond to propaganda by Russia, which is involved in an armed conflict over territory with Ukraine.

But Eskin's statement about Ukrainian laws glorifying Nazi criminals is not inaccurate, and Russia is not alone in criticizing

Ukraine over this and other issues connected to anti-Semitism. Last year, Israel's government singled out Ukraine as a regional trouble spot in the Israeli government's annual report on anti-Semitism. "A striking exception in the trend of decrease in anti-Semitic incidents in Eastern Europe was Ukraine, where the number of recorded anti-Semitic attacks was doubled from last year and surpassed the tally for all the incidents reported throughout the entire region combined," the report said. The authors of the report counted more than 130 reported anti-Semitic incidents in Ukraine in 2017, they said.

Also last year, more than 50 US Congress members condemned Ukrainian legislation that they said "glorifies Nazi collaborators." ... "It's particularly troubling that much of the Nazi glorification in Ukraine is government-supported." It noted ceremonies, gestures and legislation venerating leaders of the UPA and OUN militias, who fought alongside Nazi Germany during World War II and whose troops participated in atrocities against Jews and other victims.

Poroshenko's government greatly encouraged glorification of those troops and leaders as fighters for Ukrainian freedom who it insisted sided with Germany only in order to fight against the Russian-controlled Soviet Union.

The presidential campaign itself has featured some anti-Semitism. In some far-right circles. Alexander Paliy, an influential political analyst

supporting Poroshenko, last month stirred controversy when he wrote on Facebook that, despite his "respect" for Jews and some Russians, "The president of Ukraine should be Ukrainian and Christian, like the absolute majority of Ukrainians."

Zelensky ingratiated himself with the Ukrainian public as the star of "Servant of the People" – a primetime television show where he portrays a teacher thrust by an unlikely chain of events to become Ukraine's president. He announced his candidacy in January, becoming an instant favorite.

This popularity has allowed Zelensky to both win on an unusually vague platform and distinguish himself from his professional politician rivals, with their proclivity to hyperbole and nationalist slogans. For example, when a reporter asked him how he would deal with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Zelensky reverted to his comic roots, saying "I would speak to him at eye level." It was a reference to him and Putin being at least three inches shorter than Poroshenko, a 6-footer.

Zelensky opaqueness means a high level of uncertainty, Dolinsky, the Jewish community leader, said. "We will need to wait and see what kind of president Zelensky turns out to be," said Dolinsky, who was an outspoken critic of some policies of the Poroshenko administration. "What is clear is that Poroshenko's attempt to appeal to nationalism has failed. Ukrainians said they wanted change. And I am feeling optimistic."

Polish Catholic Church Leader Condemns Shocking Easter Ritual Involving Anti-Semitic 'Judas' Effigy

By Ben Cohen, *The Algemeiner*

The leadership of the Catholic Church in Poland on April 22 strongly condemned an Easter holiday ritual in the southern town of Pruchnik in which adults and children dragged a stereotypical Jew effigy through the streets while beating it with sticks.

In a statement from the Polish Episcopal Conference — the church's main organ — Bishop Rafal Markowski said that in the "context of the events that took place in Pruchnik on Good Friday, April 19, the Church clearly expresses her disapproval of practices that harm human dignity." He emphasized that the "Catholic Church



Children in the rural Polish town of Pruchnik beating an anti-Semitic effigy of 'Judas' to mark the Easter holiday

will never tolerate signs of contempt for members of any nation, including the Jewish people."

Friday's gruesome spectacle was first reported by local newspaper *Expres Jaroslowski*, whose correspondent, Hubert Lewkowicz, expressed shock that the eighteenth-century "Judas

court" ritual was being revived "after a break of a few years."

Local media outlets reported that officers of the Jarosław County police apprehended the suspect, who has not been named, in Pruchnik. After investigators established that the suspect was responsible for having set the effigy on fire at the end of the spectacle on Good Friday, he was released pending further inquiries, police spokeswoman Anna Długosz told journalists.

The arrest came shortly after the District Prosecutor's Office in Jarosław initiated proceedings

to discover and prosecute the perpetrators of the so-called "Judas court." Based on an eighteenth-century practice, the ritual featured a dehumanizing Jewish stereotype replete with wide-brimmed hat, large nose and sidelocks being kicked, beaten and eventually burned.

Video shot by bystanders showed the anti-Semitic effigy being cut down from a pole in the main square in Pruchnik and dragged to the front of the town's church. The words "Judas 2019" and "Traitor" were scrawled in black ink on the effigy's chest. At one point, the effigy received 30 lashes from a stick to symbolize the 30 pieces of silver supposedly paid to Judas, who according to the Christian Bible betrayed Jesus to Roman authorities.

Israel's Foreign Ministry broke a five-day silence on the anti-Semitic display in Pruchnik, which had already been strongly condemned by Jewish organizations in Poland and around the world.

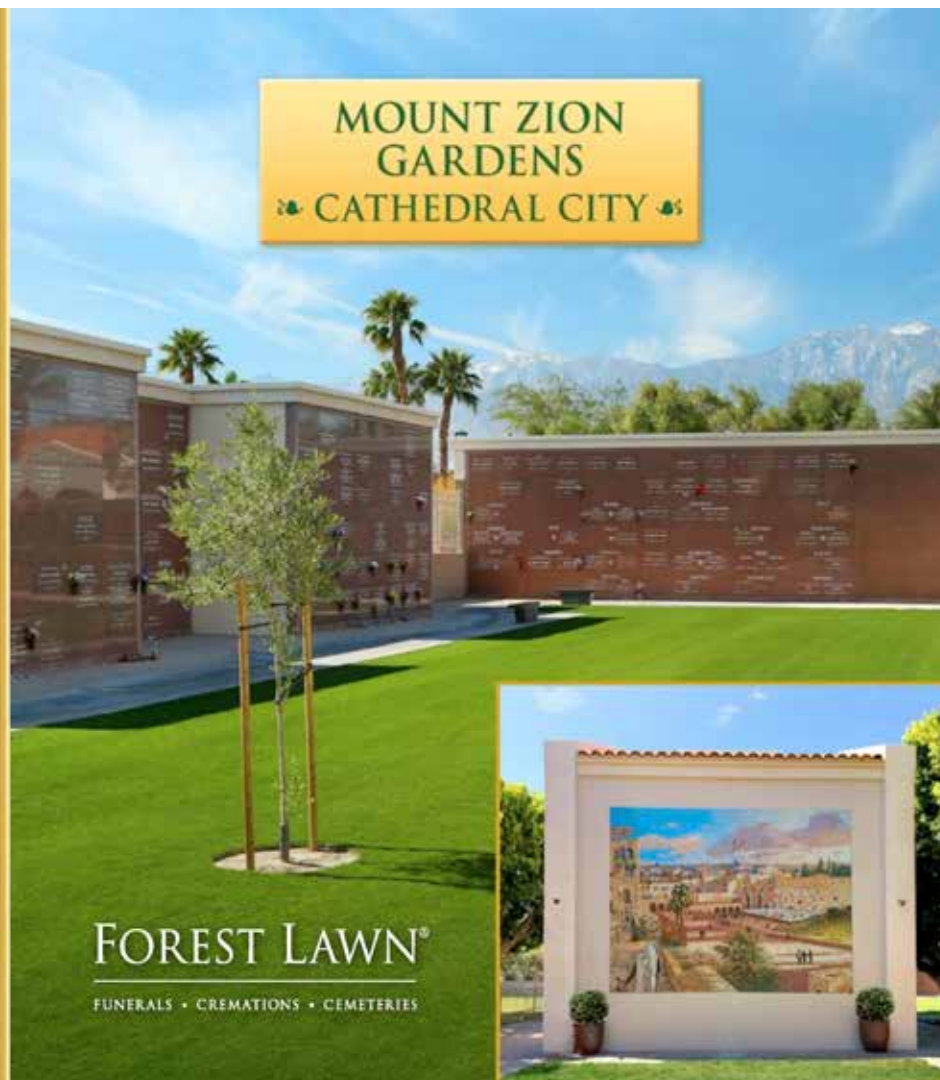
"We regret the anti-Semitic incident in the village of Pruchnik during the festival of Easter but are encouraged by the firm reaction by the Polish church, authorities and senior officials in Poland's government," the ministry said in a statement.

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Hi-Tech: From Injury to Inspiration and Innovation

Only after Ziv Shilon was discharged from the hospital rehabilitation center one year after his injury, did he understand that much of the world was not built for those with disabilities.

By Eytan Halon, *The Jerusalem Post*

One October night in 2012, amid thick fog, Givati Brigade company commander Ziv Shilon was leading his final mission on his very last day in the position, a combined operation to search for explosive devices and tunnels in an area close to the Israel-Gaza border. Shilon's final task was to open a border fence gate to allow Israeli tanks to return to Israeli territory.

Due to limited visibility and the likelihood that enemy snipers would target his forces, Shilon left his soldiers approximately 250 meters behind him as he ran to open the fence.

"When I started as a commander in the IDF, I knew that you must always lead your soldiers, no matter the situation. I ran to that gate, opened the lock and took about three steps forward. I felt an enormous explosion that threw me backwards."

When he finally managed to open his eyes, Shilon saw his left hand was full of blood. He tried to apply pressure to the wound with his right hand, but realized that his injured hand was almost disconnected.

"Within seconds, I understood that the worst thing that can happen to me and to Israel was to be kidnapped by a Hamas terrorist. By some form of miracle, I gathered the leftovers of my arms and managed to run some 250 meters from the Gaza border straight to my vehicle," said Shilon. There, he was given first aid and soon evacuated by helicopter to Soroka Medical Center, in critical condition.

Hanging between life and death, Shilon was unconscious for four days, underwent eight operations, and received 52 units of blood, more than eight times the amount circulating in the human body.

"When I finally stabilized, I realized that now the real battle of my life has



6Degrees co-founders Aryeh Katz, Miri Berger and Ziv Shilon

begun. During the first few months, it wasn't only the pain and the bad news, but the feeling that a second ago I was a company commander with responsibility for 130 combat soldiers, and now I need help to take showers, eat and dress," recalled Shilon, who now has a prosthetic left arm and limited use of his right. "I understood that I have two choices. I can either be dependent on my family for the rest of my life and wake up every morning and ask God why he took my hands away, or make the hard choice to wake up every morning and say thank you that I still have my life."

Only after he was discharged from the confines of the hospital rehabilitation center one year after his injury, Shilon said, did he understand that much of the world was not built for those with disabilities. "With this understanding, I started to research and develop companies and academic programs, mental wellness programs for wounded soldiers like me. I wanted to help them regain their ability to be a part of that world," he said.

Initiatives launched by Shilon included an assistance program for wounded veterans who are commencing their studies at IDC Herzliya, where he studied law, and a fitness program for youth at Ofek Juvenile Prison.

Shilon began his latest project, combining impact with business, after being introduced to fellow disabled



6Degrees prototype

veteran Aryeh Katz and industrial designer Miri Berger, who were already designing a technology-based solution for a lecturer who had lost his hand in an accident.

Together, they cofounded 6Degrees, a Tel Aviv-based start-up developing motion-based, wearable technology that controls smart devices, enabling people with upper-limb deficiency – whether from birth or as a result of injury or illness – to join the digital world.

The company is mentored by Rami Beracha, a successful hi-tech investor who was severely wounded during the First Lebanon War.

"I was their first tester in Israel, and I understood that they were developing something great. We have expanded the company, not just to replace a computer mouse, but for all operating systems; not only for people with amputations, but also for people with Parkinson's, where we know how to filter out the tremors, and [for] kids with cerebral palsy," said Shilon. "There are more than 300 million people all over the world dealing with loss of fine motor skills. That is a lot of people who can't really control technological devices, as they lack the ability use touch screens or a computer mouse, and voice control will never be as precise as imitating hand movement." Using a patented, adaptable, self-calibrating and learning algorithm, 6Degrees' sleek wearable connects via Bluetooth to any smart device. The user

simply places the battery-operated band on his or her upper arm and, within minutes, becomes able to accurately control the cursor or device, adjusted to the wearer's individual limits or needs.

The desire to help children and disabled veterans and promote a feeling of normalcy are always at the heart of the company's efforts. Rather than designing a big, bulky device, the company's prototypes are intentionally unobtrusive and even fashionable.

"As the older generation, we struggle to understand the meaning of gaming in the world of children today. We used to play soccer or basketball in the playground. Today, without being able to play games with your friends, it's like not being able to play soccer in the playground during break," said Shilon.

"And at the other end of the spectrum, we are all temporarily able. The elderly also find it difficult to steadily hold a computer mouse. For both groups, whether it's disabilities as children or older age, we will be the best option to communicate with the world."

Boosted by initial backing by leading technology entrepreneur and investor Ron Zuckerman, 6Degrees hopes to soon close a seed-stage round of funding to complete its algorithm development and go to market, initially in Israel and the United States by the end of 2019.

Shilon, who has told his inspiring life story to large audiences across the world, will share the latest chapter as a speaker at the rehabilitation track of the MIXiii-BIOMED 2019 Conference taking place May 14-16 in Tel Aviv.

"We predict that by December of this year, we will be able to go to market with our 6Degrees technology. We can really change the life of a lot of people all over the globe, and we will do everything that we need to accomplish it," said Shilon.

World's Longest Salt Cave Discovered in Israel

'We cavers worked 10-hour days underground, crawling through icy salt channels, narrowly avoiding salt stalactites and jaw-dropping salt crystals.'

By Abigail Klein Leichman Israel 21c

It's official: The 10-kilometer Malham Cave in Israel's Dead Sea region is the world's longest salt cave.

The announcement on March 28 followed an international mapping expedition led by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Cave Research Center, Israel Cave Explorers Club and Bulgaria's Sofia Speleo Club, along with 80 cavers from Israel, Bulgaria, France, United Kingdom, Croatia, Romania, Germany and the Czech Republic.

Malham was initially discovered by the Cave Research Center in the 1980s inside 11-kilometer-long Mount Sodom. At 170 meters below sea level



Malham Cave near the Dead Sea is inside Mount Sodom, which is made entirely of salt.

at the southwestern tip of the Dead Sea, this mountain is composed entirely of salt underneath a thin layer of cap rock.

Additional CRC expeditions over the years found more than 100 salt different caves inside the mountain, the longest of which measured 5,685 meters and was dated to approximately 7,000 years ago.

Every winter, rainstorms dissolve more salt and create new passages. So when the international expeditions returned to Malham in 2018 and 2019, they discovered the cave now has a double-digit length, breaking the record held for the past 13 years by Iran's Cave of the Three Nudes on Qeshm Island, measuring 6,580 meters long.



Explorers inside Malham Cave near the Dead Sea.

"Thirty years ago, when we surveyed Malham, we used tape measures and compasses. Now we have laser technology that beams measurements right to our iPhones," said Prof. Amos Frumkin, director of the CRC at HU's Institute of Earth Sciences.

However, added his CRC colleague Efraim Cohen, "Mapping Malham Cave took hard work. We cavers worked 10-hour days underground, crawling through icy salt channels, narrowly avoiding salt stalactites and jaw-dropping salt crystals. Down there it felt like another planet."

Currently, the survey team is processing final data from the new Malham Cave surveys to create an



Salt stalactites inside Malham

electronic map of the cave and to publish its findings.

Cohen said the next and final step is to map the tightest spots and the most difficult ones to reach. "When we're all done, it's likely we'll add a few hundred meters to Malham's impressive 10-kilometer length.

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Over 20 attended this year's mini Seder for Desert Hot Springs residents, conducted by Rabbi Yankel Kreiman of Bikur Cholim on April 17. Everyone received boxes of matzah and seder plates from Bikur Cholim, plus gift cards from the Jewish Federation to enable participants to celebrate Passover.

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The Desert Holocaust Memorial is located in the Palm Desert Civic Center Park at San Pablo Avenue & Fred Waring Drive. Residents and visitors are encouraged to visit this moving memorial, a place of remembrance and monument of hope.



Have A Nosh With Miriam

It is traditional to eat dairy for Shavuot (holiday begins night of June 8 this year) and, looking back, I seem to alternate between cheesecake and kugel recipes for my May columns. While both of these recipes are dairy, they are a little different from the "usual" but I think you'll want them in your collection of delicious desserts. The first is a fun pumpkin-apple pizza. The second is a decadent dessert that I first had when I visited my sister-in-law in Winnipeg ... and couldn't wait to get the recipe. It is amazing! Wishing you a happy and delicious Shavuot! MHB.



PUMPKIN APPLE DESSERT PIZZA

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| 1 pkg. (16.5 oz.) Nestle's Toll House® Refrigerated Sugar Cookie Bar Dough | 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon |
| 1 cup can of pure pumpkin puree | 1 cup green apple peeled, cored and thinly sliced |
| 3 ozs. cream cheese, softened | 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon |
| 3 tablespoons granulated sugar, divided | 1/3 cup chopped walnuts |
| | Caramel flavored ice cream topping |

Preheat oven to 325° F. Grease 12-inch pizza pan or large baking sheet. Place whole bar of dough on prepared pan. Allow to soften for 5 to 10 minutes. Using fingertips, pat dough gently to form a 9-inch circle. Bake for 22 to 25 minutes or until light golden brown. Remove from oven; prick with fork. Cool on pan on wire rack.

Meanwhile, beat pumpkin, cream cheese, 2 tablespoons sugar and cinnamon in small mixer bowl until smooth. Spread over pizza crust to 3/4 inch from edge. Mix apple slices with remaining sugar and a dash cinnamon in small bowl; place on pizza. Sprinkle with nuts. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes; remove from oven. Drizzle with caramel topping. Cut into wedges; serve warm. Serves 10.

SHMOO TORTE

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| 8-9 extra large eggs, separated, at room temperature | 1 tsp. baking powder |
| ¼ tsp. cream of tartar | 1 cup pecans, rolled fine |
| 1 cup sugar (divide into 2 equal measures) | 1 quart whipping cream (half for icing, half for sauce) |
| ½ tsp. vanilla | 2 cups brown sugar |
| ½ cup cake flour | 2 heaping tablespoon butter |

Sift flour 6 times. Beat egg whites until almost stiff. Add cream of tartar then gradually add a half cup of sugar. Beat well. In another bowl, beat egg yolks. Add ½ cup sugar and vanilla. Fold yolk mixture into whites very slowly. Fold in flour, baking powder and nuts. Oil bottom of 10" tube pan. Pour cake in. Bake 325° for 1 hour. Invert and cool. May be frozen at this point.

Whip 2 cups of whipping cream and use to frost cake. Drizzle some of the Shmoo Sauce over cake and pour remainder into bowl to spoon over individual slices of cake.

Shmoo Sauce:

Bring brown sugar and 2 cups whipping cream to boil for 5 minutes, stirring often. Remove from heat. Incorporate butter into mixture and cool.



Simchas

We have enjoyed getting to know and work with **Kevin Giser**, who came onboard at the Federation in September. Therefore, there are many more in our community who are offering a warm mazel tov on his engagement to his lovely girlfriend



Kevin Giser and Emma Rees

Emma Rees (he proposed on a recent weekend in San Francisco) ...

Congratulations to **Ken Hailpern**, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom, on being featured as the cover story in the April issue of Sun City Shadow Hills' magazine "The View."



Ken Hailpern

(The great photo was taken by **Donna Raider**) ... Mazel tov to **Rabbi Yonason** and **Sussie Denebeim** on the marriage of their daughter **Elkie** to **Noah Flinkman** on April 8 ... We've watched **Chloe** and **Gwynne Gershenson**, daughters of **Elaine** and **Mark Gershenson**, grow up - they appeared often in the JCN

while they attended the Jewish Community School of the Desert as young girls. Their mom, Elaine, just emailed to share the news of "triple simchas" for Gwynne, who graduated cum laud in both majors (Fine Arts and Psychology) with a minor in Art History from University of Maryland in December, got engaged to **David Stein** of Merrick, Long Island in January, and was accepted to Georgetown University, Museum Studies Masters Degree Program



Gwynne and Chloe Gershenson

in April! Chloe doing well, too. She has accepted a job with Ticketmaster in Social Media Marketing in Los Angeles, having moved from Washington, D.C., and was promoted within her first 3 months of employment! ... Share your simchas with us. Email mhbentjcn@earthlink.net or call **Miriam Bent** at 760-323-0255.



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