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Suspect Arrested in Fire at Historic Minnesota Synagogue

Times of Israel Staff



Adas Israel Synagogue ablaze

Authorities have arrested 36 year old Deluth resident Matthew James Amiot for the fire that that destroyed a historic synagogue in northeastern Minnesota. Adas Israel Congregation, built in 1902, was burned down in blaze that destroyed 6 Torah scrolls. Firefighters responded to the

blaze about 2 a.m. Monday. A fire department spokesman says the building "is pretty much a total loss."

Amiot has been charged with first degree arson. According to its website, the Adas Israel Congregation is an Orthodox/high Conservative Jewish congregation with a membership total of 75. Construction of the synagogue was completed in 1902. Eight of 14 Torah scrolls stored in the synagogue were saved.

The local Jewish Federation has started a fundraising campaign on behalf of the synagogue, and another local synagogue, Temple Israel, has offered Adas Israel temporary space.

Shana Tova



Thank you for all you do to secure a bright future for our community, Israel and the Jewish world.

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It is "traditional" to thank people at the end of one's term of office, but I want to start off my year expressing my appreciation to everyone who made and is making a difference in our community. As we are about to begin

the New Year, we have so much for which to be thankful.

Thank you to everyone in appreciation for all you do.

Thank you to our donors who have responded so magnificently to our Annual Campaign this past year. This has enabled our local Jewish Federation to make a meaningful difference to our local community and to Jews in the world wherever they may live.

Thank you to our volunteers who have assisted Staff at our many programs.

Thank you to our Committee Chairs and their Committees who have

worked tirelessly to make our events so successful.

Thank you all for attending our many programs hosted by Federation that highlighted speakers and community events.

Thank you for contributing to our Tzedakah Fund, which enabled the Federation to respond to emergency needs of Jews living in our community. Remember we are here for you if the need arises.

Thank you to our Staff who have been exemplary in their performance that enabled our Federation to accomplish so much so smoothly.

Thank you to Cora Ginsberg

and Chuck Cohen, dedicated and committed individuals spearheading our Legacy program and who want to guarantee that the Federation continues to provide its programs and services for many years to come.

Thank you to our Board that was led so ably by Celia Norian and Allan Lehmann. Our Federation thanks you and we are so proud of our community.

Allan and I extend our warmest wishes for a good year for all of you. Shana tova.

*"The miracle of this –
The more we give, the more we have"*
Leonard Nemoj

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An Alliance of Leaders Coming Together

From the CEO



Bruce Landgarten

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In these contentious and often dangerous times in which we live, solidifying positive relationships within the general community and, more specifically, with professional leadership, promotes a better appreciation of the diversity in our Desert community and our Jewish community within it.

Towards this end, Jewish Federation of the Desert has spearheaded a new opportunity for local senior executives to come together in an Alliance to share the exchange of ideas, best practices,

insights and challenges in a safe and confidential place, receiving collegial support while, concurrently, working towards building a better community.

We believe that every top executive who has valuable experiences and a genuine willingness to help other executives should be part of the Alliance of Chief Executives.

Our diversity provides access to executives who have already been there and done that on virtually every challenge or opportunity that a CEO may face. Diversity allows a group to conceptualize problems in novel ways that create innovative solutions and fresh ideas. Our objectives: to learn from the collective experience, gain a deeper understanding of our challenges, and discover new opportunities and fresh perspectives for future strategic initiatives.

Our community is built on varied

and strong voices. When we open ourselves to hearing – and actually listening to – each other's unique perspective, we deepen our understanding of what makes us who we are and how we can move forward together.

I reached out to non-profit and community-based organization senior executives in the desert with this concept and the response was extraordinary. An exceptional core group of senior executives have bought into the concept. These individuals are dedicated to building community and welcome the opportunity to discuss their most challenging issues and opportunities in strategic and powerful ways.

I am excited that they are welcoming Jewish Federation as the central address for this endeavor. Think of the Alliance as a sounding

board of peers that can provide very candid and strategic input while facing similar challenges in array of different non-profits. Through the relationships we will be developing we aim to gain a better appreciation of the diversity of opinion and thought as we strengthen the fabric of our greater community and our Jewish community's place in it. This will be a sounding board of peers that can provide candid and strategic input to issues that senior executives may be facing.

In exchange for their willingness to share their knowledge, we will gain access to the collective experience and gain wisdom from a variety of our local mission driven non-profit agencies.

The Alliance, to me, is really about learning how to be a "best-in-class" leader in an unfettered learning and open environment. These are exciting times ahead.

Attention Families with Young Children!

Jewish Federation of the Desert is hosting a
FAMILY SUKKAH PARTY

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IDF Soldier in Anti-Tunnel Unit Moves to Gaza Border Kibbutz, with 28 Friends

An Israeli soldier who specializes in locating Gaza terror tunnels has moved to Kibbutz Kerem Shalom, which borders the Gaza Strip, and has brought 28 other young Israelis with him.

The soldier, only identified by the first letter of his name, Aleph, serves in the Israel Defense Forces in the area of the kibbutz and decided to move to the community after seeing that the security situation was pushing residents away.

However, he did not want to make the move alone, and sent out a request for volunteers to join him. Hundreds responded, and 28 other soldiers eventually made the move.

Aleph grew up in the Gush Etzion bloc in the West Bank and began his army service as a combat soldier in a special unit of the Kfir infantry brigade. Around two years ago, he suffered an eye injury and could not continue to serve in the infantry. He then transferred to a unit specializing in countering the threat from Gaza tunnels.

"There is a moment when the person drilling says, 'we feel something here,' and you insert the camera, and that's it, you know you succeeded. You understand that you have saved lives," Aleph says

about his role. "In my job there's no room for mistakes. If I miss something, maybe in a few months people will come out of a tunnel and kill civilians."

Kerem Shalom is a small community ringed with protective concrete walls which abuts Israel's border with southern Gaza and is near the border with Egypt. It is threatened by rockets, tunnels, and arson balloons. Palestinian rioters burning tires cause heavy smoke to drift into the community and residents hear explosions going off during weekly border protests.

"There are Fridays when you can't go outside of your apartment because of tear gas," Aleph said.

As a result, the community was underpopulated and struggling to attract new members.

Aleph served in the area for two years without building any personal connections to residents in the area. One Saturday, "one of the residents sat next to me and said, 'it's great to see young life in this place,' and in that moment something clicked. I decided that I would move to live there," he said. "It was very clear to me. I'm always working so hard to protect these places, so there's

no way that at the end of the day they won't be lively places. I put a call out on WhatsApp. I was sure that it would bring in a few people, then suddenly 70 people signed up."

The community's newest residents moved into ten apartments, with two or three in each unit, and have contributed to their new home by repainting buildings, setting up a youth club and planting grass and trees.

They sleep in bomb shelters in their apartments because they are so close to the Strip that they have little time to react to incoming rockets.

"They brought in a young spirit to the kibbutz," said Roni Kisin, one of the community members, told Channel 13. "They brought in new energy. At the beginning we didn't know how to feed them. We thought that they would come and be here for six months or a year then disappear. But they're here, and it looks like they're here to stay. We hope so. Some of them already finished the army and stayed. In the past we were underpopulated, but today we're completely full and there is a waiting list to move in, which is staggering and moving."

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California Enacts Landmark 'Mezuzah Bill'

New law gives boost to public Jewish observance in response to growing anti-Semitism

By Tzemach Feller

The state of California has taken what lawmakers and religious-rights activists around the nation are calling an enormous step forward in ensuring that Jewish residents are able to practice their faith freely with the governor signing into law a bill that protects their right to place a mezuzah on their doorposts.

As the rise in openly anti-Semitic attacks continues in the state and across the nation, sponsors say that the bill will embolden Jewish Californians to live more proudly as Jews.

While the Equal Housing Act prevents overt discrimination regarding real estate sales and rentals, property owners and managers have invoked homeowner association laws or property covenants that create difficulties for Jewish tenants or condo owners wishing to display a symbol of their faith. A commonly used contrivance is prohibiting the placement of a mezuzah on



California State Sen. Ben Allen, author of the "Mezuzah Bill," and Rabbi Mendy Cohen of Chabad of Sacramento affix a mezuzah on Allen's office door following passage of the legislation

the front door, citing aesthetic concerns or similar reasons.

Known as the "Mezuzah Bill," Senate Bill 652 establishes that property owners "shall not enforce or adopt a restrictive covenant or any other restriction that prohibits one or more religious items from being displayed or affixed on any entry door or entry door frame of a dwelling."

Bill Had Widespread Support

The bill was authored by Senator Ben Allen, chair of the Legislative Jewish Caucus, and every member of the caucus—comprised of seven state senators and nine assembly members—signed on as co-authors. It has received widespread support from local communities and organizations, including the Anti-Defamation League, a co-sponsor of the bill.

"Posting a *mezuzah* is not a decorative choice for Jews. Rather, an observant Jewish person would be unable to live in a home where placement of a *mezuzah* on an entry door frame is not allowed," said Nancy Appel, ADL's California Legislative Director, who was active in the ADL's support of the bill. "Enforcement of otherwise neutral and generally applicable rules that

prohibit altering the appearance of an exterior doorway has posed a unique hardship for some Jews in California who have been ordered to remove their *mezuzah* or face a daily fine. Although ADL has successfully advocated for affected Jews to enable them to post their *mezuzah* on a case-by-case basis, this bill guarantees that they won't have to face this impossible dilemma in the first place."

The bill enjoyed bipartisan approval, passing four committee hearings as well as floor votes in the Senate and the Assembly without a single vote cast in dissent. It was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 30, 2019.

Following the bill's passage, the Legislative Jewish Caucus celebrated by placing *mezuzot* on their own office doors.

Please excuse an error in last month's JCN for the incorrect amount shown on the check in the photo of Congregation Har-El's allocation. Har-El is receiving \$2200 in support of their educational programs for 2019. We regret that this happened and offer our sincerest apologies.

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Tuesday, October 1 Second Day 9:00 AM

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Tuesday, October 8 Kol Nidre 5:45 PM
Wednesday, October 9 Morning 9:00 AM
Yizkor 3:45 PM
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Monday, October 14 9:30 AM
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Jewish Federation Women's Philanthropy

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019

10 AM - 4 PM

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We would love to have you join us for the wonderful day
of fun and friendship ... and it's a mitzvah too!

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the Federation Office: 760-324-4737.



Women's Philanthropy Upcoming Events

The January 13 Lion of Judah event, chaired by Carol Fragen and Fran Kaufman, will feature Carly Gammill as keynote speaker. Carly serves as the Director of the StandWithUs Center for Combating Anti-Semitism. A seasoned constitutional litigator, she has been active in fighting anti-Semitism, including the anti-Israel, anti-Semitic BDS campaigns, on campuses, in court, and at the United Nations.



Carly Gammill

Minimum gift for this event is \$5,000.

March 9 Pearl Society Luncheon, chaired by Jackie Cohen and Joann Hirschfield, brings Dr. Ralph Nurnberger back to the desert after many years' absence. Nurnberger is a widely acclaimed speaker who brings humor, current political insights and historical background to his presentations. Minimum gift for this event is \$360.



Dr. Ralph Nurnberger



A Lasting Legacy: Carol Horwich Luber



Carol Luber is a fifth generation Chicagoan where “tzedakah” was second nature growing up. She recalls, “My earliest memories were going to Sunday school with my weekly Tzedakah coins to be donated to various Jewish charities. My grandparents and parents raised my sister and me to contribute a portion of our gift monies to charitable

causes. As far back as I can remember my mother and grandmother were always involved in Women’s Philanthropy activities through the Chicago Federation. It was their way of life that became my continued passion. I have tried to model this for my sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren in hopes that the traditions I cherish are emulated by



them as they raise their families. I strive to be an example as my mother and sister have also done.

“For me, making an annual Lion of Judah contribution was just the beginning of my commitment. It has been my fervent belief that it is my responsibility to help the Jewish people in communities all over the world and in Israel, as well as in our own backyard ... and I see these needs growing.

I wanted my gift to continue after I was gone, and I could accomplish

this through establishing a Lion of Judah Endowment with our Jewish Federation of the Desert, here in this special community which I consider my home.

Carol’s family has personified “l’dor v’dor,” from generation to generation, with their passing down the expectation of making our Jewish and secular world a better place by their acts of generosity. It has been a strong family value to continue serving the community they call home even after they are no longer here. Through her Endowment gift, Carol’s legacy will be a lasting one.

Chief Rabbi Halts Woman’s Burial Until Son Grants Wife a Divorce

After extreme sanction is announced, US-based man agrees to formally end religious marriage after over a decade

By Stuart Winer, Times of Israel

Israel’s Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi David Lau on August 20 ordered the Jerusalem burial of a woman put on hold until her son agreed to grant his estranged wife a religious divorce.

Hours later, the man in question expressed his willingness to grant the get, and the funeral of his mother was set to proceed, reports said.

The woman, whose body was flown to Israel from the US, was due to be buried in the Mount of Olives cemetery that morning but Lau instructed the burial society to stop the proceedings until her US-based son delivered the divorce papers, known as a get, to a rabbinic court.

Lau said the measure was taken in an effort to pressure the husband, an ultra-Orthodox man, into freeing his ex-wife from the bonds



Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi David Lau

of Jewish marriage after refusing to grant the get for over 10 years.

“When all the other options were exhausted, we had to inform the burial society not to bury the mother until the son provides a kosher divorce,” he wrote in explaining his decision. “We hope this move will soon bring about a divorce and the woman will be released.”

Under Jewish law, women may not remarry unless they are granted a religious divorce from

their husband.

Lau was acting in accordance with a ruling by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, an ultra-Orthodox body also known as Agudas Harabonim, which applied punitive measures against the husband several years ago to pressure him to divorce his wife.

Among the restrictions the US rabbis laid down were denying burial rights to the man’s family, the B’Hadrei Haredim website reported. The UOR said the deceased woman had supported her son in withholding the divorce.

The UOR had contacted Lau and urged him to uphold its ruling and not allow the mother to be buried.

According to the report, the man separated from his wife over a decade ago and, while denying

her a divorce, was able to remarry by relying on a rare method of approval granted by another rabbinic forum, one that is not recognized by the UOR.

Lau wrote it was “an extremely severe” case, in which the husband had kept his wife from being able to continue her life “while illegally marrying a second wife.”

Rabbinical courts have attempted to deal with the scourge by putting pressure on the husbands through any legal means available, including fines and excommunication from the community. In Israel, where rabbinical courts are recognized by the state, some have even been jailed in recent years.

In April, an Israeli man finally gave his wife a divorce after he was fired from his job and jailed for refusing to do so.

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Israeli Lonah Chemtai-Salpeter Smashes European Women's 10-km Record

"I'm happy that I broke the European record, and I'm heading in the right direction," says Chemtai-Salpeter, who is now looking forward to the Marathon World Championships in Qatar.

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Israeli distance runner Lonah Chemtai-Salpeter continues to smash records—on September 1st she clocked a time of 30:04 in the Tilburg Ten Miles race in the Dutch city of Tilburg, cutting a jaw-dropping 17 seconds off the European women's record for the 10-kilometer race, set by legendary runner Paula Radcliffe in 2003.



Lonah Chemtai-Salpeter

Chemtai-Salpeter's result of

30:04 also became a new Israeli women's record for the distance, as well as a course record for the Tilburg Ten Miles race.

"I'm pleased with today's result. I'm not surprised because training has been going well. This race today was part of my training program for the Marathon World Championships in Doha [Qatar]," said Chemtai-

Salpeter after the race.

"This time was confirmation that if you train properly and prepare a training plan professionally, including proper diet, injury prevention and more, you can become a professional athlete. I'm happy that I broke the European record, and I'm heading in the right direction," said Chemtai-Salpeter.

Israel's Sagi Muki Wins World Judo Championship Gold Medal

By Abigail Klein Leichman Israel21c

Israeli champion judoka Sagi Muki has another gold medal around his neck after defeating six opponents in the under-81 kilo weight category at the International Judo Federation's 2019 World Championships Senior in Tokyo.

This marks the first time a male Israeli judoka has received a gold medal at a WJC event.



Israeli judoka Sagi Muki

The championships drew 834

competitors from 146 countries.

Muki, who participated in the 2016 Olympic Games in Baku, is well on his way to heading back to Tokyo in 2020 for the next Olympics.

He won the European Judo Championships gold medal for his weight class in 2015 and 2018, and most recently won a gold medal at the Judo Grand Slam on May 10 in

Baku, Azerbaijan.

Last October, Muki won the gold medal at the Abu Dhabi Grand Slam, where Israel's national anthem was played in a Gulf state for the first time. In January 2019, he was one of four Israeli gold medalists at Israel's first-ever International Judo Federation Grand Prix event.

Israeli Fire Experts Help Brazil Battle Rainforest Blaze

Delegation from Israel's Fire and Rescue Services will aid Brazilian authorities working to extinguish month-long fires in the Amazon rainforest.

By Abigail Klein Leichman, Israel21c

Eleven experts from Israel's National Fire and Rescue Authority departed for Brazil September 3rd to provide assistance and professional know-how to Brazilian government, military and firefighting authorities combatting the blazes raging for the past month in the Amazon rainforest.

Headed by Yair Elkayam, Deputy Commander of the Northern District, the delegation was sent by Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Security Council and Ministry of



Members of the Israeli firefighting delegation prior to departure for Brazil.

Public Security after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu pledged Israel's help in a conversation with Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro.

Fire and Rescue Commissioner Dedy Simhi directed preparations

for the delegation in Israel, while the Israeli embassy and the IDF Military Attaché in Brasilia are coordinating with the Brazilian authorities.

The Foreign Ministry noted that over the past year, Netanyahu visited Brazil and Bolsonaro visited Israel, signing agreements for closer cooperation in the fields of agriculture, science, health, cyber and more. These agreements will increase Israeli exports to the largest Latin American country.

In August, Brazil declared a

state of emergency over the rising number of fires in the Amazon, the largest rainforest in the world. An estimated one million indigenous people and three million species of plants and animals live in the rainforest.

Bolsonaro tweeted on August 25 that he'd received a phone call from Netanyahu offering to aid the firefighting efforts of the Brazilian armed forces and had gratefully accepted.

Superheroes Meet 3D Printing to Give Israelis New Hands

Israeli organization Haifa 3D utilizes cheap and cheerful technology to make bionic hands available to growing numbers of adults and children.

By Naama Barak, Israel 21c

Superman, Spiderman, Hello Kitty or FC Barcelona – if you had the choice to stylize your appearance according to your favorite superhero, which would you choose?

This tough choice is one that faces Israeli children about to receive a bionic hand. And according to the man offering these hands, the more colorful and standout they are, the better.

“For me personally it was a surprise that the kids don’t want hands that resemble natural ones, but technological hands that are similar to robotic ones,” says Yacov Malinovich, co-founder of Haifa 3D, an organization that provides Israeli children and adults with bionic hands, arms and accessories.

“They usually order superhero hands,” he chuckles.

The option to customize and create colorful hands is just one of the advantages of using 3D printing technologies. Another is that the simple process results in a mechanical arm made of plastic.

“That’s its advantage and disadvantage,” Malinovich explains. “If it breaks, we fix it or renew it; it’s part of the simplicity.” And Malinovich is actually more than happy to see broken (plastic) limbs, since there’s no better indication that they’re being extensively used.

A big plus in 3D-printed arms is the low cost, making it possible for the organization to help as many people as possible. Which is just as well, considering that all participants in the process are volunteers and the hands are given out for free.



A young girl is fitted with a brightly colored 3D printed arm by Haifa 3D

Malinovich, a physicist by education, founded Haifa 3D together with aeronautic engineer Yoav Medan, AE several years ago. They originally focused on familiarizing the wider public with 3D printing.

But upon learning from one of their associates of the possibility to print out limbs, they began devoting themselves entirely to the field and became the Israeli branch of Enabling the Future, an international network of volunteers who print out 3D hands.

“We began with children who were born without hands,” Malinovich explains. “They grow quickly and [the prosthesis] needs to be replaced quickly. So they don’t actually have a solution.”

Malinovich and Medan began working on existing American models, modified to suit according to size. “But already pretty much at the beginning we realized that each child is a unique case,” he says. “We began finding solutions to improve the plans.”

They then looked for solutions for kids with arms amputated below the elbow, as well as adults struggling to find commercial solutions. To date, the organization has helped 60 people, many of



A young customer being sized up for a 3D printed hand.



Most children opt for colorful printed hands that give them newfound confidence.

whom have received multiple hands and accessories.

The organization benefits from close cooperation with researchers and workers at the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology. It also receives used equipment donations.

One such example is large, expensive 3D printers donated by Israeli construction software company Autodesk. When the company’s Innovation Lab Program acquired newer, smaller printers, manager Netanel Gueta searched for a place that could put the old ones to good use for the greater community.

After six months, he found Malinovich on Facebook. “It really, really suits what they’re doing,” Gueta says of the printers. “They’re very tall height-wise, so can build upward” – just what’s needed for limbs.

Fitting and adjusting

The process of fitting people with printed hands usually takes

a few weeks. First, prospective recipients are checked by specialized physiotherapists who make sure that the fitting is possible and that no damage could be done. Measurements are then taken, and the recipients choose colors and decorations.

A volunteer team customizes existing basic models according to needs. The parts of the hand are then printed out and assembled. If it fits well, final adjustments are made before the printed hand leaves with its new owner.

However, Malinovich says, “The first hand is almost always not good enough, and it’s important that it will be really good; otherwise the kid won’t use it. I’d say that in almost all cases we check where changes need to be made and repeat the whole process for a second time.”

“Simple” printed hands aren’t the only products that Haifa 3D supplies. They’ve just finished working on a hand accessory that enables users to play the guitar. After trying it out on an adult – so as not to disappoint any kids – they’re starting to supply it to younger users, too.

Another accessory in the works enables riding a bike, since existing printed hands don’t detach from the handlebars in case of a crash, endangering the rider. That too is being tried out on a 20-year-old before making its way to children.

Another product, which has been handed out to about half of Haifa 3D’s users, is an invention called “kfitz.” Made on a sewing machine rather than a 3D printer, it’s a sort of

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glove enabling hands with limited palm mobility to open and close. It's great for people such as stroke victims or children with cerebral palsy.

Psychologically, socially uplifting

Malinovich stresses that the hands and accessories his organization provides aren't magical.

"This hand doesn't replace the

hand that isn't there. From a practical effectiveness point of view, it can do a limited number of things," he says.

This doesn't mean, however, that its influence on the user is limited.

"The greatest effect of this hand is psychological," Malinovich says. "These children are often at the bottom of the social pecking order. And suddenly they have a superhero hand and it lifts them

upward."

"They stop hiding their hand," he adds. "Once they receive the printed bionic hand, the hand moves forward in front of everyone. And the hand stays forward even when they don't wear it, which is a very important effect."

One time, the mother of a kid who received a bionic hand told Malinovich that her son's

kindergarten teacher told her he had hit another child using his bionic hand.

While the boy was appropriately admonished, his hand's creators were pretty excited that he felt confident and able enough to whack another kid.

"We were celebrating," Malinovich laughs.

Swedish Court Slaps Fine on Muslim Cleric Who Insulted Jews as 'Apes and Pigs'

By *Algemeiner Staff*

A Swedish imam has been fined the sum of \$305 by a court in the town of Helsingborg for engaging in a public anti-Semitic rant in which he depicted Jews as the descendants of "apes and pigs."

39-year-old Samir El Rifai received the conviction following a trial over his anti-Semitic incitement during an anti-Israel demonstration in Gustav

Adolfs Square in Helsingborg in July 2017.

Speaking in Arabic in remarks that were filmed, El Rifai claimed that "the Jews are the offspring of the apes and pigs" — a common anti-Semitic trope among Islamists.

"There is no prophet against whom those who are the progeny of apes and pigs have not made evil

plans against," he told the rally, organized in support of Palestinian rioters at the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. "They did it to all prophets and to all nations, this has also affected our prophet [Muhammad], peace be upon him."

El Rifai's subsequent attempt at an explanation — that he had been speaking about the State of Israel

and not Jews in general — was rejected by the court.

"We think it is clear from the speech in its entirety that the statement referred to Jews with a view to their religion, not a government or military power," the court's chairman, Ylva Norling Jönsson, told Swedish news outlet Expressen.

Kentucky 26th State to Pass Anti-BDS Legislation

By *Algemeiner Staff*

On September 3, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations Chairman Arthur Stark and Executive Vice

Chairman and CEO Malcolm Hoenlein praised Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin's "signing of Senate Bill 143 last week, which

allows Kentucky to deny contracts to companies that engage in efforts to boycott Israel."

"This legislation solidifies Governor Bevin's Executive Order 2018-905 from last fall and demonstrates the Commonwealth of Kentucky's strong support for the Jewish state," they added.

Stark and Hoenlein further noted, "Kentucky is the 26th state to enact legislation combating the viciously antisemitic Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) campaign. We look forward to the remaining 24 states rejecting the pernicious BDS campaign in the days ahead."



Israeli Startup Uses AI to Find Best Depression Treatment

Predictix by Taliáz aims to help psychiatrists match each patient with the most effective prescription.

By Brian Blum, Israel 21c

Prescribing the right anti-depression medication often involves tedious trial and error. Your psychiatrist suggests one type of pill, but it doesn't work or has too many side effects. So you go on to the next medication and then another one until you finally find a prescription that seems to work. Meanwhile, the debilitating symptoms of depression continue.

Neuroscientist Dekel Taliáz found the entire drawn-out process to be, well, depressing. So, together with his brother Oren, he set up a company bearing the siblings' family name – Taliáz – to apply the latest in artificial intelligence and machine learning to enable psychiatrists to prescribe the right anti-depression medication the first time.

The company has developed proprietary algorithms that, when given a series of inputs including DNA swabs for genetic data; a detailed mental-health history; information on the patient's environment and his or her demographic background; and any already existing clinical data from the patient's electronic medical record (EMR), can predict the efficacy (as well as any adverse effects) of current antidepressants with up to 80 percent accuracy.

That's a significant improvement over what happens today, where some two-thirds of patients fail to get better following the first anti-depressant prescribed and another one-third quit their first-line treatment entirely.

According to the World Health Organization, depression is



Dekel and Oren Taliáz of Taliáz Health

the leading cause of disability worldwide, affecting more than 300 million people of all ages.

At its worst, clinical depression can lead to suicide, which has become the second leading cause of death in 15- to 29-year-olds. In the United States, depression-related costs were estimated at \$210 billion per year in a 2015 report issued by the Analysis Group. That total includes direct medical costs and indirect costs such as workplace absenteeism.

Superpower in digital health

Taliáz's Predictix product compares the data it collects from patients with records from the US National Institutes of Health. While the NIH database has information from thousands of patients, the Holy Grail of data is closer to home.

Israel's four HMOs and their affiliated hospitals have employed the same EMR platform for the past two decades, explains Moshe Bar Siman Tov, director-general of the Israel Ministry of Health. With 98% of the country's population covered by full health insurance, some nine million additional records can potentially be used to improve Predictix's AI.

Taliáz is already testing its service with a limited number of psychiatrists in Israel's Maccabi HMO.

"Israel is a superpower in digital health," Dekel Taliáz tells ISRAEL21c.

Israeli physicians tend to be early adopters of new technology, he said. Israelis "don't like limits. We like to push the borders. That makes our culture more open to innovation."

Innovation is the middle name of the IIA – the Israel Innovation Authority – which provided initial funding of \$20,000. Since then, Predictix has received five additional grants, including two from the European Union's Horizon 20/20 scientific research program and a €3.5 million research grant from the European Innovation Council.

The biggest source of income for the company, which now has seven employees in its Tel Aviv offices, is the Israeli Ministry of Health, which gave Taliáz \$670,000 to begin its implementation with Maccabi and has pledged another \$7.5 million as the rollout continues.

Partnership in the UK

Taliáz has another major client in Psychiatry-UK, Britain's largest online psychiatry network. The partnership, announced in March, allows patients to complete their intake without leaving the house.

The service is "completely online, noninvasive and easy to use," explains Dr. Andy Montgomery, medical lead for Psychiatry-UK. "Patients simply consult with our psychiatrists and send over a DNA swab in the mail."

"Within days, our psychiatrists will have clear scientific guidance as to which anti-depressants are most

likely to be effective, based on each patient's unique genetic makeup and health record."

Psychiatry-UK charges \$450 for two online psychiatric consultations and another \$450 for using Predictix. A link to Predictix's genetic tests appears on the Psychiatry-UK home page.

Predictix has competition from another Israeli firm, Elminda. "We love them," Taliáz says, somewhat surprisingly. "They're addressing the same problem but with a different solution."

Elminda monitors brainwaves to determine the right medication for patients – and not just for depression. "We share a lot of information with them," Taliáz adds. "We hope in the future we'll be able to work together on some projects."

Like Elminda, Predictix is being adapted to work with other brain disorders. One of the grants Taliáz received from the IIA, for example, is earmarked for analyzing data from ADHD patients in order to make more accurate prescriptions.

"It's still very early stages," Taliáz says, "but the nice thing about using technology like artificial intelligence is that things that used to take years to research can now take months."

Given Israel's leadership in cannabis research, will marijuana-based medications become part of what Predictix suggests to psychiatrists? "Cannabis will enter this field along the way," Taliáz says. "We're interested in everything concerning the brain."

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Dealing with data

His interest in the interplay between neuroscience and medication stems from a post-army trip to South America. "I saw Israelis trying all kinds of different substances and it intrigued me," he says. "How is it that these chemicals can make such a big change in the way we think, in our personalities?"

When Taliáz returned from South

America, he enrolled at the Weizmann Institute where he received his PhD in neuroscience. He did postdoctoral studies at Children's Hospital in Canada before returning to Israel to co-found his company.

Taliáz says he's aware that some people might be concerned that sharing their personal psychiatric data online could pose a privacy risk. "We decided from the beginning to follow the same compliance tools the

large health services are using. We're compliant with the European GDPR rules."

Predictix is coming at a time when the increase in scientific knowledge is fast outstripping physicians' abilities to process the new information. The Israeli government in 2018 established a nearly \$300 million initiative to make anonymized data from Israel's HMOs available to researchers, entrepreneurs and medical institutions.

"When you think about next-generation sequencing technology that will allow you to 'speak' with the whole human genome, it leads to a huge accumulation of data," Taliáz says.

"How can a doctor deal with this huge amount of data? That's why my brother Oren and I founded this company. We saw the need for scientific analytical tools to organize all this data and provide doctors with action items they can use."

Last Jews in South Sudan Finally Arrive in Israel

A journey that spanned 10 years and four countries ended with a touching family reunion at Ben-Gurion International Airport.

By Ariel Kahana, Jewish News Syndicate

An unusual family reunion took place on August 20th at Ben-Gurion International Airport, when Suzi Makoriel and her three children—the last Jews remaining in South Sudan—landed as new immigrants.

Suzi and her children were reunited with her mother, bringing to an end a 10-year saga that spanned four countries and was directed by Binyamin-area resident Aharon Tsuf.

A year-and-a-half ago, Tsuf



Suzi Markorie (right) and her mother are reunited at Ben-Gurion International Airport

met with Suzi's mother, who told him two of her daughters were in South Sudan, unable to leave the country. Thirty years ago, while she

was making her way to Israel from Ethiopia, the mother was kidnapped and taken to South Sudan. She and her other children returned to Ethiopia, but two of her daughters were forced to marry Sudanese men.

"I was touched by the story. I realized that if I didn't help this family, no one would," said Tsuf.

And help he did. He set in motion the process of bringing Suzi and her children to Israel, enlisting Suzi's brother to help find her and her sister, which took until December 2018. They then traveled to Ethiopia for a family reunion.

"It was the first time they had seen their mother in 10 years," related Tsuf.

From there, he brought the mother and one of her daughters to Israel, while Suzi went back to South Sudan to fetch her children.

"The sister and her children made aliyah in April and lived at my house until their mother joined them. Suzi and her children stayed behind," said Tsuf, who continued with his efforts to bring all of them to Israel.

"At the end of June, I fulfilled all the demands of the South Sudanese Interior Ministry, and with the help

of the ambassadors, I brought Suzi and her children to Ethiopia. They waited there for about 40 days, partly because Suzi had come down with malaria," said Tsuf.

Assisted by donations from friends, pro-Israel Christians in Africa, Binyamin Regional Council head Yisrael Gantz and Israeli Interior Minister Aryeh Deri, Tsuf had the family recognized as part of the Jewish people. He then organized travel to Israel for Suzi and her children.

"It was hard to get here. In the end, she took an eight-day bus ride from South Sudan to Ethiopia via Uganda and Kenya. Halfway there, she got lost and went back. The project encountered a lot of difficulties. We're talking about countries that have no identity cards or good communications," he noted.

In total, it cost NIS 120,000 (\$34,000) to bring Suzi and her children to Israel. Tsuf paid a third of the cost.

"After an exhausting year-and-a-half, this unbelievable moment has arrived. I'm tearing up," he said.

For the next few months, the new arrivals will live in an immigrant absorption center.

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Palestinian Educational Materials Even More Radical Than Before

A study has found that new Palestinian educational materials to be used during the 2019-2020 school year have, despite considerable international criticism, become even more ridden with anti-Israel and sometimes antisemitic propaganda.

According to the group IMPACT-se, which evaluated the materials according to the standards of the UN cultural body UNESCO, the materials contain "a systematic insertion of violence, martyrdom and jihad across all grades and subjects."

The materials "indoctrinate for death and martyrdom, utilizing a variety of tools to convince children to risk their lives as martyrs," the group noted.

"Throughout the textbooks for all grades, the need for continuous struggle is stressed — using terminology like revolution, uprising, ribat and jihad, not only as part of a national struggle but also as a way of teaching and invoking extremist religious beliefs as a central goal of this curriculum," IMPACT-se stated.

This is done in "a more extensive and sophisticated manner" than in the past, and extends into such subjects as the hard sciences, it added.

In one mathematics textbook, for example, a question reads, "The number of martyrs of the First Intifada (the Intifada of Rocks) is 2026 martyrs, and the number of martyrs of the Al-Aqsa Intifada is 5,050. The number of martyrs in the two intifadas is _____ martyrs."

Another textbook celebrates terrorism by eulogizing Dalal al-Mughrabi, who participated in the 1978 Coastal Road Massacre that killed 38 Israeli Jews, 13 of them children.

"Our Palestinian history is brimming with names of martyrs who have given their lives to the homeland, including the martyr Dalal al-Mughrabi," says the textbook. "Her struggle portrays challenge and heroism, making her memory immortal in our hearts and minds. The text in our hands speaks about one side of her struggle."

In another case, the 1972 Munich Olympics massacre is hailed as the "Munich operation."

The textbooks also emphasize death, violence, and holy war, with one saying, "Giving one's life [fida], sacrifice, fight, jihad, and struggle are the most important meanings of life."

"Describe the rewards awaiting the jihad fighter and the martyr in the way of Allah," says another textbook.

In addition, IMPACT-se pointed out, "The possibility of peace with Israel is rejected. Legitimacy of any historical Jewish presence in what is today Israel and the Palestinian Authority or of the current Jewish presence in Israel, is entirely absent from the curriculum."

This goes so far as to erase previous negotiations and peace agreements with the Palestinians from history lessons, and the elimination or delegitimization of any Jewish historical presence in the Land of Israel.

One text says, for example, "The Zionist occupation changed the name 'Al-Buraq Wall' into 'the Wailing Wall.'"

"We will point to the motives leading the Zionist gangs to perpetrate genocide and forced displacement of our people in 1948," another textbook says.

"The Zionists established their entity based on terrorism, annihilation and colonialism," says

another.

Antisemitic dehumanization is also a constant, said IMPACT-se, as, "Texts systematically characterize all things Israeli as nefarious. Abusive expressions are utilized in describing Israel and Jews. The Jewish/Israeli 'other' is presented through undertones of alienation and threat."

"Jews are maligned from the political rivalry with the Prophet of Islam," the group highlighted. "No objective information is provided about Israel and Jews that would serve to counterbalance the viewpoints of malleable Palestinian students. In short, there is no education for coexistence."

The texts also emphasize that the entirety of the Land of Israel belongs to the Palestinians, and will eventually return to Arab domination.

"We have learned: Palestine is the geographical area that extends from the Mediterranean Sea in the west, to the Jordan River in the East, and from Lebanon and Syria in the north to the Gulf of Aqaba and Egypt in the south, an area of approximately 27,000 km²," one book says.

IMPACT-se said, "Derogatory Names are Pervasive: 93.5 percent of the 1,509 references to Israel in the curriculum do not refer to Israel by name, but use pejorative nomenclature including: 'Zionist Occupation'; 'The Occupation'; 'Israeli Occupation'; 'The Zionists'; and 'The Zionist Entity'. Israel's straightforward name is featured only in 6.5 percent of the cases."

IMPACT-se CEO Marcus Sheff said of the study, "Another school year has come around and 1.3 million Palestinian school children are still being radicalized every day by the Palestinian Ministry of Education. It

is hard to fathom that this extremist schooling is being funded by donor countries."

"The United Nations has just told the PA this August to remove antisemitism in the textbooks following our presentation to them," he added. "The European Parliament passed legislation stating its disapproval of the curriculum last year; government officials, ministers, and diplomats have presented our findings to the Palestinian Minister of Education and received all manner of assurances."

"But this week, the school gates opened and the same hateful textbooks are being taught," Sheff said.

"Look at the numbers: for grades 2-12, all textbooks — one hundred percent of social studies, history, Arabic language, and national education textbooks contain problematic content," he asserted.

"That is a strategic choice made by the Palestinian Ministry of Education to radicalize whole generations of young Palestinians, to encourage them to commit violence, endanger themselves, and to reject peace with Israel," Sheff concluded.

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Argentine Jews Reclaim Desecrated Synagogue that Housed Drug-fueled Raves

After 20 years of neglect, one of the oldest Jewish houses of worship in Buenos Aires is returned to the community thanks to a prolonged effort by a local rabbi

By Michelle Mendeluk, *Times of Israel*

After more than 20 years of neglect, one of the Argentinian capital's oldest synagogues has been returned to the community that founded it. Dating back to 1907, the synagogue is located in the neighborhood of La Boca, where most of Buenos Aires's first Jewish immigrants settled.

The original facade has been preserved nearly intact, with the exception of the graffiti covering the synagogue's exterior. Inside, sordid anti-Semitic images are painted on the walls throughout.

The congregation was shuttered shortly after the death of its rabbi, 20 years ago. Soon after, it was taken over by squatters who desecrated it, creating an underground club called House of the Stars, presumably in mocking reference to the Star of David. The club regularly held rave parties with music, alcohol, and drugs.

"I used to walk down the street and simply couldn't believe what I saw. I started to investigate, and it turned out to be that big parties were being held in this holy place,"



Exterior of Synagogue in La Boca neighborhood of Buenos Aires

said Rabbi Shneur Mizrahi, who heads a nearby Chabad house.

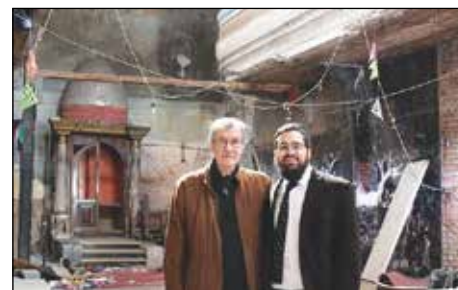
Neighbors, as well as members of the local Jewish community, often argued with the new occupants, but were threatened with violence.

"Some younger Jewish boys told me they saw swastikas and pictures of Hitler inside the property. A non-Jewish woman also brought us photos clearly showing what was happening there. We had to do something," Mizrahi said.

Inside the synagogue, Mizrahi showed *The Times of Israel* the space directly in front of the holy ark where rock and punk bands used to play. The "club" also had two VIP sections — one just



Graffiti inside synagogue



Ricardo Aisen with Rabbi Shneur Mizrahi

behind the ark, and one upstairs in the women's section.

Mizrahi said that he filed reports with police and local prosecutors and received no answer. Last Hanukkah, Mizrahi organized a celebration in the neighborhood park and invited Carolina Romero, president of La Boca's communal board. He explained the situation and asked for help.

Entering the synagogue for the first time, Romero was moved.

"When I heard the story of this place, I knew I couldn't let that happen in my community, so I got involved. There are lots of occupied properties, but this one has special meaning," Romero told *The Times of Israel*.

Romero said that she personally handed written complaints to members of the city government and followed up regularly in order

to expedite the investigation.

"We nearly lost hope because the process wasn't moving forward, but finally after a year and a half the eviction was carried out," he said. The morning after the building was cleared, members of the Jewish community held morning prayers in the synagogue.

As *The Times of Israel* spoke to Mizrahi inside the newly reclaimed building, Ricardo Aisen came over and introduced himself. The 71 year-old man used to attend this synagogue as a child. After 40 years this was his first time back. Aisen recalled, "This was an Ashkenazi synagogue and upstairs there was a Sephardic service, with lots of people. My best memories were during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, as the whole Jewish community in La Boca gathered to pray."

Walking through the property, Aisen couldn't believe the extent of the damage. Before leaving, Mizrahi helped Aisen put on the phylacteries, and together with nine other men formed a minyan for the afternoon prayers.

They are considering a number of options for the building. It will remain a synagogue and could potentially house a museum with a permanent exhibition on Jewish immigration to Argentina. It could also be used to help lodge Israeli backpackers in need of a temporary place to stay.



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Israeli Organization for At-Risk Youth Granted UN Status

ELEM receives United Nations Special Consultative Status in the field of youth in distress.

By ISRAEL21c Staff

The UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) has granted special consultative status to ELEM: Youth in Distress in Israel.

The first Israeli organization dealing with at-risk youth to receive this status, ELEM will be able to advise the council about advances in the field, develop professional relationships with similar organizations around the world, and raise global awareness about the importance of supporting teens and young people at risk.



The honor was granted by the ECOSOC following a recommendation by a panel consisting of 19 representatives of UN member nations.

Founded 36 years ago, ELEM seeks out and identifies vulnerable youth in a variety of situations, guides them through therapy, mentoring and assistance that allow these youths to become contributing members of society. Nava Barak is ELEM's president and Shlomo Yanai is its chairman.

ELEM runs 82 projects in 42 cities across Israel, serving and assisting 21,000 youths annually. ELEM employs 285 therapy and counseling professionals, who work

alongside 2,000 volunteers who meet these young people on their own turf: on a nightly basis on the streets and in the clubs, online, at schools, in their communities during the afternoons, and in focused field activities during the summer break.

ELEM Executive Director Inbal Dor Kerbel said the consultative status represents "a golden opportunity to raise awareness of the issue, learn from other organizations worldwide, and have a global impact."

Rome is Renaming Streets that Were Named for Anti-Semitic Scientists

Virginia Raggi, the Mayor of Rome, announced that Rome is going to rename streets that were named after scientists who signed the anti-Jewish Manifesto della Razza (Racial Manifesto) in 1938. These scholars became the ideological and pseudo-scientific base of the racial policies of the fascist regime and many were

able to continue their careers after the war, even honored for their professional achievements in the ensuing years.

Raggi noted that to this day countless streets all over Italy are still named after intellectuals and professionals who were involved with the fascist regime, such as Edoardo

Zavattari, a biologist who promoted the idea of scientific racism.

The process for changing the names of selected streets started about a year ago. Streets will be named after scholars who opposed the fascist regime and were persecuted by it, including two Jewish scientists, Jewish zoologist Enrica Calabresi, who took

her life in prison in 1944 to avoid being sent to Auschwitz, and Nella Mortara, a physicist, who worked in the same lab as prominent scientist Enrico Fermi. She fled Italy in 1938 to escape anti-Jewish persecutions, eventually returning after the war, and died in 1988.

US Navy Chooses Israel's Checkmarx to Bolster Security

Strategic partnership will speed process of making new naval applications available from 24 months to 24 hours, while strengthening software security.

By Abigail Klein Leichman, Israel 21c

Israel-based software security provider Checkmarx won a contract with the US Navy's Naval Information Warfare Center Pacific to accelerate the development and delivery of secure software applications.

More than 5,000 Navy developers and contractors will be using Checkmarx's software composition analysis and static application security testing to identify, prioritize and fix security vulnerabilities, and mitigate risk, in their software-

development process.

The Checkmarx tools are to be integrated into the Navy's new Compile to Combat in 24 Hours (C2C24) program designed to cut the traditional time involved in federal software delivery from 18 to 24 months down to just 24 hours.

"The stark reality is that it takes an adversary less than 24 hours to weaponize an exploit that targets a newly discovered vulnerability in a deployed application. In order

to properly combat against these evolving threats, speed, along with accuracy and security, is critical when developing government software applications," said Rich Wajsgas, vice president of federal sales at Checkmarx.

"We're proud to be working closely with NIWC PAC and integrating into its already impactful C2C24 program. Together, we'll pave the way to faster, more secure application development

while influencing the entire US government sector."

Checkmarx's Software Security Platform is used by more than 40 percent of the Fortune 100 and half of the Fortune 50, including SAP, Samsung and Salesforce. The multinational company has its headquarters and main development center in Ramat Gan, a suburb of Tel Aviv.



Holiday and Shabbat Schedule - October 2019

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Sundays

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Mondays

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

7:30-8:30 pm Chabad Palm Springs: "Journey Through the Era of the Prophets" class led by Rabbi Box Werdiger (bozwerdiger@googlemail.com) at the home of Rabbi Arik and Chaya Denebeim, 410 Avenida Ortega, Palm Springs.

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Wednesdays:

3:00 pm Or Hamidbar Torah Teachings with Rabi David Lazar at a private residence. Address provided o RSVP to info@orhamidbar.org.

Thursday, October 24

4:00 pm Beth Shalom **Book Club Discussion** "The Dovekeepers" by Alice Hoffman. Discussion led by: **Gwen Schall**. New members and guests welcome. Information: 760-200-3636

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Medical Clowning Proven Beneficial for Kids with Autism

By Abigail Klein Leichman, Israel21c

A breakthrough Israeli study published in the European Journal of Pediatrics shows that group therapy delivered by a medical clown to young children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) led to significant improvement over time in word production, play reciprocity and amount of social smiles as compared with other interventions.

In addition, the frequency of stereotypical ASD behaviors during and following the clown intervention was lessened in comparison to behaviors before the intervention.

According to the Dream Doctors Project, an Israeli medical clowning organization, this is the first controlled



Dream Doctors Smadar Harpak, Talia Safra, Michal Korman and Nimrod Eisenberg.

research examining the use of medical clowning as a therapy for children with ASD.

"These preliminary results indicate that medical clowning may be beneficial for young children with ASD, since it promotes communication and social reciprocity in a fun and lively interventional setting," conclude the

authors — Dr. Shahar Shefer, Odela Leon Attia, Ruth Rosenan, Dream Doctor Hamutal Ende and Lidia V. Gabis from Sheba Medical Center in Tel Hashomer; and Ori Wald from the Center of Academic Studies in Or Yehuda.

The 12-week study involved 24 children (22 boys, two girls) aged 2–6 years old with ASD enrolled in a special-education intensive program at the Weinberg Child Development Center of Sheba's Safra Children's Hospital, where a Dream Doctor is a regular member of the therapy team.

The researchers found that medical clowning sessions enhanced communication more effectively

than did other developmental and behavioral therapies during the interventions.

Dream Doctors Project established a research fund in 2011 to study the effects of medical clowning, which has so far supported 43 studies, 23 of which have been published in scientific journals. The autism study was supported by the Magi Foundation and the Adelis Foundation.

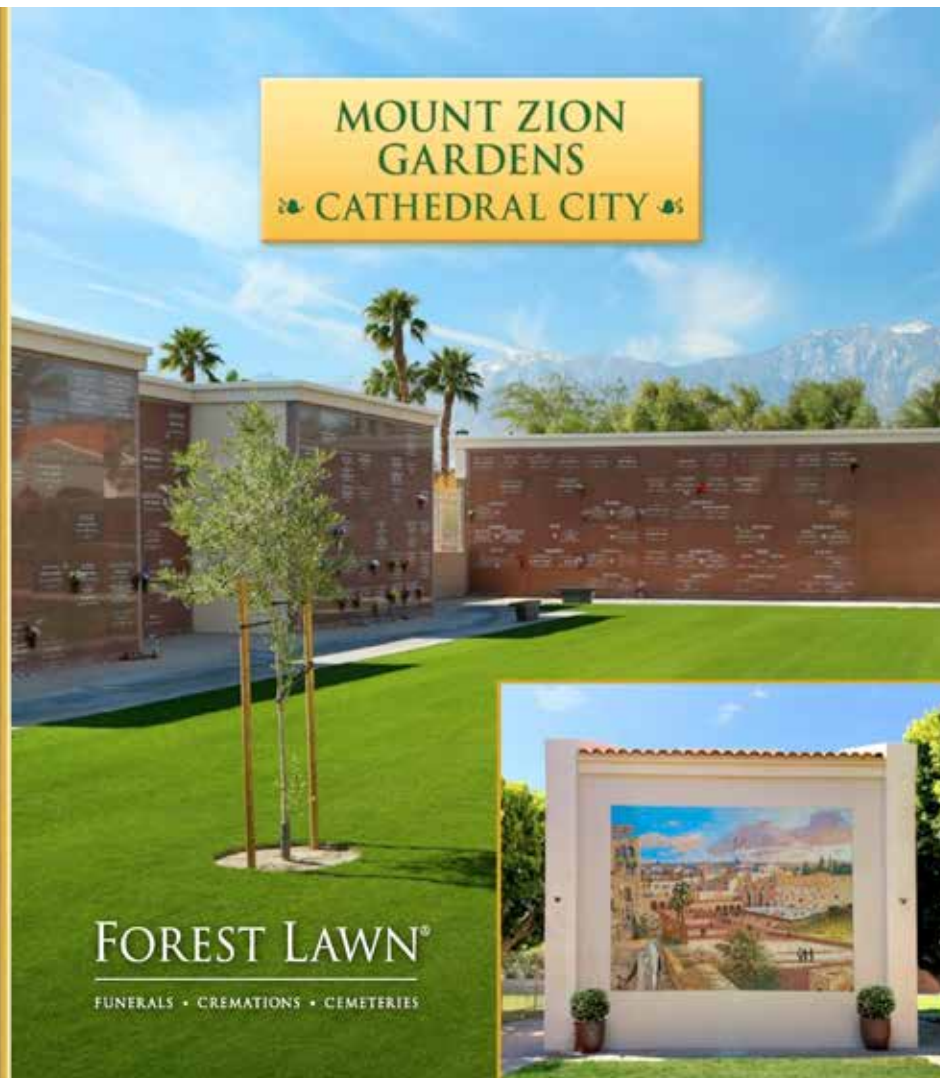
Previous studies have shown that medical clowning lessens anxiety in children and their parents during preparation for hospitalization, surgery and other invasive procedures; reduces the sensation of pain in children with cerebral palsy during botulinum toxin injections; and improves the overall experience of the child and caregivers during physical examinations.

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Dear Jewish Federation of the Desert

Attn: Mr. Bruce Landgarten,

I would like to thank the Jewish Federation so very much for supporting the BIKUR CHOLIM of Palm Springs. I am so very grateful to the Jewish Federation they have impacted my life thank you.

Rabbi Yankel Kreiman has been a friend, family and a bright light in my life.

My life has been hard. Unfortunately, I was a drug addict, most likely brought on by some major traumas. Also due to anxiety, depression and ptsd...

My family who is across the country has never really been able to be there for me due to there own addictions..

So happily when I met the rabbi, it not only nice of him to help me with food and medications I've needed.. but, as another Jewish friend to speak to.

I also had an opportunity to meet his family in the hospital where they spend their days, being there for others.

His family that brought me into their home for shabbos dinner as if I were a part of their own family.

These things I have missed being a part of, or able to be around.. but mostly just because they cared for me and they became my friends.

Being that I am disabled now, due to getting septic on November 30, 2018.

I am unable to do so much.

Today's world doesn't do much to help people like myself, so having the rabbi his family and the people who help him, is 100 percent a godsend. Again, I am forever grateful for all the help he has given me.

I'm forever his friend and hopefully one day can do the same for another.

A large vertical graphic with a white central text box. The background is a collage of scientific and technological images: a human brain with glowing neural connections, green cells, a blue robot head, and a mechanical robot. The text in the white box reads: "COMING IN 2020" in orange, "ISRAELI SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENTREPRENEURS" in blue and purple, "Game-Changing Innovations from Ben-Gurion University" in black, and the logo for "AMERICAN ASSOCIATES Ben-Gurion University of the Negev" in blue and orange. At the bottom, it says "Part of the UCR Jewish Studies Lecture Series 2020" and features the logos for "Jewish Federation OF THE DESERT" and "UCR".

OpEd - A Failure of Leadership: The Culture of Anti-Semitism on Campus

By Nathan Bentolila and Jared Zoneraich, Co-presidents of Tikvah: Students for Israel at UC Berkeley.

To the average American, the resurgence of anti-Semitism worldwide may come as a surprise. But it is no surprise to Jewish and pro-Israel university students. Our universities have unknowingly become propaganda machines for the most radical professors, and the silent acceptance of this new brand of anti-Semitism by educational institutions is brainwashing future leaders.

A significant number of Jewish-American college students experience anti-Semitism during their time on campus. University administrators at elite schools, such as UC Berkeley, the University of Michigan, Rutgers, NYU, and UCLA, have turned a blind eye towards this discrimination, and have allowed radical professors to normalize anti-Jewish racism.

Radical student groups with histories of anti-Semitism, such as Students for Justice in Palestine, are far less dangerous than the top-down and lecture-based indoctrination by academic authorities inside of the classroom.

Activist professors frequently use their platform to spread hate, knowing that only the most well-read and self-confident student would presume to be more knowledgeable than them or to challenge their assertions. Unfortunately, too often, students do not object to the lies, fearing reprisal in the form of lowered grades or other means.

During the previous academic

year, a professor at the University of Michigan refused to sign letters of recommendation on the basis of a study-abroad program's location in Israel. Additionally, an NYU 2019 convocation speaker received applause after referring to Israel as an "apartheid state," and praising the anti-Semitic BDS movement.

UC Berkeley, one of the top public universities in the world, is well known for its anti-Zionist and antisemitic radicals. It is also home to some of the most effective and active grassroots Zionist organizations, such as Tikvah: Students for Israel — a student-run club that has carefully documented antisemitic incidents on campus, and the responses from university administrators.

At UC Berkeley, the 2019 Spring semester was plagued by multiple high-profile anti-Semitic incidents. Antisemitic flyers were posted across the campus comparing Zionism to Nazism. Pro-Israel events were purposely blocked in academic departments, while these departments continued to indoctrinate students with a pre-defined anti-Israel narrative.

The school's student government (ASUC) was turned into a platform for anti-Semitic diatribes and the targeted harassment of Jewish students during its April 17 meeting. During the meeting, one presenting student shockingly claimed that the IDF trains American police officers to murder black people. Some Jewish

students were ordered to move to the back of the room, as they had allegedly caused some of their peers to feel "uncomfortable."

In response to this widely publicized event, Chancellor Carol Christ emailed the student body: "I have been made aware of what appear to have been disturbing expressions of bias at a public ASUC meeting held Wednesday, April 17th."

But these "expressions" were alarming manifestations of racism and bigotry; to downplay this hate and refer to it merely as "bias" is not only dishonest, but a failure of leadership.

In a statement from October 2018 responding to the deadliest attack on Jews in American history, Chancellor Christ did not once mention the words "Jew" or "anti-Semitism." There was no statement condemning the antisemitic attack at the Chabad of Poway, nor did she respond to the hateful flyers posted across campus equating Zionism to neo-Nazism.

Pro-Hamas and anti-Semitic lecturer Hatem Bazian continues to teach multiple courses at UC Berkeley, where he spews hate and misinformation against Israel and the Jewish people on a daily basis — without any university intervention. As early as 2002, Bazian was quoted telling protesters "look at the type of names on the buildings around campus — Haas, Zellerbach — and decide who controls this university."

Furthermore, UC Berkeley academic departments such as the

Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CMES), Near Eastern Studies, and Ethnic Studies utilize their platforms to host anti-Israel and antisemitic guest lecturers. Yet CMES refuses to host any speakers or events that portray the state of Israel positively.

Whether it be anti-Semitism from faculty, students, or individual departments, the UC Berkeley administration has allowed a climate of intolerance to grow on campus. Time after time, the Chancellor has refused to specifically call out anti-Semitism, nor has she held its perpetrators accountable. She and her administration have remained silent and have taken no effective steps to change this climate of institutional and systemic antisemitism on campus.

By refusing to address these problems, school administrators have given the green light for faculty to engage in antisemitic behavior and abuse their educational platforms. In turn, universities have trained a whole generation to accept and manifest "academic" antisemitism.

Anti-Semitism is often the canary in the coal mine, and the top-down indoctrination at American academic institutions should frighten and anger Jews and non-Jews alike. Universities should promote intellectual diversity and critical thought; they should not further polarize America by encouraging groupthink and bigoted narratives.

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How 250 Layers of Data Help Israel Prepare for War

By Seth Frantzman, Writing Fellow, Middle East Forum

On August 22, 2019, a rocket was launched from the Gaza Strip aimed at Israel. An alert was activated in an open area where the rocket was projected to land. The rocket was one of more than 1,600 fired at Israel over the last year, half by Gaza-based militants. Each time, a sophisticated system of sirens warns residents in affected areas.

The sirens are only one of more than 250 layers of data that form part of Israel's Home Front Command National Command and Control, a system called Shual in Israel. Lt. Col. Shlomi Maman says that his command is responsible for protecting civilian lives in emergencies, whether from rockets or earthquakes.

Technological advancements enable data to be centralized, "so soldiers can arrive in the field with a [tablet] computer and see who is where in the field, what is in the field in real time, and deal with the incident connection with the command center," says Maman.

Israel today faces potential conflicts on both its Gaza border and in the north with Hezbollah. Amid the tensions with Iran it foresees complex challenges in a potential multi-front war that would involve rocket fire and the need to deploy Israel's multi-tiered air defense



Lt. Col. Shlomi Maman

system. Making sure Israel's millions of civilians can get to shelters in time and are warned correctly is integral to the country's defense and how it uses technology.

Israel's Home Front Command created web-based applications to manage all the layers of data for various forces that might be involved in responding during a conflict or civilian emergency. It has roots going back more than 10 years.

Maman, who heads the early warning branch of Home Command's C2 says that for Israel this system combats everyday threats, like the rockets from Gaza. It enables coordination between the army, local authorities, police, ambulance service and others. The system has more than 250 layers that can be accessed easily with a click on a screen.

In an interview at the Home Front's



An Iron Dome battery in the southern Israeli city of Ashdod intercepts an incoming missile.

Ramla base, Shual Program Specialist Nir Oren compares it to the film *Minority Report* in its abilities, and a tour of the layers presented on multiple computer screens at the Ramla base illustrates how it works.

For instance, one screen can show in real-time 27 emergencies across Israel. There may be local fires or police responding to a crime. Using a Panasonic Toughpad tablet, those first responders update what they are seeing. They can also photograph the situation and upload the images.

"So we can see which unit [initiated] this incident on the map and we can see which forces are dealing with the situation. And we can see what has been addressed and which are not being treated," says Oren. This enables prioritizing forces in the field that then respond pool of data at their fingertips.

Various layers of the system look at water, electricity and

communications on a national level. One layer shows all the hospitals in Israel and which have emergency beds ready to receive wounded. Another data layer shows all the sirens across Israel and which are functioning or need repairs.

Earlier this year the IDF announced that Israel's siren warning system now included 1,700 individual areas that could be individually warned in time of conflict or other emergencies. That is a major leap from 25 areas in 2006 during the last war with Hezbollah. This means that rather than sending hundreds of thousands of citizens to shelters due to a rocket over a city, individual neighborhoods can be warned.

The Shual system enables Home Front Command to use a variety of methods to respond, networking with local police and also analyzing CCTV cameras, and enabling local authorities to add their own layers.

"The police for instance have a C2 and we don't want to replace that," Oren said. "But we want to be able to link to that and share some information; for instance, if a rocket fell, they and we can work together and know where to go and where to send forces and what roads to close."

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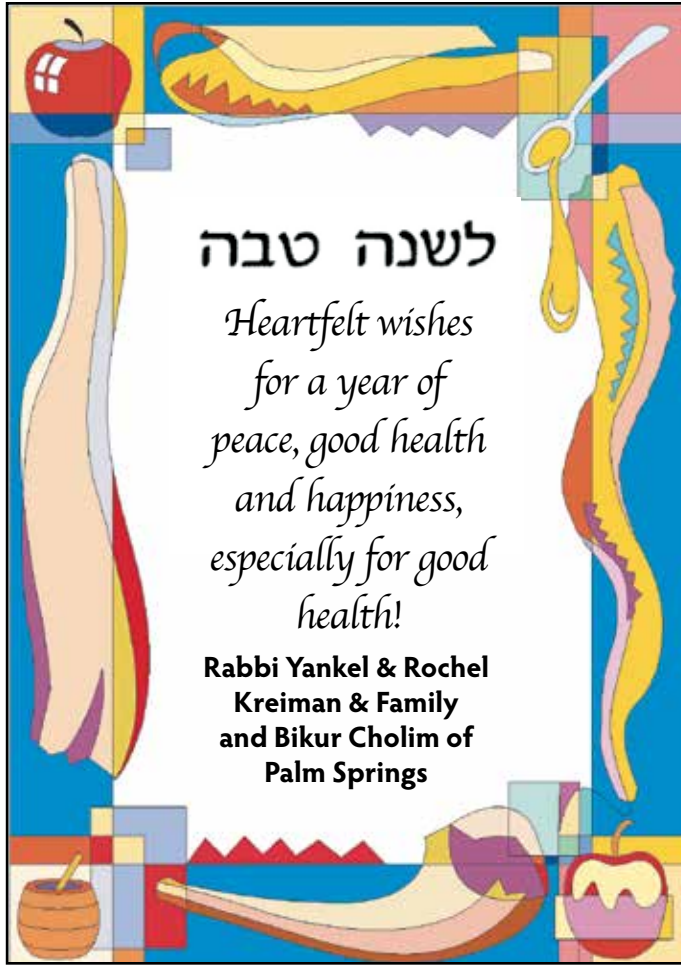
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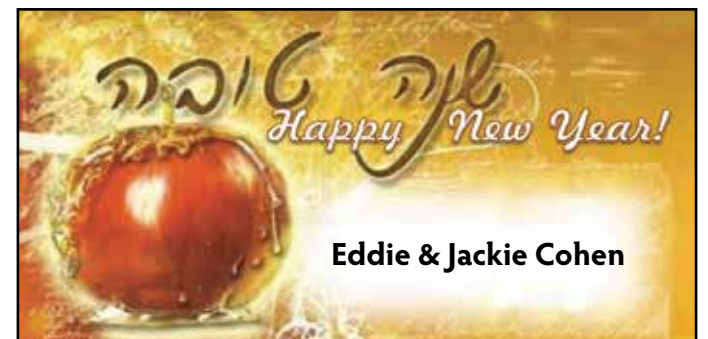
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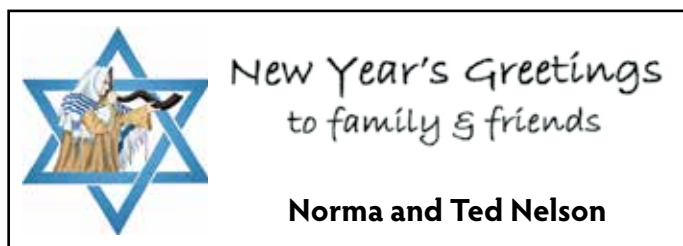
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Bruce Landgarten
Jewish Federation CEO



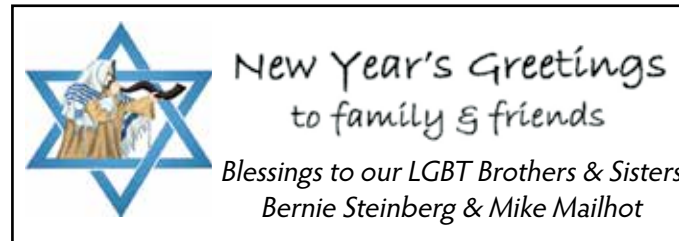
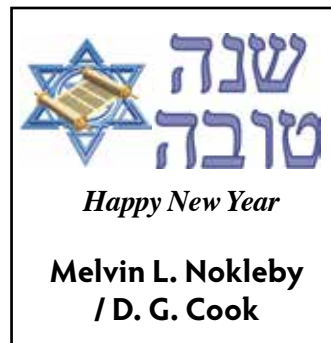
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Simchas

Mazel tov to **Barbara Platt** for two lovely simchas in her family. On August 31 her granddaughter, **Macy Sussman**, was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah at Temple Valley Beth Shalom in Encino, CA. and three weeks later her grandson, **Alex Cascante** married **Brenna Bloom** in a destination wedding in Ojai, Ca ... Mazel tov to **Rabbi Shimon** and **Chaya Posner** on the birth of two beautiful granddaughters, arriving two weeks apart in August: **Chana Tsikman**, born to **Dovid** and **Sarah Tsikman** on August 17th and **Chana Posner**, born to **Rabbi Dovid** and

Chayah Mushka Posner on August 31st. The Tsikmans live in Los Angeles; however Dovid Posner is a Chabad Rabbi in Kyoto, Japan. He and Chayah Mushka traveled to New York for the birth of their baby but the family is now back in Kyoto ... Did you notice the new logo- **NJOP** - at the bottom of the Federation/PJ Library Family Sukkah Party ad on page 3? It's the logo of **National Jewish Outreach Program**, which is based in New York. We gratefully received their grant to help underwrite our family Sukkah program and look forward to future projects together. Share your simchas with us. Email Miriam Bent at mhbentjcn@earthlink.net or call her at 760-323-0255.



Candle Lighting Times

Friday, October 4	Shabbat Vayelech	5:44 pm
Tuesday, October 8	Kol Nidre	5:38 pm
Friday, October 11	Shabbat Ha'azinu	5:34 pm
Sunday, October 13	Erev Sukkot	5:32 pm
Monday, October 14	2 nd night Sukkot	After 6:51 pm
Friday, October 18	Shabbat Sukkot	5:26 pm
Sunday, October 20	Shemini Atzeret	5:23 pm
Monday, October 21	Simchat Torah	After 6:43 pm
Friday, October 25	Shabbat Bereshit	5:18 pm



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Have A Nosh With Miriam

Rosh Hashanah begins Sunday evening, September 29th this year. Apples and honey are the favored dessert flavors for this holiday, and I am giving you two cakes, each featuring one of the ingredients. Both call for being baked in bundt pans, both are parve, and both include special ingredients to make them particularly inviting and delicious. Shana tova and b'tay avon! MHB.



APPLE BUNDT CAKE

1 cup canola or other neutral oil + bit additional for coating the pan	1 teaspoon fine sea salt or kosher salt
2 cups granulated sugar	1 teaspoon cinnamon
3 eggs, at room temperature	1 teaspoon baking soda
3 cups all-purpose flour	1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup raisins (a combination of dark and golden yields a nice color and taste contrast)	3 cups apples, peeled and chopped (about 2-4 medium-sized apples)
1/3 cup orange or apple juice	1 cup walnuts, chopped
	2-3 tablespoons confectioners (powdered) sugar

Pre-heat the oven to 350 degrees F and oil a bundt pan well, making sure to coat all the crevices. Heat the juice, microwaving it on high for about 1 minute, add the raisins and soak them to plump them up while you prepare the other ingredients.

Mix the oil and sugar in the bowl. Add the eggs and mix again. Add the flour in 2-3 batches, mixing after each one. As you add it, the mixture gets stiff. Mix in the raisins and juice in which they are soaking. Add in the salt, cinnamon, baking soda, and vanilla and stir the mixture thoroughly. Dump the apple chunks into the batter and mix it again. Finally, add in the chopped walnuts, again mixing until they are combined into the batter. By fork or spoonfuls, move the batter into the greased bundt pan and smooth the top out with the spatula. The batter is stiff - way too thick to pour.

Bake the cake for 1 hour - 1 hour 20 minutes, until a toothpick inserted in it comes out clean.

Let the cake cool in the pan sitting on a wire rack for at least 30 minutes. After the cake has cooled, gently run a knife edge around the outside and inside of the tube, place a plate or the wire cooking rack on the top of the cake and turn it over. The cake should release when you flip it over. If it doesn't, turn it back up and gently work the knife in a bit farther bent from the outside rim toward the center. Let it cool further. Once the cake is completely cool, you can dust it lightly with confectioner's sugar.

COFFEE & WHISKEY HONEY CAKE

Cooking spray	1 cup honey
3½ cups unbleached all-purpose flour	1½ cups white sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder	½ cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon baking soda	3 eggs
½ teaspoon salt	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
4 teaspoons ground cinnamon	1 cup strong brewed coffee (decaf is OK)
1 teaspoon ground cloves	½ cup orange juice
½ teaspoon ground nutmeg	¼ cup whiskey
1 cup canola oil	

Place an oven shelf in an upper position in oven and preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray a 10-inch fluted tube pan (such as a bundt pan) * with cooking spray.

In a bowl, whisk together the unbleached flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, cloves, and nutmeg until thoroughly combined. In a separate large bowl, whisk together the canola oil, honey, white and brown sugar, eggs, vanilla extract, coffee, orange juice, and whiskey. With an electric mixer, beat the flour mixture into the honey mixture just until the batter is thoroughly incorporated. Pour the batter into the prepared pan.

Bake on upper shelf in the preheated oven until the cake is golden brown and a toothpick inserted into the cake comes out with moist crumbs, about 1 hour. Cool for 20 minutes in the pan before turning the cake out onto a serving platter. (Note: can be baked in a 9X13-inch baking dish, in which case bake for 40 minutes. Of course, check doneness with a toothpick, as above).

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