

Jewish Community News

The Publication of the Jewish Federation of the Desert

www.jfedps.org

Tishrei/Cheshvan 5780 - November 2019

Federation Initiative: CAST - Combatting Anti-Semitism Today

By Bruce Landgarten, Jewish Federation CEO

Over 4 years ago, "Tablet", (an online Jewish magazine), ran a powerful piece that precisely reflected our thinking at Federation when it comes to responding to the growing anti-Semitism and anti-Israel activities on many college campuses across the country. Written by Liel Leibovitz, a senior writer for Tablet, it was headlined, "Jewish Students, It's Time to Fight the Haters." The author notes, that he has "spent the lion's share of the past two decades on college campuses — first as a graduate student, then as a professor."

Here is an edited excerpt from what he has concluded: "Too often, we respond to hate the way a hapless nerd might respond to the bully about to stuff him into a locker, with some sad mixture of pride in



our intellectual superiority and desperate attempt to be liked no matter what. Know that charm and brains don't matter much to bullies. The only way to stop bullies is to fight them."

"First, stop apologizing," he continued in a message to a Jewish student, "you have much to be proud of: proud of being Jewish, proud of Israel, and proud of understanding the nuanced yet indispensable connection between the two."

Then he suggests the following: "Cultivate a community predicated on faith, joy, candor, and all the other things that make life rich and nurturing. Once you do that, you'll discover that the old adage is true: Haters are indeed going to hate. Do not try to debate them or appease them or engage them in any sort of feel-good exercise. Instead, drag their bigotry into the light and make them pay for it."

It was a powerful piece that



underscores dramatically the growing anti-Semitic problems Jewish students face on many college campuses. See the entire article posted on our blog or link to Tablet Magazine: <http://tabletmag.com/jewish-news-and-politics/191289/fight-the-haters-on-campus>.

Fortunately, these problems are not dominant at all three institutions that we work with at Federation — UCR Riverside, Cal State San Bernardino and College of the Desert. However, there has been troubling anti-Semitic and anti-Israel trends generated by some students and their on-and off-campus supporters at UCR and this has been a problem.

Our Federation has led the effort to address these problems and University administrators have

become much more aware of the situation; they now monitor it more closely and we are actively urging Hillel at UCR to institute more proactive measures.

Our CAST Initiative, (Combatting Anti-Semitism Today) program aims to prepare individuals to stand up and fight for true social justice while faced with hostile behavior in an environment meant for growth and education.

The mission of the CAST initiative is to be the driving force within the Federation to combat anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism by providing relevant information and experiences, both written and oral, to not only our Jewish constituents but to the broader community.

Our Goals:

To disseminate written materials and identify relevant experiences from appropriate sources via newsletters,

continued on page 4



Remembering Kristallnacht November 9/10, 1938

Creating a Jewish Legacy

Remembering Charlotte Quint and Maurice Zaslowsky

Each month we are recognizing those special individuals who have embodied the importance of creating a Jewish Legacy through the Jewish Federation of the Desert. They understood that their passion for Israel and Jewish peoplehood, commitment to strengthening Jewish identity through education and caring for the vulnerable could be perpetuated long after their deaths through their legacy giving. Through their generosity they have become the foundation of our community's "Legacy Society."



Bequest gifts are one of our most important sources of future planning; they help us predict our future

and strengthen our many exciting programs. A legacy gift endows and perpetuates the standards of excellence that our community has come to expect from our communal leadership. With these endowments, we are able to build to ensure our community's future.

This month we are proud to acknowledge two individuals who have cared about our community's future in such a generous and thoughtful way: Charlotte Quint and

Maurice Zaslowsky.

Charlotte Quint, a longtime supporter of Jewish Federation and a Lion of Judah, endowed her Lion gift, knowing it would be used in perpetuity to bolster the Jewish community. Maurice Zaslowsky was an unassuming yet committed member of our community, whose legacy giving came in the form of a Bequest. Through their gifts Charlotte and Maurice have truly made a difference and their memories will forever be a blessing.

2019-2020

JEWISH FEDERATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Roberta Nyman, Board Chair

Lori Fritz, Campaign Chair

Arnie Gillman, Vice Campaign Chair

Phil Glass, Treasurer

Stephanie Ross, Secretary

Allan Lehmann, Past Co-Chair

Celia Norian, Past Co-Chair

Bruce Landgarten,
Chief Executive Officer

Elliott Cohen	Margie Kulp
Jackie Cohen	Ron Langus
Judith Cohen	Bernard Reiter
Bobbi Holland	Gary Schahet

Table of Contents

Vol. 46 • No. 4

Community Calendar	12-13
Federation	1-3, 16
Lecture Series	5
Legacy	2, 24
Women's Philanthropy	6
Have A Nosh	23
PJ Library	11, 20
Schools/School Listing	9, 16
Simchas & Classifieds	22
Temples Listing	12
Tributes	16

**JAN
13**

Monday, January 13, 2020
**Women's Philanthropy
Lion of Judah
Luncheon**

**FEB
10**

Monday, February 10, 2020
**Major Gifts
Dinner**

**MAR
09**

Monday, March 9, 2020
**Women's Philanthropy
Pearl Society
Luncheon**

**APR
19**

Sunday, April 19, 2020
**Community
Yom HaShoah
Observance**



SAVE THESE DATES

Please contact
the Jewish
Federation for
further
event details.



Jewish Federation
OF THE DESERT

69-710 Highway 111
Rancho Mirage CA 92770
(760) 324-4737 • www.jfedps.org

Alliance of Leaders Off to Enthusiastic Start

By Bruce Landgarten, Jewish Federation CEO



My article in the October issue of the JCN introduced the genesis of a gathering of local senior executives coming together in an Alliance to share the exchange of ideas, insights and challenges “in a safe and confidential place, receiving collegial support while, concurrently, working towards building a better community.” I’m pleased to report that the Senior Alliance cohort met last month, bringing their expertise and experience in an engaging, fruitful, constructive and open exchange in what will be the first of many meetings, discussing their most challenging strategic issues and opportunities. All agreed in the premise that they are willing to share personal experiences and knowledge, and gain access to the collective experience and wisdom of fellow senior executives from virtually every corner of the Desert non-profit sector. They all agreed to the principles of confidentiality, focus on strategic issues and opportunities and deep relationships and willingness to help one another.

An important decision was their desire to work collectively on a non-profit “Community Continuity Plan” for their roles in a natural disaster, etc. The group agreed to have recurring meetings every two months and we look forward to productive experiences for us all.

SAVE THE DATE

MAJOR GIFTS DINNER

MONDAY
FEBRUARY 10, 2020

Jewish Federation
OF THE DESERT

An evening with

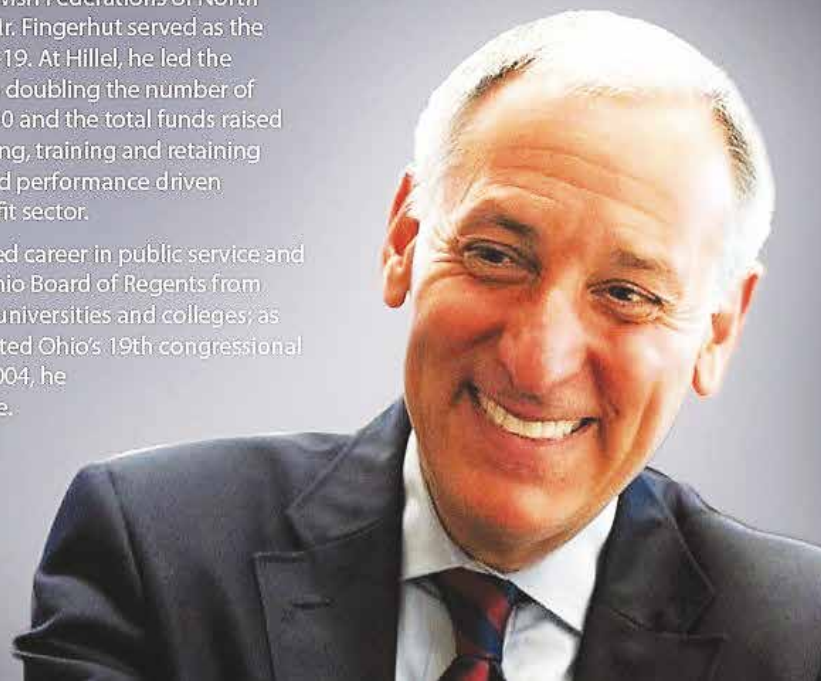
Eric D. Fingerhut

Eric D. Fingerhut is the President and CEO of The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). Prior to his appointment at JFNA, Mr. Fingerhut served as the President and CEO of Hillel International from 2013-19. At Hillel, he led the organization’s Drive to Excellence, which resulted in doubling the number of students engaged by Hillel each year to over 130,000 and the total funds raised each year to nearly \$200M. His emphasis on recruiting, training and retaining top talent for the system, and on building a data and performance driven organization, have become models for the non-profit sector.

Mr. Fingerhut has also had a varied and distinguished career in public service and higher education. He served as Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents from early 2007 to 2011, leading Ohio’s system of public universities and colleges; as Ohio state senator from 1997 to 2006; and represented Ohio’s 19th congressional district in the U.S. Congress from 1993 to 1994. In 2004, he was the Democratic Party’s candidate for U.S. Senate.

Mr. Fingerhut received a juris doctorate from Stanford University Law School and a bachelor’s degree from Northwestern University. He and his wife Amy have two sons, Sam and Charlie, and beagles Pedro and Lulu.

Jewish Federation
OF THE DESERT



continued from page 1

e-mails, social media.

To educate community to be knowledgeable and up to date on the subject of anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism.

To identify opportunities for students and or young adults to learn about anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism.

To collaborate and partner within the existing partnership structures (StandWithUS, etc) to enhance our mission.

To build relationships in the community to develop advocates to combat anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism.

We will continue to remain

vigilant and through our CAST project, we will offer not only Jewish college students, but anyone in our community the opportunity to learn more and how to respond to the issues they might confront on campus or in our community.

Monaco Palace Installs Israeli Water-from-Air Technology

Watergen's machines that produce drinking water from atmospheric humidity could help rid Monaco of plastic water bottles, says company president.

By ISRAEL21c Staff

Monaco's Prince Albert II installed a made-in-Israel Watergen machine in his palace to produce clean drinking water from ambient air.

The prince, an active proponent of combating plastic pollution, received the unit on September 9 when he met with Michael Mirilashvili, Watergen's president.

The meeting between Mirilashvili and Prince Albert II was part of an event hosted by Tel Aviv University and businessman Aaron G. Frenkel to launch the "Combat Pollution Initiative." The plan aims to use various Israeli technologies in the battle against pollution in the Mediterranean region.

The Watergen GEN-350 model, a medium-scale atmospheric water generator, can produce up to 900 liters of high-quality drinking water daily for hundreds of workers in the palace.

Mirilashvili suggested to the prince that Watergen's machines of various sizes could help Monaco end its reliance on plastic water bottles in restaurants, tourist sites and hotels.

Watergen's technology pulls ambient humidity from the air, cleans it and cools it to dew point to cause condensation. The machine then



Monaco's Prince Albert II and Watergen President Michael Mirilashvili drinking water from a Watergen machine in Monaco

adds minerals to bring the water to drinking quality.

Watergen's machines have been installed in countries including India, China, the Philippines,

Vietnam, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Uzbekistan, Costa Rica and Chile. They have provided water to participants at events including the World Cup in Russia.

The technology also has been sent to regions across the United States following natural disasters.

Watergen's GENNY unit for home use was nominated for "Best of Innovation" and "Tech for a Better World" awards at the 2019 CES show in Las Vegas.

AN EVENING OF SHARING MEMORIES

Temple Isaiah invites you to an extraordinary evening with Bill Marx, son of the legendary Harpo Marx, in conversation with Rabbi Steven Rosenberg.

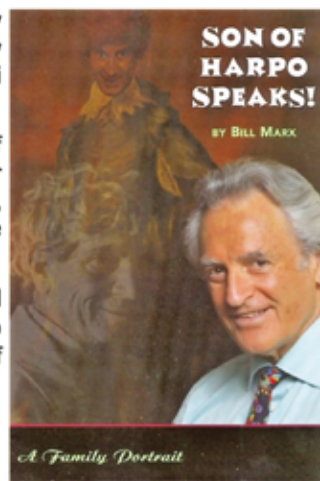
We have wonderful memories of the hijinks of the fabulous Marx Brothers. We all remember that Harpo Marx was the silent brother, conveying his humor through his signature antics.

Harpo was silent, but his son Bill isn't! And Bill is going to share stories of growing up with his 'silent' father at an evening of schmoozing and memories:

**Saturday, November 2, 2019
at 7:30 PM at Temple Isaiah**
332 West Alejo Road, Palm Springs

Temple Isaiah Members: \$25 • Non Members: \$30

Tickets online at templeisaihps.com,
calling 760-325-2281 or at the door.



JEWISH COMMUNITY NEWS

A Publication of the
Jewish Federation of the Desert
VOL. 46, No. 4

EDITORIAL

Bruce Landgarten,
Chief Executive Officer
Miriam H. Bent, Editor
Bailey Communications,
Layout & Design

JCN STATEMENT

The Jewish Community News seeks to provide news and feature material of special interest to its readership, and to create a heightened sense of Jewish identity through the dissemination of information about people, events and issues at home and abroad. The JCN seeks to serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas and opinions in the Jewish community.

The JCN is published monthly, ten months a year by the Jewish Federation of the Desert, 69-710 Highway 111, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270, 760-324-4737, fax 760-324-3154.

ARTICLES & ADVERTISING,

Miriam H. Bent, Editor
760-323-0255

e-mail: mhbentjcn@earthlink.net

ADVERTISING

The JCN does not endorse the goods or services advertised in its pages and makes no representation as to the kashrut of food products and services in such advertising. The publisher shall not be liable for damages if, for any reason whatsoever, it fails to publish an advertisement or for any error in an advertisement. Acceptance of advertisers and of advertising copy is subject to the publisher's approval. The JCN is not responsible if ads violate applicable laws and the advertiser will indemnify, hold harmless and defend the JCN from all claims made by government agencies and consumers for any reason based on ads carried in the JCN.

Internationally-Renowned Concert Pianist David Syme at Temple Sinai

Temple Sinai is pleased to present a special performance by American piano virtuoso David Syme, at the temple at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 18. Syme's long and colorful career includes performances at major concert halls in the United States and Europe, such as Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Kennedy Center, Wigmore Hall and other major venues in nearly 20 European countries, Canada and Mexico. A portion of proceeds from the concert will support Temple Sinai's religious school and education programs.

Syme's concerts have been described as remarkable, charismatic, and dynamic, while emotionally

moving and intellectually stimulating. Among his repertoire are Beethoven sonatas, the Schumann Carnivale, Bach, Frederic Chopin, Franz Liszt, and Rachmaninoff. While he is a classical concert pianist, he has also played many variations from child prodigy to youthful forays into rock and jazz. His Rock Formations series takes classic rock hits and translates them to beautiful piano tunes such as

"Stairway to Heaven" and "Bohemian Rhapsody."

An alumnus of Juilliard and Indiana University, Syme was a protégé of the legendary Jorge Bolet and also studied with Ozan Marsh, Sascha Gorodnitzki, Ania Dorfmann, Louis Kentner and Constance Keene. He now lives on the southwest coast of Ireland, where he has a highly acclaimed in-home concert series.

He continues to tour internationally, as well as performing at Steinway galleries, synagogues and other smaller venues. He has recorded 20 CDs with orchestras, such as the Royal Philharmonic, Vienna Symphony, and the Czech National Symphony.

For additional information about David Syme visit <http://symepiano.com>.

First Female Spacewalking Team Includes Jewish Astronaut



Astronaut Jessica Meir

Swedish-American-Israeli Jessica Meir became the fourth Jewish woman and fifteenth Jewish astronaut overall to be part of a space mission. On October 18th Jessica Meir and Christina Koch made news as the first all-female spacewalking team when they repaired a broken part of the space station's solar-power network.



TEMPLE SINAI PROUDLY PRESENTS

David Syme

Internationally Renowned Concert Pianist

Monday, November 18, 2019

Concert 7 pm

Temple Sinai

73251 Hovley Ln W, Palm Desert, CA 92260

VIP Tickets: \$100 per person

Includes reserved seating in special section, pre-concert wine & cheese reception at 6:15 pm with the artist and a complimentary CD

General Admission: \$50 per person

Parties of 10 or more paid with one check \$45 per person or parties of 20 or more paid with one check \$40 per person

For Reservations or Information

Contact Temple Sinai at 760-568-9699 or Patricia@patriciagreen.com

Thank you

in advance for your charitable contribution to Temple Sinai!



Jewish Federation Women's Philanthropy

Women's Philanthropy
**5th ANNUAL
WOMEN'S CARD DAY**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019
10 AM - 4 PM
The Springs Country Club, Rancho Mirage

Join us for a fabulous Ladies' Day Out!

Whatever your game
(Bridge, Canasta, Mah Jongg,
Rummykub and more),
come out for a day of fun!

\$75 • Includes lunch



Bring your own foursome, along
with your mahj sets or cards.



New to the Desert and haven't established your own special
foursome as yet? Call or email Leslie Pepper at 760-324-4737
or email Leslie.pepper@jfedps.org, let her know what you play
and we will do our best to put together a game for you.

*Proceeds help to support our Jewish
Federation's Special Tzedakah Fund.*

Chair: Chickie Steinberger • Auction Chair: Lana Landa

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

Tables must be reserved. Call 760-324-4737
with your credit card or mail checks to Jewish
Federation of the Desert, 69-710 Hwy. 111,
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270



*Save
the Date*



*Lion of Judah
Brunch*

JANUARY 13th, 2020
10:00 AM
TAMARISK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

JEWISH FEDERATION OF THE DESERT
WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY

pearl society

MONDAY, MARCH 9th, 2020



TZEDAKAH



FUND

For a meaningful way to say thank you for
a special occasion, send wishes for
recovery from illness or extend
condolences, there is no better way to
send your thoughts than to purchase a
Tzedakah card from the Jewish
Federation.

Proceeds from the sale of the tribute
cards benefit the TZEDAKAH FUND,
which enables our Jewish Federation to
respond to the emergency needs of Jews
in our community.

Call 760-324-4737 to order your cards, or
go online to jfedps.org.



JOIN JEWISH NATIONAL FUND FOR AN INTIMATE
MAJOR DONOR RECEPTION

ON GIVING TUESDAY, THE GLOBAL DAY OF GIVING BACK
In Appreciation of Your Commitment to the Land and People of Israel

FEATURING A CONVERSATION WITH



Tal Brody
"Mr. Basketball"

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 · 4:00 – 6:00 pm

RSVP by November 26, 2019 by contacting RSVPPalmSprings@jnf.org or 760.864.6208 x932

The Ritz-Carlton Rancho Mirage

MORE INFORMATION

Donna Raider, Director, Palm Springs Desert Region at draider@jnf.org or 760.864.6208 x989

\$5,000 Minimum Gift is Required

**JOIN US FOR JEWISH NATIONAL FUND'S
SUNSHINE MISSION TOUR**

For Active Adults 55+ · May 3–13, 2020
Register Now jnf.org/sunshinespring2020



**JEWISH
NATIONAL
FUND**

Your Voice in Israel

jnf.org · 800.JNF.0099

OpEd - BDS Is Dangerous Because It Poisons the Next Generation of Leaders

By Tesfazion Gerhelase / JNS.org

Not many Israelis are aware of how successful the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement has become, particularly among liberals.

One survey released in February suggested that one in five Americans approved of BDS as a way of opposing Israeli policy vis-à-vis the Palestinians. A December 2018 University of Maryland poll of a much larger sample put the support at 40 percent.

In 2016, 46 percent of Democrats in the United States said their sympathies aligned with Israel, compared with 29 percent who sympathized with the Palestinians. In one 2018 poll, only 27 percent of Democrats supported Israel, compared with 25 percent for the Palestinians. That's a 20 percent drop in support for Israel in just two years.

Much of today's European anti-Semitism comes from liberals. A study conducted in 2012 by the German-based Friederich Ebert Stiftung Foundation showed that 63

percent of Poles and 48 percent of Germans think that "Israel is waging a war of extermination against the Palestinians," along with 42 percent in Britain, 41 percent in Hungary, and 38 percent in Italy.

According to a survey by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, 48 percent of the European Jews interviewed have heard or read charges that "Israelis behave like Nazis toward the Palestinians."

Younger liberals, perhaps especially young people of color, are the engines of rising discontent with reflexively pro-Israel policy. They often struggle to understand, much less to embrace, the way older liberals see Israel.

Here are three reasons for the success of BDS:

First, BDS successfully allied itself with Western leftist causes by portraying Israel as a white, apartheid, racist, colonialist state engaged in the ethnic cleansing of its brown indigenous Arab population.

Second, Israel failed to recognize the large demographic, cultural, and ideological shift that has taken place in the West and adjust its actions, narrative, and policies to fit the new reality.

Third, Israel is not fighting the cultural and media war of delegitimization being waged by the Muslim Brotherhood and Israel's enemies. Meanwhile, Israel is spending its time and resources in promoting unnecessary legislation to prevent economic boycotts and sanctions that have not yet materialized.

BDS's official objective is to mobilize international economic and political pressure on Israel, in solidarity with the Palestinians. Its campaign methods are copied from the struggle against the apartheid regime in South Africa, and focus on mainstreaming and popularizing its idea of Israel as a white, colonialist, apartheid, racist, and genocidal state.

Israel and its supporters have been successful in passing and

obtaining laws, motions, and courts' decisions against economic boycotts and sanctions. However, for BDS, boycotts and sanctions are long-term goals. In the short term, public opinion is what matters to the organization.

In the United States, 26 states have passed anti-BDS legislation. The Republican-led Senate approved a federal anti-BDS bill in February that allows state and local governments to break ties with companies that boycott Israel, and the House passed a weaker version condemning BDS.

Unfortunately, such legislation is not productive on the ground against BDS, because, for now, BDS is not spending much time lobbying governments, parliaments, companies, and universities to boycott or sanction Israel, or to sever relations.

Indeed, to some extent the responses of the United States and Israel to BDS, such as Israel refusing entry visas to BDS activists, or the legislative initiatives in the US, serve to strengthen the BDS narrative that Israel is an oppressive state.

BDS poses a threat to Israel not because it is causing Israel political or financial damage, but because it is shifting the opinions of the next generation of leaders in America and Europe, those now studying in universities. Israel needs to update its policies and narratives accordingly — and immediately.

Tesfazion Gerhelase is an Eritrean British citizen, a Tigrigna nationalist, and Zionist. He is the founder of Agaiazian Media and Education Center, which is dedicated to fighting anti-Semitism and the delegitimization of Israel.



760.880.9987
CARLOSKINGINTERIORDSIGN.COM
"bold edgy and sophisticated"
CARLOS KING
INTERIOR DESIGN

Israel's National Baseball Team Wins Big Victory Over South Africa to Qualify for 2020 Olympics

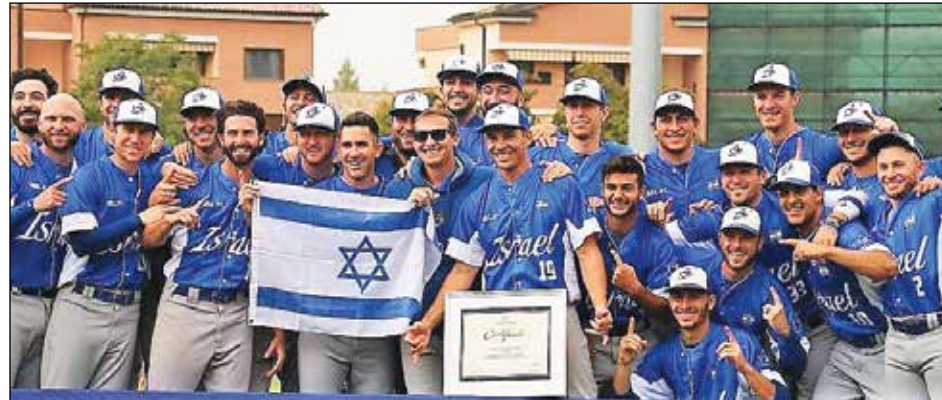
By Benjamin Kerstein *The Algemeiner*

Israel's national baseball team made history on September 22 when it qualified for the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo.

In the final game of the qualifying tournaments, Israel defeated the South African national team 11-1, winning a spot for Israel's burgeoning Olympic delegation.

With the addition of the 25-member team, Israel will now be sending its largest-ever Olympic delegation to Tokyo.

Baseball has never been a particularly popular sport among Israelis, where basketball and soccer are the favorites, so the team itself is



largely made up of American Jews who came to Israel specifically to play for the national team.

The team's achievement was a come-from-behind victory. During

the European championships earlier this month, it only made fourth place. It shone in the qualifying Europe-Africa tournament however, winning surprise victories over the

Netherlands, Spain, and Italy.

The team was then hit by a loss to the Czech Republic, leaving them hanging by a thread. With their massive win over South Africa, however, they consolidated their victory and sealed their chance for Olympic gold.

Only six baseball teams will compete in Tokyo, and the Israeli team is the only one from the Jewish state to compete in ball-based sports. It is also the first time a ball-based Israeli team has qualified for the Olympics since the national soccer team did so in 1976.

Community Schools

Aleph Academy Religious School

A Project of Jewish Sunshine Circle
Director: Shaindy Friedman
73-550 Santa Rosa Way,
Palm Desert, CA 92260
alephacademy.org
760-413-4425

Aleph Schoolhouse

Director: Dina Pinson
73-550 Santa Rosa Way, Palm Desert
Children 18 months through
Elementary School
Alephschoolhouse.org
347-721-8782

Hebrew High

(High school foreign language credit)
Director: Rabbi Boz Werdiger
Classes held in Palm Desert.
Call 760-550-5793
for information

Temple Sinai Religious School

Principal: Arava Talve
73-251 Hovley Lane West,
Palm Desert, CA 92260
www.temple sinaipd.org
760-568-9699



OUR VALLEY...
OUR PASSION!

Counseling for Everyone.
Homelessness Prevention.
Community Improvement.

EXCITING
EVENTS
SEASON

Become a
JFS Benefactor
Patron to
attend all
events as a
VIP



JFS Auxiliary Presents
Multi-Talented
ROY FIRESTONE

November 17, 2019

Sports, storytelling, music
and impressions

MEDIA
SPONSOR **ESPN
(RADIO)
103.9FM**

17TH
ANNUAL

Patron
Party

December 9, 2019

To be held at a beautiful
BIGHORN Golf Club
residence



DARYL DAVIS
Race Relations Expert
and Blues Pianist

March 15, 2020

Honoring
Tim Jochen, M.D.
& Lee Erwin
Contour Dermatology



For more information, please call (760) 325-4088 ext. 107
or visit our website at JFSDesert.org



Israeli Company Could Clear World's Minefields in Just 10 Years

Israel's 4M Analytics has a minefield-location intelligence solution using machine learning, Historic and Dynamic

Datasets and software-guided robots.

By Abigail Klein Leichman ISRAEL 21C

On August 25, two men were killed in southwest Bosnia while clearing minefields left from the war in the mid-1990s. That makes a total of 55 Bosnian deminers killed on the job since 1996, according to the Bosnian Mine Action Centre.

Bosnia is one of 61 countries – one-third of the world — where 60 million people are at daily risk from landmines and other explosive remains of war (ERW) buried under fields and roads. Every hour, a landmine claims a new victim. Every year, between 15,000 and 20,000 people are injured, mostly civilians and often children.

"It's been 22 years since the Mine Ban Treaty was signed in Ottawa and set international standards for clearing landmines. Ever since then, the techniques of landmine clearing remain almost the same, based on manual demining. That creates high risks, low pace of clearing, high costs and more casualties," says Itzik Malka, cofounder of Israeli startup 4M Analytics.

Former officers of the elite Yahalom Unit of the IDF's Combat Engineering Corps, Malka and cofounder Nir Cohen decided to apply technology



4M cofounders Itzik Malka, left, and Nir Cohen.



Minefields present a hazard to civilians in 61 countries across the world.

to solve the problem.

They founded 4M Defense in 2015 to offer solutions for locating and dealing with explosive remnants of war (ERW) including landmines, cluster munitions and unexploded bombs in conflict-affected regions.

Three pilots conducted in Israel had 100% success in predicting where



ERW would be found, says Malka. On the strength of that success, in early 2019 the founders started thinking internationally and established a sister company, 4M Analytics.

This company is developing a minefield-location intelligence solution that deploys machine-learning technologies, datasets from around the globe and experience in the field. Software-guided robots do the actual mine clearing.

Working with governmental and United Nations agencies, 4M Analytics has arranged a pilot project in 18 suspected minefields in Cyprus and has laid the groundwork for projects in Ukraine and Nigeria. They're hoping to help Colombia and Turkey as well.

Layers of Historic and Dynamic Data

Malka explains that 80% of suspected hazard areas turn out to be free of landmines.

This is because when there is evidence in a certain spot, authorities err on the side of caution by closing off and checking a much larger surrounding area. Yet it costs almost the same to check the 80% as it costs to clear the 20%, and the process takes longer than necessary.

"We thought how we could reduce some of the 80% with confidence that there is no risk," says Malka.

4M's automated system collects maps from various time periods and

integrates this historical information with global data and dynamic data received from drones and small planes equipped with three remote sensing technologies — LiDAR, electromagnets and a hyperspectral camera.

"Our system utilizes unique tools to crosscheck, verify and rate the collected data layers to ensure their reliability, and then produces a smart map classifying the areas according to risks. During the execution stage, autonomous robots clear the mines in synchronization with the smart map."

By predicting the precise positions of ERW, the suspected minefield's size can be reduced by approximately 80%. "Just to give you an idea of how much that saves, reducing only 5% of the field is equivalent to \$50 million," says Malka.

According to Minesweepers, removing all 110 million existing landmines in the world using conventional manual demining could cost as much as \$100 billion and could take up to 200 years.

Malka says 4M could bring down ERW clearing costs from the current \$4-\$8 per square meter to \$1.76 per square meter. It could take just 10 years to clear landmines from affected countries at an estimated cost of \$60 million.

Call to Action

If robotic demining is available, why is dangerous manual demining still used in 90% of cases?

Unfortunately, claims Malka, part of the reason is that photos of locals doing this work, at risk of life and limb, helps to raise empathy and donations. In 2017, a record \$770 million was

continued on next page 11

JASON
SUPERIOR SERVICE • SUPERIOR RESULTS
NOVACK
REALTOR®

DIRECT: 760•774•0633
jnovackrealtor@gmail.com

COLDWELL BANKER
RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

PJ Library Family Holiday Party

By Leslie Pepper, PJ Library Coordinator



Our first Family PJ Holiday Party was held on



Thursday, October 17th at the Jewish Federation of the Desert. The Sukkah and the community room were filled with parents and children celebrating the many Jewish holidays that fall during this season; Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah. There were a variety of activities for the children to participate in that showcased this season, including sounding of the shofar, tashlich, learning a few key prayers and phrases as "Shana Tova." The children made edible Torah scrolls, had a PJ Library story time and book exchange, and learned a favorite Israeli folk dance "Ushavte Mayim" to bring on the Fall rains. They shook the lulav and smelled the sweet Etrog in the Sukkah, then

all marched through the Federation and to the Sukkah to symbolize the ending and new beginning of the Torah cycle.

A special thanks goes to PJ Library and NJOP for helping support this program and to the volunteers who helped us build our Sukkah.

The PJ Library offers the gift of high-quality Jewish books and music each month to children ages 6 months to 8 years free of charge to all families raising Jewish children. PJ Ourway is a continuation of this program for children 8 and a half to 11 years of age. The books celebrate important aspects of Jewish values, culture and traditions.

Through our Jewish Federation of the Desert we will be offering several other programs for families with younger children, centered on Jewish holidays or themes. If you know of any young families who might be



interested in this program please contact Leslie Pepper at 760-324-

4797 or leslie.pepper@jfedps.org.

continued from page 10

raised toward clearing landmines.

4M envisions working with global corporate partners to bring the money saved by its system back to the people in affected countries through humanitarian projects such as school construction and job training.

"We will only work in countries that will allow us to implement our post-conflict humanitarian program," declares Malka.

The company also has social goals at home. 4M Defense and 4M

Analytics together employ 42 people from Israel's geographic and economic periphery — at Kibbutz Karmiya near Gaza and at the innovation center of Kinneret College in the Galilee. 4M Analytics also works out of the Amazon Web Services Builders Space in Tel Aviv.

People in Peril

Landmines have long been used as a military tactic to prevent people and vehicles from moving through certain areas during a conflict. When

the conflict ends, the hazards remain, keeping people from reaching agricultural fields, villages, schools and hospitals.

"Due to the inhumane impact of recently surging conflicts, landmines and other deadly explosive remnants of war are causing casualties in numbers that we had not seen for many years," said Loren Persi, casualties and victim assistance editor of the 2018 Landmine Monitor annual report. "Civilians are by far the majority of casualties, and victims

continue to require support long after conflicts pass and the last mines are cleared."

According to the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, the most affected countries are Egypt, Angola, Iran, Afghanistan, Iraq, China, Cambodia, Mozambique, Bosnia, Croatia, Somalia, Eritrea and Sudan.

Malka says that while the global standard rate of landmine clearance is an impressive 99.65%, advanced sensing technologies would enable 4M to reach 100%.



Shabbat Schedule - November 2019

Check the websites or call the synagogues for a full schedule of services.

BETH SHALOM (Member, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism)
Ken Hailpern, Spiritual Leader
79-733 Country Club Drive,
Bermuda Dunes, CA 92203
www.congregationbethshalom.net
760-200-3636
9:30 am Saturday Shabbat morning
services, followed by sit down
Kiddush lunch.

**CENTRO CULTURAL HEBREO
DE MEXICALI** (Conservative)
Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico
Contact: Ron Cohen
www.judiosdemexicali.com
760-960-3392 US
(686) 216-7152 Mexico

**CHABAD OF PALM SPRINGS &
DESERT COMMUNITIES**
Rabbi Yonason Denebeim &
Rabbi Arik Denebeim
425 Avenida Ortega, Palm Springs,
CA 92264
www.chabadpalmsprings.com
760-325-0774
Shabbat services Friday/Saturday;
daily morning and evening minyan.

CHABAD OF PALM DESERT
Rabbi Mendy Friedman
Services in a private home.
Call for information: 760-651-2424.
www.chabadpd.com 760-969-2153
/ 760-969-2158

CHABAD OF RANCHO MIRAGE
Rabbi Shimon Posner
72295 Via Marta, Rancho Mirage,
CA 92270
www.chabadrm.com 760-770-7785
Shabbat services Friday: check
website for service times. Saturday

10 am; children's program/service
11:15 am. Daily morning and
evening minyan. M-F 7:00 am;
Sundays 8:00 am

CHABAD OF SUN CITY PALM DESERT

Rabbi Yonason Denebeim.
Weekly Shabbat services in homes.
For information on location call
760-848-8250.
Most Fridays: Shabbat Dinner with
the Denebeims. Call to reserve
760-848-8250.
Friday evening November 22:
Women's Shabbat Service & Dinner
in Sun City Palm Desert.
Call for brochure and RSVP.

CONGREGATION HAR-EL (Member, Union for Reform Judaism)

Rabbi Richard Zions; Cantor
Joseph Gole www.harelurj.org /
harelurjpd@gmail.com
760-779-1691. Mailing address:
P.O. Box 564, Palm Desert, CA
92261. Shabbat service at 5:00 pm,
followed by oneg at 5:30 pm.

CONGREGATION SHALOM

BAYIT (Reform)
Rabbi Kenneth Milhander, 1320 W.
Williams Ave., Banning, CA 92220.
Contact 951-392-5380.
Shabbat Service 3rd Friday/
Havdallah 1st Saturday evening.

DESERT HOT SPRINGS

Monthly Shabbat evening service
with Rabbi Faith Tessler October-
May at Mission Lakes Country Club
at 7:00 pm. Call Jewish Federation
for service schedule.

DESERT OUTREACH SYNAGOGUE

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

OR BAMIDBAR

Rabbi David Lazar
Kabbalat Shabbat services first,
second and fourth Fridays of the
month at 6:30 pm
at the United Methodist Church
of Palm Springs, 1555 E Alejo Rd.
Shabbat Morning Study and Prayer
every second and fourth Saturday at
a private residence.
Address provided on RSVP to
info@orhamidbar.org.

SUN CITY JEWISH SERVICES

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

TEMPLE HAR SHALOM, Idyllwild

Rabbi Malka Drucker.
(951) 468-0004. www.
templeharshalomidyllwild.org
Email:templeharshalomofidyllwil
d@gmail.com.
Friday night services once a month

and study with Rabbi the following
Saturday morning. Services held
at St. Hugh of Lincoln Episcopal
Church, 25525 Taquitz Drive,
Idyllwild, CA. November's services:
Friday, November 15 at 6:00 pm
and Shabbat Study November 26
at 9:30 am.

TEMPLE ISAIAH

Rabbi Steven Rosenberg. Cantorial
Soloist Gerry Noriega.
332 West Alejo Road, Palm Springs,
CA 92262, 760-325-2281.
www.templeisaiahps.com.
Shabbat evening: 7:30 pm
Shabbat Services, followed by
oneg. Fourth Friday: Shabbat
services around the dinner table,
at 6:30 pm, followed by dairy
potluck dinner.
Saturday morning: 9:00 am "Nosh
and Drash" torah study followed
by services at 10:00 am. Kiddush
follows services.

TEMPLE SINAI (Reform)

Rabbi Andrew Bentley
73-251 Hovley Lane West,
Palm Desert, CA 92260.
www.templesinaipd.org
760-568-9699.
Friday evening services: 5:30 pm.
Saturdays: 8:45 am Torah study;
10 am Shabbat services.

BIKUR CHOLIM

A project of Chabad of Palm
Springs & Desert Communities
(Community Outreach)
www.BikurCholimPS.com
Rabbi Yankel Kreiman -
760-325-8076, and
Rabbi Mendy Kreiman -
760-567-6726.



Community Calendar - November 2019

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

Sundays

Chabad of Palm Springs: 8:45 am: **Sunday Breakfast Club.** Start off the Week with the ancient Jewish tradition of Bagels, Lox - and Tefillin! 250 E Palm Canyon, Palm Springs. RSVP 760-550-5793.

Chabad Rancho Mirage Children's programs: **CTeen** Global Teen network offering social educational and humanitarian program.

CTeen Jr. for 6-8 graders: Educational and social programming.

C Kids ages 3-12. Meets Sundays 10 am to 12:30 pm. Trips, art, cooking, teaching life skills. Check website: www.chabardrm.com/kids; or all 760-272-1923 or email Chaya@chabardrm.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. RSVP 760-636-2897 or rabbibenny@chabardrm.com.

7:00 pm Chabad of Palm Springs **Mondays with Moses.** 250 E Palm Canyon, Palm Springs. Torah Studies: Weekly Lessons for Life and Judaism Today. RSVP to Sign up for a Season of Study! Presenter: Boz Werdiger, 760-550-5793 .

Tuesdays

7:00 pm Chabad of Palm Springs **Journey with the Prophets,** 250 E Palm Canyon, PS. See the Tanach for Yourself!

History, Stories, and Lessons from the Prophets. No previous knowledge required. Moderator: Boz Werdiger, 760-550-5793.

7:00-8:00 pm Chabad Palm Springs program: text based study on **Maimonide's Fundamentals of Judaism**, led by Rabbi Moishe Witkes. For location call or text 760-412-1005.

Wednesdays:

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

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

3:30-5:00 pm — Har-El Galen Trimester Course: **"Yiddish Music Then and Now."** Presenter: Cantor Joseph Gole, D. Mus.

Saturday, November 2

7:30 pm Temple Isaiah: **An Evening of Sharing Memories: Bill Marx in Conversation with Rabbi Steven Rosenberg.** See ad page 4.

Monday, November 4

6:30 pm Sun City Chabad: **Havurah.** Happy Hour followed by **"The Kabbalah of the Hebrew Letters."** Presenter: Rabbi Yonason Denebeim. In Sun City Palm Desert, call for address (760-848-8250).

Wednesday, November 6

2:00 pm Temple Isaiah Women's Auxiliary **High Tea.** Program: Shoshana Barer discussing of her book **"The Jewish Maven A to Z"**

All welcome. RSVP please: Shoshana Barer: 760-323-8025.

Wednesdays, November 6 & 13

3:30-5:00 pm Har-El Galen Trimester Course: **"Fraternal Twins: Western & Eastern Yiddish."** Presenter: Rabbi Richard Zions, Ph.D.

Thursday, November 7

6:30 pm Sabra Hadassah (program begins 7:00 pm) Program: **Exploitation of Children and Human Trafficking** with SafeHouse's **Norma Vasquez.** Sun City Palm Desert Sunset View Clubhouse/Oasis Room. \$18. Information: Call 760-360-8465.

Tuesdays, November 5, 12, 19, 26

7:00 PM Chabad of Sun City Palm Desert: **Women's Torah Discussion Group.** Instructor: Sussie Denebeim. Call for address: 760-848-8250.

Saturday, November 9, 16, 23

1:00-3:00 pm Temple Isaiah **Jewish University.** Opening series of Saturday afternoon study: **"The Real Story of the Maccabees"** led by Rabbi Steven Rosenberg. Call 760-325-2281 for details and enrollment.

Sunday, November 17

4:00 pm Beth Shalom **Sunday at the Movies** "On the Basis of Sex." Members: \$5 per person; Non-members: \$10 per person. Lite refreshments served. Information: 760-200-3636.

Sunday, November 17

Jewish Family Service Auxiliary presents **Roy Firestone.** "Sports, Storytelling, Music and Impressions." Call 760-325-4088, ext. 107 for more information. See ad page 9.

Monday, November 18

7:00 PM Temple Sinai. Renowned Pianist **David Syme in Concert.** See ad and article page 5.

Monday, November 25

10:30 am Beth Shalom **Brandini Toffee Factory Tour.** \$18 per person (includes \$5 credit in Brandini Toffee Shop) Pre-paid reservations required by November 20. Information: 760-200-3636.

Monday, November 25, December 2, December 9 Evening Aleph Academy Lecture Series: **Marriage and Time; The Split Jewish Identity; Why Pray?** @ The Aleph Schoolhouse, 73550 Santa Rosa Way, Palm Desert. Presenter: Boz Werdiger, RSVP 760-550-5793.

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

4:00-6:00 pm Jewish National Fund **Major Donor Reception** with "Mr. Basketball" – Tal Brody, at the Ritz Carlton, Rancho Mirage. See ad page 7.

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

Leukemia Immunotherapy Treatment Could Fight Other Cancers, Tel Aviv Team Finds

Israeli researchers discover specific type of white blood cells that can be engineered to attack solid tumors

By Luke Tress, The Times of Israel

Israeli researchers have found that a treatment used for the blood cancer leukemia could be an effective way to treat other cancers.

While chemotherapy, which targets cells that grow or divide quickly, is the most commonly used cancer treatment, it does collateral damage to non-cancerous dividing cells.

Immunotherapy, on the other hand, is a kind of cancer treatment that helps the body's own immune system fight off the cancer itself.

"Chemotherapy damages all fast-growing cells, including hair follicles and cells that line the gastrointestinal tract, and this attack on healthy cells causes serious side effects, which include hair loss, nausea, mood changes, pain, anemia, nerve and muscle problems, and kidney issues," said Dr. Yaron Carmi, who headed the study by Tel Aviv University's Sackler Faculty of Medicine.

"Immunotherapy, on the other hand, is a type of biological therapy that uses the body's own immune



From left: Tel Aviv University researchers Dr. Yaron Carmi, Diana Rasuluniriana, Dr. Peleg Ride

system to seek out and destroy cancer cells. Engineered T cells have been proven very successful in treating blood cancer but attempts to use them to fight solid cancers have been disappointing. Our engineered cells have now shown efficacy in attacking solid tumors as well," Carmi said in a statement.

The study found that a type of immunotherapy called chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cell therapy, previously used to target cancer cells in the blood, could also kill solid tumor cells that are coated in specific antibodies.

T cells are a type of white blood

cell that are active and central in the body's immune response. T cells play a part in the body's adaptive immunity to harmful invading pathogens.

CAR T cell therapy uses altered T cells to fight cancers. The cells are taken from the patient and CAR structures are added to their surface. The receptors allow the T cells to target antigens on the tumor cells and kill them.

The Tel Aviv lab discovered a type of T cell called CD4+ with a specific receptor, which they found could be modified to engineer new T cells that are more effective at targeting tumor cells.

The process leads to side effects, which can include severe inflammation produced by an overactive immune system, but the drawbacks are less severe than those associated with chemotherapy. The T cell therapy is also longer-lasting than chemotherapy, which only works while the drug is in the patient's body.

"Our engineered cells have the

potential to overcome barriers usually faced by CAR T cell therapy and have shown efficacy in solid tumors. This finding has the capability to change the way cancer is treated, demonstrating that the immune system can be utilized to identify and fight all types of cancer," Carmi said.

"Our lab discovered a distinct subset of helper T cells, also known as CD4+ T cells, that express the high-affinity receptor for IgG [an antibody] and efficiently kill tumor cells coated with these antibodies," Carmi said. "This method uses CAR T cell therapy and combines it with antibody specificity. Based on this discovery we were able to engineer novel T cells with enhanced tumor-killing activity and higher specificity, compared with other T cell-based therapies for cancer.

The researchers have so far tested their altered T cells on mice and plan to start a phase I clinical trial in the next three years.

Hezbollah Hijacker of TWA Flight 847 Captured 34 Years Later

By World Israel News Staff

On June 14, 1985, the world was left in shock after Hezbollah terrorists hijacked a Trans World Airlines aircraft en route from Athens to San Diego.

Over a period of seventeen days, the hijackers directed the plane holding 153 passengers back and forth between Beirut and Algiers. The hijackers demanded the release of 700 Shi'ite prisoners in Israeli custody and called for international condemnation of Israel and the United States.



Passengers who had Jewish sounding names were separated from the others, and U.S. military personnel were beaten regularly. During one of the stops at Beirut International Airport, the Hezbollah terrorists shot U.S. Navy diver, Robert Stethem in the head and dumped his

body on the tarmac. Eventually, the rest of the passengers and crew were released after some of the terrorist demands were met.

According to Greek media, one of the hijackers was arrested while attempting to board a cruise ship on the Greek island of Syros.

Mohammed Ali Hammadi, was first arrested and received a life sentence in 1987 by Germany for the hijacking and for the murder of Stethem. However, in 2005, Hammadi was set free after Germany agreed to let him

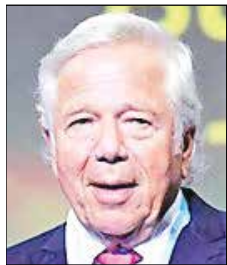
go in exchange for the release of two Germans who had been abducted in Beirut.

On February 14, 2006, the FBI placed Hammadi on their most-wanted list. His accomplices, Hasan Izz-Al-Din and Ali Atwa, still remain at large. The FBI is offering a reward of up to \$5 million for information leading to their capture.

The now 65-year-old terrorist is set to be transferred to the Korydallos high-security prison in Athens for extradition proceedings.

Robert Kraft Names Executive Director of New Foundation to Combat Anti-Semitism

By the Jerusalem Post Staff



Robert Kraft



Dr. Rachel Fish

Robert Kraft, chairman and CEO of the Kraft Group, announced Dr. Rachel Fish has been hired as the founding executive director of the Foundation to Combat Anti-Semitism. Fish began her new role on October 7.

Kraft established this new foundation in response to the growing rise in anti-Semitism in the U.S. and abroad, particularly in light of the spread of hateful rhetoric online and the initiation of hate crimes against the Jewish people through social media. He announced the foundation when he was awarded the Genesis Prize in June in Jerusalem, along with his own \$20 million founding investment and the generous donations of others.

"I am thrilled to have Rachel lead this new and important effort," Kraft said. "Rachel's education, experience and, most importantly, her commitment makes her the right person for this role. She is equipped to face the growing epidemic of anti-Semitism with tenacity and a proven track record of progress through a lifetime of work in this arena. Our family is honored and privileged to have Rachel lead this new foundation, which is so close to our hearts."

Fish brings with her a thorough

background and history in the fight against anti-Semitism, including a strong academic understanding of the issues and varied experience in advocacy work. Most recently, Rachel was Senior Advisor and Resident Scholar of Jewish/Israel Philanthropy at The Paul E. Singer Foundation in New York City where she aided in developing the strategic approach for the foundation's giving and worked directly with practitioners to implement their missions and initiatives.

"It is an honor to work with the Kraft family, and I am both humbled by and eager for this opportunity," Fish said. "My entire life I've sought to educate against ignorance and fight hatred, and this role is the culmination of academic pursuits and advocacy efforts. We live in a time in which we imagined the horrors of anti-Semitism would no longer persist, yet it does. It is incumbent upon all of us to fight anti-Semitism and educate our communities so as to eradicate hatred toward Judaism, the Jewish people and the Jewish state."

Before her time with the Singer Foundation, Fish was the executive director of the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University. She was also a professor in the Hornstein Program for Jewish Professional Leadership at Brandeis, where she taught the Myra Kraft Seminar in Israel Studies. Fish has taught at Brandeis University, Harvard University, UMass Amherst and in adult Jewish education programs.

COMING IN 2020

ISRAELI SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENTREPRENEURS

Game-Changing Innovations
from Ben-Gurion University

*First two programs just scheduled ...
Mark your calendars!*

Wednesday, February 5, 2020:
* **Robotics**

Thursday, March 26, 2020:
* **Cyber/Homeland Security**

Part of the UCR Jewish Studies Lecture Series 2020

AMERICAN ASSOCIATES
Ben-Gurion University
of the Negev

Jewish Federation
OF THE DESERT



Tribute Card Donations

Sending tributes and memorials is a meaningful way to honor loved ones.

All contributions received by the Jewish Federation for Tribute Cards are placed in our special Tzedakah Fund, which provides direct monetary intervention for needy Jews living in the Coachella Valley. Call 760-324-4737.

Honorarium Tributes In Appreciation For:

- **Morris Belzberg**, Congratulations on your 90th birthday, from Benjamin (Buddy) Cohen and Sue Quinlan.
- **Nancy and Dennis Ditlove**, Happy New Year from Cora Ginsberg.
- **Nancy and Bob Fraiman**, Happy Anniversary from Cora Ginsberg.
- **Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Geller**, Happy New Year from Debbie and Paul Parry.
- **Peggy Greenbaum**, Thank you from Barbara Platt.
- **Loreen Jacobson**, Thank you from Barbara Platt.
- **Loreen Jacobson**, Happy Birthday from Lila Rauch.
- **Joan and Pat Kerns**, In honor of your philanthropic work in Milwaukee, from Sherry and Howard Schor.

- **Larry and Beth Peerce**, Happy New Year and thank you from Margot and Jerry Halperin.
- **Rhoda and Peter Samuels**, Happy Anniversary from Cora Ginsberg.
- **Rabbi Faith Tessler**, In your honor, from Alex Burck and Jill Gover.
- **Fern Weiss**, Thank you from Marnie Miller.

Refuah Shleimah Get Well Wishes To:

- **Sheri Borax**, Wishing you good health, from Gail and Bob Scadron.
- **Sherry Fishman**, Wishing you a speedy recovery, from Gail and Bob Scadron.
- **Linn Menne**, Wishing you good health, from Gail Scadron.
- **Jim Resnick**, Wishing you a speedy recovery, from Gail and Bob Scadron.
- **Gail Stone**, Wishing you good health, from Gail and Bob Scadron.

Memoriam Tributes Condolences Sent To:

- To honor the memory of these people who perished in 911 attacks in New York City: **Jim Connor, Brooke Jackman, Bill Minardi, Bernie Patterson, Leo Roberts, Matt Picerno, Joe Cappo, Steve Cangeliosi, Buff Wohlforth and Herman Sandler**, remembered by Alan J. Goldstein.
- **Joan and Pat Kerns**, In memory of your brother Jim, from Sherry and Howard Schor.
- **Family of Mel Marx**, Sincerest condolences from Sherry and Howard Schor.
- **Marovitz Family**, In memory of your beloved husband and father James Marovitz, from Marnie Miller and Joe Noren, Bette and Larry Wise.
- **In Memory of Lee Sacks**, from Sherry and Harry Schor, Toni and Bobby Garmisa, Marnie Miler and Gail and Bob Scadron.
- **Sherry Salzman**, In memory of your beloved husband Alan, from Barbara Grashin, Myrna and Jerry Kessler, Sandie Ovesen, Irving Sachs and Marion Hochstadter, Gail and Bob Scadron.
- **Mrs. Alvin Star**, In memory of your beloved Al, from Marnie Miller and Joe Noren.

Observing Sukkot



Young children from Chabad's Aleph Schoolhouse having fun with decorations for the sukkah



Federation board members join staff in the sukkah; from left: Board chair Roberta Nyman, Kevin Giser, Bruce Landgarten, Stephanie Ross (holding lulav), Arnie Gillman, Allan Lehmann, Leslie Pepper and Bernard Reiter.



Federation of the Desert staff in the sukkah, from left: Women's Philanthropy and PJ Library Coordinator Leslie Pepper, CEO Bruce Landgarten, Administrative Assistant Linn Menne, Receptionist Merari Curiel, Executive Assistant Gloria Benvavides, CFO Jim Trew and Director of Community Impact Kevin Giser (holding lulav and etrog).

At Columbia, Malaysian Leader Says Holocaust Victim Numbers Debatable

Why is it that I can't say something against the Jews?' asks Mahathir Mohamad, citing right to free speech

By Josefina Dolsten, The Times of Israel

The prime minister of Malaysia defended his past anti-Semitic statements and questioned the number of Jews killed during the Holocaust in a speech at Columbia University.

"I am exercising my right to free speech. Why is it that I can't say something against the Jews, when a lot of people say nasty things about me, about Malaysia, and I didn't protest, I didn't demonstrate?" Mahathir Mohamad said in response to a question from an audience member.

Mohamad, who was speaking at the college's World Leaders Forum, has called Jews "hook-nosed," said they "rule the world by proxy" and questioned the number of Jews killed in the Holocaust. He also has said that he is "glad to be labeled anti-Semitic." In response to a question by a student who identified herself as a member of a campus pro-Israel group, Mohamad denied questioning how many Jews were killed in the Holocaust, but then went on to do so.



Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad at Columbia University

"Well, I have not disputed them, but I have said that 'Who determined these numbers?' If it is somebody who is in favor, you get one figure, if somebody who is against, you get another figure," he said.

"So I accept that there was a Holocaust, that there were many Jews killed, and in fact at one time I was very sympathetic towards them during the war, when you were not around, but I was around at that time."

At that point, the questioner interrupted him, saying her grandmother had been in the Holocaust. Mohamad declined to speak further about the topic.

Mohamad did express sympathy for other targeted minority

groups, condemning Burma for its persecution of Rohingya Muslims and saying that the world failed to take action during the Cambodian genocide as more than 1 million people were killed.

The prime minister spoke for about 25 minutes about multilateralism and relations between Malaysia and its neighbors with moderator Lien-Hang Nguyen, an associate history professor at the university. Nguyen did not bring up Mohamad's anti-Semitic statements.

But Vishakha Desai, a senior adviser to the Columbia president, Lee Bollinger, did bring them up in her introduction of the Malaysian leader. She also noted Malaysia's decision earlier this year to ban Israeli athletes from participating in the 2019 World Para Swimming Championships. The International Paralympic Committee responded by stripping Malaysia of the right to host the event.

"Clearly such attitudes are absolutely contrary to what we stand for," Desai said.

Desai also referenced a letter by Bollinger in which he defended Mohamad's appearance on campus while also calling the leader's remarks "abhorrent" and saying he was committed to ensuring the "safety and well-being" of Jewish students. Columbia had drawn criticism from the campus Hillel, pro-Israel groups and the Anti-Defamation League for inviting Mohamad.

About 300 people attended the event, according to university spokeswoman Caroline Adelman. Other speakers at the weeklong forum included Austrian Chancellor Brigitte Bierlein, Queen Mathilde of Belgium and Iraqi President Barham Salih.

Pre-Holiday Celebration in Desert Hot Springs



Rabbis Yankel and Mendy Kreiman of Bikur Cholim held their annual pre-Rosh Hashanah get-together for Jewish residents of Desert Hot Springs, assisted once again by the Jewish Men's Group from Shadow Hills. It was a freilach, festive afternoon, made even more special by the distribution of holiday gift bags from the Jewish Federation.

Chabad
NU4U
thrift shop

DONATE
YOUR Oscar de la Yenta and other gently used shmattas! Furniture, shoes, handbags, totchkkes, cars, planes and everything else!

760-770-7786
69-550 Highway 111
Rancho Mirage
[just west of Frank Sinatra Drive next to Palm Springs Ford]

Call for pickup or throw it in your car to drop off.
Do you love books or clothes? Please volunteer.
Closed Shabbat.

Actress Alex Borstein Dedicates Emmy Win to Her Holocaust Survivor Grandmother

By Shiryn Ghermezian, *The Algemeiner*

Jewish actress Alex Borstein, who won the Emmy for best supporting actress in a comedy series for her role in “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel,” dedicated her victory in part to her Holocaust survivor grandmother.

Borstein shared her grandmother’s inspiring story in her acceptance speech, recalling, “She was in line to be shot into



Alex Borstein accepting award at 2019 Emmys

a pit and she said, ‘What happens if I

step out of line?’ and [the guard] said, ‘I don’t have the heart to shoot you, but somebody will,’ and she stepped out of line. And for that I am here, and for that my children are here. So step out of line, ladies. Step out of line.”

Social media users praised Borstein’s speech, including actress Jamie Lee Curtis who tweeted, with the hashtag

#StepOutOfLine, “Our new motto. ‘Step out of line ladies.’” The official Twitter account of “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel” also dubbed it “a marvelous motto.”

The award was Borstein’s second consecutive Emmy win for her role as Susie Myerson in the historical comedy-drama series.

US Congress Members Seek Blacklisting of Foreign White Supremacist Extremist Groups

By *Algemeiner Staff*

In a letter sent to US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, 39 members of Congress — led by Democrat Max Rose of New

York — asked why white supremacist extremist groups are not included on the State Department’s list of Foreign Terrorist

Organizations (FTOs).

The letter came a week after a neo-Nazi gunman killed two people outside a

German synagogue.

“Today, if an American citizen swears allegiance to the Islamic State (or another Foreign Terrorist Organization on the list) and spreads their message of terror, there are several resources available to the Federal government to counter the threat,” the letter said. “However, if that same American citizen swears allegiance to a violent white supremacist extremist group based overseas and spreads their message of terror, the Federal government does not have access to the same tools.”

“As you know,” the letter continued, “the State Department’s criteria for inclusion on the FTO list are simple: be a foreign organization, engage in or retain the capability and intent to engage in terrorism, and threaten the security of US nationals or the national defense, foreign relations, or the economic interests of the United States. There are numerous examples of foreign white nationalist groups that fit these conditions. The American people deserve an explanation as to why these groups are not included on the FTO list.”

“Given that the threat picture has evolved substantially over the past 18 years since the September 11th attacks, and as we learn more about connections between certain overseas white supremacist groups and domestic terrorists, it is time we take the threat of violent white supremacist extremists more seriously,” the letter implored.

NEW CEMETERY PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

- A special property dedicated to Jewish traditional burials
- In-ground “double depth” garden spaces
- And a beautiful mosaic of the Western Wall of Israel created by Italian artisans.

Property Savings Available

69855 E. RAMON ROAD
CATHEDRAL CITY, CA 92234
800-204-3131

MOUNT ZION GARDENS
CATHEDRAL CITY

FOREST LAWN®
FUNERALS • CREMATIONS • CEMETERIES

UK Teacher Fired After Joking About Sending Jewish Kids to 'the Gas Chambers'

The primary-school teacher reportedly apologized afterwards, asking the students not to tell anyone.

By: Jewish News Syndicate

A primary-school teacher in England was fired after allegedly "joking" to pupils about "sending them to the gas chamber" if they failed to finish their work.

The teacher at Newberries Primary School, Hertfordshire, told a class of 28 10-year-olds, including 11 who are Jewish, on October 10: "You better finish off your work quick, or I'll ship you all off to the gas chambers," according to parents. The teacher reportedly



Newberries Primary School in Radlett, England.

apologized afterwards, saying she was "joking" and asking the students not to tell anyone. The pupils reported the anti-Semitic comment

to parents, who expressed outrage on school WhatsApp group chats. The teacher was fired a day after making the comments.

A spokesman for Newberries Primary Schoolsaid, "We can confirm that last week we were made aware that an alleged racist comment had been made by an agency teacher working within the school. We acted on this immediately, and our governors and leadership team are undertaking a full investigation.

The agency teacher will not be returning."

The school said that religious leaders from different faith groups would be invited to speak to the children, as they have done in previous years.

The school, with 203 students enrolled ages 4 to 11, is in a commuter village where about one-quarter of the 8,000 residents identify as Jewish, reported the UK's Daily Mail.

Israeli Actress Gal Gadot Will Star in and Produce Film on Holocaust Heroine Irena Sendler

By Shiryn Ghermezian, The Algemeiner

Israeli actress and "Wonder Woman" star Gal Gadot announced the creation of her own production company, Pilot Wave, with husband Jaron Varsano.

Gadot made the announcement on Instagram, saying, "Pilot Wave is taking off! I'm so excited this is finally out. @jaronvarsano and I have been working on this for quite some time and I just CAN'T wait to bring to life all the amazing stories we're working on with all our talented partners."



"We want to help bring stories that have inspired us to life," Gadot and Varsano said. "Pilot Wave will create content that promotes the perspectives and experiences of unique people and produce impactful stories aimed at igniting

the imagination."

Pilot Wave's first project will be a historical thriller for Warner Bros. called "Irena Sendler," which Gadot will star in as the title character. The film will tell the story of Sendler as a Polish nurse and social worker who helped care for and save 2,500 Jewish children from the Warsaw Ghetto. Sendler helped provide the children with false papers, smuggle them out of the ghetto and place them in the care of Christian families, orphanages and

religious institutions run by nuns, before she was eventually arrested and tortured by the Gestapo. Yad Vashem recognized Sendler as Righteous Among the Nations in 1965.

Gadot and Varsano will produce the movie along with with Marc Platt.

Gadot has several previously announced film projects that Pilot Wave will be part of with her and Varsano producing, according to Deadline.

Have you registered the Jewish Federation of the Desert with Amazon Smile as your nonprofit?



It couldn't be easier to register: 1. Go to smile.amazon.com 2. Register Jewish Federation of the Desert as your favorite charity 3. Shop! 4. Bookmark the smile.amazon.com page and don't forget to only shop through this link! We earn 5% of each purchase.

Purchases made through regular amazon.com will NOT lead to charitable contributions.



**Jewish Federation
OF THE DESERT**
We appreciate your support!

Women's March Dumps Three Leaders Tainted by Anti-Semitism

Controversies

By Benjamin Kerstein, *The Algemeiner*

The Women's March has jettisoned its three top leaders after they became embroiled in controversy over anti-Semitism.

The Washington Post reported that Bob Bland, Tamika Mallory and Linda Sarsour stepped down in July, though it was not announced until mid-September.

The organization stated that the trio would "transition off of the Women's March Board and onto other projects focused on advocacy within their respective organizations."

They will be replaced by a 16-member board.

The three women, particularly Mallory and Sarsour, have been lightning rods for controversy, particularly on Jewish issues.

Mallory allied herself with notorious anti-Semite Louis Farrakhan and refused to denounce him even after he was caught making violent anti-Semitic statements, such as referring to Jews as "termites." She later said Jews enjoyed "white privilege."

Sarsour, a Palestinian American



who rejects Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state, also refused to distance herself from Farrakhan, said supporters of Israel were fake progressives and held that Zionists could not be feminists.

Bland, while less outspoken, engaged in apologetics for her colleagues and refused to condemn their problematic statements and connections.

It was later revealed that all three were using Farrakhan's Nation of Islam to provide security guards.

The Post stated that the trio were likely dropped to avoid further controversy as the 2020 presidential

elections approach.

Dana R. Fisher, a sociology professor at the University of Maryland, told the Post, "There's an opportunity here for a group to rise out of the ashes of divisiveness and continue on with the mission that was the Women's March, and, honestly, that would be wonderful."

"There were so many things that were odd decisions, and decisions that made it unclear whether they actually cared about building toward a blue wave and building on the energy and enthusiasm that was built in 2017," she added.

PA Security Forces Thwart Attempt by Iran-Backed Islamic Jihad to Build Rockets in West Bank

By Benjamin Kerstein *The Algemeiner*

Palestinian Authority security forces have thwarted an attempt by

Islamic Jihad to manufacture rockets in the West Bank.

The Israeli news site Mako reported that the terrorist group was operating under Iranian guidance in the building of low-tech rockets.

Despite their crude nature, such rockets would place central Israel under direct threat from short-range projectiles, compounding the threat from the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip that southern Israel has faced for nearly two decades.

According to intelligence assessments, various terrorist groups in the West Bank are attempting to establish infrastructure to enable them to conduct major attacks.

While there have been recent terror incidents in the West Bank, most have been stabbings or shootings, rather than rocket attacks or suicide bombings.

SIGN UP TODAY!
www.PJLIBRARY.org

PJ Library[®]

JEWISH BEDTIME STORIES and SONGS

A program of
Jewish Federation of the Desert

The PJ Library program offers the gift of free high-quality Jewish books and music each month to children ages 6 months through 8 years. PJ Library books celebrate important aspects of Jewish culture, values and tradition, and become cherished bedtime stories. Sign up online at www.pjlibrary.org today. For more information about PJ Library programs in our community contact Leslie Pepper at leslie.pepper@jfedps.org or call 760-324-4737.

The Jewish Federation of Palm Springs and Desert Area

Connecting, Supporting, and Uniting
Our Community Through Philanthropy.

TOGETHER WE HAVE IMPACT!

For more information, or to make a donation, please contact the Jewish Federation at 760-324-4737.

Please Remember the Jewish Federation in Your Will and Estate Planning.

Kelly Craft Promises "Israel Will Have No Better Friend at UN"

By World Israel News Staff

Kelly Craft, the new U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, wasted no time showing her support for Israel at a late September U.N. Security Council debate.

"The United States has always supported Israel in the past. The United States supports Israel today. The United States will always support Israel moving forward. Israel will have no better friend than Kelly Craft," she said.

Israel's Ambassador to the U.N. Danny Danon congratulated Craft on her new position and said, "We welcome your presence here and look forward to your voice being heard on behalf of the American people."

"The United States will have



New U.S. Ambassador Kelly Craft

no better friend than the State of Israel. Ambassador Craft made it clear today that the U.S. remains strongly committed to Israel and our security. With her help, together we can continue to change the culture at the United Nations," he added.

After his welcoming remarks to Craft, Danon addressed the danger that Iran poses to the world.

"Iran poses the greatest danger to regional stability and security.

Iran must be stopped. Not with smiles and handshakes, but with economic, political, diplomatic and any other pressure as necessary. I call on the member of this esteemed Council to act against the Iranian violations and exert more pressure on Iran," he said.

Craft who once served as U.S. ambassador to Canada was appointed by President Trump to represent the United States at the United Nations after her predecessor Nikki Haley resigned at the end of 2018.

During her confirmation hearing before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Craft was vocal about fighting the anti-Israel bias that looms large over the U.N.

"Without U.S. leadership, our partners and allies would be vulnerable to bad actors at the U.N. This is particularly true in the case of Israel, which is the subject of unrelenting bias and hostility in U.N. venues," Craft told the committee.

"The United States will never accept such bias, and if confirmed I commit to seizing every opportunity to shine a light on this conduct, call it what it is, and demand that these outrageous practices finally come to an end," she added.

Last month, the U.S. Senate approved Craft by a vote of 56 to 34 to represent the nation's interests at the world body.

Poll: Israelis View UN More Unfavorably Than Any Other Nationality Surveyed

By Benjamin Kerstein The Algemeiner

Israelis hold the most negative view of the United Nations of any nationality in the world, a new poll has revealed.

The survey — conducted by the Pew Research Center — found that 65 percent of Israelis look at the UN unfavorably, with only 31 percent having a favorable outlook toward the global intergovernmental body.

Israel has long considered the UN the be hopelessly prejudiced against it, due to the dominance of the "Muslim bloc" of countries that use its institutions to batter the Jewish state politically.



The United Nations building in New York.

In another notable finding, the poll revealed that views of the UN in the United States were sharply divided along partisan lines.

According to the results, 77 percent of Democrats held a favorable view of the UN, while only 36 percent of Republicans felt the same. Overall, 59 percent of

Americans held a positive opinion of the UN.

On a global scale, the UN is popular, with 61 percent of people in the 32 countries surveyed viewing it UN favorably.

Best Quality! Best Price Guaranteed!

RELIABLE ROOFING

NO BULL!
Just 1st Class Roofing!
Commercial • Residential
ALL TYPES • NEW ROOFS
RE-ROOFS • REPAIRS
Shingles • Foam
Torch Down • Tile



Todd Gregory Young
Owner

VOTED #1 IN QUALITY

www.reliableroofingbytgy.com

760-568-1673

SINCE 1987

Bonded • Insured • Lic #764608

Advertise in the Jewish Community News,
Call Miriam Bent at
760-323-0255

LEXUS
EXPERIENCE AMAZING

SHOTTEKIRK DESERT LEXUS



Let Us Earn Your Business

- Under New Ownership
- Over 300 Lexus Vehicles To Choose From
- A Pleasant And Convenient Shopping Experience

68-068 Kyle Rd. Cathedral City,
CA 92234
In The Cathedral City Auto Center
(760) 321-5750 • desertlexus.com



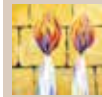
Simchas

Mazel tov to **Robert W. Clarkgerman, Jim (Kobi) Haggerty, Edward Hiser, Gregory Landenburg, Theresa McDonald and Dr. Jonathan Lorenzo Yorba** on being called to the Torah as B'nai Mitzvah at Temple Isaiah on October 26 ... Congratulations to **Roni Spetalnick** on being elected President of Sabra Hadassah of the

Desert ...Mazel tov to **Rabbi Shimon and Chaya Posner** on the birth of their newest grandson, **Chaim Avraham**, born to **Mendel and Fraydee Kessler** in Sedona, Arizona, on October 7th ... *Share your Simchas with us. Email or call Miriam Bent at mhbentjcn@earthlink.net or 760-323-0255.*



Roni Spetalnick



Candle Lighting Times

Friday, November 1	Shabbat Noach	5:10 pm
Daylight savings time ends Sunday, November 3rd		
Friday, November 8	Shabbat Lech Lecha	4:04 pm
Friday, November 15	Shabbat Vayera	4:00 pm
Friday, November 22	Shabbat Chayei Sarah	3:56 pm
Friday, November 29	Shabbat Toledot	3:54 pm



We Mourn the Passing of...

Paula Allen, Louis Becker, Marilyn Freidman, Delores Jaffe, Thelma Levine, Jim Marovitz, Florence Pieper, Ellen Solovy and Joe Solovy. *Our deepest sympathies to their families and friends. May their memories endure as a blessing.*

Jewish Federation of the Desert extends heartfelt condolences to Rabbi Andrew & Beth Bentley on the passing of Beth's mother
PAULA ALLAN.
May her memory endure for a blessing.



Classifieds

VALLEY FOAM ROOFING Cool foam roofing. We will install a new foam roof or repair and recoat your existing foam roof. California license 671610. Insured and bonded. References. Call Raymond: 760-333-3556.

THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE Swedish, deep tissue, and foot reflexology modalities. Treat yourself or someone you love to a wonderful therapeutic massage. Jewish Massage Therapist with over 30 years experience; nine in the desert. Will come to your home or at my location. Call Leora at 760-778-0068.

LAST CRYPT AVAILABLE in Forest Lawn's Courts of Jerusalem. Jewish Section; 3G level/ single crypt. Price: \$6,000. (New Cedars of Lebanon Section single crypts are selling for \$7360). Call 760-770-8790 or 503-314-4346 and leave message.

Sabra Hadassah of the Desert is honoring PHYLLIS PEPPER at a gala luncheon on Monday, January 27, 2020. Save the date!

JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL 2020 is Sunday, March 22 through Wednesday, March 25 and will offer a compelling and diverse selection of films, including dramas, comedies, documentaries and shorts, that will stir emotion and inspire conversation. Mark your calendars now.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE SUPPORTERS welcomed. JFS has rewarding **volunteer opportunities** in its community programs and is now accepting applications for several positions. **Tribute cards** provide a unique way to celebrate a special occasion or honor a loved one, all while supporting JFS programs. If you're interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities or supporting JFS through the purchase of tribute cards, please contact 760-325-4088 ext. 101.

PERSONAL ASSISTANT/ PERSONAL AFFAIRS MANAGER Excellent local references. Bill paying, reconcile bank statement, run errands, drive to appointment. Computer help: MS Office, QuickBooks, emails. Notary. 2 hours minimum. Trustworthy, discreet, dependable. 760-408-5260.

Temple Isaiah invites you to HOLD YOUR EVENT HERE! We can accommodate 10 for a meeting or 300 for a party. Quinceaneras; birthdays; anniversaries; concerts; wedding venue/chapel to ballroom; classes, seminars, speakers, non-denominational life-cycle events and more. Come see our landmark building in the heart of Palm Springs. Plenty of parking. Call 760-325-2281 for details and inquiries.

JDB PRIVATE SECRETARY & RESUME SERVICE. Secretarial, Bill Paying, Resumes & Personal Assistance. In the Desert since 1994. Reasonable rates. By appointment only. Tel: 760-322-7747; email: jdbresumes@aol.com. Ask for Joy.

MEGA-CHALLAH #4 is Sunday, January 26, 2020. Ladies, mark your calendars now!

DAVID'S CONSTRUCTION Conscientious licensed, insured, bonded, general contractor. Catering to all your home repair needs. No job too small or big. Room additions, remodeling, patio covers, decks, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, masonry, drywall, cement, wood floors, tile, fences, painting, sprinklers, landscaping, swamp coolers, custom homes and more. License #506-370. davidsconstruction@ymail.com 760-671-4476.

US Army Chooses Israeli System to Protect the Lives of Tank Crews

World's most powerful military selects an Israeli defense system.

By Yaakov Lappin, Jewish News Syndicate

Israeli defense corporation Rafael announced delivery of the first batch of Trophy Active Protection Systems to the U.S. Army. Trophy, a system that was first deployed by the Israel Defense Forces in 2011 and which has intercepted many threats fired at Israeli armored vehicles, will be eventually be installed on-board four American M1 main battle tank brigades, for both the U.S. Army and Marine Corps.

The fact that the world's most powerful military chose an Israeli active protection system to protect the lives of its tank crews is historic. In Israel, Trophy is installed onboard



Rafael's trophy system on a U.S. M1 tank

Mk3 and Mk4 Merkava tanks, and onboard the advanced Namer armored personnel vehicle. It has made many successful combat interceptions of anti-armor missiles and rockets, particularly those fired by Gazan terror factions, with no injuries to Israeli personnel or

damage to platforms.

Trophy's radar is made by Israel Aerospace Industries subsidiary, Elta. The system has accumulated more than 600,000 operational hours and underwent 4,000 successful field tests. It is now under contract for production for thousands of systems.

The U.S. Army is in a rush to install the system on its tanks because it wants to urgently send them to the European theater, according to statements by American military officials who manage combat vehicle upgrades. In the past, the United States spent a great deal of money trying to develop Active Protection

Systems but didn't manage to find one it was satisfied with.

It therefore took a decision that is far from being a given and looked beyond American shores for a solution.

The armored brigades that will receive Trophy will take part in American deployments to Europe, dubbed "Operation Atlantic Resolve," which began after Russia's seizure of the Ukrainian Crimea region in 2014. Since being deployed in 2011, Trophy has saved many Israeli personnel on the battlefield. Now, it's set to do the same for American soldiers.

DESERT HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL



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



Can you imagine a more appropriate challah for the Thanksgiving season than one made with pumpkin, honey and cinnamon? Your home will smell divine and eating it will be even better! Happy Thanksgiving! Happy challah baking! MHB



PUMPKIN & HONEY CHALLAH

3 tablespoons dry yeast
1 cup warm water
½ cup honey
3 eggs
½ cup sugar
½ cup canned pumpkin
pinch of salt

¼ cup oil
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
6-9 cups all-purpose flour
1 egg yolk plus 1 tablespoon. water (egg wash)

In the mixing bowl, combine yeast with warm water and let stand for 5 minutes until you see bubbles. On a low setting Gradually add honey, eggs, sugar, pumpkin, salt, oil, and spices, using the whisk attachment, until completely mixed.

Switch whisk attachment for dough attachment and gradually begin adding flour, 1 cup at a time. Keep adding flour until mixture becomes a firm sticky dough (not liquidy).

Transfer dough to a greased bowl and cover with moist towel for several hours until dough has doubled in size.

Once dough has doubled in size, remove from bowl and knead on a floured surface.

Braid as desired and place on greased baking sheets.

Brush braided dough with egg wash and bake at 400 degrees for 30-40 minutes or until golden brown.

This recipe can easily make two challahs. If making two, start checking the bread after 30-35 minutes (tap it ... it should sound hollow).

JEWISH FEDERATION OF THE DESERT

69-710 Highway 111
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
(760) 324-4737

Nonprofit
Organization
U.S. Postage
Paid
Permit #113
Santa Ana, CA



Creating a Jewish Legacy

Creating a Jewish legacy empowers you to support the Jewish causes you care about. Because all of us, regardless of age, wealth, or affiliation, have the ability to secure our people's traditions, promote Jewish values, and create a strong future for generations to come.

For more information and to explore options, please contact Kevin Giser, Director of Community Impact, Jewish Federation of the Desert, at kevin.giser@jfedps.org or 760-324-4737.

**The Strength of a People.
The Power of Community.**



Jewish Federation
OF THE DESERT

69-710 Highway 111, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
760-324-4737