

## The Challenges of Our New Reality

By Bruce Landgarten, Jewish Federation Chief Executive Officer

There are new questions and new realities we find ourselves grappling with today. During these difficult times we are questioning what happens to perspective when we're living through what feels like an endless alternative reality? After so many weeks of shutdown, it becomes more and more difficult to get our arms around how things will work, how they'll look and feel when this crisis is over. How many will we have lost? How deep will the economic fallout be? Will the nature of community and the way it functions have changed? The answers seem far away. In the Jewish communal world, nearer at hand are decisions that need to be made about how to serve those most in need, about layoffs and furloughs, about whether

or when summer activities open. So many unknowns. So much unfamiliar ground. So much to think about.

Our responsibilities, however, oblige us to do more. To broaden our frame of reference. To focus on the inevitable post-crisis period to come. As a Federation we have played a critical part in building and strengthening Jewish life. For decades we provided a warm and welcoming recreational setting for Jews and Jewish families unwelcome elsewhere. We have served a critical, complementary role alongside synagogues and other Jewish institutions. We have become a gateway to everything else the Jewish community has to offer; the one place in which every demographic in the community can be readily found

participating together.

The North American Jewish community has evolved an extraordinary philanthropic tradition, having created perhaps the most expansive Jewish communal infrastructure in the history of the Diaspora. Much of this organizational infrastructure is dependent, on an ongoing basis, on continued fundraising and philanthropic support.

We need to be the most prolific platform for Jewish engagement and demonstrate unique, invaluable, and ongoing importance to the continuing development of Jewish community and Jewish life long after COVID-19 recedes into memory.

Our responsibilities, as leaders, and as a Jewish community are immediate

and timeless. Yes, we need to make hard choices now about how to endure the current challenges. And we'll need to adjust our operations once we re-open in deference to the economic realities we will confront. But our mission isn't defined in weeks, months, or even years. Our mission is to strengthen Jewish community and enrich Jewish life. It's a mission we inherited from those who preceded us and for which we bear a sacred and profound responsibility.

We'll find our way through the challenges of this crisis in the short term....and then we'll resume our march forward, with renewed determination with a more vibrant, more dedicated Jewish community.

Our best days lie ahead.

## After 17-Month Stalemate, Netanyahu and Gantz Strike Unity Deal

After three elections and months of election campaigns and coalition negotiations, Netanyahu and Gantz have signed a deal for the establishment of a new government.

By Gil Hoffman, Jerusalem Post

Israel will soon have a new coalition government after an agreement was signed on April 20th between Likud and Blue and White, putting an end to a 17-month political stalemate that resulted in three elections.

As part of the deal, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has served as caretaker prime minister since December 2018, will remain prime minister for another 18 months and then will be replaced in October 2021 by Blue and White leader Benny Gantz, who



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (right) and Blue and White leader Benny Gantz (left) sign a unity government agreement

will serve as vice prime minister in the meantime. Netanyahu will be vice prime minister under Gantz after that, but if Netanyahu leaves

the Prime Minister's Office sooner, Gantz would already take over.

Gantz expressed his relief that an election that would have been held on August 4 if a deal was not reached by May 7 had been averted. "We prevented a fourth election," Gantz said. "We will protect our democracy and fight against the coronavirus."

US President Donald Trump's peace plan, including its clauses enabling Israel to apply sovereignty in Judea and Samaria, will be able to be

implemented in July, when maps are set to be finalized.

In a controversial clause, both Netanyahu and Gantz will have the right to an official residence fully funded by the state. In another, the so-called Norwegian law will be changed to allow ministers to quit and new MKs to enter the Knesset, including in Blue and White, skipping over MKs from the Yesh Atid and Telem parties that will remain in the opposition.

# The Privilege of Serving



**Roberta Nyman**

Jewish Federation  
Board Chair

The privilege of serving as your Board Chair this past year has been a great gift to me. Working with Board members and the donors to our local Jewish Federation has allowed me the satisfaction of not only seeing the results of Federation allocations

but also the opportunity to develop close personal friendships as we have worked together.

I want to thank our Board of Directors and the chairs of our major events, and their committees, for their support and willingness to commit their time and energy to the Jewish Federation and our community.

I want to thank our Federation staff for their outstanding support, especially during these difficult times. They were able to quickly adapt and perform with exceptional expertise. We are fortunate to have such a capable staff.

This has been a challenging year for our Federation as well as for all non-profits. Even during these difficult times, when the biggest priority is

helping people in need and in crisis, Jewish Federation continues to ensure that the programs and institutions that strengthen, enrich and celebrate Jewish life remain strong and able to contribute where needed.

We anticipate increased demand for local services provided by our partner agencies such as Jewish Family Service, FIND, Temple Sinai Food Bank and our Tzedakah Fund. We will continue to address the critical, often life-threatening issues facing too many of us.

As I write this article, we offer our thoughts and prayers to those in our community who are struggling. Our Annual campaign transcends specific affiliations. We care about people, regardless of the extent of

their involvement in our community's institutions and programs.

As a community, we celebrate and thank those of you who have made the mission of the Federation important to you by your generous donations.

I hope that we will be able to spend time with family and friends this summer. I look forward to us coming back together this fall to take part in our many programs and events.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving as Chair of our Jewish Federation.

*You really can change the world if you care enough."*

*Marian Wright Edelman"*

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## Global Jewish Population Hits 14.7 Million - But Remains Far Below Pre-Holocaust Peak

*Arutz Sheva Staff*

The worldwide Jewish population hit 14.7 million by the end of 2018, according to a new report released by the Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics.

According to the report, which was released ahead of Holocaust Remembrance Day, the total Jewish population worldwide remains well below its pre-Holocaust peak. While the size of the Jewish population was similar in 1925, with about 14.8 million Jews living around the world at the time, by the eve of World War II in 1939, the population had

grown to over 16.6 million.

Of the 16.6 million Jews worldwide on the eve of World War II, 449,000, or roughly 3% of the total population, lived in the British Mandate for Palestine, which would later become the State of Israel.

In 1948, on the eve of the establishment of the State, the number of Jews worldwide was 11.5 million, of whom 650,000 were in Israel (6%).

By the end of 2018, the worldwide Jewish population had risen to 14.7 million, with 6.7 million, or 45.6%,

living in the State of Israel.

The second largest Jewish population in the world is in the US, with 5.7 million Jews, followed by France, with about 450,000 Jews, Canada with 392,000, the UK with 292,000, Argentina with 180,000, Russia with 165,000, Germany with 118,000, and Australia with 116,000.

Of the 6.7 million Jews living in the State of Israel as of the end of 2018, 5.2 million were born in Israel, while 1.5 million were foreign-born.





# Shaking Humanity Out of its Indifference



**Bruce Landgarten**

Jewish Federation  
Chief Executive  
Officer

Last month although Jewish Federation of the Desert's Holocaust Remembrance Day was cancelled as an annual public gathering because of the Coronavirus concerns, we observed Holocaust Memorial Day virtually. Throughout the world Jews took the opportunity to pause, to view a Holocaust memorial program or simply to remember the events which resulted in the murder of six million during World War II.

We are committed to prevent this from ever happening again; that anywhere evil, hatred, bigotry or prejudice rears its head, we must identify, condemn and denounce the perpetrators. Yom HaShoah takes on a universal message. "Never again" means nowhere in the world can we allow another Holocaust.

Israel is a reminder, to both Jews and the world, that Jews are no longer victims. In these times, Jews will neither remain silent nor call upon others for salvation. Israel has changed the equation which has been used throughout all of world history. Jews are no longer weak and helpless. We shall no longer accept the title of the world's most victimized people.

The Palm Springs and Desert Area is home to Holocaust survivors. We are proud of the range of local services available to them. Jewish Federation, Sunshine Circle and JFS provides services to local Holocaust survivors, some who are isolated and live under

the poverty line, including case management, emergency assistance, companionship, social events, and other specialized services.

"Never Again!" Even before the Holocaust came to an end, there was the desperate urging to keep it from being forgotten. The Holocaust is among the most researched, documented, and memorialized crimes of the 20th century. Its remembrance is sustained by a tremendous amount of testimony, literature, and education. The last living survivors of the Holocaust are now mostly in their 80s and 90s. In a few years almost no one will be left to speak from their own personal experience.

What happened to them will not be forgotten. The historical importance of an event in its own time and in the decades that follow offers no guarantee that it will be remembered in the next century, let alone for many centuries after.

After the war, Elie Wiesel said, "we reassured ourselves that it would be enough to relate a single night in Treblinka. . . to shake humanity out of its indifference and keep the torturer from torturing ever again."

Accounts of what was done in Treblinka did not prevent mass murder in Bosnia, Rwanda, Syria, and other regions of the world. Holocaust remembrance has not inoculated human beings against treating other human beings with brutality.

Our community is proud to have the Palm Desert Civic Park Holocaust Memorial that serves as a permanent reminder of the Shoah. We also have the Tolerance Education Center, which brings the stories of the Holocaust from the perspectives

of survivors, refugees, and their descendants via educational presentations, teacher workshops, educational trunks, classroom book loans and special event programming. By engaging audiences and building awareness, we utilize memories and lessons from the past so people can learn, feel, think critically, and identify daily choices that counteract the discrimination and oppression

of today.

Although we cannot demand that the world remember, we can stand, proud and strong, as a symbol of our survival, of our perseverance against the odds and of living proof of the irony that the Jews, not our enemies, prevail. So it has been in the past. So is it today. And so may it continue into the future.

## Jewish Federation's Emergency Response Fund for Covid-19 Relief



As the COVID-19 shelter-in-place requirements lengthen, unemployment increases, and more neighbors and friends become infected with or affected by the virus, now is the time to act.

If everyone were to give \$18 toward COVID-19 relief, imagine the powerful impact that the collective community would create – when we need it most!

Your support will meet the most urgent needs of vulnerable people, while also fostering the resilience and security of the Jewish ecosystem that serves them.

We are all in need, but as bad as we may have it...there are those who have it worse than us:

- People who cannot put food on their tables;
- People who cannot bury loved ones they are losing because they have no income;
- Elderly who have no one to shop for them;
- People who cannot keep their lights on;
- Organizations who struggle to serve their constituency.

Tzedakah is part of who we are as Jewish people. There is no time better than now to remember that!

➔ To contribute, call the Jewish Federation Office at 760-324-4737, donate online at [www.jfedps.com](http://www.jfedps.com) or mail your check to Jewish Federation, 69-710 Hwy. 111, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270.



## Temple Sinai Welcomes New Rabbi

Temple Sinai of Palm Desert is very pleased to announce that Rabbi David Novak has been named as its new rabbi effective July 1, 2020. Rabbi Novak is presently the interim rabbi of Temple Dor Dorim of Weston, Florida, a suburban community bordering the Everglades near Fort Lauderdale. In 2002, Rabbi Novak left his prosperous communications practice to attend the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem and Los Angeles, from which he was ordained in 2007. He served his first pulpit, Israel Congregation of Manchester, Vermont, for a decade, and before joining Temple

Dor Dorim was the Interim Rabbi at Temple B'nai Israel in Clearwater, Florida.

Rabbi Novak believes that Jewish life is central to how he understands himself as a child, a teenager, in college, and throughout adulthood. It is where he continues to derive life's blessings. Throughout many early life moves, Jewish communities kept him afloat. In coming to Temple Sinai, Rabbi Novak states, "This is an extraordinary opportunity to strengthen Jewish life in the Coachella Valley. I hope



Rabbi David Novak

to catalyze a great outpouring of participation in all of the ways of being Jewish, for those born Jewish and those who love Jews. I invite people to stop in and say hello under my 'Please bother the rabbi' open door policy."

Robert Glast, President of the Board of Trustees states, "Rabbi Novak checks all the boxes of what Temple Sinai is looking for to continue the positive momentum created by our staff and lay leaders in recent months. His understanding of connecting with our members and building our community is key."

We look forward to welcoming Rabbi Novak to our community.

## Hadassah's 32<sup>nd</sup> Year for Summer Study is Going Virtual

After over 100 evenings of study and camaraderie in members' homes over the past 31 years, Hadassah's popular Summer Study Series will be going virtual this year. In an online board meeting in April, the Sabra Hadassah leadership

decided that the summer program was too valuable an asset to postpone despite the restrictions of self-isolating imposed to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

The series will be held on the Monday evenings in July, as in the past. Plans

are now underway to put together a compelling program and members will be emailed the schedule in early June. Those without email can call chair Miriam Bent (760-323-0255) to ask for a schedule to be mailed.

## Vandal, Caught on Tape, Scrawls Swastikas and Graffiti on Maryland Synagogue

Police in Montgomery County, Maryland, are looking for a man who was caught on surveillance footage spray-painting the side of a synagogue with swastikas and hateful epithets.

The man pulled into the parking lot of Tikvat Israel Congregation in Rockville, Md., around 1:30 a.m. on

March 28, got out of his car, and spray-painted swastikas and bigoted slogans on the side of the building, according to police.

The rabbi of the synagogue, Marc Israel, told Montgomery County Media, "It's horrifying, the level of hate that exists."

Although the synagogue is closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, some members noticed it after walking by it, said the rabbi.

Following the vandalism, neighbors taped a painted message on the synagogue door that reads: "You R Loved."

## France Donates Four Battleships to Hezbollah

By David Sidman, Breaking Israel News

Four French frigates entered Lebanese docks on Tuesday, March 24th. According to a report by Al-Joumhouria, a Lebanese newspaper, the 'sophisticated' French frigates are being 'gifted' to the Lebanese

Military and will be joining the navy.

The transaction is of immediate concern to Israel in that the Lebanese government, and hence its military, are fully controlled by Hezbollah and the terror organization's allies.

French ambassador to Beirut, Bruno Fouche, 'personally supervised the operation'. Fouche even boarded one of the battleships that were delivered to Lebanon from the Toulon Naval Base in southern France.

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# 7 Israeli Mask and Face Shield Solutions for Coronavirus

Now that we're all covering our faces to avoid COVID-19, Israeli innovators are stepping up invention of antiviral masks, shields and stickers.

By Abigail Klein Leichman, ISRAEL21C

It seems like eons since ISRAEL21C first reported on two antiviral facemasks under development in Israel — but it was only January 28.

Since then, facemasks of all kinds have become part of everybody's wardrobe due to the alarming spread of the novel coronavirus pandemic.

And in that short time, additional Israeli entrepreneurs and researchers have introduced facemask and face shield inventions we want to tell you about.

Updating that first article highlighting washable masks from Sonovia and from Argaman, each uses its own proprietary technology to embed microbe-killing metallic particles into textiles.

"We can produce now up to 3,000 masks per day," Shay Hershcovici of Sonovia tells ISRAEL21C.

"We hired 120 unemployed factory workers to produce them at Kiryat Motzkin and we are donating the masks with the help of philanthropic supporters," he says.

Healthcare facilities in Nahariya were among the first to receive a consignment of hundreds.

"This week we sent 400 masks to a teaching hospital in Germany and donated 400 to be distributed through [Israeli nonprofit aid organization] Latet. The Israeli police forces are receiving an unlimited supply. We have been given personal licenses to keep our offices and factories open and running so that we are able to work safely on this ardent mission."

Sonovia was one of two Israeli companies (the other is CLEW) on Startus Insights' list of the world's



*The Maya antiviral sticker being tested at Galilee Medical Center*



*Massivit's 3D-printed face shields are being produced by the thousands for healthcare workers in several countries.*



*ViriMASK is available for preorder in men's and women's sizes.*



*Sonovia's antimicrobial facemask*



*Facemasks with outer and inner layers embedded with antimicrobial copper oxide*

top five impacting startups in the COVID-19 pandemic.

As for Argaman, founder and CEO Jeff Gabbay tells ISRAEL21C that one country has bought treated fabric from Argaman to make 1 million Bio-Block layered masks and other deals are in the works.

A slightly different approach is offered by MedCu Technologies, which leverages the antimicrobial properties of oxygenated copper to make advanced wound dressings.

Now, MedCu has signed a contract with Chinese Ministry of Health subsidiary Shanghai Medical Technology to manufacture and distribute copper-embedded facemasks.

The self-sterilizing, viral-deactivating facemask technology will also be marketed to other countries.

"Studies show that 99.99 percent

of the viruses that came in contact with our mask were destroyed in only 30 minutes," said MedCu microbiologist Gadi Borochoy.

Facemask manufacturers can use MedCu's copper-treated polypropylene fabric, made in Israel and elsewhere, as a replacement for the inner and outer layers of their products.

"It's a plug-and-play technology that can be used to add antiviral properties to any surgical or N95 mask," says MedCu CEO and cofounder Danny Lustiger.

When the masks are disposed after wearing out – usually a few days – they pose no environmental hazard because any viral particles on them are neutralized.

MedCu is in discussions with other manufacturers around the globe and will open a factory in Israel to supply the local market.

"The demand today is endless," says Lustiger. "The entire Western world is looking for masks now as a way for people to start going back to work while being protected from exposure to the virus."

## Antiviral sticker for surgical masks

A new antiviral sticker that attaches to regular surgical masks is being tested at Galilee Medical Center in Nahariya. The 3D-printed "Maya" sticker contains nanometric fibers coated with antiseptics. They trap the viral particles and neutralize them.

The sticker was developed through a partnership between Prof. Eyal Zussman of the Nano-Engineering Lab at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology and Dr. Dan Greenstein's COVID-19 National Emergency Team of the Defense Ministry's Directorate of Defense R&D, in collaboration with Dr. Samer Srouji, chief of oral surgery at Galilee Medical Center.

"This is an available and fast solution based on sophisticated technology. We hope that the pilot project will succeed, and that this unique innovation will be introduced to many other hospitals around the country," said Srouji.

## ViriMASK

Preorders are now being accepted for the ViriMASK Protective Oculo-Respirator, developed by Israeli physician and serial medical-device inventor Dr. Noam Gavriely. ViriMASK is strapped around the head, covering the eyes with a see-

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# Jewish Federation Women's Philanthropy

## Women's Philanthropy Stays in Touch Despite Social Distancing

By Leslie Pepper, Women's Philanthropy Coordinator

Jewish Federations' Women's Philanthropy engage Jewish women in the fulfilling work of making the world a better place. In every community around the country they build and support Jewish life for today and for generations to come. They commit to deepening engagement in Jewish life and helping strengthen Jewish identity, connections to Israel and care for all Jews in need. And this commitment continues, despite the new reality of living with the covid-19 pandemic.

During these weeks of social distancing, our Women's Philanthropy ladies have had the opportunity to come together remotely through Zoom sessions, which we have



Staying connected via ZOOM

scheduled on a regular basis until we can gather in person again. An added benefit: since many of our local leadership have returned to their home communities, they are now able to stay connected through our use of social media. Our second Zoom get-together took place on Earth Day, April 22. We shared our Passover stories, Federation updates, and connection between Earth Day and our Jewish traditions of taking care of the environment.

While our Federation office is closed, our work in the community from our home offices continues. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at 760-324-4737 or email Leslie.pepper@jfedps.org.

## Israeli Arab Doctors and Nurses Help Orthodox Jewish Patients with Religious Practice in Midst of Coronavirus Crisis

By Benjamin Kerstein, The Algemeiner

Coexistence between Israeli Arabs and Jews in the face of the global coronavirus pandemic found expression in two incidents that were widely shared throughout Israeli media platforms.

In one case, two Arab nurses helped an elderly man critically ill with coronavirus to lay tefillin (phylacteries), something the man was unable to do on his own because his entire left side was paralyzed.

The incident was caught on video and broadcast on Israel's Channel 13.

In an interview with journalist Amnon Levy, one of the nurses, Khalil Ghazawi, said he and his fellow nurse were working in the coronavirus ward when the man asked them for help laying tefillin.

"We looked at each other – it was weird – we didn't know what to do,"



**Israeli-Arab Doctor Abed Zahalka hands a Torah scroll to a coronavirus patient at Maayanei Hayeshua hospital in Bnei Brak.**

said Ghazawi. "In the end we put the tefillin on, we worked it out."

"He was very happy," he said of the patient, "and he said, 'Thank you with all my heart.'"

"I was happy inside, believe me," Ghazawi added.

Asked whether he had received a positive response to his good deed, he said that he "received a lot of responses," including from hospital staff. "They were very happy," he recounted.

The patient, he noted, ultimately recovered and has been released from the hospital.

In the second incident, Dr. Abed Zahalka, who works at the Mayanei Hayeshua hospital in Bnei Brak, brought a Torah scroll into the coronavirus ward for patients to use for daily prayer.

According to Israeli news website The Marker, Zahalka has worked in the mostly ultra-Orthodox town – which has been particularly hard-hit by the virus – for years, and feels deeply connected to the community.

"I felt like I strengthened the connection even more, that I'm a part of this place, of the people, of the tradition," he said of the event.

"I'm a believer and I see here a lot of believers and a lot of the Bnei Brak rabbis. I also think there

is a connection between belief and the success of a treatment: you see people who just give up, in contrast to people who were in a very critical condition and deal with the disease in an amazing way and get better," he added.

"I feel at home here, and not just at the hospital, but in general in Bnei Brak," he noted. "I'm like a member of the household for many families in the town."

"I even know the Jewish halacha (traditional laws) very well," he added.

Nurse Michal Ben Dov said of Zahalka's good deed, "It gives them meaning and strengthens them, and it helps them recover. These people who are accustomed to pray every day, and in a very difficult reality here in isolation – it gives them strength."





Rabbi Richard A. Zions, Ph.D.

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Conducted online by Rabbi Richard A. Zions And Cantor Joseph Gole

- Rosh Ha-shanah Eve: Friday, September 18, 7:00 PM
- Rosh Ha-shanah Morning: Saturday September 19, 9:30 AM
- Shabbat Shuvah Eve: Friday, September 25, 5:00 PM
- Yom Kippur (Kol Nidrei) Eve: Sunday, September 27, 7:00 PM
- Yom Kippur Day: Monday, September 28, 9:30 AM
- Succot Eve: Friday, October 2, 5:00 PM

### GALEN SUMMER MOVIE FEST

All films available on Netflix. Reviews by Rabbi Richard Zions; moderated by Judy Wallis. Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 PM

- May 27 "Unorthodox"
- June 24 "Sarajevo"
- July 22 "Shtisel"

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- WEEKLY Torah Study Saturdays 11:00 AM - Rabbi Zions

#### Galen Trimester Presentations:

- Dr. Steven Windmueller Emeritus Prof. of Jewish Communal Studies at HUC-JIR - LA

Wednesday, May 13- 3:30 PM

"COVID-19 and the American Jewish Economic Crisis." In this one-hour discussion, Prof. Windmueller will provide an assessment of the impact of this pandemic on the Jewish community, both here and across the globe. *What might be the long term implications for the Jewish community in the aftermath of this crisis? How will this health crisis likely change or alter Jewish communal and religious life?*



- Rabbi Doctor Hillel Cohn Rabbi Emeritus, Congregation Emanu-El, Relands, CA. Annual Rabbi Hillel Cohn Endowed Lecture on the Contemporary Jewish Experience presented by CSU in San Bernardino and in Palm Desert.

Wednesday, June 10 - 3:30 PM

"The Ethics of Forgiveness"—Based on Simon Wiesenthal's book *The Sunflower*. What can forgiveness do for the person who seeks forgiveness? What not forgiving might do to me? Is forgiveness limited to the little hurts of life but not the big ones? Is forgiving a sign of weakness?



- Steve Moyer On faculty of California Desert Trial Academy College of Law in Indio. He also teaches courses in Learning In Retirement and is Galen Trimester Advisory Committee Chair.

Wednesday, July 8 - 3:30 PM Topic TBA



- WEEK-DAY ASK THE RABBI - See ad on page 19 for details!

### HAR-EL SPRINGS INTO ACTION Community within Har-El and the Greater Community



- Rabbi Zions & Cantor Gole conducted Seder Services online for members, which included a play by Cantor Gole & service by Rabbi

for children, parents & grandparents to use on Zoom during Passover.

- Har-El members contributed over 1,600 meals to the St. Margaret's FIND project Neighbors 4 Neighbors.

- Har-El distributed to its member households bags of Passover food, shopped and compiled by chair Molly Thorpe.



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**NORMAL SCHEDULE:** Har-El is  
transforming to virtual services.

**CONGREGATION SHALOM BAYIT** (Reform)

Rabbi Kenneth Milhander,  
1320 W. Williams Ave., Banning, CA  
92220. Contact 951-392-5380.

**NORMAL SCHEDULE:** Shabbat  
Service 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday/ Havdallah 1<sup>st</sup>  
Saturday evening.

• **DESERT OUTREACH SYNAGOGUE**

Rabbi Jules King; Cantor Lori  
Reisman Patterson. 760-449-0111.  
Mailing address: P.O. Box 982,  
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270. www.  
Desert-Outreach-Synagogue.com.

**NORMAL SCHEDULE** 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.

• **OR HAMIDBAR**

Rabbi David Lazar rabbi@  
orhamidbar.org

**NORMAL SCHEDULE:** 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;  
Cantor Alan Scott.

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

• **TEMPLE HAR SHALOM, Idyllwild**

Rabbi Malka Drucker  
(951) 468-0004. www.  
templeharshalomidyllwild.org  
Email:templeharshalomofidyllwild@  
gmail.com.

**NORMAL SCHEDULE:** Friday  
night services third Friday of the  
month and study with Rabbi the  
following Saturday morning at 9:30  
am. Services held at St. Hugh of  
Lincoln Episcopal Church, 25525  
Taquit Drive, Idyllwild, CA.

• **TEMPLE ISAIAH**

Rabbi Steven Rosenberg; Cantorial  
Soloist Gerry Noriega.  
332 West Alejo Road, Palm Springs,  
CA 92262, 760-325-2281. www.  
templeisaiahps.com. **NORMAL**

**SCHEDULE:** Shabbat evening:  
6:30 pm Pre-service Happy Hour,  
7:30 pm Shabbat Services, followed  
by Oneg on the first, second, third  
and, when applicable, fifth Friday  
evenings. 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, then "Jewish  
University" from 1:30-3 PM. No  
charge. RSVP requested. Call  
synagogue for current topic.  
Shabbat services live-streamed  
on Facebook 'Temple Isaiah Palm  
Springs.'

• **TEMPLE SINAI** (Reform)  
73-251 Hovley Lane West,  
Palm Desert, CA 92260. www.  
templesinaipd.org 760-568-9699.

**NORMAL SCHEDULE:** 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.

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





## Current Contact Information & Shabbat Schedule

### • BETH SHALOM

Spiritual leader: Ken Hailpern. Can be reached by email: bethshalom18@gmail.com or 760-200-3636. No staff person on site. Beth Shalom is offering virtual Shabbat services via Zoom in cooperation with Congregation Am HaYam in Ventura. Access information can be obtained by emailing bethshalom18@gmail.com or website congregationbethshalom.net.

### • CHABAD OF PALM SPRINGS & DESERT COMMUNITIES

Rabbi Arik Denebeim can be reached at 760-325-0774. Virtual pre-Shabbat service Friday afternoons at 5:30 pm. Via Zoom: Meeting ID: 815 5934 5884

### • CHABAD OF RANCHO MIRAGE

Rabbi Shimon Posner can be reached at 760-770-7785. "Taste of Shul" available Fridays on Zoom and Facebook live. Email info@chabadrm.com to be added to mailing list or for specific virtual programs online.

### • CONGREGATION HAR-EL

Rabbi Richard Zions can be reached at 760-779-1691 or harelurjpd@gmail.com. Same contact options to register for Zoom.

Friday evening services and High Holy Day Services with Rabbi Zions and Cantor Joseph Gole are only online. Shabbat services will be at Fridays at 5:00 pm. Weekly Torah study with Rabbi Zions Saturdays at 11:00 am. Ad on page 7 has the High Holy Day schedule.

### • DESERT OUTREACH SYNAGOGUE

Rabbi Jules King can be reached at 760-449-0111 or rabbi@desert-outreach-synagogue.com. Virtual services offered until UCR/ Palm Desert auditorium reopens. Services held second and fourth Fridays. Call DOS office (760-449-0111) to have your name and email added to Zoom list.

### • OR HAMIDBAR

Rabbi David Lazar can be reached at info@orhamidbar.org. Through the website orhamidbar.org virtual Kabbalat Shabbat services, Saturday morning services and Havdallah services are available.

### • SUN CITY JEWISH SERVICES

Rabbi Kenneth Emert can be reached at 760-620-5004 or palmspringsrabbi1977@gmail.com. Zoom Shabbat evening services are available the first and third Fridays of each month at 7:15 pm.

### • TEMPLE HAR SHALOM, Idyllwild

Rabbi Malka Drucker can be reached at 951-468-0004 or templeharshalomofidyllwild@gmail.com. Zoom candlelighting is 6:00 pm each Friday. Check for that evening's Zoom link on Friday morning or up to 5:50 pm.

### • TEMPLE ISAIAH

Rabbi Steven Rosenberg can be reached at 956-566-9328 or rabbisteven.rosenberg@gmail.com. Friday night Shabbat Services are conducted by Rabbi Rosenberg at 7:30 pm via Facebook Live. Virtual Saturday morning Torah study is



The two day holiday of Shavuot begins the evening of May 28. Virtual services should be available, but you may need to call and check. Meanwhile, it is traditional to enjoy dairy meals on this holiday and perhaps the three kugels on page 23 will inspire you to bake! Chag sameach!

held on Zoom at 10:00 am. There is a staff person available Tuesday-Friday to handle phone and email inquiries. All information is available on the Temple website www.templeisaiahps.com as well as the weekly Shabbat-O-Gram.

### • TEMPLE SINAI

Temple Sinai has just hired Rabbi David Novak, who will begin July 1<sup>st</sup>. At this time Temple Sinai has virtual Erev Shabbat and Shabbat morning + Torah Talk via Zoom, accessible to its members. If interested in participating virtually, please call the Temple office weekdays to be added to the distribution list.

## Programs Offered Online

### • BETH SHALOM

Offering several classes in cooperation with Rabbi Dr. J.B. Sacks of Congregation Am HaYam. Access information can be obtained by emailing bethshalom18@gmail.com or website congregationbethshalom.net.

### • CHABAD OF PALM SPRINGS & DESERT COMMUNITIES

For virtual classes and programming inquiries contact Boz Werdiger, 760-550-5793 or bozwerdiger@gmail.com. Zoom meeting ID: 815 5934 5884. Tuesday, May 26 – 7:30 pm: "Looking Back, Going Forward:

Historical Jewish Responses to Plague" with Boz Werdiger. Weekly meetings: Mondays at 7:30 pm: Studies in Jewish Ethics with Boz Werdiger Tuesdays at 11:00 am: Women's Coffee and Conversation with Chaya Denebeim. Thursdays at 3:30 pm: The Mystical Parsha with Boz Werdiger. Thursdays at 7:00 pm: As the Rabbi with Rabbi Yonason Denebeim

### • CHABAD OF RANCHO MIRAGE

Virtual activities available on Zoom and Facebook live. Email info@chabadrm.com to be added to mailing list or for specific virtual programs online. For womens' classes contact Chaya Posner via text 760-272-1923. Ckids and Cteens have virtual classes and activities as well.

### • CHABAD OF SUN CITY:

Virtual "Ask the Rabbi" (online version of VillageFest program) on Zoom Thursdays from 8:00-9:00 pm with Rabbi Yonason Denebeim. Tuesdays 7:00-8:00 pm Women's Torah Study with Sussie Denebeim. Sundays 11:00-11:30am Women S class on "The Meditations of our Prayers" with Sussie Denebeim.

### • DESERT OUTREACH SYNAGOGUE

Rabbi Jules King; Cantor Lori Reisman Patterson. 760-449-0111. Mailing address: P.O. Box 982, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270. www.Desert-Outreach-Synagogue.com.



## Check the websites or call the synagogues for additional information or schedule changes.

### • CONGREGATION HAR-EL

For Zoom call 760-779-1691 or email harelurjpd@gmail.com.

Lectures:

Wednesday May 13 at 3:30 pm:

Dr. Steven Windmueller:

"COVID-19 and the American Jewish Economic Crisis."

Wednesday, June 10 at 3:30 pm:  
Rabbi Dr. Hillel Cohn: "The Ethics of Forgiveness."

Wednesday, July 8 at 3:30 pm:

Steve Moyer: Topic TBA.

Galan Summer Movie Fest:

Films reviewed by Rabbi Zionts; moderated by Judy Wallis:

Held from 3:30-4:30 pm.

Wednesday, May 27:

"Unorthodox"; Wednesday, June

24: "Sarajevo"; and Wednesday, July

22: "Shtisel."

Monday-Fridays: "Ask the Rabbi"

Q&A. Questions asked before 8:00 am; answered by 5:00 pm.

Rabbi Malka Drucker's forth and final class on "The Meaning of the Prayers in our Shabbat Siddur" is offered via Zoom on Saturday, May 16. For Zoom link email templeharshalomofidyllwild@gmail.com on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### • TEMPLE ISAIAH

Jewish University adult education series, taught by Rabbi Steven Rosenberg, is held on Zoom at 1:30 pm Saturday afternoons. Virtual Coffee with the Rabbi, a weekly opportunity for conversation and community, meets on Zoom Wednesdays at 1:00 pm.

### • TEMPLE SINAI

Religious School and B'nai Mitzvah classes are being conducted via Zoom. Adult Education programs will resume after the arrival of Rabbi Novack in July.

### • DESERT OUTREACH SYNAGOGUE

Virtual Coffee Hour with the Rabbi offered Monday mornings. Call DOS office (760-449-0111) to have your name and email added to Zoom list.

### • OR HAMIDBAR

Through the website orhamidbar.org virtual Torah study and other classes are offered.

### • TEMPLE HAR SHALOM, Idyllwild

## JFS Desert Supporting the Vulnerable in our Valley!



As we continue to adjust to the new normal during the current time, we feel a responsibility to you and our community to make every effort to be at the **forefront, supporting those most vulnerable in our Valley.**

We want to thank all our dedicated donors who have supported us in the past. We could not do the essential work we do without you!

### IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS:

- JFS has rapidly converted its **counseling & case management services** to Telehealth platforms to continue to serve the Valley.
- Residents can get **emotional and financial assistance** right from their homes.
- JFS is partnering with other organizations in the Coachella Valley to **feed and offer essential services** to those sheltering in place.

**These are extraordinary times, so we are going to make an extraordinary request. We invite you to become part of the healing that JFS will be doing to support the Coachella Valley.**

JFS set up a **special fund "IT BEGINS WITH US"** to help address the emotional and financial needs of all those in the Coachella Valley coping with Coronavirus. Allow us to be your voice here in the Coachella Valley. **Please donate any amount to this fund.**

- \$360 will help pay for minor home repair, increasing safety and accessibility
- \$180 will help pay an overdue utility bill
- \$72 provides food to those unable to go to the market.
- \$36 helps support counseling.

We all have the power to **make a difference**. We're committed to serving our clients. Human need doesn't stop for a pandemic. In fact, it increases!



at [JFSDESERT.ORG](http://JFSDESERT.ORG) or call 760-325-4088, ext. 107 or mail your check to: JFS, 490 South Farrell Drive, Suite C-208, Palm Springs, CA 92262.

If you know anyone who needs counseling or financial assistance, please contact us by phone at **760-325-4088** or by email at: [info@jfsdesert.org](mailto:info@jfsdesert.org)

## Aviva Snow Elected New JFS President

Jewish Family Service of the Desert, (JFS), held its 2020 Annual Meeting via Zoom on Monday, April 20, 2020. Outgoing president Sandy Seplow swore in three new



Aviva Snow

Executive Committee Members: President Aviva Snow, Vice President

Ed Cohen and Assistant Treasurer Nona S. Solowitz; and four new Board Members: Audrey Bernstein, Michelle Carafiol, Loren Friend and

Michael Saywitz. Sandy Seplow was heartedly thanked for his two years of leadership and dedication to JFS and Aviva Snow was warmly welcomed as she ascends to the Board presidency.

Through its conversion to telecare services, JFS continues to be a prominent provider of social services to those in need throughout our Valley, including homelessness prevention, counseling for all, senior socialization, case management and supporting our cherished Holocaust survivors.

As she begins her presidency, Aviva Snow looks forward to an exciting, productive year. Her belief: "There is no limit to what a man or woman can achieve as long as they don't care who gets the credit for it."





# CURATED LINKS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

As part of our effort to help our Jewish community stay connected Jewishly and to each other during these times of self-isolation, below you will find curated links and opportunities to keep you entertained and engaged. Enjoy!

## JEWISH LIVESTREAM:

Elsewhere in the paper is the list of the many virtual programs being offered by the religious institutions of our community. In addition, in these times, more and more performers and organizations are presenting programs and concerts live online.

- Yiddish performances on Wednesday nights, in the comfort of your home, with the National Yiddish Theatre Folksbeine: <https://nytf.org/>
- Amazing online activities every day from the Jewish Agency: <https://www.jewishagency.org/coronavirus-activities-and-things-to-do/>
- Check out the latest on the Jewish livestream from the Central Synagogue – they have a full schedule of activities and presentations: [https://www.centralsynagogue.org/worship/live\\_streaming](https://www.centralsynagogue.org/worship/live_streaming)

## ONLINE JEWISH LEARNING:

- Join the amazing educators from Pardes in Jerusalem for a full array of online classes, podcasts and programs: <https://elmad.pardes.org/>
- Machon Hadar has become one of the leading Jewish educational programs in NY; wherever you are, you can access their classes and programs online: [www.hadar.org](http://www.hadar.org)
- Yeshiva University, the flagship modern Orthodox institution, has most of its classes and shiurim available for you to join in remotely: [www.yutorah.org](http://www.yutorah.org)
- Chabad specializes in making Judaism and Jewish practice accessible: [www.chabad.org](http://www.chabad.org)
- Reform Judaism offers many ways to make Judaism a part of your life: <https://reformjudaism.org/learning/judaism-classes>
- Want to know something about Jewish life or practice? You can find it here: [www.myjewishlearning.com](http://www.myjewishlearning.com)
- The most extensive collection of Jewish texts online: [www.sefaria.org](http://www.sefaria.org)

## A JEWISH TAKE ON THE NEWS:

- Times of Israel – [www.timesofisrael.com](http://www.timesofisrael.com)
- Forward – [www.forward.com](http://www.forward.com)
- The Jewish Week – [www.thejewishweek.com](http://www.thejewishweek.com)
- JTA – [www.jta.org](http://www.jta.org)
- The Jewish Journal – [www.jewishjournal.com](http://www.jewishjournal.com)

## STAYING FIT:

A healthy life is about balance. And since you are indulging by eating well, you should also take some time to stay fit. As the weather is nice, it is great to go for a walk. But, if you are stuck indoors, we wanted to provide some great fitness classes online for kids and older adults:

### *Older adults can balance and boogie:*

- Balance exercises for seniors: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DiXTIBVo1PI>

- Seated exercises for seniors: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8BcPHWGQO44>
  - Senior Zumba: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WYdJHpQL8-k>
  - Plus, just for fun, Richard Simmons and the silver foxes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7V9AjiokRm4>
  - A series of online workouts for seniors – easy to do in the comfort of your home: <https://youtu.be/Ev6yE55kYGw>
- Also, in line with staying balanced...ever try meditation?
- Institute for Jewish Spirituality – daily meditation: <https://www.jewishspirituality.org/>

### *Fitness fun for kids and parents too:*

- Workout fun with kids and families: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5if4cjO5nxx>
- A "Frozen" Yoga session for kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xlg052EKMtk>
- Cardio for kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xCAEbKDNi4>
- More workouts for kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T8jI4RnHHf0>

## EATING WELL:

While you have some spare time in the home, you can try your hands at becoming the best Jewish chef you know. Here are some great sites for recipes and festive Jewish dishes!

- A great window on Israeli cuisine: <https://www.fromthegrapevine.com/israeli-kitchen>
- What makes food Jewish: <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/jewish-food-101/>
- And if that tempted your appetite: <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/the-nosher/>
- Jewish food goes mainstream: <https://www.foodnetwork.com/topics/jewish-cooking>
- One of the best kosher chefs out there: <https://jamiiegeller.com/>
- For amazing baking: <https://jwfoodandwine.com/article/2017/09/06/meet-shannon-sarna-modern-jewish-baker>
- Another great site with Jewish recipes: <https://www.epicurious.com/cuisine/jewish>

## VIRTUAL TOUR OF ISRAEL:

- Check out this National Geographic special on the Templar ruins under the city of Acre, on the Mediterranean coast of Israel. Also available on Disney+. <https://thetemplarknight.com/2019/10/27/national-geographic-templars/>

• Did you know there is the Israel National Trail, stretching from the Golan to the Negev? Wouldn't that be fun to hike? Well, now you can get a taste of this trail from the comfort of your home! Check out these videos that are the next best thing to hiking the trail yourself:

<https://www.israeltrail.net/videos>

• There is so much variety in Israeli society and daily life. You can get an insider's view through IsraelStory, one of the BEST podcasts about life in Israel. You can access this through the podcast app on your smartphone or directly through their website. It's worth it: <https://israelstory.org/>

• The Israel Museum in Jerusalem is offering an array of virtual tours of its current and past exhibits. This is an AMAZING museum, and if you have not had the chance to visit...now's your chance to check it out:

<https://www.imj.org.il/en/>

• Learn the history of all the top sites in Israel. Check out the Virtual Israel Experience as part of the Jewish Virtual Library:

<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/about-vie>

• An interactive virtual tour of the City of David, to the south of the Old City of Jerusalem: <https://www.cityofdavid.org.il/en/virtual-tours/interactive-jerusalem-virtual-tour>

• Explore Jerusalem virtually, with the Tower of David Museum:

<https://www.tod.org.il/en/tod-is-temporarily-closed/>

And two video tours you can check out:

• Israel: The Royal Tour – a virtual tour of Israel with Prime Minister Netanyahu, for \$5 on Amazon Prime and AppleTV

• Rick Steves': The Holy Land– the consummate tour guide visits Israel, for \$5 on Amazon Prime

### TOP JEWISH A CAPPELLA ONLINE:

• Y-Studs, Evolution of Jewish Music:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gbeArPQqsc8>

• Maccabeats, Chanukah 2019:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=emlvBfzTsQk>

• Y-Studs, Hashem Melech:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhYnF3PjmAM>

• Six13, Bohemian Chanukah:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9P30ckBf1wk>

• Maccabeats, Sound of Silence:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cTjw96-Z700>

• Six13, Lion King Passover:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qervY5HSzqM>

• Yerushalayim Shel Zahav (Jerusalem of Gold):

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_j2cAeNHE3c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_j2cAeNHE3c)

• Maccabeats, Despacito:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JB-RNaSz7KQ>

• Y-Studs, Thriller for Passover:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tzrrk2ToFr0>

• Nigggun (tune) with Eli Beer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qRG7XqqG0aA>

• Eyal Golan cover of Jungle:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EtHvJB1QN04>

• The Fountainheads, Purim Mask:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A9HbULd67sE&list=PL3EFC2E7EB6D5061B&index=3&t=0s>

• More Six13 Passover:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5qSXrnkSeKs&list=PL3EFC2E7EB6D5061B&index=8&t=0s>

• The Fountainheads, Light Up The Night:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzh-TKzXN2k&list=PL3EFC2E7EB6D5061B&index=9&t=0s>

### TOP BINGE-WORTHY VIDEOS AND LINKS FOR KIDS:

• BimBam: <https://www.bimbam.com/kids-family/>

• Asking Jewish Kids Big Jewish Questions:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bzCAkj4AR-s>

• Chabad Jewish Kids World: [www.jewishkids.org](http://www.jewishkids.org)

• A bit late – A LEGO Purim story:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hcQ7Ygt6PZO>

• Shalom Sesame – Shabbat:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ucEIP0xR-bs>

• Shaboom: We are family!:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUU4jZshmgc>

• RUGRATS PASSOVER (season 3, episode 23) – available for purchase, or you can watch free with a HULU subscription:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=soyRh0Ap\\_k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=soyRh0Ap_k)

• RUGRATS CHANUKAH (season 4, episode 1) – available for purchase, or you can watch free on with a HULU subscription:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=83XVNuVtKDE>

• Kids version of the Passover story:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4xiBvZQuKZY>

• Dayenu by the Maccabeats:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CZgDNPgz9Sg>

• Passover with BimBam:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUv0BTdUNPo>

### FOR THOSE WHO MAY PREFER BINGE-ING WITH BOOKS:

• Top Jewish Fiction:

<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/jewish-fiction>

### TOP JEWISH PODCASTS:

You can find these on through your podcast app or spotify, or often by checking out the show's web site.

• **The Joy of Text** takes on sexuality with from an Orthodox perspective. If you've ever had questions about Judaism and sex, "The Joy of Text" has answers — or at least some thoughts on the subject.

• **Can We Talk?** is a podcast from the Jewish Women's Archive, giving Jewish women the spotlight they deserve and exploring topics like the way women's voices sound (with NPR's iconic voiced Susan Stamberg), the Jewish love for mah-jongg, the Women of the Wall group and Jewish hair.

• **Ronna & Beverly** - join this comedy duo who call themselves "America's favorite Jewish mothers."

• **Israel Story** - This is the "This American Life" of Israel, taking in-depth stories of, about and for Israel. PS – this is Keith's favorite podcast!

• **The Kibitz** - It really was only a matter of time before there was a Jewish podcast named for the Yiddish pastime of kibitz-ing.



- **Unorthodox** – but different than the show above. This podcast comes from Tablet Magazine and each episode features one Jew and one non-Jew to talk about interesting topics of the week.
- **Seincast** – is like the “Seinfeld” of podcasting, started by diehard fans who weren’t ready to let the show go. Listen as they analyze each episode of the show about nothing.

### GREAT VIDEOS TO WATCH:

- Tips on Quarantine from Natan Sharansky – a Jewish hero who was imprisoned for years by the Soviets:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdyHIYpRvko&feature=youtu.be>
- Netta Barzilai’s Corona Song – a cover of Ray Charles’ “I Don’t Need No Doctor”...Netta was Israel’s entry into last year’s Eurovision Song Contest and won the whole thing!  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3P0qtizBYxw>
- Koolulam – Al Kol Eleh – an inspiring sing-along video to watch, with Shlomi Shabat (a favorite of mine!):  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxzR9Z-kG6Q>

### GOOD READS:

- Saying Kaddish remotely:  
<https://blogs.timesofisrael.com/can-kaddish-be-said-in-a-virtual-minyan/>
- Great articles and analysis of Jewish history, culture, politics and more: <https://mosaicmagazine.com/>
- A quarterly publication reviewing books and covering the gamut of Jewish thought: <https://jewishreviewofbooks.com/>

### WHAT TO BINGE WATCH NEXT:

- **The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel** on Amazon Prime – In 1958 New York, Midge Maisel’s life is on track– husband, kids, and elegant Yom Kippur dinners in their Upper West Side apartment. But when her life takes a surprise turn, she has to quickly decide what else she’s good at – and going from housewife to stand-up comic is a wild choice to everyone but her.
- Catch **UNORTHODOX**, a new series which has been catching on like wildfire; free on Netflix
- Top Israeli Television Series...here in America. Check out these three!
- **Stisel** – a look at the Charedi world in Jerusalem, on NETFLIX (free with subscription)
- **Fauda** – realistic drama focused on an undercover team of Israeli operatives trying to prevent terror attacks – on NETFLIX (free with subscription)
- **Srugim** – a compelling and real-world window into the modern orthodox community in Israel – available for free on Amazon Prime

### GREAT JEW-Y MOVIES TO WATCH:

- US Films:
- **Above and Beyond** – how airmen from around the world helped launch Israel’s Air Force, for free on Roku and Tubi, \$\$ on Amazon Prime and AppleTV
  - **Cast a Giant Shadow** – the late Kirk Douglas plays “Mickey” Marcus helping launch the nation of Israel, for \$\$ on Amazon Prime and Apple TV

- **Raid on Entebbe** – the classic story, whose anniversary is coming up in a couple of months, free on Amazon Prime

Israeli Cinema:

- **Zero Motivation** – You may think, another movie about the Israel army? but this movie, winner of the best narrative at the Tribeca Film Festival, shows a unique side of the IDF. A series of events describe the painfully boring everyday life of young female soldiers serving at the Human Resources Department in a remote desert base, counting down the minutes until they can return to civilian life. This Israeli box-office hit shows a hilarious, intelligent, edgy and realistic side of the Israeli army, bound to make you laugh.

### Available for \$\$ on Amazon Prime

- **A Borrowed Identity, also called Dancing Arabs** – This 2014 movie was adapted from a book called Dancing Arab, describing the struggle of an Arab-Israeli boy who is sent to a prestigious boarding school in Jerusalem, where he struggles to adapt to the culture and tries to figure his own identity out. The movie is an emotionally sweeping story about questions of identity every teenager experiences, enhanced by the complexity of the Israel-Arab conflict.

### Available for \$\$ on Amazon Prime.

- **Past Life** – This 2017 movie is set in Israel in 1977 and follows two Israeli sisters as they begin a quest to unveil the dark past of their father’s life during World War II, after discovering that he has been hiding a secret from them. The movie discusses the Holocaust from a new point of view, examining the deeds of survivors and the effect the trauma had on Jewish families and culture.

### Available for free on AmazonPrime.

- **Bethlehem** – There is never a shortage of heart-wrenching movies about the Middle Eastern conflict, yet this one, which describes a dangerous relationship between a trusting Shin Bet officer and a confused Palestinian teenager, won the population over for its relative impartiality and outlook on the frustrating situation. Having won six Ophir Awards, the drama was selected as the Israeli entry for the Best Foreign Language Film at the 86th Academy Awards after winning, but it eventually didn’t make the cut.

### Available for \$\$ on Amazon Prime and AppleTV.

- **A Matter of Size** – This 2009 comedy tells the tale of a group of overweight people from the Israeli city of Ramla who are trying to accept themselves as they are by trying to join the world of sumo, where fat people are admired, rather than mocked and urged to lose weight. Anyone can relate to this entertaining story, delivered by wonderfully funny actors. The movie was screened in many film festivals around the world, in addition to winning three Ophir Awards.

### Available for \$\$ on Vimeo

- **Big Bad Wolves** – The official selection of 2013 Tribeca Film Festival, Big Bad Wolves is an Israeli horror thriller and black comedy declared by Quentin Tarantino to be the best film of 2013. The plotline takes place after a little girl is abducted and murdered and is centred around three men, her father, who is out for revenge, a police officer, who has neglected the boundaries of law and the main suspect, a religious studies teacher.

### Available for \$\$ on Amazon Prime and AppleTV

• **Working Woman** – Orna's (Ben-Shlush) life is as busy as it is tough. Her husband, Ofer (Cohen) has opened a restaurant that is not doing very well financially. She works in real estate but is finding her job hard to maintain as the mother of three children. Her talents soon begin to grow as she works with a manager Benny (Noy) who may be interested in her for more than just her skills. The difficulties of women trying to break into the workforce are explored in this Israeli drama.

### Available for \$\$ on Amazon Prime and AppleTV.

• **The Cakemaker** – Thomas, a young German baker, is having an affair with Oren, an Israeli married man who has frequent business visits in Berlin. When Oren dies in a car crash in Israel, Thomas travels to Jerusalem seeking for answers regarding his death. Under a fabricated identity, Thomas infiltrates the life of Anat, his lover's newly widowed wife, who owns a small Café in downtown Jerusalem.

### Available for free on Netflix.

• **Foxtrot** – An Israeli family's life is turned upside down when they're told their soldier son has died. What follows is the account of their son's fate, which appears to be quite different... a gorgeously shot, highly intelligent movie about fate, told in three chapters.

### Available for \$\$ on Amazon Prime and AppleTV.

• **Gett: The Trial of Viviane Amsalem** – A woman, after being in a bland marriage for twenty years, appeals to her husband for a required divorce document in front of a court but the demand seems far more daunting than what she had imagined it to be.

### Available for \$\$ on Amazon Prime and AppleTV.

• **Out in the Dark** – A beautiful drama based on a love story of two boys from opposite sides of a conflict; One being from Israel and the other from Palestine.

### Available for \$\$ on VUDU and AppleTV.

• **The Farewell Party (search the name: Mita Tova)** – In a retirement home when an old terminally ill patient decides not to succumb to a death by disease his friends make a machine for Euthanasia but soon the rumors about the machine start circling putting them all in jeopardy.

### Available for free on Amazon Prime.

• **The Kindergarten Teacher** – After discovering an exceptional talent of poetry in a five year old kid, a kindergarten teacher takes the responsibility to protect his talent at any cost, against any objection or implication from anyone.

### Available for free on VUDU

**Technology Primer:** Not sure how to access all this stuff? Here is a quick listing of what you need to know and what you can/should get set up. If you need help, email us and we will have a volunteer reach out!

- In terms of equipment, to access these online offerings, you need a tablet, a computer with speakers (and ideally camera and microphone), or a smart phone. If you don't happen to have any of these, you can buy a very cheap tablet to give you access to all these fun things.

- If you are using a laptop, tablet, or smart phone, you want a wireless

network set up in your home. If you don't already have that and have cable...you can ask your cable company how to do this. Bottom line – you want high speed access to the internet.

- When you have this set up, you can make video calls with friends and family. It's easy! Your 3 best options are: Facebook, Skype, and Zoom.

- On facebook, you need to set up an account – which can be a lot of fun. And then you can make "facetime" calls with other friends and family on facebook.

Another option, which many groups are using to broadcast concerts and classes, is Zoom. Usually, there is a link in the invitation which you can just click on to gain access. But here is a tutorial to better help you set this up:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ik5o6WptX0>

### Public Service Announcement #1

It is very easy to become anxious and get stressed with all that is going on. Below are some points to consider.

- **Stick to a schedule.** If your calendar of events has been cancelled, make sure to create new opportunities each day – including getting up at a set time and getting dressed, scheduling specific times to take advantage of some of the opportunities below, making appointments with friends and family by phone or facetime to talk.

- **Focus on things that make you happy.** This could be wearing clothes or jewelry that have positive associations, getting to those projects you've been putting off for a while (reading that book you bought, or doing a puzzle you set aside), or catching up with some good programs or series that caught your eye.

- **STOP WATCHING THE NEWS.** Seriously. If you wish to stay informed, set aside one or two times to watch or listen to the news in a specific time slot. But don't watch or listen to the news all day, whether CNN, CNBC, or FOX. You are not going to miss anything, and you can catch up later. This, more than most other things, can lower your stress level.

Also, keep in mind that should you or others be dealing with chronic anxiety or other issues, there are resources to help. Contact JFS (760-325-4088) to set up a virtual or remote consultation or counseling session.

### Public Service Announcement #2

Be aware that there are several scams that have emerged in response to COVID-19, including people going door-to-door saying they represent the CDC.

The Federal Trade Commission has warned of scammers trying to take advantage of the crisis through email and donation scams.

The Secret Service has warned of "phishing," a widely-used scam where an email appears to be from a reputable company, with the goal of getting victims to hand over sensitive information like usernames and passwords. In one case, victims received an email from a fake medical organization with attachments purporting to have important information about COVID-19. Another scam dupes victims into making donations to fake charitable causes.

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• **Cora Ginsberg**, Wishing you a speedy recovery, from Joanne and Bill Chunowitz, Lila Rauch, Gail and Bob Scadron.

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• **Family of Bobbie Stern**, In loving memory of Bobbie, from Lila Rauch.

• **The Family of Mary Werksman**, In loving memory of Mary, from Mary Levine and Alan Goldstein and Sherry and Howard Schor.

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through visor and the nose and mouth with a filtering mechanism that blocks viruses including COVID-19. The wearable part can be washed or disinfected for reuse. The filters must be replaced after 12 hours of use and disposed into a special envelope containing disinfectant.

On April 5, Gavriely's company opened a factory in Tirat Carmel to produce the filters. Preorders should start shipping at the end of April. A grant from the Israeli Innovative Authority will help expedite commercialization.

Each mask costs \$69, including a pack of two filters and disposal envelopes. Additional filter-

envelope packs of 10 cost \$39. Two sizes (for men and women) are available.

### 3D-printed face shields for healthcare workers

Reusable 3D-printed face shields for healthcare workers are now being manufactured through a philanthropic initiative of 3D printing firm Stratasys, co-headquartered in Rehovot (Israel) and Minnesota. Made of biocompatible materials, the adjustable shields can be disassembled, disinfected and sterilized between uses.

Stratasys formed a coalition with more than 150 US companies and universities to fill requests for hundreds of thousands of shields

from hospitals and other healthcare organizations. The first hospital shipment went out on March 25.

In Israel, the protective face shields are being made in partnership Synergy3D Med, IT company Matrix and plastics manufacturer Su-Pad.

Stratasys made the design files public so that the face shields can be produced anywhere. For the longer term, Stratasys is developing antiviral facemasks that will meet regulatory guidelines.

Another philanthropic 3D-printed face shield initiative was launched in response to the COVID-19 pandemic by Massivit 3D Printing Technologies of Lod in partnership with its more than 100 customers and distributors worldwide.

Massivit 3D's unique, high-speed additive manufacturing technology can produce 200 shields in every eight-hour shift.

Massivit face shields are currently being produced for healthcare workers in Italy, Ireland, Spain, Portugal, the United States, Canada, Belgium, Thailand and Australia. Partners in the project receive a free supply of Massivit's proprietary 3D printing gel.

Like Stratasys, Massivit has made public the optimized 3D print files for its face shields.

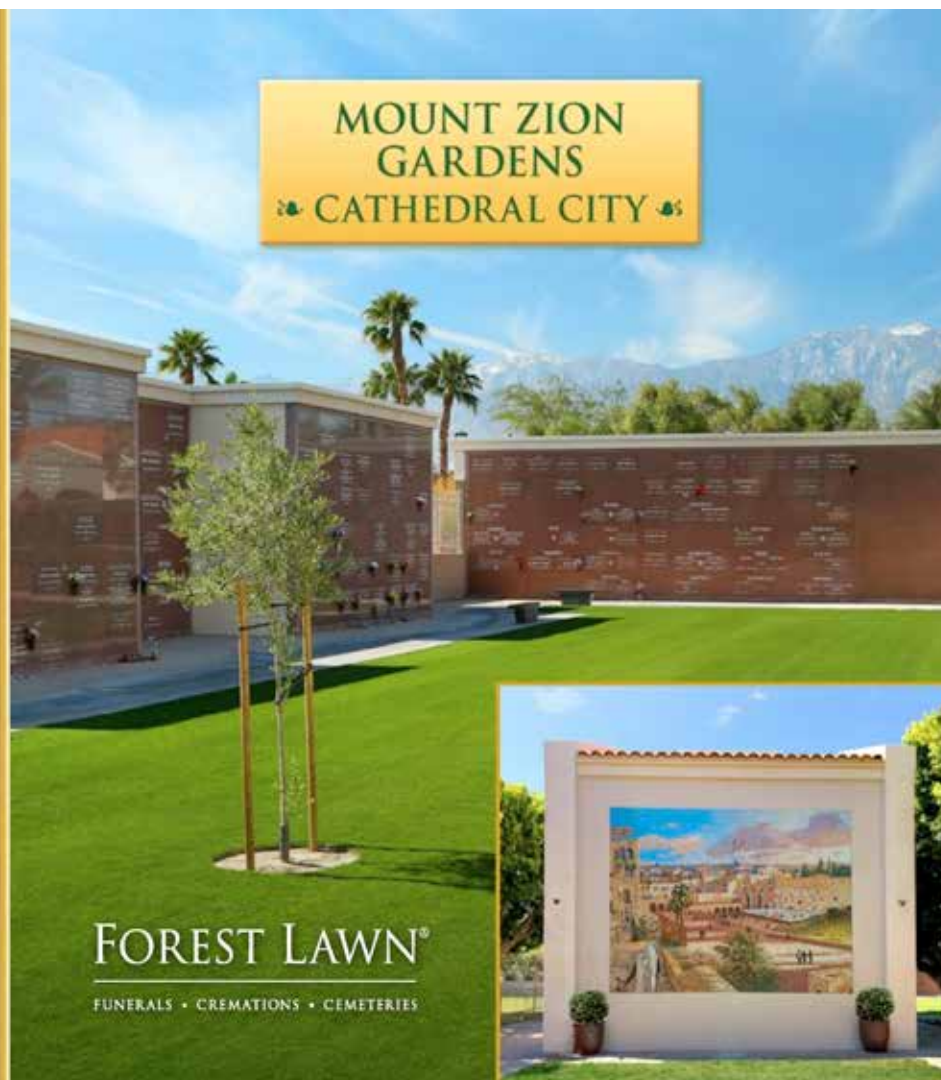
"We became aware of the dire shortage of personal protective equipment worldwide and the urgent need to help medical teams protect themselves," said Massivit 3D's CEO, Erez Zimerman. "Our team is proud to be able to offer significant help during this difficult period. All our efforts are now dedicated to this cause."

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# 'Adopt A Doc': Israelis Looking Out for Overworked Healthcare Professionals

In less than three weeks, more than 10,000 have signed up to grassroots group providing doctors and nurses with protective gear, medical supplies and even homecooked meals

By Aron Heller, Times of Israel

While hunkering down at home and keeping three young children entertained in coronavirus isolation, Adi Karmon Scope had a thought: How much harder was it for those on the front lines of the pandemic?

So Karmon Scope, a 44-year-old startup entrepreneur, took to Facebook to ask Israelis to assist both the health care professionals who are saving lives while braving exposure in long hours at hospitals, and the families they have left behind.

In less than three weeks, more than 10,000 have signed up to "Adopt A Doc." Besides providing needed protective gear and other medical supplies, an army of volunteers has carried out grocery shopping, delivered home cooked meals, babysat for children and even walked the pets of health care providers.

In Israel, more than 10,000 people have contracted the coronavirus and 92 have died. The government has imposed severe restrictions on movement to try to quell the rapid



Volunteer Einat Kedem, left, speaks with emergency room doctor Maayan Bacher after delivering her a home-cooked meal, in the Israeli city of Raanana, April 6, 2020

spread, including a near-closure on especially vulnerable neighborhoods.

With the Israeli workforce largely home bound due to stringent regulations, and the economy slowed to a near standstill, Karmon Scope has enjoyed the robust engagement of tech-savvy Israelis with time on their hands. They've built a website that



Adi Karmon Scope

pairs volunteers with nearby doctors, nurses and other overworked medical personnel. Nearly 1,000 now have a designated volunteer who cares for their personal needs, including finding them parking spots in crowded urban centers when they return home from late shifts. Some 3,000 other volunteers offer support in other ways.

The grassroots organization now has a coordinator at every hospital in the country, has secured donations from private catering companies and its lobbying effort with local municipalities has produced various gestures toward the doctors.

"We've seen all the medical teams in Italy and in China and we kind of wanted to make sure that our medical teams are taken care of, all their personal lives are taken care of so they can really focus only on being professional and at their best in the hospitals," said Karmon Scope.

Einat Kedem, a 51-year-old digital project manager from Raanana in central Israel, said the least she could

do was contribute her cooking skills. Three times a week, she's been delivering vegan meals to the home of Maayan Bacher, an emergency room doctor who's been too overwhelmed to prepare healthy meals for her two children.

"We're all at home these days with nothing to do and this is a way to feel like we are part of something," she said.

Bacher was initially hesitant to seek assistance, saying that as a doctor she was used to providing aid, not receiving it. But her children have fallen in love with Kedem's pasta dishes and an intimate relationship has since evolved in which the family now feels free to reach out to Kedem and express their profound appreciation.

"It's heartwarming that people care about us," she said upon receiving a delivery. "It's a good feeling to be appreciated because, after all, we came into this job basically just to help people."

## Israel's Lake Kinneret to Be Full for First Time in Almost Three Decades

By Benjamin Kerstein, The Algemeiner

After an unusually wet winter, Israel's northern lake Kinneret (Sea of Galilee) is set to be full for the first time in decades.

After a weekend of heavy rains, the Kinneret rose by six centimeters, bringing the water level to 209 meters, only 21 centimeters from the "red line" that marks its full capacity.

Two-thirds of Israeli territory is desert, and the country usually contends with a lack rather than a



surplus of water, but the last two years have brought higher than average rainfall following several years of drought.

The Kinneret once served as Israel's main source of fresh water, but due

to the fluctuation, the country has mostly switched over to other water sources and desalination. Now, however, Israel's Water Authority is once again permitting the use of the lake as a water source.

Dr. Amir Givati, director of flood modeling at the company ClimaCell, told N12, "In just two years, the Kinneret has risen by more than 5.5 meters. The Kinneret will continue to rise in the coming days and already by the beginning of May the

level is expected to stabilize for the first time since February 1992 at the top of the red line, which means a full Kinneret."

In order to prevent flooding, the authorities will likely use the Degania Dam to release excess water into the Jordan River should the Kinneret continue to rise. Built in 1931, the dam has only been opened twice in Israel's history – in 1969 and 1992, the last time the Kinneret was full.

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**"Jerusalem is the heart of our"**

Jerusalem is a headline, a muse, a symbol and an actual city in which people work, celebrate, mourn, create, innovate, cry, pray and play. On Sunday, January 20, 2019, the Leitchig Foundation is bringing a unique perspective on Jerusalem to the Jewish Federation of the Desert. The program will be held at the Jewish Federation, beginning at 11:00 am. There is no charge, but reservations are required as space is limited.

The world seems to want violence in Jerusalem. It expects and awaits it. And today's Jerusalemites are saying: Not us, not now. They refuse to act out the script that's been written for them. Despite pressure from national and international leaders, what Jerusalemites actually see on the ground is daily life continuing as usual. People dropping their kids off at school, going to work, shopping in the market. Perhaps it is because Jerusalemites know their city does not belong to one nation. Instead, it belongs to her.

This interactive program will give you the experience of Jerusalem through the lens of some of our creative residents and challenges. We'll have keynote speaker Dr. J. Bronfman, Philanthropy President of the Andromeda Foundation, and a luminary of Jewish thought who will see an important philanthropic challenge. Attendees will be delighted and surprised by the insights of activists from across Jerusalem's multifaceted society and foundation committed to igniting and inspiring vibrant Jewish engagement with thought leaders tackling

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**Swastika Incident in Palm Springs**  
 By Bruce Landgarten, Jewish Federation CEO

On a Saturday morning in late October, Palm Springs police responded to reports of a swastika drawn outside the office of Weinstein and Associates.

A swastika drawn with a crayon was reported by Palm Springs attorney Robert Weinstein on a sign outside his office. While most people know something about the Holocaust, they have no idea how much horror, pain and fear is tied up with the swastika symbol.

Do people understand the links between the symbol and Nazi Germany? Nobody predicted the outrage, hurt and sadness this action has caused. There is an issue of intolerance in America today. It's disturbing that it has happened, but I'm not convinced it was planned or premeditated.

Swastika use is on the rise, but among those who understand it least. The swastika has morphed into a universal symbol of hate. People didn't give their lives fighting Hitler for Nazi ideas to go unchallenged here at home. Hitler's torch shows no sign of burning out.

In the recent past, swastikas have appeared across America. No place seems safe. The swastika has been etched on parked cars in Miami Beach, Cincinnati, and Port Washington, NY,

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and spray painted on a Florida State University, a City, NY, a Jewish couple's Phoenix, and on it goes.

The swastika is the all hate symbol, the mother of brands. There is no single excuse for the new omnipresent symbol. Law enforcement say bona fide neo-Nazis are bolder and more public, re an increase in the influence of ideology in the political conversation. Police say that many of the involve kids who are rebelling, that the swastika is bad, but ignorant to the fact that it symbolizes genocide.

The symbol is used so liberally sometimes it's hard to know its purpose. Changes in the swastika's use reflect changes in the hate community users can be divided into two broad categories: vandals — we are by far the more numerous — a ideologues.

Vandals mark the swastika anonymously and covertly; they don't display it at rallies in the town square. Some in this category are individuals, often adults, who don't care about ideology and use the swastika as a psychological weapon against someone because of a personal grudge or beef. Thanks to a combination of hate, ignorance and nihilism, the swastika has been painted, posted, scratched, chalked and inked on all manner of surfaces,

**Happy Chanukah**



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**Partnering with ADL: A World of Difference**  
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**Where our monies go**

The Anti-Defamation League fights anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry, defends democratic ideals, and protects civil rights for all. Our desert Jewish community has a long symbiotic history with the ADL, turning to them for direction and leadership when anti-Semitic incidents have occurred in our community and taking advantage of their educational programming throughout the years.

The ADL program that our community has focused on and utilized in recent years is their anti-bullying training. Jewish Federation allocations and the proceeds from the Tamansk Men's Golf Tournament funds ADL's 'A World of Difference Institute' which we bring into our local schools. This program offers anti-bias, bullying prevention and diversity training for students and educators. Interactive, cutting edge programs rooted in research to equip participants to counter prejudice and bigotry as well as promote positive human relations through increased knowledge and understanding. Workshops and Assembly programs are provided for students in Becoming-an-Ally, Cyber-Ally, Peer Leadership and Peer Training, designed to give a voice to the targets of bullying and prejudice, build empathy for aggressors and inspire bystanders to become allies.

In addition, our Federation partners with ADL to bring an annual educational program to our community. This year's program will be Tuesday, November 27th, with Dr. Peter Smi. (See ad on page 4).

**Remembering Kristallnacht**

**75th Anniversary - Denmark's Daring Rescue of Their Jews**

Israel and Danish dignitaries marked the 75th anniversary of the daring rescue of more than 7,000 Jews from Denmark by boat to neighboring Sweden during World War II. Israel's Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen paid tribute to the events in 1943 in ceremonies at the small fishing town of Gilleleje, some 50 kilometers (31 miles) north of Copenhagen.

"The rescue of the Jews of Denmark is a remarkable event in the history of the Holocaust, a bright light in the darkest time in human history. Denmark is a shining example of a country that stood at the side of its Jewish community during the Holocaust. The Jewish people and the state of Israel will never forget that," Rivlin said.

Denmark was a small idyllic country of 4 million people. Before the war, Denmark's small Jewish population was well integrated into the community. On April 9, 1940, Germany attacked Denmark. From then until 1945, Denmark was under pro-British and anti-Nazi, but they were also aware of the need to adjust to living in a German-dominated Europe. Danes and Germans quickly worked out the terms of occupation. King Christian X remained in Denmark, unlike his fellow monarchs in Norway and the Netherlands who fled to escape the Germans and establish resistance movements in England. The Danish government continued to rule. In August, 1943, a state of emergency was declared in Denmark, and the Nazis decided that they could now move against the Jews. In September Hitler approved the deportation of the Danish Jews. Werner Best of the SS, Hitler's chief in Denmark, received the final order to proceed with deportation of Jews to death camps. On Sept. 28, 1943, the 7,500 Jews, starting at 10 PM, on Oct. 1, 1943. Georg F. Duckwitz, a German maritime attaché, leaked out the order to Hans Hedtoft a Danish Social Democrat, who in turn warned C.B. Henriques, the head of the Jewish Community.

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The media industry is undergoing dramatic changes. Since 2004, more than 2,100 newspapers – large and small – have closed their doors. Hundreds more are expected to do so in 2020. The Jewish Community News is not exempt from these trends. To continue to serve the community with independent, trusted journalism, the Jewish Community News needs support from the community as it is getting increasingly more difficult to sustain itself.

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# Major Anti-Semitic Incidents Rise 18 Percent in 2019, According to New Report

More than 50 synagogues and some 30 community centers or Jewish schools across the globe were targeted for anti-Semitic attacks in 2019.

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The number of major anti-Semitic incidents worldwide rose by 18 percent in 2019 over the previous year, according to a newly released report from Tel Aviv University, the Kantor Center for the Study of European Jewry and the European Jewish Congress.

According to the report, 456 acts of "major violent cases" of anti-Semitism were reported worldwide, as compared to 387 in 2018. Seven Jews were killed in the attacks.

## Those cases included:

- The shooting rampage at the Chabad of Poway in Southern California on April 27, the last day of Passover, in which one 60-year-old congregant, Lori Kaye, was murdered and three others, including senior Rabbi Yisroel Goldstein, were injured;
- The Yom Kippur shooting attack on a synagogue in Halle, Germany, on October 9;
- The December 10 shooting at a kosher grocery in Jersey City, N.J., in which four people, including two Chassidic Jews, a store employee and a police officer, were killed; and,
- The machete attack on Hanukkah at the home of rabbi in Monsey, N.Y., which injured multiple guests and led to the recent death of Yosef Neumann from injuries sustained in the attack.

The increase in attacks is a "sharp rise, especially in view of the considerable decline in such cases during the years 2015-2017," the report stated. "At least 169 persons (37 percent of major violent cases) were physically attacked, mostly in public spaces ... a relatively new phenomenon, already noted in



Participants at the "No Hate. No Fear." rally in New York City January 2020

2018 in France."

Additionally, more than 50 synagogues and some 30 community centers or Jewish schools across the globe were targeted for anti-Semitic attacks in 2019.

The report also pointed out that anti-Semitic expressions "continue to infiltrate from the fringes of society into the mainstream," and that there is a "growing disparity" between what is happening on the ground and governmental efforts to stop anti-Semitism.

The report singled out what it called "troubling trends."

In Germany, the report noted, police recorded some 1,839 anti-Semitic incidents in 2019, an average of five per day. While in the United States, "a new phenomenon is emerging, one of increased violent anti-Semitic manifestations, with shooting sprees and numerous casualties, inspired by right-wing ideologies as well as by certain groups within the Black Hebrew Israelites and the Nation of Islam."

Though the report focused primarily on incidents in 2019, it did lay out concerns about anti-Semitic incidents related to the coronavirus outbreak, as it is already seeing this play out among extreme-right activists, Islamists and the far-left. Canards online and elsewhere include the accusation that Jews are

conspiring to undermine the world's economic stability, have already created a vaccine, or developed the virus to attack Iranians and Muslims.

The report added that "besides these accusations, the calls to attack Jews have acquired a new dimension. The FBI warned against calls coming from neo-Nazis and white supremacists to spread the contagion among Jews, by using quite ugly personal interactions. Moreover, cyber-attacks on Jewish institutions and groups trying to congregate online are a novel trend resulting from the increasing use of different digital social platforms."

However, the report did aim to put the impact of the coronavirus and the hate associated with it in "proportion."

"Blaming Jews for 'why things go wrong,' as stated in the IHRA [International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance] 2016 Working Definition of anti-Semitism, is a common practice as old as anti-Semitism, therefore, these manifestations do not represent a new development," stated the

report. It also noted that others including people of Asian descent are also being targeted by some groups.

In its conclusion, the report's authors sum up their findings with questions: "Will 2020 continue the trend observed in 2019 of violence and abusive language against Jews, or that of growing awareness and finding solutions? Will the coronavirus crisis result in more accusations of the lowest kind against the Jewish people and its state, or will the understanding prevail that the fate of all mankind is intertwined, and that there is no way out of it but in cooperation and mutual support?"

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## Senators Push for Boost in Medical, Technological US-Israel Cooperation

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“This virus knows no borders, and our bill underscores the importance of international collaboration in the face of a truly global pandemic,” says Sens. Chris Coons (D-Del.).

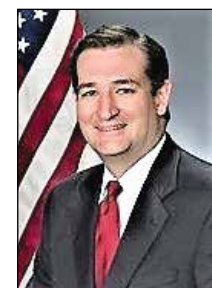
Senators Chris Coons (D-Del.) and Ted Cruz (R-Texas) announced on April 16 that they will seek to appropriate \$12 million in upcoming legislation to enhance partnerships between companies in the United States and Israel to develop innovative medical projects aimed at detecting, treating and curing coronavirus.

“The United States and Israel are world leaders in the medical technology industry, and it is in the interest of all Americans, Israelis and the rest of the world that we work together to fight COVID-19,” said Coons. “This virus knows no borders, and our bill underscores the importance of international collaboration in the face of a truly global pandemic.”

“I’ve long said that China poses the most significant, long-term geopolitical threat to the United States. Our dependence on China for life-saving medications and treatments is deeply problematic,” said Cruz. “Israel is not only our friend and ally, but also a global leader in medicine with which we already



**Sen. Chris Coons**  
(D-Del)



**Sen. Ted Cruz**  
(R-Texas)

cooperate on exactly those issues.”

The Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations applauded the development. Bottom of Form

“The U.S. and Israel are among the most medically advanced countries in the world,” said the umbrella organization in a statement on April 17. “As the medical sectors of both nations race to develop methods to combat this pandemic, Americans and Israelis stand to benefit immensely by increased cooperation and collaboration.”

Congress is expected to pass a fourth piece of legislation to provide assistance in responding to the pandemic. In March, Congress passed an unprecedented spending bill to provide \$2.1 trillion in assistance to Americans and businesses affected by the outbreak.

## 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.



# Senate Confirms Chassidic Jew for First-ever Senior Position in US Administration

*Jewish News Syndicate*

The U.S. Senate on April 21 confirmed by voice vote the first Chassidic Jew for a senior position in a U.S. administration. The Senate confirmed Mitchell Silk as assistant secretary of the Treasury for International Markets. He had held the position in an acting role since July.

In this position, Silk is responsible for leading the U.S. Treasury Department's role on the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States. He will also direct the department's portfolio on international financial services regulation, trade, banking

and securities, development and technical assistance.

Previously, Silk was "a projects partner in the banking department and head of the U.S. China group in the New York office of the global law practice of Allen & Overy LLP, where he concentrated on project finance and direct investment matters in the energy and infrastructure sectors," according to his LinkedIn profile.



**U.S. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Markets Mitchell Silk.**

"He advised on many of China's landmark project financings in a number of sectors and on China's largest investment in Colombia, which was in the energy sector, as well as on major wind, solar, gas, coal and nuclear-power project acquisitions and financings in the U.S., Asia, Latin America, Caribbean and Africa."

In his opening statement during his nomination hearing in November, Silk spoke of "my amazing wife Yocheved Rivka," who "serves our community as a physician's assistant in a family practice in Brooklyn [N.Y.] while looking after our eight children and doting on our three grandchildren."

"My grandparents immigrated to this country from hardship and

persecution in Eastern Europe. Their life experiences were chilling," he said. "My maternal grandfather, the guiding light of my life, grew up in abject poverty, witnessed Cossacks brutally murder his family members and struggled to cope with the extermination of his family in the Holocaust."

"For my family, this country represented freedom, security and immense opportunity," he continued. "They worked hard as tradesmen and laborers."

Senate Banking Committee chairman Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) called Silk "a key voice on trade negotiations, energy and infrastructure finance, export credit and financial services."



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## Hillel Attends 2020 AIPAC Conference



*Hillel students from UC Riverside and the University of Redlands pictured at the AIPAC Policy Conference March 1-3, 2020, in Washington, D.C.. Their attendance was underwritten by the generosity of Women's Tamarisk Federation Day and Jewish Federation of the Desert funding. Pictured (l-r): Jacob Rothschild, Stephen Giverts, Eli Smeke, Eran Vaisben (UCR/UR Hillel Director), Hannah Sobel, Jasmine Zadeh and Rachel Kahan.*



## Simchas

**Rabbi Steven Rosenberg** shared a wonderful "silver lining" story in these times of virtual Shabbat Services. He holds Temple Isaiah's services on Facebook from his living room, with the help of his wife, **Dr. Sarah Sela**, singing many of the prayers. Imagine their surprise when, after Shabbat, they received emails from Thailand, responding to the service. It appears that there are many Israelis living in Thailand and, when surfing the web, they heard Sarah and immediately recognized her Israeli accent ... and are now devotees of Temple Isaiah's virtual Shabbat! ... Mazel tov to **Rabbi Shimon and Chaya Posner** on the birth of their granddaughter



Dr. Sarah Sela

**Ita to Mendel and Chana Posner** in Connecticut on April 2, 2020 ... Congratulations to **Aviva Snow** on her election as President of Jewish Family Service of the Desert ... Congratulations to **Jeremy Ginsberg**, son of **Lynda** and **Trevor Bailey**, grandson of **Irving Ginsberg**, on completing his studies and graduating with his Masters in International Environmental Policy, Sustainability Management from Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey.

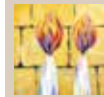


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Share your Simchas with us. Email or call Miriam Bent at [mhbentjcn@earthlink.net](mailto:mhbentjcn@earthlink.net) or 760-323-0255.



## Candle Lighting Times

Friday, May 1	Shabbat Acharei-Kedoshim	6:47 pm
Friday, May 8	Shabbat Emor	6:52 pm
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Friday, May 22	Shabbat Bamidbar	7:02 pm
Thursday, May 28	Erev Shavuot	7:06 pm
Friday, May 29	Shabbat Shavuot	7:07 pm
Friday, June 5	Shabbat Naso	7:11 pm
Friday, June 12	Shabbat Bahalotcho	7:14 pm
Friday, June 19	Shabbat Shelach	7:16 pm
Friday, June 26	Shabbat Korach	7:17 pm
Friday, July 3	Shabbat Chukat-Balak	7:17 pm
Friday, July 10	Shabbat Pinchas	7:16 pm
Friday, July 17	Shabbat Matot-Masei	7:13 pm
Friday, July 24	Shabbat Devarim	7:09 pm
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## Have A Nosh With Miriam

*Shavuot begins the evening of May 28 ... and I'm sharing three sweet kugels to enjoy. The first is a classic recipe, the second is a little more tart, with cranberries and orange. The third I've been asked to bring on several occasions as it is absolutely delicious, with its mandarin*



*oranges, crushed pineapple and dark cherries ...yet it calls for the least amount of sugar! With these difficult times you may not be getting together with family and friends, but you surely can enjoy this delicious holiday tradition at home! Chag sameach! Miriam*

### SWEET KUGEL

12 oz. wide egg noodles	¼ cup (½ stick) unsalted butter, melted
6 large eggs	¼ teaspoon salt
2 cups sour cream	cinnamon and sugar for dusting
1 cup cottage cheese	nonstick cooking spray
8 oz. brick cream cheese, at room temperature	
1 cup sugar	

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bring a large pot of water to a boil; add the noodles, bring back to a boil and let them cook till tender, about 5 minutes. Drain and return to the pot. Combine the eggs, sour cream, cottage cheese, cream cheese, sugar, melted butter, and salt in a food processor. Pour the egg mixture over the cooked noodles in the pot and stir till well combined. Spray a 9x13-inch baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. Pour the noodle mixture into the dish. Top the kugel by sprinkling generously with sugar and lightly with cinnamon. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven on a center rack for about 60 minutes, turning once halfway through cooking, till the center of the kugel is set and the tips of the noodles turn golden brown. Remove from the oven. Let rest for 15-20 minutes before slicing. Kugel can be served warm or cold. Serves 15.

### CRANBERRY ORANGE KUGEL

1 cup dried cranberries	1½ cups sour cream
¼ cup orange juice	⅓ cup sugar
1 lb. wide egg noodles	1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ pound butter, melted	2 teaspoons grated orange rind
6 large eggs	⅓ teaspoon salt
2 cups cottage cheese	

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place cranberries in a bowl, pour the orange juice on top and let soak for at least 30 minutes. Butter a 9"x 13" baking dish. Cook noodles al dente, drain and place in a large bowl. Add the melted butter and stir to coat all the noodles. In a separate bowl, combine eggs, cottage cheese, sour cream, sugar, cinnamon, orange rind and salt. Blend ingredients thoroughly and spoon the mixture over the noodles. Add cranberries and any remaining juice to the noodles. Mix ingredients well. Place in the prepared baking dish. Bake for about 40 minutes or until the top is browned and crunchy. Serves 12-15.

### TRIPLE FRUIT KUGEL

½ lb. fine noodles, cooked	4 eggs
8 oz. Brick cream cheese, at room temperature	2 15-oz. cans mandarin oranges, drained
¼ lb. butter or margarine, at room temperature	1 20-oz. can crushed pineapple, drained
8 oz. sour cream	1 16-oz. can pitted dark cherries, drained
½ cup sugar	Cinnamon and sugar for topping
1 teaspoon vanilla	

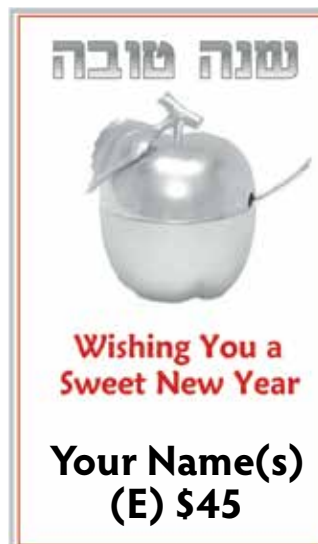
Preheat oven to 350F. Combine cream cheese, butter, sour cream, sugar, vanilla and eggs in a blender until well combined. Pour in a bowl and add contents of one of the cans of mandarin oranges, the pineapple, cherries and cooked noodles. Combine well. Pour into a 9" X 13" baking disk. Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar and arrange remaining mandarin oranges over top. Bake for 45 minutes until golden brown and a knife inserted into center comes out clean. Can be made several days ahead, refrigerated, and served cold.

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