

Federation to Offer All Virtual Programming for the 2020-21 Season

Jewish Federation has made the difficult decision that all programs for the 2020-21 season will be virtual. Chief executive officer Bruce Landgarten says "in an effort to keep the community safe, we feel we have no choice but to make this decision. The health of our Federation family is too important!"

In addition to the Coronavirus cases that continue to climb in California, Landgarten points to the results of our recent event survey, which clearly showed the community is not ready to attend in-person events for the foreseeable future. "We have heard you loud and clear."

The survey, sent out via e-mail, was answered by many respondents. One of the questions asked was for feedback about how comfortable one would feel attending in-person



events this coming season. We are so grateful that many in our community took the time to let us know their

thoughts. Along with responses to other questions, answers clearly showed reluctance on the part of

the community.

We are hard at work to come up with innovative and timely events and programs. We are exploring many avenues, working with our partners around the community and Federations around the country. We will be bringing you Jewish celebrities, authors and experts, all to experience and enjoy from home.

Our 2020-2021 program year will be surely be one for the record books. We hope our many and varied programs will make Jewish Federation of the Desert your first "go to" option when looking for stimulating, fascinating and meaningful viewing in the weeks and months ahead. You can count on us to keep you involved, entertained and informed... while staying safe in the comfort of your home!

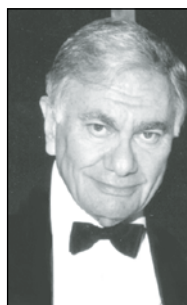
Beloved Rabbi Joseph Hurwitz Dies at 91

Rabbi Joseph Hurwitz, who served for four decades as rabbi of Temple Isaiah in Palm Springs, died September 3 in Florida at age 91. Fondly known as "Rabbi Joe," Hurwitz served as rabbi at the temple from 1958 to 1998. Through his tireless efforts reaching out to the greater community, he was the driving force that eradicated the virulent anti-Semitism that prevailed in the Coachella Valley in its early years.

Born in Plymouth, Pennsylvania in 1929, Hurwitz grew up in a small

coal-mining town on the Susquehanna River and worked at his father's shoe store. He studied at UCLA and attended the Jewish Theological Seminary in Jerusalem before coming to Temple Isaiah in 1958.

Rabbi Hurwitz's achievements during his 40-year tenure at Temple Isaiah are innumerable, as well as beyond prolific. His contributions



Rabbi Joseph M. Hurwitz

to Palm Springs and the Coachella Valley are equally important and also part of a long and distinguished rabbinate.

Rabbi Joe's friendship with Frank Sinatra was legendary, the outgrowth of a kindness extended to Sinatra when his mother died in a plane crash. Rabbi Joe knew Dolly from his many years of being invited to serve as emcee at the Sons of Italy annual dinner. Rabbi called her priest and offered to give a eulogy before her funeral mass. Sinatra accepted the offer and after the service and moving

eulogy, he said, with gratitude, "If Rabbi Joe ever needs anything, I will be there for him."

A few years later, when Temple Isaiah decided to add a new sanctuary, ballroom, kitchen and offices, Sinatra headlined the fundraising dinner. When a 'pay off the mortgage' fundraiser was held a few years later and the temple hesitated to take advantage of Sinatra and invite him back, instead inviting Alan King as the entertainment, Sinatra was upset not to be asked and offered to be the



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The Jewish Community News (JCN) is the Jewish newspaper of record for Coachella Valley. Since its first issue forty-eight years ago, the JCN has featured the best in local, national, and international news coverage. Today, Jewish Federation produces ten issues of the JCN a year, covering information about Jewish Federation, agencies, synagogues and organizations serving the Jewish community.

The JCN has grown to serve

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opening act for King. That evening Sinatra performed for 45 minutes, to the chagrin of King but to the delight of all in attendance.

In an interview with the Desert Sun in 1987, Frank Sinatra said, "Rabbi Joe has been an essential part of the Palm Springs community for many years and I have grown to know this man as if he were my brother," Sinatra said. "We have been close friends for many, many years and I love him dearly."

Before the Coachella Valley established a Jewish Federation, the greater community's benevolent needs and support of Israel was handled by Rabbi Hurwitz, "out of the bottom drawer of my desk." He confided that he loved to raise money, and even after giving up the responsibilities, initially part-time to Sam Rosenthal and, full-time to Nat Bent in 1983, Rabbi Joe enthusiastically supported fundraising efforts.

Rabbi Joe's outreach to the greater community was legendary.

About the Jewish Community News

JCN: A Brief History

an expanding and diverse Jewish community. The paper averages 24 pages per issue. When first published, the JCN kept the few thousand residents of Riverside County informed about Jewish happenings in their own back yards and throughout the Jewish world. In 2020 THE JCN continues that mission for over 22,000 Jews of The Palm Springs and Desert area.

In every issue, the JCN covers important events that affect Jews

throughout the world, often featuring issues not appearing anywhere else in in general news media ... and, of course, the best in local news and features. Check out cooking, Simchas and more. The JCN is your hometown paper.

The Jewish Community News ... communications hub for the Palm Springs and Desert Area Jewish community, supporting the goals (Mission) of the Jewish Federation of the Desert. -B.A.L.



Holocaust March on Yom HaShoah along Palm Canyon Drive



Rabbi with Frank Sinatra



Rabbi with NY Mayor Abe Koch



Rabbi with Elie Weisel



Rabbi with Alan Dershowitz

He was the founding member of the Palm Springs Human Relations Commission. He served as president of the Clergy Interfaith Association. In addition to being a spiritual leader, he cared about the environment and served as vice president of the Mountain Lion Foundation, a nonprofit which protects the animals and their habitat.

In the words of Rabbi Steven



1966 Confirmation class

Rosenberg of Temple Isaiah, "Rabbi Hurwitz was a passionate advocate for the Desert Jewish Community and his contributions will continue to be felt for generations to come."

"Mitzvah Goreret Mitzvah" ... Doing Good Leads to More Doing Good



Bruce Landgarten

Jewish Federation
Chief Executive
Officer

Jewish Federation has been an integral part in building this Jewish community, a process that has been both exciting and challenging. As we look to the future, we appreciate that our new reality requires new approaches and new strategies. We need to understand these challenges and emerge with inspiration for what the future should look like.

As your Chief Executive Officer, I feel renewed excitement about being more purposeful in my efforts. I believe that Judaism offers an amazing template for living a meaningful life, that it is not a prescriptive template — it is actually open and flexible — a new blueprint for living a life of community and core values. Federation is the perfect vehicle for tapping into this template, offering unlimited opportunities to make the world better and invest in our community.

For Federation to flourish in this

"new normal" we need to change our expectations. We will never be all things to all people, but we can be a place that welcomes all people and respects and nourishes their perspectives. Building community allows Jews to connect more deeply with their identity and can only make more good people and create more good. We continue to welcome the participation of interfaith couples and families, and people of all abilities, backgrounds, gender identities and sexual orientations. Building an inclusive community is a priority, accommodating all needs whenever possible.

In our community tent, we expand services to the most vulnerable among us to meet the growing needs of at-risk populations. And, sometimes, as we have been so recently reminded as we forge ahead through this pandemic, we need to provide a tent for shelter, food or clothing for people displaced by disaster.

Our community needs to always be at the ready, responding swiftly to address the immediate needs of individuals and communities in this pandemic crisis by delivering support, respite and relief. We can take pride in how we were one of the first agencies to significantly assist F.I.N.D. when the

Covid-19 pandemic impacted food supplies. In these uncertain times, we continue to be vigilant.

When we take responsibility for ourselves and others, when we open our doors and remove barriers to entry, when our welcome mat leads to meaningful engagement with individuals whose contributions to the community enrich and strengthen it, the promise of our community inches closer to reality.

A basic responsibility, as we observe these High Holidays, is to take this time to assess our lives and relationships with others. This is a time of forgiveness, and on behalf of our Federation and myself, I ask for your forgiveness if you felt wronged or upset by me or by something you felt Jewish Federation did or did not do. We will try to do better in this coming year.

A deceptively simple tenet of our tradition is "mitzvah goreret mitzvah" - "doing good leads to more doing good!" Building community allows Jews to connect more deeply with their identity and can only make more good people and create more good ... a worthy goal as we begin the new year. Shana tova.



Building Community
with Jewish Federation

Local Grant Recipients

Jewish Federation provides grants to the following organizations to ensure a vibrant and connected Jewish community

Bikur Cholim – is a non-sectarian organization aiding the vulnerable, sick and home bound

Congregation Beth Shalom – Scholar in Residence community program

Congregation Har El – Community Interfaith Seder

Temple Isaiah – Twice Blessed program that works to build the community and presence of LGBTQ members and support Jewish Film Festival

Temple Sinai – Mitzvah Food Delivery provides food for needy families in the Coachella Valley. Support Hebrew School Scholarships

Temple Har Shalom – Judaism in the 21st Century-explore & renew connections to Judaism.

Hillel UCR (Riverside) – Jewish Programming and Israel Advocacy on campus

Jewish Family Services – Senior Care Management, Mental Health Counseling, Let's Do Lunch and Café Europa

Meals On Wheels -Meals on Wheels serves the most vulnerable seniors in our area- Mizell and Joslyn Seniors Centers

PJ Library – Monthly Jewish Children's books and meaningful holiday programming

Jewish Sunshine Circle – Meals for Holocaust Survivors

Aleph Academy – Student Scholarships a center for early childhood education with Jewish values

World of Difference Institute (Division of ADL) Anti-Bullying programs in Coachella Valley Schools

With our normal community activities on hold due to the pandemic, the Jewish Federation has been arranging for interesting, many compelling programs to offer to our community online. As we sent out notices for these programs we realized that we do not have email addresses for about half of our JCN readership. We'd love to add you to our list. You will not be overrun with emails (about half a dozen a month) and you'll get information about some terrific programs.

Email us your email to: info@jfedps.org !

Most of us grew up hearing the story of the Irgun successfully breaking into the impregnable Acre (Akko) Prison in 1947. Last month the story behind the story was revealed. We hope you will enjoy reading about this significant event in Israel's fight for its statehood. – Ed.

An Inside Job: How a UK Engineer Helped the Irgun Break into Acre Prison in 1947

Newly reported details reveal that Peres Etkes, who designed the British Mandate penitentiary, passed building plans to Zionist militia and helped stage legendary jailbreak

By Times of Israel Staff

A major pre-state prison break operation by a Zionist militia that freed 250 inmates from a British jail has been exposed as an inside job, according to a report August 30, 2020, that cited the family members of the Jewish architect and engineer who built the prison.

According to *The Guardian*, the Zionist architect, Peres Etkes, handed the entire building plans of the prison in Acre to the Irgun paramilitary group, enabling the legendary 1947 storming, which is seen as a major event that weakened the British Mandate and led to the creation of Israel.

The Irgun operation at the Acre prison, built on the ruins of a 12th century crusader fortress, was well-planned. Fighters seized adjacent Turkish baths and managed to blow a hole in the wall, while others threw a grenade in another part of the prison as a diversion. At least one attacker was disguised as a British engineer.

During the operation, 16 people were killed, including 7 Irgun members. The freed prisoners were both Arab and Jewish, including 27 incarcerated members of the Irgun and the Lehi militias.

Until now, it was not known what brought about the success of the highly sophisticated operation.



Two men look over debris beneath shattered windows of Acre Prison, British-Mandate Palestine, May 6, 1947, blasted open two days earlier by members of an underground Jewish militia.

Etkes was a Russian-American Jew employed by the British forces, whose real mission, according to the report, was to help establish a future Jewish state.

His niece Aliza Margulis was quoted as saying the architect told her the secret in the 1950s. He told her he had shared the plans "because the prison was like a fortress, and unless they had the map, there was no way to get out."

It was unclear from the story why the details were only being published now.

Gil Margulis, Aliza's son and Etkes's great-nephew, said: "I was reading the history and people keep saying, 'How did they do it? How did it happen?' Sometimes you need a little insider information. Well, they had a lot of insider information – they had the exact plans. They actually had

the plans of the whole prison from the guy who made it."

Gil Margulis said he has recently been researching Etkes's life, 50 years after his death. He said he found his memoir, although it ends before the Acre prison break.

But the memoir does include Etkes recounting how in 1921 he used his connections to take weapons from the British-run Jaffa armory and "lent" them to Jewish fighters in Tel Aviv during Arab riots, according to the report. Etkes was revealed as the culprit and punished at the time by being reassigned to the barren north.

Gil Margulis said Etkes had no qualms about working for both sides: "It wasn't an anti-British thing. I think the interesting thing is that, for a period, the empire and the Zionist movement were kind of walking in the same direction with different goals. For him, building the country was a big thing, and he was able to do that with the empire putting resources in."

He said Etkes didn't come forward with the story during his life to avoid unwanted attention.

"For the rest of his life, he had a nice British pension," he said. "I think he said that he didn't want to jeopardize that for a little news credit. It's not mentioned anywhere for that very reason."

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US State Department Planning Expanded Campaign Using 'All Legal and Policy Tools' to Combat 'Anti-Semitic' BDS Movement Against Israel

By Dovid Efune, The Algemeiner

The United States government is planning to significantly ramp up its efforts to combat the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel, The Algemeiner has learned.

The initiative, led by the Office of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, will include a "diplomatic campaign," "all available legal and policy tools" and the involvement of other government agencies, including the Commerce Department.

Spearheading the project is Deputy Special Envoy David Peyman, who joined the office in May after overseeing economic sanctions enactment at the State Department.

In an exclusive interview with The Algemeiner, Peyman described the new campaign to oppose BDS as an "intentional, strategic objective," and promised a "whole-of-government approach" to implementing anti-BDS policy.

"I'm actively focused, laser-focused on this issue, and we're pursuing it relentlessly," said Peyman. The goal, he added, was "to tackle it, to fight it, to kill it."

US opposition to efforts to boycott Israel and other allies is not, in itself, new. In 2015, for instance, then-President Barack Obama signed into law a bill that conditioned any free trade agreement with the European Union on its rejection of BDS.

The new drive, however, marks the first effort to actively counter BDS as an anti-Semitic movement specifically. It is also the first such program to explicitly include under its mandate an opposition

to boycotts of companies doing business in any and all territories under Israel's control.

Peyman made clear that the opposition to boycotts also includes those of companies operating in West Bank settlements. He affirmed that the project was designed in part to counter efforts such as the United Nations Human Rights Council's "blacklist" of international and Israeli companies doing business in the West Bank. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo sharply criticized that initiative earlier this year.

"Companies in Israel, all across Israel, I would say, from Judea and Samaria to other places, are contributing immensely to the world and to the world economy, and those companies should be supported," Peyman said.

Direction for the initiative comes from the highest levels, Peyman said, noting that both President Donald Trump and Secretary Pompeo had "talked about using all our resources in tackling the cancer of antisemitism anywhere we find it."

The BDS movement, he charged, was "one of the manifestations of the cancer of anti-Semitism."

"The president, the secretary have really supported and backed up what they have said publicly by investing in this office, helping this office grow as it needs to, to tackle this immense global problem of the antisemitic BDS movement," noted Peyman.

This activity from the State Department's antisemitism envoy has been some time in the making. For the first two years of the Trump presidency, the congressionally-

mandated position was left vacant.

Now, it's the largest its ever been. "We are going to ensure there's adequate resources to address this," said Peyman.

Late last year, Trump signed an executive order expanding the scope of federal Title VI protections of Jews in educational institutions. Under the order, colleges and universities that support discriminatory anti-Israel movements — the most active being the BDS movement — could be under threat of having government funding withheld by the Education Department, on grounds of lending support to antisemitism.

It's a point Peyman's boss, Special Envoy Elan Carr, also made shortly after assuming office last year. "If there is an organized movement to economically strangle the state of Israel, that is anti-Semitic," said Carr on his first day on the job.

The selection of Peyman to lead the initiative may be further indication of the severity with which the State Department views anti-BDS efforts.

A Harvard-trained lawyer, Peyman came to government from global investment firm BlackRock. There, according to his State Department profile, he was "Global Head of Sanctions and led the sanctions compliance framework for over \$6 trillion in assets under management and offices in 30 countries."

In his previous role at State, Peyman oversaw the enactment of sanctions on Chinese shipping giant COSCO for suspected involvement in moving crude oil from Iran. The move "sent worldwide freight costs

to record highs and disrupted the global shipping market," according to a Reuters report.

In 2019, he also threatened to take action against any company that used the newly-established INSTEX financial barter mechanism, established by European countries to engage Iran in transactions that violated US sanctions.

The involvement of the Commerce Department provides additional indicators of the legal tools that may be used to combat BDS. It is Commerce "that ensures enforcement, rigorous enforcement

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Austrian Airlines Fires Flight Attendant Caught on Video Chanting Anti-Semitic Slogans

By Algemeiner Staff

Austrian Airlines announced on August 13 that it had fired one of its flight attendants after video footage emerged of her chanting anti-Semitic slogans at a far-right demonstration in Vienna.

The national carrier, which is owned by Germany's Lufthansa airline, confirmed in a statement that Christina Kohl was no longer its employee.

Kohl — a political activist who is standing for election to Vienna's municipal council — was filmed

chanting slogans at a demonstration that attacked the familiar targets of the far right, including the Rothschild banking family, the financier George Soros and the "Illuminati," a purported cabal that right-wing conspiracy theorists insist controls the world.

"An employee of Austrian Airlines made public anti-Semitic statements as part of her political commitment," a spokesperson for Austrian Airlines told the Kurier news outlet. "We

are an international company that crosses borders in the context of its business purpose. Here, however, we have to draw a very clear line."

The spokesperson noted that Kohl's behavior was "inexcusable, and statements of this kind are in no way compatible with our company values." "We have therefore taken appropriate measures to ensure that something like this does not happen again," the spokesperson added.

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discouraged this specific person or entity from investing or engaging in Israel."

over anti-boycott laws," Peyman pointed out. Elaborating on diplomatic initiatives that would be part of the anti-BDS initiative, Peyman said they would include "engagement with our friends and our partners overseas, to adopt anti-BDS laws, resolutions, on the books."

"We want to create consensus around the world that clearly, on the books, statutes, resolutions, policies -- our friends and our partners and our allies agree that BDS is anti-Semitic," he added.

The international diplomatic campaign will take into account efforts to boycott Israeli companies in all countries, as well as foreign companies doing business in Israeli territory, and will include "ensuring that we help support and facilitate increased trade, economic engagement, scientific engagement, cultural engagement with Israel, not only by the United States and US companies, but by the world."

Those ties will be developed, Peyman said, "to the point where the constant good news, positive news of increased commercial activities ... is drowning out any kind of one-off story about where BDS may have

discouraged this specific person or entity from investing or engaging in Israel."

The BDS movement's ongoing failure to inflict significant economic damage on Israel's economy is not an important factor in the State Department's considerations.

"I don't know how successful BDS is ultimately at the end of the day in getting companies to succumb to anti-Semitism," Peyman acknowledged.

Despite the stated goals of BDS campaigners to cause economic harm to Israel, it is the bigoted motives behind the movement that the initiative seeks to oppose.

"It's vile anti-Semitic hate, and it's discrimination against Jews," asserted Peyman. "All you have to do is look at the United Nations Human Rights Council list and determine how many companies on that list are Jewish and how many companies on that list are Palestinian Arab companies that may be doing business in the same geographic areas. So, if the vast, vast majority of the companies are Jewish, I think that's a very good data point in revealing that this is a hate campaign, a vile hate campaign directed at the Jews."

JEWISH FEDERATION PRESENTS NINE ONLINE SESSIONS WITH LOCAL RABBIS

Beginning August 6th, Jewish Federation of the Desert invites you to join a virtual platform for interactive learning, taking place via Zoom. This Beit Midrash (House of Learning) will offer immersive study with like-minded peers over a shared passion for intellectually engaged and spiritually rich study.

Although physically distant, you will have the opportunity to learn with our local Rabbis and engage in analyzing the book "Judaism's 10 Best Ideas" by Arthur Green.

You will be challenged to ask questions and be active participants in thought-provoking discussions.

All sessions are Tuesdays or Thursdays from 1:00 to 2:00 pm and each is based on a chapter in the book. Community members may attend as many sessions as you choose as each stands alone. No prior knowledge is necessary, just a willingness to learn.

Optional participation fee: \$18+.

To enrol, and to access the book, go to the Jewish Federation website jfedps.org or call the Jewish Federation at 760-324-4737. Alternatively, the book can be purchased on Amazon for approximately \$10.



(L-r) Rabbi Andrew Bentley (Desert Chaim), Rabbi Kenneth Emert (Sun City) Rabbi Jules King (Desert Outreach); Rabbi David Lazar (Or Hamidbar), Rabbi David Novak (Temple Sinai), Rabbi Stephen Rosenberg (Temple Isaiah) & Rabbi Richard Zions (Har-El)

Thursday, August 13	Rabbi David Lazar	COMPLETED	<i>Simcha - Joy</i>
Thursday, August 20	Rabbi Kenneth Emert	COMPLETED	<i>Tzelem Elohim - Creation in God's Image</i>
Thursday, September 10	Rabbi Richard Zions	COMPLETED	<i>Halacha - Walking the Path</i>
Tuesday, September 15	Rabbi Andrew Bentley	COMPLETED	<i>Tikkun Olam - Repairing the World</i>
Tuesday, October 6	Rabbi Steven Rosenberg		<i>Getting Off the Treadmill</i>
Thursday, November 5	Rabbi Andrew Bentley		<i>Teshuvah - Returning</i>
Thursday, November 19	Rabbi David Novak		<i>Teach Them to Your Children</i>
Thursday, December 3	Rabbi Jules King		<i>L'Hayyim - To Life!</i>
Tuesday, December 15	Rabbi David Lazar		<i>Hear O Israel</i>

Austria Announces Plan to Combat Anti-Semitism Following Assault

By Ben Cohen, The Algemeiner

Austria's government announced a "roadmap" to combat rising anti-Semitism in the country, with measures that will include a new department in the Chancellor's office to confront the problem and an offer of Austrian citizenship to the descendants of Jews expelled during the Nazi era.

The plan was announced following a meeting in the southern city of Graz between Chancellery Minister Karoline Edtstadler and Elie Rosen — the head of the local Jewish community who was physically assaulted by an Islamist last weekend, a few days after he cautioned against the atmosphere of "left-wing and anti-Israel anti-Semitism" in Graz.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Edtstadler said that the attack on Rosen had spurred her



Austrian Chancellery Minister Karoline Edtstadler meets with Elie Rosen, head of the Jewish community in Graz, before announcing a 'roadmap' to fight anti-Semitism.

into action.

"That is why there will be a corresponding staff unit [to combat anti-Semitism] in the Federal Chancellery from 2021, which I will be entrusted with," she explained.

A new platform is also being created for the reporting of "anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist incidents."

Expressing the desire for better statistical reporting of anti-Semitism, Edtstadler commented that "many

incidents are not reported out of shame, perhaps because one has already come to terms with the fact that something like this happens when it shouldn't."

As a "gesture of reconciliation," Edtstadler confirmed that the descendants of Austrian Jews expelled by the Nazis would be offered citizenship of the country without having to give up their existing passports.

She said she had spoken with Austrian Holocaust survivors who told her they wanted "their children and grandchildren to have Austrian citizenship, even if they may now live in other countries around the world."

Applications for citizenship would be accepted "from September 1," she added.

Rosen said he welcomed the government's measures, while at the same time expressing regret that the attack on him had, along with other anti-Semitic incidents in Graz, caused "immeasurable damage to the reputation of the city of Graz in the Jewish world."

He reiterated his commitment to a continued Jewish presence in Austria, declaring that "Graz and Austria have Jewish life: we must not allow ourselves to be pushed into the role of victim."

"It is about the positive," Rosen said. "To continue work and to fully support an active Jewish community in Austria."

Yad Vashem, U. of Notre Dame to Promote Holocaust Education

By Jerusalem Post Staff

Yad Vashem and the University of Notre Dame signed a Memorandum of Understanding set to promote Holocaust education and research among the «next generation of historians and researchers.»

The agreement between the World Holocaust Remembrance Center and the South Bend, Indiana, university forwards Yad Vashem's vision to increase Holocaust education and research across the globe.

The Memorandum of Understanding will be signed personally by the Yad Vashem director-general Dorit Novak and vice president and associate provost for internationalization at the University of Notre Dame Michael Pippenger.

"It is with great satisfaction that Yad Vashem is signing this important agreement with the University



Exterior view of Yad Vashem Holocaust History Museum

of Notre Dame," Novak said in a statement. "Yad Vashem is committed to ensuring that the history of the Holocaust continues to be relevant today and for future generations and is not relegated to yet another chapter in human history.

"Our efforts aim to equip students and teachers alike with the necessary tools and materials to address the topic of the Holocaust and engage young scholars in the need for further

research into its multifaceted nature and relevance today. Yad Vashem hopes that this agreement will open opportunities at many more universities and college campuses across the United States and in the rest of the world," she added.

In addition to the Memorandum of Understanding, scholars from both institutions intend to make remarks that will explore how the Holocaust came to be – dehumanizing and murdering millions in the process – and the role "healing justice plays in our world today."

This specifically is the focus of Yad Vashem's new online educational tool, based on Yad Vashem's Learning Center – Center for Major Questions Arising from the Holocaust - which is intended to induce thought and discussion.



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Locally dozens of donors have already committed a legacy gift to Jewish Federation of the Desert and other organizations that have shaped their lives. This is just the beginning of a community-wide effort to ensure a vibrant Jewish future in the Palm Springs and Desert area.

For more information contact Kevin Giser at Kevin.giser@jfedps.org or 760-324-4737.

**What Do You Want
YOUR Legacy To Be?**

Israeli Delegation and Local Jews Hold Minyan in Abu Dhabi

'We've waited for you for a long time,' community head Ross Kriel tells National Security Adviser Meir Ben-Shabbat, as shofar is blown and prayer is recited for UAE's armed forces

By Raphael Ahren, *The Times of Israel*

Israel's National Security Adviser Meir Ben-Shabbat joined a quickly organized morning prayer service September 1 at the hotel of the Israeli delegation to Abu Dhabi.

The rare minyan was completed by a group of Jews living in Dubai who had come to the Emirati capital especially for the historic visit of a joint US-Israel delegation to the UAE, here to lay the groundwork for a normalization treaty with Israel.

Members of Dubai's two rival Orthodox communities — one affiliated with the Hasidic Chabad Lubavitch movement and one that is Modern Orthodox — joined the service in a rare show of unity.

Although the Torah is not read on Tuesdays, members of the two communities had brought two scrolls with them to Abu Dhabi. After the service, Ben-Shabbat briefly opened one of the scrolls and recited a brief passage from

the weekly portion that talks about peace.

With Rosh Hashanah a little over two weeks away, Rabbi Levi Duchman, who is affiliated with Chabad, blew the shofar. He also recited a special prayer, in Hebrew, for the welfare of the UAE, its leaders and armed forces.

Ben-Shabbat, who is Orthodox, chanted a short part of the selichot, a special penitentiary prayer Jews recite before Rosh Hashanah.

"We've waited for you for a long time," Ross Kriel, the president of the Jewish Council of the Emirates — the Modern Orthodox community — told Ben-Shabbat, congratulating him on the normalization of ties between Israel and the UAE.

Kriel stated that "in previous years our members have been informal ambassadors of the Jewish People through hundreds of acts of friendship, courage and loyalty to



A morning minyan organized at the hotel of the Israeli delegation to Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, September 1, 2020



A socially distanced minyan in UAE, September 1, 2020

their Jewish identity.

"At this moment, and always, we feel proud to be Jews of the UAE. We wish the delegations success in their work and give thanks for the decisive and visionary leadership of

the UAE's leaders that has allowed for friendship with Israel."

In recent years, the UAE has made great efforts to show itself as a tolerant country welcoming to all religions, including Judaism. President Khalifa bin-Zayed al-Nahyan declared 2019 to be the "The Year of Tolerance" in the UAE. In this context, the country announced the building of a massive interfaith compound in Abu Dhabi that will also include a synagogue. The so-called Abrahamic Family House is slated to open in 2022.

A Jewish community has been operating in Dubai for a decade, initially with tacit support but more recently with overt backing from the local authorities and is currently in the process of officially becoming a licensed religious community.

Estimates of how many Jews currently live in the UAE range from the low hundreds to 1500.

Israeli Air Force Makes Historic Flight over Dachau Concentration Camp

By Lilach Shoval and Israel Hayom Staff

A joint drill by the Israeli and German air forces on August 18 included a historic flyover above the Dachau concentration camp and Munich, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and of the 1972 Munich Olympics massacre.

Two Israeli F-16s and two German Eurofighters escorted an Israeli Air Force Gulfstream G-550 carrying the commanders of both air forces—Israeli Air Force Commander Maj. Gen. Amikam Norkin and chief of the German Air Force (Luftwaffe), Lt. Gen. Ingo Gerhartz—over the camp memorial outside Munich, while a third Eurofighter filmed the

formation from the sky.

As the Israeli fighter jets approached the Dachau site, Norkin said, "From the past's memory of darkness we carry on our wings a future obligation, forever and ever."

Then the flyover passed above the Fürstenfeldbruck Air Base, where 11 Israeli athletes and coaches were murdered during the 1972 Summer Olympics in a terrorist attack carried out by the Black September Palestinian terrorist group.

At the end of the aerial maneuver, a formal memorial service was conducted at the Dachau camp, with German Defense Minister Annegret

Kramp-Karrenbauer and Israeli Ambassador to Germany Jeremy Issacharoff in attendance.

Among the Israeli delegation members were descendants of Holocaust survivors, including Maj. Y. deputy commander of the IAF's 109th Squadron, who is a grandson of a Dachau survivor.

The military drill, dubbed Blue Wings 2020, will extend over two weeks and was held as part of the Multinational Air Group exercise, which sees air forces from NATO and allied states engage in maneuvers.

It was the first joint exercise between the IAF and German Air

Force to take place on German soil, and the only international exercise that the IAF is conducting abroad this year, due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The German Air Force held joint exercises in Israel last fall.

According to an IAF statement from earlier in the week, the purpose of the exercise was to continue enhancing the IAF's capabilities, maintain its readiness to contend with various scenarios and to continue strengthening its bonds and cooperation with allied air forces.

Op-Ed - The Israel-UAE Agreement's Greatest Achievement

To the surprise of Iranian and Palestinian leaders, the Arab public did not protest the Israel-UAE peace agreement but continue to protest

Iranian meddling in Iraqi and Lebanese affairs.

By Hillel Frisch, JNS Daily Syndicate

There has been lively analysis of the possible ramifications of the Israel-United Arab Emirates peace agreement since it was first announced on August 13. Some have rightly noted that while this is the third peace treaty Israel has signed with an Arab state, it is the first to contain the promise of a warm peace. This is in sharp contrast to Israel's relations with Egypt and Jordan, which are limited to very narrow personal, diplomatic and security relations. With Egypt, the peace treaty has rarely reached even that threshold.

Hosni Mubarak, throughout his 30 years of ruling Egypt, never made an official visit to Israel, which is less than an hour's flight away. Nor has King Abdullah of Jordan. In over a decade of rule, Abdullah has abstained from visiting Israel, despite meeting several times with Palestinian Authority head Mahmoud Abbas in Ramallah.

Israel has been at peace with Egypt for nearly a half a century, but not one Egyptian soccer team has ever played against an Israeli team, in Israel or anywhere else. Not one delegation from an Egyptian university has ever visited an Israeli counterpart, let alone engaged in a joint program. Not one Egyptian cultural ensemble or group has ever visited Israel. On the rare occasions when individual Egyptian artists have come to Israel, they did so primarily to appear before Israel's Arab citizens. For that gesture they were met with opprobrium and threats. Such was the power of the Arab world's boycott against "normalization."

Many have noted that the UAE peace agreement was reached under conditions quote unlike those which led to the treaties with Egypt and Jordan. For example, there is a wide expectation that it will be followed by one or more similar pacts with

other states, especially other Gulf states and Saudi Arabia. No such expectations accompanied Israel's peace agreements with Egypt and Jordan.

However, one major accomplishment has already been achieved by the UAE-Israel agreement. It has been largely overlooked, perhaps because it is a case of what did not happen rather than what did.

Even as an El Al plane flew over Saudi Arabian territory carrying a bevy of Israeli officials, businessmen and investors to the Emirates with the aim of promoting a warm peace, there were no demonstrations of consequence in the Arab world. Amman, Beirut, Tunis, Algiers and Rabat, where demonstrations against the Israeli "occupation," the "desecration" of al-Aqsa, and other charges against Israel are generally well attended, were silent, at least on the street level.

There was, of course, a din of voices castigating the UAE for normalizing ties with Israel, but they emanated mostly from dinosaur institutions that dominate the landscape of the Arab world and against which there are frequent popular demonstrations. These include organizations linked with the Arab League, official professional unions, and various political movements whose common characteristic is a fossilized leadership that has been in place for 25 years or more.

Even among ordinary Palestinians, protests were minuscule. In photos taken in both the P.A. and Hamas-dominated Gaza, only a dozen or so



Professor Hillel Frisch, Bar-Ilan University



demonstrators are shown burning effigies of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, U.S. President Donald Trump, and Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. The demonstrators were not only paltry in number, but mostly members of the older generation.

Rest assured that if the lack of demonstrations went largely unnoticed by the general public, it was most assuredly noticed by state leaders in the Middle East and their violent proxy organizations. For those leaders who wisely seek to establish relations with Israel, the lack of demonstrations was reassuring, as it lowered the sense of danger emanating from the Arab street regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

For Iran and the violent proxy organizations it supports, the lesson was vivid and painful. Not only was the Palestinian card they have played for decades visibly diminished in importance, but the lack of protest over the Palestinian issue contrasted sharply with the growing level of protest in Lebanon and Iraq regarding Iranian meddling in their internal affairs to the detriment of the native populations.

Though the lack of significant protest against the unfolding relationship between Israel and the UAE might have come as a surprise, it is one more sign of long-term processes of political maturation in the Arabic-speaking

public. The late senator and former Harvard professor Patrick Moynihan famously said that all politics are local. Indeed, mature democracies are usually characterized by populations that privilege local interests and welfare over universal concerns.

The Arabic-speaking populations of the Middle East have been gradually heading in that direction since the heyday of pan-Arabism in the 1950s and 1960s. During the massive protests at the beginning of the present decade, observers expressed surprise at how little attention was focused on Palestinian and other regional issues and how great the public preoccupation was with solving domestic problems.

In today's Middle East, populations are no longer clamoring for pan-Arab unity, pan-Islamic unity, the caliphate, or, in the case of Iran and Turkey, imperialist aggrandizement. They want better social welfare, greater economic opportunity, good education, innovation, the rule of law and equality before the law at home.

The unfolding relationship between Israel and the UAE fits into this frame of mind. The Arabs taking to the streets today do not believe the Palestinian nationalist vision is more deserving of their efforts and attention than their own struggle for a better future at home. In Iran, the people are less and less willing to be subservient to the regime's policy of endless conflict and dissipation of national resources at their expense.

Hillel Frisch is a professor of political studies and Middle East studies at Bar-Ilan University, and a senior research associate at the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies.

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Greetings Women's Philanthropy,

We are hoping everyone is safe and keeping their spirits high during this time in our lives. We are all in the same boat ... missing our Jewish community!

We value you as a dynamic group of women who fundraise and volunteer for our community, offering opportunities to do the extraordinary with the added benefit of strong links: links to community, lasting friendships, doing good for others, and more. You are leaders, influencers and advocates working to make a positive impact in our community, committed to Federation's mission to sustain and enhance Jewish life.

This letter is sent to some of you who have grown up with WP... grown older with WP... and still others who have never known WP. It remains clear that there continues to be a need for a strong, vibrant Women's Division, not only as the very best fundraisers we have, but as the vision, voice, perspective and balance of Federation.

You are a community of peers that mobilize to affect change, who stand on the shoulders of your mothers and grandmothers to ensure that there will be a Jewish community that brings meaning, enrichment, essential values, teaching, dignified living and social justice to our Jewish world and beyond.

You are sensitive to the needs of women whose struggles might be for enough food to eat, who must choose between food and paying medical bills or utility bills. So many people today find themselves choosing between

eating and having a roof over their head. Many of our recipients are from low income populations with small children who have lost their jobs... seniors aging in place are living only on social security and face the decision between prescription medications or paying their rent.

Can you imagine not springing to action to help? Probably not. We urge you to go forward with us to care for our most vulnerable, to provide the glue for family and community, to be and support innovators, and to be activists for the three focused roles of the Federation:

~Building and supporting significant social change through fundraising and the increasingly focused metrics and high impact grant making of the Federation;

~Becoming activists for providing value-added services for all our community's Jewish agencies through Federation; and

~Becoming activists, recruiters and participants in developing the next generation of Jewish philanthropists and leaders for Federation and for all of the community.

We are asking that you help us catalyze Jewish living ... Jewish meaning ... to make a greater impact collectively to build a community of practical, enduring visionaries who are in it for the long term, who will not give up and who bring life's most important lessons and strengths to the table.

Just as during Passover when we invite "all who are hungry to come and eat", on Sukkot - the seven-day Jewish "festival of booths" which comes on the heels of Yom Kippur - we focus on the food insecure, with our immediate goal is to meet a critical need in the community while raising awareness about food insecurity as an additional threat during this pandemic.

The Jewish Federation and Jewish Family Service of the Desert have stepped in to help, providing deliveries of free Sukkot food packages to local Jews before the Sukkot holiday, which begins October 3rd, letting isolated individuals and families know "You are not alone." But Federation and JFS live by that 'mantra' "ALL YEAR LONG" and plan to provide help in a dignified, empowering, welcoming, and efficient way for the vulnerable population in our community that ensure they are being taken care of.

We invite you to celebrate your tzedakah by helping feed the hungry and catalyze Jewish living and Jewish meaning. We invite you to make a greater impact collectively by being part of a community of practical, enduring visionaries who are in it for the long term, bringing life's most important lessons and strengths to

the table.

As women's leadership, we urge you to stand on each other's shoulders and walk in each other's shoes to save lives... improve lives... and transform lives. If you are interested in doing the extraordinary and being part of a dynamic group of women who volunteer in our community, we urge you to take the time now to contact Leslie Pepper, Women's Philanthropy Coordinator, at leslie.pepper@jfedps.org or 760-324-4737.

With gratitude,

Roberta Nyman
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To order a Sukkot food basket containing food for the holiday including apples, vegetables, matzo meal, soup broth and Shabbat candles for you or someone you know, please contact Leslie Pepper at 760.324.4737.



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Study Finds Two Drugs Can Reduce Cancer Spread After Tumor Removal

Researchers show that stress-inflammatory response-reducing treatment during colorectal cancer surgery decreased metastatic risk.

By Abigail Klein Leichman, Israel 21c

Wednesday, October 7: 4:00 PM



Sukkot & Fall Happy Hour and discussion about Women's Philanthropy program with JFS of the Desert to provide for our most vulnerable population ... and other future events.

Wednesday, October 28: 5:30 PM



Movie and Dinner Under the Stars, featuring Paul Newman in 'Exodus'

For more information and to RSVP contact Leslie Pepper, Women's Philanthropy Coordinator, at leslie.pepper@jfedps.org or call 760-324-4737.

A research group from Tel Aviv University (TAU) successfully reduced metastatic spread following tumor removal surgery in colorectal cancer patients.

Using a short treatment around the time of the surgery, they were able to reduce stress responses and physiological inflammation, thus preventing the development of metastases in the years following the surgery.

The study, recently published in the American Cancer Society journal Cancer, was led by Professor Shamgar Ben-Eliyahu from the TAU School of Psychological Sciences and Sagol School of Neuroscience, and Dr. Oded Zmora from Shamir (Assaf Harofeh) Medical Center.

The three-year study involved 34 patients. Over the course of 20 days

— from five days prior to surgery until two weeks afterward — 16 of the patients received anti-anxiety and blood pressure-reducing drug Propranolol (Deralin) and anti-inflammatory analgesic Etodolac (Etopan), and 18 received a placebo treatment as a control group.

Only two out of 16 patients receiving the drug treatment exhibited metastatic disease. In the control group, six out of 18 developed metastases, which is the usual rate for colorectal cancer patients.

The treatment led to a reduction in the metastatic potential of the tumor and potentially the residual cancer cells. In addition, the drugs triggered good changes in patients' white blood cell number and type, indicating a reduced chance of

disease recurrence.

"When the body is in a state of stress, whether physiological (from surgery) or psychological, this causes a release of high amounts of two types of hormones, prostaglandins and catecholamines," Ben-Eliyahu explained.

"These hormones suppress the activity of the immune cells, thus indirectly promoting the development of cancer metastases. In addition, these hormones also directly promote the acquisition of metastatic traits in cancer tissue," he continued.

"Our study shows that inexpensive, accessible medication treatment could be used to reduce body stress responses and inflammation associated with surgery, which significantly reduces the risk of metastases that might be detected months or years after surgery."

Ben-Eliyahu now plans a large-scale clinical study to further test this treatment. Israeli colorectal and pancreatic cancer patients facing surgery may apply for participation in the trials.

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Join us for a powerful film screening on the topic of transgenerational effects related to a family. 'Mr. Rakowski' chronicles the story of Auschwitz Holocaust survivor Sam & his son Richie, and captures the complexity of the topic of healing and forgiveness like few other documentaries.

Our program will be scheduled in early November. JFS of the Desert will be sharing an in-depth interview with Richie Rakowski, hosted by Roy Firestone, followed by live Q & A.



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At Popular Jerusalem Promenade, Archaeologists Find a First Temple-era Palace

Rare column heads located at Armon Hanatziv walkway, indicating residents of ancient city found their fortunes outside the walls after easing of Assyrian siege 2,700 years ago

By Times of Israel Staff

Archaeologists have uncovered majestic column heads from a First Temple-era palace at Jerusalem's Armon Hanatziv promenade, with the remnants of the ancient building going on public display for the first time on September 3.

The owner of the lavish Jerusalem mansion — which would have enjoyed a monumental view of the Old City and the Temple — remains a mystery, but archaeologists were able to date the finds back to the era of the Judean kings, due to the proto-Aeolic features of the soft limestone architecture.

The finds include three complete medium-sized limestone "capitals" and items from lavish window frames,



Column heads unveiled

the Israel Antiquities Authority said Thursday.

The column head design will appear strikingly familiar to Israelis — it adorns the five-shekel coin of the modern State of Israel in tribute to the First Temple era.

"This is a very exciting discovery," said Yaakov Billig, of the Israel Antiquities Authority. "This is a first-time discovery of scaled-down models of the giant proto-Aeolian capitals, of the kind found thus far in the Kingdoms of Judah and Israel, where they were incorporated above the royal palace gates. The level of workmanship on these capitals is the best seen to date, and the degree of preservation of the items is rare."

Experts believe the residence was built between the reigns of kings Hezekiah and Josiah, after the



Remnants of ancient mansion

Assyrian siege on the city was lifted. Residents of Jerusalem then ventured outside the walled City of David and expanded the city, said Billig.

"This find, alongside the palace that was found in the past at Ramat Rachel and the administrative center found on the slopes of Arnona attest to a revival of the city and leaving the walled areas of the First Temple era after the Assyrian siege," which ended in 701 BCE, he said.

"We find villas, mansions, and government buildings in the unwalled areas outside the city and this attests to the relief felt by the residents of the city after the siege was lifted."

The three columns and other remnants of the building are on display at the City of David archaeological center. It's unclear when the archaeological dig at



Five shekel coin juxtaposed with column head

the Armon Hanatziv promenade, a popular Jerusalem site, was conducted.

Whether it was the home of a Judean king or one of Jerusalem's wealthier residents, someone took great care to preserve the column heads. The IAA said two of the three columns had been neatly buried at the site, while the rest of the mansion appears to have been destroyed in the Babylonian pillage of Jerusalem in 586 BCE, with its materials repurposed.

"At this stage, it's still difficult to say who buried the columns in the way they were found and why they did it," said Billig, "but there is no doubt that this is one of the mysteries of this special site and we will try to propose an answer."

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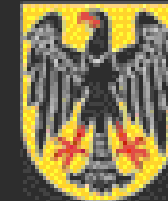
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Experimental Alzheimer's Drug May Help Children with Autism

NAP, developed in Israel, has proven effective in treating a mouse model of ADNP syndrome, a common genetic syndrome on the autism spectrum.

By Abigail Klein Leichman, Israel 21c

An experimental drug called NAP – originally developed for Alzheimer's disease at Tel Aviv University – could help children with a type of autism caused by ADNP syndrome, a genetic mutation characterized by mental impairment.

NAP (also called CP201) was invented by Professor Illana Gozes of the Department of Human Molecular Genetics and Biochemistry. Twenty years ago, Gozes' lab discovered the activity-dependent neuroprotective protein (ADNP) gene and its link to autism.

Last December, ISRAEL21c reported on Gozes' groundbreaking discovery that mutations of ADNP accumulate in the brains of Alzheimer's patients.

"NAP is actually a short active fragment of the normal ADNP protein," said Gozes.

When NAP was added to the nerve cells of mice carrying an ADNP mutation, the protein bound to the nerve cell properly and the cells returned to normal function.

"The fact that NAP treatment has been successful in restoring the normal function of neuronal-like cell models with impaired ADNP



Professor Illana Gozes, Tel Aviv University

raises hopes that it may be used as a remedy for ADNP syndrome and its severe implications, including autism," she said.

Because other genetic disorders related to autism are characterized by similar pathologies in the brain, "we hope that those suffering from these syndromes will also be able

to benefit from NAP treatment in the future."

NAP has been classified as an "orphan drug" by the US Food and Drug Administration. It is in the preparatory stages of a clinical trial in children with ADNP syndrome through the Israeli company Coronis Neurosciences, of which Gozes is chief scientific officer.

Treatment with the experimental drug is hoped to aid cognitive improvement in these children and enhance their memory and learning skills.

"We hope and believe that we will ultimately reach the goal of developing a drug or drugs that will help children with autism resulting from genetic mutations," said Gozes.

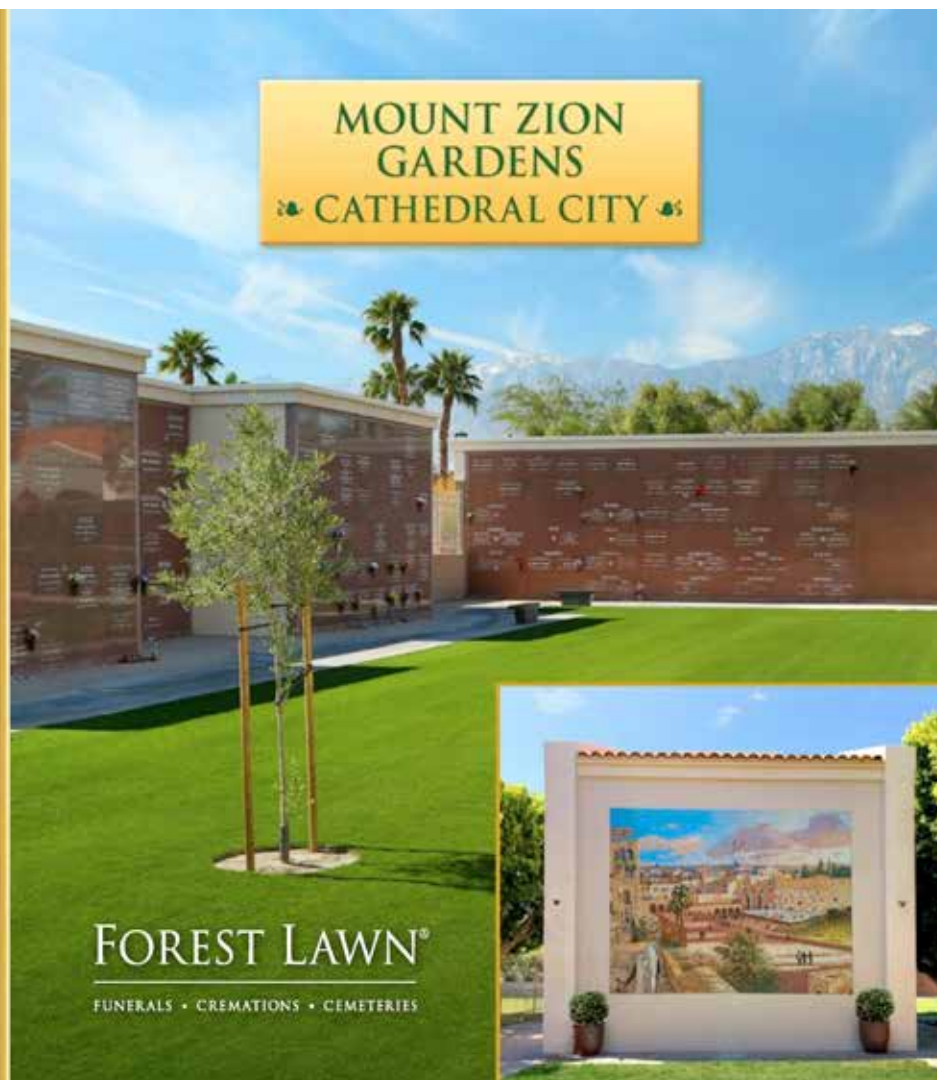
The results of the international study she led showing the deposits of a particular protein in the brain of Alzheimer's patients and in tissues taken from the postmortem brain of a 7-year-old autistic child in Croatia were published recently in the journal *Translational Psychiatry*.

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- **Family of Joyce Wolff**, In loving memory of Joyce Wolff, from Jackie and Eddie Cohen, Mark Krasne and Stephen G. Rieman.

Israel Startup Gabriel Develops Gunshot Detection Software to Augment Crisis Management Solution

By James Spiro / CTech

Crisis management solution company Gabriel announced on September 1 the rollout of its next-generation security system capable of recognizing gunshots and terror threats. Using a "network effect," it can instantly notify multiple locations in the event of an incident at schools, offices, or houses of worship.

Gabriel's solution can detect the difference between gunshots or explosions and more conventional noises, such as doors slamming or popped balloons. Once the system identifies a danger, the sensors can highlight safe spaces, notify areas that need to be locked down, and show escape routes.

The technology was manufactured

by Israeli experts from the security and technology sectors, including the Mossad spy service and Shin Bet internal security agency. It can be used as a standalone item or integrated with existing security systems and includes live video, two-way communication, real-time notifications, and an integrated mobile phone application. Its dashboard allows security teams, community management, or first responders to take control before events escalate into potentially deadly situations. The system is expected to produce fewer false alarms due to mistakes in identifying the source of noises.

"This is another important step towards reducing the time it takes



to respond to emergency situations, alert authorities of danger, and provide vital life-saving tools to react faster and smarter; putting help in reach of every hand," said Yoni Sherizen, the CEO at Gabriel.

The announcement comes ahead

of two major Jewish festivals, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. In recent years, there has been a sharp increase in terror attacks on houses of worship. In 2019, there were three major attacks on synagogues in the United States, the most in a single year since 2002.

2019 also saw a total of 417 mass shootings take place in the US averaging 1.19 per day. Many of them took place in schools and universities. According to Bloomberg, the town of Ramapo, NY, has 90,000 Jewish residents and was in talks to install Gabriel's panic button at over 200 locations including synagogues, schools, and banquet halls.



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Community Calendar of Online Programs -October 2020

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Nine Online Sessions With Local Rabbis - October Session: Tuesday, October 6: 1:00 pm with Rabbi Steven Rosenberg "Getting Off the Treadmill." See page 6 for contact information.

Jewish Federation - Women's Philanthropy:

Wednesday, October 7th at 4:00 pm
Sukkot and Fall Happy Hour and discussion about Women's Philanthropy program with JFS to provide for our most vulnerable population and other future events.

Wednesday, October 28th- Movie and dinner Under the Stars featuring Paul Newman in "Exodus" 5:30 pm.

Beth Shalom

Thursday, October 1, 4:00 pm
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- Insights for Daily Living, from the Torah with Sussie

Denebeim, Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

- The Mystical Parsha, Thursdays at 3:30pm, with Boz Werdiger
- Ask the Rabbi with Rabbi Yonason Denebeim, Thursdays at 7:00 pm.
- Welcoming Shabbat Together, Fridays at 5:30 pm

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RSVP to Boz Werdiger, boz@chabadps.com, or 760-550-5793

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Wednesday, October 14- 3:30 pm
Virtual Lecture by Rabbi Richard Zions, Ph.D.: "Jews in the Weimar Republic: What Went Wrong?"

Wednesday, October 28 - 3:30 pm

"Har-El Goes to the Movies": Film: 'Jo Jo Rabbit.' See ad for contact information on page 13.

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Construction Firm Withdraws Lawsuit to Evict Synagogue in Uzbekistan

By Cnaan Liphshiz, JTA

A construction firm in the central Asian republic of Uzbekistan withdrew a lawsuit that aimed to evict a synagogue to make way for apartment buildings. Absolute Business Trade ended its legal efforts amid an international outcry over its fight to have the Beth Menachem Ashkenazi synagogue in the capital Tashkent vacate a property the firm had taken over with the intention of building luxury apartments, according to a statement from the

Uzbek government's Committee on Religious Affairs.

This issue first came to the attention of Western news services following an article published in the Russian-Jewish weekly L'Chaim. Multiple newspapers and forums in Uzbekistan and beyond have reported on the dispute.

The firm "has withdrawn a claim for ownership of a plot of land belonging to the European Jewish Religious Community in Tashkent.



Beth Menachem Ashkenazi Synagogue of Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Accordingly, the demolition of the synagogue belonging to the European Jewish Religious Community in Tashkent was

prevented," the committee said.

The firm withdrew its lawsuit during a court hearing on August 5, Zeev Levin, the head of the Hebrew University's Central Asian Research Unit, confirmed to JTA. "The court noted that the Republic of Uzbekistan is a multi-religious state," the committee statement said. It ensures the "full protection of the rights of members of any denomination by law."

US Army Awards Contract to Israel's Elbit Systems Worth Up to \$79 Million

Jewish News Syndicate

The U.S. Army has awarded a contract to Israeli defense company Elbit Systems worth up to \$79 million. It will provide the U.S. Army with

commander hand stations, gunner hand stations and circuit cards for the Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle.

"The gunner hand stations enable

crew members to target and fire, and work in collaboration with the commander hand stations that drive the vehicles' turret. The circuit cards

provide processing and power supply to the hand station units."

The contract will be administered over the course of five years.

More Academics Announce Support for Jewish USC Student Leader Who Quit Over Anti-Zionist Harassment

By Algemeiner Staff

A group of faculty at the University of Southern California (USC) has lined up in support of a Jewish student whose experience of

anti-Semitism led to her resignation as University of Southern California student vice president earlier this month.

In an "open letter to the USC community on supporting Zionist students" that was posted on Monday, the scholars emphasized that Rose Ritch was "subjected to vicious online harassment, and her qualification to hold elected office was questioned on the basis of her professed Zionism."

The letter, signed by nearly 40 academics at USC, followed a similar communication a week earlier from a group of progressive American



The University of Southern California campus

scholars who sprang to Ritch's defense.

The USC letter identified its signers as "supporters of the Zionist idea -- the right of the Jewish people to a homeland and self-determination" who "stand by the rights of all people, including Israelis and Palestinians, to freedom, dignity

and peaceful coexistence, and to advocate for their causes with fairness and respect on our campus and in the world."

"As dedicated members of the USC faculty, we are concerned about the long-term impact of Rose Ritch's resignation on the morale and well-being of supporters, or presumed supporters, of the State of Israel," the letter noted. "We call on our university's leadership to uphold the values of open and civilized debate, so that USC can continue its mission of fostering excellence in education and advancing knowledge in a civil and respectful manner."



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Four Men Arrested for Hanging 'Hitler Was Right' Banner on Bridge in Arizona

By Marcy Oster, JTA

Four men were arrested for hanging a banner reading "Hitler Was Right" on a railroad bridge in Arizona.

The men were seen hanging the banner on the bridge on August 1, the NBC affiliate KPNX 12News reported. They were caught posing and taking pictures with the sign.

The banner also included a link to a website that contained "bigoted

and explicitly racist pronouncements," according to the report.

The Sheriff's Office is not pursuing hate crime charges against the men, aged 27 to 38. They were charged with misdemeanor criminal trespassing since the area is marked as "no trespassing."

Three are from Arizona and one is from Oklahoma, according to the report.



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Advanced Drone System Developed by US and Israel to Be Deployed to Protect American Troops

By The Algemeiner Staff

A new advanced drone system developed by the US and Israel will be deployed to protect American troops, the Israeli Ministry of Defense announced September 8.

The Skylord drone was developed in tandem by the Defense Ministry's Directorate of Defense Research and Development, the Israeli company Xtend and the Combating Terrorism Technical Support Office (CTTSO) at the US Department of Defense.

The state-of-the-art drone was said to include a "remote immersive interface" that allowed the operator to guide the drone remotely and intercept aerial threats, particularly other drones.

The system has already been successfully tested in dealing with terror threats on Israel's border with the Gaza Strip.

The Defense Ministry tweeted, "This is the first step towards the widespread deployment of smart



Skylord Drone

systems to US military forces, enabling them to perform complex tasks in the modern battlefield."

"It also highlights the crucial and

extraordinary relations between the US and Israeli defense establishments," the ministry added.

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UAE's APEX Set for Joint Innovation Hub in Gulf

By Maayan Jaffe-Hoffman, The Jerusalem Post

Healthcare innovation will soon be accelerated in the United Arab Emirates, after the country's APEX National Investment signed a memorandum of understanding with Sheba Medical Center to promote a range of healthcare solutions in the region.

"We believe that the agreement between APEX National Investment and Sheba will change the dynamics of healthcare and innovation in the UAE and act as a harbinger of 'peace and prosperity' in the Gulf region and beyond, where hope knows no boundaries," said Prof. Yitshak Kreiss, director-general of Sheba.



Sheba Medical Center Sheba Hospital

"We see this as a bridge for peace not only between Israel and the UAE," Eyal Zimlichman, deputy director-general, chief medical officer and chief innovation officer at Sheba, told The Jerusalem Post. "This will be an 'ARC' that will serve not only the UAE but the

whole region, and the hope is that this opens up new avenues to work with our neighbors that we don't currently have ties with."

"It is fitting that the first significant partnership between Israel and the UAE is in healthcare," US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman said. "The Abraham Accords are already making the Middle East safer and more prosperous."

The agreement, known as the "ARC Gulf" initiative, will highlight a physical hub, a specialized team, leading start-ups, comprehensive data infrastructure and an expansive network needed to springboard

innovation in the region and beyond.

APEX and Sheba will cooperate on key medical challenges, including battling COVID-19, but also artificial intelligence, telemedicine, precision medicine, virtual and augmented reality and digital innovations in surgery and rehabilitation. Zimlichman said there is also discussion of a joint investment fund.

The agreement will be accelerated by collaborating with the healthcare authorities within the UAE's public and private sectors, and by implementing Sheba's ARC concept.

Brooklyn Hospital Wants to Fire Doctor Over Anti-Semitic Posts Like 'Go Beat up a Zionist'

JTA

The yearlong battle between a doctor and a New York hospital trying to fire him over anti-Semitic and anti-gay posts will be back in court.

New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital has tried to dismiss Walid Khasas from his position as a pediatric resident since 2019, the Forward reported. In recent years, Khasas has written on separate posts on social media "Go beat up a Zionist," "You trust the Jews — I never did" and "I hope only Israelis get ebola." He also wrote that Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi's mother was Jewish, meaning that she belongs to a



New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital

"higher group run the corrupt world."

Khasas was admitted to the hospital's residency program, but then was informed he had been found unsuitable. He sued the hospital to be readmitted to the program and

won.

The hospital, which treats many Jewish patients, appealed the decision and is due to argue its case at a hearing in Brooklyn state Supreme Court, according to the

Forward. It says Khasas cannot remain because some of his posts condoned or encouraged violence.

"These posts would cause serious and extreme hardship on the Program because it would interfere with the Program's ability to serve a patient population consisting of a large number of Orthodox Jews," one filing said.

Khasas' lawyer did not respond to a request for comment by the Forward. Officials at New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital also were not available to comment, the report said.



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Pilot Education Program on Anti-Semitism at UC Berkeley Receives Funding Boost

By Algemeiner Staff



An anti-Semitism education program at the University of California, Berkeley, was the recipient of a \$25,000 grant in mid-September in recognition of growing student interest in its output.

The Academic Engagement Network (AEN) — a body that opposes anti-Semitism and the delegitimization of Israel on university campuses — said in a statement that it had made the grant “in support of the Antisemitism Education Initiative, a pilot program at the University of California, Berkeley, which will bring together multiple campus stakeholders to inform about, discuss, and develop the resources to respond to antisemitism.”

The AEN noted that in “an environment of increasing anti-Semitism on many college campuses, initiatives and training of the type that Berkeley is developing are sorely lacking.”

“AEN finds it essential that key campus stakeholders have the requisite knowledge and tools to better address the problems and challenges,” it added.

The Berkeley program launched at the end of 2019, with a speaker series that has already included a panel on the roots and resurgence of anti-Semitism by four faculty experts at Berkeley, a talk about Protestants and Catholics who saved Jews in Western Europe during the Holocaust and a talk by internationally-acclaimed Holocaust scholar Deborah Lipstadt on her book *Antisemitism Here and Now*, which drew some 400 people from across the campus and community.

“The challenges we face defy easy answers but we can see that our work is already spreading greater awareness, and we regard that as a crucial first step,” Prof. Ethan Katz — one of the three initiators of the Berkeley program — commented.



Have A Nosh With Miriam

In this time of Covid-19 and our need to isolate, building a sukkah and eating meals in it is one way to celebrate our Judaism that can approach ‘normalcy’ ... albeit we need to limit guests to our household, not invite friends to join us. Sukkot is our fall harvest festival, so these recipes were selected with those ingredients in mind. (Leave out the yogurt in the first recipe and it is outstanding with meat dinners too!) B’tay avon! MHB.



Heat oven to 400 degrees. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil. Spread the carrots, oranges and shallots on the baking sheet and sprinkle over cumin seed, salt and black pepper. Drizzle with olive oil and the orange juice and toss to coat everything lightly and evenly. Arrange the orange slices and carrots in as close to a single layer as you can. Roast until the oranges are fragrant and have begun to color, about 20 minutes. Stir carrots and oranges with a spatula and continue roasting until carrots are tender and lightly browned, about 10 minutes more. Arrange the vegetables on a platter, spoon over yogurt and sprinkle with pumpkin seeds. Serve warm or at room temperature. Serves 6

ROASTED CARROTS AND ORANGES WITH CUMIN AND PUMPKIN SEEDS

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| 2 pounds carrots, preferably a variety of colors, peeled and halved lengthwise, then halved or quartered if very large | 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt |
| 1 orange, unpeeled, sliced as thin as possible | Freshly ground black pepper |
| 2 shallots, sliced thin | 3 tablespoons olive oil |
| 1 teaspoon cumin seed | 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed orange juice |
| | 1/2 cup Greek yogurt |
| | 1/4 cup toasted and salted pumpkin seeds |

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PUMPKIN APPLE DESSERT PIZZA

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| 1 pkg. (16.5 oz.) NESTLÉ® TOLL HOUSE® Refrigerated Sugar Cookie Bar Dough | 1 cup thinly sliced green apple, peeled and cored |
| 1 cup LIBBY’S® 100% Pure Pumpkin | 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon |
| 3 oz. cream cheese, softened | 1/3 cup chopped walnuts |
| 3 tablespoons granulated sugar, divided | Caramel flavored ice cream topping |
| 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon | |

Preheat oven to 325° F. Grease 12-inch pizza pan or large baking sheet. Place whole bar of dough on prepared pan. Allow to soften for 5 to 10 minutes. Using fingertips, pat dough gently to form a 9-inch circle. Bake for 22 to 25 minutes or until light golden brown. Remove from oven, prick with fork. Cool on pan on wire rack. Meanwhile, beat pumpkin, cream cheese, 2 tablespoons sugar and cinnamon in small mixer bowl until smooth. Spread over pizza crust to 3/4 inch from edge. Mix apple slices with remaining sugar and dash cinnamon in small bowl, place on pizza. Sprinkle with nuts. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes; remove from oven. Drizzle with caramel topping. Cut into wedges; serve warm. Serves 12.

APPLE AND HONEY BREAD PUDDING

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| 2 tablespoons margarine or butter for greasing | Seeds scraped from 1 vanilla bean |
| 2 cups nondairy creamer, or milk for dairy | 5 cups diced (1/2 inch) challah |
| 5 large eggs | 2 cups peeled, cored and diced sweet apples |
| 1 1/4 cups sugar | Honey to drizzle |

Preheat oven to 350° F. Grease individual ramekins or a 9 x 13 inch baking pan with margarine. Prepare a custard by whisking together nondairy creamer, eggs, sugar, and vanilla bean seeds in a large bowl. Add challah and apples. Mix well and let sit for 10 minutes to allow challah to absorb egg mixture. Place challah mixture into the prepared pan and bake for 30 to 35 minutes, or until golden. Drizzle honey over the top and serve.



Simchas

The Covid virus has put a serious crimp in most things wonderful, but love will prevail! Federation's Director of Community Impact **Kevin Giser** and his beloved **Emma Rees** are getting married with a



Kevin Giser and Emma Rees

virtual ceremony the afternoon of October 16th. We wish them the very best and look forward to being able to raise a glass of champagne and give a heartfelt "mazel tov" in person soon! ... Mazel tov to **Barbara Platt** becoming a great grandmother! **Max** and **Sarah Cascante** of New York City, are the proud parents of a son, **Chase**, born on August 18. Delighted grandma is **Cori Cascante**. ... Share your simchas with us. Call (760-323-0255) or email Miriam Bent: mhbentjcn@earthlink.net.



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Resident Wins Fight to Build Sukkah in Senior Community

An out-of-court settlement that allowed a resident of a senior community in New Jersey to construct a sukkah on his property could be an important victory for others contending with a clash of residency by-laws and religious liberty.

The individual, who prefers not to be named, purchased his home earlier in the year, and is one of the few Orthodox residents of the private community. Noting the community's ban on constructing structures outside of one's home, he applied for a waiver to allow him to build a sukkah in advance of Sukkot. After his request was denied by the condominium board's Architectural Review Committee, he reached out to Agudath Israel Legal Support Services for help.

"You are allowed to make by-laws, but not one that is against the Constitution, and this was clearly limiting his religious exercise," Rabbi Avi Schnall, Director of Agudah's New Jersey Division told Hamodia.

A letter was penned on behalf of the resident by attorney Larry Loigman, explaining the need to accommodate this resident's religious needs. In response, the board's attorney organized a meeting between the involved parties, at which Mr. Loigman demonstrated several instances of case law supporting the applicant's claim.

"They understood that a sukkah is a biblical requirement and an Orthodox resident has no way to remain home without one," Mr. Loigman explained. "We also stressed how a resident's sukkah in no way interferes with the lives of neighbors."



The board, on the advice of their attorney, not only dropped their denial of the application, but made a permanent change in their by-laws allowing for the construction of sukkos provided they are in the back of the home, agree with the color scheme of the community, and are taken down within a few days after the end of Yom Tov.

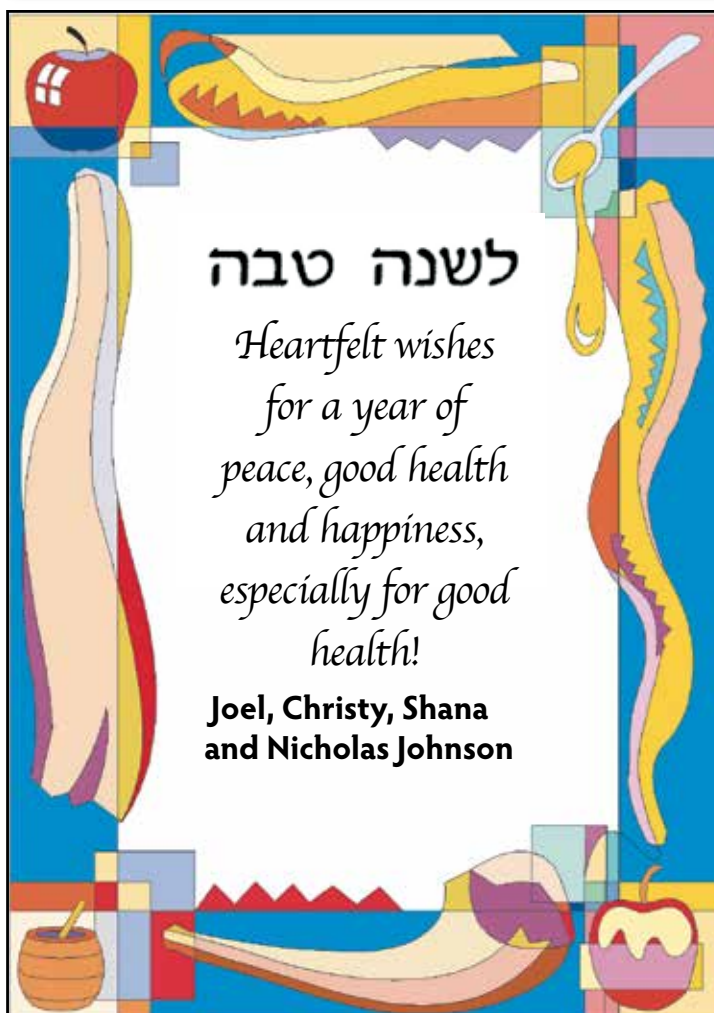
Rabbi Schnall said that in the days that passed since the settlement was publicized, he had personally

received several calls from individuals in similar situations saying that they hoped to build on the recent success and apply to build sukkos in their communities as well.

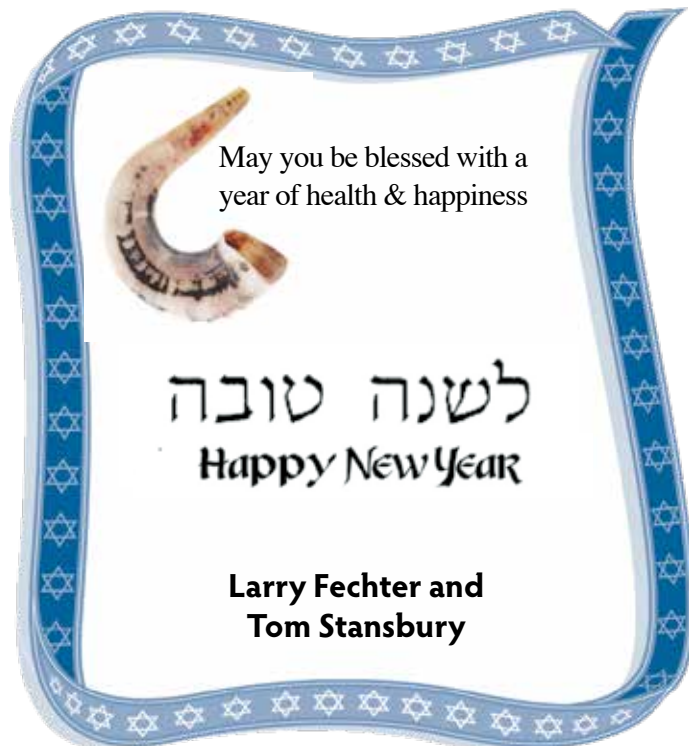
"Agudath Israel uses every avenue available to protect religious freedom. We are however extremely pleased that both sides were able to reach a satisfactory consensus in the boardroom, rather than the courtroom," he said



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New Year's Greetings
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