

Jewish Federation to Launch Center Against Hate and Intolerance

This fall, the Jewish Federation of the Desert will launch its "Center Against Hate and Intolerance." Over the many months of the pandemic, committees met over Zoom to build the program that recognizes the rise in antisemitism and develops strategies and programs to combat it within our community.

Standing Up to Hatred and Intolerance

This Center's goal is to engage students as civic actors, thinkers and problem solvers addressing global challengers that include contemporary antisemitism, racism and xenophobia. Jewish Federation will provide interactive presentations available for schools, organizations and community members.

Under the purview of the Center, we will spearhead an Arts and Writing Contest to challenge students and explore the history and stories of the Holocaust and to consider how individual actions, big and small, make a difference. We will use the Holocaust lessons from the past to teach and defend



the safety of Jews, issues like bullying and texting and the internet. The Center will teach how to confront these issues, so a Holocaust doesn't happen again.

Our Center will convene the community's "Common Table" around which representatives from public schools, community Temples, agencies and organizations come together to build consensus on issues important to the Jewish community. We will translate these positions into action through

engagement and advocacy.

As our community grows increasingly diverse and complex, there has never been a stronger need for programs and initiatives which promote tolerance, respect and inclusion through education and advocacy. Our aim is to be an inclusive program that works with schools, organizations, educators, Law Enforcement and throughout the community. We will have a continuum of services to meet the needs of youth and adults.

There are both positive and challenging aspects to living in a demographically changing community. While diversity can enrich and strengthen, it can also lead to exclusive

and hurtful behaviors, stemming from a lack of knowledge along with negative bias, stereotypes and intolerance. Federation has frequently collaborated with other organizations to meet critical human relations needs. There is a need for schools to educate students not to accept hateful propaganda about the "different other" and instead appreciate other cultures and respect cultural differences. Educating for tolerance is a practical alternative. Intolerance has given rise to violence, terrorism and discrimination within the societies.

Teaching for tolerance will aid in protecting human rights and in saving lives.

Biden Nominates Holocaust Historian Deborah Lipstadt as Next Antisemitism Envoy

Her nomination was hailed by numerous Jewish organizations, which over the past months had been lobbying the White House to appoint a candidate as violent acts of antisemitism have surged.

By Dmitriy Shapiro, Jewish News Syndicate

After months of pressure from Jewish communal organizations to appoint someone to the position, the Biden administration nominated Deborah Lipstadt to serve as the U.S. special envoy to monitor and combat antisemitism.

Lipstadt, 74, is the Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust studies at Emory University and the author of numerous books on the subject. Her 2019 book *Anti-Semitism Here and Now* is considered a primer on antisemitism, according to the American Jewish Committee, and won the National Jewish Book Award that year.

"The Biden administration has chosen

wisely in appointing Deborah Lipstadt to fill this ambassadorial post, so vital to U.S. leadership in fighting anti-Semitism," AJC CEO David Harris said in a news release. "Professor Lipstadt is one of this country's—indeed the world's—foremost experts on modern antisemitism, its constant morphing and multiple sources, and the current challenges to confronting it."

The position was created by Congress in 2004. Most recently, it was filled by Elan Carr during the Trump



Professor
Deborah Lipstadt

administration. It was upgraded to the rank of ambassador in the final months

of the administration and will require Senate confirmation.



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Ron Dermer was born and raised in Miami Beach, Florida. He earned a degree in Finance and Management from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania and a degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) from Oxford University. For three years, he was a columnist for the Jerusalem Post.

In 2004, Ron co-authored with Natan Sharansky the best-selling book, *The Case For Democracy: The Power of Freedom to Overcome Tyranny and Terror*, which has been translated into ten languages. From 2005-2008, Ron served as Israel's Minister of Economic Affairs in the United States. From 2009-2013, he served as Senior Advisor to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. And from 2013-2021, he served as Israel's Ambassador to the United States.

Ron is married to Rhoda. They have five children and live in



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Our Collective Responsibility



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The time has come, once again, for the global Jewish community to take stock of our actions and ask for forgiveness for our transgressions. We may post messages of forgiveness on social media, send notes of apology, or start calling through our contact lists. All of this to perform, as we are commanded, the acts of repentance (Teshuva) and confession (Vidui). It feels like a very personal time as we, individually, ask for forgiveness. But as much as we may see Yom Kippur as "me time" to ensure our individual inscription in the Book of Life, it is very much communal. It is during Yom Kippur that the omnipresent fiber that binds us together, Kol yisrael arevim zeh bazeh (all of Israel is responsible for one another), is as visible as at any other time in our year.

This collective responsibility is reflected in the translation of the

confessional prayers that are recited during Yom Kippur. As I interpret them, these prayers don't speak to our personal transgressions, but rather to the sins that "we" have committed. Therefore, in the recitation of the confessional we, as a community, as a people, are asking for forgiveness. It is one of the most beautiful, intriguing, and challenging aspects of being a part of the Jewish people. "We" are responsible for one another's actions, whether righteous or nefarious, and those actions cast a reflection upon on all of us.

As we contemplate our past year and begin again, let's recommit to taking responsibility for each other beyond Yom Kippur. If we see someone on the verge of transgressing, offer assistance. If you see someone in need of assistance, offer assistance so that they are not compelled to transgress. Let's treat each other in a way that will not ultimately require forgiveness.

Additionally, as we shed ourselves of accommodations at Yom Kippur through fasting and creature comforts, let us remember the pain and discomfort being felt by those impacted by the Pandemic or disasters elsewhere. After you

break the fast with your friends and family, please consider helping those who may not have had a choice to fast this year.

Because of you, our community has been and continues to be strong. Because of you, our community has done and continues to do good work. Because of you, our community has helped and continues to help those in need. On behalf of the Jewish Federation Board of Directors, we want to thank you for your ongoing commitment to the Jewish community. It is through that commitment and support for our community that we are able to respond to crisis, support local Temples, agencies, and assist the neediest in our community, in Israel and in other countries overseas. Our Annual Campaign is launching this month. Be counted and make a difference in our Jewish community! Together, We Do Extraordinary Things!

To that end, as Yom Kippur approaches, on behalf of our Federation and myself, I ask each of you for your forgiveness. If you have felt wronged or upset by something Jewish Federation did or did not do, I apologize.

I'll close with a wish, on behalf of

myself and Jewish Federation staff, board and volunteers, that you have a meaningful fast and a sweet new year. G'mar Hatimah Tovah, may you be sealed for a good year in the Book of Life.

My hope is that this year we will bring wholeness to the brokenness, understanding to the confusion, and peace to the divisiveness.

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With our normal community activities on hold due to the pandemic, the Jewish Federation has been arranging for many interesting, 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.

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Introducing our New Co-chair of Jewish Federation Board of Directors: Jackie Cohen



Jackie Cohen

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Jackie Cohen comes to our Federation's leadership with an extraordinary background in Jewish communal work, most of which has not been known in our community... until now. She has served on our Women's Philanthropy Board and contributed to several of our community's recent innovative programs. We are pleased to share her story as we welcome her as co-chair of our Federation's Board of Directors.

It is an honor and a privilege to join with Roberta Nyman to co-chair the Jewish Federation of the Desert Board of Directors, following in the footsteps of the other women who have devoted their leadership and passion to the mission of Federation: Sondra Landau, Barbara Platt, Cora Ginsberg, Celia Norian and, of course, Roberta Nyman.

Let me introduce myself. I was born in Washington, DC and still reside

there for six months of the year. Both of my grandmothers were widows and my father worked long hours running his business, so I was raised by three strong women who instilled in me the Jewish values I adhere to today.

I began my professional career on Capitol Hill in 1969 as a staff member for Senator Jacob K. Javits of New York, and subsequently, Senator Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania.

In 1981 I joined the staff of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, AIPAC, as the Director of Political Education. In that capacity I had the opportunity to travel to many Jewish communities throughout the country conducting workshops on the importance of getting involved in the political process. There was an energy and seemingly a hunger among the women to take a more active role in addressing the issues they cared about.

Two other events furthered my passion to increase the role of women in Jewish community affairs. First, was an opportunity to meet many of the women in the UJA Women's Young Leadership Cabinet. These

women were fiercely independent, many were professionals working outside the home and contributing their own money to a cause they deeply believed in. Second, was the formation of the first Jewish women's Pro Israel Political Action Committee, JACPAC. Following the defeat of many pro-Israel congressmen in 1980, a group of women met at the UJA General Assembly and decided they could no longer sit on the sidelines. Using their vast network of engaged Jewish women, the group quickly spread across the country and has the reputation on Capitol Hill of being one of the most informed and effective pro-Israel advocacy groups, JAC, of which I was President from 2004-2008.

Today, women are fully integrated in all facets of Jewish communal service. Our Federation was ahead of its time electing women to the Board of Directors as well as Chair, starting with Sondra Landau in 1987.

Over the years, the many women who served on the Federation and Women's Philanthropic Boards have worked tirelessly to raise funds for the Annual Campaign and to mobilize food, clothing drives and other projects to aid the vulnerable in the Valley.

As we approach the new year I encourage you to participate in the many programs our Federation offers, which bring our community together and raise the funds to meet our community's needs. Together we have the power to make a difference.

Warmest wishes for a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Jim Trew, Federation CFO, Retires

After almost 13 years with the Federation of the Desert, Jim Trew will be retiring, effective September 30. Jim has been a consummate financial professional with a multi-



Jim Trew

faceted skill set. He has brought Federation's financial management and status to a higher level, while at the same time streamlining many processes. He has been highly regarded both professionally and personally. We will miss his presence. We wish him an easy transition and a world of success as he moves into this new stage in his life.

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Bahraini Official in Israel Blasts Iran: 'Nuclear Deal Fueled Crisis, Hate and Extremism'

By Tobias Siegal, World Israel News

"In every crisis that develops in the Middle East – we can point to the involvement of Iran or its proxies," Bahrain's undersecretary for political affairs Abdullah bin Ahmad al Khalifa said on August 8 during his third visit to Israel, Israeli media reported.

The Bahraini senior official arrived in Israel on a four-day working visit. Al Abdallah is the person who was put in charge of the relation with Israel in Bahrain's Foreign Ministry.

Upon arrival, he met with several Israeli senior officials, including President Isaac Herzog and Foreign Affairs Minister Yair Lapid.

Later, speaking to reporters in Jerusalem, al Khalifa heavily criticized the 2015 deal with Iran.

"We were hoping that the deal would open a new page in



Bahrain's Abdullah bin Ahmad al Khalifa and Israeli President Isaac Herzog

the region but the exact opposite happened: it fueled crises in the Middle East, increased the number of refugees seeking asylum in Europe, and led to hate and increased extremism in many parts of the Middle East," he said.

"I haven't seen a single good thing come out of the deal, and I'm convinced that Biden's administration is aware of these concerns and of the messages he has received from other Gulf states,"

al Khalifa added.

"We would like to see a stable, safe, prosperous and responsible Iran," he noted, but blamed Tehran's "aggressive behavior," and pointed to the problem of the 2015 deal as "only focusing on the nuclear issue and completely ignoring other issues that concern the area," such as Tehran's use of ballistic missiles.

Addressing the recent explosion on the oil tanker Mercer Street in the Gulf of Oman, which is attributed to Iran, the Bahraini official said that Bahrain will always protect the freedom of navigation in the Gulf of Oman. "For years, Bahrain has cooperated with its allies, primarily the US [on this matter,] and is a member of the joint command for protecting navigational freedom in the region," al Khalifa said, adding

that "these latest attacks are nothing new ... we remain committed to cooperating with our allies and maintaining stability."

Finally, commenting on the relations with Israel, al Khalifa said he was optimistic about future opportunities and collaborations and promised that direct flights between the countries will become available this year, after having been delayed several times because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"We are determined and committed. Bahrain will support any initiative that will build new bridges and expand the Abraham Accords, which manifest values that we all share. This is a historic moment," he concluded.

British Government Okays Contested Holocaust Monument in London

By Cnaan Liphshiz, JTA

The British government has approved a contested plan for a prominent Holocaust memorial center outside Parliament in London.

The decision by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government means that the ambitious project has cleared its final major bureaucratic hurdle about five years after its inception.

The plans include 23 large bronze sculptures and an underground learning center to be built in Victoria Tower Gardens outside the Palace of Westminster, which is the seat of the legislature of the United Kingdom. The project will receive \$105 million in government funding and is scheduled to be completed in 2025.

Opponents of the plan



Artist's rendition of British Holocaust Monument to be built outside of Parliament Buildings

have raised multiple objections, ranging from landscaping objections and concerns it would exaggerate Great Britain's role in rescuing Jews to fears it would be targeted

by terrorists and eclipse a nearby monument marking the abolition of slavery.

Westminster Council, the local government of the London borough

of Westminster, last year blocked the project from gaining planning permission, prompting the ministry to set up an inquiry commission. The ministry decided to go ahead with the project despite the Council's objection.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews in a statement said it welcomes the government's approval for the project.

Among the project's critics was Ruth Deech, a Jewish member of the House of Lords, the upper house of the British parliament. She said the location of the monument — a large park with few preexisting facilities for a learning center — creates unnecessary complications that risk making the project "ineffective."

Chinese Targeted Israel in Massive Cyber Attacks, Stole Sensitive Data and Trade Secrets

Hackers acting on behalf of the Chinese government also targeted Iran and Saudi Arabia.

By Lauren Marcus, World Israel News

Hackers acting on behalf of the Chinese government carried out massive cyber attacks against Israel, Saudi Arabia, Iran and other countries in recent years, stealing sensitive information relating to trade and business, a bombshell report revealed August 9.

FireEye, a cybersecurity company based in California, said that they'd been tracking the "operational tactics, techniques, and procedures of a Chinese espionage group" since 2019.

In one huge attack that took place from 2019 to 2020, dozens of Israeli defense and private security companies were compromised by Chinese hackers who stole hundreds of documents, along with emails and

data.

The purpose of the attacks was not sabotage, FireEye clarified—rather, China exploited loopholes in the companies' servers to obtain business intelligence and technology and trade secrets.

After an analysis of the tools used for the hacking, FireEye determined that the Chinese State Security Ministry and intelligence bureau were the originators of the attack.

The Chinese focus on Israeli technology underscored "China's consistent strategic interest in the Middle East," the report noted.

"This cyber espionage activity is happening against the backdrop of China's multi-billion-dollar investments related to the Belt and

Road Initiative (BRI) and its interest in Israeli's robust technology sector."

As China investment in Israeli business grows, including infrastructure deals worth billions of dollars, the hacking may be seen by the Chinese as simply a part of doing their due diligence.

"Their goal isn't necessarily always to steal intellectual property; it's possible that they're actually looking for business information," Sanaz Yashar, one of FireEye's lead investigators into the hacking, told *Haaretz*.

"In the Chinese view, it's legitimate to attack a company while negotiating with it, so they will know how to price the deal properly."

Israel wasn't the only Middle

Eastern company targeted by state-backed hackers. Saudi Arabia, Iran, Uzbekistan and a number of other countries were also found to have been the victims of cyber attacks launched by China.

The Chinese embassy in Tel Aviv flatly denied the report in a statement.

"The FireEye report's baseless accusations against China on cybersecurity issues are defamation for political purposes," the embassy said.

"China is a staunch upholder of cybersecurity. It has always firmly opposed and combated cyber attacks launched within its border or with its network infrastructure."

Canada Will Spend \$5M to Strengthen Security at Jewish Institutions, Justin Trudeau tells Antisemitism Summit

Amid an unprecedented number of antisemitic incidents in Canada, the government is set to spend more than \$5 million to shore up the security of the nation's Jewish community institutions.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau made the announcement at a special virtual national "summit" on antisemitism. The new funding is part of his government's Security Infrastructure Program to bolster the safety of at-risk minorities. A main message at the conference was that good intentions won't be enough to rid the world of one of its oldest scourges.

According to B'nai Brith Canada, more than 2,600 antisemitic incidents took place in Canada in 2020, a fifth consecutive record-setting year. Some 44% of them appeared to be related to the COVID-19 pandemic,



Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

the group said.

"The rise in hate-motivated crimes against the Jewish community in the past few months is not only alarming, it's completely unacceptable," Trudeau said. "As Jewish Canadians, too many of you have told me you're feeling isolated and vulnerable."

Trudeau was among the number of prominent voices heard at the conference, which was chaired by Diversity and Inclusion Minister Bardish Chagger and former Justice Minister Irwin Cotler. Along with

the many government officials, the participants included Jewish advocacy organizations, the Black community, educators, law enforcement and students.

Annamie Paul, the Black-Jewish leader of Canada's Green Party, told the conference that her support of Israel has led to a barrage of antisemitic hate against her.

Trudeau noted in his remarks that measures already taken by his government to fight hate included naming Cotler as a special envoy to further Holocaust education and adopting the working definition of antisemitism developed by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance.

Cotler said in a published interview that the summit was "timely" and "necessary," but that action needs to

follow words. "It can't be just a one-time discussion," he said. "It will have to be an action plan that is developed and implemented as a result of the discussion."

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Ben & Jerry's Franchisees Call for Company to Rescind Israel Decision

Franchisees say the company's stance on Israel has damaged their bottom line.

By Aaron Bandler, Jewish News Syndicate

Several U.S. Ben & Jerry's franchisees have sent a letter to the company calling on them to rescind their July 19 decision to stop doing business in the "Occupied Palestinian Territory."

The letter was signed by franchisees in Seattle, Boston, San Francisco and St. Louis, among other major cities, that operate 30 stores and generate \$23.3 million in combined revenue.

"There is a danger that the pursuit of social justice will descend into political correctness or result in the adoption of overly simplistic solutions by people who share a single view of the world that misconstrue complex problems in which multiple claims of justice are implicated," the letter states.

Its authors cite the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as an example,



arguing that there are "multiple and conflicting claims of justice made" with regard to the conflict, and that any proposed solution should address those claims.

Moreover, the boycott decision comes with serious financial consequences, the letter continues.

"The decision that has been made to terminate the contract with Ben & Jerry's licensee in Israel not only distorts the situation on the ground—it has imposed, and will continue to impose, substantial financial costs on all of us," the letter

states.

"More importantly, the controversy your recent actions have brought upon our local businesses has had an adverse effect on the value of our independently owned franchises and investments," the franchisees state, adding that their respective families and communities "have shamed us personally for doing business not just with a company that draws controversy, but with one that continues to consider the calculated negative affect on its franchisees as acceptable collateral damage."

They conclude the letter by stating: "Those who feel strongly about Israel that they want to boycott it or some part of the territory it administers are free to do so. They cannot, however, do

that at our expense. We believe this decision needs to be re-examined and withdrawn."

The American Jewish Committee lauded the letter, noting that they aided the franchisees in drafting it.

Jake Novak, the Broadcast Media Director for the Israeli Consulate General of New York, tweeted that the letter was "very, very important" because "franchisees often take their franchise owners to court over stuff like this. There are lawyers who specialize in these kinds of cases and win. This is a red flag for #Benandjerrys parent company."

White House Makes Internal Selection for Jewish Liaison After Months of Pressure

By Jewish News Syndicate

The Biden administration has chosen a former White House Jewish liaison to resume the position on Thursday after months of pleading from Jewish communal organizations to name someone to the post.

Chanan Weissman, 37, who currently serves the administration as director of technology and democracy at the National Security Council, was first reported by The Washington Post to have gotten the tap from U.S. President Joe Biden.

Weissman previously served as White House Jewish liaison during the final year of the Obama administration. He would be the first person to date to be renamed to the role.

During the Trump administration, he was hired by the U.S. State Department in a professional role as section head of the Internet freedom, business and human-rights team.

He holds a bachelor's degree in journalism, government and politics from the University of Maryland, in addition to a master's degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service.

The Jewish Federations of North America lauded the decision. "JFNA welcomes the White House's appointment of Chanan Weissman

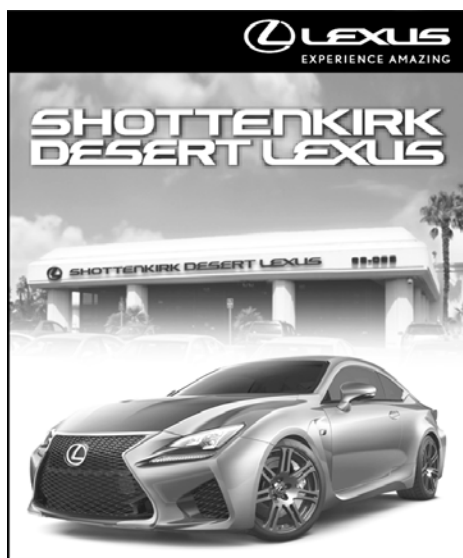


Chanan Weissman

to serve as its Jewish liaison," said JFNA president and CEO Eric Fingerhut in a statement.

"At a time when the Jewish community is facing a surge of antisemitism online, on college campuses, and especially, as our children return to school in the coming weeks," he continued, "there is a pressing need to safeguard the American Jewish community's security and freedoms."

It will be determined whether or not the extra responsibility would require Weissman to vacate his current position or handle both simultaneously like many other liaisons have done in the past.



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"What Would You Do If You Weren't Afraid?"

Join the Federation's Women's Cultural Alliance for a Zoom program on Monday, September 13 at 5:30 pm to share a book review and discussion on "What Would You Do If You Weren't Afraid" by Michal Oshman, Head of Culture, Tik Tok Europe & Former Leadership Expert, Facebook. Michal has been a mentor for leaders in top global companies and has given us tools to discover who we really are. By drawing on her own heritage and a wide range of "Histadrut" (Jewish teachings) she offers practical advice on many common concerns from mending a broken heart, parenting, overcoming setback etc.



This is a perfect pre-Yom Kippur book that deals with Jewish learning, wisdom and a 3,000-year-old principle for living life fearlessly. Michal Oshman, an Israeli born and raised woman, served as a commanding officer in the IDF before marrying and moving to England. Oshman's book can be ordered at Amazon or your favorite bookstore or purchased at Costco.

Please contact Leslie Pepper at 760-324-4737 to register for this book review and discussion. Zoom links will be sent out prior to the program.

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OUR SPEAKER

Lisa Friedman Clark



Lisa likes to refer to herself as the "Luckiest Unlucky" person she knows. Everything in her life has been BIG, both physically and experientially. At 6'1" with bright red hair, she clearly stands out in a crowd. Yet it is her life story, of "dancing between the raindrops," that is most memorable about Lisa.

Lisa was born in NYC in 1962 and attended Great Neck South High School on Long Island. After graduating from Cornell University in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineer (she bucked the typical female professional path), she began her career at IBM in Syracuse, New York and later transitioned into Banking. From then on, her life took some very difficult turns, and through them all, she has remained extraordinarily optimistic and involved in her work and in the Jewish community.

Lisa tells the story of her life; things that will make you laugh and cry, in order to help the audience understand ways of approaching their own hurdles and disappointments. She candidly talks of career obstacles, family issues, illness, and death and shares the important role that Federation has had in every facet of her journey.

Lisa is a proud LOJE (Endowed Lion of Judah) and has been an active leader for Federation in and around the tristate area. She has worked on various endeavors including for the Women's and New Leadership campaigns and was also the Long Island Chair for Planned Giving and Endowment for several years.

Lisa now resides Boca Raton, Florida.



Israelis Murdered at 1972 Munich Olympics Honored in Moment of Silence

The families of the 11 killed have been asking the International Olympic Committee for this gesture of respect for decades, but until now have been turned down.

The Forward

Israeli Olympic team members who were slaughtered by Palestinian terrorists at the 1972 Munich Olympics were remembered with a moment of silence during the opening ceremony of the Tokyo Olympics on Friday.

Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett welcomed the gesture, which represents the first time that their murders have been publicly recognized at the world sports competition.

"I welcome this important and historic moment. May their memory be blessed," he tweeted.

The families of the 11 killed have been asking the International Olympic



Olympic Dignitaries Stand in Memory of 1972 Slain Israelis

Committee for this gesture for decades, but until now have been turned down.

"We, the Olympic community, also remember all the Olympians and members of our community who have so sadly left us, in particular, we remember those who lost their lives during the Olympic Games," said an announcer during the opening

ceremony, reported Reuters.

"One group still holds a strong place in all our memories and stands for all those we have lost at the games—the members of the Israeli delegation at the Olympic Games Munich 1972," the announcer added as the stadium darkened and soft blue light illuminated parts of the arena.

In a statement, widows Ilana Romano and Ankie Spitzer, who watched the ceremony in the stadium along with members of the other families, said: "Justice has finally been done for the husbands, fathers and sons who were murdered in Munich."

On September 5, 1972, Palestinian gunmen from the Black September terror group took members of the Israeli team hostage at the athletes' village. Eleven Israelis and one German policeman were eventually killed.

Israel's minister of culture and sport, Chili Tropper, called the moment a "historic justice."

"The Tokyo Olympics have just opened, but they are already a historic Olympics—after 49 years, on the main stage, at the opening ceremony, the 11 heroes, the victims of the Munich Olympics, were mentioned," he said. "Better late than never."

Israeli Men's Gymnast Wins Country's Second-Ever Gold Medal

By Philissa Cramer, JTA

Israeli men's gymnast Artem Dolgopyat took home the Olympic gold medal in floor exercise, giving Israel its second-ever gold in any Olympic event.

Born in Dnipro, Ukraine, Dolgopyat moved with his family to Israel when he was 12 and began training at Maccabi Tel Aviv,



Artem Dolgopyat of Team Israel celebrates winning gold in the men's floor exercise final at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

an acclaimed sports club that has produced multiple Olympians. The Associated Press had predicted that he would win gold at the delayed 2020 Tokyo Olympics (and that six other Israeli athletes or teams would medal during the games).

Until this win, the only gold medal ever won by an Israeli was Gal

Fridman's 2004 gold in windsurfing.

On the first day of the Olympics, Avishag Semberg won a bronze on Women's 49 kg Taekwondo. The judo team won bronze after its members failed to medal as individuals, salvaging a victory in one of Israel's top Olympic sports.

Rhythmic Gymnast Linoy Ashram wins Israel's Third Olympic Gold

By Times of Israel Staff

Rhythmic gymnast Linoy Ashram won Israel's third-ever Olympic gold medal on August 7th, beating out tough competition to take the top spot on the Tokyo 2020 podium and ending over two decades of Russian dominance in the sport.

Ashram is the first Israeli woman to win a gold at the Olympics. "It's what I dreamed of for all my life," Ashram said after the win. She was visibly moved as Israel's national anthem, Hatikvah, rang out through the gymnastics center as the flag was raised.

The gymnast won Israel's third



Ribbon routine

Olympic gold medal just days after gymnast Artem Dolgopyat won Israel's second. Israeli windsurfer



Israel's Linoy Ashram with her gold medal

Gal Friedman won the first gold for Israel in Athens in 2004.

As well as the two golds, Israel's Olympic team had already picked up two bronze medals in Tokyo — for the judo mixed team, and Avishag Semberg for taekwondo in the women's 49kg category.

The Tokyo games are thus Israel's most successful, since it has never previously won more than two medals at any one Olympics.

Israeli gymnast Nicol Zelikman came in 7th overall. This was the first time a Russian gymnast has failed to win the title since the 1996 Atlanta Olympics

and is arguably one of the biggest surprises in the sport's history.

Ashram, the 2018 world all-around silver medalist, had been in good form this season, but was not expected to beat the identical twin sisters from Russia. The twins, between them, had won every major championship all-around title they had competed for since the 2016 Rio Olympics.

Ashram has been competing in international contests since 2014. She now has 92 medals from various international competitions under her belt.

Global COVID Death Toll Over a Million Higher Than Reported, Israeli Study Finds

4.22 million have been reported dead but many were left out, say Hebrew University researchers, pointing to authoritarian regimes downplaying virus and others unable to keep track

By Nathan Jeffay, *The Times of Israel*

There have been over a million more coronavirus deaths around the world than shown by official statistics, an Israeli study claims.

Around 4.22 million people have been reported dead from COVID-19 worldwide, but researchers from Hebrew University say that inaccuracies in some countries and intentional downplaying of the virus in others have led to significant underreporting of mortality.

The suggestion is not a new one, but their contribution is peer-reviewed research, published in the *eLife* journal, evaluating the extent of the phenomenon in different countries.

Economist Dr. Ariel Karlinsky and statistician Dr. Dmitry Kobak have

studied around half the countries in the world, asking how much higher deaths were during the pandemic compared to normal times, based on statistics from previous years adjusted to reflect population changes.

This is known as the number of excess deaths.

Their estimate of a million-plus unreported COVID deaths is based on those 103 countries alone, and as their ongoing research expands to other countries, they expect the estimate to rise.

Their data is based on calculations assessing the shortfall between the reported number of coronavirus deaths and the total of excess deaths, mostly using statistics collected

during the spring. They argue that much of the shortfall consists of deaths caused by the coronavirus but categorized in other terms.

This effect is most pronounced in authoritarian countries. In Russia, when the research was completed in the spring, there were 110,000 confirmed coronavirus deaths, but there were 500,000 excess deaths.

In Belarus there were just 390 confirmed virus deaths but 5,700 excess deaths, and in Nicaragua, widely criticized for downplaying the disease, there were 140 reported coronavirus deaths but 7,000 excess deaths.

"In some countries, normally very authoritarian countries such as Russia, Belarus and Nicaragua, the polite thing to say is they are obfuscating truth," Karlinsky told *The Times of Israel*. "I think they are lying to show the rest of the world they are powerful and everything is under control."

In most developed countries, the margins are relatively smaller and likely to reflect inevitable statistical discrepancies, "largely from the start of the pandemic when testing was not yet widespread," he said.

In the United States, for example, there were 590,000 recorded coronavirus deaths and 640,000 excess deaths.

"There are also countries that want to report accurately but even today don't have capacity to do so," Karlinsky noted, giving the example of Peru, which struggled to record statistics and then doubled its death count after review in May. "In most Latin American countries, numbers are impacted by a lack of testing

capacity."

Karlinsky said that the true extent of underreporting isn't clear from the statistics, suggesting that an analysis of Israel helps to explain why.

Israel is one of the few countries where the number of excess deaths is smaller than the number of recorded COVID-19 deaths: 5,000 versus 6,477.

Karlinsky suggested this was because lockdowns and social distancing meant that influenza was hardly existent in Israel, though in a normal year it causes around a significant number of deaths.

By the same logic, he said, the margin of underreporting is actually greater than the figures suggest in countries like Russia.

"As well as highlighting underreporting, our study emphasizes that the coronavirus has caused many more deaths than we would have expected to see," Karlinsky said.

"This is important, because we have long heard some people claiming that COVID deaths are just a rebranding of ordinary deaths. This research shows clearly that even if you don't designate the deaths as COVID deaths, there is a very noticeable increase in mortality in almost all of the countries we investigate.

"They used to say these are people who would be dying anyway. But the excess deaths calculation shows that many more people have been dying than you would normally see," Karlinsky said.

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Iranian President Acknowledges Stolen Archive Damaged the Islamic Republic.

By Pesach Benson, United With Israel

On August 3rd, the final day of Iranian President Hassan Rouhani's administration, the figurehead Iranian leader acknowledged that Israeli agents smuggled out of the country an entire warehouse of nuclear archives in 2018.

The secrets that the Zionists came and took from inside the country, published and showed to former US President Donald Trump led him to abandon the nuclear agreement, Rouhani told government officials at a meeting which was covered by Fars, Iran's state-run news agency.

Rouhani claimed he was not

confirming the authenticity of the documents. Rouhani also said Iran is losing the battle of international opinion to Israel. "Our media could not defeat the conspiracy of the Zionist media," he said, a day before "Butcher of Tehran" Ebrahim Raisi was inaugurated as the nation's new president.

Raisi is accused of heinous war crimes, including playing a role in the slaughter of his own people.

In 2018, Mossad operatives broke into a Tehran warehouse and stole approximately 110,000 documents. Rather than make copies, the agents specifically

took the original documents. The half-ton trove was reportedly smuggled back to Israel the same night.

The seized files confirmed Israeli assessments that Iran's atomic program, Project Amad, was geared towards developing nuclear weapons. Iran continues to maintain that its nuclear program is peaceful, a claim that is widely doubted. Documents shared with the media showed the program was larger and more sophisticated than previously believed.

The archives also identified Project Amad's key figures,

such as Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps Brig.-Gen. Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, the father of Iran's nuclear weapons program. Fakhrizadeh was assassinated in 2020.

According to reports, details from the stolen archives were a critical factor in President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw the U.S. from the Iranian nuclear agreement in 2018.

Raisi, who was sworn into office on August 3, is also known as The Butcher of Tehran for overseeing the mass execution of thousands of political prisoners in 1988.

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Report: Major Corporations 'Fail to Protect' Jewish Employees from Rising Antisemitism

Out of the 25 companies surveyed, 17 received a rating of "D" or "F"

By Faygie Holt, Jewish News Syndicate

Despite major corporations investing significant time and funds to address traditional gaps in "diversity, equity and inclusion" policies, many of them—most notably, Google, Unilever and Cigna—have fallen short when it comes to addressing the needs of Jewish employees.

That was the main finding of an August 10 report from the organization Stop Antisemitism, which looked at 25 companies in the fields of health care, apparel, technology, retail and beauty, and rated them on three measures: corporate platform, allyship and internal diversity, equity and inclusion policies.

Out of the 25 companies, 17 received a rating of "D" or "F." Only two companies, L'Oréal and American Eagle, received an "A" rating.

"Overall, the research shows that corporations have failed their Jewish employees," concluded the report. "Corporations need to drastically

revamp their corporate and DEI policies, and practice genuine allyship to protect their Jewish employees from rising antisemitism."

In giving a failing grade to Unilever, Cigna and Google, the report noted that none of them include Jews or mention antisemitism as part of their commitment to diversity and equity.

Further, the report said, in the case of Google, it "does not hold employees accountable for making antisemitic statements," a reference to the June incident where the head of the company's leader for diversity strategy and research posted that Jews have "insatiable appetite for war and killing," and yet was not fired. Instead, Kamau Bobb was reassigned within the company.

Unilever, the parent company of Ben & Jerry's, has been in the news after the ice-cream company announced on July 19 that it will not sell its products in what it deems "Occupied Palestinian

Territory," referring to the West Bank and parts of Jerusalem. It was singled out in the report for using its platform "to stand against the Jewish state, rather than taking a stand against antisemitism."

As for Cigna, the report said that the health-care company has "Enterprise Resource Groups for its diverse community of employees—there is no group for Jews." It also had not made any statements or posts in solidarity with the Jewish community. Other health-care companies didn't fare much better; United Healthcare, Anthem, Aetna and Humana all received a "D" grade.

"Jews comprise the largest bracket of religious hate crime victims year after year, according to FBI crime statistics, yet oftentimes the Jewish people are not seen as a persecuted group," Liora Raz, Stop Antisemitism's executive director, told JNS. "Antisemitic tropes portraying Jews as greedy, wealthy and controlling the economy have

crept into corporate America, making us the ultimate 'white privilege' target. Diversity officers need to do a much better job of actually 'seeing' Jews and including us in their diversity practices and protocols."

Working on improvements to make the grade

Among those getting a positive ranking was Facebook, which has been criticized—most recently by the Anti-Defamation League—for not doing enough to combat hate on its platform. The report, however, found the situation to be changing.

"Facebook, unlike many of the other corporate giants featured, acknowledged Holocaust Remembrance Day 2021 and the ignorance young people have about the Holocaust," said Raz. "Also, in August 2020, Facebook was the only social-media platform to ban antisemitic stereotypes of collective Jewish power and update their hate policy to include denying the Holocaust. These efforts and admissions are enormous and deserve praise, particularly when competitors refuse to do the same."

Cosmetics company L'Oréal was praised for its response after it was revealed that in 2018, one of its brand influencers posted antisemitic tweets. Since then, it has had an "influencer value charter" that states brand influencers "will not share views or engage in behavior which could be interpreted as racism, anti-Semitism, homophobia, misogyny, religious intolerance ..."

As for the clothing company American Eagle, which is popular among tweens and teens, it got an "A" in part because it has a Jewish connections group for associates to "celebrate the Jewish culture through education and recognition of holiday rituals throughout the year."

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U of South Carolina to Open First US Anne Frank House: 'She Was One of Six Million'

By Dion J. Pierre, The Algemeiner

The University of South Carolina plans to build the first Anne Frank Center in North America, the school announced on August 9, connecting students and the wider community with the heroic story of the Jewish teenage diarist and Holocaust victim.

The 1,060 square foot center will feature World War II artifacts, as well as replicas of the sliding bookcase behind which Anne's family hid inside the secret annex of Prinsengracht 263, and of the desk where she wrote the reflections that later became "Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl."

"We would like every student here to see visually what they've read in history books, and by that strike a match, light a candle, for a more peaceful and just world," said USC Interim President Harris Pastides at a ceremony announcing the opening, local FOX57 news reported.

He also noted plans to start a traveling exhibit that would tour all 50 US states, reaching thousands of people who may never have the chance to visit Amsterdam's famed



Anne Frank

Anne Frank House or its existing partner centers in London, Buenos Aires and Berlin.

USC junior Mary McElveen spoke of her hope to help make the area a more welcoming place for Jewish students like herself.

"We are surrounded by communities that don't really get to be educated on the Holocaust," McElveen said at the event. "I've met kids that have never seen a Jewish

person before, that have never heard Anne Frank's name before, so having this here is really amazing."

Center Director Doyle Stevick said Anne's own telling of her life has made her the best known child "in any school system in the world."

"Part of what we have to do is show her and her family, her life history, and help people understand that she was one of six million people and of 1.5 million children who were murdered," Doyle Stevick told *the Post and Courier*.

"She's really the only child that you get to know in her own voice, in depth," he said. "That ability to relate provides us that human connection to establish our universal humanity."

The Anne Frank House in Amsterdam loaned USC most of the items — ranging from Nazi propaganda magazines to government-issued ration cards — that visitors will see when the Center opens for viewing on September 15.

They will have the option of touring it for free, or paying a voluntary donation at the door.

Ronald Leopold, executive director of the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, praised their faculty partners at USC as "excellent Holocaust scholars and educators who share our mission," which helped secure the choice of the Columbia, South Carolina-based public university for the initiative.



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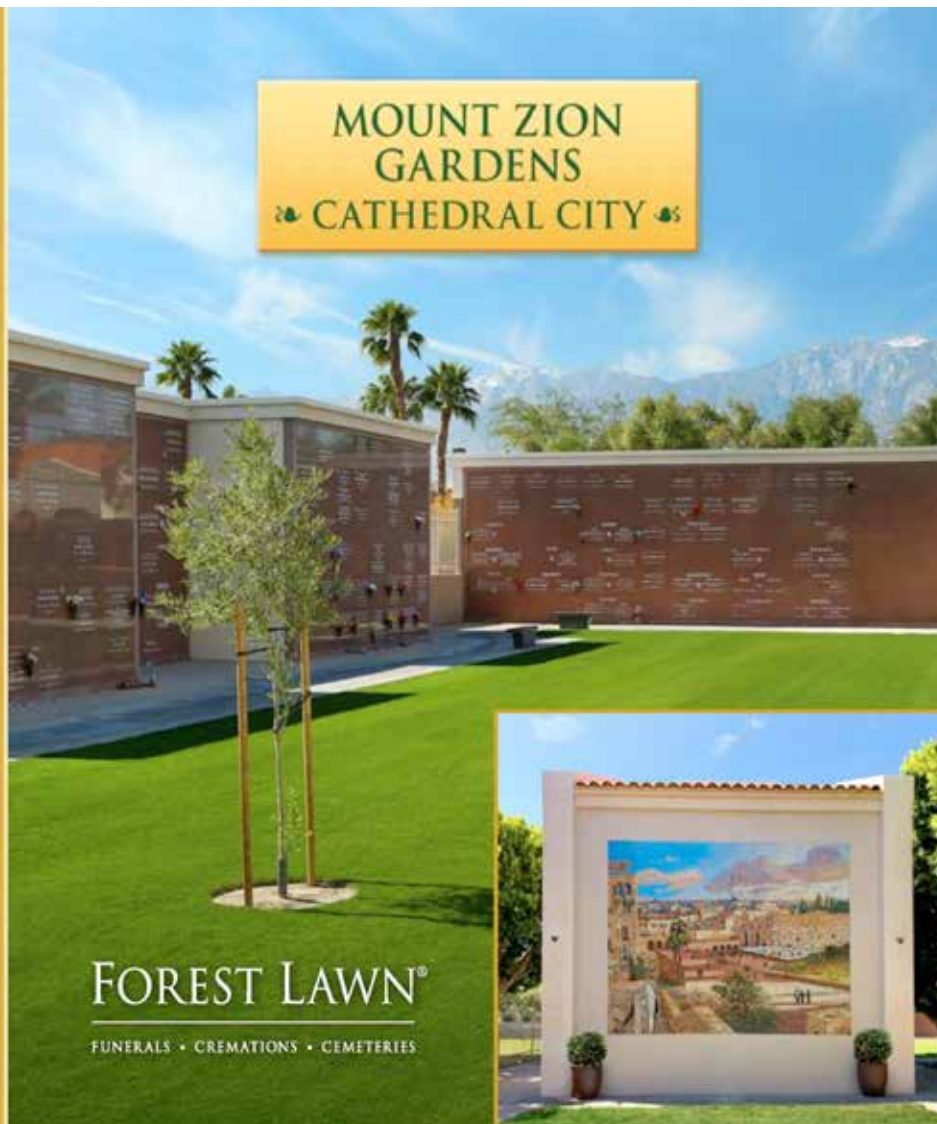
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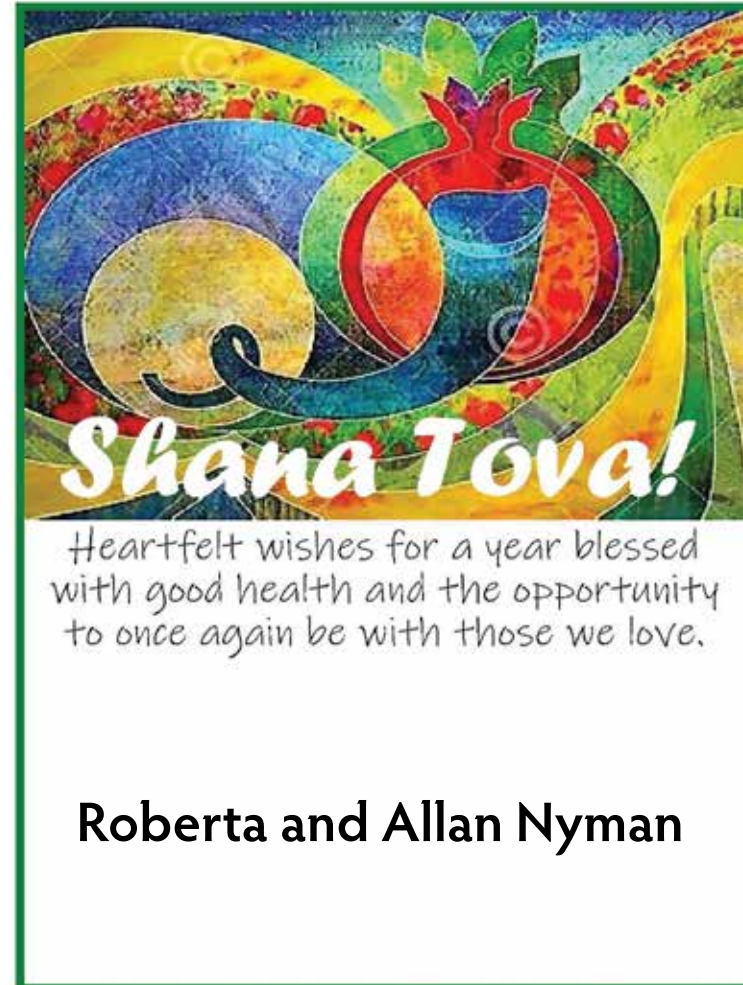
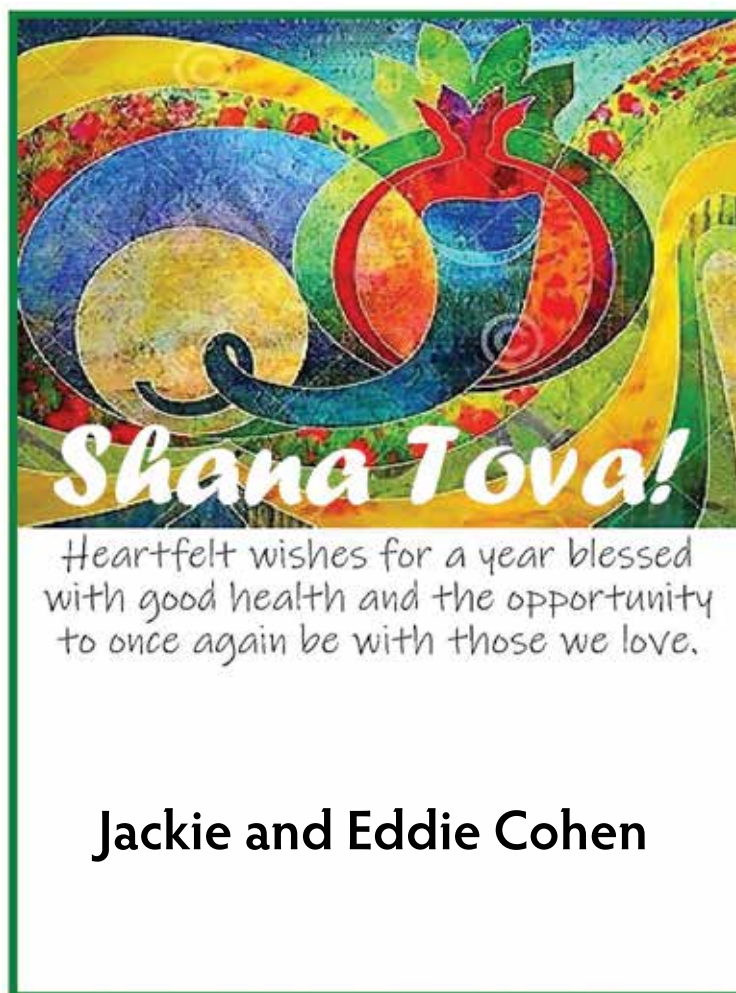
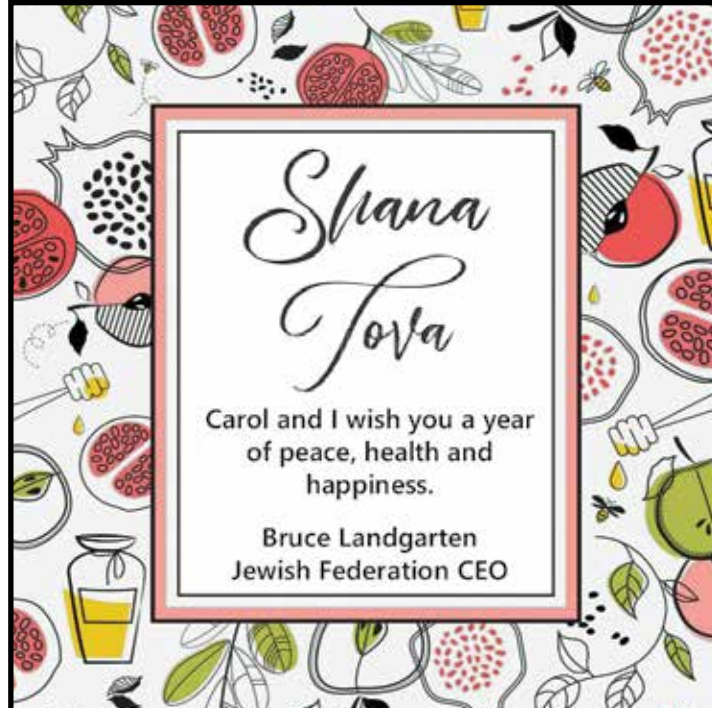


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Additional Holiday Greetings
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Holiday and Shabbat Schedule - September 2021

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To access any activity, go to Temple Isaiah's website and click on link to desired service or program. As of the JCN going to press, Temple Isaiah plans in-person holiday services for those fully vaccinated. Masks required and seating separation. See ad page 11.

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7:30 pm - Chabad of Palm Springs/Sun City: Virtual class: "The Prophets: Stories that shaped our history" with Rabbi Baruch (Boz) Werdiger.

Tuesdays:

7:00 pm - Chabad of Palm Springs/Sun City: Virtual class: "Insights for

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Wednesdays:

7:30 pm - Temple Isaiah "Bereavement Group" with **Rabbi Steven Rosenberg**. Contact Rabbi directly for more information: rabbisteven.rosenberg@gmail.com.

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7:00 pm - Chabad of Palm Springs/Sun City: Virtual "Ask the Rabbi" with **Rabbi Yonason Denebeim**.

Saturdays:

7:00 pm Havurah of the Desert: **Havdalah** followed by film and webinar discussions. For informa-

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Monday, September 13

5:30 pm Jewish Federation Women's Alliance program: Zoom book review and discussion with Michal Oshman, author of "**What Would You Do if You Weren't Afraid?**" To RSVP call Leslie Pepper, 760-324-4737. For more information see page 8.

South Korea Becomes First Asian Country to Adopt IHRA Antisemitism Definition

South Korea has become the first Asian country to recognize the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of

antisemitism.

In a phone call with his Israeli counterpart Yair Lapid in early August, South Korean Minister of Foreign

Affairs Chung Eui-yong said his country had endorsed the definition, which has been adopted by three dozen nations in Europe and North and South

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Israel's ambassador in Seoul, Akiva Tor, described South Korea's move as "important step against hate."



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- **Annette Shapiro**, Best wishes for a speedy recovery from Barbara Platt.
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- **Dick Sukman**, Wishing you a speedy return to good health, from Barbara Platt and Norm Lewis.
- **Stanley Weiss**, In hopes of a speedy recovery, from Marnie Miller and Joe Noren.

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- **Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Allen and Family**, In memory of your beloved father, from Eunice and Jerry Meister.
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- **Family of Annette Bloch**, In memory of your beloved Annette, from Cora Ginsberg, Sanford and Rosemary Hertz, Cydney Osterman, Sherry and Howard Schor
- **Trena Greitzer**, In memory of your beloved husband Stan, from Susie and Bob Diamond, Sande and Ed Fineman, Sanford and Rosemary Hertz, Cydney Osterman, Barbara Platt and Norm Lewis, Sherry and Howard Schor.
- **Joan Dim**, In memory of your beloved father, from Harriet Bernstein.
- **Nikki and Harry Haroutunian**, In memory of your beloved Mike, from Barbara and Bernie Fromm (Youth Enrichment Fund).
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- **Carol Horwich Luber and Family**, In memory of your beloved aunt Ruth Beschloss, Gail and Bob Scadron, Sherry and Howard Schor.
- **Marjorie Kulp**, In memory of your beloved aunt Ruth Beschloss, from Harriet Bernstein.
- **Stephen and Margie Kulp**, In memory of your beloved father, Franklin Kulp, from Paul and Sandy Epstein, Jim Levitas, and Ken Schoenfeld.
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- **Ruth Lobel and Family**, In memory of Seymour Lobel, from Dottie and Max Ralph.
- **Nora Rado and Family**, In memory of your beloved husband, Don, from Libby and Buddy Hoffman, Debra and Mickey Star, Leslie and Barry Usow.
- **David Scherl**, In memory of your beloved mother, Lila, from Cora Ginsberg.
- **Laura Sklut**, In memory of your beloved husband, John, from Dr. Paul and Stephanie Ross, Marcia and Rick Stein.
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Non-Jewish Texas Student Researching Locations of Former Synagogues in New York City

By Josh Plank, World Israel News

Amy Shreeve, a 20-year-old college student in Texas, has created a Twitter account to publish the locations of every Manhattan address that formerly housed a synagogue or Jewish organization, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA) reported on August 4.

Shreeve's account, "This Used to Be a Synagogue" (@OldShulSpots), tweets daily the name and address of a historic Jewish organization along with the current image from Google Street View.

"I want people to reflect on the space, and to think of the immigrant stories and religion stories that came from there," said Shreeve, who is not Jewish and has never even been to New York.



Anshei Kalusz Lechetz Yosha on 8th street

"This is honestly weirdly random even for me personally," she told JTA. "I have no family connections. I'm just a big fan of Jewish history."

Her interest began when she decided to study Yiddish at the



Mlickveh Israel of Harlem on Madison Avenue

University of Texas at Austin, where she is majoring in rhetoric and history.

"I needed to take a language class. When I heard that my school in Austin was teaching a language with

less than 2 million speakers, I thought it was a rare and unique opportunity to learn a niche language," Shreeve said.

She read an article by her Yiddish professor, Itzik Gottesman, about how old synagogues in Brooklyn have been repurposed, and she decided to map what she learned for a separate geography course.

On her website, Shreeve calls the project an example of "commemorative geography."

"Using the data I gathered, I constructed a Twitter Bot using Twitter and Google APIs. This bot posts Google Street View images of the places where synagogues and Jewish organizations used to be located," she explained.

"People following this bot get regular reminders that New York City used to be...different. Different people lived and gathered there and had a different way of life. This bot encourages people to explore their own cities and wonder 'What used to be here? Who gathered here?'" Shreeve said.

The project relies on 1,016 entries which were obtained from the public database of the Ackman & Ziff Family Genealogy Institute at the Center for Jewish History in Manhattan.

Once all the entries are published, Shreeve would like to map other boroughs of New York, especially Brooklyn, and she may even visit the city in person.

"Looking at a map is not the same as walking the streets and seeing that what is currently a movie theater or a parking lot once housed minyans or charity organizations," she told JTA.



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Rabbi Jonathan Omer-man

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Israeli Minister Details Plans for Rocket-proof Protection in Northern Israeli Homes

By Jewish News Syndicate

Israel's Deputy Defense Minister Alon Schuster met with the heads of local councils in the country's north and provided details about plans to install rocket-proof protection in homes near the Lebanon border.

Under the Defense Ministry's plan, dubbed "Defender of the North," work will begin next month in eight communities located up to one kilometer from the border to fortify homes.

Schuster was accompanied at the meeting by the head of the Shielding Department in the Israel Defense Forces Home Front Command, Col. Yaniv Wolfer, and visited a number of locations in the Upper Galilee, including Moshav Yuval, where the first homes will receive the added protection.

The program will be led by the Defense Ministry and the IDF Home Front Command. It will receive 250 million shekels (\$77.5 million) of



Israel's Deputy Defense Minister Alon Schuster details plans to local council leaders

funding for 2021-22 and 500 million shekels (\$155 million) from the 2023 defense budget.

Schuster said as a result of "the conclusion and approval of the defense budget under the leadership of Defense Minister Benny Gantz, we are ensuring the implementation of the 'Defender of the North' program." The program was approved by the political-security cabinet in 2018.

Schuster added that bolstering homes in the north will form a "critical issue in the home front and the civilian resilience in the next conflict."

DESERT HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL



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

Have A Nosh With Miriam

Celebrating with apples for the Holidays

Looking through my files, I found some delicious holiday recipes I gave you well over a decade ago.

They continue to be winners and, if you are cooking for the holidays, I hope you try one or all ... and enjoy! Shana tova. MHB



DOUBLE APPLE KUGEL

16 oz. wide or extra wide egg noodles
4 Tablespoons pareve margarine
1 cup unsweetened applesauce
4 whole eggs
2 egg yolks
¾ cup sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1½ teaspoons cinnamon
½ cup raisins
4 medium apples, such as Granny Smith, peeled, cored and thinly sliced
Non-stick cooking spray

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cook noodles several minutes less than package directions, until barely tender. Drain and return to saucepan. Add margarine and applesauce. Toss to coat. In medium bowl combine eggs, egg whites, sugar, vanilla and cinnamon until blended then stir into noodles, along with raisins and apples. Mix well. Pour into a casserole dish. Spray a piece of aluminum foil with non-stick cooking spray and place sprayed side down on top of noodles. Bake, covered, at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Raise heat to 375 degrees, remove foil and spray top of kugel with cooking spray. Make for 15-20 minutes longer, until lightly golden. Let sit for 10-15 minutes before serving. Serves 12.

GOLDIE'S APPLE PUDDING CAKE

1 cup sugar
¼ cup Crisco
1 egg, beaten
1 cup flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda

½ teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon nutmeg
¼ teaspoon salt
2-3 apples, grated
(optional) ½ cup nuts, chopped

Combine sugar and Crisco. Stir in egg. Sift dry ingredients together and add. Combine into smooth batter. Add apples and nuts. Stir well. Bake in 9" pan for 30 minutes at 375 degrees.

CRANBERRY-APPLE TORTE

Crust:

2 cups all-purpose flour
2 cups dark brown sugar
1½ cups quick cooking or 1 minute-type oatmeal
1 cup (2 sticks) pareve margarine, melted
2 teaspoons cinnamon

Filling:

4 apples, peeled and cut into small chunks
1 16-oz. can whole berry cranberry sauce
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Heavily coat a 9-inch springform pan with non-stick spray; set aside. In a large bowl, mix the 2 cups flour, brown sugar, oats, margarine, and cinnamon. Reserve 1½ cups of the mixture. Press the remainder into the bottom of the prepared pan and halfway up the sides with the palm of your hand.

In a medium bowl, combine the apples, cranberry sauce and 2 tablespoons flour, mixing with a spoon. Pour the mixture into the prepared crust. Sprinkle the reserved flour-sugar-oat mixture over the top. Use the back of a spoon to gently press mixture so it evenly covers the top and meets the crust coming up the sides, enclosing the filling. Bake for 40 minutes. Makes 10-12 servings.



Simchas

Talia Lizemer emailed the happy news that her niece, **Sarit Klugman**, and husband, **Jeremy**, have a beautiful new daughter, **Naomi Grace Eskritt**, born July 28. Delighted grandparents are our community's former Federation Director **Alan Klugman** and his wife **Orly**. ... **Rabbi Shimon** and **Chaya Posner** shared the happy



Sarit, Jeremy and Naomi Grace

news that their daughter and son-in-law, **Fraydee** and **Rabbi Mendel Kessler** have welcomed another son into their family, born August 9 in Sedona, Arizona. The Bris will be after the JCN goes to press so we will give you his name in the October paper! ... **Barbara Platt** just returned from Catalina where daughter **Cori Cascante** celebrated her 60th birthday with family and close friends; and as we go to press she is now off to Wisconsin for grandson **Ariel Platt's** wedding to **Lilli Flink** on August 22, the wedding being held at Camp Osru in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin! ... *Share your simchas with us. Email Miriam Bent at mhbentjcn@earthlink.net or call 760-323-0255.*



We Mourn the Passing of...

Ruth Beschloss, Cheryl Blatt, Miriam Debevoise, Lois W. Jackman, Joseph Rajczi, Lillian Salis and John Sklut. *Our deepest sympathies to their families and friends. May their memories endure as a blessing.*



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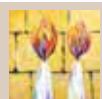
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Friday, September 17	Shabbat Haazinu	6:06 pm
Monday, September 20	Erev Sukkot	6:02 pm
Tuesday, September 21	2 nd night Sukkot	After 7:20 pm
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Israel Selected to Host Miss Universe Pageant for the First Time

By Asaf Shalev, JTA

Eilat, a remote resort city in the country's south, will be the venue for the beauty competition's 70th annual event in December, organizers announced on July 20.

Actor and comedian Steve Harvey will return as host for the three-hour pageant, which will be broadcast live on the Fox network in the United States and across 180

countries. The reigning Miss Universe, Andrea Meza of Mexico, will crown her successor.

The announcement comes amid a renewed public focus on the movement to boycott Israel after Ben & Jerry's said it would stop selling its ice cream in Israel's West Bank settlements.

In a statement, Tourism Minister

Yoel Razvozov said he was "delighted" by the pageant's selection. "I fully hope that in December we will be celebrating not only the new Miss Universe here in Israel, but most importantly, the end of the world pandemic," he was quoted as saying by The Times of Israel. "I wish all participants good health and good luck and I look forward to seeing you

all soon."

Last year's event was postponed due to the pandemic.

Only one Israeli has won the pageant, Rina Messinger in 1976.

The last popular major global event to be held in Israel was the Eurovision music contest in 2019, which took place despite boycott calls by pro-Palestinian activists.



Shana Tova!

Heartfelt wishes for a year blessed with good health and the opportunity to once again be with those we love.

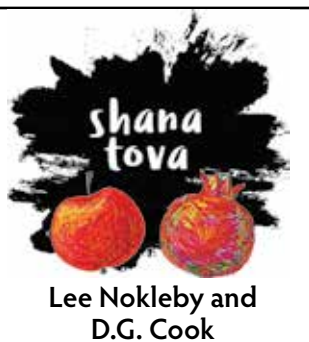
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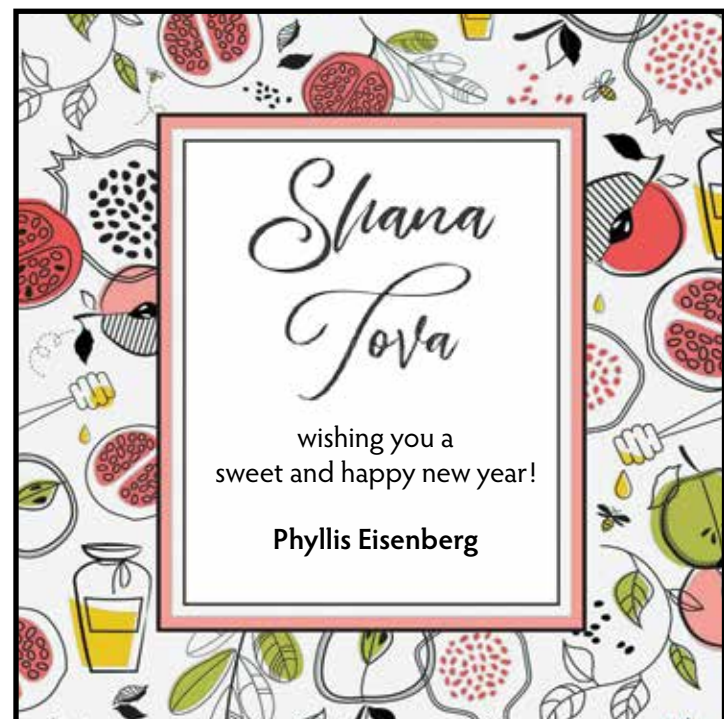
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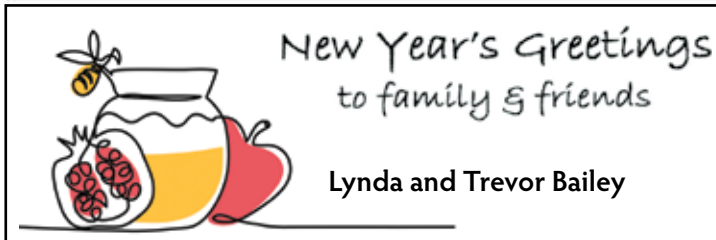
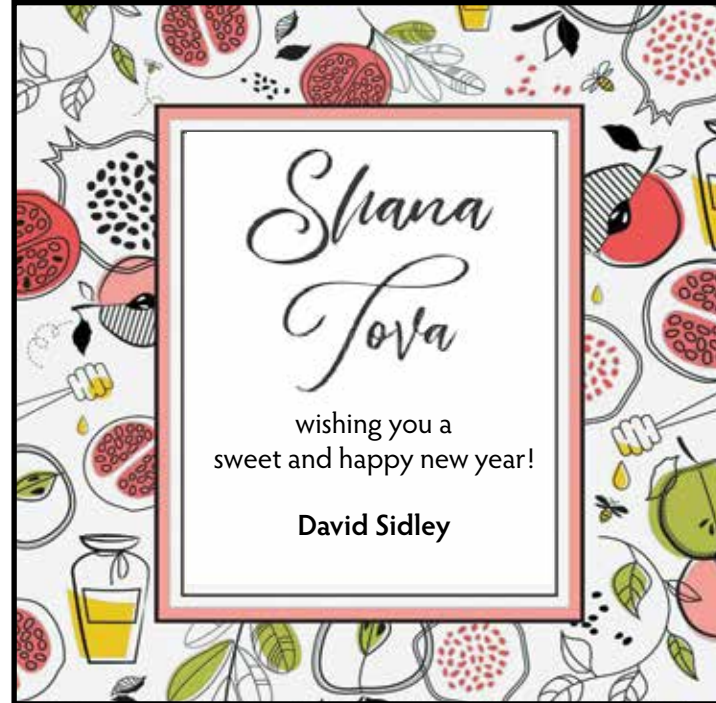


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