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I am excited that the Jewish Community News is back from its Summer break. I feel as though I have been without a friend for the past three months. Really, the JCN is a resource for the whole community and a great place for us to share the impact your support has in our

community and across the Jewish world.

We continue to monitor the needs in Ukraine. Through your generosity we raised over \$150,000 that went directly to needs on the ground in the region. As you know by reading the news the needs of the people of Ukraine will continue for some time. We will continue to raise funds to support those needs.

I am starting my first fiscal year as the CEO for the Jewish Federation of the Desert. Not that I haven't been working since I started in March. The fiscal year gives us the framework for several key parts of how the Federation operates. First and foremost, it is the beginning of board terms. This fiscal year we welcome new board members to the board and

welcome back the standing board. In future issues of the JCN we will provide profiles of the board and the new board members.

The fiscal year also starts our new budget. Over the next several months we will be publishing both the operational budget and the allocation. One new thing this year is we are being recognized by Charity Navigator with four stars the highest rating for non-profits (thanks to our CFO Alberto Tejero).

In short, the mission of the Federation is to be the central and inclusive communal organization for the Jewish people of the valley, committed to the state of Israel and to help Jews in need no matter where they reside. We accomplish this

through our vision of creating vibrant and purposeful ways to care for the vulnerable, provide educational and engagement opportunities and to support Israel and world Jewry.

This year we will be hosting many events that showcase our work and our partnerships in the community. Keep a close eye on our website (which we are revamping) and our community calendar for those events. We have also expanded our networks by joining two substantial organizations: Jewish Public Affairs of California and the Jewish Book Council. We will be writing and posting articles and updates from these and other partners.

Our 2022-2023 Jewish Federation Board

As our 2022-2023 Jewish Federation Board begins its work of identifying and addressing the needs of our local Jewish community -- and our obligation to Israel and to Jews in need around the world -- there is a revitalized energy these days, building on the vision and direction of Alan Potash, our new CEO of the past six months. We have a combination of seasoned board members and new. Several have held the position of Campaign Chair in the past, giving us a strong, knowledgeable core for what is needed moving forward. COVID's impact is still felt, but with the Board's enthusiasm and outreach to the community, we look forward to a successful year.

Pictured are Jackie Cohen (continuing Co-Chair); Cora Ginsberg (returning as a Co-Chair); Arnie Gillman, Campaign Chair (a position he held in the past); Ron Langus, Treasurer; Stephanie Ross, Secretary; Lori Fritz, Allocations Chair; Carol Fragen; Bobbi Holland; new board member Dr. Robert Jacobs; new board member Barry Kaiman; Fran Kaufman,



Women's Philanthropy Chair; Marjorie Kulp, returning to the board; new member Sheryl Livergant; and Gary Schahet.

Cora Ginsberg noted, "As our Jewish community gathers together for our New Year we also come together as a Federation Board for 2022-2023. I

welcome our new board and returning board members. May we all come together as one to help those in need and to pray for a peaceful world, where our family around the world is safe."

Jackie Cohen adds, "I am looking forward to the year ahead, as our board tackles the challenging work of our Jewish

Federation. I welcome our three new board members -- Dr. Robert Jacobs, Barry Kaiman and Sheryl Livergant -- and welcome back Marjorie Kulp. We look forward to the energy that they will bring, enhancing the vision and efforts of our continuing board members. We have

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us move from El Cielo to the Atrium to our present home. I have been there from Executive Director Alan Klugman to our present CEO Alan Potash.

Memories ... Friendships ... Representing our Jewish Federation in Argentina, Hungary, Georgia in the

former Soviet Union. Leading two missions to Israel and visiting there many other times.

It is not with a touch of sadness that I leave the Federation Board but with enormous satisfaction, appreciating what our donor dollars have meant to Jews locally, in Israel and throughout the world.

It is too long a list to thank everyone, but it was Steve and Barbara Platt who, in 1998, started Allan and me on this journey. Thank you, Barbara, you are a special person.

Thank you for the enormous honor to have been selected our community's

2012 Lion of Judah Kipnis-Wilson Friedland honoree, a very special recognition.

Our Federation Board is dedicated, capable, experienced, and committed to the future of our Federation. How lucky we are to have Alan Potash become our Chief Executive Officer. With the ending of COVID restrictions, he is bringing innovation and a renewed interest in Federation activities.

Again, thanks for the memories and may we go from strength to strength.

Roberta Nyman

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many challenges but working together as a committed Jewish community gives us the opportunity to grow and become even stronger. I look forward to continuing our momentum."

New board members Barry Kaiman and Dr. Robert Jacobs responded to

the opportunity to share their thoughts coming onto the Federation Board. Barry Kaiman wrote that he and his wife "are concerned about the future of the Jewish community here in the Coachella Valley. We have a duty to those who come after us to make sure that Jewish institutions will be there for them. Accordingly, I

embrace the opportunity to be on the Federation Board." Dr. Jacobs commented that "It is my hope that I will be able to use my years of experience at USC KECK/Children's Hospital Los Angeles to effectively serve on the Jewish Federation Board. I look forward to the opportunity."



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Maccabiah 2022

By Alan Potash, CEO

Every four years, like the Olympics, Jewish athletes from all over the world gather in Israel to compete in the Maccabiah Games. This year, like with the Olympics, the Maccabiah shifted the schedule due to COVID.

I have enjoyed following the games for many years and I was excited when I learned they were going to resume this summer in Israel. According to sources, these games are the largest gathering of athletes for a sporting event in the world this year. I will fact check, if need be, but it is hard to ignore the splendor of over 10,000 athletes, coaches, and families from around the world to participate and watch this action.

I commented in one of my weekly updates just how cool I think these games are because they have categories for all ages even for people over 65. Eighty different countries, forty different sports, something for everyone.

This Maccabiah, the 21st, you can



even watch many of the events as they are being streamed on YouTube. For example, I watched the opening ceremonies which included President Biden in the audience. As the largest sporting event in the world this year it isn't surprising to see such a wide selection of sports being covered,



such as gymnastics, swimming, track and field and a few that caught my eye; surfing, chess, cricket, golf and even lawn bowling.

And like the Olympics there are new sports being introduced. This year is no different. A sport that took a second look, that is somewhat near to me is motocross—motorcycle racing through towns. If you have gotten to know me over the past several months, you might have heard me talk about my motorcycle journeys and most recently a motorcycle journey through Cuba. This sport, racing through Israel at speeds faster than I am used to, seems exciting to do and fun to watch. It is just one of several new sports being introduced.

Bringing it local, I want to share that Cora Ginsberg, current co-board Chair of the Federation, has two grandsons competing in this Maccabiah. Robert has competed in the past and has won a gold medal in Baseball.

Israeli Sugar-Replacement Startup Wins Global Award

Rehovot-based Amai Proteins beats out over 2,000 hopefuls at the Extreme Tech Challenge.

By John Jeffay, Israel21c

Israeli company Amai Proteins, which uses a sweet protein to replace up to 70 percent of the added sugar used in the food industry, was named overall winner in one of the world's largest startup competitions, held on June 14.

Amai (Japanese for "sweet") is a white powder protein that is 10,000 times sweeter than sugar, with zero glycemic index. The award-winning startup in Rehovot has collaborations with food industry giants, including cranberry juice maker Ocean Spray.

Amai was named the global winner out of more than 2,000 hopefuls at the Extreme Tech Challenge (XTC) awards ceremony in Berkeley, California, after its CEO and founder Ilan Samish pitched to Bill Gates and others on the judging panel.

XTC is the world's largest ecosystem and competition for purpose-driven technology. Inspired by the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals, it connects innovators with a network of investors, corporations, and mentors to help them raise capital, launch corporate collaborations, and scale their world-changing startups.

XTC entrants are judged on their

credentials and experience, level of innovation, readiness of their product for market and its potential impact on the health of people and the planet.

Amai was judged best in the agtech and food sector and went on to be named the overall global winner among entrants in all categories, including biotech, cleantech, digital health, education and fintech.

"The number one non-communicable disease, accounting for most hospitalizations, is obesity and related metabolic and cardiovascular diseases. And that stems mainly from sugar overconsumption," said Samish, who founded the company after two decades in academia and protein research.



The pandemic taught us to "find what we are looking for" by going online, and many organizations developed programs to keep their members informed, as did we at the Jewish Federation. But now with restrictions easing, the need is lessened, and many of you have not shared your email addresses with us, so are not getting our once a week eblasts on Fridays, packed with important and interesting news. It's an easy fix. Email us your email to: info@jfedps.org



The July 4 Highland Park Shooting

By Alan Potash, CEO

As details of the Highland Park parade shooting continue to evolve and those impacted are attempting to regain strength, how can our hearts not go out to those families and to Aiden McCarthy, the child now orphaned as his parents were murdered on the Fourth of July.

I want to send our condolences and support to the greater Chicago community. Even though we are many miles apart we are with you. Your strength, support and your love of your neighbors is an inspiration.

Mourning the loss of people, you don't know is something that Americans have been doing for a while. But this time it is different. Many people in our Desert community have homes in the area of the shooting and several people in our community knew the victims.

I am having trouble digesting this act of terrorism—the cowardliness of someone shooting down on innocent

people like they were in an arcade game. Firing round after round, watching the devastation of each bullet as it destroys a person, a family, a community and a nation.

Writing about mass shootings is not something anyone should ever do. They just shouldn't happen. The events of this Fourth of July will forever be in people's memories. A rooftop domestic terrorist took aim at innocent people as they celebrated our independence. Most of us have been on sidewalks watching similar parades. No one would ever imagine an event like this one, especially on the fourth of July.

It is hard for me to say our hearts and prayers go out to the families because this shooting is too close to home. I need to do more. As a snowbird Jewish community many of our community members live in the Chicago area. When reports of the shooting came in, I started to check on members of our

community to make sure they were safe. Reports came back that they were safe, but they knew people who were injured and in one case killed by the shooter. Learning of the victims makes it harder to comprehend why and how someone could do this.

Was it just another random shooting? We will find out in time. The investigation at least so far says it was premeditated. Why the location of a parade?

How can one not think of the little boy who has lost both of his parents? What his life will become? Words cannot comfort nor express the pain these people are dealing with.

I would like to share the names of the victims: Stephen Straus, Katherine Goldstein, Irina and Kevin McCarthy, Jacquelyn Sundheim, Nicolas Toledo-Zaragoza and Eduardo Uvaldo.

May their memories be a blessing and a light for peace.

Fundraising Campaign Amasses Almost \$3M for Jewish Toddler Orphaned in Illinois shooting

By Shiryn Ghermezian, *The Algemeiner*

A GoFundMe campaign organized to help support an orphaned Jewish toddler whose parents were both killed in the mass shooting at a Fourth of July parade in Highland Park, Illinois, on Monday has raised nearly \$3 million.

Irina McCarthy, 35 — a Jewish immigrant from Russia who moved to the Chicago area with her parents — and Kevin McCarthy, 37, were both killed while attending the parade with their 2-year-old son Aiden McCarthy. Kevin was struck by a bullet while shielding his son with his body, according to Irina's father, Michael Levberg. Also wounded in the shooting was Aiden's paternal grandmother Margo McCarthy, who had attended the parade with her son and daughter-in-law.

After the shooting, Aiden was found "walking in the street" alone, his grandfather told the *Chicago Sun Times*. Photos began circulating of the toddler online and after a neighbor showed Levberg the picture, he



Two year old Aiden McCarthy

picked up his grandson at the police station. "When I picked him up, he said, 'Are Mommy and Daddy coming soon?'" Levberg said. "He doesn't understand."

The GoFundMe page set up for young boy said, "Aiden will be cared for by his loving family and he will have a long road ahead to heal, find stability, and ultimately navigate life as an orphan. He is surrounded by a community of friends and extended family that will embrace him with love, and any means available to ensure he has everything he needs as he grows."

The fundraiser aims to help "support him and the caregivers who will be tasked with raising, caring for, and supporting Aiden as he and his support system embark on this unexpected journey."

Levberg told the *Chicago Sun Times* that Irina, his only child, "was the love of my life" and that the couple was "crazy about their child."

Kevin McCarthy is also survived by his father Michael and sister Katie. A family member said, "We're going to join forces to support Aiden here and to do the best we can to help our nation try and prevent these events from happening in the future."

Highland Park native Robert E. Crimo III, 21, admitted during his first court appearance on Wednesday to opening fire on the Independence Day parade, killing seven people and injuring dozens of others. He faces seven counts of first-degree murder.

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This Startup Will Make Sure Drones Don't Land Where They Shouldn't

Wonder Robotics plans on turning drones into truly autonomous machines that can fly and land by themselves, no operator needed to avoid obstacles.

By Naama Barak, Israel 21c

"The word 'autonomous' is thrown about with intolerable ease," laments Idan Shimon.

"If you buy a simple drone, it will be autonomous in the sense that it will fly where you want it to and even land there," he explains. "You'll definitely be able to tell the drone to go somewhere, but if you tell it to land and there's a child in its way, it will land on the kid."

This is the sort of incident that Shimon, the CEO and cofounder of Israeli startup **Wonder Robotics**, wants to prevent.

"We're developing a system that supplies drones with situational awareness – an understanding of their surroundings, a sense of the world around them and underneath them, an ability to analyze the world, as well as the ability to fly while understanding their surroundings without crashing into anything," he says.

Shimon has decades of experience and passion for all things aviation. He flew model aircraft as a child and served as a drone operator in the army before starting work at Aeronautics, a military-use UAV company, and later on as a consultant in the field.

The idea for Wonder Robotics, he says, came up following an inquiry from a client in the defense establishment.

Drones can't spend prolonged periods of time in the air, and always take off and land at the same spot. The client inquired why drones don't stop in the vicinity of their destination to cut down flying times.

"That's what sparked the idea," he notes. "The main reason for this is that drones aren't truly autonomous. They can't see the world by themselves, navigate themselves or land safely, if need be, without getting stuck in something."

Instead, drones still rely on operators



to help them overcome obstacles such as powerlines, rocks, difficult ground angles and the like.

But as the world moves toward commercial drones set to deliver our shopping and transport items at a large scale, this mode of operation will no longer be viable.

"It's clear that as a prerequisite for large-scale operations, you can't afford to have a person in place for each drone," Shimon notes.

"We're developing a solution that's meant to be generic. It will be possible to place it atop any kind of drone," he explains. "Not for the consumer world but for the commercial world, for drones weighing over 20 kilos and even the big monsters that weigh a ton or two."

2D and 3D

Shimon says the company's unique approach is in combining algorithms from different worlds.

"In the world of computerized vision there's two-dimensional analysis and AI like in the case of Tesla and Mobileye, or 3D companies that analyze the world in 3D."

2D vision, he explains, allows the drone to see far away as it's flying, while 3D vision is imperative for landing and

seeing things such as obstacles and terrain up close. They haven't been combined before.

"The lower you go the bigger the 3D element of it becomes,"

Shimon explains. "You look down with a stereo camera that looks at the world from two angles like the human eye and gets an in-depth picture. That way I can understand not only the semantics – whether it's water or solid ground – but also the geometry of it, such as rocks and cables. I get to autonomously decide the right place to land or to place a package."

In the commercial world, he says, "everyone's working only on solutions for landings that are known and have been investigated, in which you decide ahead of time where you'd like to land and mark the spot. Our system knows how to do that, but it also knows how to do it in places that are unfamiliar or haven't been investigated, for examples in instances of emergency landings in which the system needs to decide by itself."

This could be key for regulation. "The regulator wants to know that this



thing can land on the ground without killing anyone and without getting stuck in anything."

Vertical world of drones

Wonder Robotics was founded two years ago and funded by Shimon and his business partner. It is now entering its seed round and has five full-time and two part-time employees. Aside from that, it received support from the Israel Innovation Authority and already has customers.

"We have a number of projects in the defense field, with both the Defense Ministry and a large defense company," he notes.

"There's an existing product and it works. The goal of the upcoming round is to commercialize it, make it smaller and carry out the optimization necessary for the civilian market."

At the moment, the Wonder Robotics solution works in what's called the vertical world of drones, i.e., everything that has to do with looking down for landing purposes. Eventually, the company plans on mastering its horizontal world and enabling drones to travel to their destination in a completely autonomous manner.

"The idea is not to crash into things while flying, to have a 360° view from the drone and not only to look downward," Shimon concludes.



UK Home Secretary Declares 'Unflinching and Unequivocal' Support for Israel, Slams 'Racist' BDS

By United with Israel Staff

Addressing a recent Conservative Friends of Israel (CFI) reception, British Home Secretary Priti Patel declared her "unflinching and unequivocal" support for Israel, The Jewish Chronicle (TheJC) reported.

The senior official also slammed the anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement, calling it "racist."

Antisemitism has "infiltrated our politics, our political dialogue and discourse," Patel stated. "It is utterly appalling that antisemitism has been on the increase."

The audience included Israel's



UK Home Secretary Priti Patel & Israeli Ambassador Tzipi Hotovely

and about 140 CFI supporters, including 50 parliamentarians, TheJC reported.

The UK and Israel have an "unwavering belief in freedom, democracy and security" are "united in speaking out and standing up against racism and antisemitism," Patel said, according to the report.

In December, the British House of Commons passed a motion that proscribed the Hamas organization in its entirety as "terrorist" under the country's 2000 Terrorism Act. Until then, only the group's military wing, the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades, was included in the UK's terror list.

In her address, Patel said she was "quite unapologetic" about the proscription

of the Hamas terror group, adding that it was "not just the right thing to do, [it was] a moral imperative," the report said.

Patel expressed her "sympathies and condolences" to the families hit by the recent wave of terror in Israel that claimed 19 lives.

The UK "will continue to send out the strongest messages around zero tolerance towards terrorist activities, but also towards the type of activities that are aimed and targeted at hurting the State of Israel, Jewish communities and the people of Israel," such as BDS, she declared.

Judge Gives Brazilian Pastor Who Called for a Second Holocaust Historic 18-year Prison Sentence

By Marcus M. Gilban, JTA

A pastor who was filmed two years ago praying for another Holocaust was sentenced to 18 years and six months in prison, a historic penalty that made headlines across Brazil.

"A historic sentence in the fight against anti-Semitism. It is the largest penalty applied in Brazil for this type of crime, which will help to inhibit this odious practice," said Ricardo Sidi, legal director at the Brazilian Israelite Confederation, the country's umbrella Jewish organization, who acted as assistant to the prosecution.

Tupirani da Hora Lores, who heads

the Pentecostal Generation Jesus Christ Church in Rio, came under spotlight for inciting his small but fervently radical religious audience.

"Massacre the Jews, God, hit them with your sword, for they have left God, they have left the nations," da Hora Lores prays in a sermon captured. His congregants are heard repeating his words passionately.

"They contrived, went with prostitutes, and when they were told to repent they said they'd do it but they lied," the pastor added, possibly in reference to the forced conversions

to Christianity during the Spanish Inquisition. "God, what you have done in World War II, you must do again, this is what we ask for in our prayers to you: Justice, justice, justice!"

Last year, federal police raided his church and confiscated literature from it as part of an operation titled "Shalom."

Judge Valeria Caldi Magalhães said "The defendant used his condition as pastor of a religious community" to commit a crime, "which increases the potential to induce followers to act similarly."

She added: "With regard to social

conduct, the records showed that the defendant maintains an ostensible behavior that confronts public institutions."

Da Hora Lores can appeal the ruling.

"This sentence demonstrates the hardening of justice with cases of hate speech, which has grown exponentially, especially in the face of the Jewish community. The case is very serious and the reprimand received by the defendant is proportional to his dangerousness," said Andrea Vainer, another member of the Jewish confederation's legal team.

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Israel, Boeing Ink Cyber Defense Cooperation Agreement

By Lilach Shoval, Israel Hayom

The field of civil aviation is constantly incorporating technological developments that create new cyber challenges. These developments mean authorities must make the proper preparations in advance of new threats. As part of these preparations, the Israel National Cyber Directorate signed a cyber defense cooperation agreement with US multinational aerospace corporation Boeing, the third-largest security company in the world and the largest such exporter in the United States.

The agreement comes as part of national cyber network efforts to promote national and international moves toward cyber solutions, the

INCD said.

Boeing manufactures and provides services for commercial aircraft, defense products, and space systems in more than 150 countries across the globe.

The agreement was signed by INCD head Gabi Portnoy and former Israeli Air Force chief Maj. Gen. (res.) Ido Nehushtan, who is now the president of Boeing Israel, together with Boeing Vice President of Cyber Systems Management Brian Connelly.

"The civilian aircraft sector could be characterized by its many technological developments which create new complexities and cyber challenges," Boeing and INCD said in

a statement. "These developments require advance preparations for proper cyber defenses."

Within the framework of the deal, the two sides agreed to share knowledge, identify threats, promote understanding of risks and methodologies to reduce them, as well as to develop solutions for the protection of civil aviation, in cooperation with the cyber and aviation industries in Israel and the United States.

"The agreement is a product of a continuous dialogue which increased trust between the sides, which is critical for partnering in the cyber aircraft arena. The agreement will facilitate a deeper understanding

of the cyber dangers to aircraft and will contribute to civilian airport security as the business area rises out of the coronavirus crisis," said Tami Goren, Director of Technologies at the INCD.

Goren added his hope that other major defense companies and possibly other countries would join the collective airports cyberdefense effort, with the INCD statement later also mentioning French company Airbus.

The agreement is part of a strategic joint plan of the INCD and Israel's Civil Aviation Authority to advance cyber defense capabilities in civil aviation, the statement noted.

Israel Elected to Lead International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance in 2025

By Sharon Wrobel, The Algemeiner

Israel will serve as President of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) for 2025, a year marking 80 years since the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp and the end of the Second World War.

"The State of Israel and Yad Vashem are committed to preserving the memory of the Holocaust and to the fight against antisemitism," said Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid. "As the son of a Holocaust survivor, I see it as a personal privilege and duty to continue the preservation of the memory of the Holocaust and the constant fight against antisemitism wherever it rears its head."

Israel was unanimously elected to the body's presidency at IHRA's annual plenary session in Stockholm, Sweden.

The country elected as President hosts the IHRA plenary meetings up to twice a year. The plenary is the

official decision-making body of the IHRA, made up of member country delegation heads, and is responsible for adopting recommendations and decisions made by IHRA experts.

Yad Vashem Chairman Dani Dayan, who presented Israel's candidacy at the Stockholm plenum, remarked that "the activities of the IHRA are of growing importance and significance during this period in which we are witnessing the alarming phenomena of Holocaust distortion and antisemitism in various parts of the world."

"The acceptance of our candidacy to lead the IHRA strengthens our ability to act in this realm more vigorously," Dayan said.

Israel has adopted the IHRA's working definition of antisemitism, which Speaker of the Knesset Mickey Levy called a "historic decision."

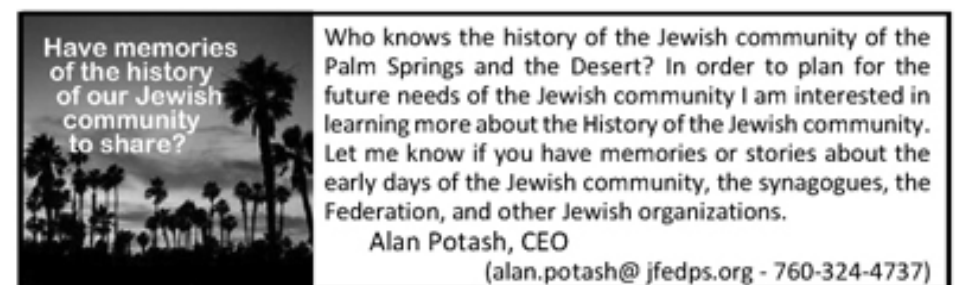
According to the IHRA definition, which has been adopted by 35

countries, "antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

Its guidelines add that "manifestations might include the targeting of the state of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity," while noting that "criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic."

"The Knesset as the house of representatives of the Jewish people is committed to fighting antisemitism in all its ugly forms," Levy said on Wednesday. "This includes Holocaust denial and distortion, denial of the Jewish people's right to self-determination as well as antisemitic expressions hidden under the guise of criticism of Israel."

He called on more parliaments around the world to follow suit and adopt the IHRA definition to "prevent this ugly phenomenon from spreading."



Have memories of the history of our Jewish community to share?

Who knows the history of the Jewish community of the Palm Springs and the Desert? In order to plan for the future needs of the Jewish community I am interested in learning more about the History of the Jewish community. Let me know if you have memories or stories about the early days of the Jewish community, the synagogues, the Federation, and other Jewish organizations.

Alan Potash, CEO
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Shabbat Schedule - August 2022

While more congregations are opening to in-person services if participants are fully vaccinated, it is wise to check with your chosen facility on Thursday or Friday to make sure there are no changes regarding attendance. Most continue to offer online services as well.

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2:00 pm - Chabad of Palm Springs/Sun City: Virtual class: The Prayerbook, with **Sussie Denebeim**

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

7:30-8:30 pm - "2B A Jew" - Or Hamidbar's introduction to Judaism. **Rabbi David Lazar** teaches about the holidays as they come up in the yearly calendar alongside foundations of Jewish practice and culture. Email info@orhamidbar.org for more information.

Tuesdays:

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

ing, from the Torah" with **Sussie Denebeim**.

Wednesdays:

7:00 pm - Chabad of Palm Springs/Sun City: 'Ask the Rabbi': A Weekly Open Q & A with **Rabbi Yonason Denebeim**.

Thursdays:

8:00 pm - Chabad of Palm Springs - Virtual class: "JLI Torah Studies Course led by **Rabbi Baruch (Boz) Werdiger**. RSVP to Boz Werdiger, boz@chabadps.com, or 760-550-5793

Wednesday, August 3

3:30 pm Har-El Galen Summer Course - Online, taught by Rabbi Richard Zions, Ph.D. **Knowing Our American Jewish History - Part 4** (each session

stands alone): "Discussing the Midwest areas: Chicago, IL, Minneapolis, MD and St. Louis, MO." No charge. For ZOOM invitation email harelurjpd@gmail.com.

Wednesday, August 10

11:00 am Jewish Federation Women's Philanthropy Book review of The Seven-Per-Cent Solution. Open to women and men. See article page 12.. RSVP requested. Call or email Leslie Pepper at 760-324-4737 / Leslie.pepper@jfedps.org

Wednesday August 17

10:00 am Jewish Federation Women's Philanthropy screening of film "Yentl" at the Jewish Federation office. Both women and men welcome. Please RSVP to Leslie Pepper at 760-324-4737 or email leslie.pepper@jfedps.org.

Sunday, August 21

11:00 am Beth Shalom Auxiliary **Brunch and Bingo**. At Beth Shalom's new location: 42600 Cook Street/Second Floor, Palm Desert. Members: \$15; Non-members \$20. Includes bingo cards. RSVP with payment needed by August 16. Proof of COVID vaccination required. Questions? Call 760-200-3636.

Sunday, August 28

1:00 pm Chabad of La Quinta **Jewish Women's Club**. Bake and decorate your favorite Rosh Hashanah desserts. Email Chaya Katz at chaya@chabadLQ.com to sign up.

Israeli Researchers Discover Breakthrough for Early Detection, Treatment for Parkinson's

By Abigail Klein Leichman, Israel21c

Parkinson's is a progressive and debilitating brain disease that eventually compromises the ability to walk and even to talk.

Diagnosing Parkinson's in the early stages could allow for helpful intervention. But MRI images are not sensitive enough to reveal the first biological changes in the brain of Parkinson's patients.

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

researchers, led by Prof. Aviv Mezer, propose quantitative MRI (qMRI) as a new way to detect these cellular changes in the microstructures of the striatum brain area known to deteriorate in Parkinson's disease.

A novel analytic method developed by Mezer's doctoral student, Elior Drori, clearly revealed biological changes in the cellular tissue of the striatum. These

changes - previously impossible to see except in a postmortem exam - were associated with early Parkinson's and movement dysfunction.

"When you don't have measurements, you don't know what is normal and what is abnormal brain structure, and what is changing during the progress of the disease," explained Mezer.

Their findings, published July 18th in the

journal Science Advances, form the basis for developing qMRI into a tool that can be used in a clinical setting three to five years down the line.

Drori said the method could also be used for identifying subgroups within the Parkinson's population and tailoring drug therapy accordingly, and then monitoring the effectiveness of a particular drug.

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Yom HaShoah Essay Contest Winner: Nadia Frutkin

By Alberto Tejero, CFO

During our Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day we met Nadia Frutkin - This year's Yom Ha Shoah Essay Contest Winner. Nadia is a 14-year-old, 8th grade student at Palm Desert Charter Middle School. Although, still young, Nadia is already planning to pursue her college education at an Ivy League School and follow her father's steps and become a

doctor.

Nadia first heard about the Holocaust through her grandparents and decided to read the *Diary of Anne Frank* when it was mentioned



in history class in school.

Nadia's essay was chosen among the entries submitted by the school districts in the Coachella Valley. She decided to participate in the contest because she felt that it was very important for her generation to carry on the remembrance of the Holocaust.

Nadia read her winning essay at the

recent Café Europa's luncheon for Holocaust Survivors, sponsored by Jewish Family Service (JFS). Café Europa meets monthly and when Nadia spoke the luncheon was hosted by the Jewish Federation as part of our Community Outreach Program.

Lessons from the Holocaust: A Challenge for My Generation

By Nadia Frutkin, Grade 8 - Palm Desert Charter Middle School

"What hurts the victim most is not the cruelty of the oppressor, but the silence of the bystander."- Elie Wiesel. Elie Wiesel's statement has multiple meanings. I think, he is saying in part that the Holocaust became a reality, not only due to the religious hate and mass violence perpetrated by the Nazis against the Jews and other minority groups, but also due to the absence of vigorous objection and intervention by the majority of the world. He is also saying that the now well-recognized silence of the rest of the world at the time of the Holocaust represented a painful failure of empathy—a failure of the many to recognize the humanity of the victims and a failure to act accordingly to stop the atrocities.

Humanity as a whole has moved on from this horrible past, but the question is, have we learned from our mistakes and truly moved forward? Have we learned to recognize others as a part of humanity, as worthy of the same degree of empathy and protection that we would expect for ourselves, our family, our close neighbors, members of our religion, or members of our ethnic group?

Understanding how and why earlier generations allowed hate speech and mass violence to gain currency culminating in the Holocaust may help us recognize such behavior in the future. Therefore, as we students reflect about the Holocaust, it is important to remember that anti-Semitism did not begin in the concentration camps, rather a silent acceptance of religious intolerance and false political propaganda that

played a large role in the events leading up to the Holocaust. We learn from the study of the Holocaust that the prejudice of the individual, fueled by false ideology and rejection of basic human empathy, may easily spread at a collective, societal level. Under Hitler's propaganda, people rejected their Jewish neighbors and societal movements formed against the Jews, demonizing them and using them as scapegoats for economic and political problems. Anti-Semitism became the new normal within German society. Within a short period of time, as the world entered World War II, anti-Semitism in Germany reached a terrifying intensity. The destruction of Jewish businesses and homes became a sad reality. State sponsored genocide became the horrific next step. Carnage brought on by ignorance, hatred, and bigotry. I believe that raising awareness of the Holocaust among the youth of my generation is critical as we are young, impressionable and eager to gain knowledge. We can start by insisting that we learn the history of the Holocaust in school. We can supplement our school curriculum with additional resources. I first learned about the Holocaust when reading *The Diary of Anne Frank*. I remember the shock, anger, and sadness I felt. Students can read other books such as *Night*, by Elie Wiesel and *The Book Thief*, by Markus Zusak, which I found were rich in details that convey the awful monstrosity of the Holocaust. We can also watch films in class such as, *The Boy in Striped Pajamas*, which promotes a message of compassion, and *Schindler's List*, which shows that the actions of just

one person can make a difference in the lives of many others. We, youth, should also seek to learn from our elders. I learned much more when I had a long discussion about the Holocaust with my Jewish grandpa and my German Lutheran grandma, who were both born during World War II. These two people, who at a superficial level seemed to come from irreconcilable ethnic and religious groups, were united in their love and in their shared conviction against war and inhumanity. I am a byproduct of their love and convictions, and perhaps this makes me feel more responsible to learn and understand this history.

With more and more survivors of the Holocaust passing away, who among us will testify to what happened in those dark days of history? With the scarce amount of living memories, soon it will be a younger generation, our generation, who bears the social responsibility to remember the Holocaust. It becomes the duty of my peers, of my generation to make sure the crimes of the Holocaust are never forgotten and never repeated. We learned from our mistakes of letting the Holocaust happen, but we can't guarantee that this won't happen again. In turn, we will be the ones who must educate future generations about the monstrosity and horrors of the Holocaust. We cannot change our past, but we can change our future.

Our generation faces an immediate challenge to employ the lessons learned from the Holocaust. Although the world should have learned decades ago from the horrors of the Holocaust, human rights continue to be violated throughout the

world in current-day state-sanctioned concentration camps and internment camps. For example, in Syria thousands have suffered in prisons run by both the state and extremist groups, designed for the torture of and execution of civilians. In China, the national government created "political education camps" with the primary purpose of stripping Uyghur prisoners of their human rights and suppressing their history, language and culture. In the present era, there is an ever-present danger of religious or ethnic hatred encouraged by radical and extreme groups and also governments to promote religious, ethnic or racial hatred spreading online and through social media. To combat these violations, my generation, well versed in online communication and social media, must be active in local community and also world forums, speaking up against injustice, and keeping in mind that hate combined with modern social media technology can be particularly toxic and deadly but also a key to combating that same hatred.

Moshe Katsav a former Israeli president once said, "The Holocaust is not only a tragedy of the Jewish people, it is a failure of humanity as a whole." Humanity as a whole must not let our differences separate us, whether it be our religion or ethnicity or race. We must prepare ourselves to recognize religious or ethnic or racial injustice and to speak up and act decisively when injustice is being done. In this way we may ensure that humanity never again experiences the tragedy of another Holocaust.

Funds Cut from City Program for CUNY Law After Faculty Backs Israel Boycott

"It seems as if antisemitism is the only politically acceptable form of racism that exists. We must stop handing out free passes to antisemites like candy."

By Dion J. Pierre, The Algemeiner

Fifty-thousand dollars in funding for the City University of New York (CUNY) Law School have been reappropriated after its faculty endorsed a student measure backing the campaign to boycott Israel, the *New York Post* reported.

The step was taken by New York City Council member for the 48th District, Inna Vernikov, who revealed she had pulled funds designated for the university to offer legal services in her district and redirected them to a legal nonprofit.

"It seems as if antisemitism is the only politically acceptable form of racism that exists. We must stop handing out free passes to antisemites like candy," Vernikov, a Jew and native of Ukraine, told the *Post*.

"During a time when antisemitic hate crimes are up by 300%, it is incumbent upon our academic institutions to do everything in their power to protect their Jewish and pro-Israel students, not pass resolutions which directly place them in harm's way," the Brooklyn council member said.

Earlier this month, the CUNY Law faculty endorsed a student government resolution passed

last year that condemned Hillel and other student organizations for supporting the Jewish state and charged that the school's partnerships with Israeli academic institutions made it "complicit" in alleged war crimes committed by Israel.

After its passage in December, the measure was rejected by Jewish groups, as well as CUNY Chancellor Felix Matos Rodríguez, who called an academic boycott "contrary to a university's core mission to expose students personally and academically to a world that can be

vastly different to their own."

It was supported by CUNY Law Students for Justice in Palestine, CUNY Law Jewish Student Law Association and more than 20 other student organizations and described CUNY's exchange programs with Haifa University and Tel Aviv University as "a form of propaganda" that "normalizes settler-colonial and apartheid rule."

The law faculty endorsed the measure on May 12, in a decision that the Jewish Law Students Association called a "historic" victory.

Miriam Elman, executive director of

the Academic Engagement Network (AEN), told *The Algemeiner* at the time that such a boycott would harm Israeli and Palestinian students and scholars alike, and "deprive educational opportunities for CUNY students at some of the world's best universities."

Students and Faculty for Equality at CUNY (S.A.F.E), a campus group fighting against the "exclusion" of Jews and Zionists on campus, welcomed Vernikov's decision, calling the BDS measure "blatantly discriminatory, bigoted and antisemitic."

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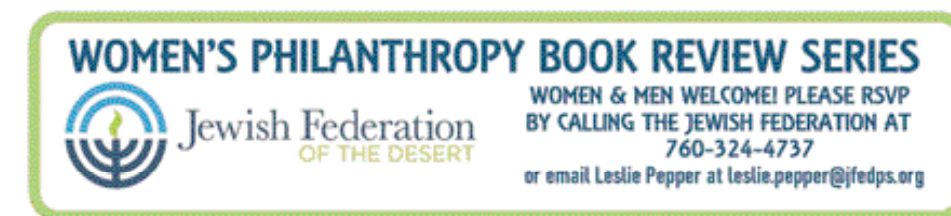
Jewish Federation Women's Philanthropy

Fascinating Story Woven into Book Being Reviewed August 10

As part of our ongoing book series, Sharon McKee will lead us in a review of *The Adventure of the Peculiar Protocols*, by Nicholas Meyer on **Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 11:00 AM** in person at the Jewish Federation office.



With the international bestseller *The Seven-Per-Cent Solution*, Nicholas Meyer brought to light a previously unpublished case of Sherlock Holmes, as recorded by Dr. John H. Watson. Now Meyer returns with a shocking



discovery—an unknown case drawn from a recently unearthed Watson journal—in *The Adventure of the Peculiar Protocols*. It is Meyer's first Holmes pastiche in 26 years. The story has Holmes debunk *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. As with Meyer's other pastiches, the novel features Holmes meeting real-life historical personages such as Constance Garnett, Israel Zangwill and Chaim Weizmann.

The Protocols of the Elders of Zion

or *The Protocols of the Meetings of the Learned Elders of Zion* is a fabricated antisemitic text purporting to describe a Jewish plan for global domination. The hoax was plagiarized from several earlier sources, some not antisemitic in nature. It was first published in Russia in 1903, translated into multiple languages, and disseminated internationally in the early part of the 20th century. It played a key part in popularizing belief in an international Jewish conspiracy.

Based on real events, the adventure takes the famed duo—in the company of a bewitching woman—aboard the Orient Express from Paris into the heart of Tsarist Russia, where Holmes and Watson attempt to trace the origins of this explosive document. On their heels are desperate men of unknown allegiance, determined to prevent them from achieving their task. And what they uncover is a conspiracy so vast as to challenge Sherlock Holmes as never before.

Please plan on joining us for this most interesting book review and discussion. You can find this book at the public library, Amazon or your favorite Book store.

Screening of 'Yentl' at Federation Office August 17

Women and men are invited to join the Women's Cultural Affairs committee of Women's Philanthropy on Wednesday, August 17 from 2:00-4:15 pm to watch

the Barbara Streisand film *Yentl*. This 1983 American romantic musical drama film is directed, co-written, co-produced and starring Barbara Streisand. The film

incorporates humor and music to tell the story of an Ashkenazi Jewish girl in Poland who decides to dress and live like a boy so, she can receive an education

in Talmudic Law, after her father dies. The film is based on Isaac Bashevis singer's short story "Yentl the Yeshiva Boy".

The film's musical score and songs by Michel Legrand with lyrics by Alan and Marilyn Bergman. with songs like "Papa, Can You Hear Me" and "The Way, He Makes Me Feel" both sung by Barbara Streisand. The movie won an Academy Award for Best Original Song Score and the Golden Globe Award for Best Motion Picture- Musical or Comedy and Best Director for Barbara Streisand, making her the first woman to have won Best Director at the Golden Globes. The movie also stars Mandy Patinkin, Amy Irving and the late Nehemia Persoff.

Please RSVP to Leslie Pepper at 760-324-4737 or leslie.pepper@jfedps.org.



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- **Women's Card Day at The Springs: Monday, December 5, 2022**
- **Lion of Judah Brunch at Tamarisk Country Club: Monday, January 16, 2023 – Guest Speaker: Letty Cottin Pogrebin**
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Temple Sinai's Rabbi Avi Levine Community Religious School Sustains Judaism in Coachella Valley

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Yom Kippur Day:
Wednesday, October 5
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Israeli and Greek Air Forces Hold Dogfighting and Refueling Drill Over Israel

Military says exercise 'symbolizes important milestone' in Israel-Greece relations

By Emanuel Fabian, *The Times of Israel*

Israeli and Greek military aircraft held a joint aerial exercise over Israel's skies in mid-July, simulating refueling and mid-air dogfights. During the drill, Israeli planes refueled Hellenic Air Force fighter jets and conducted "advanced air-to-air combat" and drilled other scenarios.

The IDF said the exercise "constitutes a platform for shared learning and enhancing the relationship between the two air forces and symbolizes an important milestone in reinforcing strategic and international cooperation between the State of Israel and Greece."

The exercise also contributes in



advancing the militaries' different combat capabilities and their
Chief of the Hellenic National Defense General Staff General Konstantinos Floros (right) is greeted by IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Aviv Kohavi (left) at the Israeli army's headquarters in Tel Aviv.

competency in possible combat scenarios, and enables a challenge for the aircrews and technical teams," the IDF added.

Last month, the chief of the Greek military, General Konstantinos Floros, concluded his first official visit to Israel. "The meetings discussed shared challenges in the Mediterranean region," the IDF said at the time.

"The bilateral cooperation between the two militaries, with an emphasis on intelligence-related cooperation and joint training opportunities," was also discussed, a statement added.

Terrorists Eliminated in Firefight with Israeli Troops During Raid in Samaria

By World Israel News Staff

Two residents of Shechem (Nablu) were killed during an intense firefight with IDF troops overnight Saturday, after the military entered the Palestinian Authority-controlled city to arrest a number of wanted terrorists.

The Israeli army was targeting terrorists whom they believe were responsible for recent shooting attacks aimed at Israeli

security forces and Jewish pilgrims visiting Joseph's Tomb, which is located on the outskirts of Shechem.

"Amid the exchange of fire, a number of terrorists were eliminated, [and] there are no casualties to our forces," an IDF spokesman said in a statement on Sunday. Notably, the statement did not confirm that

any terrorists were successfully arrested, suggesting that the targets of the raid had been killed.

Arabic-language media reported that two people were killed and nine were injured during the raid, although the IDF has not officially confirmed those numbers.

On Palestinian social media, the slain

men were identified as Aboud Sobah and Muhammad al-Azizi. Pictures of the men depicted them holding guns, although it was unclear which terror groups claimed them as members.

Forces from the IDF's Givati Brigade and Yamam special forces police unit entered the city in the early hours of Sunday morning. Soon after, clashes and rioting broke out, with locals shooting at the troops, along with hurling Molotov cocktails and stones.

In footage circulating on social media, the sounds of heavy gunfire from automatic weapons can be heard, for extended periods of time.



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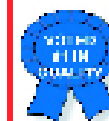
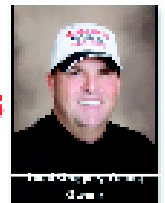
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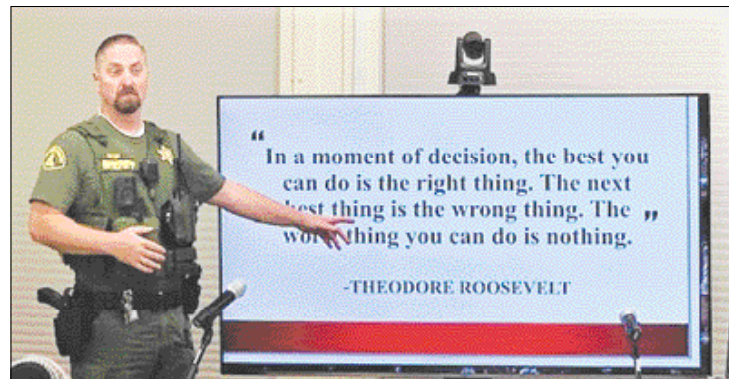
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Jewish Federation Coordinates with Riverside Sheriff's Department for Security Awareness Training

Recently the Jewish Federation of the Desert held a community security training which took place at the Jewish Federation of the Desert building. Over 30 individuals representing Jewish and non-Jewish organizations attended. The session was facilitated by the Riverside County Sheriff's department. The goals for the training were to provide an overview of situational awareness, ways to respond and protect yourself in the event that you are caught up in an active shooter or other life-threatening situation. We learned that there isn't a one size fits all solution. There are key elements



one can use to protect oneself and minimize fatalities.

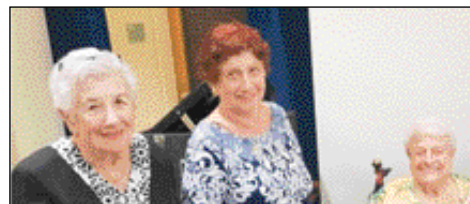
The Department of Homeland Security established an easy to remember guide which was introduced at the training. It is titled: Run, Hide,

Fight. In addition to these steps, we learned when to call 9-1-1, how to provide a description of the shooter, and what to do when law enforcement arrives on the scene. The Jewish Federation of the Desert will continue



to provide trainings and resources to educate, inform and protect our community. Thank you to the Riverside County Sheriff's Department for making this training available.

Our Community's Holocaust Survivors, who participated in our Yom HaShoah Observance April 24.



BDS Project Threatening Jews in Greater Boston Area

Project Denounced by Congressional Latino Jewish Caucus

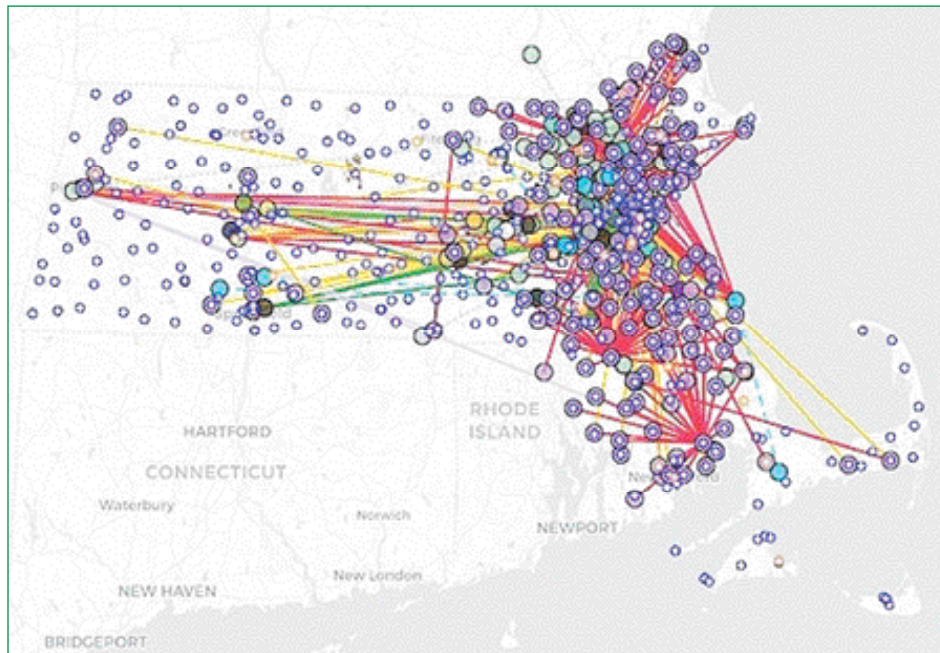
By David Hellerman, World Israel News

The Congressional Latino Jewish caucus denounced a controversial BDS mapping project of Boston-area Jewish institutions. The caucus, a bipartisan group of 30 lawmakers of Jewish-Latino origin, said in a statement it was "deeply concerned over the targeting of the Jewish Community in Massachusetts by The Mapping Project and find it troubling that this implicit antisemitic attack directed towards our Jewish brothers and sisters has been allowed to happen."

"We have witnessed far too many hate-based attacks on places of worship, businesses, schools, and public facilities, to wait silently for the next incident to take place. Antisemitic attacks have risen by 42 percent in Massachusetts while nationwide there has been a 34 percent uptick," the caucus stated.

The caucus further stressed that the mapping project "explicitly stated that the intention of its collective mapping is to reveal local Jewish entities and networks to specifically dismantle and disrupt them."

The so-called BDS "Mapping Project" is an interactive map of Massachusetts showing ostensible links between myriad Jewish and Israeli institutions



Map designating Jewish institutions "specifically to disrupt them"

in the state along with several U.S. government and educational institutions and private businesses.

The map includes Jewish and Israeli institutions running the gamut of Israel's Consulate in Boston, the Ruderman Family Foundation, Israeli-American Council Boston, the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts, Elbit Systems, AIPAC, J Street, the Anti-Defamation League, two Jewish newspapers, and more.

Staffers at the Jewish organizations

are often identified by name.

The map also features Boston-area police stations, hospitals, universities, U.S. military sites, financial and pharmaceutical businesses, the AFL-CIO, various federal, state and local government offices among other institutions, implying a conspiracy between the Jewish and public institutions.

The pro-BDS group said it "wanted to develop a deeper understanding of local institutional support for the

colonization of Palestine and harms that we see as linked, such as policing, U.S. imperialism, and displacement/ethnic cleansing."

The people behind the map did not identify themselves by name.

Local Jews say the map is merely intended to intimidate their community. The Federal Bureau of Investigations told local Jewish leaders in June it is monitoring the site.

The Latino-Jewish caucus is co-chaired by Reps. Adriano Espaillat (D-NY), Mario Díaz-Balart (R-Fla.), Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Fla.), and Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-Wash.).

Follow-up Re: Article Appearing in the Jewish Community News January 2022 Issue

Cal State Board of Trustees Remove Name of Nazi Sympathizer from Fresno State Library

JTA

On July 13, 2022, the California State University Board of Trustees voted to remove the name of an unrepentant antisemite and Nazi sympathizer from the main library on its Fresno campus, putting an end to the legacy of longtime former librarian Henry Miller Madden at Fresno State

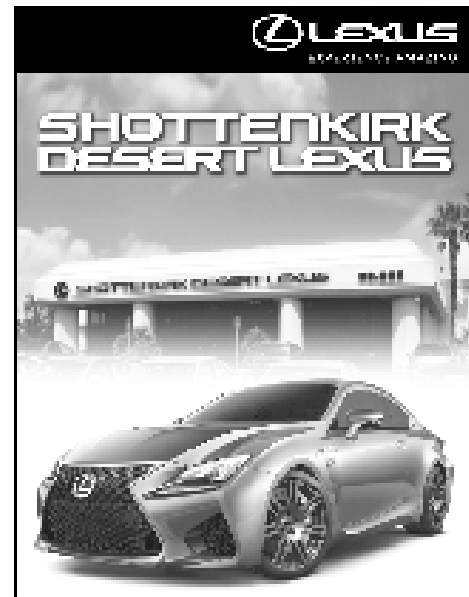
The building will be referred to as the Fresno State Library until a replacement

name is chosen.

In a press release sent to the campus community, Fresno State University President Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval said he was thankful that the 25-member board voted the way it did, calling Madden's writings "deeply hurtful and disturbing."

"This is a critical and necessary next step toward healing for our community

and upholding the values of inclusion and equity that allow Fresno State to thrive," he wrote, adding that he will be forming a new-name task force. I firmly believe that naming a building or any key campus area must align with our communal values and reflect our shared spirit of discovery, diversity and distinction."



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There are many options available for charitable giving when you do your estate planning. Some can provide you tax savings and income for the rest of your life.

**Please contact Alan Potash, Chief Executive Officer
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A gift to the Jewish Federation today will allow you to be there for your family, your community and the Jewish people - whenever help is needed in the future.



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

Moroccan Authorities Restore Ancient Jewish Cemetery of Meknes

By Cnaan Liphshiz, JTA

Authorities in Morocco completed a renovation of the historic Jewish cemetery in the city of Meknes, part of a broader overhaul of Jewish heritage sites that coincides with the country's reestablishment of diplomatic ties with Israel.

The restoration was finished ahead of a visit by several dozen Jews, many of them from Israel. The 10-acre graveyard contains thousands of bodies and is centuries old. Many of the graves are built atop older ones.

Jews from Israel and beyond have visited Meknes, where only a handful of Jews live permanently, for decades. The pilgrimages reflect the deep roots that Jews grew in this city in northern Morocco, where thousands of refugees settled after fleeing the Inquisition in Spain and Portugal in the 15th and 16th centuries. They were able to prosper in ways that were impossible then in the Iberian Peninsula. But the community's life in Meknes, and in Morocco generally, were far from harmonious. About 180 Jews were murdered in pogroms in Meknes in 1728, and another round of killings, instigated by the sultan Yazid, occurred in 1790.



A Jewish man walks through the Jewish cemetery in Morocco's northern city of Meknes



A member of the Moroccan Jewish community visits the Meknes cemetery,

Some of the community's synagogues were stolen and turned into mosques that year, according to the ANU Museum of the Jewish People in Tel Aviv. More atrocities occurred in 1811 and 1894, when Meknes still had over 4,000 Jews.

French rule in Morocco brought

the Jews relief and their community doubled in size by 1931, but the violence against them resumed during World War II. By 1970, only a few Jews remained in Meknes after the majority of the community of about 15,000 joined waves of immigration to Israel.

The cemetery and hundreds of

other Jewish heritage sites began slipping into disrepair.

But in 2010, King Mohammed VI of Morocco started a renovation program for Jewish heritage sites in his country. Dozens in Morocco and beyond have been restored and preserved, including the Jewish Museum of Casablanca and a new Jewish culture center in Essaouira, another former hub of Moroccan Judaism.

Today, about 2,500 Jews live in Morocco on a permanent or semi-permanent basis.

In 2020, Morocco and Israel rekindled diplomatic relations as part of the Abraham Accords. The two countries had first established such ties in 1994 following the Oslo Accords between Israel and the Palestinians, but Morocco severed them following the second Intifada in the early 2000s.

Following the rapprochement, Moroccan and Israeli airlines began operating direct flights to and from Ben Gurion Airport, dramatically boosting the volume of touristic travel between the two countries. About 200,000 Israelis are expected to visit Morocco in 2022, according to Israel's Channel 13.

EU to Resume Association Council Meetings with Israel After 10-year Hiatus

The European Union Foreign Affairs Council voted unanimously on July 18 to resume Association Council meetings with Israel, the last of which was held in 2012.

Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid hailed the decision, saying, "The fact that 27 EU Foreign Ministers have voted unanimously in favor of strengthening economic and diplomatic ties with Israel is proof of Israel's diplomatic strength and this government's ability to create new

opportunities with the international community."

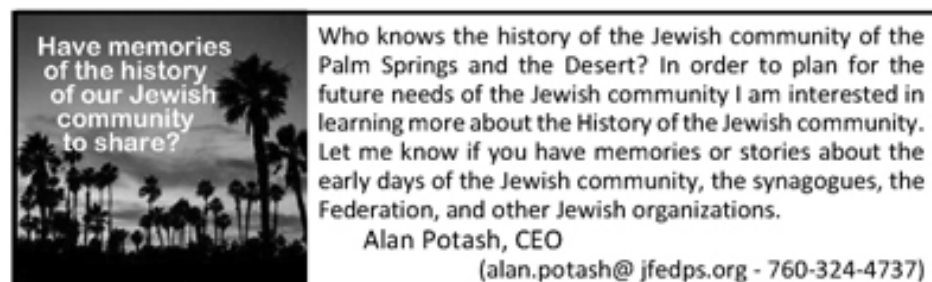
The Association Council is the senior diplomatic body in charge of promoting relations between Israel and the European Union, including in the diplomatic, economic and technology spheres, according to a statement from the Prime Minister's Office.

Then-Foreign Minister Lapid defined the reconvening of the Association Council as a primary

objective for Israel-E.U. relations at a meeting of E.U. foreign ministers last year, according to the statement.

The vote is the latest in a series of improvements in Israel-E.U. relations

over the past year, including the signing of the Horizon Europe agreement on R&D cooperation and visits to the Jewish state by senior E.U. officials.



Have memories of the history of our Jewish community to share?

Who knows the history of the Jewish community of the Palm Springs and the Desert? In order to plan for the future needs of the Jewish community I am interested in learning more about the History of the Jewish community. Let me know if you have memories or stories about the early days of the Jewish community, the synagogues, the Federation, and other Jewish organizations.

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Orthodox Women Build Web-Surfing Aid, Flying Defibrillator

Jerusalem College of Technology Women's Hackathon also featured technology to help detect when children are left in parked cars.

By Abigail Klein Leichman, Israel 21c

A hackathon with a dual goal — solving real problems while encouraging young religious women to enter high-tech professions — produced a device called EasySurf that helps seniors access information online.

EasySurf was the top winner in the fifth annual Women's Hackathon at the Jerusalem College of Technology LevTech Entrepreneurship Center. Geared to Orthodox Jewish students, JCT trains approximately 18 percent of all women studying computer science in Israel.

At the 45-hour event, 140 women worked in teams to develop technologies answering specific needs presented by Intel, OrCam, Medtronic, Alpha-TAU, Rafael, United Hatzalah, the Israel Police and the IDF.



Orthodox women, some with babies, at the JCT

The group that developed EasySurf chose a challenge from Jerusalem-based OrCam, whose award-winning AI

products facilitate reading for people with visual impairment and other impediments. OrCam wanted to automate access for

senior citizens to critical websites, such as social security and healthcare. Once programmed by a trusted person, the device “remembers” how to reach these portals with one click.

Second prize went to a group that developed Defibly, a flying defibrillator that can be summoned by phone, to address a challenge presented by first-response organization United Hatzalah and drone company FlyTech. This would address situations when a patient is in cardiac arrest and there's no nearby defibrillator.

In third place was the group that developed EyeCare, answering a challenge presented by OrCam for detecting children accidentally left in a closed and parked vehicle.

Bahraini Minister Ousted for Refusing to Shake Israeli Envoy's Hand

The Gulf kingdom says the move was just part of a wider cabinet reshuffle.

By Batya Jerenberg, World Israel News

The head of Bahrain's Authority for Culture and Antiquities has been ousted due to her refusal to shake the Israeli ambassador's hand, The Jerusalem Post reported, citing a July 22 report in Arab media outlet Rai al-Youm.

Sheikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa attended the funeral last month of the father of U.S. Ambassador Stephen Bundy, but when introduced to Israeli Ambassador Eitan Na'eh, she withdrew her extended hand and left the ceremony.

She also asked the American embassy not to publish any footage of her presence at



Sheikha Mai Bing Mohammed Al Khaifa

the funeral service, which took place at the ambassador's home.

Israel's foes were quick to praise the member of the royal family for her refusal

to acknowledge any normalization with the Jewish state, even though Bahrain has forged ahead with military, business and tourism ties on a large scale since signing the Abraham Accords in 2020.

Supporters tweeted messages like, “Greetings and respect for this authentic Arab position... which undoubtedly expresses the great majority of the Bahraini and Arab peoples.”

A spokesman for the Hamas terrorist organization said the minister's act was “a true reflection of the sincere Bahraini people's position in support of the Palestinians”

and that all attempts to normalize relations with Israel “will remain unacceptable in the collective Arab consciousness.”

According to various Arab media outlets, in her professional capacity, Sheikha Mai “had refused to allow Jewish investors to build a Jewish neighborhood from Bab al-Bahrain to the synagogue in Manama.”

Last November, the Sheikh Ibrahim Cultural and Research Center that she runs hosted virulently anti-Israel Jewish historian Ilan Pappé, whose lectures focus on accusing Israel of being a “racist, colonial state” that should not exist.

Israelis Reported Seeing a “Train of Lights” Moving Across the Sky

By Pesach Benson, United with Israel

Israelis were dazzled and mystified by a series of lights silently flying in a line over the northern part of the country on Saturday, July 23rd..

“We've never seen anything like this in our lives. It looked like a chain of lights and moved relatively slowly,” one Nahariya resident told *Walla*. The resident said the lights traveled from east to west and disappeared after



around 15-30 seconds.

Similar sightings were reported in

Lebanon, Turkey and Greece.

Hebrew reports said the IDF is investigating the source of the lights. Reports said they are widely believed to be a number of recently launched SpaceX Starlink satellites.

On Friday, a SpaceX rocket launched a payload of 46 Starlink satellites from the Vandenberg Space Force Base in California. SpaceX, which is owned

by billionaire Elon Musk, is deploying a network of low-orbit satellites to provide high-speed internet connections around the world.

SpaceX has not yet commented on Saturday night's light show.

However, the company did confirm in 2020 its satellites were the cause of similar lights that also had the Israeli Air Force and Space Agency investigating.

Son of Holocaust Survivors Reunites with Daughter of Rescuer at Yad Vashem

'I wanted to fill in the blanks about my family's history, that only they knew,' says Isidore Zuckerbrod, whose parents hid in a Polish chicken coop belonging to the Szyfner family

By Times of Israel Staff

The son of Holocaust survivors reunited on Wednesday with the daughter of Polish citizens who saved his parents — and multiple other Jews — during the war and are recognized as Righteous Among the Nations.

The reunion between Dr. Isidore Zuckerbrod and Renata Szyfner, who today lives in Orlando, Florida, took place at the Yad Vashem Holocaust museum in Jerusalem, where the pair exchanged stories that they heard as children from their parents. Szyfner flew to Israel specifically to meet with Zuckerbrod, who lives in Jerusalem, and discuss their shared history.

"The versions we have individually fill in the missing gaps; they overlay each other like a woven tapestry and provide a clearer picture of the events that took place 78 years ago," the two said, according to the museum.

In March 1942, after the liquidation of the Mielic ghetto in Poland, Zuckerbrod's parents, Dawid and Matylda, found refuge with Katarzyna and Eugeniusz Szyfner, Szyfner's grandmother and father, respectively.

The Szyfners also hid a series of other Jews beginning in the autumn of 1941 in the loft of a chicken coop on their property, and took care of them until the area was liberated by the Red Army in August 1944.

Zuckerbrod was born eight weeks after Victory in Europe Day in 1945; his two older siblings were murdered in 1944 while they were hiding in a separate location from their parents. Zuckerbrod said that



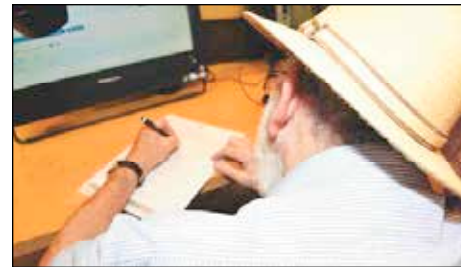
Isidore Zuckerbrod and Renata Szyfner at the Wall of Honor in the Garden of the Righteous Among the Nations at Yad Vashem

thanks to his reunion with Szyfner, he was finally able to learn the timing of their death.

According to testimony from Eugeniusz Szyfner published by the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, it took him time to find out the fate — and ultimately the remains — of Zuckerbrod's sister, something he had always promised her parents he would do.

At the end of their guided tour of the museum on Wednesday, Zuckerbrod and Szyfner entered the Hall of Names, a chamber at Yad Vashem that contains more than 2.7 million pages of testimonies bearing the names of victims of the Holocaust.

Zuckerbrod searched for entries in the museum's database of 4.8 million names of Jewish victims of the Holocaust for his family. While he found entries for several members of his family, including his grandparents, there were none for his two siblings. That day he filled out pages of testimony for



Isidore Zuckerbrod fills out two Pages of Testimony in memory of his older brother and sister murdered during the Holocaust.

his siblings, Mielech and Regina, who were killed at ages 11 and 7. "I wanted to fill in the blanks about my

family's history, that only they knew," Zuckerbrod said. "My brother and sister had been in hiding in a separate location. They were murdered in the very place they were supposed to be safe. I never knew what really happened until now. Thanks to the stories Renata told me from her father, I now know the date of their death, so I can properly mourn them each year."

In 1996, Yad Vashem recognized Katarzyna and Eugeniusz Szyfner as Righteous Among the Nations. Israel's national Holocaust memorial and museum awards the Righteous Among the Nations designation to non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews during the war.

"It is vital that the next generations continue to perpetuate the memory of the Holocaust," Dr. Joel Zisenwine, director of Yad Vashem's Righteous Among the Nations department, said at the reunion. "The fact that you sought each other out and are here today standing in Yad Vashem illustrates how relevant the Holocaust is still today, almost 80 years after the end of WWII."

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.

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Have A Nosh With Miriam

For ladies interested in trying their hand at baking challah, I urge you to seriously consider attending our community's 6th annual MegaChallah Bake on September 18th (see ad page XX) to learn with other ladies how to make challahs for the holidays. Meanwhile, for gentlemen and those more experienced at baking challahs or bravely willing to delve in and try your hand, here is a sweet Apples and Honey Challah, to try! Happy baking! MHB.



Apples and Honey Challah for Rosh Hashanah

1½ cups warm water

½ cup vegetable oil

½ cup honey

3 eggs, 2 beaten together in one

bowl and the other one on a separate bowl

1½ tsp salt

2 cups of organic dried apple rings, chopped (about 4 ounces)

5 cups white bread flour

3 tsp instant yeast

2 tbs sugar

½ tsp cinnamon

2 tbs sesame seeds (optional)

Dissolve yeast in warm water. Add 1 tbsp of sugar and let it sit until it foams (If it doesn't foam, discard it. The yeast is not active and you need to get new yeast).

Recipe makes 2 pull apart challahs. Prep time is 20 minutes, plus 2 hours rising time.

The dough should feel soft, if it is too wet and sticky work flour into the dough while kneading it on a floured surface, sometime it may take up to 1 more cup of flour.

In a large bowl combine flour, salt and chopped apples. In another bowl combine oil, dissolved yeast and water, honey and 2 beaten eggs. Pour wet ingredients over the flour and knead to create a smooth and soft dough, about 10 minutes. You can also use your food processor or stand up mixer to mix the dough.

Place the dough in a slightly greased bowl, cover it with a kitchen towel and let it rise for about an hour or until doubles or triples in size. "Punch" the dough down to deflate and divide it in half.

Working on a floured surface, make 6 dough balls from each half and arrange them two 8 inch round cake pan (place 5 on the edges and 1 in the center. You can also braid the challah dough following the steps described below.

How To Braid a Round Challah

Working on a floured surface, divide your dough into 8 equal pieces. Roll each piece into about an 8 inch strand. Place 4 strands parallel to each other. Place the other four logs perpendicular to the first ones and weave the first strand (over the first, under the second, over third and under 4th), and then repeat the second strand, however beginning under the first strand. Repeat with last two. Pinch together the strands in each corner and tuck under, forming a round-ish challah.

You don't feel like braiding your challah? Divide the dough into 6 equal balls and place them in an 8" round cake pan. Do you want to do even less work? Make a long strand and spiral the dough into a coil.

Pre-heat oven at 425 F.

Cover with a clean kitchen towel and let the dough rise again, until the challah has doubled in size about 30 minutes to an hour. Using a pastry brush, gently "paint" the Challah with the remaining beaten egg. Add sesame seeds if using. Mix cinnamon and sugar in a small bowl and sprinkle over Challah.

Bake for 10 minutes at 425F, lower the temperature to 350F and bake for an additional 30-35 minutes, until golden brown (a toothpick inserted should come out clean).

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Mazel tov to **Gail and Saul Jacobs** on the birth of their newest grandchild, **Chaim Arya Lib**, born June 2nd to **Moishe** and **Hinda Raichel Muller** of Monsey NY ... Con-



Chaim Arya Lib
Muller

gratulations to **Elana Pepper** on her new position as Marketing Manager at the Omni Las Palmas Resort in Rancho Mirage ... Mazel tov to **Cora Ginsberg** on her multiple blessings. In July she was in Portland, Oregon for the marriage of her grandson **Matthew Kane** and **Rachel Ludenam**. And halfway around the world her grandsons **Robert** and **Andrew Scherl** were in Israel, playing softball in the Maccabiah

Games! ... Share your simchas with us. Email (mhbentjcn@earthlink.net) or call Miriam Bent at 760-323-0255.

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Friday, August 5	Shabbat Devarim	7:00 pm
Friday, August 12	Shabbat Va'etchanan	6:53 pm
Friday, August 19	Shabbat Eikev	6:45 pm
Friday, August 26	Shabbat Re'eh	6:36 pm



We Mourn the Passing of...

Marilyn Atlas, Dr. Mark Berman, Hannah Cline, Lorina Duran, Sydnie Geismar, Howard Stone and Bernice Zwerling. Our deepest sympathies to their families and friends. May their memories endure as a blessing.

TZEDAKAH



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

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

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