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Thanking and celebrating the donors who make a difference in the work we are able to accomplish is important. Hosting the Jewish Federation of the Desert's Major Gifts dinner has become one of the places for us to do this.

This year will be no exception as we continue our theme of Gathering for Good.

On Wednesday, February 15th, 2023, we will gather to acknowledge the donors and the meaningful work they have done so far this year. We will also hear from Ira Rosen, author of Ticking Clock: Behind the Scenes of 60 Minutes.

Ron Langus and Barry Kaiman are this year's hosts. They have chosen Morningside Country club for the venue. A pre-dinner reception with drinks and appetizers will start at 5:30 on the terrace overlooking the grounds of the country club. Dinner

and speaker to follow. As part of a new initiative by the chairs of the event we will be recognizing two incredible past leaders of the Federation Ellen and Phil Glass. Please come and celebrate with us. This is an event not to be missed.



Ellen and Phil Glass

For nearly twenty-five years, Ira Rosen has produced some of the most memorable, important, and groundbreaking stories for 60

Minutes. A former Nieman Fellow and Harvard University, Rosen was a senior producer of Primetime Live with Diane Sawyer. Rosen has won 24 National Emmys four Dupont Awards, two RFK Awards and two Peabodys for his work. He also coauthored the Warning: Accident at Three Mile Island.



Ira Rosen

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Car Crashes into Chabad of Palm Springs' Sanctuary Moments After Shabbat Services End

By Rabbi Arik Denebeim, Chabad of Palm Springs

On Saturday, January 7, 2023, at 1:20 pm, just after Shabbat services ended, a driver traveling west on Palm Canyon Drive crashed his vehicle through the east wall of our building, into our sanctuary, causing severe damage to the building.



Rabbi Arik Denebeim

While a few congregants still remained in the sanctuary at the time of the accident, miraculously no one was hurt. Thank G-d, the driver missed our magnificent Holy Ark by a few inches, so that it and the Torah scrolls it houses are unscathed.

The Palm Springs Fire Department and Police responded immediately and professionally, and we are grateful for their assistance. They have assured us that their initial understanding is that the synagogue was not targeted in any way. The detectives at the Palm Springs

Police Department are continuing their investigation into the accident.

We are working diligently with building engineers and architects to develop an accelerated plan for restoring the sanctuary. After briefly moving services to a private local residence, now that the City Building and Safety Department has declared the building structurally sound, we returned to the shul January 11. We will also be installing protective barriers along the edge of our property, at the turn of the roadway.

Despite this disruption our community is resilient, and we will use this event to grow stronger. We have faced vandalism and other challenges in the past, and always moved forward with a sense of resolve and purpose; we will rebuild from this too. At Chabad of Palm Springs, we strive to create a flourishing space for you to connect with your Judaism and with other Jews throughout the Coachella Valley, and that will never



Car crashing into shul



Despite extensive damage to the sanctuary, the Ark and torahs missed being hit by inches



Security cameras record moment car crashes into shul

change.

Just the night before this incident, in the very same sanctuary, we sat down to enjoy delicious chicken soup and challah at a beautiful communal Shabbat dinner; now, we recommit to continue celebrating our faith with our wonderful locals and visitors alike, with pride, with joy, with love, with life, with mutual responsibility – in safety.

Rabbi Arik Denebeim can be reached at 760-325-0774 or rabbi@jewishps.com.

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Miraculous Survival of Menorah Inspires Ukrainians in War-Torn Mariupol

The five-foot tall metal candelabrum was discovered unharmed under the burnt remains of Mariupol's only synagogue.

By Batya Jerenberg, World Israel News

A menorah's light thought to be lost forever is shining in Mariupol, Ukraine throughout Chanukah thanks to the non-Jewish landlord of the city's only synagogue.

Russian forces destroyed almost all of this southern city when taking it over in the early months of their now ten-months' long invasion.

Among the myriad buildings bombed and set on fire was the one that Rabbi Mendel Cohen, director of Chabad-Lubavitch of Mariupol, rented in the center of town and used as a synagogue and community center for some 1,500 local Jews.

Almost all of its Jewish inhabitants fled during the fighting, with some coming to Israel, including Cohen.

Last Saturday night, the day before the holiday was to begin, Chabad News reported that he received an astonishing message from Andrei Zherenko, the building's owner – the community's menorah had been found.

"As you probably know, only the walls of the building remain—everything else burned down and collapsed," he wrote to the city's only rabbi. "A layer of debris, ash and clay had formed on the ground floor almost 70 centimeters [2.3 feet] thick.

We've just finished clearing everything and dug out the large Chanukah menorah. Mariupol's menorah."

Zherenko deemed the discovery "a miracle."

There had been an "inferno" when the bombs struck, he said. "I myself saw the molten metal there, and the fact that it did not collapse is really a miracle!"

It was not enough for the Eastern Orthodox Christian to just report on the five-foot tall iron candelabrum's survival, however.

"It seems to me that it would be right for candles to be lighted on the menorah this holiday as well," Andrei wrote to Cohen. "You tell us how to do it, we will do it."

The candle-lighting ceremony had been an important part of the community's public Chanukah celebrations for years. Cohen immediately agreed, and he taught his landlord how to light the menorah, albeit without saying the blessings since he is a non-Jew.

In an interview with the New York Post, Zherenko said he was concerned that it would be stolen by looters searching for scrap metal, so he took it to his in-laws' house just outside Mariupol and has kindled

it there every night of the holiday.

"I very honestly believe that it's a miracle and I acted in the way that I felt I had to. I didn't think all that much about it. I felt it was an important thing to do," he told the daily. He would save the candelabrum, he said, until the Jews return and a synagogue is rebuilt.

The news of the menorah being found and lit has spread throughout the exiled Jews of the city, Cohen said.

"There's a sense of great emotion in our community," the rabbi noted. "The overall feeling is that we are witnessing the idea that 'a little light dispels much darkness.'"

Cohen and his family, who weren't in Mariupol during the invasion, are closely bound to the community they have encouraged and led for the last 18 years.

Even while the fighting was going on, he organized transports out for the Jews who wanted to flee, and then made arrangements to care for the sudden refugees. He prepared a special Chanukah program for Mariupol families like his who came to Israel, and is still trying to help the estimated 70 Jewish families left in the Russian-occupied city, regularly sending them food, aid and medicine.



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The New Israeli Government



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Unwrapping or should I say unraveling the many layers of Prime Minister Netanyahu's proposed policy pronouncements has been an exhausting process. I am trying to find a good way to digest the work of the new Israeli government. I have found out that I am not alone in trying to figure it out. In a short period of time, I have been asked

by so many people about my thoughts on this new government being led by Benjamin Netanyahu. Full disclosure, I am not a registered Voter in Israel, so I am officially an outsider looking in. As a Jewish Professional and communal leader, I feel it is my responsibility to be as educated, informed and unbiased as possible on this and many other topics.

I will share a conversation I had with a friend in Israel. Shortly after the election in Israel there was considerable angst in the Jewish Diaspora about the potential for policies that could harm the US-Israel relationship. My friend said to me, "No matter the outcome of the work of the government we will come and save you if you are in danger." I was taken aback by his comment and asked him why he said that?

"Why would we need to be saved from danger?" I asked.

He said, "No matter where Jews are in the world if they are in danger Israel will save them. It doesn't matter who is in the government it is what we do for our families. We are a family. You live there and I live here. If you are in danger, we will come save you."

He went on to elaborate and said, "Most Israelis view diaspora Jewry as part of the greater Jewish family, and American Jews think of Israel as being in a marriage a partnership. Partnerships and marriages can be dissolved. No matter how deeply families disagree on something you/we are still part of the family. So don't stress out so much about the current government. As with most governments they will do some

good things and some not so good things and then a new government will come in and change the bad for good and the good for bad—it's what makes politics in Israel interesting. Now, granted there are some serious things this new government is saying it wants to do and as Israeli's if we don't like it we can voice our opposition, we can write articles, we can criticize the government—that is what our democracy looks like. We voted, this is who is in power, and we will vote again."

So, there you have it. I will keep you informed of the good things and the bad things. Remember, the people of Israel voted, and this is the coalition that will govern until they vote again.

How America Sees Us: Highlights from the ADL Report

By Alan Potash, CEO

For the past 60 years the ADL has been studying the extent Americans believe in certain antisemitic tropes. Over the past year ADL partnered with One8Foundation and the National Opinion Research Center to create a survey to include different forms of antisemitism that were not studied in prior research. I encourage you to check out the full study, but I will share a few highlights here to give you an idea of the scope of attitudes people have towards Jews, the Jewish community and Israel. In short, the study was completed by over 4,000 individuals, a representative sample of the American Population.

1. Jews stick together more than other Americans: 70%-30%
2. Jews in business go out of their way to hire someone Jewish: 57%-47%
3. Jews are more loyal to Israel than to America: 39%-61%
4. Jews always like to be at the head of things: 38%-62%
5. Jews do not share my values: 36%-64%
6. Jews have too much power in the business world: 26%-74%
7. Jews are not as honest as other businesspeople: 16%-84%
8. Jews are not warm and friendly: 17%-83%

9. Jews have a lot of irritating faults: 19%-81%
10. Jews are more willing than others to use shady practices to get what they want 20%-80%
11. Jews have too much power in the United States today: 20%-80%
12. Jews don't care what happens to anyone but their own kind: 21%-79%
13. Jews have too much control and influence on Wall Street: 24%-76%
14. Jews in business are so shrewd that other people do not have a fair chance at competition: 24%-76%

Response to the following tropes are divided into two responses; the first one the respondents find the statement to be true or somewhat true (agree) and the second number is false or somewhat false (disagree)

Quickly looking over these results one can deduce that for the most part over 75% of the respondents have a positive view of Jews. But when one digs deeper into the data and adding in the questions about Israel one gets a very different picture. Again, download the study from ADL.org to get the full report.

ISRAEL STRONG: Jewish State Ranked Among World's Most Powerful Countries

U.S. News & World Report Ranked Israel the Tenth Most Powerful Country in the World

By United with Israel Staff

In the U.S. News & World Report's 2022 rankings, Israel made an impressive showing, punching well above the tiny nation's weight class.

Despite having only around 9.5 million citizens, Israel ranked tenth in U.S. News' rankings, based on the nation's robust military and the key role it plays in the global economy.

U.S. News gave Israel a score of 67.3 for "strong international alliances," 25.8 for leadership, and 35.6 for economic strength.

According to U.S. News' description, "Israel, the only Jewish nation in the world, is a small country on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea. For its relatively small size, the country has played a large role in global affairs."

The other countries in the top 10 were:

1. United States
2. China
3. Russia
4. Germany
5. United Kingdom
6. South Korea
7. France
8. Japan
9. United Arab Emirates

According to U.S. News, "Israel has a technologically advanced market economy with cut diamonds, high-technology equipment and pharmaceuticals among its major exports."

The report concluded, "The country is very highly developed in terms of life expectancy, education, per capita income and other human development index indicators."

For the purposes of these rankings, U.S.

News defined "powerful" countries as "the ones that consistently dominate news headlines, preoccupy policymakers and shape global economic patterns."

The report continued, "Their foreign policies and military budgets are tracked religiously. When they make a pledge, at least some in the international community trust they will keep it. These countries project their influence on the world stage."

Adolfo Kaminsky, Wartime Forger Who Saved Thousands of Jews, Dies at 97

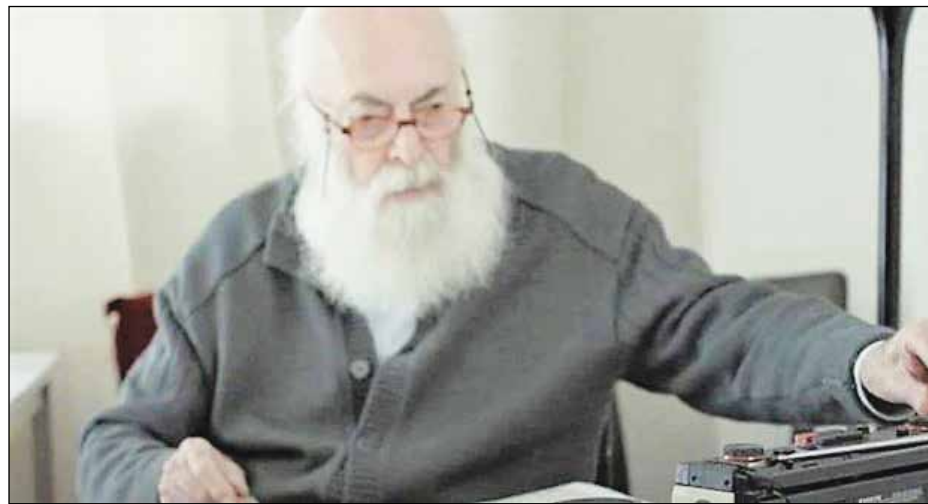
By Batya Jerenberg, World Israel News

Adolfo Kaminsky, an ordinary man who became a skilled forger in World War II Paris and saved thousands of Jewish lives, many of them children, by providing them with fake documents, died January 9th at 97.

Working both as an apprentice clothes dyer and assistant to a chemist to earn money in his hometown in Normandy, Kaminsky had learned how to remove stains and dissolve blue ink. This seemingly unremarkable skill became invaluable when it turned out that the authorities used that kind of ink in the identity documents and ration cards that people were forced to carry after the Germans set up their puppet French Vichy regime in 1940.

The 18-year-old changed the names on them to sound non-Jewish, which would give their holders a chance to escape the French police that collaborated with their Nazi overlords in hunting down Jews.

Kaminsky even pressed his own paper and fabricated all sorts of typefaces, water-stamps and rubber stamps to counterfeit whole documents from scratch that could pass muster with the authorities. He and his group of equally brave forgers in the Resistance of course provided travel permits, credentials, passports and ID cards to their fellow Resistance fighters as well. They became so proficient that they were eventually taking orders for documents from partisans in other parts of German-occupied Europe.



Adolfo Kaminsky

In one of his most remarkable feats, the Jewish Parisien managed to save 300 children living in French institutions by providing each one with a fake birth and baptismal certificate and ration card – 900 counterfeit documents in all. He had three days.

"It was impossible," he said in a 2016 *New York Times* documentary called simply, "The Forger." "The math was simple. In one hour I made 30 fake documents. If I slept for an hour, 30 people would die.... So I worked, worked, worked until I passed out." When he woke up, he continued, constantly fearing, he said, that if he made a technical mistake because he was so tired, someone would die.

They made the deadline, he said, "but just in time."

In the film, Kaminsky described what motivated him to undertake such

dangerous work and become one of the most wanted men in Paris.

"Of course, everything I did was illegal," he said. "But when something legal is completely against humanity, you have to fight."

"If I was caught, I would have been imprisoned and killed," he said at another point. That wasn't as great a consideration for him as what he immediately added: "If I was captured, a lot of people would have died."

He estimated that he and his group saved some 10,000 people in all during the war.

Kaminsky used his skills to help Jews – and others – after the war as well. He forged documents that enabled Jews to fight the British in pre-State Israel, and those fighting for their freedom or escaping from such places as French Algeria and South Africa. He even faked

papers for Americans who wanted to dodge the draft during the Vietnam War.

He finally retired from the forgery business in the 1970s and became a photographer.

Kaminsky is survived by his wife and three children from his second marriage, one child from his first marriage, and nine grandchildren.

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In Ohio, 'Zoombombing' a Religious Service Can Now Net Jail Time, Thanks to Advocacy by Jewish Groups

By Ron Kampeas, JTA

In its closing session of 2022, Ohio's legislature passed a law imposing penalties of up to 180 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine for "zoom-bombing" religious services, a practice that antisemites have used to intimidate Jews.

The law, "Increasing Penalties for Disturbing a Religious Service," passed unanimously in the state Senate. It had previously passed in the state House, 95-1.

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost sought the law after discovering that disrupting a religious service was only considered a "class four misdemeanor," incurring penalties of up to 30 days in jail and \$250 fines. A Republican who was elected in 2018, Yost has sought legal action against abortion rights activists who have targeted anti-abortion clinics since the U.S. Supreme Court ended federal abortion rights last summer. While anti-abortion protesters have for decades targeted abortion clinics, sometimes with deadly violence, some pro-abortion protesters have more recently sought to disrupt church services as part of their activism.

In formally endorsing the bill last month, Yost described the impetus: A Catholic



Photo of a family's Zoom shiva service from the premises.

church in Columbus in January was conducting an annual "memorial service for the unborn" when protesters raided the church shouting "This church teaches hate!"

"Last January, a group of protestors entered St. Joseph Cathedral in downtown Columbus, Ohio carrying signs and loudly chanting. The chaotic scene that unfolded included a protestor rushing toward the pulpit and protestors resisting removal by law enforcement," Yost wrote. "The service was ultimately halted and unable to resume until all protestors were removed

Yost wanted to make the offense a first-degree misdemeanor, which incurs harsher penalties. The Republican legislators Yost asked to advance the legislation consulted with religious communities, and as a result of talks with Jewish groups added into the legislation zoombombing, which antisemites used multiple times to target Jewish services that went online because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Howie Beigelman, the executive director of Ohio Jewish Communities, which represents the state's Jewish organizations

on the state level, worked closely with the sponsors on the bill and credited the state's Jewish federations, its Jewish community relations councils, its Jewish community security directors, and the state offices of the Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Committee for lobbying for the bill.

"They wanted to do the bill," Beigelman said of the sponsoring legislators. "And then they talked to us and we said generally the bill is important, but we also want you to be very specific about zoom bombing. And they're like what's that? I was like, Well, let me tell you, it's happening a lot to our community."

The Ohio legislature also passed unanimously the "Testing Your Faith Act" which requires public colleges and universities to accommodate religious observance when it conflicts with exams and assignments.

Ohio Jewish communities advocated for this legislation as well, and credited Convergence on Campus, a chaplaincy group, as well as Jewish groups working on and off campus for their advocacy.

Community Events

February 5
Cantors on Broadway
Temple Isaiah, PS

February 15
Major Gifts
featuring JBC Author Ira Rosen

March 6-7
Purim

March 21
Jewish Federation Golf Tournament
Tamarisk Country Club

March 26-29
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April 5
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April 30
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- Where Life Begins
- Exodus 91
- Farewell Mr. Haffmann

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- Space Torah
- Jews of the Wild West
- Baltic Truth
- The Last Laugh
- Three Minutes - A Lengthening

Subject to change

Lion of Judah International Conference; December 11-13, 2022

By Fran Kaufman, Jewish Federation of the Desert 2022 Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Honoree

Excitement and enthusiasm filled the air as I entered the Arizona Biltmore early last December. Just standing in line to check in with women from all over the world, who were there to celebrate 50 years of the Lion of Judah, gave me such a wonderful feeling of community and sense of purpose.

The Lion of Judah is a subgroup of women's philanthropy of The Jewish Federation. Lions are women who make a significant philanthropic contribution to the Jewish community through time and resources. I was at this biannual Lion of Judah conference to not only hear from fantastic speakers, but to learn how we can help our fellow Jews in as many ways as possible.

In addition, I was there to receive the Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award for extraordinary philanthropy and community volunteerism. I was thrilled, grateful, and humbled to be honored along with fifty-one other women who were selected by their peers in communities around the world as "women of valor" for their lifetime of commitment to the Jewish world. It made it even more special to celebrate with a group of mentors and friends from our Jewish Federation of the Desert, including Barbara Platt, Carol Fragen, Toni Victor, Lori Fritz and Margie Kulp. I was presented with a beautiful, large Lion of Judah scarf that our local desert Lion attendees held over my head like a



Fran Kaufman surrounded by our community's delegation: (l-r) Lori Fritz, Margie Kulp, Toni Victor, Barbara Platt and Carol Fragen

huppah. I felt blessed and surrounded by love and support. We had such fun dancing and cheering for all the award winners.

The opening Plenary celebrated women's empowerment and it was quite inspirational. We were welcomed by Julie Platt, Chair of the Board of Trustees of Jewish Federations of North America, who congratulated the more than 1200 Lions in attendance. The first speaker was Rabbi Stephanie Aaron of Congregation Chaverim in Tucson, who serves as retired Congresswoman Gabby Giffords' rabbi. She spoke of Giffords' determination during her 12 years of recovery from being shot in the head during a gathering for her Arizona constituents outside of a supermarket. She also shared that in 2021 Giffords became a bat mitzvah. She then introduced Giffords, who remarkably walked on stage and gave a short speech. She discussed overcoming adversity and being strong, and said "we must live every day to the fullest!"

Next, we heard from United States Representative from North Carolina, Kathy Manning, who is one of only eight Jewish members of Congress. She spoke of organizing a bill to authorize U.S. financial support for the Israeli Iron Dome project.

The highlight of the evening was the interview of Katie Couric by her long-time friend Dana Keller, Chair of the Board of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford. Couric revealed

that she was raised Presbyterian, but at age 10 found out that her mother was Jewish, and she had Jewish grandparents who lived in Omaha. She is now married to a Jewish man, financier John Molner. Couric then discussed raising funds for cancer research through her Stand Up To Cancer charity, which she started in response to the death of her first husband Jay Monahan from colorectal cancer at the age of 42 and her sister who died of pancreatic cancer. Couric is now in recovery for Stage I breast cancer. At the end of the interview, Couric revealed that she became a new Lion of Judah, and Keller presented her with the gold Lion pin, making her a member of the Greater Hartford Women's Philanthropy.

Eric Fingerhut, President and CEO of JFNA, spoke of how we were brought to this conference at the best and worst of times for a reason. Just like Queen Esther arrived at the Palace at the worst time for Jews, we arrived to learn how to deal with the troubling problems facing us today, such as the war in Ukraine and antisemitism. He said we, as leaders, must build bridges in our communities to address these issues directly. Israel will soon celebrate its 75th anniversary and we must ensure its future and prevent another Holocaust.

Fundraising for Federation and what motivates women to give was a large topic of discussion. Only 11% of all Jews donate to Jewish causes. All ways of giving were discussed, starting

with giving of time, then talent, and eventually, financially.

One point that was reiterated numerous times was that it is important to be a role model to our children and grandchildren and teach them to "give Jewishly." The Hebrew word tzedakah is often referred to as charitable giving, but it also means justice, fairness, righteousness, and integrity. These are all Jewish values, and we must share them with our families and in our fundraising efforts for the Jewish community and beyond.

The plenary session on the last morning of the conference was entitled "JFNA Meeting the Moment: From Keeping us Safe to Caring for our Souls." Acclaimed historian Deborah Lipsdadt, the US State Department's new Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism encouraged us to speak out and "not let your identity and our heritage be denied." A panel discussion about antisemitism followed with Noa Tishby, actor, producer, author, and Israel's first Special Envoy for Combating Antisemitism and Delegitimization. The main topic was antisemitism on college campuses and how organizations are trying to teach Jewish students how to speak directly with their peers about Israel and the Holocaust. The panel emphasized that using social media to counteract antisemitism is not successful.

The closing session discussed how JFNA has started programs in mental health to help teens in crisis, which is lacking on school campuses. Deaf actor Marlee Matlin spoke (through an interpreter) of how she learned to sign and speak as a young girl, eventually even becoming a bat mitzvah. In Hollywood, she was mentored by mensch Henry Winkler. Matlin was the first deaf actor to win an Oscar. She said it is important to always seek your purpose and not give up.

The main message from the conference was to "Stand Strong!" I hope we can use this powerful message here at home to inspire our ongoing philanthropic work, cling to our Jewish values, proactively combat antisemitism, and generously give to the Jewish Federation of the Desert Area to support the vulnerable in our community.

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Massive Trove of Prewar Jewish Artifacts Unearthed by Construction Workers in Poland

By David I Klein, JTA

Construction workers renovating an old tenement house in Lodz, Poland, unearthed a surprising find: an untouched cache of hundreds of Jewish artifacts believed to have been hidden in advance of the Nazi occupation of the city. The trove — which included menorahs, kiddush and ritual washing cups and items from everyday life, all wrapped carefully in newspaper — was buried next to a building just beyond the ghetto in which Lodz's Jews were imprisoned during the Holocaust. Only about 10,000 Lodz Jews survived until the end of the war, out of a prewar population of about 230,000.

"A find like this comes along once in a decade," Adam Pustelnik, the vice mayor of Lodz, said in a tweet.

"The discovery is remarkable, especially the quantity. These are extremely valuable, historic items that testify to the history of the inhabitants of this building," said Agnieszka Kowalewska-Wójcik, director of the Board of Municipal Investments in Łódź, according to Polish media. She said the artifacts are being transferred to the city's archaeological museum, adding, "I hope a special, generally accessible exhibition will be prepared."

Before World War II, Lodz, one of



Piotrkowska Street In Lodz, near where the Jewish artifacts were found



Some of artifacts found

Poland's major industrial centers, was one of the largest Jewish communities in Europe, numbering over 230,000 or 31% of the city. Almost all of them were killed by the Nazis during their occupation of the city from 1939 to 1945.

"For us archaeologists, such unusual finds are a challenge, but also a great joy. I don't remember the last time such treasures were unearthed in Łódź," said Bartłomiej Gwóźdź, a local archaeologist. "At the moment, each item is carefully cleaned so that nothing is damaged, broken or destroyed."

Two of the discovered menorahs were lit during Hanukkah celebrations this year by Lodz's Jewish community, whose offices happen to be on the other side of the block from the building on Północna street, where the trove was discovered.

The trove is not the first notable Jewish relic to be unearthed in Lodz. In 2018, workers excavating a building that was inside the Jewish ghetto uncovered what researchers concluded was a bloody prayer shawl that had been left behind during a 1940 pogrom, when the Nazis attacked Jews who had gathered to pray on Yom Kippur.

European Union Parliament Passes Resolution Condemning Bigotry in Textbooks

By Dion J. Pierre, The Algemeiner

The European Union (EU) Parliament has passed a resolution denouncing antisemitism in textbooks issued by the Palestinian Authority (PA).

Approved on December 14, the resolution cited "hatred, incitement to violence, and antisemitism" in textbooks given to hundreds of thousands of students as being in tension with European values and a "key impediment to the resolution of the conflict."

"All schoolbooks and school materials funded by Union funds must be in line with [United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization] standards of peace, tolerance, coexistence and non-violence," it added. "[The European Parliament] ... strongly condemns the hate speech,

violence, and antisemitism that continue to be found on Palestinian Authority education curricula."

A review of the Palestinian Territories education system by Israeli education watchdog Impact-se, which was released in July, found that the UNRWA provided curriculum describes Jews as "impure and inherently treacherous" and teaches that murdering Israelis leads to glory and martyrdom. The findings were made after UNRWA's maintaining several times that antisemitism was purged from Palestinian schools.

Examples included in Impact-se's findings include a grammar lesson that uses the sentence, "The Palestinians sacrifice their blood to liberate Jerusalem," and "Arabic Drill Cards" for 9th graders that say, "When

the [Muslim] nation is negligent in protecting al-Aqsa, then the Jews will dare to defile it." Neither does Israel appear on any maps.

Both the US and the EU combined provide UNRWA over \$400 million a year.

" Hamas and the Palestinian Authority are in are in lockstep on the teaching of antisemitism, and incitement to violence in Palestinian schools," Impact-se CEO Marcus Sheff said on Wednesday. "They have made it crystal clear that they have no intention whatsoever of listening to the EU, which is the biggest donor to the Palestinian educational sector and for change in the curriculum. These textbooks are also used by UNRWA, which is financially supported by the United States."

The European Jewish Congress welcomed the resolution.

"Education is the most valuable means to counter prejudice and hatred, as well as progress toward peace and coexistence," the group said on Twitter.

The resolution was strongly criticized by Hamas and the Palestinian Authority, with the PA calling it "efforts by certain quarters in the European Parliament to inject false claims and attacks against Palestinian children, institutions, and [United Nations Relief and Works Agency] (UNRWA)" the United Nations body that directly funds and supplies its education system with curricular materials.

Hamas said the resolution contains "fallacies" and shows "an appalling bias towards Israel."

'BIBLICAL WOMEN OF STRENGTH'

Dr. Tammi J. Schneider, Danforth Chair of Religion at Claremont Graduate University, is Scholar-in-Residence at Congregation Beth Shalom, Friday, February 17 through Sunday, February 19, 2023, made possible by a grant from Jewish Federation of the Desert. The Shabbaton's theme, "Eyshet Hayil: Biblical Women of Strength," will be

explored in a series of teachings and interactive conversations throughout the weekend, open to the entire community, at the synagogue's new location: 42600 Cook St., Second Floor, Palm Desert.

Dr. Schneider teaches ancient Near Eastern history, literature, archaeology and religion, and women in the Hebrew Bible. Her research

draws together the varied fields of archaeology, Assyriology, and biblical studies in an effort to understand the ancient Near East, especially the interactions among various peoples.

Professor Schneider earned her BA degree in Hebrew Language and Literature from the University of Minnesota and her PhD in Ancient History from the University of Pennsylvania. In addition to Claremont Graduate University, she has taught and lectured at the University of Minnesota, University of Pennsylvania, Gratz College, and the University of Judaism (now American Jewish University). An accomplished author, among her books are: Sarah: Mother of Nations, and Mothers of Promise: Women in the Book of Genesis. She is currently writing a book on "peripheral" men in the Book of Genesis.

As an archeologist, Dr. Schneider has participated in archeological excavations in Israel and is presently the Field Manager at the excavation of Tel Akko in Israel. She serves as Secretary for Council for the Society of Biblical Literature and is past President of the Pacific Coast Region of the Society of Biblical Literature.

Dr. Schneider will speak on "Esther: A Woman of Courage" during Friday evening services beginning at 7:45 pm. This will be followed by an Oneg Shabbat Dessert Reception generously sponsored by Benjamin & Heather Altman – an opportunity for delicious refreshments and delightful conversation.

During Shabbat morning services beginning at 9:30 am., Dr. Schneider will teach on "Ruth: A Woman of Faith." A Festive Kiddush Luncheon will follow generously sponsored by Dr. Robert & Maxine Greenstein and Joel & Marlene Wolf.

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Dr. Tammi J. Schneider

"Shir HaShirim: A Woman of Love," at a Sunday brunch beginning at 11:00 am, generously underwritten by Gene Stillman. Following her formal presentation, she will be in an interactive conversation with Beth Shalom member Rabbi J.B. Sacks and will welcome questions and comments from participants.

Rabbi Sacks, who resides locally, is the Spiritual Leader of Congregation Am HaYam in Ventura, CA and serves as Education Specialist for the Stories of Music project at UCLA's Herb Alpert School of Music.

The Coachella Valley's Conservative Synagogue welcomes the community to all services and programs. Cost for the Sunday brunch program is \$18 for Beth Shalom members, \$23 for non-members. Advanced paid reservations for the Sunday brunch and program must be received no later than Monday, February 13.

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Biden Admin Needs Israel, With or Without Netanyahu

By Shoshana Bryen Israel Policy Center

The disaffection of the Biden administration for the new Israeli government led by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is public. State Department briefings are routinely taken over by people hostile to Israel who are allowed to make speeches as much as ask questions; the pushback is minimal.

And the reporting on the first telephone call between Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Foreign Minister Eli Cohen was said to have stressed the American goal of a “two state solution” with the Palestinians along with a not-very-veiled warning to Israel about jeopardizing the U.S. plan.

That would be expected. But reports (here and here, among others) indicate that Blinken also gave Cohen a message for Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, which Cohen then passed on.

The idea of the Israeli government having an opening phone call with Russia in the middle of the Ukraine war vastly irritated Sen. Lindsay Graham, a strong supporter of Ukraine, who had unpleasant words for Jerusalem. American foreign policy requirements, however, include, but go beyond Ukraine.

Israel has become a pivotal player for the United States in recent months as regards threats posed to the Middle East and Persian Gulf by Iran. And more so since the discovery of Iranian drones with American parts in the Russian arsenal. Following a months-long series of joint exercises and meetings, the U.S. sent six fighter jets to an Israeli military base to conduct joint drills simulating strikes



Israeli F-35i and American F-15 jets hold an exercise over Israel, November 29, 2022

deep in “enemy territory.” That might be Iranian territory.

U.S. National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan held a teleconference with his Israeli counterparts asking for help in exposing Iran’s technology acquisition network. Israel has been very effective in collecting information inside Iran and has carried out a number of successful operations targeting the regime.

This week, State Department spokesperson Ned Price sang a different tune.

“We have absolutely had discussions with our Israeli partners regarding the threat presented by Iranian UAV technology and the proliferation of Iranian UAV technology to countries around the world, including Russia ... We’re looking to harmonize our approach with countries, allies and partners, around the world to see to it that we are taking a coordinated

approach to disrupt this pipeline of technology from Iran to Russia and other malign actors.”

In sum, you have American priorities — Iran, Russia, technology, boosted by a coordinated approach with Israel. (China’s acquisition of American technology fits in here as well, but, for the moment, stick with the theme.)

How does this affect American support for Ukraine?

The U.S. is, in some respects, a side player in the Russia-Ukraine war — the biggest financier, biggest arms provider, and biggest cheerleader, but with no actual skin in the game. Literally: no troops, no skin.

And despite the hero’s welcome Ukraine’s President Volodymyr Zelenskyy received at the Capitol, there has been no public administration acceptance of his position that Russia has to leave

all of Ukrainian territory including Crimea, which was occupied in 2014 with no objection from the U.S., plus reparations plus war crimes trials.

If, on the other hand, the U.S. seeks a negotiated settlement that includes some of Ukraine’s demands plus assurances against the use of nuclear weapons in Europe plus an end to the burgeoning Russia-Iranian military alliance, talking to Russia, distasteful as that might seem, is necessary.

But Washington cannot call Moscow... can it?

Israel can.

The 2005 book “Every War Must End,” by the late Fred Ikle, is making a comeback. Called a “classic” by Amazon, the slender volume posits that every war will, indeed, end — if not with a military victory, then by grinding along until one side or the other is ready to stop fighting and find a “political settlement.” Former President Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s demand to Dwight Eisenhower for the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany vs Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan.

U.S. policy is muddled here — seeming to give Zelenskyy support for his maximalist objectives, i.e., victory, while simultaneously looking for a political settlement that would have as much to do with Iran as with Russia. It is more than possible that the message Eli Cohen passed to Sergei Lavrov was a set of terms, a mechanism and a threat of escalation, all designed to end the war.

As every war must end.

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UAE Sheikh: "Israel Provided Best Treatment Ever"

By Baruch Yedid, Tazpit Press Service

In early January Sheikh Khalid Qasmi, a royal figure from the United Arab Emirates, was hospitalized in Israel, the first Arab royal known to have been treated in Israel. His visit may pave the way for more Emiratis to get medical care in Israel.

The 45-year-old sheikh from the emirate of Sharjah in the UAE arrived at the Emek Medical Center in Afula for treatment for health complications related to an automobile accident several years ago. The Tazpit Press Service got exclusive access to talk to Sheikh Qasmi, who praised Israel's medical care and expressed his appreciation for the warm reception he has received.

During his conversation with TPS, the sheikh wore a kippah, or Jewish skullcap, saying it was a sign of respect for the Jewish people and the state of Israel.

"This is a special expression of what we all mean when we say 'peace agreements,'" said Sheikh Qasmi, "It is an expression of pure humanity and I have no choice but to express my appreciation to the people of Israel and wish for continued



UAE Sheikh Khalid Qasmi treated at Emek Medical Center, Afula

cooperation between the countries in all fields."

"This is the best medical treatment I have received since the car accident. I have traveled to several countries in Europe and been hospitalized in different clinics, since I was injured," he said, "But since I arrived in Israel there has been a

great improvement in my condition."

Sheikh Khalid said, "I was amazed not only by the quality of the medical staff and the advanced capabilities in Israel, but mainly by the hospitality and the expressions of sympathy from the medical staff and other people I met here."

Sheikh Qasmi also confirmed that "Very

soon I will return to Israel for further medical treatments."

He was invited to Israel by former Druze cabinet minister Ayoub Kara, who is close to officials in the Emirates. Kara told TPS that the sheikh's stay may lead to more Emiratis getting medical treatment in Israel.

"Following the sheikh's hospitalization in Israel, the United Arab Emirates decided to examine the possibility of giving all residents of the Emirates the right to receive treatments in Israel, at the expense of the state," Kara said. "The Emirates realized that it was an advanced healthcare system and decided that what was appropriate for the sheikh, should be given to the rest of the residents of the Emirates."

The sheikh's stay was coordinated by Kara's daughter, Amira, who is finishing her medical studies at Emek.

The United Arab Emirates is a federation of seven emirates. Sheikh Qasmi's family set a precedent by ruling two different emirates, Sharjah and Ras Al Khaimah.

Harvard Denies Fellowship to Former Human Rights Watch Head Over 'Anti-Israel Bias'

By Bradley Martin, World Israel News

Former Human Rights Watch Executive Director Kenneth Roth was denied a fellowship position at Harvard's Kennedy School due to his "anti-Israel bias," The Nation reported on January 5.

Roth was reportedly offered the position by Carr Center for Public Policy Executive Director Sushma Raman in May and accepted it the following month. However, the decision would be overruled by the center's dean, Douglas Elmendorf, who concluded that Roth's tweets showed an anti-Israel bias.

"So much for academic freedom at Harvard's Kennedy School," tweeted Roth in response to the ruling. "Dean Douglas Elmendorf was so fearful of HRW's reporting on Israel (applying the same standards as HRW does everywhere else) that he vetoed a fellowship that the Kennedy Carr Center offered me."

Roth went on to slam this decision as indicative of Elmendorf's "lack of backbone."

Professor Gerald M. Steinberg, founder of NGO Monitor and a



Kenneth Roth

longtime critic of Roth, was blamed by The Nation for his work detailing the former HRW executive director's anti-Israel bias. Roth told The Nation that NGO Monitor is "profoundly biased" because it objected to any criticism of Israel. Roth also added that he is Jewish and became involved with human rights issues after hearing stories about his father escaping Nazi Germany in 1938.

In response to The Nation article's

publication, Steinberg tweeted a screenshot of a 2009 New York Times op-ed by HRW founder Robert Bernstein criticizing Roth and HRW for giving fodder to those who portray Israel as a "pariah state." Steinberg also shared his 2021 academic paper in the Israel Affairs journal documenting HRW's anti-Israel agenda.

"Ken Roth again exploits his father's 'experience living in Nazi Germany'—

as if that justifies a lifetime [of] hate & lies," tweeted Steinberg. "My take: The constant invocation of the Shoah by Kenneth Roth and his defenders is unconvincing and odious."

Steinberg then shared his 2007 article criticizing Roth and his defenders for their "efforts to rewrite and distort the Holocaust."

The Nation article acknowledged Bernstein's criticism by noting that HRW had responded to its founder, claiming that the organization has "produced more than 1,700 reports and other commentaries on the Middle East and North Africa, the vast majority of which were about countries other than Israel."

The head of The International Legal Forum, Arsen Ostrovsky, lauded Elmendorf's decision to block Roth's fellowship in a tweet.

"You don't deserve a fellowship," Ostrovsky wrote to Roth, "not when all you have done is peddle in Jew hatred, lies and endorse terror against Israel, masquerading as a human rights leader. I'm sure Al Jazeera will offer you a spot!"

Clal to Buy NIS 100 Million Stake in Israel's 2nd Digital Bank

By Sharon Wrobel, *The Times of Israel*

Clal Insurance Enterprises Holdings Ltd. is planning to invest NIS 100 million (\$30 million) in Esh Bank Israel Ltd., giving the country's new digital bank a valuation of NIS 1.8 billion.

In exchange for the investment, Clal Insurance will get a 4.99% stake in Esh, co-led by Nir Zuk, the American-Israeli founder of the cybersecurity firm Palo Alto Networks, Inc.

Clal Insurance, one of Israel's largest institutional investors, will join Esh's existing shareholders, who have so far invested over \$30 million in the new venture, according to the company's website. Upon completion of the deal, Esh will have raised over NIS 200 million in Tier 1 equity capital for the establishment of the new digital bank.



Bank of Israel governor Amir Yaron (third from left) hands conditional bank license to Shmuel Hauser (third from right), chairman of a new digital banking venture led by Nir Zuk, the founder of cybersecurity giant Palo Alto Networks.

The announcement comes just two weeks after the Bank of Israel granted a conditional license for

the establishment of the country's second digital bank. The approval is the second license in three years

that the central bank has approved for the establishment of a new bank, in an effort to boost competition in a highly concentrated banking sector dominated by five banks.

Esh will be digital, will have no physical branches, and will focus on banking services for households and small businesses, including providing credit, receiving and managing deposits and current accounts, and providing advanced payment services. As one of its first offerings, Esh will start with the launch of a current bank account without management fees, and in the long term, the digital bank seeks to build a range of products, including affordably priced loans.

Israel Yanks Funds from Palestinian Terror Salaries, Gives Money to Victims

Israel's new government withholds the tax funds used by the Palestinian Authority to pay salaries to terrorists, redirecting the money to terror victims and their families instead.

By *United with Israel*

On January 8, Israel transferred to victims of Palestinian terrorism and their families close to \$40 million of tax revenues originally collected on behalf of the Palestinian Authority.

"There is no greater justice than offsetting the funds of the Palestinian Authority, which supports terrorism, and transferring them to the families of the victims of terrorism," commented Israel's Minister of Finance Bezalel Smotrich at the beginning of the week.

While Israel has historically passed the funds along to the PA, Benjamin Netanyahu's new government is refusing to continue the practice because the PA uses the money to pay salaries to terrorists and their families as part of the PA's official pay-for-slay policy.

"We promised to fix this, and today we are correcting an injustice," said Smotrich at a Sunday press conference, reported *JNS.org*. "This is an important day for morality, for justice and for the fight against terrorism."

Every month, the PA pays stipends to Palestinians who carried out terrorist attacks, in addition to transferring funds to the families of those killed in the process of attacking Israelis.

According to *JNS* report, the PA spent \$157 million in 2021 paying terror salaries, incentivizing the murder of innocent Israelis.

Israel's new policy is in accordance with a ruling by the Jerusalem District Court holding the PA responsible for terrorist crimes committed against Israelis due to the PA's "pay-for-slay" policy, which violates Israeli law and the U.S. Taylor Force Act.

Taylor Force was an American veteran of tours in Iraq and Afghanistan who was murdered by a terrorist during a walk in Tel Aviv amid a Vanderbilt University MBA trip focused on global entrepreneurship. The family of the terrorist, who was killed on the scene, is entitled to payments for life according to official PA policy.

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New Immigrants Will Need to Prove They've Settled in Israel Before Getting Passports

Shas leader Deri instructs Population Authority to prepare for new rule aimed at dissuading people from obtaining citizenship only to promptly leave.

By Judah Ari Gross, *The Times of Israel*

Interior Minister Aryeh Deri is planning a new policy that will see new immigrants required to prove they've settled in Israel in order to be eligible for an Israeli passport, his office said January 2.

A statement said Deri had instructed the Population Authority to begin preparing for the move, a shift from the current policy that grants a passport automatically upon obtaining citizenship.

Deri's plan would first require a law change, which would be part of the incoming coalition's immigration reform. In addition to the passport law, the government also intends to alter the Law of Return, specifically the clause that permits anyone with at least one Jewish grandparent to obtain citizenship. This has drawn intense criticism from Diaspora Jewry.

In the past, new immigrants were only

eligible for a passport after a year in the country. In 2017, a new law allowed new immigrants to obtain a passport immediately, despite warnings from law enforcement that such a permissive policy could lead to abuse.

"The 'air train' in which people eligible [for citizenship] under the Law of Return are taking advantage of their right to a passport and 'absorption package' [of government benefits], and then going back to where they came from is unacceptable," Deri said.

"We should give status and a passport only to those who are settling in Israel, not to those looking to get benefits they're not entitled to."

Such a rule change was hinted at in the government's coalition deals, which referred to a need to "prevent the misuse of the rights the state gives to new immigrants

by those who return to their countries of origin shortly after immigrating to Israel."

It was not immediately clear by what criteria the Population Authority would determine whether a new immigrant was eligible for a passport. Currently, new immigrants are only eligible for benefits — stipends, housing subsidies, tax discounts, etc. — while they are in Israel; they are automatically frozen if a new immigrant leaves the country.

Unlike the other aspects of the incoming government's immigration reform proposals, overturning the 2017 passport law likely would not draw substantial criticism.

The ability to receive a passport immediately has drawn significant criticism in recent weeks, following news reports based on population data showing that large numbers of new immigrants,

particularly from Russia, had obtained Israeli passports and then promptly left the country. Some have seen the reports themselves as part of a political campaign to drive up public support for amending the Law of Return.

In the Knesset in December, former immigration and absorption minister Pnina Tamano-Shata said that even she would support changing the passport law.

However, she maintained that many of the numbers cited in the recent news reports were willfully misleading, as many of those returning to Russia were doing so to settle their affairs — a process made more complicated by international sanctions against Russian institutions — before coming back to Israel to live in the country for good.

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Egypt, Jordan Working to Prevent Palestinian Authority Collapse if Abbas Dies

Jordanian and Egyptian senior officials reportedly working to prepare the Palestinian Authority for Mahmoud Abbas' death, in the hopes of staving off a total collapse of the PA.

By Baruch Yedid, TPS

The Lebanese newspaper Al Akhbar reported on December 28, from sources in Fatah, that in recent months several meetings have been held between Palestinian Authority officials and senior Jordanian and Egyptian officials to settle the "future status of the Palestinian Authority and Fatah" in the event Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas dies.

The 87-year-old Abbas is a heavy smoker, is known to have heart problems and once overcame a battle with prostate cancer. He has no designated successor.

Both Abbas and the PA are deeply unpopular.

In a recent Palestinian survey, 81% said the PA was corrupt and 75% said Abbas should resign.

Palestinians have not held national elections since 2005 and Abbas is in the 17th year of what was supposed to be a four-year term.

According to Al Akhbar, Palestinian officials, including Hussein al-Sheikh, who was promoted by Abbas to the



Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas

position of Fatah Secretary General, met with representatives of Jordan's Royal Court and intelligence service to discuss various scenarios expected in Palestinian areas after Abbas's death.

Most of the discussions dealt with Fatah-Hamas relations, and relations between Fatah leaders themselves, several of whom are fighting to succeed Abbas as chief of the Palestinian Authority.

A similar meeting was held in Egypt, in which the Palestinians demanded Egyptian aid to prevent the collapse of the PA. They also asked for financial help against efforts by Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad to erode popular support for Fatah.

Palestinian officials appealed to the Egyptian and Jordanian sides with a request to help them also control the rival factions after the death of Abbas and

to recognize Fatah as "representatives of the Palestinian people." The PA civil service is the largest employer of Palestinians with more than 150,000 people on the payroll, and Fatah wants to control the funding for all the salaries after the demise of Abbas.

Referring to Abbas by his nickname, Abu Mazen, Al Akhbar's sources added, "Those present at the meetings came to the conclusion that the collapse of the government after the death of Abu Mazen must be prevented, and Arab support must be ensured for one Fatah leader, after he is elected with the consent of the movement's leadership, which will convene the day after Abu Mazen to regulate its internal conditions."

According to the report, it was also agreed that the split in Fatah should be ended, with the return of prominent defectors such as Mohammed Dahlan, Nasser al-Kidwa and Marwan Barghouti, and to hold an internal reconciliation conference where new roles would be distributed by agreement.



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UAE to Include Holocaust Education in its Curriculum; Decision Denounced

By Dion J. Pierre, *The Algemeiner*

On January 10th terrorist group Hamas criticized the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for its decision to include Holocaust education in its school curriculum.

"We condemn and denounce the UAE embassy's announcement in Washington that its country has included materials on the 'Holocaust' in its educational curricula, and we consider that support for the Zionist narrative and a form of cultural normalization," said Hazem Qassem, a spokesman for the group, placing the word Holocaust in scare quotes.

The statement was first reported by the *Shehab News Agency*, a Hamas affiliated news agency.

The statement comes just days after Dr. Ali Al Nuaimi, a member of the UAE Federal National Council, confirmed

the country's intention to include the Holocaust in its curriculum and explained that "memorializing victims of the Holocaust is crucial."

Nuaimi added that "public figures and scholars should be encouraged to discuss the Holocaust and protect common human values while leaving political differences."

The UAE was a partner in the 2020 Abraham Accords, which normalized relations between it and Israel.

Hamas has long denied that the Holocaust occurred and has opposed teaching Palestinian students about it. In 2009, the group denounced the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) because it believed the refugee organization was preparing to

provide students a textbook that included a chapter on the Holocaust. UNRWA denied the claim, drawing further criticism for appearing to concede to the wishes of antisemites.

In an open letter to UNRWA, Hamas described the Holocaust as "a lie invented by the Zionists" and its spokesperson, Sami Abu Zuhri, said, "Regardless of the controversy, we oppose forcing the issue of the so-called Holocaust onto the syllabus, because it aims to reinforce acceptance of the occupation of Palestinian land."

In 2011, a Hamas official called the Holocaust "a lie that has crumbled," prompting criticism from the Anti-Defamation League, which condemned the statement as "disturbing"

For its part, UAE has steadily promoted coexistence and positive engagement with Jews and Christians, creating what Impact-se, an Israeli education watchdog, has described as the "most tolerant and peaceful Arab or Muslim majority country

curriculum."

The 2020 Abraham Accords are discussed in materials for UAE students in grades 6, 8, and 12, along with endorsements by leading Islamic UAE organizations. The material also describes the Abraham Accords as "helping Arab and Islamic causes, derived from an Islam intent on containing extremism and enhancing a global atmosphere of tolerance and cooperation," an Impact-se report says. Radical Islamism is strongly discouraged as a "chief threat" to prosperity, and the Palestinian cause is no longer portrayed as the key to solving all of the region's challenges.

Impact-se CEO Marcus Sheff said UAE is "leading the way in peace and tolerance for education in the region."

"Impact-se is delighted that they have taken this important step in educating about the Shoah and humbled to have partnered with the Ministry Education," he added.

U.S. National Institutes of Health Partners in New Israeli Pandemic Research Institute

By Abigail Klein Leichman, *Israel 21c*

The US National Institutes of Health (NIH) is partnering in the establishment of the Sheba Pandemic Research Institute (SPRI) at Sheba Medical Center, Israel's largest medical center and a Newsweek top-10 ranked world's best hospital for the last four years.

The institute will facilitate multidisciplinary collaborative research on global infectious diseases and will work toward bringing the findings of that research into clinical settings quickly in the event of future epidemics and pandemics.

"The establishment of the Sheba Pandemic Research Institute represents a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to prevent and combat future epidemics and pandemics," said Prof. Gili Regev-Yochay, director of the Sheba Pandemic Research Institute and Infectious Diseases Unit at Sheba Medical Center.

"Together with the NIH, we hope that the discovery of pathogens and infectious diseases can be translated into health outcomes that not only improve but protect the lives of patients worldwide."

The establishment of the institute follows recent Sheba-led research published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* about mRNA Covid vaccine booster doses, based on a cohort of some 10,000 staff members at Sheba who have been part of an ongoing study measuring the efficacy of Covid vaccines.

Working directly with the NIH Vaccine Research Center in Maryland, SPRI researchers will prioritize innovation in diagnosis of emerging pathogens and epidemiologic aimed at contributing to predictions of future viral and bacterial threats.

"The core of the National Institutes of Health and Vaccine Research Center mission is the application of scientific and technological knowledge to design and develop vaccines and biologics against infectious diseases" said Prof. Daniel Douek, chief of the Human Immunology Section of the HIH Vaccine Research Center and senior scientific advisor of the Sheba Pandemic Research Institute. "Together with Sheba, we can turn discovery into real health advances."

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Daily Life in Israel: Why Israel's New Right-Wing Leaders Immediately Made Plastic Plates Inexpensive Again

By Deborah Danan, JTA

Devora Zien's tiny apartment in Bnei Brak runs like a factory, but, she admits, not a very smooth one. With 12 mouths to feed three times a day, single-use plasticware is a basic necessity, she says. So when Israel's then-Finance Minister Avigdor Liberman increased taxes on disposables in 2021, Zien said she was "in total shock."

"For me, it's more important than bread and milk," she said. "It's about survival. I can't stand in front of the kitchen sink all day washing dishes — and where would I put a dishwasher even if I could afford one?"

Liberman's tax on disposable dinnerware, as well as another set of taxes he imposed as finance minister on sugar-filled soft drinks, were viewed by many ultra-Orthodox Israelis as unfairly targeting their lifestyle and cynically using health and environmental considerations to single out their community.

This week, after Benjamin Netanyahu's government was sworn in, Liberman's successor, Bezalel Smotrich, in his first move as finance minister, signed orders repealing the tax hikes on disposables and sugary drinks.

Ultra-Orthodox lawmakers hailed the move, as did many in the broader haredi population. Images made the rounds on social media of haredi men celebrating the decision by drinking Cristal Mint, a low-in-price, high-in-sugar soda, from disposable plastic cups. Beyond the relief felt by members of the community, there was also a sense that the balance in Israel's cultural war is once again tipping in their favor.

MK Uri Maklev of the haredi United Torah Judaism party, said the tax reversal underscored the new government's policy of "working for the citizens and not against them."

Israel is either the world's top or second-biggest consumer of disposable tableware per capita, depending on the analysis, making the goods a natural target for environmental activists. And the taxes were projected to bring in \$350 million annually to the country's treasury, no small amount. That's nearly twice, for example, what



A man shops for disposable plastic tableware in Osher Ad Supermarket in Givat Shaul, Jerusalem.

the city of Jerusalem spends each year on sanitation.

But the disposables were Liberman's only target for environmental taxes, which came as he sought to address Israel's high cost of living by cutting taxes on other goods. And no environmental activist himself, Liberman is well known for his fierce criticism of Israel's haredi sector, which he says contributes too little to the country through work and army service.

"The only thing that matters to him is sticking his finger in our eye," said Devora's sister-in-law Yael Zien, a media personality who advocates on behalf of Israel's haredi population. She went on to cite Liberman's widely condemned statement that he would send haredi Jews on "wheelbarrows straight to the dumpster."

"You can't compare your average, secular, two-car family that orders takeaway, with the haredis. We also host far more family functions than any other sector," Zien said. "Why not raise taxes on a second car? Or flights overseas?"

"Haredim are actually more green than anyone else. We buy less clothes, we don't fly abroad, and our communities rely heavily on gmachim and passing things on," she said, referring to the free-loan establishments that provide anything from baby bottles to evening gowns.

Though the taxation touched on a sensitive nerve and was viewed by both sides as another round in the cultural

war between secular and Orthodox Israelis, when the dust settled, it turned out that both sides may actually agree on some important issues.

Despite saying she reacted with "ecstasy" to Smotrich's moves, Zien is not entirely opposed to reinstating the taxes, but this time with cooperation from the affected parties and a multi-pronged approach. Addressing the sugary drinks, Zien believes that the government should have taken steps in parallel to raise awareness in haredi society about the danger of diabetes and not just enforce acts that could be interpreted as punitive.

Meanwhile, environmental activists, who had marveled at the taxation on plastic dishes, are willing to admit that Liberman might have paid too little attention to the needs of haredi communities.

Yael Gini, community director at Sustainable Development Goals Israel, noted that tax hikes are just one way to combat waste, and not necessarily the most optimal. Targeting businesses or public places with a blanket ban on disposables, as France recently enacted in what activists are calling a watershed moment, might have been a more prudent first step, she said.

"It's a shame it came to this. This isn't sectorial but it feels like it is. [Politicians] turned it into something political and the haredim are right about that," said Gini, formerly a program director at Greenpeace.

"But [the haredim] need to

understand, it's not an us-versus-them situation," she said, adding that the environmental impact of Israel's use of disposables is "a disaster for everyone."

Despite the political uproar created by the decision to tax single use dinnerware, anecdotal evidence shows it might have been effective, especially for haredi Orthodox families living on a tight budget. Data published in April 2022 by the Ministry of Environment indicated that purchase of single-use plastics in supermarkets had dropped nearly 50% since the taxes were imposed six months earlier. Critics of this survey noted, however, that it did not take into consideration the haredi community's tendency to shop at convenience stores and to make large purchases before Jewish holidays.

For Leah, a Hasidic Orthodox mother of seven living in the cloistered Bukharian neighborhood of Jerusalem, Liberman's policy worked.

"We finally got around to to ivelling a dinner set that we had been gifted years before," she said, referencing the Jewish practice of immersing dishes and utensils in a ritual pool to ensure that they can be used with kosher food.

She also went to IKEA to buy other multi-use items like casserole dishes and admits that she would not have made the trip had plasticware remained affordable. "Life is fast-paced and that was one less thing to worry about," she said.

The adjustment took time and there were bumps in the road. "Many plates got broken, the children argued all the time over cups, but we got through it. I bought each child their own set and encouraged them to wash it." Leah, who asked that her last name not be printed, has very little exposure to current affairs and was not aware of Smotrich's rollback. While the move means she would probably allow herself to be less frugal about buying plastics in the future, she was unlikely to go back entirely to the way things were before, she said.

"It's nice to eat Shabbat meals on real plates," Leah said. "It feels more special."



Shabbat Schedule - February 2023

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.

BETH SHALOM, Palm Desert

(Member, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism)
Ken Hailpern, Spiritual Leader
42600 Cook Street, Second Floor, Palm Desert, CA 92211
760-200-3636.

IN-PERSON Shabbat Morning Services: 9:45 am, followed by light Kiddush lunch.

Visitors welcome with proof of vaccination. For information, email info@congregationbethshalom.net or call 760-200-3636. Website: www.CongregationBethShalom.net

Friday, February 17: Shabbat Eve Service, 7:45 pm, Scholar-in-Residence: **Dr. Tammi J. Schneider.** Topic: "Esther: A Woman of Courage" Service followed by Oneg Shabbat Dessert Reception.

Saturday, February 18: Shabbat Morning Service, 9:30 am, Scholar-in-Residence: **Dr. Tammi J. Schneider** Topic: "Ruth: A Woman of Faith" Followed by Festive Kiddush Luncheon. (Program with Dr. Schneider continues on Sunday, February 19. See listing in the Community Calendar. See ad page 8

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am, followed by a sit-down Kiddush lunch. Children's program/service. Daily Minyan: Shacharit (morning) Services 7:00 am, Sundays 8:00 am. Check web for updated times for Mincha & Maariv.

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DESERT OUTREACH SYNAGOGUE, Rancho Mirage

Rabbi Dr. Jules King; Rabbi Rachel Axelrad, Rabbi Andrew Bentley, Cantor Lori Reisman Patterson. 760-449-0111. Mailing address: P.O. Box 982, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270. Shabbat services held on the second Fridays at Unitarian Universalist Church of the Desert, 72425 Via Vail, Rancho Mirage. On second Saturdays: 10:30-11:30 am Torah study on Zoom with Rabbi Axelrad. Beit Sefer Religious

School Saturday mornings (from 9:45 AM to noon. B'nei Mitzvah classes for Children with Arava Talve. "Talkin' Torah": See listing on Community Calendar. Check website for most current information: www.Desert-Outreach-Synagogue.com.

OR HAMIDBAR

Rabbi David Lazar rabbid@orhamidbar.org. Virtual Kabbalat Services first, second and fourth Fridays of the month, at 6:30 pm and Shabbat morning services at 10:30 am. Join Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86202660636>. For more information email info@orhamidbar.org.
February 3 & 4: Or Hamidbar presents a Shabbat Experience with Rabbi Sam Feldman. Limited seating. RSVP to <https://orhamidbar.org/shabbat-experience-with-rabbi-sam-feldman/>

SUN CITY JEWISH SERVICES, Palm Desert

Rabbi Dr. Kenneth Emert, Cantorial Soloist Alan Scott and Accompanist Brent Reynolds. In person services in Speaker's Hall in the Sunset View Clubhouse (second clubhouse) in Sun City Palm Desert the first and third Fridays at 7:15 pm. To attend participants must be fully vaccinated. Please bring your card. Information: Nadine Brinhendler, 707-332-3947.

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(951) 468-0004. www.templeharshalomidyllwild.org Email: templeharshalomofidyllwild@gmail.com.
Erev Shabbat Services the 4th Friday of each month with Rabbi Ilana Grinblat at 6:00 pm with dinner to follow. Shabbat teaching with Rabbi Ilana the next morning at 9:30 am with bagels and coffee. On all other Fridays of the month Shabbat Candle Lighting at 6:00 pm on Zoom. 1st Friday with Rabbi Malka Drucker; 2nd Friday with Rabbi Ilana Grinblat; 3rd Friday with Board host.. Check website templeharshalomofidyllwild.org for Zoom address.

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332 West Alejo Road, Palm Springs, CA 92262, 760-325-2281. Email: temple@templeisaiahps.com; www.templeisaiahps.com.
Weekly in-person Shabbat services Friday evenings at 7:30 pm, preceded by Wine and Cheese 'Happy Hour' from 7:00-7:30 pm. Saturday morning begins with "Nosh and Drash" at 10:30 am, followed by Shabbat morning services. To attend in person services requires being fully vaccinated. Masks not required at this time, subject to change if mandated/ by city of Palm Springs or State of California directive. All services also streamed online. To access any activity, go to Temple Isaiah's website and click on link to desired service or program. "Jewish University" Saturdays from 1:30-3 PM on Zoom. No charge. RSVP requested.

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(Member, Union for Reform Judaism)
Rabbi David Novak
73-251 Hovley Lane West, Palm Desert, CA 92260. www.templesinaipd.org 760-568-9699. Go to templesinaipd.org for access information. Shabbat services are in-person and online on Livestream at www.templesinaipd.org. Friday evening services 5:30 pm, preceded by pre-service Oneg at 5:00 pm. Saturday morning Torah study 8:45 am; Shabbat morning services 10 am. Proof of vaccination or negative covid test within 72 hours required.

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Rabbi Yankel Kreiman - 760-325-8076, and Rabbi Mendy Kreiman - 760-567-6726.

New Mural in Lower Manhattan Celebrates a Holocaust Rescuer

By Julia Gergely, *New York Jewish Week*

In the heavily trafficked neighborhood of Nolita, a larger-than-life mural has popped up on the corner of Spring St. and Elizabeth St. Bright orange and pink paint spell out the words "Saved 3,000 Jewish Lives" next to a black and white portrait of Holocaust rescuer Tibor Baranski.

The mural, an art piece designed to combat hate and spark conversation, is the brainchild of "Artists 4 Israel," a non-profit organization that aims to "prevent the spread of antisemitic and anti-Israel bigotry by helping to heal communities that have been affected by hate through art," according to its CEO and co-founder Craig Dershowitz.

"Our rallying cry is art over hate," Dershowitz said. Baranski's portrait, painted by Fernando "SKI" Romero, a renowned graffiti artist based in Queens, is part of the organization's "Righteous Among the Nations Global Mural Project." It aims to establish a network of murals painted in cities around the world that feature other "Righteous Among the Nations" members who helped save Jews during the Holocaust.

"His story was beautiful and it really touched me," Romero, who is Dominican, said of Baranski, who collaborated with Artists 4 Israel on deciding whom to feature in the New York mural. "The want to paint something came very easily with something so selfless."

The Baranski mural in Nolita is the third installment of the mural project; eventually there will be 10 murals around the world, said Dershowitz. Each subject is given a mural in their home state or country where they aided Jews: In Portugal, a mural of Aristides de Sousa Mendes, a diplomat who helped arrange passports for Jews has become a popular tour bus stop. In Greece, a mural of Mayor Loukas Karrer and Archbishop Dimitrios Chrysostomos led to national media coverage.

Though Baranski was Hungarian, he lived in Buffalo, New York for nearly six decades and felt at home in New York, which is why the Artists 4 Israel chose him for the mural in Manhattan.

In 1944, Baranski was 22 and studying to become a Catholic priest in Slovakia when the Russian Army invaded and he was forced to return to Budapest, where he grew up.



Graffiti artist **Fernando SKI Romero**

He never returned to the seminary, and abandoned his dream of becoming a priest. Instead, he dedicated the next years of his life to orchestrating the escape of more than 3,000 Hungarian Jews from the Holocaust.

After arriving in Budapest, Baranski headed to the Vatican embassy residence of the Papal Nuncio Angelo Rotta, where a long line of people were requesting help. The Vatican embassies in Switzerland, Sweden, Spain and Portugal were some of the only places where Jews and other refugees were able to secure letters of protection and necessary documents to leave their countries.

Pretending to be a priest, Baranski managed to arrange a meeting with Rotta, where he secured documents for a Jewish family he knew. As the story goes, Rotta soon recruited Baranski to help organize protection letters, baptismal certificates and immigration certificates for Jews trying to escape Hungary. He also helped coordinate food and housing for the escapees. Over the next two months, Baranski saved 3,000 Jewish lives, according to official records — though his sons have said he believes the number was closer to 15,000.

After the war, Baranski was imprisoned by the Soviet army for five years for his anti-communist beliefs. He became a freedom fighter during the Hungarian Revolution of 1956 before moving to Rome to start a refugee camp with his wife Katalin.

Eventually the couple moved to Canada and then settled in Buffalo, where they were active members of the community and raised their three children, Tibor Jr.,

Kati and Peter.

Baranski, who died in 2019, was recognized by Yad Vashem as a Righteous Among the Nations in 1979, and was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

In an obituary in the *New York Jewish Week*, writer and close friend of Baranski's Steve Lipman recalls an anecdote Baranski often repeated: "Why do you, a Christian, help Jews?' Uncle Tibor told me the Nazis asked him. 'You are either silly or an idiot,' he would answer. 'It is because I am a Christian that I help the Jews.'"

For Dershowitz, who is based in Los Angeles, one of the goals of the murals — and his organization at large — is fighting antisemitism through education about Israel and the Holocaust. By making the art public and accessible, Dershowitz hopes people of all backgrounds will enjoy the art, and learn from it.

"These murals are very much for everyone to enjoy," he said. "For the most part, they're not geared towards the Jewish community as much as they're geared towards a younger demographic, regardless of their religion or cultural heritage."

Since its foundation in 2009, Artists 4 Israel's principal mission has been to bring diverse groups of graffiti, street and mural artists to Israel to create projects



The mural of **Tibor Baranski, who saved more than 3,000 Jews during the Holocaust**

that "benefit people in a direct, on-the-ground way," such as painting murals in hospitals, bomb shelters and army bases. The organization has worked with more than 5,000 professional and amateur artists from 32 countries around the world, according to its website.

"When [the artists] come back [from Israel], they're able to talk about the country and they're able to speak about the Jewish people and be a window into the reality of Israel in the Middle East to their millions of followers," Dershowitz explained.

In 2020, when COVID-19 arrived and international travel halted, the organization switched gears and started bringing their advocacy to cities around the world with the "Righteous Among the Nations" project.

For the artist Romero, the work has been especially gratifying. The 44-year-old artist has been involved with Artists 4 Israel since its inception and has visited Israel three times, painting murals for battered women's shelters, community shelters and army bases.

"I'm creating art with purpose, which is beautiful. I'm also creating a dialogue. There's a conversation," Romero said. "This is one of those murals that touches home and it makes you really feel good. It is art that just separates itself from a lot of the noise out there."

Painted over the course of two days, the mural will remain on the downtown corner for the next nine months.

At the unveiling party last month, which included a performance by singer Neshama Carlebach and blessings led by Rabbi Menachem Creditor, Baranski's son Tibor Jr. retold his father's story and emphasized the strong Catholic faith that guided him.

"Tibor Baranski was the merger of intellect and faith," said his son, who drove from Buffalo for the event. "My father's deeply held belief in God was uncompromising. It was the core driver in his saving thousands of innocent Jewish lives in 1944 in Nazi-occupied Hungary."

"I will quote my father since his words captured the essence of our Catholic faith and what this mural that Fernando painted commemorating him represents: 'Love each other, love each other sincerely. God is love. Love destroys hatred,'" he added.



Community Calendar of Programs - February 2023

Mondays:

Har-El offers three classes with Rabbi Zions on Zoom on Mondays for residents and non-residents: 10:30 AM—Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class; 1:00 PM—Conversion to Judaism; 4:00 PM—Youth Bar/Bat Mitzvah Preparation. Individual Zoom Sessions will be offered for beginning students who require extra preparation for group study. For registration and additional information, email: harelurjpd@gmail.com or call Rabbi Zions at (760) 668-9943.

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:

4:00 pm Temple Sinai begins weekly class on ZOOM, "Torah in Translation" where participants join **Rabbi David Novak** in reading the Torah in various English translations. Contact rabbi for ZOOM information.

5:00-6:45 pm Chabad Rancho Mirage's popular and weekly **BBQ**. Reservations not required but helpful. Call 760-770-7785. Choose your own menu from steak to hot dogs to salmon, veggie burgers and salads. Orders can be placed online in advance.

7:00 pm – Chabad of Palm Springs/Sun City: Virtual class: "Insights for Daily Living, from the Torah" with **Sussie Denebeim**.

Wednesdays:

1:30 pm Temple Isaiah Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class with **Rabbi Steven Rosenberg**. Interested in joining? Contact Rabbi at rabbisteven.rosenberg@gmail.com.

7:00 pm – Temple Isaiah "Reintroduction to Judaism" with **Rabbi Steven Rosenberg**. Online course on ZOOM. For those who want to learn more about their Jewish heritage or want to learn about Judaism for the first time. Email Rabbi at rabbisteven.rosenberg@gmail.com.

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

7:00 pm Chabad of Rancho Mirage Tanya Class led by **Rabbi Shimon Posner**. For men and women. Hosted each week in Rancho Mirage and also available on Zoom.

Thursdays:

10:00 am – noon: Or Hamidbar online course "Interfaith Study of the Acts of the Apostles" with **Rev. Dr. Stephen Kinney** and **Rabbi David Lazar**. For more information email info@orhamidbar.org.

11:45 am Rabbi David Novak of Temple Sinai hosts a weekly "Lunch 'n' Learn" in Temple Sinai's Goodman Chapel.

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.

Saturdays: Talkin' Torah with **Rabbi Andrew Bentley**. Hybrid class meeting both in person and during Shabbat school, with locations to be announced shortly, as well as online. Email Rabbi Andrew at rabbibentley@gmail.com for more information.

Youth and Teens:

Chabad of Rancho Mirage offers programs for children 3 through High School. **CKids Club** for children 3-13 offers monthly programs. **CTeen** is for teens in high school who meet weekly for events, discussion and participation in humanitarian projects. Contact Chaya at 760-272-1923 for more information.

Thursday, February 2

9:30 am Schmoozing/**10:00 am** Program. **Sabra Hadassah meeting**. Speaker: Nurit Gery of the Givat Haviva International School in Israel, an institution that gathers the brightest, and most committed 11th- and 12th-graders from numerous cultural and religious backgrounds \$20 members; \$25 non-members. Sun City Shadow Hills Montecito Clubhouse/ Main ballroom. Questions? Call Cindy at 760-360-4902.

Sunday, February 5

8:30 am – 4:00 pm Sabra Hadassah 20th Annual **Day of Mah Jongg**. Sun City Palm Desert - Sierra Ballroom/ Mountain View Clubhouse. \$80. Questions? Call Shelley at 760-327-4188.

Sunday, February 5

10:00 am – 12:30 pm Chabad of Rancho Mirage **CKids Tu B'Shvat** "luxury spa for the soul" nature-filled Tu B'Shvat program for children 3-12. Call Chaya at 760-272-1923 for more information.

Sunday, February 5

10:30 am Temple Sinai Religious School and Brotherhood join for **Tu B'Shevat Seder** and **dedication of Ginat ha Midbar**, their newly xeriscaped chapel garden. Special guest and Sinai congregant Dr. James Danoff-Burg, The Living Desert's Director of Conservation, will speak.

Sunday, February 5

11:00 am Har-El **Tu B'Shevat Program**, compiled and conducted

by Rabbi Richard Zions. Reservations required. Contact harelurjpd@gmail.com. Attendees will order and pay for their choice of food at the brunch.

Sunday, February 5

2:00 pm Temple Isaiah presents **Cantors on Broadway**, with Cantor Ken Cohen, Cantor Kelley Cooper, Cantor Daniel Friedman, Cantor Niti Nissim and Cantorial Soloist Jennifer Bennett, accompanied by Joel Baker and the Desert Winds Freedom Band. \$35. Order tickets online at www.templeisaiahps.com or call 760-325-2281. See ad page 11.

Sunday, February 5

4:00 pm Beth Shalom **Tu B'Shevat Seder and Israeli-style lite dinner**. Community welcome with paid reservations and proof of vaccination. Members \$22/non-members \$27. Paid reservations required by January 30. Information: 760-200-3636.

Sunday, February 5

4:00 pm Temple Sinai **Desert Keshet**, Temple Sinai's LGBTQ Outreach will gather in the chapel with Rabbi Novak for noshery and a conversation: "How to be Jewish, Queer, and Sane in 2023." Free. Open to the Jewish and non-Jewish LGBTQ community. RSVP to: LGBTQ@templesinaipd.org

Tuesday, (January 24 & 31) February 7, 14, 21, 28

7:00-8:30 pm Chabad of Rancho Mirage. New 6-week course led by **Rabbi Benny Lew** for men and women: "**Book Smart - Course through Judaism's Most Important Titles, and the Authors Who Inscribed Them.**" A panoramic overview of 3000 years of Jewish learning.

Wednesday, February 8

3:30 pm Har-El Galen Book Course on Zoom. Anthropologist Rosa Weinstein reviews **The Last Kings of Shanghai** by Jonathan Kaufman. For Zoom invite contact harelurjpd@gmail.com.



Community Calendar of Programs Continued - February 2023

Wednesday, February 15

5:30 pm Jewish Federation of the Desert **Major Gifts Dinner;** Morningside Country Club; reception, followed by dinner and speaker presentation. Keynote speaker: **Ira Rosen** "Ticking Clock: Behind the Scenes at 60 Minutes." Minimum Gift to Jewish Federation's annual campaign: \$10,000 per couple. Questions? Call the Jewish Federation of the Desert, 760-324-4737.

Sunday, February 19

11:00 am Beth Shalom Brunch and Program (part 3 of Scholar-in-Residence weekend. See Shabbat schedule for Friday and Saturday programs). **Dr. Tammi Schneider** will speak on "Shir HaShirim: A Woman of Love." Community welcome with paid reservations and proof of vaccination. Members \$18; non-members \$23. Paid reservations required by February 13. See ad page 8.

Monday, February 20

7:00 pm Chabad of Rancho Mirage Women's Rosh Chodesh Society: **TO BELIEVE OR NOT TO BELIEVE IN YOURSELF**, introduces the students to Tanya, a 225-year-old text whose portrayal of human psychology and of our inner spiritual composition: This session: *Soul Secret: From Potential to Perpetual Positivity*.

Wednesday, February 22

3:30 pm Har-El Galen Course on Zoom. **Steve Moyer**, Attorney-at-Law and Professor leads a discussion with

a panel of attorneys; Barry Messinger, Attorney at Law, ad Professor Samuel Trussell, Attorney at Law on chapters from **The January 6 Report**. The full report is available in Amazon. Those registering will receive the titles and numbers of the chapters to be reviewed and discussed. For Zoom invite contact harelurjpd@gmail.com.

Tuesday, February 28

11:30 am JNF Legacy Luncheon. Omni, Rancho Las Palmas, Rancho Mirge. See ad page 13.



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Honorarium Tributes In Appreciation For:

- **Mr. and Mrs. Mark Gershenson**, Mazel tov on the wedding of Chloe and Jake, from Barbara Platt and Norm Lewis.
- **Enid Goldman**, Happy big birthday, from Sanford and Rosemary Hertz.
- **Mr. and Mrs. James Greenbaum**, Mazel tov and good health in your beautiful new home, from Barbara Platt and Norm Lewis.
- **Libby Hoffman**, In honor of your special birthday, from Margot and Jerry Halperin, and Arnold Hoffman.
- **Loreen Jacobson**, In appreciation for the lovely Bat Mitzvah luncheon, from Sanford and Rosemary Hertz.
- **Barry Kaiman**, Thank you for being my chauffeur, from Barbara Platt.
- **Eunice and Jerry Meister**, In honor of Jerry's 90th birthday and their 70th anniversary, from Susie and Bob Diamond.
- **Linda Noddle**, "Convalescent Jerry Meister thanks Linda Noddle for her delicious goodies," from Jerry Meister.

- **Rella and Monte Rifkin**, Happy Anniversary from Sanford and Rosemary Hertz.
- **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Small**, Welcome to the neighborhood, from Barbara Platt and Norm Lewis.
- **Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sukman**, Mazel tov on the birth of your new great-grandchild, from Barbara Platt and Norm Lewis.
- **Eileen Zoll**, Wishing you a very happy birthday, from Margot and Jerry Halperin.

Refuah Shleimah Get Well:

- **Harvey Lambert**, Get well soon, from Sanford and Rosemary Hertz.
- **Jeff Louis**, Wishing you a speedy recovery, from Arnie Gillman and Jewish Federation Board.
- **Jerry Meister**, Get well soon, from Sanford and Rosemary Hertz.

Memoriam Tributes Condolences Sent To:

- **Merle Arenson and Family**, In memory of your beloved husband Art, from Muriel and Ron Goldberg, Sanford and Rosemary Hertz, Libby and Buddy Hoffman, Ruth and Mal Kaufman, Gary and Joellen Leifer.

- In memory of **Gene Astor** from Debra Levine.
- **Pat Barton**, Heartfelt condolences in the passing of your beloved husband Stuart, from Barbara Platt and Norm Lewis
- **Miles Berger and Family**, In memory of your beloved wife Sally, from Phyllis Eisenberg, and Susan Mardell.
- **Jeanne Levitt**, In memory of your beloved son Jay Levitt, from Loreen Jacobson, and Mark Krasne.
- **Harley and Carol Rudofsky**, Deepest condolences on the loss of your sister Sue Grick, from Ana Landau.
- **Nona Solowitz**, In loving memory of your dear father, Jerry Stone, from Eddie and Jackie Cohen.
- **Zdatny Family**, Condolences on the passing of Stuart, from Barbara and Bernie Fromm.
- **Shirley Zipkin**, In memory of your brother, Robert Stillman, from Sheila Sloan.
- **Klaus Zwilsky and Roberta Safer**, Condolences on the loss of your beloved son Mark, from Ana Landau.



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Latin America's Biggest Online Retailer Says It Has Reduced Antisemitic Products by 89%

By Juan Melamed, JTA

Latin America's largest online retailer has stripped its digital shelves of antisemitic content in 2022, the result of a push by the regional branch of the World Jewish Congress.

Mercado Libre ("free market" in Spanish) was founded in 1999 in Argentina by a Jewish businessman there; it boasts 140 million users, making it more widely used than Amazon in Latin America, where it operates in 18 countries.

In 2021, the company announced that it would purge books such as "Mein Kampf" and "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion," as well as Nazi coins, posters and memorabilia, from its offerings. It later announced that in the first half of 2021, the number of items available for sale that violated the company's policies related to violence and discrimination was down 89% compared to the year before.

"We are very proud of the collaborative work we have done in this time," Federico Deya, Mercado Libre's senior legal director, told

the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. He credited the work the company had done with the Latin American Jewish Congress in effecting the change, which a report from the company said also included a 23% increase in the detection of hate speech in publications for sale on the site.

"Viewing with concern the growth of hate speech and violence, and the lack of action by some companies, this joint effort is an example that we can work with internet companies that have the will," said Ariel Seidler, program director for the Latin American Jewish Congress and the head of its Web Observatory, an initiative to remove antisemitism from Spanish-language websites. "They play a key role in our societies and must assume their responsibility to build plural societies, with coexistence and diversity."

The availability of antisemitic material through online megastores has been an area of concern for as long as online shopping has existed. Retailers have pursued various strategies to limit customer access to such materials, including by adding disclaimers to historic works and purging them entire.

But some items have remained available, vexing some watchdogs. The World Jewish Congress has been a particular critic of the availability of "Mein Kampf," Adolf Hitler's treatise containing his antisemitic ideology; its president, Ronald Lauder, has said the book "should be left in the poison cabinet of history." And this year, the Anti-Defamation League pressed Amazon to remove a film containing antisemitic ideas from its third-party vendor system after Brooklyn Nets star Kyrie Irving promoted it; the company declined, with its CEO saying it had a responsibility to appeal to an ideologically diverse customer base's viewpoints, "even if they are objectionable."



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'Enormously Honored': UK Chief Rabbi Knighted by King Charles III

By World News Israel Staff

Britain's Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis has been knighted by King Charles III as Commander of the British Empire, one of the country's highest honors.

Rabbi Mirvis was awarded the knighthood for his "significant services to the Jewish community, to interfaith relations and to education".

"I am enormously honored and deeply humbled by this award," Mirvis said in a statement to UK media. "It will be particularly moving for me to receive this award from his majesty the king in his first year as our monarch."

Mirvis was honored for his groundbreaking Jewish-Muslim projects; an initiative bringing together Anglican and Jewish clergy; expanding inclusivity among Orthodox Jewry, including female leadership roles

Maurice Ostro OBE KFO, Vice President of The Council of Christians



King Charles III and UK's Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis

and Jews, said about the knighthood: "This honor is not awarded to faith leaders simply because of their positions, and it is a testament to how he has gone above and beyond his

role as Chief Rabbi and his recognition as a leader by both faith and non-faith communities.

"The knighting of the Chief Rabbi will not only be celebrated in the Jewish and

Muslim communities across the UK but by communities of all faith and none," he said, according to the UK's Jewish Chronicle.

"It also underlines how the establishment has started to recognise the importance of interfaith engagement as well as the vital contributions of our faith communities and the important role they play in making our country a truly great Britain."

King Charles has close ties with the UK's Jewish community. In contrast to his late mother, the new king has visited Israel. While there, he visited the tomb of his grandmother – Prince Philip's mother, Princess Alice of Battenberg – on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. Princess Alice was honored as a Righteous Gentile for hiding a Jewish family in her home in Athens during the Nazi occupation.

Israeli Company Named 2022 Amazon Web Services Global Security Partner

Orca Security uses collected data to identify bugs, malware, leaks and risks without increasing workloads or affecting system performance.

By Naama Barak, Israel 21c

An Israeli cloud security company was recently chosen as Amazon Web Services' global security partner of the year for 2022 in recognition of its contribution to the web giant's cloud computing platform and its customers.

Orca Security was founded in 2019 and is valued at \$1.8 billion. It employs some 400 people in Tel Aviv, London and Portland as well as elsewhere

around the world.

Its collects data used to identify bugs, malware, incorrect settings, weak passwords, leaks and risks without the need for installations that increase workloads and affect system performance.

The 2022 AWS Partner Awards are handed out across many fields, including design, sustainability, social

impact, data and analytics, education, and aerospace and satellite, among others, on regional or global levels.

The Security Partner Award, according to AWS, "recognizes partners with the AWS Security Competency that have proven customer success securing every stage of cloud adoption, from initial migration through ongoing day-to-day management."

"Winning the Amazon global partner award is a huge pride for us, especially against the background of the deep cooperation that has developed between the companies and the deep partnership between AWS and Orca," says Orca Security CEO Avi Shua.

Last year, Orca Security was named a 2021 Gartner Cool Vendor.

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.

CALLING ALL SINGERS

Calling all singers... we are putting together a community choir under the leadership of Cantorial soloist and musician extraordinaire Alan Scott, to perform Israeli music at our **Community Israel 75 Celebration** on April 30, 2023. This will involve several rehearsals, (times to be set later) and a lot of RUACH (enthusiasm) for Israel's big birthday party! If you are interested, please contact Leslie Pepper at 760-324-4737 or at leslie.pepper@jfedps.org. Young and old, we want to raise your voices in a musical salute to Israel.

HAPPINESS IS SINGING IN THE CHOIR!

Israeli Scientists Blast Tumors with Bubbles in the Bloodstream

Combination of ultrasound and nanobubbles enables specific targeting and minimizes damage to surrounding tissue.

By Israel21c Staff

Scientists from Tel Aviv University have developed a noninvasive way to destroy cancerous tumors in a targeted way by combining ultrasound and the injection of nanobubbles into the bloodstream. Their findings were recently published in the journal *Nanoscale*.

The prevalent method to treat cancer is invasive and involves the surgical removal of the tumor in combination with complementary treatments such as chemotherapy or immunotherapy.

An existing alternative to surgery is therapeutic ultrasound, in which high-frequency soundwaves produce thermal or mechanical effects to destroy tumors. However, the heat and high intensity of the ultrasound waves may damage nearby tissues.

Furthermore, until now, scientists have only managed to inject microbubbles into the tumor itself.

"Our new technology makes it possible, in a relatively simple way, to inject nanobubbles into the bloodstream, which then congregate in the area of the cancerous tumor. After that, using a low-frequency ultrasound, we explode the nanobubbles, and thereby the tumor," explains TAU's Dr. Tali Ilovitsh.

"The combination of nanobubbles and low-frequency ultrasound waves provides a more specific targeting of the area of the tumor and reduces off-target toxicity," she adds. "Applying the low frequency to the nanobubbles causes their extreme swelling and explosion, even at low pressures."

She noted that this method "has the advantages of ultrasound in that it is safe, cost-effective, and clinically available, and in addition, the use of nanobubbles facilitates the targeting of tumors because they can be observed with the help of ultrasound imaging."

Could treat larger tumors

Another advantage, Ilovitsh explains, is that low-frequency ultrasound increases the depth of penetration, minimizes distortion and attenuation and enlarges the focal point.

"This can help in the treatment of tumors that are located deep within the body, and in addition facilitate the treatment of larger tumor volumes," she said.

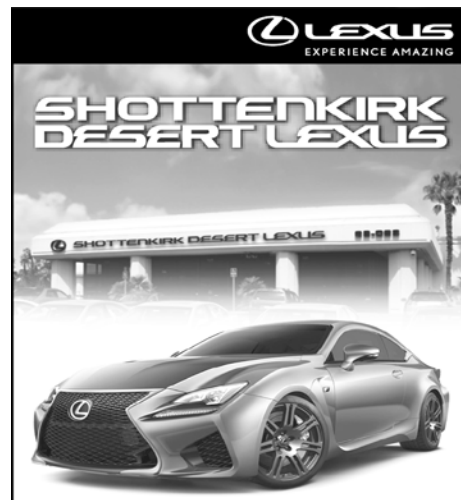
"The experiment was conducted in a breast cancer tumor mouse model, but it is likely that the treatment will also be effective with other types of tumors, and in the future, also in humans," Ilovitsh says.

Commercial potential

Tel Aviv University's technology transfer company, Ramot, has applied for several patents to protect the technology and its application.

"We believe in the commercial potential of this breakthrough technology in cancer treatment, and we are in contact with several leading companies in Israel and abroad to promote it," said Ramot CEO Keren Primor Cohen.

In another development, scientists from Tel Aviv University have recently made a discovery that could potentially revolutionize cancer treatment. In a study they conducted on mice, they found that adding a second, existing drug to chemotherapy may reduce breast cancer relapses by 88 percent. Their findings were published in the journal *Nature Communications*.



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Have A Nosh

This year Tu B'Shevat falls on February 5th. As I was looking for ideas for recipes to give you for Tu B'Shevat I tried to jog my memory by looking online and saw that someone had suggested making small fruit/nut balls for the Tu B'Shevat seder table and



it dawned on me that I had been combining fruit and nuts ingredients into small balls for years ... and serving them as some of my most popular charoset recipes at our Pesach seders. The variety of ingredients reflect the countries from which they originate ... with the Yemenite version being the perennial favorite! MHB

YEMENITE CHAROSET BALLS

1/3 cup pitted dates	1/8 teaspoon ground cumin
1/3 cup dried figs	3/4 cup pecans, toasted and coarsely ground
1/3 cup raisins	3/4 cup slivered almonds, toasted
1/3 cup dried apricots	1 1/2 Tablespoons orange liqueur
2 1/2 Tablespoons honey	+ 1/2 cup additional slivered almonds, toasted and ground
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon	
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger	
1/8 teaspoon ground clove	

Combine the dried fruit, honey and spices in the food processor and pulse until finely chopped. Add the pecans, slivered almonds and liqueur until just combined. Form into 1 to 1 1/2 inch balls and roll in the ground almonds to coat.

EGYPTIAN HAROSET BALLS

1 cup pitted dates	1 small orange, juice and rind
2 cups raisins	1/2 cup finely chopped almonds

Grind dates and raisins together. Add remaining ingredients and roll into 1 inch balls.

FIG-GINGER HAROSET BALLS

2 cups dried black mission figs* (about 8 oz)	1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 cup crystallized ginger (about 2 oz)	1 Tablespoon honey

Remove the stems from the figs and discard. Coarsely chunk the figs and put in a food processor with the other ingredients and pulse until ingredients are finely chopped but not processed into a paste. Roll the fig mixture into heaping teaspoon sized balls. Makes about 18 balls. *Other figs will work as well, but mission figs give a softer texture the balls.

GAROSA CHAROSET BALLS FROM CURACAO

2 ounces pitted dates, preferably Medjool	1/2 cup dark brown sugar
2 ounces pitted prunes	2 tablespoons honey
2 ounces dark raisins	2 teaspoons cinnamon, plus additional for coating
2 ounces dried figs	1-2 tablespoons sweet Passover wine
2 cups unsalted peanuts	1 tablespoon orange juice
1/2 cup cashew nuts	1 teaspoon lemon juice
Grated zest from 1 medium-sized lemon	

Combine dates, prunes, raisins, figs, peanuts, and cashews in a food processor work bowl. Pulse on and off until the contents are fairly small. Add the zest and remaining ingredients. Continue to process until mixture is moist and relatively smooth and firm. With palms, roll mixture into one-inch balls. Sprinkle some cinnamon on a small plate. Roll each ball in cinnamon to coat well. Place in one layer on a flat plate, until ready to serve. Refrigerate if making in advance. Yield: 3 dozen balls (or more).

MOROCCAN HAROSET BALLS

1 lb. hazelnuts	1/2 lb. pitted dates
1/2 lb. almonds	1/2 lb. white raisins

Coarsely grind together and form into balls.



Simchas

Mazel tov to **Mason Weissman**, son of **Lee** and **Arin Weissmann**, on his Bar Mitzvah at Temple Judea in Tarzana on January 7, 2023. Proud grandparents are long-time desert residents **Roz** and **Mark**



Mason Weissmann

Weissmann, and **Sheri** and **Allen Tuchman** of Calabasas. Also attending the simcha was delighted great-aunt **Julie Bornstein** ... Kudos to the many **Chabad** centers in our community joining together to put on **Jewish Unity Night** at Acrisure Arena on the third night of Chanukah. Arranged and coordinated by **Rabbi Shimon** and **Chaya Posner's**



David Tsikman



son-in-law **David Tsikman** (that is him about to light the chanukah), participants enjoyed Chanukah treats then sat and watched the hockey game. You can find



the participants by their blue beanies! ... *Share your Simchas with us. Email or call Miriam Bent at mhbentjcn@earthlink.net or 760-323-0255.*



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