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JFED Looking Forward



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The JCN took a break over the Summer and we are excited to have it back in production to tell the story of our community. Jewish Federation of the Desert has been working over the summer on planning and development for the coming year. Our board calendar and our fiscal year starts on July 1. JFED's new President is Arnie Gillman and his term will last for two years. Arnie has been a dedicated leader for the Federation for the past ten years.

Arnie has led the campaign for the last two years. I am sure many of you have had a chance to talk with him on the phone as he enjoys telling the Federation story. We also welcome five new board members from across the community: Sheri Borax, Wendy Brooks, Barry Fisher, Alan Gitlin and Dan Weisberg.

This class of leaders will join past Co-Presidents Jackie Cohen and Cora Ginsberg, and board members Carol Fragen, Lori Fritz, Bobbie Holland, Robert Jacobs, Barry Kaiman, Fran

Kaufman, Marjorie Kulp, Ron Langus and Stephanie Ross. Gary Schahet z"l. will be missed from the board as he passed away this summer. May his memory be a blessing.



**Arnie Gillman,
President**

Board leadership and development will be one of the areas Arnie and I will be working on during his term. As we look to the future work of the Federation leadership development and succession planning are critical components to a successful organization.

The Coachella Valley is growing, and more and more people are making this valley their permanent home. We want to take advantage of this growth and tell the story of the work of the Federation, inspiring newcomers to join us as we grow and meet the demands of the community. We will know we are successful when our fundraising grows, and we can meet more needs in the community.

We look forward to having you join us in our efforts as we strive to care for the vulnerable, strengthen the community and support Jews in Israel and around the world.

To close with the words of Rabbi Tarfon: *"It is not your duty to finish the work, but neither are you at liberty to neglect it."*



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Israeli Woman Tops Women's International Judo Ranking, a Historic First

By Michael Horowitz, *The Times of Israel*

On July 15 Judoka Raz Hershko was ranked No.1 among senior female competitors by the International Judo Federation, a first for an Israeli in the sport. The rankings are made up of 2,000 women aged 17 and over from more than 200 countries and include all weight classes.

Shani Hershko, the Israeli national

judo team's coach and Raz's aunt, said, "We purposely look for the hardest fights, without assumptions or excuses, in order to always challenge ourselves to make history in everything possible."

"Raz is not just an amazing athlete, but



an amazing person, and is an amazing example to many boys and girls. The road she has taken is inspiring, and her ranking is not accidental, but the result of her hard work, the work of her coach and of the Israeli national women's team. I am proud of her," said Moshe Ponte, president of the Israel Judo Association.

COMMUNITY EVENTS 2023-24

September 4-12, 2023	8 Days	Federation Israel Mission
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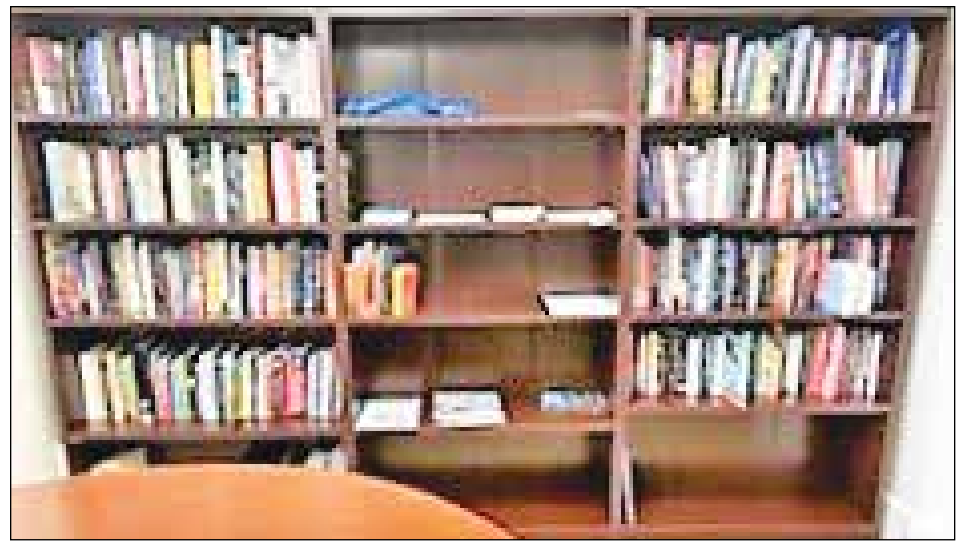
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Last year the Jewish Federation of the Desert signed up with the Jewish Book Council. The JBC is one of oldest Jewish Literacy organizations in the country. By joining JBC communities receive the latest books published by Jewish authors or books on Jewish topics. In addition, communities can request visits and readings by the authors either in person or virtually.

Last year we hosted five authors, three in person and two virtually. This

year we have requested 15 authors to join us either in person or virtually. As these dates are finalized we will share them with you.

In the meantime, we invite you to visit our library. Through the distribution of books from the Jewish Book Council we have established a library (naming opportunity is available) of the books we received last year and this year. Also in the library are books that have been donated to the Federation. Please call



the office and make an appointment to visit the library and check out a book.

Egyptian Education Reforms Eliminating Antisemitism from Curriculum, According to New Report

By Dion J. Pierre, *The Algemeiner*

A nationwide reform of Egyptian curricula has made progress towards eliminating antisemitism from state issued textbooks, according to a new report by Israeli education watchdog Impact-se.

In 2018, the Egyptian Ministry of Education, which serves over 25 million children, launched "Education 2.0," a twelve year plan included in the government's 2030 Strategic Vision for promoting modernization and economic and social change. Education 2.0, according to a 2022 paper on the subject, aims to upgrade K-12 curriculum to meet international standards.

Impact-se, writing in "Generational Change: Egypt's Quest to Reform its School Curriculum," said that between 2018 and 2023, when textbooks for grades 1-5 were updated, Egyptian educational materials taught "common values shared by monotheistic religions within Egyptian society" and embraced "coexistence between Islam and Judaism."

In one example cited by the report, a Grade 5 social studies textbook emphasizes that the state's constitution guarantees the "realization of equality between women and men in all civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights." Additionally, no textbooks written since 2021 include antisemitic stereotypes.

Elementary school textbooks for Christian Education also discuss the Jewish people's connection to Israel and the history of the Temple Mount.

"The Egyptian government under

President [Abdel Fattah El-Sisi] has fulfilled its promise to reform its school curriculum," Impact-se CEO Marcus Sheff said on Monday in a press release. "Egypt has the largest education system in the Middle East and North Africa, with 25 million children enrolled in schools, so this process of removing antisemitism and other hatred from school textbooks is a significant contribution to the emergence of a tolerant Egyptian society and region."

Jews, however, in a Grade 2 textbook, are blamed for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, and while "friendly" ties to Israel are promoted, the country is described in upper-grade materials, on which work has not yet begun, as "illegitimate" and a "Zionist entity."

Also, Israel is called a "colonial entity" in certain textbook passages even as the 1979 peace agreement signed by Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin is framed as a positive development between the two nations. Impact-se said such treatment of Israel is "contradictory, explaining that Israel is not listed on any maps and 'liberating' Palestine "is presented as an Islamic duty," reflecting a "cold peace" between Israel and Egypt that exists alongside record increases in bilateral trade and hopes for it to increase to as much as \$700 million by 2025.

"The image of Israel presented by the textbooks is multifaceted: on the one hand, it is still described as a possible threat to Egypt and as an occupier of Palestinian-Arab territories and Muslim

holy sites, of which Egypt still sees itself as committed to their liberation," the report continued. "On the other hand, Israel is shown to have adopted the choice of peace with Egypt following the 1973 war."

Other MENA countries have made progress towards eliminating antisemitism from their curricula.

Qatar, for example, has removed antisemitic content describing Jews as treacherous, immoral, and responsible for Germany's loss in World War I, and in January, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) announced that it will include Holocaust education in its school curriculum, nearly two years after normalizing relations with Israel through the Abraham Accords. Additionally, textbooks in the Kingdom of Morocco now promote appreciation of Jews and educate students about their contributions to the country, according to an analysis by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), and in 2020, the Kingdom became the first Arab country to include Jewish history in its curriculum.

Education in territories administered by the Palestinian Authority and funded by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) remains the most antisemitic in the MENA region, creating an atmosphere of hate and incitement that European Parliament members called "simply intolerable" in March 2022.

Some of the examples of the virulent

antisemitism that continuously show up in educational materials provided to children living in territory controlled by the Palestinian Authority include study cards for eleventh graders accusing Jews of being "in control of global events through financial power," seventh graders instructed to describe Israeli soldiers as "Satan's aides" in a textbook chapter imploring Muslims to "liberate" the Al-Aqsa Mosque, and children gathered to listen to a poem with the following line: "Give me a Kalashnikov, an [M-] 14, an axe and a knife."

Teachers and staff working at Palestinian schools also promote antisemitism and hate on social media and in the classroom, a report issued by Impact-se in March said, citing over 200 examples of the problem.

UNRWA, established by the United Nations in 1949, according to its website, has a "zero tolerance" policy on "hate speech and incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence" and has repeatedly denied claims to the contrary. It receives over a billion dollars from donor states across the world, with the United States and the European Union (EU) alone contributing \$511.5 million in 2021, a sum that, lawmakers across the Atlantic have said, is essentially awarded without any guarantee that UNRWA will expunge antisemitism in its curricula and bring its schools in line with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's standards.

Chicago Financial Firm Removes Over 100 Negative ESG Ratings for Israel Linked Companies

By Dion J. Pierre, *The Algemeiner*

Morningstar, Inc., a Chicago-based investment firm managing over \$250 billion in assets, has removed 109 negative “controversy ratings” that its Sustainalytics subsidiary had given companies operating in Israel as part of its effort to promote investment guided by environmental, social, governmental (ESG) principles.

“After months of negotiations and discussions with Morningstar about its assumptions, sources, and language, we appreciate that a significant number of companies unfairly rated for their work with Israel have had these black marks lifted,” Elana Broitman, senior vice president of Jewish Federations of North America, which pressured the firm to stop the practice, said in a statement shared with *The Algemeiner* on July 7.

Broitman added, “Our work is not yet done, however, and we look forward to further progress and Morningstar’s selection of experts to advise on these matters.”

The firm’s removal of the controversy ratings for the companies builds on policy changes it instituted last year after being accused of supporting the boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) and placing Israeli companies and those linked to Israel on a “watchlist.” In 2021, JLens, a group



that offers financial advice to Jewish investors and was incorporated by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) last November, reviewed Sustainalytics’ practices and alleged that the firm had used “BDS blacklists” and described Israeli companies with “politicized anti-Israel language” in its reports.

JLens was the first organization to elicit attention to the issue and prompted Morningstar’s cracking down on the practices and adopting policies ensuring that Sustainalytics would not become a BDS collaborator.

Morningstar has repeatedly denied that it ever supported BDS. Last June, Morningstar CEO Kunal Kapoor issued a statement arguing that an external review of Sustainalytics found no evidence that it “encouraged divestment from Israel” but acknowledged that at least one of its departments singled out businesses “linked to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict” and “sometimes used inflammatory language and failed to provide sourcing attribution clearly and consistently.”

That month, a spokesperson for Morningstar sent the *The Algemeiner* a document which it claimed shows

that Israeli companies receive mostly positive ratings from Sustainalytics and that only a minority — 519 out of over 30,000 reviewed — have been placed on a “watchlist” or designated as “non-compliant.”

Last October, Morningstar announced that Sustainalytics will issue guidance clarifying that business activity “linked to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict or related to Israel’s defense, against terrorism, do not give rise to a presumption that there is a human rights concern.” It will also no longer refer to the West Bank and East Jerusalem as ‘Occupied Palestinian Territory’ or ‘occupied territory’ and committed to educating its employees about antisemitism and procuring information about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from “independent, recognized experts.”

ADL has noted that BDS activists target firms managing ESG rated funds, which attracted over \$500 billion in investments in 2021, a 55% increase from the previous year, according to JP Morgan. During 2022’s proxy season, a time when publicly traded companies hold annual meetings to assess performance and weigh suggestions from shareholders, Israel was named in eight of 20 resolutions targeting foreign governments, “making the country only second to China.”

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NJ Kosher Bakery Faces Boycotts for Declining Rainbow Pastry Orders

The local Federation first stated the bakery's decision was not aligned with Jewish values, and then apologized for dividing the community.

By Jewish News Syndicate

Several weeks before the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Colorado could not compel a Christian designer to create a website promoting gay marriage, a kosher West Orange, N.J. bakery canceled orders for a rainbow cake and 10 pounds of rainbow cookies celebrating Pride month.

The Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ initially wrote to staff and supporters on June 20 that it would no longer order from West Orange Bake Shop, after the kosher bakery canceled two orders from Congregation B'nai



Israel, a Conservative congregation in Millburn, N.J.

Dov Ben-Shimon, executive vice president and CEO of the local

Federation, wrote that the bakery's decision "did not align with the value of B'tzelem Elohim, that each one of us is created in the Divine Image and deserves to be treated as such," the New Jersey Jewish News reported.

A week later—after the first email had been publicly reported—Ben-Shimon emailed a new statement. "We are looking forward to future conversations with the vendor with the goal of finding a resolution," he wrote.

"We sincerely regret that our actions have caused divisiveness in

our community as our aim is to bring the variety and richness of our many constituents together," he added.

Yitzy Mittel, the bakery's co-owner, told JTA that he had made a rainbow cake for the synagogue last year, but had been unnerved, since it goes against his religious beliefs. He told the wire that he also declines to make cakes with crosses, and that he would turn down business if a customer wanted him to write a homophobic message on a cake.

Study: Holocaust Education Reduces Hate Crimes Against Minority Communities

By Jewish News Syndicate

Mandated Holocaust education in US schools reduces hate crimes both against Jews, as well as across a wide swath of minority communities, according to data from RealityCheck Research, a new nonprofit based in New York, Tel Aviv and London.

Hate crimes against black communities went down more than 55% in states with Holocaust-education laws, while antisemitic crimes dropped 54.8%.

Those states also saw drops in hate crimes against Muslims (24%), LGBTQ people (43%), Latinos (34%) and Asian Americans (13%), as well as disabled Americans (48%), according to RealityCheck data.

The nonprofit used FBI hate crime and US Census data to calculate the per capita rate of hate crimes against each group, and it compared states with and without Holocaust education laws.

"For people who understand Holocaust education, this isn't surprising. We know the fundamental principle that when you see antisemitism, that's not just hatred against Jews. That's a breakdown in the fundamental systems that protect us all," Daniel Pomerantz, CEO of RealityCheck, told JNS. "But communities outside of Jewish communities don't necessarily know this," he added.

When RealityCheck shares its results with non-Jewish communities, the latter "discover that supporting our work benefits their own self-interest as well. This is fundamentally true, but for the first time, we actually have data to prove it," said Pomerantz.

While he noted that law enforcement is critical to battling hate crimes, Pomerantz added that the study's results demonstrate that more police, larger budgets and new criminal laws aren't necessarily the top

priority for tackling such crimes.

"When people understand that the health and safety of Jewish communities and fairness toward Israel implies health and safety and fairness toward

all communities, we develop greater support and cooperation around the world," Pomerantz told JNS.

"When people don't understand this, we move toward increased polarization

and increased danger and hate crimes against all vulnerable communities in America," he added.

RealityCheck is currently conducting a national follow-up study on this subject.

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Hadassah Surgeons Reattach Boy's Head to His Neck After Internal Decapitation

Suleiman, 12, who was hit by a car while riding his bicycle, undergoes extremely rare operation after his ligaments were broken, base of skull severed from spine's top vertebra

By Renee Ghert-Zand, The Times of Israel

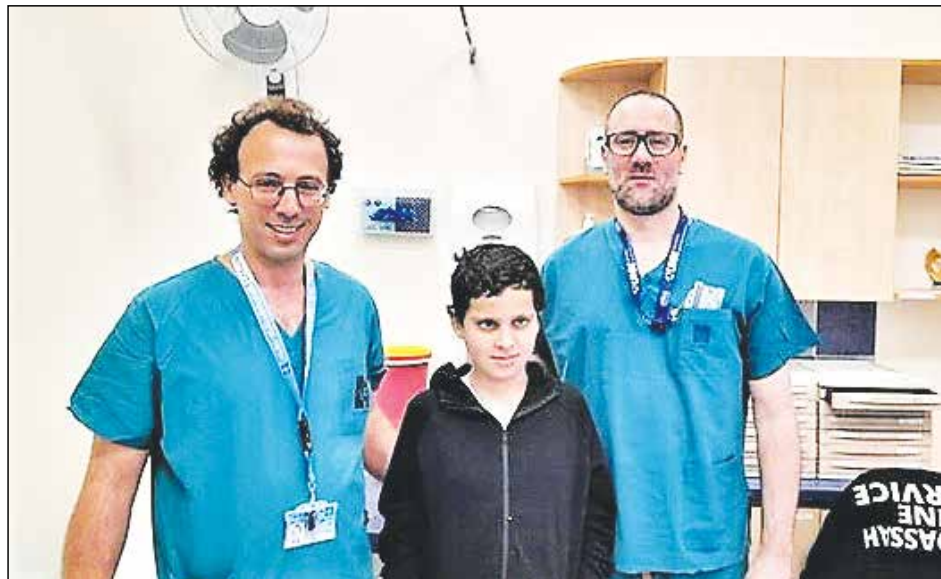
In an extremely rare and complex operation, Hadassah Medical Center surgeons have reattached a 12-year-old boy's head to his neck after a serious accident in which he was hit by a car while riding his bicycle, the Jerusalem hospital announced on July 5.

Suleiman Hassan, a Palestinian from the West Bank, was airlifted to Hadassah Hospital's trauma unit in Ein Kerem, where it was determined that the ligaments holding the posterior base of his skull were severely damaged, leaving it detached from the top vertebrae of his spine. The condition, bilateral atlanto occipital joint dislocation, is commonly known as internal or orthopedic decapitation.

The injury is very rare in adults, and even more so in children.

"We fought for the boy's life," said Dr. Ohad Einav, the orthopedic specialist who operated on the patient together with Dr. Ziv Asa and a large operating room and intensive care team. The surgery was carried out in early June.

"The procedure itself is very complicated and took several hours. While in the operating room, we used new plates and fixations in the



Dr. Ohad Einav and Ziv Asa with 12-year-old Suleiman Hassan at Hadassah Medical Center following his recovery after surgery to reattach his head to his neck after he suffered internal decapitation in an accident.

damaged area... Our ability to save the child was thanks to our knowledge and the most innovative technology in the operating room," Einav said.

Einav, who returned to Israel a year ago after a fellowship at trauma centers in Toronto, estimated that this rare injury has occurred in Israel before. As far as he is aware, he is one of just a few surgeons in Israel who specialize in trauma surgery for spinal injuries.

Hassan was recently discharged home with a cervical splint and will continue to be carefully monitored by the Hadassah staff.

"The fact that such a child has no neurological deficits or sensory or motor dysfunction, and that he is functioning normally and walking without an aid after such a long process, is no small thing," Einav said.

"The injury is extremely rare, but we do know that because children

between ages four and 10 have heads that are large in relation to their bodies, they are more susceptible than adults," Einav said.

The survival rate of those who suffer internal decapitation is low. In most cases, the injury results in death. There is evidence that children fare better than adults, but there is not yet enough data comparing children to adolescents.

The hospital reported that Hassan's father did not leave his bedside during his recovery from surgery.

"I will thank you all my life for saving my dear only son. Bless you all. Thanks to you he regained his life even when the odds were low and the danger was obvious. What saved him were professionalism, technology and quick decision-making by the trauma and orthopedics team. All I can say is a big thank you," he told the medical staff.

Einav said that his having performed this surgery on adults as part of his training in Toronto prepared him to operate on young Hassan.

"This is not a common surgery at all, and especially not on children and teens. A surgeon needs knowledge and experience to do this," he said.

Israel's Soccer Team is Headed to the Olympics for the First Time Since 1976

By Gabe Friedman, Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Israel's national soccer team qualified for the Olympics for the first time in nearly 50 years by making a surprising run at a major under-21 European tournament.

Israel lost to England on July 5 in the semifinals of the UEFA European U-21 Championship, a biennial contest among the Continent's best under-21 teams. But three days earlier, after a win in the playoff round against Georgia, Israel earned a place at the 2024 Paris Olympics alongside just 15 other countries.

Soccer at the Olympics is an under-23 tournament, although each team is allowed three roster spots for players older than 23. Israel has competed in UEFA, Europe's umbrella soccer association, since the



Israeli players on the country's under-21 team celebrate victory

1990s because they were previously booted from the Asian Football Confederation.

"This tournament brought historic achievements to Israeli soccer. We reached the quarterfinal, then the

semifinal, and we qualified for the Olympics for the first time in 47 years," Moshe Shino Zuares, the chairman of the Israel Football Association, told Israel's Kan broadcaster after the loss to England. "I am proud of each and every one of our players, our professional staff and the whole delegation for smashing every possible ceiling and restoring confidence in Israeli soccer."

The under-21 team's success follows the Israeli under-20 team's Cinderella run to a third-place finish at the FIFA U-20 World Cup in Argentina in June. That squad beat South Korea 3-1 in a third-place game at the end of a thrilling stretch that included wins over Uzbekistan, Japan and powerhouse Brazil.

Jewish Women Should Get Mammograms at 40, Experts Say. Here's Why.

By Sara Ivry, Jewish Telegraphic Agency

When Yaffa Leah Field was in her late 20s, she decided to undergo genetic testing. Her grandmother had had breast cancer, and Field wanted to know whether she was among the one of every 40 Jewish women of Ashkenazi descent with either the BRCA1 or BRCA2 genetic mutations, which make them extra susceptible to breast cancer.

If she did have one of those mutations, her chances of developing breast cancer by age 70 would be roughly 50% in her lifetime, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

"The test came back negative," said Field, now 43 and the mother of three boys.

Though temporarily relieved, she knew that breast cancer risk is not limited to those with the genetic mutations. Roughly one in eight women will develop the disease in their lifetime, and men, too, can have breast cancer.

Close monitoring, therefore, is essential. For women, that means not only regularly checking their breasts themselves for lumps or abnormalities but getting mammograms. The question is when to start.

Field, who now works at Sharsheret, the national Jewish nonprofit that offers education, counseling and support to women facing breast and ovarian cancer, got her professional start as a physician's assistant, so she knew how important it was to "do my screening on time."

But what exactly "on time" means has been the subject of much debate and disagreement.

The question came to the fore again this spring when a panel of experts serving on the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) revised earlier guidelines and changed the recommended age that women get their first mammograms to 40, from 50, and suggested that they continue to have mammograms done once every two years. It's not the first time the recommendation has changed.

"In 2016 the US Task Force changed the guidelines from 40 to 50," said Dr. Caryn Gamss, a radiologist at Murray Hill Radiology in Manhattan.

Gamss is also a member of Sharsheret's Medical Advisory Board. In her practice, Gamss adheres to guidelines from the



American College of Radiology that recommend starting yearly screenings at age 40 provided a person has no risk factors.

"Fifty is too late," Gamss says.

Even waiting until age 40 can be risky, as recent studies have shown high breast cancer mortality rates for women in that age group, she noted.

"People need to think about it younger instead of waiting and then finding out 'My mother had cancer, my grandmother...' — and they show up at 40 and have cancer, too," Gamss said.

Her recommendation is that all women undergo a breast cancer risk assessment by age 25. That entails answering a panel of questions that covers one's family and medical history. Among other things, the assessment inquires whether a person had "a biopsy and a high-risk lesion; breast density, if someone has lymphoma and was treated under the age of 25; if someone got upper abdominal radiation before age 25."

The responses to these questions help doctors determine when and how individual patients should be screened — including whether to do MRIs and ultrasounds to supplement mammograms, for example. At-risk women should start their 30s armed with information and a plan.

Short of that, there is what Peggy Cottrell, Sharsheret's genetics program manager, calls a general rule of thumb: "If breast cancer has been diagnosed at a particular age, you want to start

screening 10 years before that. So if someone's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer at 45, that person is going to start screening at 35."

Avoiding smoking and alcohol, exercising, and a good diet are important to maintaining good health, Cottrell notes, but perhaps the biggest factor is chance. In fact, hereditary cancers like those caused by BRCA mutations account for only 15% of all breast cancers; most occur for reasons unknown. That makes screening all the more essential.

"For many women, knowing there is something they can do that can reduce their risk motivates them," she said.

Adina Fleischmann, a social worker who serves as Sharsheret's chief services officer, recommends that each individual discuss their own circumstances with their healthcare provider. Sharsheret tries to promote awareness of the importance of getting breast cancer risk assessments, and to provide guidance to women about what to ask.

"We want to make sure that each woman who reaches out is able to ask the right questions: How often should I be screened? What's the most appropriate screening method for me? Questions about what breast density means and how it can impact them," Fleischmann said. "Those are the tools we want to give to our women."

Women seeking guidance are encouraged to call Sharsheret toll-free at 866 474-2774 to connect with therapists

and genetic counselors.

Sharsheret also offers peer-to-peer support, programs to guide cancer patients on how to talk about their illness with their children, and support to people who have a family member with breast cancer, including financial assistance for non-medical services critical to women's quality of life and body image, such as acquiring wigs. Sharsheret also hosts live events such as barbecues, online yoga classes, family fun runs and other programs to empower women with cancer and foster a sense of community.

The education and awareness programming Sharsheret runs start as early as high school and college campuses, such as an annual Pink Day that includes grassroots fundraising events at hundreds of campuses worldwide.

"Sharsheret is here to arm you with education and to let you know that you're not alone," Fleischmann said. "Cancer screening, and the knowledge that comes along with it, can be empowering. By speaking with your healthcare provider about the screening guidelines that are most appropriate for you, you are taking a step toward your best health."

As for Field, she went for her first baseline mammogram at age 40 — in the spring of 2020, just as Covid hit and the world masked up and locked down. The doctors identified something suspicious.

"It started a roller coaster of diagnostic testing. I wound up with eight biopsies, and in the end I had a bilateral mastectomy," Field said after cancer was identified. "I feel thankful it was found very early."

Her advice: Know your body and your family history.

"Breast cancer doesn't just affect women 40 and older," Field said. "Know your potential risks. Empower yourself to know what you need to be aware of. It shouldn't be a shock. Be appropriately proactive."

"And most importantly, when you reach the age when it's recommended, get screened," Field said. "It may be uncomfortable for a few minutes, but it'll give you peace of mind."

Israelis Will Upgrade Canada's Earthquake Warning Systems

Tel Aviv University's expertise in small-aperture seismic arrays tapped to improve earthquake early warning system performance.

By Abigail Klein Leichman, Israel 21c

Canada's Ministry of Natural Resources has provided funding to Tel Aviv University (TAU) to develop software aimed at improving Canada's Earthquake Early Warning (EEW) systems, Minister Jonathan Wilkinson announced on June 27.

"We are pleased to bring Tel Aviv

University's world-leading expertise to Canada, helping us gain access to the earliest, most accurate alerts for earthquakes and tsunamis," Wilkinson said.

TAU, he said, "is the recognized world leader in the field of small-aperture seismic arrays that can improve EEW

performance for cross-border and offshore events and is a responsible choice for the safety of Canadians."

There are approximately 5,000 earthquakes across Canada each year.

Canada's EEW systems originally were developed by TAU in collaboration with Israeli high-tech company SeismicAI,

which has an exclusive license for the technology and has successfully deployed and tested it across the world.

This new project's goal is to enhance the performance of EEW systems in coastal and border regions where traditional EEW.

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Biden Administration Allocates \$223 Million for UN Agency That Promotes Jihad, Jew-Hatred in Textbooks

By Vijeta Uniyal, FrontPage Magazine/World Israel News



United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) building in Gaza.

President Joe Biden's administration has allocated \$223 million for the UN's Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), a body which has a history of promoting terrorism and Jew-hatred among Palestinian children.

The Biden State Department raised the annual funding for the agency by \$16 million, despite repeated reports

showing that the UNRWA-run schools are used to indoctrinate Palestinian youth in the ideology of jihad terrorism.

The textbooks, generously funded by the U.S. and European countries, are designed to raise the next generation of recruits for Palestinian terrorist organizations, investigative reports show. "UNRWA teachers and schools regularly call for the murder of Jews and create institutional teaching materials that glorify terrorism, encourage martyrdom, demonize Israelis and incite antisemitism, a recent report found," the news agency Jewish News Syndicate noted June 25.

In 2018, President Donald Trump ended all funding for the UNRWA, rightly labelling it an "irredeemably flawed" organization. President Biden reversed the decision shortly after taking office, pledging \$235 million for the UN agency in 2021. The U.S. pays nearly one-third of the agency's \$1 billion annual budget.

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My Journey in Helping Create Greater Societal Inclusion

By Michael Rosenkrantz

Jewish Federation CEO Alan Potash invited **Michael Rosenkrantz** to write about a remarkable program which he is running from here in the Coachella Valley. Michael moved to the Desert in 2019, but his journey in the ten years preceding his coming to the desert is an extraordinary story as well. Today his mission is “to enable people with disability to participate inclusively throughout society.” His is quite a story!

Part I

Throughout my career I've typically worked in the non-profit/public sector—whether it was working for a number of municipalities in various capacities or for non-profit organizations as varied as an HIV/AIDS Services organization in Connecticut, a theatre in Berkley, and a multi-tenant farmers' market in Pennsylvania. Although I've worked at top levels of management I've also worked for others, working on their vision.

I always knew that I would work in the public sphere as that is where I have the most heart. I strongly believe in the concept of *Tikkun Olam*, not in the sense of thinking that I can, on my own, make significant societal change. But more in that I can do my utmost to bring positive energy into the world, as opposed to focusing on working primarily for material gain. I focus on creating and implementing in order to provide opportunities to those who weren't born into the “right” families or societies.

From March 2009–February 2012, I had the opportunity to be a Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO) volunteer working for the Government of India's Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment at the National Trust. In this role I worked with some 900 NGOs in the field of disability that were connected with the National Trust. I traveled throughout the country conducting a variety of capacity building workshops but also led, for the very first time in India, an awareness raising campaign called *Badhte Kadam*, “stepping forward.” Reflecting on this experience, it was quite remarkable in many aspects to accomplish so much in a very different environment from what I was used to. My Indian colleagues had a unique way of working, ultimately being able to accomplish their tasks on a countrywide basis. This experience started me on the path of being able to think in many different directions.

In India, I learned about wheelchair basketball, conducting a program

with Wheelchair Athletes Worldwide (WAW) in 2011 in New Delhi and Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh—which led me to my current path of adapted sports. (I also lived in Nepal from 2012–16 working in a number of locations on various projects, one of which was as the Program Manager for World Jewish Relief after the 2015 earthquake, while continuing to volunteer with people with disability around sports.)

Coming back to the US in 2016, after having lived and worked in Asia for seven years, found me wanting to pursue a career in adapted sports. I've always played a variety of sports, never being good enough to be elite but always enjoying myself at the recreational level. I had lined up a job as an Assistant Women's Wheelchair Basketball Coach at the University of Arizona, where I really wanted to learn the game from my friend Pete Hughes, who was part of the WAW mission in New Delhi. While living in Tucson I co-founded Southern Arizona Adapted Sports (SAAS), but didn't get to stay long enough to work on the growth, which has been immense.

I moved to North Carolina working for an adapted sport organization, managing a school-based program—everyBODY Plays NC—simultaneously coaching a youth wheelchair basketball team.

I finally made it to the Coachella Valley in 2019, having taken a job with a local adapted sport organization. However, when COVID hit and due to differences in philosophy in March 2020, I was let go. My thoughts were how would my new wife and I survive?

Part II-Embracing Challenges- SoCal Adaptive Sports

I think that it's important to turn challenges into opportunities, which is what I did, having co-founded SoCal Adaptive Sports in May 2020. We've had our challenges with growing an organization and have had a lot of different ideas on what we should be, but ultimately having been the first Board President and now Executive Director, I've been successful, with the



help of many, in communicating and implementing a growing organization that works throughout southern California.

“Our mission is to enable people with disability to participate inclusively throughout society by creating greater equity and inclusion through developing, planning and implementing competitive and recreational sports and other opportunities. We envision a world in which everyBODY has equitable access to leading a fulfilling life.”

SoCal Adaptive Sports is a California 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, established in 2020 to address the lack of consistent sports opportunities and to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities throughout Riverside County and other Southern California communities.

On a practical level, we are engaged in the following:

- Working with Coachella Valley Unified School District (CVUSD) in implementing our school-based program, Sports for everyBODY, having worked with over 2300 students to date. (We hope to bring SEB to many other school districts as well.) We are also providing some summer school programs and would like this to lead to providing consistent adapted sports in the eastern part of the Coachella Valley;
- Conducting, for the second year in a row, a youth adapted sports camp with the City of Riverside;
- Facilitating and being otherwise involved in adapted sports events in Palm Desert, San Diego, Riverside,

Rancho Cucamonga, Ontario, Santa Clarita, and Pasadena with many others planned;

- Started a hiking program in collaboration with Friends of the Desert Mountains and Desert Recreation District Adaptive, with whom we've partnered on many other sports activities;
- Collaborating once a month with CV Alzheimer's and have recently started providing sports at Desert ARC in both Palm Desert and Yucca Valley;
- Bringing a regular celebration of World Disability Day, December 3, which has been held at the Living Desert Zoo and Gardens during 2021, 2022, and will also take place there in 2023;
- Connecting with the staff of the Berger Foundation Iceplex and will do some skating in July as hopefully a prelude to doing much more;
- Attending plays at the McCallum Theatre and a Firebirds hockey game. We've dabbled a little in both music and art programs; and
- Negotiating with the Special Olympics on bringing this program back to the Coachella Valley.

We are constantly searching out new partners and collaborate with many others, not only in the Coachella Valley but throughout southern California.

This work enables me to coach multiple sports for athletes with a variety of abilities almost every day. In 2019 I was part of an International Committee of the Red Cross mission to teach wheelchair basketball in Nepal. I was the head coach of the 2022 Maccabi Games wheelchair basketball team in Israel where we even made ESPN SportsCenter with a last second made 3-point shot from half court.

All in all, this work has provided me with a voice to talk to others about leveling the playing field and working on creating greater societal inclusion. Ultimately though this work has provided the people that I work with and coach choices in determining their own path in life. I think leading a fulfilling life and leaving something to better humanity is what we all want, no matter who we are and what our abilities enable us to do.

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As Temple Isaiah celebrates its 75th anniversary of serving the Jewish community of Palm Springs and the Coachella Valley, we are pleased to be growing each month as visitors are discovering our congregation to be a warm and welcoming community. Led by Rabbi Steven Rosenberg, he is joined in the bima by either Cantor Ken Cohen or

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2281, to discuss Temple membership or contact Rabbi Rosenberg at rabbisteven.rosenberg@gmail.com. Membership includes High Holiday tickets. For those not quite ready to join a congregation at this time, holiday tickets are available. Break the Fast following Yom Kippur is offered by prior reservation and at additional cost. See ad page 11.

Chabad of Rancho Mirage Invites Community to Celebrate the Holidays With Them

The holidays begin with Selichot Services, which will be held at Chabad of Rancho Mirage on Saturday Night, September 9/10 at 12:30 am.

Chabad of Rancho Mirage invites you to celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Services for Rosh Hashana will be

held at Chabad. Services for Yom Kippur will be held at the Westin Mission Hills Resort, where rooms are available at a special group rate. Services will be transliterated so the many participants who do not yet read Hebrew can sing along. Membership is not required to

participate. All are welcome, free of charge, regardless of background or affiliation. In addition, a special children's program will accompany the adult Services.

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Community Rosh Hashana Dinner on the first night following evening

services Friday, September 15. Reservations necessary for Holiday Meals

Tashlich waterside ceremony on Sunday, September 17 at 5:45 pm. Meet at Chabad and join the community at a beautiful private lake in Rancho Mirage. See ad page 13.

Temple Sinai to Hold Ice Cream Social and Religious School Open House

Temple Sinai, a Reform congregation in Palm Desert, invites potential congregants to an ice cream social on August 20, 2023 at 4 p.m. Come and make a sundae as you explore Judaism and Temple Sinai with Rabbi David Novak, temple President Nancy Singer

and others. You will also be among the first to experience our newly remodeled entry.

Another opportunity to learn about the congregation and our religious school will be on Sunday, September 11th at 9:15 a.m. where a light brunch will be served as our

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enroll their children from K-6. Information about the school is available from Temple Sinai's rabbi rabbi@templesinaipd.org or temple manager Toni Robinson trobinson@templesinaipd.org or by contacting either one at 760-568-9699. See ad page 5.

Join Temple Sinai for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

Temple Sinai, a Reform congregation where Judaism blooms in the desert, looks forward to welcoming the community to our observances of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur led by Rabbi David Novak and Cantorial Soloist Wayne

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Rosh Hashanah begins on September 15th at 7 p.m. followed by an oneg, with services beginning on September 16th at 10 a.m. Yom Kippur follows with Kol Nidre on September 24th at 7 p.m. and

daytime services beginning at 10 a.m. on September 25th, with a healing service and a 12 Step-meeting at 3 p.m. Yizkor is open to the entire Jewish community at 5 p.m. followed by break-the-fast, for which reservations are required.

Non-congregants who wish to attend may make arrangements to do so by contacting Toni Robinson at 760-568-9699 or trobinson@templesinaipd.org. See ad page 14

Sun City Jewish Services Welcomes Community

Sun City Jewish Services offers biweekly Friday night services during the fall, winter and spring. Currently on hiatus, services will begin again Friday night September 1st and are held twice a month on the first and third Fridays.

We will hold full High Holiday Services. Our membership is \$125 per person and includes High Holiday

tickets. For more information please contact Nadine Brinhendler at 707-332-3947 or email brinhendlern@gmail.com.

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You are invited to join us for our Selichot Service on Saturday evening, September 9, 2023 in the Oasis Room in the Sunset View

Clubhouse at 7:15 pm

Our High Holiday Services will be located in the Sierra Ballroom in the Mountain View Clubhouse. Holiday schedule:

Friday, September 15 Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:15 pm

Saturday, September 16 1st day Rosh Hashanah 10:00 am

Sunday, September 17. 2nd day

Rosh Hashanah 10:00 am

Sunday, September 24. Erev Yom Kippur - Kol Nidre. 7:15 pm

Monday, September 25th Yom Kippur Day Morning: 10:00 am; Afternoon, Mincha, Ne'ilah. 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Break the Fast offered by prior reservation and additional cost. See ad page 13.

UAE-Israel Land Bridge Through Saudi Arabia Planned

The "Land Connectivity by Trucks" proposal hopes to kick off even before Jerusalem-Riyadh normalization.

Jewish News Syndicate

A proposal to create a land bridge connecting the United Arab Emirates to Israel through Saudi Arabia and Jordan to facilitate the movement of goods is being advanced.

The U.S.-backed "Land Connectivity by Trucks" project would enable trucks to transport cargo between the Gulf of Dubai and Israel's Haifa Port while significantly cutting costs and time, even before the normalization of relations with Riyadh, *Ynet* reported.

The land corridor, which would later expand to Bahrain and Oman, is initially intended for cargo. In the future, it would serve passengers, including tourists.

Currently, trucks leaving the UAE reach Haifa Post via the Allenby Bridge from Jordan, but they face bureaucratic procedures, including required driver changes, paperwork and lengthy wait



Haifa port

times. Another option for shipping goods is by ship through the Suez Canal and then to European ports, which is also costly.

The current proposal would reduce the time of the journey from several

weeks to two or three days, saving up to 20% in shipping costs, according to a study conducted by Israel's Foreign Ministry and the U.S. government cited in the report.

The Foreign Ministry and the U.S. embassy in Jerusalem declined to comment on the plan. The project is the latest tangible result of the 2020 Abraham Accords, which saw Israel make peace with four Arab countries, led by the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain.

The proposal comes amid a separate long-term plan to create a rail link between Israel and the Gulf states through Saudi Arabia that would be part of a train project linking Israel, the Gulf, Europe and points East.

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Former Top British Military Commander Praises Israel's Jenin Operation

By United with Israel Staff

Former British military commander Col. Richard Kemp called Israel's recent operation in Jenin – during which the IDF managed to avoid even a single civilian fatality – a “remarkable achievement.”

In an interview with Israel National News published July 9, Kemp explained that “to conduct an operation of such intensity in an urban area without killing any uninvolved civilians at all is a remarkable achievement by the IDF and probably unprecedented in modern warfare.”

“Casualty ratios in most such operations have often been 3 to 5 civilians killed for every fighter, and that is by Western armies that do their best to avoid civilian casualties and adhere to the laws of war,” he said.

“I doubt any other army in the world would be able to achieve what the IDF did in Jenin.”

Israel's success in avoiding civilian casualties “is even more remarkable given that the terrorists in Jenin hid behind the civilian population, used human shields and deliberately tried to lure the IDF into killing civilians in order to attract world condemnation,” he added.



Kemp also addressed criticism of Israel's operation, such as that leveled by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, who last week accused Israel of using “excessive force” and said its “use of airstrikes is inconsistent with the conduct of law enforcement operations.”

“Guterres is wrong to accuse the IDF of using disproportionate force as the facts very clearly show,” Kemp said. “Proportionality in warfare only refers to the killing and wounding of innocent

civilians in relation to the military objective. No innocent civilians were killed. We don't know how many uninvolved civilians were wounded by IDF fire, but the death rate strongly indicates that IDF action was the opposite of disproportionate.”

“Guterres is also wrong to say that the use of air strikes is inconsistent with this type of operation. This was not what Guterres might see as a traditional law enforcement operation. Jenin was a war zone full of terrorists heavily equipped with arms and

explosives, many supplied by Iran to kill Israelis.”

“The IDF chose to use drone strikes because they calculated that this would be the most effective way of dealing with the threat while minimizing civilian casualties, and again, in this case, the facts proved them right and Guterres wrong,” Kemp added.

Kemp also addressed comments made on Saturday by the EU's representative to “Palestine” Sven Kuehn von Burgsdorff, who echoed Guterres' concerns about “proportionality” but added that the operation constituted a “violation of international law.”

“Burgsdorff needs to explain which international laws were violated by the IDF,” Kemp said.

“The IDF used no weapons or tactics in Jenin that are banned under international law. Nor is it against international law for a country to use force to protect its citizens from a violent threat which has seen many Israelis murdered in recent months, provided that force is proportionate, which in this case it very clearly was by any calculation.”

Asked how critics of Israel could make such statements despite Israel's success in avoiding civilian fatalities, Kemp said “Israel's critics will condemn Israel whatever it does to protect its citizens.”

“This criticism is not about Israel's military action but about Israel's right to operate in Judea and Samaria at all. These people have bought into the propaganda campaign that says Israel is illegally occupying this territory, which is not the case.

“This is Israeli sovereign territory that is disputed,” Kemp continued. “Until and unless that dispute is resolved, Israel is obliged to exercise law enforcement in these areas because the Palestinian Authority security forces, which are supposed to deal with these threats, will not or can not do so despite millions of dollars invested in them.”

“Israel does not just have the right to act with force to protect its citizens, it has a duty to do so, as would every other country in the world. All of these accusations against Israel show the double standards that are consistently applied.”

Kemp concluded with a call to “international leaders like Guterres and Burgsdorff [...] to be more careful about what they say.”

“False and unjust comments such as the ones they have made against the IDF in Jenin incite violence against Israelis and Jews around the world,” he said. “They also encourage Palestinian terrorists and their Iranian sponsors, who can see that their tactics intended to vilify and isolate Israel are working.”

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Anglican Church of Canada Finalizes Decision to Replace 'For the Conversion of the Jews' Prayer

By Philissa Cramer, Jewish Telegraphic Agency

The Anglican Church of Canada has voted to remove from its prayer books a prayer calling for the conversion of the Jews.

The decision, made July 7 during a church convening in Calgary, ratifies a move first announced three years

ago to replace the prayer with one calling for reconciliation with the Jews. At the time, the Anglican bishop of Quebec said the change would help the church "acknowledge and repent" for its "participation in antisemitism" and help it to "stop singling out Jews as a target for

our evangelistic efforts, and to assume a humble and reconciliatory stance with our Jewish elders in the faith."

The conference was the first time the church's General Synod, its official governing conference, met since the 2019 resolution.

"We commend the General Synod for this important decision," said Rabbi Adam Stein of Congregation Beth Israel in Vancouver, in a statement on behalf of the Canadian Rabbinic Caucus and Canada's Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs.

Israeli David's Sling Defense System Passes Advanced Tests

By Pesach Benson, TPS



Israel's Defense Ministry on July 9 announced that the David's Sling missile defense system passed a series of advanced tests.

"The scenarios simulated advanced threats, enhancing the system's capabilities and significantly improving the State of Israel's multi-tiered air and missile defense array," the ministry said.

David's Sling intercepted its first rocket fired by Gaza's Palestinian Islamic Jihad terror group heading towards Tel Aviv in May during a five-day conflict. The system also shot down a missile en route to Jerusalem.

Brig. Gen. (Res.) Dr. Daniel Gold, Director of the ministry's Directorate of Defense Research and Development, said, "During Operation 'Shield and Arrow', we witnessed the first operational interception of the David's Sling defense system. This challenging operation showcased the system's broad operational capabilities, proving the State of Israel's qualitative advantage and global technological leadership, both in the field of air and missile defense and in general."

Israel's multi-tier air and missile

defense array consists of four operational defense tiers: Iron Dome, David's Sling, Arrow 2, and Arrow 3. The Israeli Navy is also developing a naval version of the Iron Dome called C-Dome to protect ships and offshore natural gas reserves.

Primary contractor for the David's Sling system is the Haifa-based Rafael Advanced Defense Systems.

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South African Soccer Team Ignores Pressure to Cancel Match Against Maccabi Tel Aviv

By Shiryn Ghermezian, *The Algemeiner*

The South African professional soccer team the Orlando Pirates responded on July 10 to demands that it should cancel its upcoming match against Israel's Maccabi Tel Aviv in solidarity with the Palestinians, saying that by the "rule of law" they cannot boycott the Israeli team.

"Whereas it is easy for those that have taken sides and adopted causes to make calls and demands, we do not enjoy such latitude," the Johannesburg-based team said in a released statement. "Solutions we seek need to be inclusive and arrived at through putting of heads together rather than apart."

The Pirates are set to play a friendly match against Maccabi Tel Aviv on Thursday during its pre-season camp in Spain, the home country of their head coach Jose Riveiro. The camp involved clubs from Africa, Asia, Europe and Middle East.

On Friday, the South African Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) Coalition penned an open letter calling on the Pirates to not play against Maccabi Tel Aviv, saying "there is nothing 'friendly' about playing a team representing apartheid

Israel." The letter further accused Israel of occupation, "institutionalized racism," war crimes and compared its treatment of its Palestinian population to apartheid South Africa. The group also called on the South African Department of Sports, Arts and Culture to enforce a policy for a cultural and sporting boycott of Israel.

The South African BDS Coalition reportedly reached out to the South African Football Association and the Confederation of African Football in additional efforts to have the match on July 13 cancelled. The African National Congress said it backs the coalition's demands.

In response, the Orlando Pirates explained on Monday that the match with Israel was organized by a FIFA match agent and since there is no official "boycott of any form" against Israel implemented by FIFA or the government, they must play Thursday's game against Maccabi Tel Aviv, which includes Arab-Israeli soccer players. The South African team further explained that while it is "naturally conscious of the plight of the Palestinian people," it must

follow FIFA and government rules.

"Orlando Pirates' core functioning is governed by rules," the team explained. "It is to the rules that Orlando Pirates went when confronted with calls to withdraw from playing Maccabi Tel Aviv. There is no cultural boycott or boycott of any form by either the South African government, FIFA or the host country that Orlando Pirates can base its refusal to play against Maccabi Tel Aviv on. Heeding a call from any other body would create a conflict within Orlando Pirates that would undermine the club's values and history irreparably."

The pro-Israel group the South African Friends of Israel (SAFI) on Monday called on the Orlando Pirates to "stand firm" in its decision and ignore the "hate and bullying" they face from BDS supporters.

"Instead of allowing South African sports teams to abide by international rules and participate freely in international matches, BDS is trying to harm a sports team like the Orlando Pirates, by pressuring them to cancel this positive sporting engagement," the group said in a released statement. "Soccer can play a unifying and meaningful

role in bridging the disconnect created by the inflammatory tactics of the BDS, which only seeks to sow hate and division. This dishonest attempt to dehumanize Israelis and bully South Africans must be rejected and condemned."

In March, an Israeli rugby team was disinvited from participating in a competition in South Africa after supporters of the BDS movement pressured the South African Rugby Union, saying it "will have blood on its hands" if it allowed the "apartheid Israeli team" to compete. The Israeli team, the Tel Aviv Heat, was replaced by a team based in California that denounced the "discrimination" Israel faced.

In 2021, former Miss South Africa Lalela Mswane was harassed and received death threats from BDS supporters for traveling to Israel to participate in the Miss Universe pageant, held that year in the Israeli city of Eilat. The South African government also urged Mswane to not go to Israel and withdrew its support for the Miss Universe contestant when she ignored their pleas.

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Toni Robinson at trobinson@templesinaipd.org





Shabbat Schedule - August 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. For information, email info@congregationbethshalom.net or call (760) 200-3636. www.CongregationBethShalom.net

CHABAD OF PALM SPRINGS & DESERT COMMUNITIES

Rabbi Yonason Denebeim & Rabbi Arik Denebeim, 250 East Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92264 www.chabadpalmsprings.com 760-325-0774. Check website or call to confirm times of Shabbat and holiday services.

CHABAD OF PALM DESERT

Rabbi Mendy Friedman
Call for information: 760-651-2424.
www.chabadpd.com 760-969-2153 / 760-969-2158

CHABAD OF RANCHO MIRAGE

Rabbi Shimon Posner; Rabbi Benny Lew.
72295 Via Marta, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270. www.chabadrm.com 760-770-7785
Friday night services: Check website for times. Shabbat morning services begin at 10 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 Services.

"Taste of Shul" available Fridays on Zoom and Facebook live. Send an e-mail to info@chabadrm.com to be added to mailing list or for specific virtual programs online. 760-770-7785.

CHABAD OF SUN CITY PALM DESERT

Rabbi Yonason Denebeim.
Call 760-848-8250 or e-mail: info@

chabadsuncity.com for schedule. Contact Rebbetzin Sussie Denebeim to receive weekly "Chabad in Sun City Newsletter" with listing of all services and activities: sussiedenebeim@gmail.com.

CHABAD OF LA QUINTA

Rabbi Moshe Katz
50620 Eisenhower Drive, Ste. G103, La Quinta, CA 92253. 760-709-2431. Email: chabadlaquinta@gmail.com.
Chabad LQ offers weekly Torah studies, home visitations, Kosher meals, Shabbat Services, Women's Circle, Youth activities, Holiday programs and more.

CONGREGATION HAR-EL, a

Contemporary Reform Congregation (Member, Union for Reform Judaism), offering year-round services, Torah study, youth and adult classes and events. Membership open for residents and non-residents.
Rabbi Richard Zions, Ph.D.; Cantor Joseph Gole, D.Mus.
harelurjpd@gmail.com 760-779-1691.

Website: harelurjpd.org.
Shabbat Eve Zoom Services are conducted weekly at 5 PM. Rabbi Richard Zions shares a D'var Torah on a timely topic based on our timeless tradition. Cantor Joseph Gole provides inspiring melodies and insights from our Shabbat Eve liturgy. Attendees are encouraged to click on the Zoom presentation early for a conversation with clergy and congregants. Har-El welcomes visitors from out of state as well as those in California and the Coachella Valley.
Rabbi Zions holds Torah Study on Zoom every Saturday morning at 11 AM. For a Zoom link, contact harelurjpd@gmail.com.

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 begins again on October 8th and is held 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 rabbi@orhamidbar.org
Kabbalat Shabbat Service - Fridays 6:30 pm; Shabbat prayer and study - Saturdays 10:30 am. ToraTeachings on Zoom - Wednesdays at 11 am. For more information of in-person dates and Zoom links visit orhamidbar.org

SUN CITY JEWISH SERVICES, Palm Desert

Rabbi Dr. Kenneth Emert, Cantorial Soloist Alan Scott and Accompanist Brent Reynolds. Services on hiatus until September 1st. 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. Information: Nadine Brinhendler, 707- 332-3947.

TEMPLE HAR SHALOM, Idyllwild

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.

TEMPLE ISAIAH, Palm Springs

Rabbi Steven Rosenberg. (rabbisteven.rosenberg@gmail.com). Cantor Ken Cohen or Soloist Dr. Sarah Sela join Rabbi on the bima most weeks.
332 West Alejo Road, Palm Springs, CA 92262, 760-325-2281. Email: temple@templeisaiahps.com; www.templeisaiahps.com.
Shabbat services Friday evenings at 7:30 pm, preceded by Wine and Cheese 'Happy Hour' from 7:00-7:30 pm and Oneg following. Saturday morning torah study, "Nosh and Drash," begins at 10:30 am. All services also streamed online. To access any activity, go to Temple Isaiah's website and click on link to desired service or program.

TEMPLE SINAI, Palm Desert (Member, Union for Reform Judaism)

Rabbi David Novak rabbi@templesinai.org 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.

Temple Sinai's Avi Levine Religious School 9:30 - 12:00 AM on designated

Sundays throughout the school year. Contact Talia Lizemer-Hawley, Community Educator, for more information, educator@templesinaipd.org

BIKUR CHOLIM

A project of Chabad of Palm Springs & Desert Communities (Community Outreach) www.BikurCholimPS.com
Rabbi Yankel Kreiman - 760-325-8076, and Rabbi Mendy

החכם THE SAGE

I heard Har-El Congregation's High Holy Days are available to non-members without cost.

I want to attend a Reform service this year.

760-779-1691 • harelurjpd@gmail.com

I have also heard Har-El emphasizes Study and offers Galen courses.

Yes, let's also ask to be included on Har-El's email list harelurjpd@gmail.com.

I like Har-El's contemporary website. It keeps us up-to-date on programs, Galen courses and Services.

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Community Calendar of Programs - August 2023

AUGUST 2023 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Programs limited during month of August. Please contact the synagogue or shul to check if the program you are interested in is being held.

Tuesdays:

4:00 pm Temple Sinai 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** begins again October 8th)

7:00 pm – Chabad of Palm Springs/ Sun City: Tanya, a class for women, with **Sussie Denebeim**. Call 760-848-8250 for more information.

Wednesdays:

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.

8:00 pm – Temple Isaiah "Judaism 2.0 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.

Thursdays:

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

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.

Sunday, August 20

10:30 am Beth Shalom "**Brunch & Bingo**." Beat the Heat in a Really Cool Place. Community welcome. Members \$25; Non-members \$35. Includes five regular games plus two specials. Paid reservations REQUIRED by Tuesday, August 15. Information and reservations: 760-200-3636; email info@congregationbethshalom.net.

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.

CKids

Our popular Ckids club will be meeting on Sunday mornings. Ages 3-12 from 10:00-12:30. Trips, Art, Cooking and our amazing curriculum, integrating Jewish heritage with STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math). Looking ahead: Special Kickoff event is *The Rosh Hashana Street Fair* on Sunday, September 10, open to **all** kids, even if they are not regular members of our Ckids. Get ready for the new year by hopping from stand to stand while you taste, cook, design, and learn. Bake challah at the Round Kitchen, whip up a pomegranate salsa at Cafe Rimon and design a Shana Tovah card at the Apple Studio. Pick up a keepsake at each spot and take home a Rosh Hashanah snack box to usher in the sweetest new year. For more information on this and other kids' club events, or to register, visit us on the web www.chabadrm.com/ckids or contact Chaya at 760-272-1923 or email chaya@chabadrm.com.

CTeen

CTeen, the Chabad Teen Network, is the fastest growing network of Jewish teens, with over 500 chapters in 37 countries and 6 continents. Cteen offers dynamic and exciting classes, trips, shabbatons, community service opportunities and more. Teens will

learn about their Jewish heritage, gain leadership skills, and give back to the community, all within a warm, Jewish atmosphere. CTeen is open to all Jewish teens in the community regardless of affiliation, and meets on a regular basis once or twice weekly. Our Cteen Lounge, provides a unique and teen friendly place for our teens to meet, plan and have a good time. Find out more about it!

CTeen Jr

Cteen Jr is for pre/teens in Grades 7-8. Based on the popular Cteen model, we have a special group to accommodate our middle school teens on their own level. Amazing educational and social activities together with the humanitarian component - all with the Cteen fun signature. Cteen Jr meets twice monthly, and joins the Cteen group for social and humanitarian programs.

CTeen U

Cteen International and Yeshiva University of NY are once again offering a college course for Jewish high school student based on Israel. Students taking the course will earn 2 private college credits. But more importantly, they will learn the basic tenets of our land and heritage. To register or for more information visit www.cteen.com Scholarships available. For more info contact Chaya Posner 760-272-1923.

French Supermarket Giant Carrefour Denies Report, Says Will Operate in Settlements

Branches in Israel will be opened "according to a business plan and not political considerations."

By Hili Yacobi-Handelsman and Jewish News Syndicate Staff

French supermarket giant Carrefour has denied reports that it plans not to open stores in Judea and Samaria due to pressure from anti-Israel elements.

According to reports, shareholders and pro-Palestinian organizations, led by BDS, exerted pressure on the retail company to refrain from the move during a shareholder meeting.

When asked about the company's

plans for Judea and Samaria, one of its top executives reportedly said that there were no plans to expand to settlements.

Carrefour Israel later denied the reports, saying it was "not familiar with such a policy. Carrefour already sells its products across all of Israel."

It said that "the opening of Carrefour branches will be carried out according

to a business plan and not political considerations."

Carrefour officially opened 50 branches across Israel in May.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hailed the move as "gigantic news."

"What is good for Europe is good for Israel. Prices will be dropping, they will come down by dozens of percent

on hundreds of products, and on thousands in the future," Netanyahu said during a visit to a new branch on May 8 alongside Economy and Industry Minister Nir Barkat.

The supermarket chain currently operates around 14,000 branches around the world, and plans to operate as many as 100 branches throughout Israel by the end of the year.

FIND YOUR JEWISH COMMUNITY. JOIN A SYNAGOGUE TODAY.



Have you ever thought about joining a synagogue? Has it been awhile since you attended services? Are you looking for a spiritual connection this Jewish New Year?

There is no better way to experience the richness of the High Holidays than among a congregation of your friends and neighbors. Synagogues provide ongoing opportunities to study, experience, and enjoy being connected to the Desert's Jewish community throughout the year.

Even in Paradise, it is not good to be alone - a Yiddish proverb.

The Desert is like Paradise, and to help members of our vibrant Jewish community choose a place to worship, Jewish Federation has compiled this directory of area synagogues listed in the JCN and on the Federation Website. We encourage you to select a synagogue and call for membership information.

If you are new to the community or would like to learn more about local congregations, please call the Federation at 760-324-4737.

Make the year 5784 a time for Jewish renewal for you and your family, and a time to find personal meaning and to connect with your community.

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www.desert-outreach-synagogue.com.
Mailing address: P.O. Box 982,
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270.

OR HAMIDBAR

Rabbi David Lazar (rabbi@orhamidbar.org)
Virtual services for Shabbat. High Holidays
in person services TBA. For information
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SUN CITY JEWISH SERVICES

Rabbi Kenneth Emert. Services held at
Sun City Del Webb, Palm Desert/Sunset
View Clubhouse/Speakers Hall.
Information: call 707-332-3947.

TEMPLE HAR SHALOM, Idyllwild

Rabbi Ilana Grinblat Email:
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Services held at St. Hugh Church, 25525
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**Service schedules listed at the beginning of the Community Calendar, on page 15 and on ads throughout the paper.*



Tribute Card Donations

Sending tributes and memorials is a meaningful way to honor loved ones.

All contributions received by the Jewish Federation for Tribute Cards are placed in our special Tzedakah Fund, which provides direct monetary intervention for needy Jews living in the Coachella Valley. Call 760-324-4737.

Honorarium Tributes In Appreciation For:

- **Merle Arenson**, Wishing you a very happy birthday, from Jerry and Margot Halperin.
- **Lynda and Trevor Bailey**, Congratulations on the birth of your newest grandson, Aiden Engdahl, from Rabbi Yankel and Rochel Kreiman.
- **Jackie Cohen**, Mazel tov on a job well done as Federation President, from Lori and Brad Fritz.
- **Nancy Ditlove**, Happy 80th birthday, from Lori and Brad Fritz, Rabbi Yankel and Rochel Kreiman.
- **Arnie and Sue Gillman**, Happy 50th anniversary from Rabbi Yankel and Rochel Kreiman.
- **Cora Ginsberg**, Happy birthday from Loreen Jacobson.
- **Paula Goodhart**, Happy birthday from Gail and Bob Scadron.
- **Cass Graff-Radford**, Thank you from Leslie Usow.
- **Jim Greenbaum**, Happy birthday from Cora Ginsberg.
- **Jim and Peggy Greenbaum**, Thank you for a beautiful evening, from Nancy and Dennis Ditlove, Cora Ginsberg, Shelli Goodman and Bernie Plack, Adrian and Cass Graff-Radford, Carol and Bill Kaplan, Sherry and Howard Schor, Cecille Silverman. Leslie and Barry Usow.
- **Jim and Peggy Greenbaum**, Mazel tov on your milestone birthdays, from Barbara Platt and Norm Lewis.
- **Peggy Greenbaum**, Happy birthday from Cora Ginsberg.
- **Rosee Hertz**, In honor of your special birthday, from Sheila Sloan.
- **Buddy Hoffman**, In honor of your birthday, from Arnold and Janet Hoffman.
- **Bobbi Holland**, Best wishes for your special birthday, from Cora Ginsberg.

- **Frances Horwich**, In honor of your 95th birthday, from Nancy Basofin, Bunni Benaron, Barbara Fremont, Adrienne Garland, Ron and Muriel Goldberg, Shelli Goodman, Libby and Buddy Hoffman, Lynn Kaplan, Eunice and Jerry Meister, Marnie Miller and Joe Noren, Cydney Osterman, Barbara Pinto, Iris and Jerry Pollan, Susan and Bob Rosser, Cecille Silverman, Sheila Sloan, and Leslie Usow.
- **Jewish Federation Staff**, Thank you for bringing the community together to celebrate Israel, from Rabbi Yankel and Rochel Kreiman.
- **Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kaplan**, Mazel tov on your 6th great-grandchild, Brooke Alexa, from Eunice and Jerry Meister.
- **Bill Kaplan**, Wishing you a happy birthday, from Barbara Federman and Jim Levitas.
- **Mendy and Chaya Kreiman**, Mazel tov on the donation of your kidney to save a life! You are a true Mensch, from Dr. Paul and Stephanie Ross.
- **Rochel Kreiman**, Mazel tov on your birthday, from Dr. Paul and Stephanie Ross.
- **Margie Kulp**, Thank you from Nancy Basofin.
- **Steve Kulp**, Happy special birthday from Leslie and Barry Usow.
- **Saralyn Levine**, Wonderful wishes for your 90th birthday, from Marnie Miller.
- **Reva Levy** Thank you from Cora Ginsberg.
- **Mark Metzner**, 95 is just the beginning Happy birthday from Marnie Miller and Joe Noren.
- **Dr. Richard and Amy Noren**, Happy anniversary! Wishing you happiness in the coming year, from Dad and Marnie (Joe Noren and Marnie Miller)
- **Cydney Osterman**, Happy birthday wishes from Cora Ginsberg, Loreen Jacobson, and Sherry and Howard Schor.
- **Harold Paley**, Mazel tov on your 95th birthday, from Marnie Miller and Joe Noren.
- **Sherry Schor**, Happy birthday from Cora Ginsberg.

- **Larry and Jane Sherman**, Thank you for your friendship and hospitality, from Lynn and Bruce Kaplan.

Refuah Shleimah Get Well:

- **Bill Amplo**, Wishing you a speedy recovery, from Rabbi Yankel and Rochel Kreiman.
- **Kathi Balaban**, Best wishes for a complete and speedy recovery from Eunice and Jerry Meister.
- **Beverlee Greene**, Best wishes for a speedy recovery, from Gail and Bob Scadron.
- **Ken Hailpern**, Wishing you a speedy and full recovery, from Larry and Ed Sogolow.
- **Howard Hyman**, Wishing you a continued speedy recovery, from Wendy Hahn and Ken Whinnery, and Debra and Mickey Star.
- **Susan Karsen**, Best wishes for a speedy recovery, from Gail and Bob Scadron.
- **Sue Langus**, Wishing you a speedy recovery, from Rabbi Yankel and Rochel Kreiman.
- **Norm Lewis**, Wishing you a speedy recovery, from Rabbi Yankel and Rochel Kreiman.
- **Carol Horwich Luber**, Best wishes for a speedy recovery, from Gail and Bob Scadron.
- **Lester Morris**, Wishing a complete and speedy recovery, from Gail and Bob Scadron.
- **Celia Norian**, Wishing you a speedy recovery, from Rabbi Yankel and Rochel Kreiman.
- **Mark Shapiro**, Thankfully you are going to be alright, from Aunt Marnie (Marnie Miller) and Joe Noren.

- **Ben Weissbach**, Wishing you a speedy and full recovery, from Bob and Carol Friedman

Memoriam Tributes Condolences Sent To:

- **Rochelle Adelman**, In memory of Tim Adelman, from George Jacobs.

• **The Family of Ellen Bakst**, Heartfelt condolences, from Cora Ginsberg, Adrian and Cass Graff-Radford, Sherry and Howard Schor.

• **Beschloss Family**, In memory of Morris Beschloss from Jackie and Eddie Cohen, Sanford and Rosemary Hertz, and Larry and Cathy Pitts.

• **John Cohen**, Condolences on the passing of your beloved Ann, from Cora Ginsberg.

• **Edward Froelich**, Condolences on the loss of your beloved wife Joanne, from David and Sandy Silberstein.

• **Ellie Gold**, In memory of your beloved brother Mitchell Saranow, from Dottie and Max Ralph.

• **Cantor Joseph Gole**, In memory of your mother Mollie, from Barbara and Bernie Fromm.

• **Howard Goss**, In memory of your beloved sister Lois Shapiro, from Libby Hoffman.

• **Susie Gurvey and Family**, In memory of your beloved husband Gary, from Gail and Bob Scadron.

• **Sharri Hauber**, In memory of your beloved husband Ed, from Cousins Gail and Bob Scadron.

• **In memory of Joel Hirsch**, by Murray and Barbara Beck, Arnie and Sue Gillman, Harvey

and Rochelle Goldstein, Mel and Marcia Sarowitz, Howard and Shelley Speyer, and Ben and Evelyn Weissbach.

• **The Hirsch Family**, In loving memory of Joel Hirsch, from Bob and Carol Friedman.

• **Charles Kinzer**, In memory of your beloved mother Sylvia Kinzer, from Daniel Weisberg and David Klingenberg.

• **Harvey Lambert**, In memory of your brother Al Lambert, from Ruth and Mal Kaufman.

• **Rick and Lorna Lash and Karla Lash**, In memory of our beloved cousin Fran Lash, from Dr. Paul and Stephanie Ross.

• **Family of Sue Leitner**, Condolences from Rabbi Yankel and Rochel Kreiman.

• **Annette Lerner**, In memory of your beloved husband Ted, from Sheila Sloan.

• **Dede Mandel**, In memory of your beloved sister Joanne, from David and Sandy Silberstein.

• **Greg Meidel**, Condolences on the loss of your beloved mother, from Cora Ginsberg.

• **Sheila Olshansky**, in memory of your beloved Bob, from Marnie Miller and Joe Noren.

• **Lola Pauer**, In memory of your beloved husband Norm, from Nancy and Dennis Ditlove.

• **Phyllis Schahet and Family**, Heartfelt condolences on the passing of your beloved husband Gary, from Janet and Steve Anixter, Jackie and Eddie Cohen, Nancy and Dennis Ditlove, Barbara Fremont, Lori and Brad Fritz, Barbara and Bernie Fromm, Bobby and Toni Garmisa, Cora Ginsberg, Philip and Ellen Glass, Adrian and Cass Graff-Radford, Margot and Jerry Halperin, James Levitas and Barbara Federman, Ron and Muriel Goldberg, Sanford and Rosemary Hertz, Carol and Bill Kaplan, Rabbi Yankel and Rochel Kreiman, Paul and Terry Lubar, Carol Horwich Lubner, Marilyn Malkin, Eunice and Jerry Meister, Marnie Miller and Joe Noren, Larry and Cathy Pitts, Barbara Platt and Norm Lewis, Dr. Paul and Stephanie Ross, Lisa and Marc Roth, Gail and Bob Scadron, Sherry and Howard Schor, Judith Sontag and Mike Pollak, Debra and Mickey Star, and Leslie and Barry Usow,

• **Edward Schwartz**, In memory of your beloved Irma, from Eunice and Jerry Meister.

• **The Weisberg Family**, In loving memory of Marcia Weisberg, from Daniel Weisberg and David Klingenberg.

In First, Scientists Induce Cancer Cells to Kill Themselves

Researchers use a 'Trojan horse' approach to get cancer cells to produce toxic bacteria that destroys them from within.

By Naama Barak, Israel 21c

In a first, Israeli researchers managed to encode a toxin produced by bacteria into mRNA molecules and to deliver it directly to cancer cells, causing them to produce the toxin that went on to kill them.



Professor Dan Peer,
Tel Aviv University

The study, led by PhD student Yasmin Granot-Matok and Prof. Dan Peer from Tel Aviv University and recently published in *Theranostics*, showed that a single injection into the tumor bed in animal models with melanoma skin cancer led to the disappearance of 44 to 60

percent of cancer cells.

"Many bacteria secrete toxins," Peer explains. "The most famous of these is probably the botulinum toxin injected in Botox treatments. Another classic treatment technique is chemotherapy, involving the delivery of small molecules through the bloodstream to effectively kill cancer cells. However, chemotherapy has a major downside: it is not selective, and also kills healthy cells."

"Our idea was to deliver safe mRNA molecules encoded for a bacterial toxin directly to the cancer cells – inducing these cells to actually produce the toxic protein that would later kill them. It's like placing a Trojan horse inside the cancer cell."

The researchers encoded the genetic information of a toxic protein produced by bacteria of the *Pseudomonas* family into mRNA molecules – similar to the way genetic information of Covid-19's spike protein was encoded into mRNA molecules to create the vaccine.

Then, the mRNA molecules were packaged in lipid nanoparticles and coated with antibodies. The particles were then injected into animal models with melanoma.

"In our study, the cancer cell produced the toxic protein that eventually killed it," Peer says. "Many anaerobic bacteria, especially those that live in the ground, secrete toxins, and most of these toxins can

probably be used with our method."

He said that delivering the bacteria directly to the target cells with nanoparticles is like a recipe.

"When the cancer cell reads the 'recipe' at the other end, it starts to produce the toxin as if it were the bacteria itself and this self-produced toxin eventually kills it.

"Thus, with a simple injection to the tumor bed, we can cause cancer cells to 'commit suicide' without damaging healthy cells. Moreover, cancer cells cannot develop resistance to our technology as often happens with chemotherapy, because we can always use a different natural toxin."

An Endowment is Forever.

Let your name be remembered as a blessing.

Everyone leaves footprints. Our prints are made by the impression of our lives on the sands of time. A person is remembered for the weight of his or her character, for marks of accomplishment, kindness, generosity, personal warmth and values.

Thoughtful estate planning is one means we have to make a print in the sand. The simplest way to make a charitable gift in your estate plan is by a bequest in your will. This can be done when writing or updating your will or by a codicil.

A simple statement is all that is needed. For example: "I give, devise and bequeath to the Jewish Federation of the Desert in the sum of \$..."

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

Please contact Alberto Tejero, Jewish Federation Chief Financial Officer at alberto.tejero@jfedps.org or 760-324-4737.

A gift to the Jewish Federation today will allow you to be there for your family, your community and the Jewish people - whenever help is needed in the future.



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A Drug to Prevent Suicide Associated with Bipolar Depression

Suicidal bipolar depression accounts for 40% of people who try to harm themselves, yet there's never been an FDA-approved drug for this indication

By Abigail Klein Leichman, Israel21c

Every second of every day, someone in the world attempts suicide.

NRx Pharmaceuticals is developing a drug for people whose suicidal thoughts stem from bipolar depression, the low mood phase associated with the severe mood swings of bipolar disorder.

If the clinical trials proceed as planned, the company hopes to commercialize the drug in 2024.

"Although bipolar depression accounts for only about 10 percent of all people who have depression, it accounts for about 40 percent of those who try to harm themselves," says Dr. Jonathan Javitt, founder and chief scientist of NRx, the Nasdaq-listed company that merged with NeuroRx in 2021.

"Suicidal bipolar depression is a devastating disease and one that has not been addressed by pharmaceutical companies. There are no FDA-approved medicines today for people with suicidal bipolar depression."

NRx's multi-patented NRX-101 (Cyclurad) combines two FDA-approved pharmaceuticals: the tuberculosis drug D-cycloserine and the anti-infective drug lurasidone. It is meant to be taken orally at home.

Most conventional antidepressants – which can actually increase risk



Dr. Jonathan Javitt of NeuroRx.

of suicide — target the brain's serotonin pathway. NRX-101 acts on the brain's NMDA receptor, a newly validated target for treating suicidal ideation and depressive symptoms, particularly in bipolar depression.

A trial conducted at Herzog Hospital in Jerusalem showed a significant benefit of D-cycloserine (compared to placebo) in patients with treatment-resistant depression. And the effect of D-cycloserine in reducing suicidality was demonstrated in an independent trial in 2019.

NRx's drug candidate is also beneficial following an injection of the anesthetic drug ketamine, which reverses depression but only for about four days. Ketamine cannot be given continuously because it causes psychedelic, addictive and neurotoxic side effects. NRX-101 sustains the anti-depressive effect of ketamine for two months without these undesirable side effects.

Lifetime of Research

Javitt, an ophthalmologist by training, led drug development programs for eye diseases and diabetes over the past 40 years with Allergan, Eyetech, Merck, Novartis, Pfizer and Pharmacia.

But the research that served as the basis for NRx's drug candidate began with his brother, Daniel, a Jerusalem-based psychiatrist.

"Early in my brother's career in the 1990s, he set out to understand why an abuse drug called angel dust causes

acute psychosis. He discovered that it's because angel dust binds to the NMDA receptor in the brain," says Jonathan Javitt.

He followed the unfolding research in this field, including Dr. Robert Berman's discovery that drugs that bind to the NMDA receptor may profoundly relieve depression and suicidal thoughts.

"Daniel became one of the most published authors in this field of brain science," says Javitt. "What we are doing is a natural outgrowth of that lifetime of research."

Herzog Hospital, where the first clinical trial of NRX-101 was conducted, is one of the founding shareholders along with individuals including Chaim Hurvitz, former director of Teva and president of the Teva International Group.

Commercialization in 2024

When ISRAEL21c first wrote about the newly formed company in 2015, the idea that an NMDA antagonist drug could treat symptoms of depression was novel.

"Now it's a well-validated idea," says Javitt. "There are drugs in development, two approved by the FDA, so the science has become well accepted."

The company's progress on the psychiatric drug, however, was sidelined for about three years during the pandemic, when NRx was working with the Israel Institute for Biological Research on Covid-related research.

The NRX-101 program got back on

track about a year ago.

"We are still the only company focused on bipolar depression and specifically suicidal bipolar depression," Javitt tells ISRAEL21c.

Based in Delaware, NRx completed an initial Phase II trial that led to FDA breakthrough therapy designation and a special protocol agreement.

"Now we're in a registrational trial in people with suicidal bipolar depression," says Javitt.

He notes that this is the first known trial of a novel antidepressant in which patients with active suicidal ideation have successfully been enrolled.

"We're expecting to finish by the end of the year and we've already completed our manufacturing scaleup to be ready for commercialization. We aim for FDA approval toward the release of the drug to the market at 2024."

The same drug is also being tested for preventing suicidal ideation in cases of PTSD and chronic pain in depression.

"Post-9/11, we have lost four times more [US military] veterans and servicemembers to suicide than combat," notes Javitt, who was a healthcare adviser to four White House administrations.

NRx estimates the market potential of a bipolar depression treatment at \$2.2 billion, given that about 7 million people are bipolar and 9-10% of them suffer from suicidal thoughts.

'Economic Iron Dome': New Hampshire Governor Signs Anti-BDS Executive Order

By Andrew Bernard, The Algemeiner

New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu (R) on July 6 signed an order banning executive branch agencies from doing business with companies engaged in the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel.

The move makes New Hampshire the 37th state to enact anti-BDS orders or legislation.

"NH will not tolerate antisemitism, & we are taking significant steps at the state level to prohibit discriminatory boycotts of Israel in state procurement and investments," Sununu wrote on Twitter.

The order also adopts the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism as an "essential definitional tool" in identifying antisemitism.

Thursday's order was in part a response to the UN Commission of Inquiry on

Israel's latest report, issued on 8 June, that accused Israel of war crimes and found that Israel's "silencing" of Palestinian civil society voices was "intrinsically linked to the goal of ensuring and enshrining the permanent occupation at the expense of the rights of the Palestinian people." In June, the US led 27 other states at the UN Human Rights Council in condemning the commission as biased and open-ended.

Speaking at the signing ceremony in Concord, New Hampshire, Israel's Ambassador to the UN Gilad Erdan said that Gov. Sununu's order is part of an "economic Iron Dome" defending Israel from the BDS movement.

"As Israel's Minister of Strategic Affairs, I came to understand the evil that was hiding behind the mask of the BDS organizations," Erdan said. "As Minister, I published and exposed the connection between BDS

leaders and convicted terrorists, and I also exposed the antisemitic ideologies of these organizations. Not only does BDS spread Jew hatred, it is also funded by terror groups."

Erdan also thanked Sununu for forcefully responding to the Commission of Inquiry, whose latest report accused states that have adopted anti-BDS legislation of "silenc[ing] human rights defenders."

"New Hampshire's support for Israel today is the perfect response to this antisemitic UN commission," Erdan said. "We must boycott our boycotters and delegitimize our delegitimizers!"

The co-chair of the progressive caucus of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, Rep. Alissandra Murray (D), condemned the order on Thursday as condoning "violence" after a similar legislative measure, HB339, failed to pass

committee.

"HB 339 was [deemed 'inexpedient to legislate'] in committee and never even got a vote on the floor, so the tyrant Sununu decided to issue a politically-motivated executive order that condones violence and violates free speech," Murray said.

Supporters of the BDS movement contend that boycotts are protected speech under the First Amendment, a view that the US Supreme Court has largely rejected.

Responding to an invitation from Israel's Consul General in New England for Sununu to visit Israel, the Granite State governor joked about his announcement in June that he would not be running for the US Presidency.

"As of a month ago, my schedule has opened up," Sununu said.

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Have A Nosh

With our "normal" summer weather finally kicking in, after the amazingly mild May and June, I decided to share a couple of my go-to cool favorites. The iced carrot ginger soup is even better than it sounds. I was given the marinated artichoke/



Rice-a-Roni salad recipe by Shelly Seltzer at least 35 years ago, and it is a terrific make-ahead, doesn't-get-soggy salad that is great to serve to a crowd. The Lapera Mold is another refreshing dish for hot summer days, good as either a sweet salad or dessert. And I'm finishing with "Easier to bake than buy" Cheese Crisps, a recipe which guarantees you can always serve delicious zero-carb diabetes-friendly cheese nibbles to drop-in guests or to indulge yourself!. Enjoy! MHB

CARROT GINGER SOUP

6 tablespoons parve margarine	7 cups chicken broth
1 large yellow onion, chopped	1 cup white wine
3 cloves garlic, minced	2 tablespoons lemon juice
1/4 cup fresh ginger, finely chopped	pinch curry powder
1 1/2 lbs. carrots, in 1/2 inch chunks	Garnish: snipped chives

In a large saucepan, sauté onion, garlic and ginger in margarine for 20 minutes over low heat, to soften not brown ingredients. Add carrots, chicken broth and wine. Bring to boil then simmer for 40-50 minutes, until carrots are soft. Puree in blender, in small batches. Add lemon juice and curry powder. Refrigerate until well chilled before serving. Garnish with snipped chives. 6-8 servings.

ARTICHOKE/RICE-A-RONI SALAD

For each regular size box of Chicken Rice-a-Roni:	1 green pepper, chopped
2 jars marinated artichoke hearts, with marinade	12 green stuffed olives, sliced
4 scallions, chopped	1/3 cup mayonnaise

Prepare rice according to directions. Cool. Combine mayonnaise and artichoke marinade. Slice artichokes and add to rice, along with scallions, pepper and olives. Pour mayo/marinade over. Toss. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

LAPERLA ORANGE MARSHMALLOW MOLD

2 pkg. orange jello (regular or sugar free)	Sour cream (regular, lite or pareve, any will do)
2 tins mandarin oranges	1/3 cup shredded cheddar cheese
Large package miniature marshmallows	(My mom preferred finely grated walnuts. Finely sliced almonds would work well too).

Prepare jello according to directions, using the liquid from the mandarin orange tins as part of the water required. Pour into a 9" X 13" pan (use one nice enough to put on the buffet table in that you do not unmold this dessert before serving). Immediately pour the mandarin oranges in, using a fork or spoon so that they are distributed throughout the pan, then pour marshmallows on top to form a solid single layer. Let sit at room temperature for a few minutes to allow the marshmallows to melt slightly, so that the stick to each other. Refrigerate until jello is set. Top with sour cream just thick enough to cover the 'bumps' of the marshmallows and add shredded cheddar cheese or other topping of your choice. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Cut in squares and use lifter to remove servings from pan.

"Easier to bake than buy" CHEESE CRISPS

1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Arrange cheese in 24 small heaps on the prepared baking sheets. Bake in the preheated oven until golden brown, about 7 minutes. Cool for 5 to 10 minutes before removing from baking sheets.

You can substitute mozzarella, Asiago, or Parmesan cheese for the Cheddar.



Simchas



Candle Lighting Times

Mazel tov to **Lynda** and **Trevor Bailey** on the birth of their grandson **Aiden David Engdahl**, born to Alexis and Warren Engdahl in Hibbing, Minnesota on June 5 ... Mazel tov to **Gail** and **Saul Jacobs** on the birth of their great grandson, **Yaakov Yoseph Muller**, born to **Rabbi Rabbi Pesach** and **Shoshanah Muller** ... Mazel tov to **Mendy** and **Aliza Denebeim** on the birth of their son **Yitzhak Zalman** on June 6 in Palm Springs. Delighted grandparents are **Arkie** and **Chaya Engle** and **Rabbi Yonason** and **Sussie Denebeim** ... Congratulations



Aiden David Engdahl



Yaakov Yoseph Muller

to **Sherman's Deli** for its recognition in a recent **LELA News** article, headlined: "This Classic Deli in California Has Been Named as One of the Best Places to Eat in the State." ... Mazel tov to the Hailperns! **Cindy** and **Mark Hailpern** just returned from Evanston, Illinois where their son **Joseph A. Hailpern** was conferred his Ed.D. from National



Cindy and Mark Hailpern with son Dr. Joseph Hailpern

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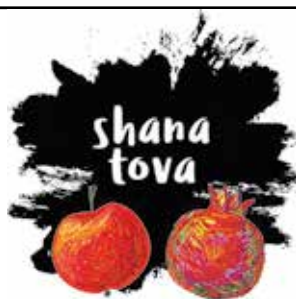
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