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March 27

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April 30

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Israel Update

A lot of interesting news is coming out of Israel these days. If you haven't picked up on my writing interests yet you will after reading this piece. I feel strongly about addressing current events in Israel.

Several things I am following now and will be writing about include the upcoming fifth election in Israel. In my opinion, nothing beats an Israeli election to learn how Israeli politics works. I find the Israeli elections to be a master class on understanding how representative democracies work or don't work and how a party achieves power.

A quick recap of where Israel is right now; the very fragile coalition that brought a diverse group of eight parties together to form a government

with a weak 61 seats has ended. What happened was, because the government only had the 61 seat majority it didn't have any room if a member or two left the coalition. That's what happened. I won't go into that now. But several members just couldn't agree with how things were being done and decided to see what a new election and a new government would look like.

When the coalition was formed Yair Lapid said to his partner Naftali Bennett, "as a reward for joining this coalition, even though your party has fewer seats, and I am more popular than you, I think we should share the role of prime minister and you can go first." Bennett accepted and held the position for one year and a week and then, as the coalition folded, he said to Yair, "It is your turn."

Unfortunately, the coalition collapsed and no one else was able to form a government, so they have to now go to elections, again, scheduled for November. In the meantime, Yair Lapid takes over since Bennett stepped down and handed the leadership over to Lapid sooner than scheduled. Unfortunately for Lapid, he doesn't really have a government to lead but he still gets to be Prime Minister, a special type of prime minister, a "caretaker" Prime Minister.

A "caretaker" is a Prime Minister but with the responsibility to just keep the train on the tracks—no real mandate to do anything. He holds this title until the elections and hopes his party can form a coalition so he gets to be a real prime minister.

I will write more about the elections in the next JCN. Please feel free to contact me with questions.



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Beth Shalom Celebrates New Location

The entire community is invited to a Hanukkat Habayit, Dedication Ceremony and Reception, at Congregation Beth Shalom on Sunday, September 11, 2022, at 3:00 pm.

After over two decades in Bermuda Dunes, Beth Shalom has relocated to the H.N. & Frances C. Berger Foundation complex at the southeast corner of Cook Street and Merle Drive in Palm Desert. A complete renovation of the building's second floor has turned an attractive, inviting suite of spaces into a new home for the Coachella Valley's Conservative Synagogue, including a Beit K'neset for worship, learning, programs, and fellowship; library/conference room; kosher kitchen and office.

The Relocation Search Committee consisted of synagogue Vice-President Joel Wolf and Board members, Gene Nathenson and Jay Spetalnick. A host of synagogue leaders and members stepped forward to offer creative recommendations and support during the physical move and renovation process, spearheaded by Spetalnick and Wolf, including the original design of a new Aron Kodosh by congregation Treasurer Mark Hailpern. They will all be recognized for their contributions and service at the synagogue's Dedication.

Leading the Dedication celebration will be Beth Shalom's Spiritual Leader Ken Hailpern, President Bill Singer, synagogue members Rabbi J.B. Sacks and Rabbi Ira Helf, Communications Manager Bill Amplo, and Past President David Baellow. RSVP is requested



Beth Shalom's new sanctuary

before September 5 at info@congregationbethshalom.net or (760) 200-3636. Proof of Vaccination is required on first visit.

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Israeli 3D Imaging 'See Through Walls' for Military, Rescue Teams

By Sharon Wrobel, *The Algemeiner*

Seeing through walls and discovering what's on the other side is the stuff of science fiction. But an Israeli company has developed technology that can do just that in order to save lives in dangerous situations.

Camero-Tech, an Israeli company that develops radio imaging technology, has released a device that would enable soldiers, intelligence and emergency personnel to see behind obstructions.

"To see through walls sounds like magic or some imagination but what we have developed is based on a physical phenomenon," Amir Beeri, CEO of Camero-Tech told *The Algemeiner*.

The technology, developed in partnership with Israeli defense officials and engineers, is based on radio wave signals that can penetrate walls and reconstruct what is behind them into three-dimensional images.

The system, which can operate from a distance of more than 60 feet, creates images using artificial intelligence-based algorithms and signal processing. With the push of a button, a single operator can track the positions of individuals, whether moving or stationary, and determine whether the subject is an adult, a child or an animal.

"This is unique as we are using

low frequencies in a very wide bandwidth, which enable the penetration of building materials on the one hand while we are not compromising on the resolution, on the other hand," Beeri said. "Generally, there is a trade-off between resolution and frequency."

The system has uses in critical rescue operations, drug raids, urban combat and high-risk arrests, Beeri said.

Beeri cited the 2017 earthquake in Mexico, when Camero-Tech's system was used to help rescue workers search through rubble for buried victims.

The system has also been used in hostage rescue situations. Beeri recounted one example where a 19-year-old girl was kidnapped in Mexico and was kept on the ground floor.

"As negotiations continued the person that was with the hostage moved to the other room," Beeri said. "That was a very specific moment when they were separated and then the forces breached in, saved and solved the situation."

'There is Nothing Like This'

Beeri founded Camero-Tech in 2004, together with Aharon Aharon, who moved on to head the Israel Innovation Authority and was the



former general manager of Apple Israel.

The enterprise is part of Israel's SK Group, a privately-held group of firms focused on defense and homeland security technology in shipping, small weapons and optical systems. The companies develop combat-proven technologies that grew out of Israel's leading defense industry.

"We are working very closely with some users, including the IDF in order to customize the system to the real need in the field," said Beeri, an electrical engineer who also served 14 years in Israeli intelligence.

In June, Camero-Tech introduced its newest addition to the family

of 3D imaging systems, the Xaver 1000, which provides military forces, law enforcement agencies, first responders and intelligence units operating in hostile urban and disaster environments with the ability to see through walls.

"There is nothing like this in terms of the quality of the images," said Beeri. He described the latest offering as less of a tactical tool, and one used more for surveillance and reconnaissance purposes.

Camero-Tech is only allowed to procure its systems to government agencies in countries green-lit by Israel's Defense Ministry, and can't sell to private companies or individuals, such as investigators.



Warmest wishes for a healthy and happy New Year.

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New York's Governor Hochul Signs Legislation Improving Holocaust Education and Support for Survivors

By Dion J. Pierre, *The Algemeiner*

On August 11 three bills were made state law during a signing ceremony attended by state lawmakers and Jewish advocacy groups.

"As New Yorkers, we are united in our solemn commitment to Holocaust survivors. We will never forget," Hochul said during her remarks.

One of the bills, Senate Bill S121B, tasks the New York State Education Department with assessing whether schools are meeting standards on Holocaust education established by previous legislation passed in 1994. Another, Senate Bill 117A, mandates that museums label pieces of art stolen from Jewish families during the Holocaust with a notice explaining their provenance.

"I'm going to make sure for starts that our schools are properly teaching about the Holocaust, as required by law," Hochul said, adding that Bill 117A is another way to "involve Holocaust education to everyday lives."

Senate Bill 8318 orders the New York State Department of Financial Services to issue a list of financial institutions that waive fees for Holocaust survivors receiving reparations, a move aimed to make the practice more widespread in the future.

"We can't heal the trauma that elderly



New York Governor Kathy Hochul

Holocaust survivors have endured, but we can take steps to help them make ends meet," said State Senator Zellnor Myrie, who also spoke. "I encourage all state-chartered banks to voluntarily waive these transaction fees for survivors and look forward to seeing them on the state's list next year."

In 2021, New York had the most antisemitic incidents —416, according to the Anti-Defamation League — in the United States. In June, Governor Hochul spoke at AJC's annual Global Forum, where she pledged to address

the problem. She noted on Wednesday that the number of antisemitic incidents recorded in 2022, 571, has already exceeded last year's.

"We have long championed robust Holocaust education and are thrilled to see these bills signed into law," the group tweeted.

Governor Hochul emphasized her commitment to fighting antisemitism, saying, "As long as I have a breath in my body, I will stand to protect this community and honor the story and the people that had to endure the Holocaust."

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BETH SHALOM. Services led by Ken Hailpern.

Held at new location: 42600 Cook Street, 2nd floor, Palm Desert. Rosh Hashanah morning services: Monday, September 26 & Tuesday, September 27. Kol Nidre: Tuesday, October 4; Yom Kippur: Wednesday, October 5. Proof of vaccination required. Information: 760-200-3636. (See ad page 14)

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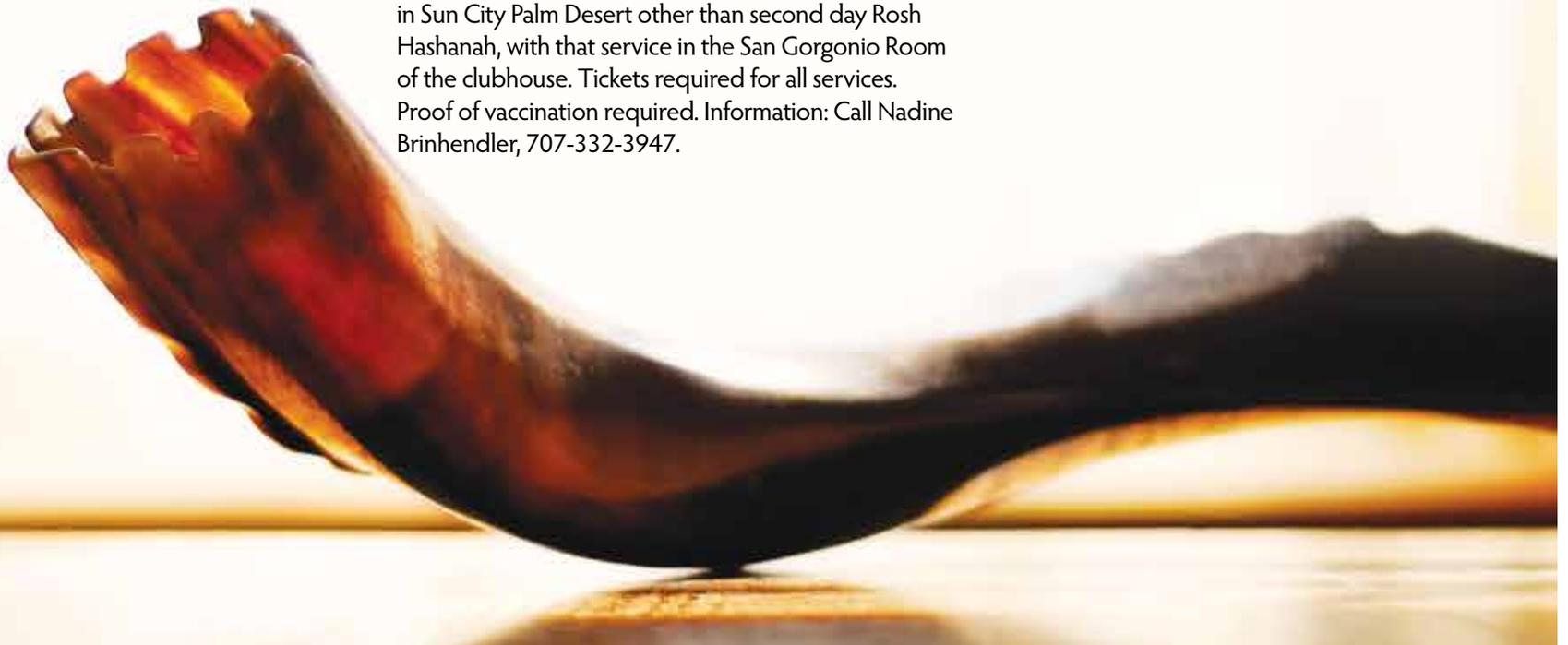
OR HAMIDBAR: Rabbi David Lazar, Rabbi Debi Shoua-Haim. Services held at the United Methodist Church of Palm Springs, 1555 East Alejo, Palm Springs. Rosh Hashanah service Monday, September 26. Kol Nidre/Yom Kippur Services October 4/5. Information: orhamidbar.org. (See ad page 13)

SUN CITY JEWISH SERVICES: Rabbi Dr. Kenneth Emert, Cantorial Soloist Alan Scott. All services will be held in Sierra Ballroom Mountain View Clubhouse in Sun City Palm Desert other than second day Rosh Hashanah, with that service in the San Gorgonio Room of the clubhouse. Tickets required for all services. Proof of vaccination required. Information: Call Nadine Brinhendler, 707-332-3947.

TEMPLE HAR SHALOM, Idyllwild: Rabbi Emeritus Jonathan Jaffe Bernhard. All services held at St. Hugh's, 25525 Tahquitz, Idyllwild. Erev Rosh Hashanah, first day Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur. No tickets required. (See ad page 8)

TEMPLE ISAIAH, Palm Springs. Rabbi Steven Rosenberg, Cantor Ken Cohen. 322 West Alejo Road, Palm Springs. In-person services (proof of vaccination required) and live-streamed. Erev Rosh Hashanah services Sunday, September 25. Rosh Hashanah morning services: Monday, September 26 & Tuesday, September 27. Kol Nidre: Tuesday, October 4; Yom Kippur: Wednesday, October 5. Information: Check website: Templeisaiahps.com or call 760-325-2281. (See ad page 9)

TEMPLE SINAI, Palm Desert. Rabbi David Novak. Cantorial Soloist Wayne Abravanel. 73-251 Hovley Lane West, Palm Desert. Erev Rosh Hashanah services Sunday, September 25. First day Rosh Hashanah morning services: Monday, September 26. Kol Nidre: Tuesday, October 4; Yom Kippur: Wednesday, October 5. Information: 760-568-9699. (See ad page 7)



HeartPoint Global's Stent Could Eliminate the Need for Open Heart Surgery

By Brian Blum, Israel21c

Nearly 18 million people die from cardiovascular disease every year.

Three-quarters of those fatalities occur in low to middle-income countries, where preventative treatment is either not available or too expensive. It's estimated that 92 percent of the world's population has no access to cardiac surgery.

This is particularly tragic in countries like India, where close to 2 million children have undetected congenital heart issues.

Israeli startup HeartPoint Global aims to bring minimally invasive treatment to heart patients wherever they may be.

HeartPoint's approach doesn't seem so revolutionary, at least not initially. The company's HPGS (HeartPoint Global Implant System) involves inserting a stent into the pulmonary artery. It's the same

kind of stent used to clear blockages to prevent a heart attack.

The difference is that the HeartPoint stent isn't about opening the artery. It's part of a system used to regulate the flow and pressure of blood coming in and out of the heart, a problem associated with congenital heart conditions.

"The research shows that if you fix the flow and pressure, kids with congenital heart problems can heal themselves. It's really amazing," HeartPoint Global CEO Seth Bogner tells ISRAEL21c.

"We're using stents in a new, minimally invasive way that can adjust flow and pressure at any time and at a reasonable cost."

Like Nested Dolls

This is much less intrusive than the



method of wrapping a band around the pulmonary artery to reduce blood flow.

"The problem is physicians often get this 'arterial banding' wrong," Bogner explains. "They don't know what the pressure is. And it can be a big shock to the system."

It is also traumatic, with a long recovery. Many patients who need it may not be safe candidates for surgery, a big reason why arterial banding represents less than 2% of cardiac surgeries, Bogner says, despite the need being "way higher."

HeartPoint's alternative approach is gradual. If a single stent doesn't do the job, another can be inserted – kind of like those nested Russian dolls, Bogner notes.

In the future, the company will develop a smartphone app that, when placed over the heart, can measure flow and pressure using a specially built algorithm.

HeartPoint Global has done three rounds of preclinical testing in Israel led by the company's chief medical officer, Dr. David Planer, chief of interventional cardiology at Hadassah Medical Center.

The company is working towards being granted "breakthrough approval" from the U.S. FDA, although Bogner concedes that this is still a few years away.

"When you're dealing with a Class 3 medical device, something that stays in the body, you're in a highly regulated environment. You need to do things in terms of testing and safety and efficacy and quality," Bogner tells ISRAEL21c.

The company is currently launching two new studies, with human trials coming next in Georgia, Serbia and Azerbaijan.

Getting Things Done

Although HeartPoint's technology also could treat a major scourge of the Western world — left-sided heart failure, the largest subset of congestive heart failure — Bogner is most excited about the potential to change outcomes for the better in the developing world.

HeartPoint is working with the EurAsia Heart Foundation, a Swiss nonprofit that performs cardiac surgeries and trains cardiologists in developing countries. Dr. Paul Vogt of Zurich University Hospital, who founded the foundation, is the chairman of HeartPoint's medical advisory board.

HeartPoint Global has been self-funded to date, mainly by Bogner, who was the CEO of Union Square Financial Partners for 14 years and then founded Ohr Partners, where he still hangs his hat when he's not helping hearts. HeartPoint is now raising a Series A round.

Bogner, born in New York, splits his time between HeartPoint's headquarters in Manhattan and HeartPoint's R&D facilities in Yokne'am, near Haifa. HeartPoint also maintains a quality and regulatory department in Ireland. But most of the employees are in Israel.

"Israelis have this great attitude that, when there's an issue, it's not, 'Oh my God, there's a problem!' but rather 'Let's figure it out and get things done.' Things happen quicker here," Bogner says. "We also plan to manufacture the device in Israel."

He notes that one out of 100 kids born every year around the world have congenital heart issues.

"In the US and Israel, the defects are picked up a lot, but not all the time. Until now, there's not been a simple, inexpensive way to fix these defects."

HeartPoint's other market – congestive heart failure – affects more people and, as such, appeals more to the investment community, Bogner admits. "As the population gets older, this market for treating very sick patients gets bigger."

The financial benefit is clear: A HeartPoint procedure that costs in the range of \$3,500 could eliminate the need for open heart surgery further down the road, which involves significantly more risk and a long hospitalization. HeartPoint's approach requires just a single overnight stay.

HeartPoint's focus on the developing world fits with the Israeli ethos of tikkun olam, Bogner says, "of doing something good for the world. Israeli doctors regularly fly into war-torn countries. It's our mission and our duty."



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Temple Sinai to Hold Open House for Membership and Religious School

Temple Sinai is holding an open house for our congregation, the community, and our religious school Sunday, September 11, at 9:30 A.M. Stop in to learn more



Teens load donated groceries on to truck on Yom Kippur morning.

about our congregation and our school that is open to children of both congregants and people who choose not to join. Our school, the recipient of a generous grant from the Jewish Federation of the Desert, allows students to create Jewish roots and relationships. Sinai is located at 72351 Hovley Lane West in Palm Desert, one block south of Country Club. Coffee and morning edibles will be offered.

Temple Sinai Palm Desert's lay leadership along with Rabbi David Novak and Cantorial Soloist Wayne Abravanel look forward to welcoming Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur with the congregation and the community. Congregants will receive tickets after Labor Day, while others who wish to be guests of Sinai should visit Sinai's homepage at www.temple sinaipd.org or contact Sinai at 760-568-9699.

Rosh Hashanah begins Sunday, September 25th with worship at 7 P.M., followed by an oneg. Monday morning at 10:00 Rosh Hashanah worship continues. Congregants and guests will have the opportunity to take empty grocery bags to return on Yom Kippur for Sinai's food drive benefiting FIND Food Bank, a regular beneficiary of Sinai's Tikkun Olam and the Jewish Federation of the Desert.

Kol Nidre service for Yom Kippur begins at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 4. Yom Kippur morning begins at 10:00. Those attending are reminded to bring

their filled grocery bags that will be loaded onto a truck for delivery later in the week. Afternoon services continue at 4 P.M. with Yizkor at approximately

5:00 P.M. Temple Sinai is holding a break-the-fast to close out Yom Kippur. Cost for congregants is \$36, and \$42 for guests. There are a limited number

of places. Information on how to get tickets for the break-the fast may be found on the Temple Sinai website: www.temple sinaipd.org.

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Tuesday, October 4

7:00 PM

Yom Kippur Day:

Wednesday, October 5

10:00 AM

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For the 1st Time, Commercial Flight to Israel Flies Over Saudi Airspace

By Batya Jerenberg, World Israel News

For the first time, a commercial flight to Tel Aviv flew over Saudi airspace on August 1, just weeks after the kingdom had announced its authorization.

The Cathay Pacific plane departed from Hong Kong and flew over northern Saudi

Arabia and Jordan to Ben Gurion airport.

During U.S. President Biden's visit to Riyadh last month, the Saudis announced permission for "all air carriers that meet the requirements of the Authority for overflying" their country to do so, including Israel. Until then, the only flights permitted to fly over Saudi airspace to connect with Israel were those to and from India (since 2018) and, following the signing of the Abraham Accords in late 2020, Bahrain and the UAE.

The move came in return for Israel's granting of permission to Egypt to return control to Saudi Arabia of two islands in the strategic Straits of Tiran leading into the Red Sea, which were demilitarized since the Six Day War in 1967.

While Biden hailed the news as a step towards the kingdom's normalization with Israel, the Saudis immediately quashed the notion, saying that the move had "nothing to do with diplomatic ties with Israel!"

Biden was the first American president to fly directly to Jeddah from Tel Aviv, where he began his two-stop Mideast tour.

In late July, Air Seychelles became the first airline to use Saudi airspace to fly from Tel Aviv. There are conflicting reports as to whether Israel's national carrier, El Al, has received overflight permission, but it is expected to happen very soon if not yet. Israeli company Arkia, too, is eyeing flights to places that are popular with Israeli tourists, such as Thailand and Sri Lanka, via Saudi Arabia.

El Al has long complained that Air India had an unfair edge in competition for passengers to and from the subcontinent since its flight time was shorter and, therefore, the prices cheaper.

Experts in the tourism industry say the Saudi move could lead to an explosion of tourism to Israel, especially from Asia.

Consumers are also expecting prices to drop with the increase in competition and significant savings in jet fuel, which accounts for some 35% of a flight's cost.



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Rosh Hashanah / Monday, September 26th - 10 AM
Followed by Holiday Lunch & Tashlich

Erev Yom Kippur - Kol Nidre / Tuesday, October 4th - 6 PM

Yom Kippur Day / October 5th
Study - 4 PM Yizkor & Ne'ila - 5PM
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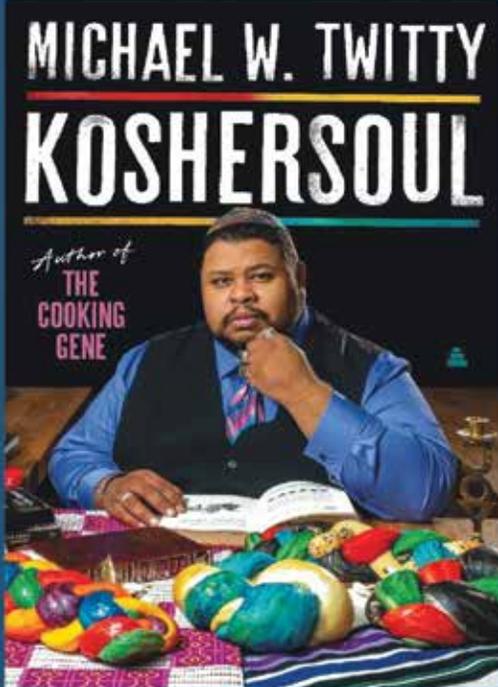


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UAE-Israel Trade Reaches \$1.4 Billion This Year So Far, Surpassing All of 2021

By Algemeiner Staff

Bilateral trade between Israel and the United Arab Emirates reached \$1.407 billion in the first seven months of 2022, surpassing the \$1.221 billion of trade recorded between the two in all of 2021.

The figures, which account for trade of goods excluding software, were shared Thursday by Amir Hayek, Israel's ambassador to Abu Dhabi. Hayek was appointed to his post nearly a year after Israel and the UAE normalized relations with

US support as part of the Abraham Accords in September 2020.

The agreement has since ushered in a flurry of economic cooperation, with Israel and the UAE inking a free trade pact in May, following months of negotiations. It was Israel's first such trade deal with an Arab country, and is expected to increase annual trade between the two economies to more than \$10 billion by 2027.

At the time, the UAE-Israel

Business Council predicted that nearly 1,000 Israeli companies would operate in or through the UAE by the end of 2022.

Trade has also skyrocketed between Israel and other Middle Eastern states, according to a report from the Abraham Accords Peace Institute. The institute noted in June that trade with Jordan increased by 54 percent from last year amounting to \$55 million, followed by Egypt with a 41-percent increase and \$23.6

million. Morocco reached \$3.1 million in trade deals with the Jewish state in May, marking a 94-percent increase from 2021. Meanwhile, Israel's trade with Bahrain went from none to \$1.2 million within a year.

The US-brokered Abraham Accords are a joint agreement between Israel, Bahrain, and the UAE to normalize relations signed in September 2020, with Sudan and Morocco later included.

Foreign Medical Students No Longer Allowed to Study in Israel

The government's decision was made in order to grow more local talent, as many are pushed out and go abroad to study, sometimes never to return.

By Batya Jerenberg, World Israel News

This coming academic year will mark the last class of new foreign medical school students who will graduate from Israeli universities, as the Ministry of Health has decided that its priority is to groom local talent from 2023 onwards.

"There was no choice," Ben Gurion University (BGU) President Prof. Daniel Chamovitz told The Jerusalem Post. "We need more Israelis to study medicine here."

The number of physicians trained has not kept up with the country's population growth, with Israel ranking near the bottom of doctors per capita among OECD countries, especially in the periphery, the Post noted.

The move is not totally unexpected, given that the Council for Higher Education had recommended it already in 2018. A significant number of Israeli students who study abroad do not return.

The decision will open 130 more spaces annually in BGU, Tel Aviv University (TAU) and the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, which have run English-language schools for decades, mainly filled with American and Canadian students.

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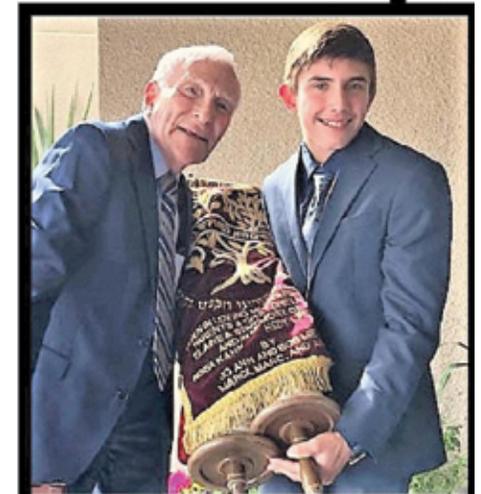
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Shabbat Schedule - September 2022

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





Community Calendar of Programs - September 2022

Mondays:

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

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

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

7:00 pm Chabad of Rancho Mirage. Weekly "Tanya" class for men and women. In person and Zoom option.

Thursdays:

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

Wednesday, September 7

3:30 pm Har-El Galen Book Course: **A Backpack, A Bear and Eight Crates of Vodka** by Lev Golinkin. The powerful and moving story of a Ukrainian Jewish family's escape from persecution in Soviet Russia and their new life in America. Presenter: Leslie Pepper, Director of Woman's Philanthropy and Community Engagement. For ZOOM invitation email harelurjpd@gmail.com.

Sunday, September 11

3:00 pm Beth Shalom **Hanukkat Habayit** / dedication of Beth Shalom's new location at 42600 Cook Street, 2nd floor, Palm Desert. See ad page 2. Reservation requested.

Wednesday, September 14

3:30 pm Har-El Galen Summer Course – Online, taught by Rabbi Richard Zions, Ph.D. **Knowing Our American Jewish History - Part 4** (each session stands alone): New Mexico, Arizona and California" No charge. For ZOOM invitation and link email harelurjpd@gmail.com. For study outlines of Part I, II, and III, please email harelurjpd@gmail.com.

Thursday, September 15

9:30 am Jewish Book Council presents **Adeena Sussman in Conversation with Michael Twitty**, chef and cookbook author of "JewishSoul", on Zoom. Program offered by the Jewish Federation of the Desert. For more information and to register go to JewishBookCouncil.org. See ad page 8.

Sunday, September 18

Chabad of La Quinta **JUDA Kids Club**; Judaism Through the Arts. Youth enrichment. For more info, contact Chaya Katz at info@ChabadLQ.com or call 760-709-2431.

Sunday, September 18

Chabad of Rancho Mirage special **CKids** kickoff event "The Rosh Hashana Road Trip." Contact Chaya Posner at 760-272-1923 or Chaya@chabadrm.com.

Sunday, September 18

2:00 pm MegaChallah Bake. Ladies, learn to make holiday challahs for your Rosh Hashanah dinner. See ad page 27.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, September 18, 19, 20

On PBS at 8 pm, in conjunction with Har-El Galen Course "Har-El Goes to the Movies." Home Assignment is to view the documentary in September and attend the discussion on October 12th at 3:30 pm in person at the Jewish Federation's Community Room or on ZOOM. Response and discussion by leading Holocaust Scholar. Sponsored in part by the Jewish Federation.

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Anti-Israel Exec Departs Ratings Giant Amid Scrutiny

Heather Lang steps down amid allegations that Morningstar subsidiary blacklists companies that do business in Israel.

By Alana Goodman, Washington Free Beacon

A senior executive at the ratings giant Sustainalytics—who spent years working at an anti-Israel advocacy group—announced that she was stepping down amid scrutiny of the company's reliance on sources that critics say lead to bias and discrimination against Israeli companies.

Heather Lang, a onetime official at the anti-Israel activist organization B'Tselem, announced her departure as a senior vice president at Sustainalytics, a subsidiary of the corporate-ratings giant Morningstar, after 18 years at the company.

"Tomorrow is my last day at Sustainalytics after an incredible 18-year journey!" wrote Lang in a social media post the beginning of August. "It's been an absolute privilege to work with such wonderful colleagues and friends."

The news comes as Sustainalytics—one of the major ratings agencies that score companies based on their environmental, social, and governance practices—has faced allegations that its scoring system is biased against Israel and that it downgrades companies that help the Jewish state's national security operations.

Prior to joining Sustainalytics, Lang worked at B'Tselem, a self-described human rights group that asserts that "Israel's regime of apartheid and occupation is inextricably bound up in human rights violations," according to its website.

NGO Monitor, a watchdog group that monitors Middle East organizations, describes B'Tselem as "part of a network of NGOs that promote artificial and manufactured definitions of apartheid to extend the ongoing campaigns

that seek to delegitimize and demonize Israel."

Morningstar enlisted law firm White & Case to conduct an internal investigation into potential anti-Israel bias at Sustainalytics. This came after the Illinois Investment Policy Board, a state commission, launched a probe into whether the company was in violation of Illinois laws against anti-Israel boycotts.

Lang's presence at Sustainalytics raises questions about the neutrality of its executives, a week after the Missouri attorney general launched an investigation into allegations of anti-Israel bias at the ratings giant.

Lang did not indicate that her departure is related to the investigation or allegations of bias. But Israel advocates said the company should be cautious about anti-Israel activism among its leadership.

"If Morningstar is serious about rooting out anti-Israel bias in their ranks, it would behoove them to ensure no more of their officers have a history of demonizing the Jewish state," a former Israeli government official told the Washington Free Beacon.

Relying on anti-Israel Groups

Sustainalytics referred a request for comment to Morningstar. Morningstar declined to comment on Lang's

departure, telling the Free Beacon that the company "does not support the anti-Israel BDS movement. Matters related to an individual's employment are confidential."

According to an online biography of Lang, posted by a conference at which she spoke, she previously worked as a "corporate social responsibility consultant and spent several years living in Israel, working for leading human rights watchdog organization B'Tselem."

While at B'Tselem, Lang was the

editor of the group's 1999 Human Rights Report, which accused Israel of various humanitarian abuses, including blocking water from Palestinians and discriminatory deportations.

Lang's prior work for B'Tselem was not mentioned in the White & Case probe.

According to the White & Case investigation, Sustainalytics has relied on research from Who Profits, a group that supports boycott campaigns against Israel.



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Israeli Startup Green Kinoko Patented a Nitrogen AC Unit That Requires No Electricity

By Pesach Benson, United with Israel

You might think the Kensho air conditioning system only exists in science fiction. After all, it needs no electricity or

any other power supply. There are no greenhouse emissions or even wires.

But in fact, this revolutionary air conditioning unit has already been developed and patented by Green Kinoko, an Israeli startup based in Kibbutz Shefayim, near Herzliya. Moreover, according to the NoCamels website, they will be tested in six Tel Aviv restaurants this summer and are expected to hit the general market in the summer of 2023.

Kensho's secret? Liquid nitrogen.

"We create the energy from the pressure that is created between liquid nitrogen and gas nitrogen," CEO Tal Leizer told NoCamels.

"We use liquid nitrogen at minus 196 degrees. When it turns into a gas it creates a very strong pressure and we use that pressure to activate a mechanical engine."

Leizer explained that her team had been working with cryogenic liquids — liquids at extremely low temperatures — in an unrelated project when they realized nitrogen's potential value for air conditioning.

"We are now calculating the carbon footprint. We are using liquid nitrogen, which is a byproduct of the oxygen manufactured for hospitals. And our device emits nitrogen, an inert gas that we are breathing," Leizer explained.

"Compare that to other air conditioners with gas that is toxic and polluting. We don't have any polluting gases. And we don't consume electricity. An electric air conditioner adds heat to the atmosphere. We have an alternative that doesn't add heat to the atmosphere."

Conventional air conditioning units require large amounts of electricity and release significant levels of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs), which damage the Earth's ozone layer. Moreover, unclean air conditioning ducts collect dust and bacteria which are spread in the air.

Because the Kensho doesn't use water, there's no humidity or noise. A disinfection capsule clears the air of chemicals and bacteria. The unit is portable and can be used for indoor or outdoor use. So restaurants using the Kensho unit will be able to comfortably serve diners outdoors despite the heat.

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Tuesday, October 4	Kol Nidre 6:00 PM
Wednesday, October 5	Morning 9:15 AM
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'Unforgivable' – German Politicians Slam Chancellor for Silence During Abbas' 'Holocaust' Remarks

German politicians attack Scholz for not pushing back against Abbas' "outrageous" remarks.

By World Israel News Staff

In a shocking statement, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas charged that Israel has perpetrated "50 Holocausts" during a speech in Berlin on August 16, sparking condemnation from a number of German politicians.

"I am disgusted by the outrageous remarks made by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas," tweeted German Chancellor Olaf Scholz.

"For us Germans in particular, any relativization of the singularity of the Holocaust is intolerable and unacceptable. I condemn any attempt to deny the crimes of the Holocaust."

However, much of the pushback in the country was directed at the German premier. The following

morning, Scholz came under fire for continuing to stand by Abbas' side after he made the remark.

Footage from the event shows Scholz grimacing when the word "Holocaust" was used by Abbas, but not confronting him about the statement.

Friedrich Merz, Scholz's political rival and the head of the opposition Christian Democrat party (CDU), said that the premier failed by not speaking up.

Scholz "should have contradicted the Palestinian President in no uncertain terms and asked him to leave the [Bundestag]," Merz said.

"Every citizen is rightly expected not to remain silent about antisemitism, but to show civil courage," noted



Germany's Chancellor Olaf Scholz

CDU MP Matthias Hauer on Twitter.

"And the head of government can't even open his mouth in his chancellery or in front of the world public. Unforgivable!"

Christoph Heubner, a German writer and executive vice-president of the International Auschwitz Committee, had blistering criticism for both Abbas and Scholz.

Abbas "purposefully used Berlin's political stage to defame the German

culture of remembrance and the relationship with the State of Israel," Heubner said in a statement.

"With his shameful and inappropriate comparison to the Holocaust, Abbas has once again attempted to cater to anti-Israeli and antisemitic aggression in Germany and Europe."

But Heubner said that the German government, including Scholz, had demonstrated incompetence when they were caught off guard by Abbas' remarks.

"It is astonishing and disconcerting that the German side was not prepared for Abbas' provocations and that his statements on the Holocaust went unchallenged at the press conference," he said.

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On the first morning of school, DOS staff will host a breakfast for our families and celebrate Sukkot. Rabbi Dr. Jules King will join us and demonstrate the shaking of the Lulav and Etrog, recite the blessings and share stories about this joyous festival.

The goal of our Beit Sefer is to provide the Coachella Valley with a vibrant environment where students will learn about Jewish rituals, holidays, observances and liturgy through a creative curriculum led by experienced teachers. We'll incorporate appropriate art, music, dance and fun activities to allow our students to build Jewish friendships. We are a full-service educational program providing classes for K-10th grade.

B'nai Mitzvah preparation and confirmation will be taught by the Director of the school, Arava Talve. Arava, formerly the principal of the Avi Levine Religious School at Temple Sinai in Palm Desert, has been a Jewish educator for over 25 years and has led more than 500 youth and adult students on their journey to become Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Arava will also teach confirmation and, as the director of our school, is very excited about sharing the beauty of our Jewish tradition with our youth.

In addition, in order to give our students leadership opportunities, Arava will be facilitating a Learner's Minyan on Shabbat mornings at 9:00 AM twice a month. As the students learn the liturgy of our tradition, they'll participate with both Keva (chanting the prayers) and Kavannah (what the prayers mean to them). Our school will also have a library program to facilitate intergenerational learning and a music program focusing on Jewish folk songs and some new and creative tunes currently used in reform shuls around the country.

On August 28th at 6PM we will have an informational session on Zoom so parents can meet Arava and Rabbi Jules and learn more about our school.

Please visit the Desert Outreach Synagogue website, <https://www.desert-outreach-synagogue.com> for registration forms and a link to the Zoom call. If you have any questions about the Beit Sefer program, contact Arava at arava@desert-outreach-synagogue.com

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Study: PTSD Sufferers Share Bacterial Footprint in Saliva

Breakthrough research may help speedy diagnosis and treatment of people suffering from post-trauma.

By Nicky Blackburn, Israel 21c

In a remarkable breakthrough, scientists from Israel have discovered that they can use saliva samples to quickly and accurately diagnose people suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

In a study published in Nature's Molecular Psychiatry magazine, researchers from Tel Aviv and Haifa Universities took saliva samples and investigated the psychological, social and medical conditions of about 200 Israeli veteran soldiers.

They discovered that soldiers who had experienced combat stress related reactions from Israel's first war with Lebanon in 1982, and were still suffering post-trauma, showed a typical microbial picture in their saliva.

The study was led by Prof. Illana Gozes and included Prof. Noam Shomron, Dr. Shlomo Sragovich and Ph.D. student Guy Shapira, (all from TAU's Sackler Faculty of Medicine and Sagol School of Neuroscience) as well as Prof. Zahava Solomon from TAU's Gershon Gordon Faculty of Social Sciences, and Prof. Abraham Sagi-Schwartz and PhD student Ella Levert-Levitt from the Center for the Study of Child Development and the School of Psychological Sciences at the University of Haifa.

The researchers say the results may help doctors in the future to reach an accurate and objective diagnosis of people suffering from post-trauma and even lay the groundwork for microbiotic-related medications to alleviate the condition.

"To the best of our knowledge, this is the first depiction of a microbial signature in the saliva among veteran soldiers with PTSD," said Gozes.

"We were surprised to discover that about a third of the PTSD subjects had never been diagnosed with post-trauma, so they never received any recognition from the Ministry of Defense and the official authorities," she

added.

The participants in the study came from a larger cohort of subjects involved in a comprehensive four-decade-long study of veterans by Solomon.

The researchers tested them for a range of psychological aspects, including sleep, appetite disorders, guilt, suicidal thoughts, social and spousal support, hostility, satisfaction with life, as well as issues of demographics, psychopathology, welfare, health and education.

Comparing the results of the subjects' microbial distribution to the psychological results and their responses to the welfare questionnaires, the researchers discovered that people with PTSD and high psychopathological indications exhibit the same picture of bacteria in the saliva (a unique oral microbiotic signature).

"It must be stressed that until now,

post-trauma diagnosis has been based solely on psychological and psychiatric measures," said Gozes. "Thanks to this study, it may be possible, in the future, to use objective molecular and biological characteristics to distinguish PTSD sufferers, taking into account environmental influences.

"We hope that this new discovery and the microbial signatures described in this study might promote easier diagnosis of post-traumatic veteran soldiers so they can receive appropriate treatment."

This study was also supported by the Israel Defense Force's Medical Corps Department of Health and Well-Being and Dr. Ariel Ben Yehuda, a department manager in the Mental Health Medical Center in Shalvata, Clallit Health Services. The study also involved collaboration with the Charité University Medicine in Berlin and its microbiology experts Dr. Markus M.

Heimesaat and Prof. Stefan Bereswill, as well as with professors Victor Li and Jacqueline Lam from the University of Hong Kong, who are studying the effects of air pollution.

Jews in America are the target of 58% of all religiously motivated hate crimes in the U.S. despite constituting a mere 2% of the population.



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Canada Finds Jews Were Most-Targeted Religious Minority for Hate Crimes in 2021

Though just 1% of the population, Jewish people were victims of 14% of reported racial incidents, a jump of 47% over the year before and reflecting global trend

By David Lazarus, The Times of Israel

Statistics Canada said that the Jewish community, comprising about 1% of the population, were victims of 14% of reported hate crimes. Jews saw a 47% rise in reported hate crimes compared to 2020, according to the bureau.

"We are deeply concerned that incidents of hate crimes rose yet again in Canada in 2021," said Shimon Koffler Fogel, head of the Center for Israel and Jewish Affairs. "This disturbing trend clearly proves the need for

more proactive measures to stop the rising hate targeting diverse Canadians based on their identity."

Only Black Canadians, who make up about 3.5% of the country's population, reported more hate crimes. Overall, 1.3 Canadian Jews in every 1,000 reported being victims of hate crime in 2021.

"Statistically, Canadian Jews were more than 10 times more likely than any other Canadian religious minority

to report being the target of hate crime," Fogel said. "This is alarming."

Canada's official tally showed the same trend as tallies of antisemitic incidents in other countries last year.

The Netherlands, France and the United Kingdom all reported increased incidents of antisemitism, while the Anti-Defamation League, a nonprofit in the United States, said it recorded more antisemitic incidents last year than at any time since it began

tracking incidents in 1979.

Statistics Canada cautioned in its crime report that "fluctuations in the number of reported incidents may be attributable to a true change in the volume of hate crimes, but they might also reflect changes in reporting by the public because of increased community outreach by police or heightened sensitivity after high-profile events."

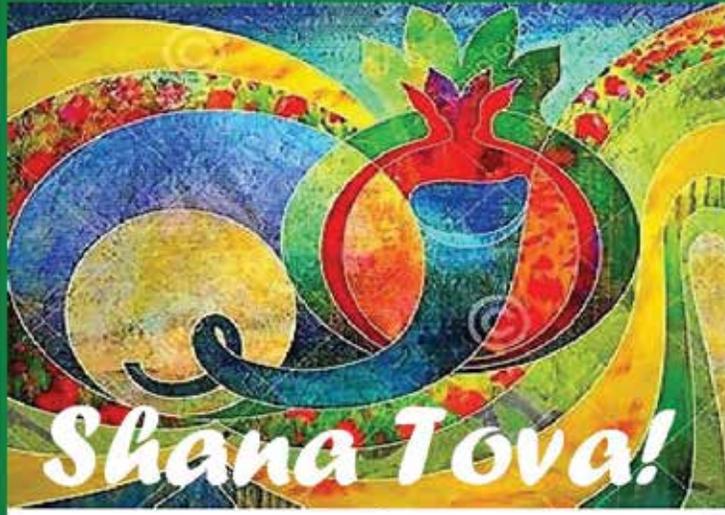
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As we move into a new year on the Jewish calendar, I am excited to be part of this community. I look forward to this coming year as a year of building and growing the work of the Jewish Federation to provide more engagement and programming for the community. I will also be working on telling the great story of Jewish life in the Valley helping to enhance the strong reputation the Jewish community has here. Wishing you a Sweet, Healthy and Happy Year, Shanah Tovah.

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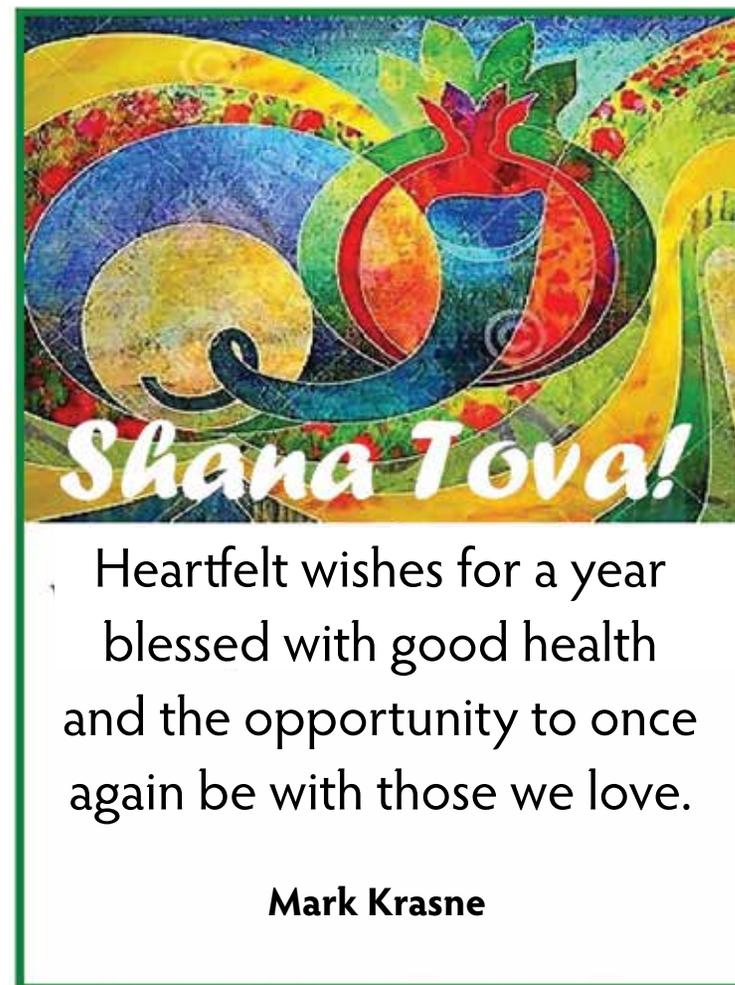
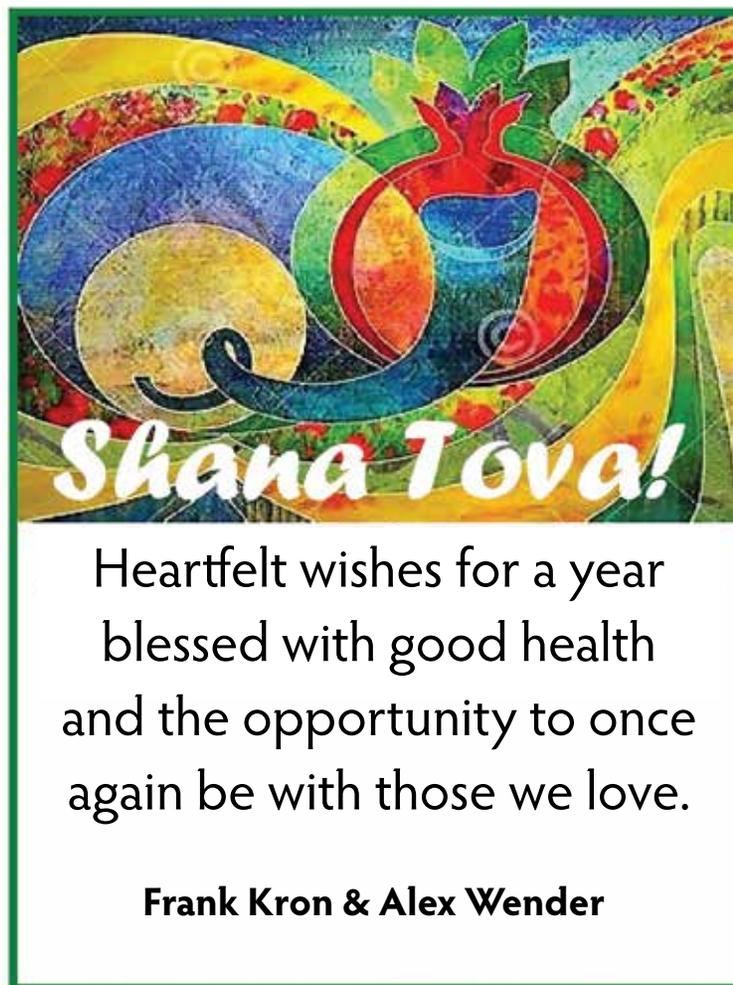
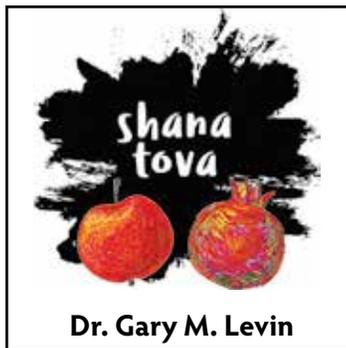
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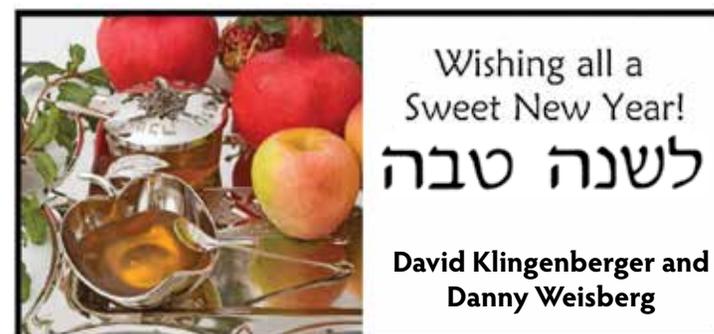
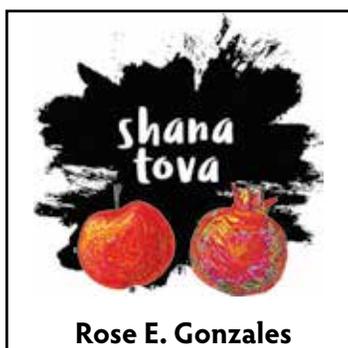
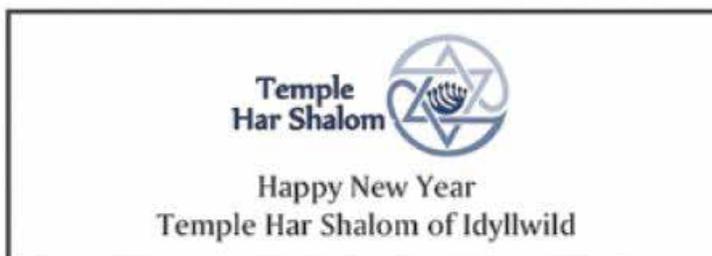
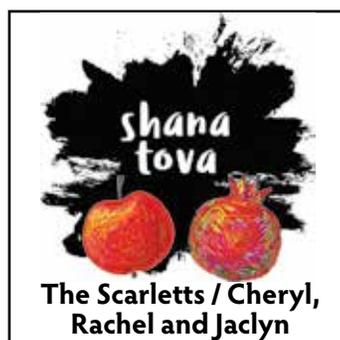
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Over 80% of Russian and Ukrainian Olim Who Arrived After Feb 24 Intend to Stay in Israel: Poll

By i24 News

A poll conducted by Israel's Aliyah and Integration Ministry revealed that more than 80 percent of Russian and Ukrainian Jews who arrived in Israel after February 24 intend to stay in the country.

The survey was conducted by Professor Zeev Hanin. Presenting his findings at the Euro-Asian Jewish Congress, he said that over 80 percent of respondents among new immigrants from Russia and Ukraine want to stay in

Israel.

Figures were slightly higher for Olim from Russia, with 83 percent of them responding positively to the question. Meanwhile, over 78 percent of Ukrainians — who made aliyah after Russia's invasion of their country — said they intend to remain in the Jewish state.

Nearly 70 percent of the respondents said they were satisfied with their first steps in Israel, with 74 percent saying

they were "very content" with the government's financial support.

The same number of those surveyed said they were satisfied with their living conditions and their children's education opportunities.

According to the Integration Ministry, since the beginning of the year over 28,000 Jews from Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus moved to Israel as of early June. This figure is more than twice as high as for the same period last year.

A senior ministry source said that Israel's Finance Minister Avigdor Lieberman is looking for ways to enable Russian immigrants to access their bank accounts in Russia and transfer money to Israel.

There are currently 57,000 retired immigrants who cannot transfer their Russian pensions in Israel due to unprecedented economic sanctions imposed against Moscow over its invasion of Ukraine.

IDF Reveals How Its Drones Helped Defeat Islamic Jihad

Remotely manned aircraft have become an influential factor in the IDF's operational activities.

By Gil Tanenbaum, TPS

The IDF Spokesman's office August 17 revealed to what extent drones – unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) – played a part in the success of Israel's recent Operation "Breaking Dawn" and it was huge. The 55-hour-long operation conducted to cripple the infrastructure of the Islamic Jihad terrorist group in Gaza ended 10 days ago.

The IDF said that during the operation its drones flew more than 2,000 flight hours, made over 100 sorties, and performed dozens of attacks.

UAVs formed a significant part of the IDF's operational activities during Operation "Breaking Dawn." The IDF said that drones acted in the operation in a "precise and deadly manner" and exacted a "heavy price" from Islamic Jihad in damaging the organization's capabilities.

Remotely manned aircraft have become an influential factor in the IDF's operational activity in recent years. At any given time, the UAVs are in the air performing intelligence gathering, observation, attack and closing fire circles missions, said the IDF.

The IDF first revealed that it used armed drones this past July, acknowledging that such UAVs have been integral in recently



An IAI Eitan drone at the Tel Nof airbase, during Operation Breaking Dawn in August 2022

thwarting terrorist operatives and wanted persons of the terrorist organizations in the Gaza Strip. And Israeli defense contractors are some of the world's top producers of military drone technologies.

Elbit Systems, for example, is one Israeli firm that develops unmanned aerial systems (UAS). The company boasts that its UAS are the backbone of the IDF force. Elbit Systems offers a comprehensive range of UAS – from the man-portable

Skylark LEX mini UAS, through the versatile tactical UAS and up to the next-generation Hermes 900 medium altitude long endurance (MALE) UAS.

The main center for the operations of the IDF's drone formations is located at the Palmachim Air Force Base. The base also hosts the Israel Air Force's drone squadrons and the Zik unit (5252), a remotely manned aircraft unit of the IDF artillery corps.

The IAF's Tel Nof base hosts another UAV squadron that operates the "Eitan" drone. In the past month, a new drone squadron was also opened at the Air Force base in Hazor, which operates the "Nitsoz" (Spark) drone. This UAV, said the IDF, is part of the expansion and strengthening of its drone array in the IDF, and the response in gathering intelligence and fire capabilities for the maneuvering forces.

The array works in multi-armed cooperation with the intelligence units and is operated by the fire centers at the brigade, division and command levels.

During an activity, the UAV operators hold the picture of the situation for a period of time in which they make sure to carry out military strikes with "quality and precision" to prevent harm to those not involved.

The operational activity of the drone squadrons constitutes about 80% of all operational flight hours in the Air Force.

In July, Israel's military censor lifted a ban preventing Israeli journalists from reporting on the IDF's use of drones. Their use was widely known from international media reports.

Mossad Appoints First-Ever Woman as Director of Intelligence Authority

Jewish News Syndicate

For the first time in history, women are occupying some of the most senior roles in Israel's Mossad, the intelligence agency announced on August 18.

"A," who has served in the Mossad for 20 years, recently assumed the post of director of the Intelligence Authority, the first-ever woman to hold the position, according to the statement released by the agency.

As director, she is responsible for formulating Israel's strategic intelligence picture on a variety of issues, including Iran's nuclear program, global terrorism and normalization with the Arab world.

"A" is also responsible for gathering intelligence for all Mossad operations

and managing hundreds of employees that collect and analyze information.

Meanwhile, the Mossad revealed that another woman, "K," is currently serving as the head of the agency's Iran Desk, which the statement said is the "chief concern of the organization" at present.

"K" is responsible for developing the Mossad's strategy for dealing with all aspects of the Iranian nuclear threat and leads the process of integrating operations, technology and intelligence in the organization together with the IDF and all security services.

"As soon as one enters the gates of the organization, there is complete equality between men and women.

Many women serve in all roles in operations, as agents and operators of agents, and are integrated into the core of operations and intelligence, with talent, professionalism and energy," said Mossad Director David Barnea.

"The door to advancement to the most senior ranks is open to men and women alike, according to their suitability and their talents," he added.

"A" and "K" now join both "H" and "Y," who were recently appointed deputy head of the Intelligence Authority and deputy head of Human Resources, respectively, as women who serve in the Mossad's senior command, known as the Forum of Branch Heads.

The most senior Mossad position filled by a woman was that of deputy director, filled by Aliza Magen approximately 30 years ago.



Century-old Synagogue Mural Uncovered in Vermont Restored and Revealed to Public

Known as 'the lost mural,' the colorful piece was painted by a Lithuanian immigrant in a style common to synagogues across pre-Holocaust Europe

By Lisa Rathke, *The Times of Israel*

A mural that was painted in a Vermont synagogue more than 100 years ago by a Lithuanian immigrant — and hidden behind a wall for years— has been termed a rare piece of art and has been painstakingly moved and restored.

The large colorful triptych painted by sign painter Ben Zion Black in 1910 shows the Ten Commandments with a lion on both sides, the sun beaming down, and columns and rich curtains at the borders. Now known as the "Lost Mural," it's a rare representation of a kind of art that graced wooden synagogues in Europe that were largely destroyed during the Holocaust, experts say.

"When I learned about the mural and what it is and the story behind the artist, I was completely amazed, and there is nothing like this elsewhere in this country," said Josh Perelman, chief curator and director of exhibitions and interpretation at the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia.

It's a representation of a style that was present throughout Europe but Perelman said he has never heard of anyone bringing that style to the



The Lost Mural hangs in the entryway of Ohavi Zedek Synagogue, in Burlington, Vermont United States.

"It makes it both a treasure and also a significant work, both in American Jewish religious life and the world of art in this country," he said.

Black, who was also a musician, playwright and poet, as well as a sign maker, decorated the inside of what was then the Chai Adam Synagogue in 1910 in a Jewish neighborhood in Burlington known as Little Jerusalem. He painted

the triptych — the Lost Mural — in the apse of the building, as well as other murals in the synagogue's interior.

But the synagogue closed in 1939 when it merged with another one, Ohavi Zedek, and the original building went on to have other uses, including a carpet store.

When the building was being turned into apartments in 1986, Ohavi Zedek archivist Aaron Goldberg and a fellow

synagogue member got the owner to install a wall in front of the mural. Black's two daughters donated money to have archival photographs taken of the art, but it was unclear at the time whether the mural could be saved, Goldberg said.

More than 20 years later, the wall board was cut away, and photographs were taken and sent to museums around the country and world asking what should be done with the artwork, Goldberg said.

"The universal consensus then was that we needed to do everything we could and take all the possible measures to take out the original mural because of its uniqueness, because it really is a symbol for perhaps thousands of murals and this type of painting that were lost in Eastern Europe and Western Europe," Goldberg said.

The plaster was in poor condition and paint was flaking off in many sections. The plaster was stabilized and a conservator worked to reattach the paint. Then a temporary structure was built so that the building's roof could be removed, the mural's lathes reinforced, and the artwork could be encased in a metal frame for the move in 2015 by crane and then truck to the current Ohavi Zedek Synagogue.

In its new home, conservators restored damaged sections of paint and cleaned the entire mural, revealing its original vibrant color and detail. Paint was also matched and added where it had fallen off. That work took place this and last year, during the coronavirus pandemic, when the building was largely unused.

About \$1 million was raised for the project through donations from local, state, national and international donors. The Lost Mural Project, an independent secular nonprofit, is still seeking donations to replicate the green corridors on the original painting that did not survive, said Goldberg, its president.

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Not Too Late Show With Elmo

Sesame Street stars Elmo and Moishe Oofnik hosting the Israeli version of the "Not Too Late Show With Elmo", August 11, 2022

(JTA)

Linoy Ashram, the 2020 Olympic all-around champion in rhythmic gymnastics, was clinging to her gold medal on a recent afternoon in her native Israel. "No," she told a puppet who was trying to convince her to give up her gold for a piece of fruit. "I wouldn't exchange this for anything. Not even for your tangerine, not for a lot of money."

Ashram was on a soundstage taping an episode of "Tochnit Eiruach im Elmo," a forthcoming Israeli version of the HBO talk show spinoff of "Sesame Street" hosted by Elmo, the lovable red puppet who has been a fixture of children's programming for more than 40 years.

Israel is the first country to produce a local version of "The Not-Too-Late Show with Elmo," which has put Elmo in conversation with American celebrities from Jimmy Fallon to Batman.

"It is fun for us to do something that is both entertaining and educational, and it is an amazing opportunity, and the excellent response we've had from the celebrities we approached has been great," said Asaf Becker, the show's content director.

Elmo, whose characteristic high-pitched voice comes across clearly in the Hebrew-language version, too, was overwhelmed by the Israeli celebrities lining up for his talk show.

"Elmo is very excited that you're here," he told Ashram, who responded: "I'm excited too."

Israeli children — and certainly their parents — will recognize Moishe Oofnik, Oscar the Grouch's Israeli cousin from the long-running Israeli "Sesame Street" adaptation "Rehov Sumsum," who is a recurring character as Elmo's sidekick.

In fact, it was Oofnik who was trying



Elmo and Moishe Oofnik host Israeli version of show August 11, 2022

to finagle Ashram's shiny medal. But she rebuffed him, explaining that she'd worked hard for it — something that she urged the audience at home to do when they have important goals. "Work hard every day," she said. "Practice a lot."

True to the late-night genre, Elmo and Oofnik came prepared for the interview with anecdotes from the lives of their guests. But it didn't always work as expected.

"Can you knit with your eyes shut?" Oofnik asked Ashram. The former gymnast seemed perplexed. "I don't know how to knit, with my eyes open or shut." Elmo, confusing balls of yarn for the large air-filled accoutrements of ground gymnastics, tried to explain: "But that's what it said in our research." The conversation didn't go very well.

Israel's "Sesame Street" history is notable. "Rehov Sumsum," launched in 1983 as a co-production between Israeli Educational Television and the Children's Television Workshop in the United States, brought the well known characters and theory about high-quality educational programming to Israel. A successor English-language version, "Shalom Sesame," became



Olympic gold medalist Linoy Ashram posing with Elmo and Moishe Oofnik,

required viewing for American Jewish children being taught about Israel. And a third version in the late 1990s, also financed largely by American philanthropists, was pioneering

for the way it promoted Israeli-Palestinian coexistence on TV.

The Elmo show, a 14-episode series set to premiere in October, will offer another generation of Israeli children the chance to learn from puppets and their friends.

Avi Becker, a child psychologist and a consultant to the show, said the role of children's programs can be "to explain, to support and to reassure" young viewers about complicated topics. (Avi Becker is Asaf Becker's father.)

Danny Labin, Sesame Workshop's vice president for international projects and social impact, traveled to Israel from the United States for the filming. (His Israeli niece and nephews, one wearing a favorite Cookie Monster T-shirt, joined in the studio audience.)

Elmo's show, Labin said, "is about asking questions and meeting new people and getting to know them in a deeper way" and aims to nurture the natural curiosity of children and stimulate conversations within families. And while the show remains strictly apolitical, he said it does aim to promote "respect and understanding within Israeli society and regionally."

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New Israeli Tech Can Detect Heart Condition with Simple Breath Test

By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich, *The Jerusalem Post*

A simple and quick breath test using the “electronic nose” (eNose) technology developed at Haifa’s Technion-Israel Institute of Technology has proved effective in verifying the diagnosis of atherosclerosis in patients at Petah Tikva’s Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus.

The artificial nose makes use of a row of sensitive, submicroscopic (nanoparticle) gold sensors that can detect tiny molecular changes in the patient’s blood. The arrays are trained to identify disease

biomarkers and screen high-risk groups for specific diseases, as well as monitor treatments in people affected by that disease. It has already been successful in detecting a variety of diseases, including some types of cancer.

The study used the eNose technology, which was developed at the Technion by Prof. Hossam Haick of the Wolfson Faculty of Chemical Engineering. Its effectiveness was verified in the diagnosis of obstructive arteriosclerosis, cancer and other diseases.

DESERT HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL



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



Have A Nosh With Miriam

Apple Cakes for Rosh Hashanah Here are three apple cakes, any one of which would be a delicious ending to your Rosh Hashanah dinner. The first is unique in that it uses apples in two different applications in the recipe. Shana tova! Wishing you a sweet year. MHB



Double Apple Cake with Cinnamon & Pecans

2½ pounds tart apples, divided	2 large eggs
4 teaspoons ground cinnamon, divided	2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup + 7 tablespoons sugar, divided	1½ baking powder
1 cup pareve margarine, divided	1 cup pecans, coarsely chopped

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Peel, core and dice 1½ pounds of the apples. Combine a half cup sugar and two teaspoons cinnamon in a large bowl and stir the diced apples into the mixture. Set aside two tablespoons of the margarine. Beat the remaining margarine in a bowl until smooth, then add a half cup of sugar, beating together until fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Sift the flour and baking powder together and stir into the egg mixture. Stir in the diced apple mixture and pecans. Spread in a greased 9" X 13" baking dish. Smooth the top.

Peel, halve and core the remaining 1 pound of apples and cut into thin slices. Lay the slices in overlapping rows to cover the batter completely. Melt the reserved two tablespoons of margarine and brush the apple slices. Combine the remaining 7 tablespoons sugar and 2 teaspoons cinnamon and sprinkle evenly over top. Bake for 1 hour until the apples are very tender. Cool in pan on a rack. To serve, cut into squares. Makes 16 to 20 servings.

Russian Apple Sharlotka

4 Granny Smith apples—peeled, cored, quartered and thinly sliced	¼ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice	Pinch of kosher salt
1 cup sugar	3 large eggs
¾ cup plus 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour	½ teaspoon pure almond extract
¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon	Confectioners' sugar, for dusting

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease the bottom and side of an 8-inch springform pan.

In a large bowl, toss the apples with the lemon juice and 2 tablespoons of the sugar and let stand for 15 minutes. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, whisk the flour with the cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. In a medium bowl, using an electric mixer, beat the eggs with the almond extract and the remaining ¾ cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar at medium-high speed until thick and pale yellow and a ribbon forms when the beaters are lifted, 8 to 10 minutes. Gently fold in the dry ingredients just until incorporated.

Spread the apples in the prepared pan in an even layer, then pour the batter evenly over them. Let stand for 5 minutes to allow the batter to sink in a little.

Bake the sharlotka for about 1 hour, until it is golden and crisp on top and a cake tester inserted in the center comes out clean. Transfer to a rack and let rest for 15 minutes. Unmold and transfer to a serving platter. Dust with confectioners' sugar and serve warm. (The sharlotka can be made up to 4 hours ahead.)

Apple Pudding Cake

1 cup sugar	½ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ cup Crisco	½ teaspoon nutmeg
1 egg, beaten	¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup flour	2-3 apples, grated
½ teaspoon baking powder	½ cup nuts, chopped (optional)
1 teaspoon baking soda	

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



Simchas

Mazel tov to **Jack and Mitzie Olshansky** on the birth of their great grandson **Liam Reese Krapf**, son of Jack's granddaughter **Lauren Krapf**, born May 6, 2022 in Beverly Hills ... Mazel tov to **Faigy and Sholom Denebeim** on the birth of their daughter **Risya** on July 31st. Delighted grandparents are **Rabbi**



Liam Reese Krapf

Yonason and Sussie Denebeim of Chabad of Palm Springs and Sun City ... Congratulations to **Cheryl Scarlett** on the upcoming October 1st marriage of her daughter **Rachel** to **Evan Sloate** ...



Rachel Scarlett and Evan Sloate

Congratulations to **Nadine Brinhendler** on becoming president of Sun City Jewish Services. Share your simchas with us. Email **Miriam Bent** at mhbentjcn@earthlink.net or call her at 760-323-0255.



Candle Lighting Times

Friday, September 2	Shabbat Softim	6:27 pm
Friday, September 9	Shabbat Ki Teizir	6:17 pm
Friday, September 16	Shabbat Ki Tavo	6:08 pm
Friday, September 23	Shabbat Nitzavim	5:58 pm
Sunday, September 25	Erev Rosh Hashanah	5:55 pm
Monday, September 26	2 nd day Rosh Hashanah	After 7:14 pm
Friday, September 30	Shabbat Vayelech	5:48 PM



We Mourn the Passing of...

Sally Berger, Robert Borns, Ernest Charney, Robert M. Fey, Dianne Lynn Hersh, Don Levy, Richard Rosenfeld, and Mitzi Webber. Our deepest sympathies to their families and friends. May their memories endure as a blessing.



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