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What's in a Name?



Danny Labin

*Chief Executive Officer,
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 of the Desert*

If you've found yourself driving down Highway 111 at the corner of Frank Sinatra in Rancho Mirage at some point in the past couple weeks, you may have wondered to yourself whether that big blue sign on the Federation building has always been there. Someone asked, "How could I have passed it every day for years and only noticed the sign now?" Well, to all those scratching your heads, rest assured the signage is indeed brand new! Yes, the Jewish Federation of the Desert building finally has signage that is visible clearly from multiple directions during the day – and that even lights up at night. This light is a beacon to all those who drive by, letting people know where the Jewish Federation is located here in the Coachella Valley.

The especially astute passerby may have also noticed that our new sign has several components. In addition to the name of our organization appearing largely on the frieze, the building now has a new name,

prominently displayed, on the eastern side of the building's entablature: SHERWYN TURBOW BUILDING. In Judaism, the act of naming – whether a person, place or even a building – has powerful significance. The importance of naming is paramount in the story of Creation in the Book of Genesis and plays out in all sorts of critical ways throughout our tradition, including in the wondrous act of naming every newborn baby. Naming is believed to bring order to an otherwise chaotic world, and the Talmud teaches us that one takes on the particular virtues of a name.

For all these reasons, Jewish Federation of the Desert understands that names matter. And we could not be prouder than to now have a building named for our beloved community member, Sherwyn Turbow. Sherwyn has lived by the values of philanthropy and tzedakah, contributing to causes of significance to the community for many years, including promoting tolerance education in the Desert. Just a few weeks ago, Sherwyn Turbow received the Edie Keller Leadership Award from Alzheimers Coachella Valley for his unwavering commitment in finding a cure for the disease. We could not be more grateful to have this indelible association with Sherwyn Turbow and to have this opportunity to display our partnership publicly.

The new sign is much more than a clear

marker of place; it is a reaffirmation of our purpose. At this especially challenging time for the Jewish community around the world, as antisemitism rises to levels never seen before in the United States, the sign is a concrete statement that we will not recede into the shadows. Our big, bold, bright blue sign is an expression of our community's conviction that we will remain safe and secure not by compromising our identity, but by embracing it. Our hope is that the new signage will inspire everyone in our community, serving as a guiding light not just for traffic on 111, but for each of us as Jews.

As Jews, there is much to be proud of here in the Desert. This year, Jewish Federation of the Desert made grants totaling over one million dollars. These grants went to more than thirty organizations, directly impacting the lives of the most vulnerable in our community and helping to secure a Jewish future here, in Israel, and around the world. The impact we continue to make together is only possible because of our many supporters who, each year, understand that as a community, we are stronger together. May Sherywn Turbow's living legacy of philanthropy continue to inspire us all to take an active part in our shared mission of tikkun olam, making this world a better place.

Mother's Day



Arnie Gillman

*Board President,
 Jewish Federation
 of the Desert*

As Mother's Day approaches, many of us pause to reflect on the women who have shaped our lives — our mothers and grandmothers. These relationships are often our first experience of care, patience, and quiet strength. They teach us not only how to love, but how to give.

In Jewish tradition, generosity is rooted in the concept of tzedakah. While often translated as charity, tzedakah is more than giving money; it is a moral responsibility to act with fairness, compassion, and kindness. For many, the earliest lessons in this value come not from books, but from watching a mother set aside time to help others or a grandmother who gives even when she may have very little.

A mother's generosity is often found in everyday acts — meals prepared, worries carried, sacrifices made without recognition. A grandmother's generosity may appear in stories, traditions, and the steady passing down of identity

and faith. Together, they model a kind of giving that is deeply human and enduring.

As we approach Mother's Day, honoring them can go beyond flowers or gifts. It can mean showing up with genuine presence, listening with intention, and expressing gratitude that is often left unsaid. It can also mean carrying their lessons forward: giving to others, supporting those in need, and living out the values they embodied.

In this way, Mother's Day becomes more than a celebration. Mother's Day is an opportunity to continue our mothers' legacy of giving to us, and to the community.

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Building Rededication Ceremony Honoring Sherwyn Turbow March 27, 2026



Sherwyn Turbow (seated, center) with Jewish Federation Board members (left to right): Carol Fragen, Fran Kaufman, Barry Fisher, Stephanie Ross, Wendy Brooks, Nina Zale, Jewish Federation CEO Danny Labin, Federation President Arnie Gillman, Barry Kaiman, Nadine Brinhendler, Bill Chunowitz, Jackie Cohen, Scot Karp and Margie Kulp.



Sherwyn Turbow with family and friends: (from left) Dylan Turbow, Barry Turbow, Marilyn Miller, Sherwyn Turbow, Susan Galanes, Payton Turbow, Jackie Gottlieb and Michael Leventhal.



Celebratory luncheon honoring Sherwyn Turbow



Rancho Mirage City Council Member Eve Fromberg Edelstein presented Sherwyn Turbow with the city's proclamation in honor of his enduring commitment to philanthropy.



2026 Feast of Jewish Learning Brings Another Stimulating Program to Our Community

Filling the meeting hall at the Jewish Federation on March 29th, our 2026 Feast of Jewish Learning program once again brought fascinating speakers to our Jewish community, addressing Jewish issues through 'live' experiences otherwise not accessible in smaller Jewish centers in our country. The event, a partnership with the Jewish Book Council, featured three authors who each raised issues and concerns that kept attendees fascinated and pleased to have made the decision to



Dr. Pamela S. Nadell attend.



Dr. Steven Windmueller



Dr. Jonathan Branfman

In the years following the

establishment of the State of Israel American Jews lived in a relative golden age of acceptance and success. The Hamas massacre of October 7, 2023, changed that. Instead of the massacred Israelis being seen as the victims, the attacks have unleashed

virulent antisemitism, from U.S. college campuses to worldwide attacks on Jewish individuals, synagogues and institutions. The three speakers addressed the many aspects of antisemitism, reminding us that the problem is longstanding and demands vigilance. In a more uplifting message, Jonathan Branfman's presentation spoke about Jewish performers who have found major success by highlighting rather than hiding their Jewish identities.



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Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day

April 14, 2026



The Jewish Federation's annual Yom HaShoah/Holocaust Remembrance Day was held April 14, 2026, at Temple Sinai, with attendance filling the sanctuary. The program was developed by our community's Yom HaShoah committee, chaired by Dr. Gary Levin and Talia Lizemer-Hawley, with the event coordinated by Leslie Pepper, JFED

Community Engagement Director. JFED's CEO Danny Labin, Board President Arnie Gillman, and Temple Sinai's Rabbi David Novak gave opening remarks. Talia Lizemer-Hawley spoke about the Kindness Essay Contest sponsored by Blue Card in honor of survivors George (z"l) and Goldie Jacoby. Goldie introduced 8th grade poetry

winner Olivia Campbell of Palm Desert Charter Middle School who read her winning essay.

Following the lighting of six symbolic candles, Shoah committee member Rabbi J.B. Sacks of Congregation Beth Shalom led the Mourners Kaddish, followed by a message from Ali DeLambo from Meir Panim, our Federation's partner in

Israel supporting Holocaust survivors, introduced by Federation Board Member Stephanie Ross. Dr. Levin then introduced keynote speaker June Hersh, who enchanted the attendees as she shared stories from her award-winning book "Food, Hope and Resilience", an anthology of recipes collected from Holocaust survivors.



Keynote speaker, author June Hersh



Leslie Pepper (right) with survivors and their families



JFED's CEO Danny Labin



Rabbi J.B. Sacks, Rabbi David Novak and Dr. Gary Levin



Contest winners and their teachers



Above: First place winner Olivia Campbell reading her essay



Talia Lizemer-Hawley, Goldie Jacoby and Palm Desert Charter School Teacher Nanette Davis, coordinator of students' essay submissions



Left: Olivia Campbell being interviewed by KESQ Television. NBC Palm Springs also reported on the event

JMOGD Donates More Than 1,000 Children's Books to Support Young Patients at Loma Linda Children's Hospital

By Barry Fisher, Jewish Federation Board Member

The Jewish Men's Outreach Group of the Desert (JMOGD.org), a social and philanthropic organization with nearly 200 participating men and their wives or significant others, has donated more than 1,000 children's books to support young patients served by Loma Linda University Children's Hospital in Indio.

The books were presented to Big Hearts for Little Hearts Desert Guild Chapter, the hospital's fundraising arm, for Scooter's Bottomless Bookshelf, a program that allows children visiting the clinic to choose and take home a book of their own.

JMOGD has conducted the annual book drive for the past six years, helping stock the bookshelf with books that bring comfort, distraction, and encouragement to children during medical visits. The program is designed to make clinic appointments less stressful and more



positive for young patients and their families.

"Providing a child with a book may

seem like a small gesture, but it can make a real difference in easing anxiety

and bringing comfort during a medical

visit," said Phil Hudis of the Jewish Men's Outreach Group of the Desert. "Our group is proud to support a program that helps brighten a child's day and serves families in our community in such a meaningful way."

Founded about ten years ago, JMOGD combines fellowship with community service and charitable outreach. Its members participate in a variety of social, educational, and philanthropic activities throughout the Coachella Valley.

The organization said it is honored to continue supporting Scooter's Bottomless Bookshelf and the important work being done for children and families at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital.

For more information, visit JMOGD.org.

Beit Haverim Leadership Represents the Coachella Valley at International StandWithUs Conference

By Rabbi Steven Rosenberg

A delegation from Congregation Beit Haverim attended the international conference of StandWithUs, held in Las Vegas March 15-18, the sole representatives from the Coachella Valley to participate in this global gathering. Participating were Rabbi Steven Rosenberg (a national board member of RabbisUnited, a division of StandWithUs), Hazzan Dr. Sarah Sela, Melanie Garver, and Kate Schwartz.

The conference brought together leaders, students, clergy, and activists from around the world, united by a shared mission to confront antisemitism, strengthen Jewish identity, and stand proudly with Israel.

There was an unmistakable sense of urgency and purpose throughout the gathering. In the wake of rising antisemitism and the ongoing challenges facing Israel and the Jewish people worldwide, the conference served as both a place of learning and a call to action. Participants engaged in workshops, strategy sessions, and powerful conversations designed to equip them with tools to advocate, educate, and lead in their own



communities.

The conference featured an extraordinary lineup of speakers representing a wide range of perspectives—journalists, activists,

artists, and public figures. Among them were acclaimed writer Bret Stephens, musician Idan Raichel, activist Luai Ahmed, and Ambassador Fitz Haney, along with other influential voices

committed to combating hate and strengthening understanding of Israel. Additional speakers shared deeply personal stories—of resilience after tragedy, of coexistence within Israel's diverse society, and of the ongoing fight against misinformation and antisemitism. These voices added depth and humanity to the conference, reminding attendees that advocacy is not just about ideas, but about people and lived experience.

Founded in 2001, StandWithUs is an international, non-partisan education organization dedicated to supporting Israel and combating antisemitism through education, advocacy, and legal initiatives. Its mission is rooted in empowering individuals—of all backgrounds and ages—with the knowledge, tools, and confidence to speak out, challenge misinformation, and stand up for the Jewish people and the State of Israel. The organization operates globally, with a strong presence on campuses, in communities, and across digital platforms, working to ensure that truth, education, and civil discourse remain at the forefront of public conversation.

Birthright Travelers Look Different After Oct. 7 — But the Effect Remains the Same, Study Shows

By Andrew Lapin JTA

Len Saxe, a researcher at Brandeis University, has been studying the impact of Birthright trips to Israel since the initiative launched in 1999. Last year, he noticed something unusual in the data.

At a rate far outpacing anything he'd ever detected before, people who signed up for Birthright in summer 2025 but did not participate became less connected to Israel and less connected to their own Jewish identity in the months after.

Nonparticipants — whether their trips were canceled because of the June war with Iran, or they opted out on their own — reported a declining sense of connection to Jewish values, Jewish history, Jewish tradition and a “worldwide Jewish community.”

The study did not attempt to explain the change, but Saxe has a theory about what happened.

“Many of the applicants live in communities where they hear frequent criticism of Israel,” Saxe said. “Unlike the period on campuses pre-COVID, when Birthright was taking 35,000 North Americans a year to Israel, students don't know many others who have experience in Israel and know Israelis. Their perspective on the conflict lacks context.”

The organization said 7,300 North Americans took a Birthright trip last summer, out of 10,000 total. (War with Iran disrupted some trips and canceled others.) Of the total, 65% were college-aged.

The survey detected other changes for Birthright since 2023, when Hamas' Oct. 7 attack on Israel triggered the Gaza war and anti-Israel sentiment around the world.

More than half of last year's participants, 54%, had already participated in some variety of Israel programming, up from 38% in 2023, according to Saxe's report. (Birthright loosened its eligibility requirements in 2014 to allow students who had visited Israel in high school to go again.)

About 1 in 5 participants were Orthodox, a more than threefold growth from summer 2023, the last trips before the start of the Gaza war. And 38% of participants attended Jewish day school, up from 23% two years prior.

The survey also detected a rightward political shift among Birthright participants. Forty-two percent of 2025's Birthright participants identified as conservative, and 34% as liberal, a dramatic shift from 2023,



when 20% identified as conservative and 57% as liberal.

Those who do participate in Birthright still report that it deepens their connection to Judaism, and there is mounting evidence that connection is long-lasting. According to a recent survey by the Jewish Federations of North America, millennial Jews — the demographic where Birthright had the greatest penetration — were the only age group to have a majority identify as “Zionist.”

The analysis found that for self-identified liberals who did go on Birthright, the trip's most important impact was on their conception of what it means to be Jewish.

Liberals reported large upswings in their sense of being Jewish as “extremely important to their identity” after their trips, the authors wrote — 48% after the trip, compared to 29% beforehand.

Even Birthright participants who had to be sent home early due to fighting still overwhelmingly reported that the trip had made a difference in their understanding of their Jewish identity.

In other words, Saxe said, Birthright is still fulfilling its intended purpose: strengthening its participants' Jewish identities more generally.

“Among those with the least prior connection to Judaism and Israel, including those politically liberal, they showed the largest increase in their connection to Israel, as well as other facets of their Jewish identities,” he said.

In statements accompanying the report's release, Birthright's leadership trumpeted the program as a necessary antidote to declining Jewish engagement.

“The cultural headwinds facing young Jews are real, and they are pushing Jewish

connection and pride downward,” Gidi Mark, international CEO of Birthright Israel, said in a release. “But what this research makes unmistakably clear is that Birthright Israel moves participants in the opposite direction. The decline occurred only among those who did not go.”

Elias Saratovsky, president and CEO of the Birthright Israel Foundation, painted the situation in even starker terms.

“We are at a crossroads. If our community does nothing, we risk losing the younger generation,” Saratovsky said. “But if we invest in an effective intervention — Birthright Israel — we can win them back.”

DESERT COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Since October 2025, Desert Community Kitchen has had over 100 volunteers who prep and package over 1,000 fresh Kosher meals - and 2,000 cookies - for those in need. To get in on the action and make a difference, go to our website: www.desertck.com.

Session dates vary but current information is always listed on the website. Signing up online is required each time you plan to come so we can know how many volunteers to expect.

Dates have been set for the Desert Community Kitchen's weekly Volunteer Cooking Sessions through the end of May. For future dates inquire by writing to the email address, below.

Tuesday, April 21	11:00 am-12:30 pm
Tuesday, April 28	11:00 am-12:30 pm
Tuesday, May 5	11:00 am-12:30 pm
Tuesday, May 12	11:00 am-12:30 pm
Tuesday, May 19	11:00 am-12:30 pm
Tuesday, May 26	11:00 am-12:30 pm

Coordinators Rabbi Arik and Chaya Denebeim of Chabad of Palm Springs remind readers to advise them of those in need or if you know someone who can benefit from a home cooked meal to email info@desertck.com.

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Desert Outreach Synagogue Celebrates 10th Anniversary with Gala Event

By Rabbi Jules King and Temple President Atma Wiseman, Desert Outreach Synagogue

On Sunday Evening March 8th, Desert Outreach Synagogue celebrated its 10th anniversary and Rabbi Dr. Jules King's 70th Birthday, with a full ballroom at the Desert Willow Golf Resort. Guests met on the patio for cocktails and appetizers before going inside for dinner and dancing. The Chris Lomeli Trio performed crowd favorites to a full

dance floor.

Joining the Rabbi and many Desert Outreach Synagogue members was their Rabbi Chazzan Danny Maseng and his wife Terry, their Cantorial Soloist, Sarah Lonsert and her mother Michelle. Other clergy in attendance included Rabbi Ken Emert and Rabbi Sally Olins.

Federation CEO Danny Labin was

joined by his husband Yehuda Gidron, Leslie Pepper, Federation's director of Women's Philanthropy and Community Engagement, and Dr. Gary Levin.

Desert Outreach Synagogue's board president Atma Wiseman and board members Stu Berger, Penny Carpenter, Linda Holtzman, Lois Israel, and Ryan Lester Wilson welcomed evening

honorees centenarian Helen Varon and Stewardship Chair, Bryna Blum.

The event was a first for the synagogue and based on its success, Rabbi Jules offered this comment: "Let us hope that at Desert Outreach Synagogue, locally and globally, Jews have many reasons to celebrate in the future."



Jewish Federation Board Receives Jewish Agency Briefing

Anat Cohen, West Coast Program Director, The Jewish Agency for Israel, recently visited the Desert to provide a firsthand update to the Jewish Federation of the Desert's Board of Directors. The Jewish Agency serves as the primary link between the State

of Israel and Jewish communities worldwide, focusing on strengthening Jewish identity and maintaining global connections to Israel. The Jewish Agency for Israel is one of JFED's most significant implementation partners in Israel, providing services for Israelis

of all ages and backgrounds to excel in life, no matter their socioeconomic difficulties or other challenges. With Federation support, the Jewish Agency has also been providing emergency services to Israelis directly affected by the current war with Iran.



Israel Awards Highest Civilian Honor to Pioneering Hadassah Trauma Surgeon on Yom Ha'atzmaut

Avraham Rivkind has treated countless victims of terror, war and natural disaster and helped shape Israel's emergency medicine system

The Government of Israel has named Avraham "Avi" Rivkind, MD, an internationally known pioneer in the field of trauma medicine and director of the trauma unit and the department of general surgery at the Hadassah Medical Organization, a winner of the 2026 Israel Prize for Lifetime Achievement, the country's highest civilian honor. Dr. Rivkind established Israel's first trauma center, at Hadassah, in 1992.

The Hadassah Medical Organization is the Jerusalem-based hospital system of Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America.

Since 1953, the Israel Prize has been awarded to people whose contributions to Israeli culture, education, medicine, science and society have had a profound and lasting impact. The 2026 winners, who

were selected by a committee chaired by educator and 2018 Israel Prize winner Miriam Peretz, received the award on April 22, 2026, at a ceremony concluding Israel's 78th Independence Day, Yom Ha'atzmaut. President Isaac Herzog,

In its announcement, the Committee described Dr. Rivkind as "a pioneer in developing new medical approaches and tools for saving lives that have become an integral part of the State of Israel's reality." The Committee noted the comprehensive



Professor Avraham "Avi" Rivkind, M.D.

life-saving system Dr. Rivkind created for treating trauma victims both in the field and in hospitals and which has served as a model in Israel and abroad, and the generations of doctors, medics and students whom he has trained and that Dr. Rivkind "embodies the values of the sanctity of life, love of humanity and the land, and high-quality, equitable public medicine."

The international community as well as Israel has called on Dr. Rivkind's expertise over the years. Those he has treated include victims of the Buenos Aires Jewish community center bombing in 1994, the blizzard and avalanches in Nepal's Annapurna and Dhaulagiri regions in 2014, the tsunami in Sri Lanka in 2004 and the terror attacks in Kenya in 2002.

Said Yoram Weiss, MD, Director General

of the Hadassah Medical Organization, "Avi Rivkind's vision and dedication transformed trauma care in Israel. His leadership has saved countless lives at home and abroad and set an international standard for emergency medicine." Carol Ann Schwartz, National President of Hadassah, concurred, saying, "Hadassah members and supporters all over America are proud to see Avi Rivkind's work recognized by the country to which he has dedicated his life."

The only child of Holocaust survivors, Avraham Rivkind graduated from the Hadassah-Hebrew University School of Medicine in 1973. He did his residency in general surgery at the Hadassah Medical Organization under Natan Zalts, MD, a recipient of the Israel Prize, and Arie Durst, MD, who established Israel's first transplant unit at Hadassah.

Moderation Cuts Leave Most Extremist, Antisemitic Content on Instagram Unchecked, ADL Finds

The platform is "developing into a hub for hate and antisemitism"

By Grace Gilson JTA

White supremacist networks, terror group supporters and Nazi merchandise vendors have gone largely unchecked on Instagram amid weakened content moderation by its parent company Meta, according to a new analysis by the Anti-Defamation League.



for hate and antisemitism, and our research demonstrates this clearly," Jonathan Greenblatt, the CEO and national director of the ADL, said in a statement. "Meta's moderation rollback has created a permissive environment where extremists thrive, bad actors turn Instagram's own features into amplification tools for hate, and as a result, vulnerable communities suffer."

While Elon Musk's decision to permit formerly banned extremist account-holders to return to X has made his platform the most prominent avatar of social media's abandonment of moderation, Meta has undergone a similar shift more recently. The ADL has sparred with Musk and X in the past as well.

Meta still does not allow "organizations or individuals that proclaim a violent mission or are engaged in violence to have a presence on our platforms," according to the company's community standards, which also say the company removes "dehumanizing speech" and "harmful stereotypes." But it has also scaled back its capacity to enforce the rules.

The changes, which Zuckerberg billed as a "trade-off" between catching hateful content and reducing the number of "innocent people's posts and accounts that we accidentally take down," drew criticism from Jewish groups, including the World Jewish Congress and CyberWell.

Of the 253 posts that the ADL's Center on Extremism reported earlier this year, Instagram removed only 11 accounts and 8 posts, according to the new report, titled "How Meta's Content Moderation Changes Risk Turning Instagram into a Hub for Hate." In 20 cases, the watchdog said that Instagram said it lacked the bandwidth to review the reports.

The report also found a number of accounts that were linked or indirectly linked to terrorist groups, including at least 23 accounts that spread Islamic State and Al-Qaida Propaganda, as well as 33 accounts with direct or indirect connections to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

While Meta has maintained a ban on official accounts run by Nick Fuentes, the avowed white supremacist and antisemite at the center of a growing

divide in the Republican party, the ADL study found that his content is shared on the platform by 105 Instagram accounts affiliated with Fuentes' Groyper movement, which combined had over 1.4 million followers as of January 2026.

One Southern California-based merchandising company, Curb Stomp MFG, which sells apparel with Nazi symbols including Sonnenrads, Totenkopfs and SS bolts, and its owner had garnered over 3.2 million views on hateful content posted to Instagram, according to the study.

Oren Segal, the senior vice president for counter-extremism and intelligence for the ADL, said in a statement that the lack of content moderation on the platform amounted to a "public safety crisis," adding that the company's "decision to gut content moderation puts Instagram at risk of being a megaphone for the world's most dangerous antisemites and extremists."

Releasing the report ahead of a Meta shareholder meeting, the ADL is calling on the company to "reinstate proactive moderation measures against violative content."



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American Combat Pilot's Praise of Israeli Air Force as 'World's Best Air Force' Goes Viral

"I thought I had seen everything. But when I saw what the Israeli Air Force is doing in Iran, I realized I'm still a student."

By Hezy Laing, United With Israel

A recently published post by an American combat pilot that expressed deep respect for IAF capabilities quickly went viral and was reported on by numerous media outlets.

The pilot, a 25-year veteran of three wars and hundreds of combat sorties, said that witnessing the IAF's precision, logistics, and ability to coordinate large-scale strikes made him feel like a "mere student" by comparison.

"I've flown over Iraq, Afghanistan, and Libya. I thought I had seen everything. But when I saw what the Israeli Air Force is doing in Iran, I realized I'm still a student.

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Israeli fighter jets heading to Iran

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All the weapons from home.

It's like flying from Miami to New York, bombing targets along the way, and returning while 200 aircraft move

simultaneously without a single collision."

To the Israeli pilots:

"You are not just the best in the Middle East.

You are the best in the world.

And that's the final word."

This personal account aligns with official statements from senior U.S. officers.

Gen. Dan Caine, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, publicly praised the IAF as a "brave, capable, and willing ally" during a Pentagon briefing on April 8.

He and Secretary of War Pete Hegseth noted that Israeli coordination was essential in achieving the mission objectives of Operation Epic Fury.

Congress Removes Deadline for Holocaust-Looted Art Claims, Setting Stage for More Restitution Battles

By Jackie Hajdenberg, JTA

A new U.S. law removing a deadline for laying claim to art looted during the Holocaust has gone into effect after President Donald Trump signed it on April 13.

The 2025 Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act, or HEAR Act, expands on a 2016 law, signed by President Barack Obama, that permits victims and descendants of victims of the Holocaust to lay legal claim to works of art looted by the Nazis or sold to the Nazis under false pretenses.

That law included a controversial "sunset clause" that required all claims of artwork looted by the Nazis to be filed by the end of this year. That clause has been removed, and the revised act permits families to file a lawsuit within six years of the discovery of looted artwork.

The law also further protects those seeking to retrieve their family's looted property by preventing the current holders from using certain legal tactics unrelated to the subject matter — such as requesting to switch courts — during proceedings.

"For years, the sunset clause cast a shadow over every survivor and family whose stolen art is still missing," Joel Greenberg, president of Art Ashes, a nonprofit that helps families recover their looted art, said in a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "Now they can seek due process without the pressure of time and deadlines."

Hundreds of thousands of pieces of fine art were looted from their Jewish owners by the Nazis, often by forced sales in the early years of the Nazi regime. Efforts to reunite the works with their owners or their descendants have been guided by an array of laws governed by an international compact including nearly two dozen countries. Restitution claims frequently ignite extensive legal battles.

The family of the cabaret artist Fritz Grünbaum, who was murdered in the Holocaust, for example, was able to recover works by Viennese Expressionist artist Egon Schiele that were in Grünbaum's vast personal collection in 2018 after decades of efforts. The family has since continued to file legal action to reclaim Grünbaum's works under the HEAR Act.

Watchdogs say the sunset clause may have caused those owning looted works to obscure them from public view.

"It was extremely important that Congress eliminated the sunset clause because it incentivized museums and others holding looted art to keep those works under wraps until the sunset period ended," Greenberg said. "Now, that change and the other provisions

ensure claims will be heard and decided on the merits and means that the commitment Congress made to survivors ten years ago when they first passed the HEAR Act is finally being honored."

Both the original law and the new revision received bipartisan support. But the Republican Jewish Coalition credited Trump with its enactment, saying in a statement, "President Trump has consistently proven to be the best friend of the Jewish people ever to occupy the Oval Office, and his signature today ratifies the truth: the passage of time can never diminish the injustice of crimes committed by the Nazis and their collaborators during the Holocaust."

The revision goes into effect just days after one of the most significant recent rulings in the restitution space. Last week, a judge ruled after a decade-long legal battle that a painting by Italian artist Amedeo Modigliani, once valued at around \$25 million, must be returned to the descendants of its original owner, who was forced to sell the painting to the Nazis. The painting had been in the possession of a prominent New York-based real estate and art dealer family since 1996.

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Antisemitic Attacks Killed More Jews in 2025 Than Any Year in Three Decades, Study Finds

By David Michael Swindle, *The Algemeiner*

More Jews were killed in antisemitic attacks around the world in 2025 than in any other year in the previous three decades, according to an annual study released by Tel Aviv University in early April.

The 20 deaths comprised 15 Jews murdered on Dec. 14 at Bondi Beach in Australia, two killed on Oct. 2 during an attack on a Manchester synagogue in the United Kingdom, the two Israeli embassy employees shot on May 21 in Washington, DC, and an 82-year-old Holocaust survivor who succumbed to her injuries after a Molotov cocktail attack on a rally in Colorado on June 1.

No year has been deadlier for Jews in the diaspora since 1994, when the bombing of a Jewish community center in Argentina killed 85 people and wounded more than 300. Argentine investigators have blamed Iran and its Lebanese proxy Hezbollah for the attack.

Tel Aviv University's Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry and the Irwin Cotler Institute for Democracy, Human Rights, and Justice said their data was based on dozens of police departments, specialized agencies, organizations that monitor and combat antisemitism, Jewish community organizations, activists, media reports, and field observations.

"The data raise concern that a high level of antisemitic incidents is becoming a normalized reality," said Prof. Uriya Shavit, the editor-in-chief of the 152-page report. "The peak in the number of incidents was recorded in the immediate aftermath of the Oct. 7 attack, after which we began to

see a downward trend – but unfortunately, that trend did not continue in 2025. The steep increase in the number of cases of severe violence is not surprising. The rule that applies to all types of crime applies here as well: when law-enforcement authorities are indifferent to small crimes, the result is big crimes."

Many countries around the world have recorded historic and ongoing surges in antisemitic incidents, including violent attacks, following the Palestinian terrorist group Hamas's Oct. 7, 2023, invasion of and massacre across southern Israel.

"While in several countries the total number of incidents moderately decreased in 2025 in comparison to 2024, in several other countries, including Britain, Australia, Italy, and Belgium, it moderately increased," the report stated. "In several countries that saw a decrease in the total number of incidents in comparison to 2024, including France, the number of incidents that involved physical assaults increased. Across the globe, the number of antisemitic incidents remained dozens of percent higher than in the period before the war."

The researchers provided a thorough breakdown of incidents by country including locations with tiny Jewish populations, such as Norway (1,300 Jews, 40 incidents), Luxembourg (700 Jews, 115 incidents), Bulgaria (2,000 Jews, 55 incidents), the Czech Republic (3,500 Jews, 31 criminal incidents), and New Zealand (7,500 Jews, 143 incidents).

One part of the report focused on antisemitism in medical settings and cited a study of Jewish health-care providers in which 39.2 percent of respondents said they had experienced antisemitism on the job while 26.4 percent said they felt threatened. Another analysis found that the likelihood of a Jewish doctor or nurse experiencing antisemitism went up 381 percent if working in an academic medical center or 241 percent for those choosing private practice.

Australia's special envoy to combat antisemitism contributed an analysis of the events which led up to the Bondi Beach terrorist attack, describing a loss of faith in the government's ability to counter the threat.

"In January 2025, a childcare center near a synagogue in suburban Sydney was firebombed. Graffiti, vandalism, and

threats became the norm. Many in the wider community, as well as in the Jewish community, felt that all levels of government had lost control of the situation," wrote Jillian Segal, a former president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry. "A joint federal and state terrorism police taskforce was established by the federal and state governments and the states engaged in law reform, but it was a case of too little, too late."

Following the report's first section which provided an overview of incidents around the world, the second included an essay titled "The Fading Voice of Buckley" by analyst Carl Yonker in which he described the role of the late William F. Buckley, Jr. in combating conspiracism and antisemitism on the American political right during the 20th century.

"As editor of the *National Review* and intending to shape the future of the conservative movement, Buckley treated antisemitism less as an embarrassing eccentricity than as a kind of poison destroying the movement's claims to seriousness, and – worse – its ability to agree on what was real," Yonker wrote before describing Buckley's efforts against the promotion of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* in the 1950s and Holocaust deniers in the 1980s.

"What makes the Tucker Carlson moment so haunting is that it looks like a movement returning to the same moral problem under conditions that make the old remedy – editorial discipline – harder to apply," Yonker explained.

In an interview with Shavit included in the report, renowned Holocaust historian Christopher Browning warned that "ultimately, Jews are one of the minorities. I mean, if you can trash Haitians and trash Somalis, eventually you'll get to attacking Jews as well." He argued that US President Donald Trump creates a "permission structure" that "allows people to freely express their prejudices with absolutely no criticism, no restraint, no inhibition."

In a separate report published to coincide with Israel's Holocaust Remembrance Day, which began Monday evening and will end on Tuesday evening, the Israeli Ministry for Diaspora Affairs and Combating Antisemitism released a 14-page report showing the highest number of antisemitic acts last year, by its tally, occurred in the

United States (301), the United Kingdom (140), and France (58).

Worldwide, each month saw an average of 74 incidents with peaks in April (118) and August (110), including a wave of vandalism and arson attacks fueling the summer surge. Violence against Jews (27.2 percent of recorded incidents) averaged 11.5 occurrences monthly with August also serving as a flashpoint.

According to the report's authors, the August uptick "may be associated with heightened discourse surrounding allegations of a deliberate famine in Gaza, alongside official Israeli statements concerning the potential for a full occupation of the territory."

The report called vandalism and property damage (38.4 percent of incidents) the "most frequent mode of attack" before identifying synagogues, cemeteries, and storefronts as the top targets.

The report also documented a seasonal trend in incidents, with a month-after-month rise from April through August before a sharp drop in September and through autumn. One potential explanation offered for this pattern could be that "the summer vacation period, during which increased international travel by Israelis may lead to greater interaction — and potential friction — with local populations."

"What begins as incitement online continues directly into attacks against Jewish communities," said Amichai Chikli, the minister for diaspora affairs and combating antisemitism.

Avi Cohen-Scali, the ministry's director general, concurred: "Governments must uproot antisemitism, adopt policies to combat it, and invest in enforcement, legislation, and education." He vowed that "Israel will act with all available tools to protect Jews everywhere in the world."

The Tel Aviv University report chided the Israeli ministry for combating antisemitism, arguing it "has not contributed in any meaningful way to the cause."

Suggesting more funds to Israel's Foreign Ministry, the report argued that "only diplomatic missions have the capacity to engage in the kind of in-person contacts with Jewish communities, public officials, and civil society activists that are necessary for impacting and adjusting counter-antisemitism policies."

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Over 1,000 Entertainment Industry Figures Back Israel's Inclusion in 2026 Eurovision Song Contest

By Shiryn Ghermezian, *The Algemeiner*

More than 1,000 members of the entertainment industry have signed an open letter expressing support for Israel's participation in the 2026 Eurovision Song Contest (ESC) held in May, in response to demands to have the country excluded from the competition because of its military actions in the Gaza Strip during the Israel-Hamas war.

Creative Community for Peace, a non-profit organization comprised of prominent members of the entertainment industry, penned the initial open letter in 2024 in response to efforts by anti-Israel activists to have the European Broadcasting Union, which organizes the ESC, ban Israel from the event and to pressure countries and artists to withdraw their participation from the competition. The open letter voiced support for Israel's inclusion in Eurovision as well as solidarity with the contest's participants, while denouncing calls for a boycott of the event.

Hundreds more entertainment industry leaders have since added their



names to the open letter, including actresses Amy Schumer and Mila Kunis; singer Matisyahu; actors Jeremy Piven and Jerry O'Connell; television writer, producer, and directors Amy Sherman-Palladino and Matthew Weiner; "Wonder Woman" director Patty Jenkins; and "Nobody Wants This" co-creator Erin Foster.

"We have been shocked and disappointed to see some members of the entertainment community calling for Israel to be banished from the contest for responding to the greatest massacre of Jews since the Holocaust," the letter stated. "We believe that unifying events such as singing competitions are crucial to help

bridge our cultural divides and unite people of all backgrounds through their shared love of music."

"Music should bring us together," said O'Connell. "No artist should be silenced for where they are from. These boycott efforts destroy the very connections the arts are meant to build."

Those who signed the initial open letter back in 2024 include Helen Mirren, Boy George, Liev Schreiber, Sharon Osbourne, Gene Simmons, Debra Messing, David Draiman, Mayim Bialik, Julianna Margulies, and Ginnifer Goodwin.

"Artists and culture are being dragged into the angry, misinformed politics of the moment," said Osbourne in a released statement. "Attempts to exclude Israelis from the international stage twist art into a tool of division and erode the shared humanity that the arts are meant to preserve. I've watched this play out for over three years, and it just breaks my heart."

The 2026 Eurovision semi-finals will take place on May 12 and 14, and the final live show will be on May 16. The competition is being held in Vienna, Austria.

After the European Broadcasting Union confirmed late last year that it will allow Israel to participate in the 2026 ESC, Spain, the Netherlands, Ireland, Slovenia, and Iceland announced they will not participate in this year's event.

Spain's national broadcaster RTVE said it will not broadcast or participate in the event, which marks the first time the country has completely boycotted the ESC since it began participating in the competition in 1961. Spain's Culture Minister Ernest Urtasun called the move "brave."

Meanwhile, the EBU confirmed that for the first time ever the live shows of the 2026 Eurovision Song Contest will be available to watch for free in the United States. It will air on YouTube but also be available for viewing in the US on the Peacock streaming service.

Rabbis Give Mamdani Failing Grade on First 100 Days as NYC Mayor

By Debra Nussbaum Cohen, *Jewish News Syndicate*

To mark his first 100 days in office, Zohran Mamdani, mayor of New York City, talked about how many potholes he has filled. He should be focusing on mending his relationship with New York City's Jews, according to Jewish leaders.

"Unfortunately, in his first 100 days, Mayor Mamdani has done nothing to allay the concerns I expressed before the election regarding his stance on Israel and the safety of Jewish New Yorkers," Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove, who leads Park Avenue Synagogue, a Conservative congregation on Manhattan's Upper East Side, told JNS.

Mamdani, who is Muslim, has said that he would have the Israeli prime minister arrested in the Big Apple, and his spokeswoman said that synagogues violate international law by hosting pro-Israel events.

"At a moment when anti-Israel rhetoric is increasingly bleeding into antisemitic violence—from Bondi to West Bloomfield, Mich.—his refusal to recognize that danger, coupled with the voices he elevates and the company he keeps, reflects a troubling mix of naïveté and negligence toward the very communities he has been entrusted to

protect," Cosgrove told JNS.

Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, spiritual leader of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, a Reform congregation on the Upper West Side, told JNS that he hopes that Mamdani "avoids rhetoric and policies that reflect his antagonism towards Israel."

"There is enough for him to do just to run the city. One place to start would be to cease accusing Israel of 'genocide.' It is a modern-day blood libel," Hirsch said.

Moshe Davis, who ran the mayoral office to combat Jew-hatred under Eric Adams, Mamdani's predecessor, and a frequent critic of the current mayor, told JNS that Mamdani could have made better choices than attending and hosting Passover events that emphasized aspects of the holiday other than the redemptive one that pines for "next year in Jerusalem."

"One hopes the mayor actually opened the traditional Haggadah during his many seder photo-ops this year rather than just using our traditions for optics," Davis told JNS.

"Had he, he would have learned that we are an ancient nation with an ancestral homeland," Davis said. "Mayor Mamdani claims he's not

an antisemite and says he'll commit resources to fight anti-Jewish hate. So far, it seems like the Jewish community's concerns are not a priority for this administration."

Abby Stein, a progressive rabbi who grew up Chassidic and identifies as transgender, stood behind Mamdani at the mayor's event on Sunday evening, marking 100 days in office. Stein held a sign saying "pothole politics" and wore a shirt saying, "Rabbis for ceasefire."

Stein told JNS that Jews ought to be impressed with Mamdani, since the mayor attended Shabbat and Rosh Hashanah services at Stein's independent synagogue.

The mayor "sat through the whole 2.5-hour service and really enjoyed it," Stein told JNS. "Most Jews don't do that."

Stein, who served on Mamdani's transition committee after his election, told JNS that the mayor is "1,000,000% not antisemitic."

The Mamdani supporter also thinks that the mayor showed his concern for Jews by naming Phylisa Wisdom, whose appointment drew extensive criticism, to lead the mayoral office to fight Jew-hatred.

"The fact that we got someone appointed

to the antisemitism office in a month is saying something," Stein told JNS. "These are important things."

Davis, who held the role before Wisdom, told JNS that under Mamdani, New York City is seeing an alarming rate of Jew-hatred.

NYPD statistics bear that out, including more than a 180% increase in Jew-hatred in the city in Mamdani's first month in office. Despite changing the way it reports hate crime statistics twice already during Mamdani's mayoralty, the New York City Police Department has still recorded a disproportionate percentage of hate crimes targeting Jews.

"Instead of action, we get photo-ops with friendly Jewish audiences, silence on his wife's support for terror and appearances alongside those who chant 'strike, strike Tel Aviv,'" Davis told JNS. "Anti-Jewish hate crimes make up more than 55% of all hate crimes in this city."

Davis also said that he gave the mayor a 100-day plan to protect Jewish New Yorkers in January, before he left his city role.

"We are all still waiting," he said.



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Community Calendar of Programs - May-July 2026

Tuesdays

5:00-7:00 pm Chabad of Rancho Mirage weekly **Community BBQ**. Join others in the community for a kosher weekly social. Restaurant style BBQ with choices from soups and salad to salmon and steak. **Pick-up** is also available/Order online or call in order before 3 pm • Email: info@chabardm.com • Phone: 760-770-7785 • website: www.ChabadRM.com. Note: ON HIATUS FROM SHAVUOT TO SUKKOT.

7:00 pm "Living With the Times": Exploring the weekly torah portion on Zoom. Instructor: Sussie Denebeim, Chabad of Palm Springs. Chabadps.com.

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (Starting April 28, 2026). **"For All Humankind:** Your Judaism holds a message the world wants to hear. It's time to unlock it." Instructor: Rabbi Benny Lew, Chabad of Rancho Mirage. This course will satisfy the continuing education (CLE) requirements of lawyers and legal professionals. To register phone Rabbi Lew at 760.636.289.

7:00 pm Tanya Class with Rabbi Shimon Posner, Chabad of Rancho Mirage. In person and available online. Email: info@chabardm.com, Phone: 760-770-7785; www.ChabadRM.com.

Thursdays

8:30-9:30 am A class for men. Text-

Based Talmud: "Establishing Courts of Justice" with Rabbi Yonason Denebeim / Chabad of Palm Springs. To RSVP text 760-424-2177.

Tuesday, April 28

3:00 pm Jewish Federation of the Desert invites you to celebrate **Yom HaAtzmaut - Israel Independence Day** at the Jewish Federation of the Desert/Sherwyn Turbow Building. Featuring comedian and author **Benji Lovitt, ("It's Ok to Laugh: Coping Through Dark Humor")** and celebrating with Israeli foods. \$18. RSVP required, online at info@jfedps.org or calling 760-324-4737.

Wednesday, May 13

6:30 pm Sabra Hadassah of the Desert program in private home. **Ken Hailpern** will lead a discussion on **"What Makes a Good Jew? An Exercise in Jewish Ethics and Moral Values."** \$10. RSVP required. Seating limited. Information? Call Debbie Organ, 760-289-7987.

Sunday, May 17

10 am Havurah of the Desert: Live Zoom event: **"Kreplach & Dim Sum: Yes, There are Jews in China!"** featuring Robyn Helzner sharing lively

stories, photos, video, and music with an irresistible enthusiasm for both the ancient and modern Jewish communities of Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, and Kaifeng. She served as the cantor for the United Jewish Congregation of Hong Kong and officiated at the first bar mitzvah ever held in Beijing. Join Havurah of the Desert for this free program and enjoy bagels and spreads. Location given following registration at havurahofthedesert.org/speakers.

Wednesday, June 10

12:15 PM Har-El Summer Movie Series: **"NUREMBERG"** (No host lunch available at 11:00 am). Screening followed by discussion and ice cream sundaes. No fee but \$10 donation appreciated. To RSVP and location as well as information re: films in July, August and September, email harelurjpd@gmail.com.

Sabra Hadassah of the Desert will hold two Summer Study evenings, one each in July and August, in private homes. Email notification will be sent to the membership, but interested persons can contact Miriam Bent at 760-835-1022.

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HAVE A NOSH:

Dairy meals are traditional for Shavuot ... and kugels are delicious dairy dishes, so here are four great kugels. The first two have been favorites of mine for years. The third is specifically sugar free although the pineapple can be an issue for those having to



be especially careful. All four are wonderful to serve to family and friends gathering to celebrate the holiday! Happy Shavuot! MHB

CHERRY ALMOND KUGEL

8 ounces medium, spiral egg noodles
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 can pitted cherries, well drained
1½ cups sour cream
1 cup cottage cheese
3 eggs

1 cup sugar, divided
½ teaspoon grated lemon zest
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
¼ teaspoon almond extract
2 tablespoons melted butter
½ cup slivered almonds

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Cook noodles in a large stockpot with boiling, salted water until tender, about 5 minutes. Drain noodles in a colander and place in a large bowl with the butter. Toss to coat well. Lightly grease a 9 by 13-inch baking dish. Combine sour cream, cottage cheese, eggs, ¾ cup sugar, the lemon zest, vanilla, and almond extract in blender or food processor. Process until smooth, stopping to scrape down the sides as needed. Stir together the sour cream mixture, buttered noodles, and cherries. Place the noodle mixture into the prepared dish. In a small bowl, combine the melted butter, almonds, and the remaining ¼ cup sugar. Sprinkle nut mixture over the noodle pudding and bake for 35-45 minutes. Kugel should be cooked through and golden, with golden-brown edges.

TRIPLE FRUIT DAIRY KUGEL

½ lb. fine noodles, cooked
8 oz. cream cheese, at room temperature
¼ lb. butter or margarine,
at room temperature
8 oz. sour cream
½ cup sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract
4 eggs
2 15-oz. cans mandarin oranges, drained
1 20-z. Can crushed pineapple, drained
1 16-oz. can pitted dark cherries, drained
Cinnamon and sugar for topping

Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine cream cheese, butter, sour cream, sugar, vanilla and eggs in a blender until well combined. Pour in a bowl and add contents of one of the cans of mandarin oranges, the pineapple, cherries and cooked noodles. Combine well. Pour into a 9" X 13" baking dish. Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar and arrange remaining mandarin oranges over top. Bake for 45 minutes until golden brown and a knife inserted into center comes out clean. Can be made several days ahead, refrigerated, and served cold.

SUGAR-FREE NOODLE KUGEL

1 package no-yolks wide noodles,
cooked and drained
4 eggs, beaten well
¾ cup Splenda
1 cup sour cream,
1 cup cottage cheese, low fat

1 tbsp. vanilla extract
1 tbsp. cinnamon
1 can of crushed pineapple, drained well
1/3 c dried cranberries
Pinch of kosher salt

Heat oven to 350°F. Spray a 9x13 inch pan with oil spray. Beat eggs. Add Splenda and mix well after each addition. Add cinnamon and vanilla. Stir in the sour cream and cottage cheese. Mix in the pineapple and cranberries and salt. Combine with the cooked noodles. Pour into prepared pan. Sprinkle with cinnamon on the top and bake for 45 minutes. Let cool and serve.

APRICOT-CRANBERRY BUTTERMILK KUGEL

1 12-oz. package noodles, cooked
4 eggs, beaten
½ cup sugar
½ cup finely chopped dried apricots
(golden raisins may be substituted)

½ cup dried cranberries
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 quart buttermilk
4 tablespoons (half stick)
butter or margarine, melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine all ingredients and pour into a 9" x 13" buttered pan. Bake for approximately 50 minutes, until the top browns and kugel sets.



Simchas

Mazel tov to Temple Sinai member **Adina Lawson** on her rabbinical ordination ... **Rabbi Suzanne Singer**, one of Temple Isaiah's Shabbat Services' rabbis, was honored



Adina Lawson

as Riverside County's "2026 Woman of the Year" at the Women of Distinction 2026 Celebration in Riverside on March 20 for her "exceptional impact and dedication to service" for her 15 years as Rabbi



Rabbi Suzanne Singer with Riverside County Supervisor Jose Medina

of Temple Beth El in Riverside and her continuing work advocating justice, human dignity and interfaith understanding. Rabbi Singer has an additional connection to our desert community; she is the niece of Nancy Singer, president of Temple Sinai! ... **Rabbi Shimon and Chaya Posner** of Chabad of Rancho Mirage are happily looking forward to family celebrations of a Bar and a Bat Mitzvah the end of May and beginning June. Grandson **Mordechai Kessler, son of Rabbi**

Mendel and Fraydee (Posner) Kessler of Sedona, Arizona will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on May 30 in Sedona. A week later, granddaughter **Gita Kesselman**, daughter of **Rabbi Leibel and Musie (Posner) Kesselman** of Greenville, South Carolina will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on June 4. The Kesslers and Kesselmans direct Chabad Houses in their respective communities ... Share your simchas with us. Email Miriam Bent at mhbentjcn@earthlink.net or call 760-835-1022.



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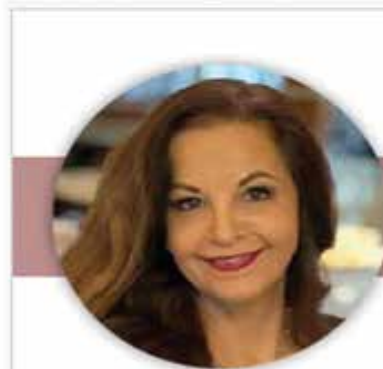
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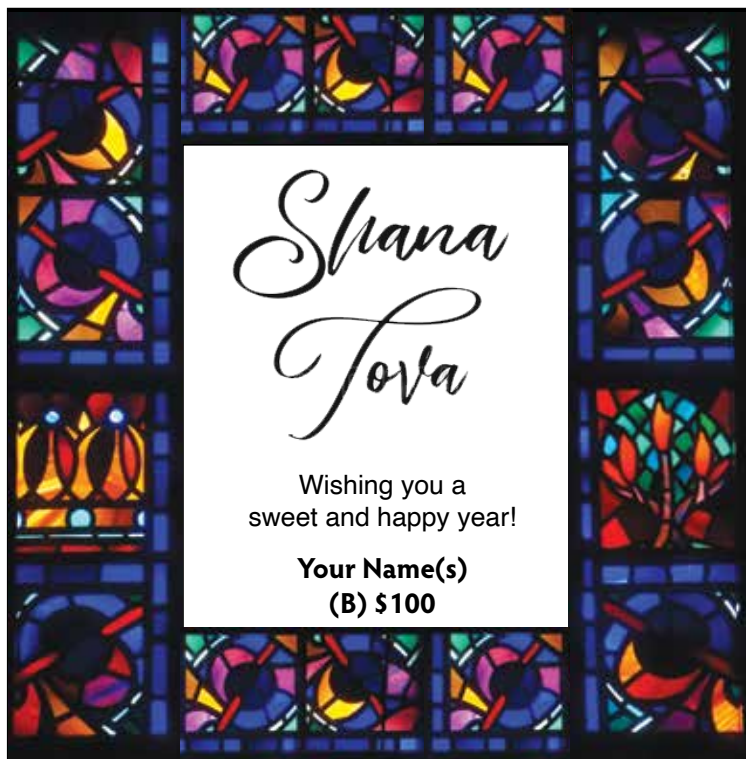
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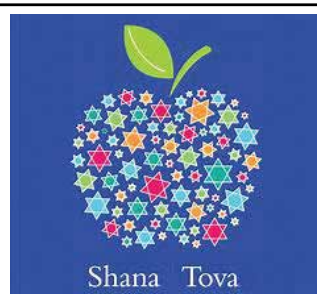
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