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Danny Labin Selected CEO of Jewish Federation of the Desert



Arnie Gillman

Jewish Federation
Board President

I am delighted to announce that following a nationwide and international search, our Board of the Jewish Federation of the Desert has selected Danny Labin of Tel Aviv to serve as our new CEO, beginning April 1st.

Danny comes to the Desert with twenty-five years of experience in nonprofit organizational leadership. Danny will be moving to the Desert from Tel Aviv, where he was the CEO of Menomadin Social Impact Ventures, a family foundation that supports social welfare, education and communal resilience programs in Israel and Africa. Previously, Danny oversaw Federation programming in Israel as a senior leader at the Jerusalem office of the Jewish Federations of North America

(JFNA).

For many years Danny worked with Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit organization that produces Sesame Street worldwide. At Sesame, Danny expanded the educational impact of Sesame Street globally, bringing critical learning opportunities to children and families across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. In Israel, Danny produced "Rehov Sumsum," the Israeli adaptation of Sesame Street, which presents a vision of hope and diversity for generations of Israeli children.

Danny has worked across the Jewish community in programming and fundraising and brings experience from multiple fields that are sure to inspire and enrich our Desert community. Danny grew up in Los Angeles and holds a BA in psychology from UCLA. He also holds a master's degree in education from Harvard University and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Moving to the Desert along with Danny are his husband Yehuda and their four year-old Labrador Retriever, Shukky.



For me, I'm looking forward to going back to 'just being President' of our Federation. We are a small, efficient organization but Alan Potash's death put a huge strain on all staff, particularly as we were just going into our major fundraising season. Therefore, I stepped in to oversee our operation and, in doing so, I gained unprecedented insight into the

importance of the work we do.

I appreciate all the support I received from everyone, but I must give a very special thank you to our remarkable staff: CFO Alberto Tejero, Women's Philanthropy and Community Engagement Director Leslie Pepper, Executive Assistant Gloria Benavides, Bookkeeper Bebsabe Morrison and Front Reception Merari Curiel, for all they have done to make the work I did so much easier.

It has been an honor and privilege to do this special work, meeting the needs of the vulnerable, working with local agencies and all whom the Federation supports. Thank you, too, to our Board of Directors, for their support and to the members of the community whose support made sure that we succeeded. I never realized the difficulty of this job and I am so grateful to all who helped me through this process.

We're on the cusp of a new chapter in our desert community. We are a solid operation, and we warmly welcome Danny Labin as he joins us moving forward with our vital work.

2024 Economic Rankings Names Israel 6th-Strongest Economy

Despite war and global challenges, Israel's economy shows remarkable resilience and growth. Israfan

Israel has been ranked the sixth-strongest economy in 2024, according to *The Economist*, outperforming many larger nations despite facing war on multiple fronts and global financial challenges. The report evaluated 37 countries based on stock market performance, inflation, unemployment, and fiscal deficits placing Israel ahead of economic powerhouses like Germany, the U.S., and the U.K.

The top spot was claimed by Spain, followed by Greece, Italy, Ireland, and

Denmark. Israel's strong position was attributed to robust macroeconomic indicators, low unemployment, and an impressive stock market surge.

The nation posted an exceptional 6.7% year-over-year growth rate, reflecting a rapid economic rebound following the impact of the October 7 attacks and subsequent war. Investor confidence has also surged, with inward investment reaching \$11.5 billion, the highest quarterly figure since 2021.

Israel's trade surplus has

expanded significantly, reaching \$24.8 billion between Q4 2023 and Q3 2024 up from \$19.5 billion pre-war. Additionally, the shekel has appreciated by 5% against the U.S. dollar, signaling market confidence in the country's economic resilience.

The Tel Aviv 125 stock index has outperformed the S&P 500, climbing 28.5%, compared to the 24.3% rise of the U.S. benchmark index.

Despite these achievements,

challenges remain. Israel's budget deficit stands at 7.5% of GDP, and credit rating agencies warn that a full return to pre-war growth rates may take time. However, with sustained investment, strong domestic consumption, and continued technological innovation, Israel's economy is poised to navigate these obstacles successfully.

Israel's economic strength is yet another testament to its ability to thrive even in the face of adversity.

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PALM SPRINGS JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL - 12th Anniversary

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SUNDAY, MARCH 9



10:30 am * **Neither Day Nor Night**
Q&A on Zoom with Director Pinhas Veuillet
1:00 pm * **Midas Man**
Q&A on Zoom with Creator and Writer Brigit Grant
3:30 pm * **The Performance**
Q&A Live with Director Shira Piven
7:00 pm * **October H8TE**
Q&A Live with Director Wendy Sachs & Special Guest

MONDAY, MARCH 10



10:30 am * **A Real Pain**
1:00 pm * **Never Alone**
Q&A on Zoom with Director Klaus Haro
3:30 pm * **Charles Grodin: Rebel With a Cause**
Q&A Live with Director James Freedman & Special Guest
7:00 pm * **Unspoken**
Q&A Live with Director/Writer Jeremy Borison & Actors Liz Richman and Michael Zapesotsky

TUESDAY, MARCH 11



10:30 am * **The Commandant's Shadow**
Q&A on Zoom with Director Daniela Volker
1:00 pm * **Treasure**
3:30 pm * **Colleyville**
Q&A Live with Director Dani Menkin
7:00 pm * **Bad Shabbos**
Q&A on Zoom with Director and Co-Writer Daniel Robbins

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12



9:30 am Bagels and Schmoozing
10:30 am * **One Life**
1:00 pm * **Pink Lady**
Q&A on Zoom with Director Nir Bergmann
3:30 pm * **Fioretta**
Q&A Live with Director Matthew Mishory and Family Member Randy Schoenberg
7:15 pm * **Yaniv**
Q&A Live with Director Amnon Carmi and Actors Annabel Steven & Eli Boskey
9:15 pm After Party ... Everyone welcome!!

The VIP Event, all films, Bagels & Schmoozing, and After Party will all be held at the Palm Springs Cultural Center (formerly the Camelot Theatre), 2300 East Baristo Road, Palm Springs. For information about becoming a sponsor, call 760-325-2281.

View trailers and purchase your Platinum Pass or individual tickets at PalmSpringsJewishFilmFestival.org

Schedule subject to change





Jewish Book Council Events

Feast of Jewish Learning II – Jewish Federation Office, Sunday, March 23

Three Books - Three In-Person Speakers

On Sunday, March 23rd, the Jewish Federation, in conjunction with the Jewish Book Council, is hosting this season's second Feast of Jewish Learning at the Jewish Federation, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. **There is no charge to attend but RSVP's are a must by calling the Federation Office: 760-324-4737.**



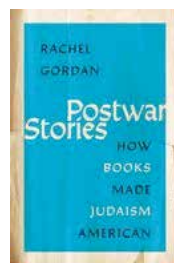
The first book, **"Joy of Costco,"** is a delightfully quirky read by David and Susan Schwartz, enthusiastic consumers and historians of all things Costco. Their book is about the "treasure hunt" experiences one gets walking through Costco and the feeling that Costco cares about its customers regardless of region. (The price of the food court hot dog has not changed from its original price of \$1.50 since 1984!). The book takes us through the history of the enterprise that now has 849 warehouses spanning 46 states and 13 foreign companies.

David Schwartz holds a BA from Stanford

and a PhD from MIT. He has had a varied career, as a foreign policy specialist, an investment banker and HR consultant. Susan Schwartz received her BA from the University of Pennsylvania and an MBA from Columbia University and then worked in marketing at Nabisco and General Foods.

The second presenter, at 11:00 AM, is Rachel Gordan, who will speak about her latest book **"Postwar Stories: How Books made Judaism American."** The period immediately following WWII was an era of dramatic transformation for Jews. By the end of the decade, antisemitism was in decline and Jews were moving toward general acceptance in American society. At a moment when Jews comprised 4.5 million Americans, and were facing a serious challenge of how to convince the other 135 million of their decency, normality, and respectability, it was through books that, somewhat improbably, their mission succeeded. Antisemitism declined, becoming taboo, and Judaism emerged as a major American religion. How that happened—and why it happened so rapidly—is Gordan's subject.

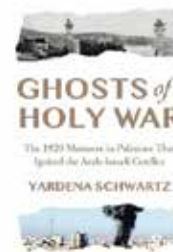
Rachel Gordan received her BA in American studies from Yale and her MAR from Yale Divinity school. She received her Ph.D. from Harvard University in



North American Religions. She has held postdoctoral fellowships at Northwestern University and the University of Toronto, before teaching at Boston University and Brandeis.

We will then have a lunch break and you can order your \$18.00 lunch choice for either tuna, egg salad or vegetarian sandwiches, with chips, drinks and a cookie. We must have your paid order by Wednesday, March 19th.

Our third session will begin at 1:00 PM and will feature Yardena Schwartz, speaking on her book **"Ghosts of a Holy War,"** the 1929 Massacre in Palestine that ignited the Arab-Israeli Conflicts. In the days since October 7, we have all grasped for words to describe the scale and brutality of Hamas' massacre, comparing it to Israel's 9/11 or the deadliest day for Jews since the Holocaust.



The 1929 massacre of the ancient Jewish community of Hebron, the burial place of Abraham, was one of the most seminal events in the Arab-Israeli conflict—until October 7, 2023, and Hamas's gruesome massacre of 1,200 men, women, and children, and their abduction of 250 others.

One century apart, the echoes of 1929 in 2023 are key to understanding the complexities of what is, at its core, a holy war between Abraham's children. Award-winning journalist Yardena Schwartz draws on her extensive research and wide-ranging interviews with both sides to tell the story of the world's most enduring conflict. Through the never-before-told story of a young American who moved to what was then Palestine in 1928, Yardena expertly weaves 100 years of history in the Holy Land to demonstrate how the issues today cannot be fully understood without the context of ground zero of this century-old war.

The line between 1929 and 2023 cuts through a century of Palestinian leaders' refusal to accept a Palestinian State alongside a Jewish State. The similarities between these two massacres and the causes behind them are a testament to how misunderstood this conflict still is.

Yardena Schwartz is an award-winning freelance journalist, Emmy-nominated producer and author of "Ghosts of a Holy War". From 2013-2023 she was based in Israel, where she reported for dozens of publications, including the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, The Economist, National Geographic, Rolling Stone and Time, among others. She has reported from France, Germany, Morocco, Nepal, Ukraine, Poland and previously worked at the Today Show, Nightly News with Brian Williams, and MSNBC's Andrea Mitchell Reports. From 2021-2022 she was a Journalism fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem.

Two More JBC In-Person Events



You are invited to join the Jewish Men's Outreach Group of the Desert and the Jewish Federation for a lively talk with **Noah Rinsky**, author of "Old Jewish

Men's Guide" on **Wednesday, March 5th** at 1:00 pm at the theater at Villa Portofino (Country Club and Portola, Palm Desert). There is no charge to attend this collaboration with the Jewish Book Council, but space is limited and RSVPs are a must to Leslie Pepper at 760-324-4737. Gate code given when you RSVP.

Join us at the Jewish Federation Offices on **Tuesday, March 18 at 3:00 PM** for an in-person book talk with **Judy Rakowsky** about **Jews in the Garden**, a shocking,

true story of untold World War II secrets. Judy Rakowsky is a career journalist who grew up knowing little about her family's Holocaust story. As a young reporter, she got to know her Cousin Sam, a survivor of the Krakow ghetto and four Nazi concentration camps. After spending decades covering crime and legal affairs for newspapers, she became riveted



the fate of relatives in Poland, and traveled to Poland with Sam over and over again to learn the truth of what happened to relatives in hiding. That truth was outlawed in 2018 by the Polish government.



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

"CONFRONTING ANTISEMITISM"

Congregation Beth Shalom's 14th Annual Scholar-in-Residence Weekend February 28 – March 2, 2025

Dr. Michael Berenbaum, Director of the Sigi Ziering Institute: Exploring the Ethical and Religious Implications of the Holocaust and Distinguished Professor of Jewish Studies at American Jewish University, will serve as Scholar-in-Residence at Congregation Beth Shalom Friday, February 28 thru Sunday, March 2, 2025, made possible by grants from Jewish Federation of the Desert and Pacific Southwest Region of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. The Shabbaton's theme, "Confronting Antisemitism," will be explored through presentations, *divrei Torah*, dialogues, and interactive conversations throughout the weekend, at Beth Shalom, Coachella Valley's Conservative Synagogue, 42600 Cook St.,



Second Floor in Palm Desert. The entire community is welcome to attend.

Dr. Berenbaum, the author and editor of twenty-four books and Executive Editor of the Second Edition of the *Encyclopedia Judaica*, is widely regarded as one of the most distinguished scholars of the Holocaust and Antisemitism of our time.

From 1997 to 1999, he was President and Chief Executive Officer of the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation. From 1988 to 1993, he served as Project Director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, overseeing its creation and later founded its Research Institute. He was the conceptual developer of more than a dozen museums in the United States, Poland, Spain, Mexico, Romania, and North Macedonia. Most recently, he was curator of the award-winning special exhibition: "Auschwitz: Not So Far Away, Not So Long Ago."

Dr. Berenbaum has been the producer, co-producer, executive producer, historical consultant, writer, and interviewer and interviewee on more than two dozen films in multiple languages broadcast throughout the world. His work in film has earned him Emmy and Academy awards.

On Friday, at 7:15 pm, Dr. Berenbaum will explore "Historical Antisemitism" during a special Erev Shabbat service. This will be followed by an Oneg Shabbat Dessert Reception, an opportunity for delicious refreshments and continuing conversation.

During Shabbat morning services, he will deliver the *d'var Torah* on "Political Antisemitism: The Book of Esther," on the occasion of Rosh Hodesh Adar, the month in which Purim is celebrated. Services begin at 9:15 am and are followed by a sumptuous Kiddush Luncheon.

Friday evening and Saturday morning services and sessions are free of charge, and the entire community is welcome with valid identification. RSVP for these sessions is appreciated.

"Faith-Based Antisemitism" will be the topic of Dr. Berenbaum's presentation at a late afternoon *S'udah Sh'lishit* program on Saturday beginning at 5:00 pm, including a festive light supper with

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FOLLOWED BY FESTIVE KIDDUSH LUNCH
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SATURDAY AFTERNOON @ 5:00 PM "FAITH-BASED ANTISEMITISM"
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Lion of Judah 2025

The Jewish Federation of the Desert's annual Lion of Judah Brunch was held on Monday, January 20th with over 100 local and out-of-town Lions coming together at Tamarisk Country Club. Our community honored Carol Fragen with the 2025 Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award for her lifetime commitment to Jewish community - locally and in Israel. We also were also delighted to acknowledge Lori Fritz, a parttime desert resident and member of our Jewish Federation's Board of Directors, who is a Lion of Judah in her home community of Minneapolis, as well as here, and received the prestigious Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award for 2025 in Minneapolis.

The women in attendance were treated to a fascinating talk by Dara Horn, world



Far left: Carol Fragen receiving the Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award by Fran Kaufman, Women's Philanthropy President, and Margie Kulp, co-chairs of the event.

renowned author of a nonfiction essay collection entitled **People Love Dead Jews, Reports from a Haunted Present**, a

startling exploration of how Jewish history is exploited to flatter the living.

The event was co-chaired by Fran Kaufman, President of Women's Philanthropy and Margie Kulp. A special welcome was extended to Lanie Klein of Wayzata, Minnesota, who is our community's newest Lion of Judah.



Guest speaker Dara Horn.



Far left: Carol Fragen with her sister (standing) Jane Beller, daughter-in-law Kathy Fragen and son Dr. Andy Fragen.

Middle: Lori Fritz (second from right) with (l-r) aunt Diane Cohen, mother Susie Diamond and aunt Nancy Ditlove.

Right: Margie Kulp and her mother, Frances Horwich.

Lion of Judah Brunch attendees.

Below: Federation President Arnie Gillman greeting LOJ attendees.



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opportunities for personal engagement and conversation with our weekend scholar, synagogue leaders, and fellow participants.

The Shabbaton will conclude by exploring the topic "Contemporary Antisemitism" at a Sunday champagne brunch beginning at 10:30 am. Professor Berenbaum will be in dialogue with Rabbi Dr. J.B. Sacks, Spiritual Leader of Beth Shalom, who will also welcome questions and comments from participants.

The cost for the Saturday afternoon

S'udah Sh'lishit light supper program and the Sunday morning champagne brunch program for Beth Shalom members is \$30 per member for each event or \$54 per member for both; and for non-members is \$40 per person for each event or \$72 per person for both. Advanced paid reservations were required by February 20 but you can call to see if you can be accommodated.

Information is available on the website: www.CongregationBethShalom.net or by emailing info@CongregationBethShalom.net or calling (760) 200-3636.



Interesting fact:

When **Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu** arrived in Washington, DC on February 3, 2025, he checked into Blair House, the official guest residence for visiting dignitaries. This marked his 14th stay there, the most by any foreign leader.

Blair House, Washington, DC

The Emergence of Antisemitism in Canada

By Lynda Zionts

Har-El is excited to offer a program featuring Naomi Z. Levine, B.A., M.A., LL.B., LL.D.(Hon.) of Winnipeg, Manitoba, who will speak about **"THE EMERGENCE OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN CANADA."**

Naomi Levine has championed human rights for more than 40 years. In 1979, Ms. Levine helped draft an influential report urging the Canadian Human Rights Foundation to improve its relationship with Manitoba's Indigenous peoples. Governments, institutions, and organizations have sought her expertise on legal and ethical matters, particularly workplace disputes and sexual harassment. As president of the Canadian Association against Sexual Harassment in Higher Education, Ms.

Levine became a prominent national voice in campus controversies across the country. She was host of the popular CBC-Radio column *Levine's Law* and is a past president of the Winnipeg Art Gallery's board of governors, vice-chair of Legal Aid Manitoba, and vice-president of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council.

In addressing the topic of antisemitism in Canada, Ms. Levine explains, *"There is a significant difference between the United States and Canada in the legislation that addresses antisemitism. The Canadian Parliament*



Naomi Z. Levine,
B.A., M.A., LL.B.,
LL.D.(Hon.)

has enacted "hate" legislation in which antisemitism through holocaust denial, other than in private conversation, is specifically articulated as hate and capable of being prosecuted.

The problem is how to enforce that provision. Sometimes it's blatantly obvious; sometimes it's difficult to obtain evidence and witnesses.

Canada truly has a different culture than the US and it stems from, on one hand, American history since the time of the Puritans' arrival and the American Constitution and, on the other, the Canadian inheritance of the British Parliamentary system and the Canadian Constitution.

In brief, the American legal priority is on individual rights, whereas, in Canada,

the communal right takes precedence (that does not mean that the majority can use the law to discriminate against the minority)."

To register for this POP-UP Course email harelurjpd@gmail.com. Location and directions will be sent with your confirmation. No Fee.

An optional no-host Brunch/Lunch will be served at 11:00 A.M. followed by a brief Shabbat D'Var Torah on Shushan Purim by Rabbi Richard Zionts. Ms. Levine will then take the floor and engage us in learning and discussion on antisemitism in Canada.

Those attending will leave with first-hand information and a big, delicious Hamentasch in hand.

Maine College's Effective Use of Resources Ends "Gaza Encampment"

By Dion J. Pierre, The Algemeiner

Bowdoin College in Maine negotiated an end to an anti-Zionist group's occupation of an administrative building without acceding to any of its demands for a boycott of Israel, *The Bowdoin Orient* reported on February 10.

The group Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) had installed an encampment inside Smith Union on February 6 in response to US President Donald Trump's proposing that the US "take over" the Gaza Strip and transform it into a hub for tourism and economic dynamism. The roughly 50 students who resided inside the building vowed not to leave until the Bowdoin officials agree to adopt the boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel.

Bowdoin officials promptly moved to deescalate the situation by counseling the

students to mind the "gravity of situation" in which they placed themselves, with senior associate dean Katie Toro-Ferrari warning that their behavior "could put them on the path where they are jeopardizing their ability to remain as Bowdoin students." No sooner had it sent this communication than it began issuing temporary suspensions to students who rejected appeals to leave Smith Union and return to normal student life.

"You will be placed on temporary suspension, effective immediately, pending a college disciplinary process," Bowdoin vice president Jim Hoppe wrote to the protesters in a letter, copies of which were sent to their parents. "During your immediate suspension, you may not attend your Spring 2025 courses ... Your family will receive a copy

of this letter. This temporary status will continue until further notice."

Facing threats of severer sanctions, SJP agreed to vacate Smith Union on February 10 and shared that they had issued a plea for mercy in discussions with college officials which called for them to "understand a context of good faith for the students who have engaged in this action." By that time, several students had already left the building, according to the *Orient*.

Republicans in Washington, DC have said that disruptive and extremist political activity on college campuses "will no longer be tolerated in the Trump administration." Meanwhile, the new US president has enacted a slew of policies aimed at reining in disruptive and discriminatory behavior.

Continuing work started during his first administration — when Trump issued Executive Order 13899 to ensure that civil rights law apply equally Jews — Trump's recent "Additional Measures to Combat Antisemitism" calls for "using all appropriate legal tools to prosecute, remove, or otherwise ... hold to account perpetrators of unlawful antisemitic harassment and violence." The order also requires each government agency to write a report explaining how it can be of help in carrying out its enforcement. Another major provision of the order calls for the deportation of extremist "alien" student activists, whose support for terrorist organizations, intellectual and material, such as Hamas, contributed to fostering antisemitism, violence, and property destruction.

IDF Introduces 'Tactical' Torah Scrolls for Field Conditions

By JNS

On February 2 Israel's Military Rabbinate unveiled a portable Holy Ark containing a Torah scroll that army rabbis designed to be worn like a backpack and which can be converted into a small podium, or bimah, for reading scripture.

The rabbinate developed the portable torah for use in field and combat conditions, the news site *Srugim* reported.

"When it comes to transporting a Torah scroll, an ark is necessary to prevent damage from humidity," said



IDF torah scroll for field use

Col. Rabbi Shoham Orkabi, the head of the operational department of the Military Rabbinate, according to the report.

Prior to the design of the portable Holy Ark, troops transported Torah

scrolls in receptacles that were neither comfortable to carry nor waterproof, Orkabi added.

Troops using the new portable ark can use the carrying case as a bimah, and place the scroll on it while reading. The case has short legs that allow it to be placed on the ground without getting water, mud, or dirt on the case's body. The legs are also important to avoid placing the Torah scroll on the ground, which is forbidden in Judaism.

Pictured right: Israel Defense Forces' carrying case for portable torah, holy ark and podium





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Rabbi Richard Zions & Cantor Joseph Gole conduct Shabbat Services on Zoom at 5:00 PM. Non-members may request to receive Zoom invites for Services, Torah Study and events by emailing Har-El. Rabbi Zions offers weekly Zoom Torah study on Saturdays at 11:00 AM.

CALENDAR FOR SPRING/SUMMER 2025

To register for any or all of the following,
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Saturday, March 15 - SHUSHAN PURIM.

11:00 AM Optional no-host Lunch
12:15 PM D'var Torah: Rabbi Richard Zions
12:30 PM Presentation by Canadian Citizen

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Yonah Jeremy Bob is a senior military and intelligence analyst for The Jerusalem Post, and Ilan Evyatar is the former editor-in-chief of the award-winning magazine 'The Jerusalem Report.' ■ The book describes how Israel uses sabotage, assassination, cyberwar as well as diplomacy to oppose and undermine Iran's development of nuclear weapons with hopes of creating a new Middle East.

Yonah Jeremy Bob spoke at the Jewish Federation on Zoom from Israel in November, 2024. If you attended, please plan to add to the discussion.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025 - 3 PM



Presenter: Rosa Weinstein Anthropologist

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During the dark times of Stalin's reign of terror and the Nazi bombardment of Leningrad (now St. Petersburg), world-renowned botanist Nikolai Vavilov and his colleagues fought bombs, scavengers and their own terrible hunger in order to save the world's largest collection of seeds, designated to change the future of world food production. Their sacrifice to insure freedom from enslavement and the betterment of human life foreshadows the message of the upcoming festival of Passover.

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Presenter: Robert Schneeweiss, Past Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development at Central Connecticut State University. "The Life and Work of Ernest Hemingway." Bob will also share highlights of his recent trip to Cuba. Rabbi Richard Zions will make comments that will connect Bob's presentation to Judaism. In preparation, an option is to watch Ken Burns' new three-part documentary, *Behind the Scenes: Making Hemingway*, which aired in January, 2025 & can be obtained with a PBS App.

To register for any or all of the above, email to: mtziontspd@aol.com. Location confirmed at the time of registration. Contributions welcome, not mandatory.



Half of British Jews Consider Leaving Due to Antisemitism, Many Don't See Long-Term Future

By Michael Starr, The Jerusalem Post

A third of British Jews don't see a future for them in the United Kingdom, and half of them have recently considered leaving the country, according to a poll published January 27, 2025, and conducted by the NGO Campaign Against Antisemitism (CAA).

The June survey of 4,078 British Jews found that 50% of respondents had considered leaving Britain due to antisemitism. Younger participants were more likely to have contemplated leaving the country, with 67% of adults 18 to 24 years of age and 63% of adults 25-49 years of age agreeing with the sentiment.

Only 30% of UK Jewish pensioners had considered leaving due to anti-Jewish animus. Orthodox and Haredi Jews were also more likely to have considered leaving the kingdom, with other groups hovering around the 45-50% range for agreement with the question.

When asked which two factors most motivated their consideration for leaving



Pro-Palestinian demonstrators in London, October 5, 2024

the British Isles, 76% of participants said the surge of antisemitism in the UK since the October 7 Massacre. Thirty-nine percent of respondents cited general prejudice towards Jews in society, and 38% cited antisemitism in political parties.

While many Jews had considered leaving the UK due to antisemitism, 34% percent of respondents still believed that Jews had a future in the country. Yet this optimism was eclipsed by the 37% of participants who didn't believe their co-religionists had

a future in the UK, and a further 29% didn't agree or disagree with the belief in a Jewish future in the country.

British Jews Feel Unwelcome

"Less than half of British Jews feel welcome in the UK. Antisemitism has become our nation's great shame, and time is running out," a CAA spokesperson said in a statement.

Over half of British Jews make attempts to conceal signs of Judaism when venturing out into the public, according to the poll, such as hiding a Star of David necklace or kippah, with Orthodox and Haredi Jews less likely to do so.

Jewish Brits are most concerned about Islamist extremism rather than radicalism from other ideological groups. Seventy-six percent perceived Islamism as a very serious threat to British Jews, and 19% saw the movement as a moderately serious threat.

Politicians in general were seen by respondents as not doing enough to protect Jews. Eighty-two percent said that politicians didn't do enough to safeguard British Jewry, and 77% said that the government doesn't do enough.

"The truth is that Britain and the authorities are failing the Jewish community," CAA said. "These figures paint a sobering picture of the lives of British Jews and their future."

The 2024 survey indicated that British Jews may have a severe distrust and dissatisfaction with UK law enforcement. Eighty percent of participants believed that the police didn't do enough to protect Jews, a sentiment extended by 66% and 61% to the Crown Prosecution Service and Courts, respectively.

Three-quarters of British Jewish poll participants were not satisfied with how local police forces had addressed anti-Israel marches in their cities. "British Jews have lost trust in the criminal justice system in general, which they do not feel is protecting them. CAA said in a statement. "It is time for arrests and a ban on the anti-Israel marches." The June poll followed a November survey published by CAA, which also found that nearly half of British Jews considered leaving the UK since October 7 due to rising antisemitism. Almost 70% had also said that they had concealed their Jewish identity.

Zvika Klein contributed to this report.



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Scott, Rosen Reintroduce Antisemitism Awareness Act in Senate

"It's critical the Department of Education has the tools and resources it needs to investigate antisemitism," said Sen. Tim Scott (R-S.C.).

Jewish News Syndicate

Senators Tim Scott (R-S.C.) and Jacky Rosen (D-Nev.) reintroduced the Antisemitism Awareness Act in the Senate on February 12.



Sen. Tim Scott (R-S.C.)

The bipartisan bill directs the U.S.

Department of Education to use the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism when investigating acts of Jew-hatred on campus.



Sen. Jacky Rosen (D-Nev.)

"In the continued aftermath of the October 7 attacks on Israel by Hamas and Iran, we have seen college campuses across our nation become hotbeds of antisemitism where Jewish students' rights are being threatened," Scott said. "It's critical the Department of Education has the tools and resources it needs to investigate antisemitism

and root out this vile hatred wherever it rears its ugly head."

The legislation would enshrine in law U.S. President Donald Trump's 2019 executive order instructing federal agencies to consider the IHRA definition of antisemitism in enforcing Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which prohibits any recipient of federal funds from discriminating on the basis of race, color or national origin. Title VI notably applies to virtually every university in the

country.

The IHRA definition includes both a "non-legally binding working definition" of antisemitism as well as 11 "contemporary examples" of antisemitism, including "holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel," and "denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor."

Trump Signs Executive Order to Combat Antisemitism on College Campuses

New federal measures target campus harassment and require stricter oversight of foreign students.

Israfan

President Donald Trump has signed a sweeping executive order to combat antisemitism, mandating tougher legal action against antisemitic harassment and violence, particularly on college campuses. The order directs federal agencies to identify legal tools to hold accountable individuals and institutions failing to protect Jewish students.

The executive order, signed Wednesday night, follows an unprecedented rise in antisemitic incidents since Hamas's October 7 attack on Israel. Trump stated that Jewish students have faced intimidation, harassment, and physical threats, often without proper intervention by university administrations.

Under the order, federal agencies must:

Submit reports within 60 days outlining criminal and civil actions available to combat antisemitism.

Investigate complaints against universities that fail to protect Jewish students.

Monitor and report foreign students and faculty involved in antisemitic activities and, if warranted, revoke visas and remove offenders.

The order has received mixed reactions from Jewish organizations and university communities.

Ari Shrage, president of the Columbia Jewish Alumni Association, welcomed the move, saying, "Columbia has been



ground zero for anti-Israel protests, and despite our pleas, the administration has done nothing. Students on visas who harass Jewish students should no longer have the right to stay in America."

On the other hand, Jonathan Jacoby, national director of the Nexus Project, criticized the order, calling it a "cynical weaponization of Jewish safety concerns to suppress free speech and threaten vulnerable student populations."

The Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) strongly supported the executive order, stating: "The surge of global antisemitism has endangered American Jews, particularly at elite universities. We commend President Trump for taking bold and decisive action."

As antisemitic incidents escalate, Trump's executive order marks a turning point in federal intervention on university campuses. Supporters argue it sends a strong message that antisemitic threats will not be tolerated, while critics warn of potential free speech concerns.

With university policies now under federal scrutiny, this move could reshape how antisemitism is addressed on American campuses.

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Argentine President Javier Milei honored with “Jewish Nobel” Genesis Award for Unwavering Support of Israel and Jewish Values

Milei is First Non-Jew to Receive the Honor
By Israfan

For the first time in its history, the prestigious Genesis Prize, often called the “Jewish Nobel,” has been awarded to a non-Jew. Argentine President Javier Milei received the honor in recognition of his strong support for Israel and his deep personal connection to Judaism.

Stan Polovets, co-founder and chairman of the Genesis Prize Foundation, explained the decision in a recent interview, emphasizing Milei’s firm pro-Israel stance, his commitment to reversing Argentina’s past anti-Israel policies, and his personal ties to Jewish traditions.

Although raised Catholic, Milei studies Torah, attends Jewish prayer services, and



Argentine President
Javier Milei

has visited the grave of the Lubavitcher Rebbe four times to seek guidance. He has expressed his intent to convert to Judaism after his presidency and has also discovered



Argentine President Javier Milei at Western Wall

Jewish ancestry in his family history.

“Milei’s support for Israel isn’t just political, it’s moral,” Polovets said. “He sees Israel’s struggle as a fight between good and evil.”

Since taking office, Milei has shifted Argentina’s foreign policy dramatically in Israel’s favor. He designated Hamas as a terrorist organization, called for the release of Israeli hostages in Gaza, and announced plans to move Argentina’s

embassy to Jerusalem. He also reversed decades of Argentina’s anti-Israel voting patterns at the United Nations and personally traveled to Israel to stand in solidarity after the October 7 massacre.

Additionally, Milei has reignited long-dormant investigations into the 1992 and 1994 terrorist bombings of the Israeli Embassy and the AMIA Jewish community center in Buenos Aires. He has sought the arrest of Iranian officials linked to the attacks and proposed legal reforms to allow in-absentia trials for those responsible.

The Genesis Prize’s \$1 million award will be donated to organizations that promote freedom and democracy, a cause that aligns with Milei’s political vision.

As Milei continues to strengthen Argentina’s ties with Israel, his selection for the Genesis Prize highlights the importance of honoring international allies who stand with the Jewish state.

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Dutch Parliament Conditions Palestinian NGO Funding on Recognition of Israel

By Ailin Vilches Arguello, The Algemeiner

The Dutch Parliament passed a resolution on January 28 to make funding for Palestinian NGOs depend on their recognition of Israel's right to exist.

The Dutch House of Representatives passed a resolution by a margin of 70-67 requiring greater transparency from NGOs, including detailed information about board members and funded projects, while ensuring that subsidized organizations align with the Netherlands' foreign policy, including recognition of the state of Israel.

The motion also addresses terror ties, citing the Netherlands' decision to halt subsidies to the Ramallah-based Union of Agricultural Work Committee (UAWC) following a terror attack by employees with ties to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), an internationally designated terrorist organization.

Last year, Dutch lawmakers discovered that the previous government had continued funding a terror-linked NGO, despite knowing they had subsidized the salaries of two Palestinians convicted

in the 2019 murder of a 17-year-old Israeli girl.

These two Palestinians were members of the PFLP, while also being employed by the UAWC, which has received over 20 million euros in funding from the Dutch government over the past decade.

In 2020, the government suspended funding to the UAWC pending an investigation into the 2019 bombing.

This week's resolution also came two months after a violent attack in Amsterdam against visiting Israeli soccer fans by a mob of rioters, many of them Muslim.

Olga Deutsch, vice president of NGO Monitor, an independent Jerusalem-based research organization, explained that the lack of vetting and oversight mechanisms has allowed billions of euros to be diverted to antisemitic, anti-Israel, and terror-affiliated organizations.

"The need to change these practices became even more salient following the Hamas massacre of Oct. 7, 2023," she told the Algemeiner.

Deutsch pointed out that the Dutch government supported numerous

organizations that misused aid funds, with a large portion being directed toward political warfare against Israel and the global Jewish community.

This "endangers the safety of global Jewish communities ... as it radicalizes discourse, spreads fear, and promotes narratives that translate into attacks against Jews," she added.

Last year, NGO Monitor presented a report to the Dutch Parliament warning that foreign aid to Palestinian organizations was being misused for terrorism and radicalism.

NGO Monitor revealed that from 2021 to 2027, Dutch government grantees included NGOs involved in anti-Israel campaigns.

These included Al Mezan, which engages in legal action against Israel and has ties to PFLP and Hamas; the Independent Commission for Human Rights (ICHR), which collaborates with terror groups such as Hamas, PFLP, and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ); and Oxfam-Novib, which, along with other organizations, sued the Netherlands in 2023 to stop arms exports to Israel.

Deutsch emphasized that the latest resolution is crucial as global discussions unfold about Gaza's future post-ceasefire, urging the international community to rethink and restructure aid distribution.

"The donor community must ensure that aid is not diverted to Hamas and other terror organizations, as was the case before Oct. 7," she said.

During this legislative session, the Dutch Parliament also adopted a motion urging the government to support Gaza reconstruction plans and fundraising efforts.

However, lawmakers rejected several proposals related to Israel and the Palestinians, including one to tighten labeling and tariff enforcement on Israeli settlements. They also denied motions to link Dutch aid for Gaza's reconstruction to Dutch companies and restrict it to civilian infrastructure, as well as to provide January funding to UNRWA, the controversial UN agency for Palestinian refugees that has come under fire for several links to Hamas.



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FDA Approves Fast Track for Israeli Breakthrough in Artery Disease Treatment

Innovative therapy offers new hope for patients facing limb amputation and life-threatening complications

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has granted Fast Track approval to an Israeli-developed treatment that could transform the lives of patients suffering from severe artery disease. Created by BioGenCell, the groundbreaking therapy, BGC101, targets Critical Limb-Threatening Ischemia (CLTI), a dangerous microvascular disease that often leads to amputation and high mortality rates.

BioGenCell's innovation uses immune and stem cells derived from the patient's own blood, offering a rapid, scalable, and highly personalized treatment option. This approach addresses the dire need for alternative therapies for patients who cannot undergo revascularization procedures, a common challenge for those with advanced CLTI stemming from conditions like diabetes and atherosclerosis.

Fast Track Designation, granted by the FDA, is reserved for treatments aimed at severe conditions with unmet medical



needs. It facilitates an accelerated approval process, reflecting the urgent need for solutions like BGC101.

CLTI represents the final and often fatal stage of peripheral artery disease, making this therapy a beacon of hope

for many. With traditional treatments often falling short in advanced cases, BioGenCell's innovative TRACT (Tissue Regenerative Activated Cell Therapy) solution offers a promising alternative. The process is remarkably efficient:

blood is collected, treated with the patient's own immune and stem cells, and reintroduced all within a single day.

Vascular diseases, including peripheral vascular disease, stroke, heart disease, and blindness, account for a staggering 25% of global deaths. Treatments are not only expensive but also fail to yield results for many patients in late stages. Clinical trials for BGC101, however, have demonstrated encouraging outcomes, paving the way for a new standard of care.

"Achieving Fast Track Designation is a significant milestone for BioGenCell and for patients in critical need," stated Dr. David Raab, Chairman of BioGenCell. Dr. Yael Porat, the company's Founder and CEO, emphasized that this recognition highlights the potential of their personalized cell therapy, backed by promising clinical results and a strong mechanism of action.

Trump Mulls Adapting Iron Dome Technology for US Defense

Defense experts disagree on whether such a system is necessary or even feasible for the United States.

By Vered Weiss, World Israel News

President Donald Trump has proposed developing a missile defense system for the U.S. similar to Israel's Iron Dome. While Iron Dome has largely been successful in protecting Israelis from missile attacks, experts disagree on whether such a system is necessary or even feasible for the United States.

Recent drone sightings in sensitive U.S. locations have sparked calls to upgrade defense technology. The system, which has already been adopted by Turkey



An Israeli anti-missile system intercept rockets fired from Lebanon, near the Israeli border with Lebanon, September 16, 2024.

and South Korea, is designed to defend against drones, hypersonic weapons, and long-range missiles.

Dr. Yehoshua Kalisky, a senior researcher at the Institute for National Security Studies in Tel Aviv, suggested that if Iron Dome were adapted for the U.S., it would likely be deployed in specific strategic areas rather than to protect entire cities.

"A U.S. version of Iron Dome would likely be deployed to protect battlefield

units and strategic sites, rather than cities, which are better protected by systems designed to counter intercontinental ballistic missile threats," Kalisky told The Media Line.

He added, "The U.S. possesses advanced capabilities, such as the AN/TPY-2 radar, which has significantly greater range and power."

"Upgrading Iron Dome with more advanced radar systems and faster missiles could align it with systems

like David's Sling, which is designed to intercept more advanced threats," Kalisky explained.

In 2019, the U.S. purchased two Iron Dome batteries from Israel, marking the first time Israel exported its Iron Dome technology.

The U.S. military has since tested the technology as a solution for dealing with short-range missiles and may adapt it to work in tandem with Patriot and THAAD, which target medium- and long-range missiles. However, challenges have arisen in integrating this technology, designed for local, short-range threats, into broader defense scenarios.

While it may be possible to adapt Iron Dome to complement current U.S. defense systems, some experts argue it is not a practical solution. Kalisky concluded, "The U.S. already has systems like Patriot, THAAD, and Aegis in place to counter medium- and long-range threats, including ballistic and cruise missiles. Integrating a short-range system like Iron Dome would require significant modifications to ensure compatibility and avoid redundancy."

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Local Community Commemorates the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz

By Talia Lizemer

2025 marks 80 years since the end of World War II and the Holocaust. 80 years ago, on January 27th, 1945, the Red Army liberated Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest and one of the most infamous and deadliest Nazi concentration camps. In 2005 the United Nations proclaimed January 27th as International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Of the 1.3 million individuals sent to Auschwitz, 1.1 million lost their lives, most of them Jews. Acknowledging this milestone year, on Monday, January 27, 2025, the Mensch International Foundation held its 15th annual commemoration event at the Holocaust Memorial in Palm Desert Civic Park. This memorial, the only one in Riverside

County, was built in 1995 by Holocaust survivors Joe Brandt and Earl Greif. The memorial includes a Defiant Man's figure

with A-17874 tattooed on his left arm, the number being Joe Brandt's Auschwitz tattoo.



From Left: Steven Geiger, Palm Desert Mayor Pro-Tem Jan Harnik, Rabbi Suzanne Singer, Holocaust Survivor Henry Friedman, Professor Michael Bazylar, and Rabbi J.B. Sacks.

Temple Sinai Religious School Students Engage with Café Europa Members

By Talia Lizemer, Temple Sinai Religious School Director

Café Europa is a monthly gathering of Holocaust survivors and second-generation Holocaust survivors. It acknowledges that survivors share similar memories and experiences, and even though lunch is served, the true nourishment is from the connections with others who have endured similar hardships.

Inspired by a café in Stockholm, Sweden, where survivors would gather after the war hoping to find lost relatives and friends, Café Europa is now replicated in more than 100 venues around the world.

Locally Café Europa is organized by the Jewish Family Service and sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Desert. Programs are held at various locations.

On Sunday, February 2nd, 2025, Café Europa members and families were invited to a special private screening of the award-winning film "Call Me Dancer," followed by a Q&A with the director Leslie Shampaine, at Temple Sinai in Palm Desert.

Prior to the screening the guests enjoyed brunch, during which time Temple Sinai's Community Religious School's students walked around the social hall, chatting with the survivors, and performing Hebrew songs while engaging the survivors to follow the songs' directions

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The Hadassah Medical Organization, New York

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The virtually instant imaging is the work of a massive camera – really, 92 separate, unseen cameras – that creates an extremely accurate 360-degree picture almost immediately. The photography is noninvasive and contains no radiation.

The Hadassah Medical Organization's acquisition of the VECTRA was made possible by a generous supporter of Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Association of America.

During regular patient appointments, dermatologists at Hadassah hospitals can now examine every potential skin anomaly in three-dimensional detail. This is a dramatic contrast to what can usually be done during patient check-



ups, when dermatologists focus on specific kinds of blemishes, freckles,

beauty marks and moles, and must schedule additional appointments for

anything more comprehensive.

The highly sophisticated VECTRA imaging system offers two additional advantages. First, it is connected to a global database containing millions of patient images. Using artificial intelligence, the VECTRA can compare one patient's skin marks to those of patients around the world and rank, on a scale of one to 10, the likelihood of any skin anomaly's being or becoming cancerous. Second, the VECTRA can compare a patient's latest images to those taken at previous appointments.

"With the VECTRA, we have the technology to prevent, identify and treat skin cancers as early as possible," said Dr. Ronni Shreberk Hassidim, Senior Physician in the Department of Dermatology at Hadassah. "This is especially important for high-risk patients, like those with a family history of skin cancer, a compromised immune system or an overabundance of moles."

Trump Administration to Send Israel \$1 Billion in Bombs and Bulldozers

February 5, 2025

This would be in addition to the \$8 billion in arms already requested by the former administration.

By Batya Jerenberg, World Israel News
President Trump is asking Congress to support the sale of a billion dollars' worth of bombs and bulldozers to Israel, The Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday.

A majority of the deal is for ordinance of the half-ton, MK83 variety, some 4,700 bombs worth over \$700 million that the Israeli air force uses constantly against terrorist forces.

The one-ton variety, called the MK84, are considered "bunker-busters." These, and a much lighter, 500-pound

version, are the munitions that the Biden administration paused shipment of when the IDF invaded Rafah last May, to signal its displeasure regarding Jerusalem ignoring its demand not to enter the southern town that was Hamas' last stronghold at the time.

Just a few days after taking office, Trump removed that suspension, saying that the Israelis "paid for them and they have been waiting for them for a long time."

The other \$300 million is for armored, Caterpillar bulldozers, which have been used throughout the war to probe for booby traps before troops move onto Gazan streets, find tunnel openings, and knock down buildings from which terrorists have threatened the soldiers.

These items would be in addition to the \$8 billion in arms that the Biden administration requested "informally" for Israel just two weeks before the former president left office.

Those munitions include medium-range air-to-air missiles to help Israel defend against UAVs and other airborne threats, 155mm artillery shells, Hellfire

AGM-114 missiles for Israel's helicopter gunships, 500-lb bombs of the kind that had previously been slow-walked, and JDAM kits that turn "dumb" bombs into "smart," guided ones.

It was expected that in his meeting with the president Tuesday, Netanyahu would ask that the sale be speeded up if possible.

Only some of these arms can be supplied from current American stockpiles. The orders for the majority will take one or more years to fill.

All arms sales need prior approval of both the House and Senate foreign relations committees before going to the respective houses for a vote.

From the day of the Hamas invasion of Israel that sparked the current war in October 2023 to October 2024, the United States has provided \$17.9 billion in military aid to Israel, with most if not all spent by Israel on purchasing American-made hardware.

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- **Susan Konheim**, Happy 80th birthday. May we continue to make memorable memories together, from Shelli Goodman and Bernie Plack.
- **Margie Kulp**, Happy birthday from Karen Lee.
- **Margie Kulp**, In your honor, from Jon and Sally Kovler
- **Margie and Stephen Kulp**, We appreciate your work for the community and including us in your circle of friends, from Judy and

Ken Friednash.

- **Mel Lefkowitz**, Congratulations on your 90th birthday, with love from Barbara and Bernie Fromm.
- **Myron Mintz**, In honor of your birthday, from Phyllis Eisenberg.
- **Alan Parsow**, Happy 75th birthday, from Barry Kaiman, Mary Levine and Alan Goldstein, Larry and Cathy Pitts, and Amy and Jaime Siegel.
- **Joan Sharfstein**, Thank you for a lovely evening, from Bonnie Carmell.
- **Jane and Larry Sherman**, Thank you for a wonderful Shabbat dinner, from Judy Schwartz.
- **Leslie Usow**, Happy birthday. Wishes for many more, from Robin Berman.

Refuah Shleimah Get Well:

- **Neil Feinberg**, Wishing you a return to good health, from Ruth and Mal Kaufman.
- **Bobby Scadron**, Get well soon! from Marnie Miller and Joe Noren.
- **Albert Silverman**, Hope for a complete and speedy recovery, from Nancy and Dennis Ditlove, Marnie Miller and Joe Noren.
- **Carole Sukman**, Thinking of you and wishing you a speedy return to Canasta, from Barbara Platt.

Memoriam Tributes Condolences Sent To:

- **Cathy Ackerson**, In memory of your dear dad, Ted Eisler, from Gail Siegel.
- **Dick Braverman and Family**, in memory of your beloved wife Priscilla, from Al and Fefe Passer.
- **Sandy Lipsky**, I was so sorry to hear about Buddy. Sending much love to you and the kids, from Marnie Miller.
- **Melanie Garver**, In memory of Katherine Carlotta Zucker on the occasion of her yahrzeit, from Dr Basil G. Bernstein.
- **Mrs. Jack Goldner**, In memory of your dear husband, from Gail Siegel.
- **Ed Gubman**, Condolences on the death of your sister Linda, from Barbara and Bernie Fromm.
- **Fran Kaufman**, In memory of Linda Gubman Cherniack, from Sandra Harris.
- **Amy Nachman and Family**, In memory of Alan Potash, from Phyllis Eisenberg and Nancy Potash.
- **Gail and Michael Sacks**, Condolences on the loss of your beloved sister Marilyn, from Stephanie and Dr. Paul Ross.

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Program to support former captives with tuition, counseling, and career assistance.

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On February 2 the Hebrew University of Jerusalem announced that it will provide full scholarships to freed hostages, covering tuition for a three-year degree in any field of study.

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- Career counseling

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Hebrew University

Tamir Shefer, the university's rector. "This program will help former hostages rebuild a hopeful future and provide a solid foundation for their long rehabilitation journey."

Since the October 7 Hamas attack, which saw 251 people abducted, Hebrew University has expanded its support for students affected by the conflict, including tutoring and flexible class schedules for those returning from IDF service and financial assistance for students displaced by the war.



Shabbat Schedule - March 2025

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Rabbi Dr. JB Sacks (rabbi@congregationbethshalom.net); Ken Hailpern, Madrikh Ruhani (ken@congregationbethshalom.net) 42600 Cook Street, Second Floor, Palm Desert, CA 92211. 760-200-3636.

Shabbat Morning Services: 9:45 am, followed by light Kiddush lunch. Visitors welcome with valid identification. For information, email info@congregationbethshalom.net or call 760-200-3636. www.CongregationBethShalom.net

Scholar in Residence Weekend:

February 28-March 2. See complete Weekend Schedule in Community Calendar (next page), **plus ad and article on page 4.**
Sunday, March 16

4:00 pm Se'udat Purim Purim celebration including reading from the Megillah. (See Community Calendar for more information).

Hadassah Shabbat Friday, March 28; 7:15 pm, followed by sponsored Oneg.

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Rabbi Yonason Denebeim & Rabbi Arik Denebeim 250 East Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92264 www.chabadpalmsprings.com 760-325-0774. Shacharit services Monday-Friday at 7:30 am; Sundays at 8:00 am and Shabbat at 10:00 am. Evening services 10 minutes before sunset. Check website or call to confirm times.

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

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address: P.O. Box 982, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270.

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Email: templeharshalomofidyllwild@gmail.com. Shabbat Candle Lighting on Fridays at 6:00 pm on Zoom. 1st Friday with Rabbi Malka Drucker; 2nd Friday with Rabbi Ilana Grinblat; 3rd Friday with Kerry Abram; 4th Friday with Rabbi Ilana Grinblat. Shabbat Book Study with Rabbi

Malka Drucker on Zoom Saturdays 4:00-5:00 pm. Check our website for current info including Torah Study with Rabbi Ilana one Saturday morning per month. For more information and for Zoom link call 951-468-0004.

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Website: templeisaihps.com.
Shabbat services Friday evenings in the Liberman Chapel at 6:30 pm followed by Oneg. Torah services are on Shabbat mornings at 10:30

followed by a kiddush.. We will be having Shacharit/Torah Service at least once a month on various Shabbat mornings, starting at 10:30 am. This month: March 8th. Check website to confirm services and programming. Services also streamed online. To access any activity, go to Temple Isaiah's website and click on link to desired service or program. MARCH: Interim Associate Rabbis: Rabbi Rachel Axelrad, Rabbi Dr. Kenneth Emert, Rabbi Suzanne Singer. Cantorial Soloist: Ezra Yaron. March Grief Support Group is at 2:00 on Tuesday, March 18, led by Rabbi Rachel Axelrad in the Rabbi's Office

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evening services 5:30 pm, preceded
by pre-service Oneg at 5:00 pm.
Saturday morning Torah study 8:45
am; Shabbat morning services 10 am.

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Religious School 9:30 - 12:00 AM
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Community Calendar of Programs - March 2025

Sundays:

11:00-11:30 am Chabad of Palm Springs/Sun City **Tanya Teachings**. For men and women.

Tuesdays:

5:00-7:00 pm – Chabad of Rancho Mirage weekly BBQ. Check website for details.

7:00 pm – Chabad of Palm Springs/ Sun City: Tanya, a class for women, with **Sussie Denebeim**. Call 760-848-8250 for more information.
7:00 pm A Women's Class on Zoom with Sussie Denebeim "Living With the Times." Call 760-848-8250 for more information.

Wednesdays:

11:00 am Or Hamidbar. **Rabbi David Lazar** class: The Book of Proverbs on Zoom. For Zoom link visit orhamidbar.org.

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

Wednesday, February 26

5:30 pm Jewish Federation Major Gifts Dinner

Guest speaker **Rabbi David Wolpe**.

Friday, February 28-

Sunday, March 2

Beth Shalom **14th Annual Scholar-in-Residence Weekend** with **Dr. Michael Berenbaum**:

CONFRONTING ANTISEMITISM.

Friday evening: Historical Antisemitism; Saturday morning: Political Antisemitism (The Book of Esther);; Saturday afternoon: Faith-Based Antisemitism; Sunday morning: Contemporary Antisemitism. See ad and article on page 4.

Wednesday, March 5

1:00 pm Jewish Men's Outreach Group of the Desert & Jewish Federation in-person Jewish Book Council author **Noah Riley** speaking about his book **Old Jewish Men's Guide** at Club Portofino. See article page 3.

Wednesday, March 5

3:00 pm Har-El Books & Bordeaux Series: **Professor Steve Moyer, J.D.**, will lead discussion on Yonah Jeremy Bob and Ilan Evayatar's book **"Target Tehran;"** how Israel uses sabotage, assassination and cyberwar as well as diplomacy to oppose and undermine Iran's development of nuclear weapons. No charge but RSVP to mtziontspd@aol.com required. Location given when you RSVP.

Thursday, March 6

9:30 am Sabra Hadassah of the Desert meeting at the Jewish Federation Building in Rancho Mirage. Program: **Rabbi David Novak** of Temple Sinai, speaking on his January 2025 trip to Israel. Doors open 9:30

am for socializing, program begins at 10 am. \$20 members/\$25 non-members. RSVP to 818-687-9446.

Saturday, March 8- Wednesday, March 12

Temple Isaiah presents the 12th Annual **Palm Springs Jewish Film Festival**, held at the Palm Springs Cultural Center (formerly the Camelot Theatre). Live performance **"The Door to America"** opening evening March 8 (see ad page 10). Sixteen films, most with Red Carpet Q&A following screenings. See complete schedule page 2.

Saturday, March 15

12:15 pm Har-El Pop-Up Program: Shushan Purim special speaker: **Naomi Z. Levine, B.A., M.A., LL.B., LL.D. (Hon): The Emergence of**

Antisemitism in Canada. See article on page 6. No fee, but RSVP required: mtziontspd@aol.com.

Tuesday, March 18

3:00 pm Jewish Book Council speaker **Judy Rokowsky** in-person presentation on her book **Jewish in the Garden**, held at the Jewish Federation Offices. See article page 3.

Sunday, March 23

10:00 AM-2:00 PM Jewish Federation **Feast of Jewish Learning II**. Three in-person presentations. See article page 5. No fee but RSVP required: 760-324-4737.

Sunday, March 26

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Jewish Singer Adam Lambert Calls Out Antisemitism While Starring in 'Cabaret'

The "American Idol" alum has stopped the Broadway show on multiple occasions to address audience members laughing at an antisemitic joke.

By Lior Zaltzman, Kveller

Jewish singer Adam Lambert, who first rose to fame as the runner-up on "American Idol" in 2009, is in the new production of the hit 1966 musical "Cabaret," and he's encountering a problem he didn't expect — one that, as a Jewish creator, he feels compelled to address: members of the audience laughing at what is meant to be a shocking antisemitic joke in the show's second act.

For those of you who haven't seen "Cabaret" (a travesty I recommend remedying!), the musical takes place in a Berlin cabaret venue called the Kit Kat Club during the late 1920s and early '30s. It's the twilight of the Jazz Age, as Nazism slowly but surely rears its head in the German capitol, seeping into even this most bohemian of spaces. Meant to serve as a distraction from that dawning darkness, the club is, at the end, not an escape or a safe space at all.

While the play, written by Jewish World War II veteran Joe Masteroff with music by Jewish songwriting duo Kander and Ebb, is, in some ways, a love story between Cliff, an American author living in Berlin (based on Christopher Isherwood) and a cabaret actress named Sally Bowles, the character at the center of the musical is the cabaret's master of ceremonies, referred to as The Emcee. In the original Broadway show and the cult classic 1972 movie, The Emcee is played by Joel Grey, a Jewish gay man (at the time, Grey, father of "Dirty Dancing" actress Jennifer Grey, wasn't public about his sexuality). Some might argue that it was Grey's performance as the sinister character that helped make the play the iconic timeless hit that it is today.

One of the numbers that The Emcee performs is a song called "If You Could Only See Her," in which he croons a love



Adam Lambert

song to an actor in a gorilla suit. He is in love with said gorilla and wishes the crowd could see her through his eyes. At the end of the song, we realize the song is antisemitic in construct. "If you could see her through my eyes," he sings, "you couldn't even tell that she's a Jew."

Can we ask?

The original "joke," Grey recalls in a recent op-ed for the New York Times, drew such gasps and indignation from audiences that the producer decided to tamper it — the play was already considered quite salacious and shocking for its time. Instead, Grey sang, "If you could see her through my eyes / She isn't a meeskite at all," using the Yiddish word for ugly featured in an earlier song by a Jewish fruit merchant, Herr Schultz. The choice muddled the song's meaning and impact, and oftentimes, Grey writes, he would conveniently forget to change the lyrics.

In the movie adaptation, which features

an unforgettable Liza Minelli as Sally Bowles, the song includes its original Jewish lyric, which draws ominously jovial laughter — it's a dark, pivotal moment in both the play and the film.

In this new "Cabaret" revival, though, which premiered at the August Wilson Theater last September, that line, once a source of horror, seems to sometimes draw genuine laughter from the audience. And on multiple occasions, Lambert, who was raised Jewish in San Diego, has stopped the play to go off script, not willing to let the casual antisemitism slide. In those instance, he has asked those laughing to pay attention, sometimes repeating the line, emphasizing the point of the scene by repeating those hateful words, and telling those laughing that they're not made for comedy.

David Rigano, who was at the show earlier this month, wrote about how touched he was to see Lambert stop the play at such a moment in an open letter that has since gone viral.

"This afternoon at Cabaret, as you were finishing the song 'If You Could See Her' and you held the gorilla's face in your hands to say 'She wouldn't look Jewish at all,' you were cut off by people in the audience laughing at the joke," he shared on social media. "Not nervous laughter, not shocked laughter, but people who found the surprise that it was a Jewish gorilla legitimately funny."

Rigano went on to write he was "shaking my head that we live in a world that didn't get the point of that joke." He then explained how Lambert turned to them and, still in character, said, "No. This is not comedy. Pay attention."

"Especially the week of this inauguration, I really appreciated that," Rigano shared. "And from the applause you got for it, I feel like the rest of the audience appreciated it, as well. Thank you so so much."

Lambert, who has toured with the band Queen and recently released a salacious album worthy of the seediest of cabarets, responded to the post with a sincere thanks, saying how the show feels especially important right now, and how he hopes audiences walk away thinking and feeling "empathy towards how marginalized groups can be scapegoated as political strategy. That's my hope and motivation every show; to pull you into an irresistible community and then make you miss us as

we are stolen from you. Maybe just maybe we can change some minds."

It's a laudable move from Lambert — refusing to be complicit in any kind of normalization of bigotry, even from the stage, and a signal to marginalized members of the audience which, I'm sure like any Broadway show, draws many a New York Jew and Jewish tourist. It sends a strong message that he is on their side, that he is standing up for them, that they are in a safe space at the theater, even if, just like in the scenes of "Cabaret," the world outside is filling with a darkness that's hard to escape.

So why are people laughing? Is it that they do foster the same antisemitic sentiments that the crowd at that imagined cabaret would have? Is it that they're drunk and unaware because the show is set in an actual cabaret-like space that encourages drinking and immersing yourself in the experience?

Grey himself has thoughts on this question. "My initial assessment, when word first reached me about this unusual reaction," he wrote in the New York Times piece, "was that these must be the triumphant laughs of the complicit, suddenly drunk on power and unafraid to let their bigotry be known. Now I find myself considering other hypotheses. Are these the hollow, uneasy laughs of an audience that has retreated into the comfort of irony and detachment? Are these vocalized signals of acceptance? Audible white flags of surrender to the state of things? A collective shrug of indifference?"

The stage star, who also originated the role of the wizard in "Wicked," concluded that he doesn't know which option feels like the most ominous. He worries that just like the Jews of the '20s and '30s, we may feel like the state of things won't ultimately affect us. It's also worth noting that when "Cabaret" originally premiered, the Holocaust still felt very near. Only two decades had passed since the liberation of the camps. Maybe the laughter is a sign that we've forgotten the very real and harrowing consequences of that line.

"Cabaret" has been on Broadway countless times since 1966, with incredible Emcees — Eddy Redmayne, Neil Patrick Harris, Alan Cummings, Adam Pascal — yet in the over five decades since it has premiered, this is the first time that character is once again played by a queer Jewish actor. The timing feels especially prescient, with rising antisemitism and LGBTQ+ rights in peril.



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Flights to Israel Resume as United Airlines Restarts Service in March

First U.S. carrier to restore service to Tel Aviv amid war-related disruptions

By Israfan

United Airlines announced on February 4 that it will resume flights to Israel on March 15, making it the first U.S. airline to restore service to Tel Aviv following disruptions caused by the Israel-Hamas war.

The Chicago-based airline will initially operate nonstop flights from Newark's Liberty International Airport, with a second daily flight beginning March 29.

The move was welcomed by New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy, who had pressed airline executives on the issue following his meeting with Israeli President Isaac Herzog.

"This important move eases travel difficulties for businesses, the Jewish community, and many others in New Jersey," Murphy stated. "It will allow



families to reunite in time for the Passover holiday."

Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) called United's decision "great news", while Senate

Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) urged American Airlines and other carriers to follow suit.

Prior to the war, United operated

more flights to Israel than any other U.S. airline, with 14 weekly flights from New York, Chicago, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C.

Delta Airlines has also announced it will resume flights to Tel Aviv on April 1, while American Airlines has yet to announce a return date.

United's return will end El Al's monopoly on the transatlantic route, which had driven up fares due to increased demand and limited competition.

As Israel's economy recovers from war-related disruptions, the return of major U.S. airlines signals renewed confidence in travel to the Jewish state.

Muslim Australian Nurses Brag About Killing Israeli Patients

"At this time of unprecedented antisemitism in our country," Health Minister Mark Butler said, "this is a particularly sickening video."

By Batya Jerenberg, World Israel News

Two nurses in a Sydney hospital were suspended February 11 after a video emerged showing them proudly saying they kill Israeli patients. National and regional politicians strongly condemned their statements.

The clip was posted by an Israeli, Max Veifer, who regularly has video chats with random people to talk about his country.

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When Veifer asked why he'd be killed, Abu Labda, who was wearing

the traditional Muslim head covering, answered, "It's Palestine's country, it's not yours, you piece of sh**."

Veifer also asked what they would do if an Israeli came to their hospital.

Abu Labda immediately answered, "I won't treat them; I'll kill them."

When Veifer started responding, "So if an Israeli is in Australia and God forbid something happened to him and he comes to your hospital," she interrupted to say, "Not God forbid, I would hope to God."

"You have no idea how many [Israelis] came to this hospital, and I sent them to Jahannam," Nadir said next, while using the cutting-throat gesture. "I literally sent them to Jahannam."

"Jahannam" means hell in Arabic, which

is an admission of murder.

NSW Health Minister Ryan Park said the pair, from Bankstown Hospital, were "stood down immediately" as an investigation by both the health authorities and police takes place and that if their remarks are corroborated, they "will not ever be working for New South Wales again."

He apologized to the Jewish community, saying he was "very sorry that you're having to deal with this."

Australian Health Minister Mark Butler said that that he was "utterly disgusted and appalled" at their statements, as their behavior clearly indicated that they did not subscribe to the health professional credo of treating everyone who needs care equally.



Australian nurses Ahmad "Rashad" Nadir and Sara Abu Labda

"At this time of unprecedented antisemitism in our country," he added, "this is a particularly sickening video."

NSW police said their antisemitism task force was reviewing CCTV footage from the hospital where the two seemingly made their hateful comments. Both nurses, they said, were "assisting the authorities" in the inquiries.



New Zealand Requires Israelis to Disclose IDF Service Details as Condition for Entry

Israelis applying for a tourist visa are being asked about the dates of their service, the locations of their bases, and whether they have 'been involved in war crimes'

By Tani Goldstein, The Times of Israel

New Zealand's government immigration authority has begun to require Israelis applying for a visa to report details of their military service as a condition for entry, and at least one person has been denied admission after doing so, The Times of Israel has learned.

Israelis of reserve service age who applied for tourist visas to New Zealand have been asked to report whether they had served in the Israel Defense Forces — as almost all Israeli citizens are required to do — and whether they are active reservists. Those who answered affirmatively were required to complete detailed questionnaires about their military service.

In the first questionnaire, visa applicants were asked about the dates of their military service, the location of their bases, the corps and units in which they served, the military camps where they were stationed, their rank, details of their roles, and their military ID number.

In the second questionnaire, they were asked:

- "Have you been associated with any intelligence service or group, or law enforcement agency?"
- "Have you been associated with any group or organization that has used or promoted violence or human rights abuses to further their aims?"
- "Have you committed or been involved in war crimes, crimes against humanity, or human rights abuses?"

Those who can't disclose details of their military service due to security concerns are not exempt from filling out the questionnaire; as a result, they are unable to complete it and obtain a visa.



New Zealand's Prime Minister Christopher Luxon

At least one soldier who served in Gaza during the ongoing war against Hamas has been denied entry to New Zealand. He said that this was a direct result of his answers to the questionnaire, while noting that he said he had not been involved in war crimes in Gaza.

Australia has been operating a similar policy, and at least two Israelis have been denied entry as a result.

New Zealand's Immigration Authority (INZ), reached for comment, did not deny the details of this report, but said that serving in the current war did not automatically disqualify Israelis from entering the country.

"INZ understands the difficult situation this crisis is causing for many and has great sympathy for those separated from their loved ones during this stressful time," the authority told The Times of Israel, in response to a query.

"A visitor visa can be declined for a number of reasons, and it is difficult for us to comment on why a person's application was declined without the details of their application. Immigration instructions do not prevent individuals who have served in this conflict from applying for or being granted a visitor visa," the response said.

"Since the conflict between Israel and Hamas started, INZ has put in place processes to ensure consistency and priority allocation for any applications received for people living in these locations. Palestinian and Israeli nationals can apply for any visa category they meet the requirements for," it said.

"We will continue to prioritize the processing of applications for people impacted by the conflict. However, all applicants must meet the relevant immigration requirements to be granted a visa. Exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis," it added.

The authority's response also noted the following statistics: "As of 14 January 2025, we have received 944 applications from Israeli nationals across both temporary and residence visa applications. Of those received, 809 have been approved, 37 declined, 69 [are] in progress and the remainder have been withdrawn."

During the same period, the authority saw 259 applications from Palestinian passport holders, of which 177 were approved, 53 declined, 21 are in progress and the remainder have been withdrawn, it added.

The statement did not specify the start date for the period covered by these statistics.

Israel has been at war against the Hamas terror group in Gaza since October 7, 2023, when the group launched a brutal cross-border onslaught, killing some 1,200 people and taking 251 hostages.

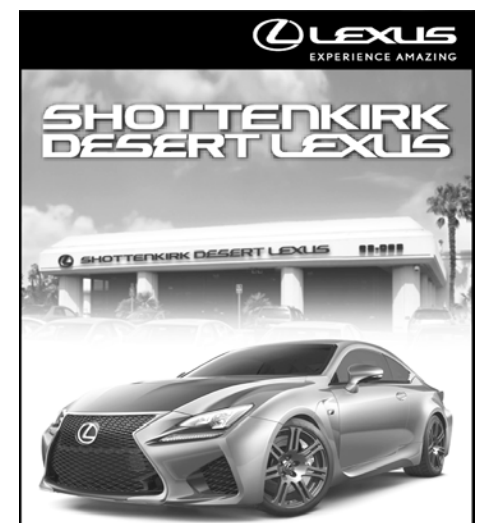
Israel's subsequent campaign to eradicate the terror group and secure the release of the hostages has drawn

accusations of war crimes, which Israel strenuously denies, citing consistent efforts to avoid civilian casualties.

Fighting has been stopped in the enclave since last Sunday due to a hostage-ceasefire agreement that is also seeing Israel release thousands of Palestinian security prisoners.

An analysis of INZ statistical data indicates that the rejection rate for Israeli visa applications to New Zealand during the war has been approximately four percent. This is not unusually high compared to previous years or the rejection rates for citizens of other developed countries.

About a month ago, Australia's Sky News revealed that Australia presents a similar questionnaire to Israelis applying for entry and has rejected applications from Israelis who served in Gaza and sought to visit a relative. Additionally, former justice minister Ayelet Shaked was denied entry to Australia in November 2024, reportedly because she might "incite discord."



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“... and nosh some hamantashen”

It's hamantashen time again! Purim begins at sundown on Thursday, March 15th. As always, my dough recipe is a repeat, the recipe of my beloved mother-in-law (z'l), because I have not found one better. For those who are hesitant to tackle this project, I promise you that this dough is a joy to work with. Enclosed are more from my collection of delicious fillings, from traditional poppyseeds to fabulous new combinations! Enjoy! MHB



GOLDIE'S HONEY DOUGH FOR HAMANTASHEN

1/3 cup Crisco	2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 cup sugar	1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup honey	1 Tablespoon lemon juice
2 eggs, beaten	1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind
2 1/2 cups flour	

Preheat oven to 350°. Thoroughly cream the Crisco and sugar together. Add honey. Beat in eggs, lemon juice and lemon rind. Sift together the flour, baking powder and salt, then stir into the egg mixture and form into a soft dough. Toss lightly on a floured board. Roll out to 1/4 inch thickness and cut into circles. Fill with desired filling, pinch into triangles and bake for 18 to 20 minutes at 350 degrees F. until golden brown.

POPPY-SEED FILLING

3 oz. poppy seeds	2 oz. raisins
1/2 cup milk	3 oz. sugar
3 oz. honey	Peel from 1 lemon

Boil the milk with the sugar and poppy seed until it thickens. Let it cool. Stir in the remaining ingredients.

APRICOT-MANGO-APPLE FILLING

1 1/2 cups chopped dried apples	1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1/4 cup raisins	3 tablespoons apricot jam
1/2 cup chopped dried mango	1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 cup chopped dried apricots	1-2 teaspoons brandy (optional)

Coarsely chop the fruit and nuts, and transfer to the bowl of a food processor and process in on-and-off pulses, adding jam one tablespoon at a time to achieve a sticky but not mashed texture. Mix in the liqueur if using and fill the hamantaschen. Makes 4 cups.

DEEP CHOCOLATE MOCHA FILLING

1 cup cocoa	1 cup sugar
1 cup coffee	1-3 Tbsp. amaretto

Mix cocoa, sugar and coffee in a medium sized bowl until well blended. If mixture is dry, add amaretto one tablespoon at a time, until it becomes looser than fudge but thicker than frosting.

DATE FILLING

1/4 cup coarsely chopped walnuts	1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
2 cups pitted dates	1 teaspoon grated lemon rind (optional)
1/2 cup sultana raisins	

In food processor, with steel blade, process dates with raisins, rind and cinnamon until minced, about 15-20 seconds. Add nuts with one or two quick on/off turns. (May be prepared in advance and refrigerated or frozen).

FIG, PECAN, COCONUT FILLING

1/4 lb. small, dried figs, stems removed, halved	1/4 cup pecans, chopped
1/2 cup raisins	1/4 cup plum jam
	1/4 cup flaked coconut

Chop figs and raisins together in a food processor, then transfer to a mixing bowl and stir in remaining ingredients.



Simchas

Last month we shared the simcha that **Rabbi Shimon** and **Chaya**

Posner were celebrating the birth of a grandson in Sedona, Arizona, but since we were going to press before his bris we couldn't share a name ... or as his grandmother

refers to grandsons during those first eight days, "Prince" Kessler. Well, we now know his name, and it is **Dovid**, named for Chaya's grandfather, little Dovid's great-

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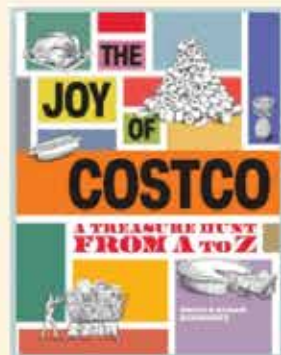
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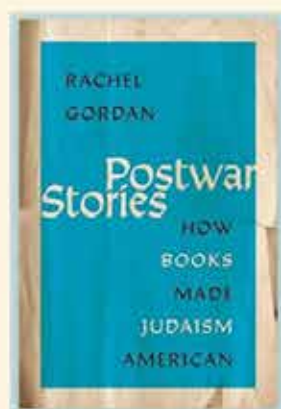
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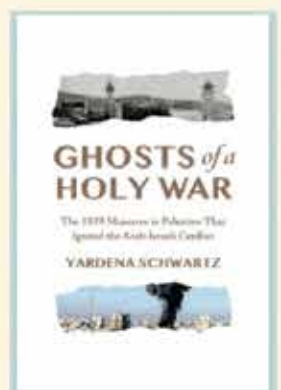
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