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North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump at their historic summit in Singapore, June 12, 2018.

Here's what the Trump-Kim summit could mean for Israel and Iran

By Ron Kampeas

WASHINGTON (JTA)—Amos Yadlin likes talking about the Begin doctrine, which calls for removing existential threats to Israel before they are manifested—maybe because he lived it twice.

As an Israeli Air Force pilot, Yadlin flew one of the planes that took out Iraq's nuclear reactor in 1981, when Menachem Begin was prime minister. As director of military intelligence in 2007, Yadlin oversaw the operation that eliminated another nuclear reactor, this one in Syria.

Watching President Donald Trump sign a statement on Tuesday with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un pledging to achieve "complete denuclearization," Yadlin again found himself in Begin doctrine mode. Now the head of Tel Aviv University's Institute for National Security Studies, an influential think tank, Yadlin suggests that the Trump-Kim summit means America can refocus its attention on another major world nuclear threat. It's the one that matters most to Israel: Iran.

But there are mixed messages as well

in how quickly the meeting seemed to come together, and about what Tehran can expect if they also wish to negotiate.

Yadlin is in Washington, D.C., to meet with the Center for a New American Security, a think tank that serves as a holding pattern for top Democratic former national security officials waiting out the Trump administration. (They met to discuss the Iran nuclear deal. Yadlin has met with Trump administration officials on other occasions.) He spoke to

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'Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race' opens at HMREC

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's traveling exhibition "Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race" examines how the Nazi leadership, in collaboration with individuals in professions traditionally charged with healing and the public good, used science to help legitimize persecution,

murder, and ultimately, genocide.

The exhibition opened at the Holocaust Center on June 17 and will be on display through Aug. 31, 2018. The Center will celebrate with an opening reception on Sunday, June 24 from 2-4 p.m., with guest speaker Robert Tanen, director of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's Southeast region. Members of the exhibit committee will be on hand to answer questions and engage in relevant dialogue. The committee is comprised of local leaders in areas of: anthropology, genetics, medicine, law, and spiritual leaders.

This is a unique experience to have these experts on hand and available for discussion as exhibit attendees explore these themes throughout the exhibition.

"Deadly Medicine explores the Holocaust's roots in then-contemporary scientific and pseudo-scientific thought," explained exhibition curator Susan Bachrach. "At the same time, it touches on complex ethical issues we face today, such as how societies acquire and use scientific knowledge and how they balance the rights



courtesy of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum—Archiv zur Geschichte der Max-Planck-Gesellschaft, Berlin-Dahlem

Dr. Otmar von Verschuer examines twins at the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute's Department for Human Heredity. Verschuer, a physician and geneticist, examined hundreds of pairs of twins to study whether criminality, feeble-mindedness, tuberculosis, and cancer were inheritable. In 1927, he recommended the forced sterilization of the "mentally and morally subnormal." Verschuer typified those academics whose interest in Germany's "national regeneration" provided motivation for their research.

of the individual with the needs of the larger community."

Eugenics theory sprang from turn-of-the-20th-century scientific beliefs asserting that Charles Darwin's theories of "survival of the fittest" could be applied to humans. Supporters, spanning the

globe and political spectrum, believed that through careful controls on marriage and reproduction, a nation's genetic health could be improved.

The Nazi regime was founded on the conviction

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Krauthammer says weeks to live

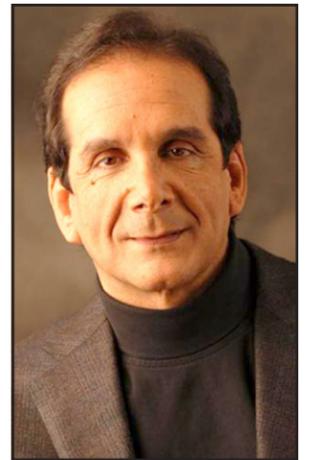
WASHINGTON (JTA)—Charles Krauthammer, a conservative champion of Israel, announced that he has weeks to live.

Krauthammer, perhaps the dean of neoconservative columnists in Washington, wrote about his cancer in a post that appeared Friday on the websites of both of his employers, FoxNews Channel and The Washington Post.

He said he thought he had beaten the disease.

"There was no sign of it as recently as a month ago, which means it is aggressive and spreading rapidly," Krauthammer wrote. "My doctors tell me their best estimate is that I have only a few weeks left to live. This is the final verdict. My fight is over."

Krauthammer, 68, has been outspoken for decades in his support of Israel, and was a lacerating critic of the Obama administration. His rejection of the 2015 Iran nuclear deal was influential in galvanizing Jewish organizational opposition to the deal. He regularly made himself available for Jewish organizational events.



Charles Krauthammer

Krauthammer also was among a small but unyielding core of conservatives who opposed Donald Trump, even as he closed in on the Republican presidential nomination in 2016 and then the presidency. Krauthammer cautioned against "Trump derangement syndrome"—criticizing the president even when his policies were consistent with conservative doctrine—and

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Bias against Israel at MA schools

Angry parents and citizens dominated the first hour of a scheduled Newton, Mass., Public School board meeting on Monday night, in an effort to show their disgust and rage at the continued teaching of bias against Israel that has been the focus of controversy in this heavily Jewish suburb for more than five years. Waving signs of "Fire Fleishman!" and "Replace!", 70 angry citizens protested the mistreatment of the Jewish community by city officials the evening of June 11.

Ruth Goldman, chair of the Committee, restricted discussion of the controversy to only seven speakers from among those who came to protest the on-going defamation of Israel and Jews in Newton's school rooms. More than 15 had signed up to speak.

Charles Jacobs, president of Americans for Peace and Tolerance, reminded the board that Mayor Ruthanne Fuller had promised the Jewish community "transparency" in what is being taught at the schools, but she has not delivered. This, after the school system was forced to remove from its curriculum the Arab World Studies Notebook, which falsely taught students that Jews torture and murder Arab women in Israeli prisons; and after the School Superintendent David Fleishman had promised Jewish community leaders this past October that he would remove the schools' entire World History section

on the Middle East until scholarly, vetted material was found to replace it. Instead, Jacobs said, Fleishman broke that promise and continued to use material that was pro-Arab, anti-Israel, and anti-Semitic.

Most of the anger was directed at a May 2 all-day event at Newton North High School called Middle East Day, during which Electronic Intifada proprietor Ali Abunimah's nonprofit group screened several anti-Semitic films for the Newton North students. One film, "Ismail," grotesquely aped the opening scene of "Schindler's List," except with actors playing Jewish soldiers as the Nazis, and Palestinians as the Jews. "This blood libel," said Jacobs, "the 'Jew-as-Nazi' lie is the 'narrative' that drives Jew-hatred around the world and here you are teaching this to our children."

That morning, the Jewish Community Relations Council abandoned its six-year-long denial and "hands-off" posture in this dispute and joined Boston's ADL to send a harshly-worded letter to Superintendent Fleishman demanding to know precisely what happened on May 2 and what was taught to the

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After a loss, the Jewish Pavilion's Grief Support Group helps people to heal



Rabbi Maurice Kaprow

By Lisa Levine

A few years ago, Howie Appel lost his wife of almost 40 years to cancer. About a year before that, Jane Edelstein lost her mother.

Grief is such a personal, individual experience, and no two people go through the process of bereavement in precisely the same way. But at different times and in different ways, Appel and Edelstein found help and comfort from the same source: a grief support group that is run by VITAS Healthcare in partnership with The Jewish Pavilion.

Appel was still reeling from the raw pain of loss when he participated in the group in 2016, just a short time after his wife passed away at age 62. "My world was falling apart piece by piece," he recalled. He had been a Pavilion volunteer, and Executive Director Nancy Ludin encouraged him to take part.

He wasn't sure it would help, but he went anyway.

The group, led by Rabbi Maurice Kaprow, runs for six



Howie Appel

weekly sessions twice a year, in winter and summer, with groups of generally between five and 10 participants. Jewish Family Services Orlando also hosts twice-yearly groups in spring and fall, and the combined four programs a year mean that Central Florida Jews who have experienced a loss don't have to wait when they are ready for a program, said Ludin. She advises that for most people, the best time to attend the group is between six months and a year following a loss.

The free Pavilion programs meet at a seniors' facility so that seniors are better able to participate as well as any other member of the Jewish community who has the need.

Rabbi Kaprow, a longtime member of Central Florida's Jewish community, is a chaplain for VITAS Healthcare, a local hospice organization that is a partner with the Pavilion and JFS to facilitate the grief support groups. Ludin reached out to Rabbi Kaprow and VITAS a few years ago because, she said, "we received



Jane Edelstein

a lot of calls from people who were grieving and wanted to know where they could go for a good program, and we didn't have any place to recommend with a Jewish perspective on grief and where participants could be with other Jews."

And being with others who shared both a similar experience and point of view was part of what made the Grief Support Group so valuable to Appel. So was the fact that the others in his group had more distance from their losses and "sort of took me under their wings," he said. Group members reassured him that the worst was over, but at first that was hard for him to believe. "I had to learn to accept the fact that it would get easier for me," he said.

In the meantime, he said, as he struggled with the deep pain of his loss, "they gave me their warm vibes, and that was very important for me."

Edelstein also was led to the Grief Support Group, in the winter of 2014, through her connection with The Jewish Pavilion, and she also was

initially very doubtful that it would be of help. She had been deeply mourning her mother's loss for several months. "My grief felt really personal and like it really wouldn't be helpful to me to talk to strangers about it," she said.

But then she reconsidered. "I thought, why not go anyway? Can't hurt."

And like Appel, Edelstein also found that her participation in the group helped her far more than she had anticipated.

"I found it extremely helpful to sit and listen to other people talk about what they were experiencing," she said. "That was not on my radar at all. I hadn't given any thought to other people's loss at that point. And it was very helpful to feel like part of the human race—that other people were going through this as well. And rather than feel threatening to me, that no one else could possibly feel my depth of pain, it felt comforting."

And more than comforting, it gave her a sense of purpose at a dark time in her life: "to be there with, and for, other people."

In the weekly sessions, Rabbi Kaprow intersperses Jewish wisdom on bereavement and insights into the customs and rituals associated with mourning when relevant to the discussion. He uses the guidelines in a facilitator's manual as a springboard for discussions that hone in on group members' memories of their loved ones and their experiences and thoughts as they process their feelings about their loss. He begins sessions by checking in with everyone, asking how their week went.

"It's a participating group. It's not me lecturing. It's them interacting and talking," said Rabbi Kaprow, who recently wrapped up the summer session. "We give people strategies on how to deal with grief."

One of the first topics of discussion with a newly formed group is common myths surrounding grief, Rabbi Kaprow said. One such myth is that it takes a year to get over a loss. "The truth is, it doesn't take a year. Some people it can take less, some people it can take much more."

Also, he said, people grieve differently depending on the kind of loss—spouse, parent, friend, child—and also on the individual. Therefore, he said, how he approaches them depends on the individual, and he underlines a message that is simple and comforting: "There's no right or wrong way to grieve."

Neither Appel nor Edelstein had known Rabbi Kaprow before participating, but both credit his warm and empathetic way with their groups as a strong support for them in a difficult time.

Edelstein saw him as a "very effective facilitator," saying, "I found him respectful of people and a good listener, and he never forced people to talk."

Appel felt a strong bond with Rabbi Kaprow in that the rabbi had also lost his wife not very long before. "He empathized with me quite a bit and we just sat and talked sometimes, and it was very nice," Appel said, adding, "He was just phenomenal."

Appel said he also called the rabbi a few times between sessions, "just to vent with him." Just knowing that Rabbi Kaprow would offer his sup-

port was a comfort. "He gave me the impression that if I needed him, he was there for me, and that for me was very meaningful."

Rabbi Kaprow sees such continued availability as essential to his role. "If you start something, you can't just drop it," he said. "You have an obligation to the individual to see it through."

After the six weeks of meetings are over, the support doesn't just end there. About a month later, Rabbi Kaprow reconvenes the group to check in with everyone and see how things are going.

And some of the relationships that are forged over members' shared bond of loss may continue long after that. Appel stays in touch with some group members and recently received a greeting card with well wishes from one of them.

Edelstein made very close friendships with two members of her group that continue today, a development she did not look for but regards as a lucky side benefit of her participation.

For people in mourning who may be hesitating to join a support group because they doubt it would do them any good, both Appel and Edelstein would encourage them to try it.

"It was a very positive experience and it was also very different than what I anticipated," said Edelstein. "My hope would be that other people, if they don't want to go, may somehow have that same sense of 'why not?' In retrospect, that was a healthy attitude I had."

For more information on the Jewish Grief Support Groups, call The Jewish Pavilion at 407-678-9363.

Jewish Academy of Orlando adopts new UV products to protect students and staff

The Jewish Academy of Orlando continues to utilize cutting edge technology in their school and curriculum

by partnering with Violet Defense to implement their S.A.G.E. UV products into the school to help prevent

the spread of illness-causing germs throughout its facility.

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Initially, Violet Defense

will utilize mobile solutions offered throughout the Jewish Academy of Orlando in the classrooms, bathrooms, library and special event locations. The S.A.G.E. units have onboard programming that allows them to operate autonomously or on specific timing cycles, meaning spaces with units installed can be automatically disinfected anytime the rooms are unoccupied.

"It is exciting for us to expand our innovative technology footprint, while keeping our students and staff healthy," said Alan Rusonik, head of the Jewish Academy of

Orlando. "With the addition of the Violet Defense technology, we jump into next step science that literally kills bacteria with UV light. We will harness these advances to disinfect our campus day-to-day, and look to prevent our Jewish Academy family from serious illnesses, including the flu season," added Rusonik.

For more information about the Jewish Academy of Orlando, visit www.jewishacademyorlando.org. For more information about Violet Defense and the S.A.G.E. UV anti-microbial line, visit www.violetdefense.com.

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JFS Orlando's summer food drive—hunger never takes a vacation

During the month of July, when public schools don't offer the free/reduced-priced breakfasts and lunches, JFS Orlando's Pearlman Emergency Food Pantry see a 40 percent increase in hungry families who struggle without the school meals for their children.

Besides the lack of school-provided meals, one out of

six people in Central Florida don't know when they will have their next meal; one in four children go hungry; and 113 million meals a year are needed to fill the hunger gap in our Orlando community.

JFS Orlando's goal is to collect 10,000 pounds of food from July 1 - July 31 and they need the community's help to do so.

It's easy. The next time you go shopping, pick up a few extra nonperishable items and drop them off at The George Wolley Center, 2100 Lee Road, Winter Park.

Another idea is to start an office, business or group food drive. JFS Orlando will give a free breakfast to the group that collects the most pounds of food by July 31.

Demolition of 15 Jewish homes underway in Netiv Ha'avot



An Israeli policeman hugs a man inside a house during the evacuation of Jewish settler families in Netiv Ha'avot.

(JNS)—Israeli security forces began destroying the homes of 15 Jewish families in the Netiv Ha'avot neighborhood of Elazar in the Gush Etzion region of Judea on Tuesday, expelling residents who were joined by as many as 3,500 supporters from around Israel who arrived to protest the action.

Some 2,500 Israeli police officers were stationed in the suburban residential community just 11 miles southwest of Jerusalem to carry out the court-ordered eviction and demolition of homes the Supreme Court found were partially built on Palestinian land.

The homes were covered

with Israeli flags and banners calling the Supreme Court ruling "absurd."

Gush Etzion Municipal Head Shlomo Ne'eman told JNS that "there is no justice or meaning in this destruction. It doesn't represent the values of the State of Israel."

At a rally prior to the demolitions on Monday, Israeli Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked told residents and community supporters, "Tomorrow [Tuesday] there will be a completely unnecessary eviction. It is the product of a terrible mistake. It started with the erroneous answer provided by the state several years ago and its culmination is the High Court's wrong answer now.

From these ruins, we will rise and build."

Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotevely tweeted Tuesday, "The destruction of the homes at Netiv Ha'avot is a dark stain on the Israeli justice system. No justice has been done here, only injustice. The Israeli government will build a large neighborhood to replace the homes the High Court is demolishing, but the disgrace and pain will remain."

Youth from around Israel and residents of the Gush Etzion region of Judea convened in Netiv Ha'avot early in the morning, taking up positions inside homes, on roofs and in yards. As early as 7:30 a.m., police cordoned off

the area, making it impossible for supporters to arrive ahead of the 9 a.m. eviction.

Residents of Netiv Ha'avot have agreed to be evicted peacefully, though some have warned they will engage in peaceful, nonviolent resistance—meaning officers will have to lift and remove them from their homes. They have urged their supporters to follow suit and remain nonviolent in the face of police. Two other neighborhood structures, a small wood shop and a memorial for two Israel Defense Forces soldiers killed in war in Lebanon were demolished last year by authorities.

In December 2016, the Supreme Court found in favor of Palestinian plaintiffs, in cooperation with the Peace Now organization, who argued that some of the private homes in Netiv Ha'avot were built on land not belonging to the state. The Supreme Court ordered that all the homes be fully razed, even those whose owners agreed to renovate the homes so as not to overlap onto the disputed land. In some cases, the encroachment onto contested land was as little as a couple of feet; nonetheless, the Supreme Court ordered the entire structures destroyed.

"We're talking about a dispute over a few meters on these homes," said Josh Hasten, a resident of Elazar. "So what we have here is

extremist NGOs like Peace Now and others who know full well this isn't Arab property and no Arabs will access this property, but [they] appeal to the courts because their goal is tragically to make others Jews in Israel suffer because of their geography.

"In the end, this neighborhood will be fully recognized by the government and more homes will be built here in Gush Etzion, so in the long term Peace Now's actions will have the opposite effect of their goals," continued Hasten. "But for today, we cry over the destruction of homes, and we are here as friends and neighbors to support the families during this unimaginable ordeal."

As part of a campaign to attempt to halt the destruction, a viral video circulated on social media prior to the eviction, juxtaposing the court's unwillingness to uproot Bedouins in a case involving private Jewish land in the Negev with the court's demand that Jewish homes on land of questionable ownership in Netiv Ha'avot be razed to the ground.

The 15 homes were slated for destruction in March, but the Supreme Court granted a stay to allow for the arrangement of temporary housing for the evictees. The cabinet approved a significant compensation package for the families in February, earmark-

ing \$450,000 for each family as compensation for the demolition and another \$8.31 million for temporary housing on an adjacent hilltop.

Also in February, the cabinet approved a proposal to initiate legalization of the rest of Netiv Ha'avot, which would pave the way for the construction of 350 new homes in the neighborhood. But the Palestinian plaintiffs are expected to fight the measure in a new hearing, arguing that the land proposed for the new homes is also theirs.

Supporters remained positive, however, that the demolitions would not deter the development of Jewish life in the area.

"The history and the struggle for Gush Etzion goes back a hundred years, and in the end we've always had victory and we've always come back stronger," said Josh Adler, a builder and resident of the nearby town of Efrat who arrived in Netiv Ha'avot with his wife to support the residents. "We struggled for every yishuv [town] and every house on every hilltop of all the areas in Gush Etzion."

"We've had some setbacks, but each setback, we came back stronger a hundred times," he added. "We will have victory, and we will build the Land of Israel, and we will build up Netiv Ha'avot a hundred times stronger than it was in the past."

'The Band's Visit' wins best musical in Tony sweep



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Katrina Lenk and Tony Shalhoub from *The Band's Visit* perform onstage during the 72nd Annual Tony Awards at Radio City Music Hall on June 10, 2018 in New York City.

By AP and TOI

NEW YORK—The shimmering musical "The Band's Visit," based on Israeli film of the same name, was the big winner at the Tony Awards on Sunday, June 10, capturing the best musical award and nine other prizes.

"The Band's Visit," about an Egyptian band that accidentally winds up in a dusty Israeli backwater, won awards for best direction, leading actor, leading actress, orchestration, sound design, original score, best book of a musical, lighting and featured actor Ari'el Stachel, who gave a heartfelt speech about his Israeli-American heritage.

"I am part of a cast of actors who never believed that they'd

be able to portray their own races, and we're doing that," said Stachel.

The show's director, David Cromer, said the musical is also about loneliness and despair, and asked everyone to reach out to anyone for whom "despair is overwhelming." The show had garnered 11 nominations.

"In 'The Band's Visit,' music gives people hope and makes borders disappear," producer Orin Wolf said upon accepting the best new musical crown, saying it offers a message of unity in a world that "more and more seems bent on amplifying our differences."

Tony Shalhoub won as best leading man in a musical for his work on "The Band's Visit," connecting the win to his family's long history of immigration from Lebanon,

and the show's Katrina Lenk, who won best actress in a musical, said the production "filled her stupid little heart with so much joy."

In the show, Shalhoub plays the stiff leader of the Alexandria orchestra, who ends up opening up to an Israeli cafe owner played by Lenk.

The show centers on members of an Egyptian police orchestra booked to play a concert at the Israeli city of Petah Tikva but accidentally ending up in the drowsy town of Bet Hatikva in the Negev desert. Over the next few hours, the townspeople and the musicians learn about each other and themselves.

Before rehearsals for the Broadway production, Lenk traveled to Israel and visited Yeruham, the town that inspired the story.

Reviewing the show in November, The Times of Israel's Jordan Hoffman wrote, "Though certain aspects of the film can never be replaced, like the deadpan imagery in some of its cinematography and the marvelous performance by Sasson Gabai, the

stage version takes a small cinematic curiosity and enlarges it to something bold and unforgettable."

Jewish actor Andrew Garfield won his first Tony, for best leading actor in a play, for playing a young gay man living with AIDS in the

sprawling, seven-hour revival of Tony Kushner's "Angels in America" opposite Nathan Lane. He won his third, for best featured actor in a play.

Garfield dedicated the win to the LGBTQ community, who he said fought and died for the right to love.

Israeli-American actor wins Tony for role in 'The Band's Visit'



Michael Zorn/Invision/AP

Ari'el Stachel accepts the award for featured actor in a musical for "The Band's Visit" at the 72nd annual Tony Awards at Radio City Music Hall on Sunday, June 10, 2018, in New York.

Ari'el Stachel, the California-born son of an Israeli-Yemeni father and an Ashkenazi mother from New York, won the award for Best Featured Actor in a Musical for his performance as a romantic Egyptian trumpeter in "The Band's Visit."

"The Band's Visit," a jewel-box musical based on an Israeli film about an Egyptian band stranded in a hard-scrabble Negev town, dominated its categories during the 72nd annual Tony Awards ceremony at Radio City Music Hall Sunday night, winning awards for Best

Direction of a Musical, Best Original Score, Best Lighting Design, Best Orchestration and Best Sound Design.

Stachel, 26, is making his Broadway debut in "The Band's Visit," which stars Tony Shalhoub ("Monk") and the rising star Katrina Lenk. The play is based on the 2007 award-winning Israeli movie directed by Eran Kolirin.

In his acceptance speech, a teary-eyed Stachel acknowledged in heartfelt acceptance speech his parents, who were in the audience, saying the musical led him to re-embrace an identity he had long avoided.

"Both my parents are here tonight. I have avoided so many events with them because for so many years of my life I pretended I was not a Middle Eastern person," he said. "And after 9/11 it was very, very difficult for me and so I concealed and I missed so many special events with them. And they're looking at me right now and I can't believe it."

He also thanked producer Orin Wolf "for telling a small story about Arabs and Israelis getting along at a time where we need that more than ever."

ZOA to MSNBC: Fire Joy Reid for Anti-Semitic Comments & Conspiracy Theories

The Zionist Organization of America has called upon the TV broadcasting network MSNBC to fire Joy Reid, host of 'MSNBC's AM Joy' program, for uttering outrageous anti-Semitic comments and for espousing bizarre conspiracy theories. The ZOA is appalled that someone espousing her views and making the comments she has made on air has a paid slot on a major TV network and calls upon MSNBC to fire her forthwith.

Joy Reid's record includes the following:

- Writing a post in December 2005 on her now-defunct blog supporting a statement by the Iranian president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, well known for his promotion of Holocaust denial and declarations about destroying the Jewish state of Israel, that Jews are wrongfully occupying Palestinian land. Reid approvingly quoted Ahmadinejad's statement, "You believe the Jews were oppressed, why should the Palestinian Muslims have to pay the price? You oppressed them, so give a part of Europe to the Zionist regime so they can establish any government they want. We would support it. So, Germany and Austria, come and give one, two or any number of your provinces to the Zionist regime so they can create a country there... and the problem will be solved at its root..." Of this, Reid said, "I hate to admit that Mr. Ahmadinejad has a point, before accusing Israel of adhering to a rigid ethnic caste system and erroneously claiming that most Israeli citizens are descended from German nationals: It was the German government of the 1930s and the Vichy French who perpetrated and abetted the Holocaust... It does seem a tad cheeky of the British to have unilaterally

awarded the victims land belonging to living Palestinians as restitution. After all, God is not a real estate broker. He can't just give you land 1,000 years ago that you can come back and claim today." (David Rosenberg, 'MSNBC host: Ahmadinejad was right, Israel shouldn't exist,' Israel National News, June 3, 2018).

- In other posts, Reid endorsed conspiracy theories regarding the 2001 9/11 terror attacks, including a movie that suggested the attacks were in fact part of a conspiracy by the US government. ('Joy Reid's Blog Promoted Anti-Semitic Conspiracies, Vicious Personal Attacks,' Daily Wire, June 1, 2018).

- In a blog post from July 21, 2006, Reid blamed Jews for Islamic terrorism and even appeared to justify terrorism against Israelis, saying, "The bottom line now is the same as it has always been: you cannot kill enough of your enemies to make the people of the Muslim world accept, respect, or permit themselves to be dominated by you. Eventually, the occupied will get even. Eventually, the people you consider terrorists will fight you hard enough, and long enough, that the people they say they are fighting for believe them, far more than they believe you. And then the people you're bombing in the name of fighting terrorism, will hate you so much, they'll take up arms with your 'terrorists' in order to see harm done to you... transmitted by colonialism, resource greed, racism, (and Zionism)... the Jewish jihadists quit the US to suit up in Tel Aviv..." (Ryan Saavedra, "JEWISH JIHADISTS": Joy Reid's Blog Published Posts Blaming Jews For Terrorism,' Daily Wire, June 5, 2018).

- In 2006, Reid penned an article in which she gave voice to the anti-Semitic canard calling American Jews who express support for Israel of "dual loyalties," labeled them all "neoconservatives" (often used by anti-Semites as a code word for malign Jews) and calling them all "hard core American Likudniks," as if there is something subversive about those American Jews who express support for the Likud party, one of the historically two main political parties in Israel. Reid wrote, "It's just that there is a tremendous taboo in the United States about saying anything even remotely negative about Israel, or about implying 'dual loyalty' when it comes to a Jewish American. It simply isn't done, because it would expose the speaker to charges of anti-Semitism (Pat Buchanan can tell you all about that, given his periodic criticism of the Israelis)" (David Rosenberg, 'MSNBC host: Ahmadinejad was right, Israel shouldn't exist,' Israel National News, June 3, 2018).

- A recent tweet attacking the pro-Israel, anti-jihadist former Deputy Assistant to the President of the United States, Dr. Sebastian Gorka. Reid tweeted at the time of Gorka's resignation last year from the White House that she "#Did NAZI that coming"—alluding to the falsehood spread about Gorka during his tenure in the White House that he was a fascist and son of a fascist.

- Deep hostility to Israel in its struggle against the Jew-killing terrorists of Hamas and other Palestinian Arab terrorist groups. Thus, Reid has called Israel's efforts to stop Hamas's rocket attacks from Gaza and the

Palestinian Arab deaths resulting from Hamas embedding their terrorists and rocket launchers amid the Gaza population as amounting to a killing of a "population equivalent of 100 9/11's," while actually remaining silent on the rocket assaults Israel was working to stop and defend its population against.

- Complained about Senator Ted Cruz's opposition to BDS, the anti-Semitic boycott of the Jewish State, whose goal, as its leaders state, is to destroy Israel ('Joy Reid's Blog Promoted Anti-Semitic Conspiracies, Vicious Personal Attacks,' Daily Wire, June 1, 2018).

- Earlier this year, other controversial articles posted to Reid's blog came to light, including one which photo-shopped Arizona Senator John McCain into an image of the 2007 Virginia Tech campus shooting. The post was titled "Bagdad John strikes again." Reid first denied writing this, claiming her blog had been hacked, before subsequently admitting that she had indeed written the blog post containing these remarks ('Joy Reid's Blog Promoted Anti-Semitic Conspiracies, Vicious Personal Attacks,' Daily Wire, June 1, 2018).

ZOA National President Morton A. Klein said, "It is truly remarkable and a sign of the sickness of our times that someone who espouses sinister anti-Semitic canards and gives voice to bizarre conspiracy theories hold a major broadcasting position on a TV network. More outrageous still is the fact that Joy Reid's outrageous record, once discovered and publicized, has not led to her immediate firing, which the ZOA urges MSNBC to do without a moment's delay.

The media's blowing smoke on Palestinian kite terrorism

By Sean Durns

(JNS)—Where there is smoke, the saying goes, there is fire. But if you're Palestinians committing mass arson against Israelis, there might not be media coverage. Many major US news outlets, despite the staggering damage to Israel's economy and property, have ignored what should be a front-page story.

For more than two months, Palestinians have been sending hundreds of helium balloons and kites filled with flammable material over the Gaza border and into Israel. This method of terrorism via mass arson has gained steam in recent weeks, with the Israeli Defense Ministry estimating on June 5 that more than 600 incendiary kites and balloons have crossed the border.

These "fire kites" have burned more than 4,300 acres of land on the Israeli side of the Gaza border—more than half of which has been in once-pristine nature reserves. More than 250 fires have caused an estimated \$1.4 million in damage to farmland alone. The damage to both crops and livelihoods has been extensive, and Israeli farmers in the area reportedly plan to sue Hamas, the US-designated terrorist group that rules the Gaza Strip, in the International Criminal Court.

According to a JNS report, "Officials at the Israel Nature and Parks Authority estimated that at least one-third of the Carmia nature reserve has been destroyed with significant harm to local plants and wildlife."

The Palestinian arsonists have made their motives clear. As the Committee for Accuracy

in Middle East Reporting in America has detailed, many of the kites were embroidered with Nazi swastikas, with calls to "burn the Jews" accompanying their launching.

Although the Gazans have claimed not to be connected to Hamas, it's clear that the terrorism is organized, with the activation of so-called "kite units" similar to Hamas's rocket and mortar groups. It's inconceivable that Hamas, which exerts tight-fisted control over Gaza's population, has not sanctioned and supported the attacks. For its part, the Palestinian media has taken to calling the units mujahedeen—holy warriors fighting against non-Muslim "infidels."

Yet despite the damage and the novelty of these attacks, Western news outlets have largely reacted with a shrug. As of this writing, The Washington Post, USA Today and The Baltimore Sun, among others, have failed to file their own reports detailing the rise of "kite terrorism."

The Post's failure is particularly egregious. The newspaper is one of the few major U.S. newspapers to still maintain a foreign bureau in Israel, staffed with reporters and a bureau chief. The paper could be examining the destruction to Israel's economy, to lives, families, careers, animals and nature. It could be asking why Gazans are sending firebombs, some labeled with swastikas, into the Jewish state more than a decade after Israel unilaterally withdrew from the Gaza Strip in 2005. Indeed, The Post could even

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Everywhere

Time Magazine—purveyor of fake news

By Mel Pearlman

I became a subscriber to Time Magazine in my sophomore year in high school, when my English teacher compelled each student in his class to subscribe to either Time Magazine, Newsweek, or U.S. News and World Report. Each week we were to select an article for discussion and be prepared to discuss its language architecture in class. He used these publications as examples of excellent journalistic writing and as resources to build our English skills as to grammar, sentence structure and vocabulary. I have been a continuous subscriber to this day, and occasionally, still have to look up the definition of words found in many of the articles.

Many years ago, in the Oct. 3, 1977, edition of Time Magazine, an article titled, "How to Lean on Israel," raised the ire of many in the Jewish community, who sought a boycott of Time and encouraged Jewish subscribers to terminate their subscriptions as an act of protest.

I recall the incident because I was one who opposed the protesters, pointing out that even though it was an opinion article with which I disagreed, it was not wise to stop reading what your opponents were publishing; that it was better to know what the opposition was thinking than to ignore what they were writing. The community anger ultimately subsided, the protest failed and, as I indicated, I am still subscribing to and reading Time Magazine, which continues to publish articles about Israel, and for the most part, accurately presents the facts and makes an attempt to present all sides of the complexity that is the Arab-Israeli conflict.

That changed drastically in the May 28, 2018, issue of the magazine with the publication of the article "Beyond Hope; As Israel gets its way with Washington, Gazans mobilize despair." The article was authored by Karl Vick and augmented with reporting by Nuha Musleh, an apparent Time Magazine stringer out of Ramallah.

The crux of the article was that the protesters who approached the border with Israel were peaceful, the demonstrations arose spontaneously out of despair, were not initially organized or led by Hamas, and that while Israeli and American dignitaries were celebrating the opening of the American embassy in Jerusalem with aplomb, contrasting that, according to

Mr. Vick, "A few miles away, cameras captured the chaos as Israeli soldiers methodically cut down some 2,700 Palestinians, 60 fatally, as they marched forward toward the fence that separates Israel from the Gaza strip." (italics and bold added). Not satisfied with the credibility of his own distortion of what actually was occurring, Mr. Vick made it a point to gratuitously mention that, in Europe, newspapers referred to the event he was describing as the Gaza "massacre."

As thousands of acres in Israel burned along the border as a result of fire bombs delivered across the border by the demonstrators' kites, as Hamas terrorists cowardly detonated explosives to breach the border fence while being shielded by women and children, the Israel Defense Forces did everything possible to avoid the use of force, using mostly non-lethal methods of crowd control. The use of the phrase, "methodically cut down" is a perfect example of fake news.

Shame on Time Magazine for allowing the publication of this article. Not only was it fake news that will only encourage the poor Palestinians to continue their delusion of one day destroying the Jewish people and the State of Israel, but the breach of the journalistic standard of truth and accuracy in reporting has also damaged Time Magazine's reputation. Most critically, the publication of this article was an affront to the first amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which thrives on the truth, but dies with lies.

If you wish to comment or respond to any of the contents herein you can reach me at melpearlman322@gmail.com. Please do so in a rational, thoughtful, respectful and civil manner. If you wish to respond by ranting and raving, please go into your bathroom, lock the door and shout your brains out.

Mel Pearlman has been practicing law in Central Florida for the past 45 years. He has served as president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando; on the District VII Mental Health Board, as Special Prosecutor for the City of Winter Park, Florida; and on the Board of Directors of the Central Florida Research and Development Authority. He was a charter member of the Board of Directors and served as the first Vice President of the Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center of Central Florida, as well as its first pro-bono legal counsel.

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Jewish home demolitions won't bring peace

By Alex Traiman

(JNS)—Amid all the challenges Israel is facing—the Iran nuclear threat; the presence of Iranian-backed forces and Hezbollah troops along Israel's northern border; rioters and arsonists along the Gaza border; and Palestinians in the West Bank constantly inciting against Israel and paying terrorists millions of dollars each to kill Jews in a sophisticated “pay-to-slay” stipend scheme—the last thing Israel needs is to pour fuel on the fire of an international community that questions Jews' rights to live in the only region of the world named Judea.

Today, Israeli Defense Forces and border troops are forcibly evacuating 15 families from their homes in what is being touted as an “outpost demolition” by media, including Israel-based Jewish media such as The Jerusalem Post and Times of Israel.

Netiv Ha'avot is not an outpost. It is merely the

next street in a large community of more than 2,500 residents. The 15 homes being demolished are not caravans, but rather suburban-style houses that were built in the neighborhood established in 2001. The demolitions come at the order of Israel's High Court, following petitions by New Israel Fund-funded non-governmental organizations. The court ruled that the homes were built on private Palestinian land, according to land records established by Jordan, when Israel's eastern Arab neighbor illegally occupied the West Bank between 1948 and 1967.

During that period, much of the land in the West Bank was handed out to local chieftains of the small Palestinian population that was present during that period.

Though only two countries—Great Britain and Pakistan—recognized Jordanian control of the West Bank during that 19-year period between Israel's War of Independence and Six-Day

War, and Israel signed an international peace treaty with Jordan in 1994 officially ending any Jordanian claims to the territory, Israel still honors the Jordanian land records.

Much of the land on which Jews live in the biblical regions of Judea and Samaria carry the same designation as the homes being demolished in Netiv Ha'avot. And in virtually every case that is brought before the court, Israel's top judicial body rules that the only solution to the property dispute is demolition.

Furthermore, in the case of Netiv Ha'avot, the High Court ruled that in some cases, only part of the homes were built on private Palestinian land, meaning that the land dispute is over barely a few meters.

Commenting on the demolitions, Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely tweeted Tuesday, “The destruction of the homes at Netiv Ha'avot is a dark stain on the Israeli justice system. No justice has been done here, only injustice. The

Israeli government will build a large neighborhood to replace the homes the High Court is demolishing, but the disgrace and pain will remain.”

Demolishing the homes does not return the property to Palestinian owners. In many demolitions, such as those in the Jewish communities of Beit El, Ofra and now Elazar, the demolished homes were all within the security perimeters of large Jewish communities. In cases of entire community demolitions, like the northern Samaria communities of Homesh and Sa Nur, which were curiously attached to former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's Gaza withdrawal plan in 2005; and small caravan community demolitions like Migron in 2012 and Amona earlier this year, the evacuated properties became closed military zones.

In other words, the houses get demolished, but Arabs are not granted any access to the territory. And in each of the cases, most of the evacuated Jewish residents were reset-

tled, either within the very same communities or in new communities constructed in the West Bank. In the most recent cases, the government, which opposes the Supreme Court rulings while admitting it has no choice but to adhere to them, has given generous compensation to the expelled communities and has pledged to build thousands of new units to bolster local settlements.

Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked told community members on Monday, “Tomorrow [Tuesday], there will be a completely unnecessary eviction. It is the product of a terrible mistake. It started with the erroneous answer provided by the state several years ago and its culmination is the High Court's wrong answer now. From these ruins, we will rise and build.”

Until now, the government can do little to curtail the powers of the court that rules not on the basis of a constitution, but on their own self-selected set of morals.

A new Supreme Court “override bill” has now been proposed, which would give a legislative majority the opportunity to undue rulings by a court that has sweeping powers to determine and cancel Israeli laws. A similar law is being proposed in the Knesset to retroactively legalize buildings that the Supreme Court would otherwise rule should be destroyed. Of course, in both cases, the court will act to prevent or overturn such legislation.

Until such changes to the power of the court are made, demolitions like today's are likely to continue.

Gush Etzion Municipal Head Shlomo Ne'eman told JNS that “there is no justice or meaning in this destruction. It doesn't represent the values of the State of Israel.”

The evacuations and demolitions, while painful to the nation, have not diminished the spirit or the size of the Jewish settlement enter-

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Pass the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act (and protect the First Amendment)

By David Gemunder

(JNS)—Eight years ago during the Obama administration, the State Department adopted a definition of anti-Semitism to be used in identifying Jew-hatred around the world. Except for in the United States. To remedy that omission, a bipartisan group of politicians in Washington just introduced the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act of 2018.

This should not be a controversial piece of legislation. All that the act does is direct that anti-Semitism, as it is manifested today, be treated comparably to racism or sexism. It certainly doesn't seek to ban hateful speech, just to define it. Take that in for a minute: How, in this day and age, could it possibly be problematic to simply define “the oldest hatred”?

Well, there's the rub. The State Department's definition does not challenge “criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country”;

however, in a few extreme instances, it correctly equates anti-Zionism—opposition to the creation and continued existence of the State of Israel—with anti-Semitism. And that has terrified the supporters of Students for Justice in Palestine and their radical ilk.

Once limited to ideological zealots, anti-Zionism is now trendy, serving as a litmus test for membership in the American progressive social order. In contrast, anti-Semitism, even today, is generally perceived to be a bit gauche, except by members of the alt-right and their cronies. In more basic terms, on campuses, in most newsrooms and throughout other leftist bastions in this country, anti-Zionism is kosher; anti-Semitism ain't. Yet.

As a result, opponents of the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act frantically claim that it will violate the First Amendment or “repress debate and criticism” or prevent people

from “engaging in a robust exchange of ideas.” Translation: Left-wing extremists are perfectly content to use anti-Semitism against their opponents (once they've cloaked it in a mantle of “respectability”), but they're desperately afraid of being exposed as intolerant and prejudiced. That's the issue, in a nutshell.

Why is it so important that we adopt the State Department's definition linking certain expressions of anti-Zionism to anti-Semitism? Because today, the two are usually indistinguishable. There have been far, far too many examples recently. Allow the bigots to highlight a few of them:

At Barnard College, after the passage of a BDS resolution, hundreds of students received an email with a subject line of “ISRAEL DID 9/11,” which claimed that Israel, Jews and treasonous Americans were responsible for the carnage on Sept. 11,

2001, and that the “9/11 Commission Report is a 571-Page Zionist Lie.”

At the Claremont Colleges, a supporter of Israel was asked by an SJP member why she was a Zionist even though she wasn't Jewish. When a second SJP mentioned that one of the supporter's grandparents was Jewish, the first one, citing the Nazis' infamous racial laws, responded: “That's enough for Nuremberg!”

At San Diego State University, a social-media post urged “#SDSUDivest so we can get rid of t[h]e Jews.”

At the University of California, Berkeley, graffiti in a campus bathroom stated that “Zionists should be sent to the gas chamber.”

At the University of California, Davis, a few days after the student government passed a resolution supporting BDS, swastikas were painted on a local Jewish fraternity house.

At the University of California, Los Angeles, a hateful student and employee at the

UCLA Medical Center flew her flag proudly, posting “F**king Jews. GTFOH with all your Zionist bullshit. Crazy ass f**king troglodyte albino monsters of cultural destruction. F**king Jews. GTFOH with your whiny bulls**t. Give the Palestinians back their land, go back to Poland or whatever freezer-state you're from, and realize that faith does not constitute race.”

At the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, after a BDS resolution was defeated, a disgruntled supporter of the measure posted “Palestine is 4 Palestinians not 4 a sick cult fm anywhere but Palestine with a sense of entitlement 2 it. Need that in Yiddish?”

At its most basic, the First Amendment allows anti-Semites to spew out their bile and venom. And it permits the rest of us, in turn, to call them repulsive bigots. That's how it works. As SJP and its supporters demonstrate on a near-constant basis, free speech usually isn't typified

by polite conversations at tea parties. It's rough-and-tumble, it's noisy, it's messy, and even at its most offensive, it's as American as apple pie.

The proposed new act simply allows Jew-haters to be called out for what they are, regardless of whether they're trying to disguise their bias as principled criticism of another country. That's basic fairness, nothing more. And those who feel that it's acceptable that loathsome extremists can benefit from free speech but their targets can't are hypocrites, plain and simple.

So let's be honest: If you think that only radical leftists deserve the right to free speech, maintain the status quo. But if you want to protect the First Amendment for everyone, support passage of the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act.

David Gemunder is an attorney, a leader in the Republican Jewish Coalition, and a member of the Board of Governors of Hillel International.

An IDF soldier's description of his experience in Gaza

By Matan Barad

(JNS)—Gaza, a place with so much meaning. Words cannot describe the situations my comrades and I have been through.

The first time we got to the border we couldn't imagine what the next four months would be like.

The first thing my officer told us when we started duty is that “the fence is a metaphor... only where the IDF is, is there a border.”

We couldn't imagine how right he was.

In the past four months, my unit took control over the border, it was at this time the most difficult border in Israel.

Israel Independence Day, “Yom Nakba,” prisoner day, USA opening the Embassy in Jerusalem.

You know what was the

hardest part of all this? It's not the fact we didn't take off our shoes the past week nor shower. Not the fact we didn't talk to our friends and family the past week. It's not the fact we sleep an average four hours a night. Let's not talk about when was the last time we went home. It was the fact we did all of this, and at the end of the week, we saw in the media only criticism, on how we kill innocent Palestinians.

Well, I wanna put things straight. (Since I'm actually here)

Have you ever seen 4,000 people running towards you full of hate and yelling “Allah Akhbar”? Have you ever seen 4,000 people—men, women, and kids full of hate and anger? Can a knife kill? A Molotov cocktail? Fire kites? Bomb? AK-47?

Well, that's a daily threat on the border.

My friends and I felt all the things above.

We SAW 4,000 people run to the fence. WE have been shot at. WE saw a bomb explode that was meant for us. WE saw people run towards us with knives and axes meant to KILL us. The feeling that goes through your body after all this is indescribable.

We have the right to defend our people, family, friends. We know if they pass us they are going for them.

Our LAST resort is to shoot, we first send papers describing we don't want this, we send smelly bombs to keep them away. No country in the world does that.

After all this, they keep coming ... we shoot.

Every shot you take needs to get approved by two different people. Every shot that

you take is written down and checked by officials.

The first rule as a sniper is to never close your eyes so you won't miss a thing.

Sometimes, you see things you will never forget.

All in all, I can assure you at the end of this tour we as a unit don't regret a shot we

took. Every shot we took was to protect the people we love.

Facebook post by IDF soldier Matan Barad, a lone soldier from Boston.



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FRIDAY, JUNE 22

Ahavas Yisrael—Kabbalat, 30 minutes before sundown.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

Torah Portion—Chukat Avot: Chapter 5; Numbers 19:1-22:1. Haftarah: Judges 11:1-33
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MONDAY, JUNE 25

Israeli Folk Dancing—7:30-8:15 p.m. instruction, 8:15-10 p.m., requests. Cost: Free for JCC members, \$5 nonmembers. Info: 407-645-5933.
 Congregation Beth Am—Mommy and Me class with Cantor Nina Fine, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. \$7 per family; free for CBA members Info: 407-862-3505.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

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 SPARK—Lunch and Learn, 12:30 p.m. Join Jewish women and explore the relevance of the weekly Torah portion within modern-day life, with free lunch at 954 S. Orlando Ave., Winter Park. Info: Sarah Gittleston at sgittleston@joinorlando.org.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

Ahavas Yisrael—Kabbalat, 30 minutes before sundown.



Jewish Pavilion volunteers bring joy to senior residents

A huge and sincere thank you goes out to Rebecca Kleiman and Susan Bernstein who have become devoted Jewish Pavilion volunteers. Susan leads Shabbat songs and prayers once or twice a month at both Brookdale Island Lake and Oakmonte Village: Cordova. She has a true gift in teaching and story telling to enhance the Shabbat service.

Rebecca Kleiman has made herself available to many seniors at several area facilities on Shabbat and throughout the week. One recent Shabbat, she introduced her two young children to the seniors and everyone shared stories and songs.

Seniors who are residing in senior living communities are afforded the unique experience of sharing the Jewish holidays and Shabbat with their neighbors and community volunteers like Susan and Rebecca. The photo of Rebecca and Susan (standing) with Pearl Bernstein and Jack shows the enjoyment on everyone's faces.

Come join in each Friday at 4 p.m. at Brookdale Island Lake. For a thorough listing of all programs visit jewishpavilion.org

—Emily Newman, Jewish Pavilion program director

Quote of the Week

"The trouble when people stop believing in God is not that they thereafter believe in nothing; it is that they thereafter believe in anything. In this century, 'anything' has included Hitler, Stalin and Mao, authors of the great genocidal madneses of our time."

— Charles Krauthammer

Challenging puzzle

"A Meal to Remember" by Yoni Glatt
koshercrosswords@gmail.com

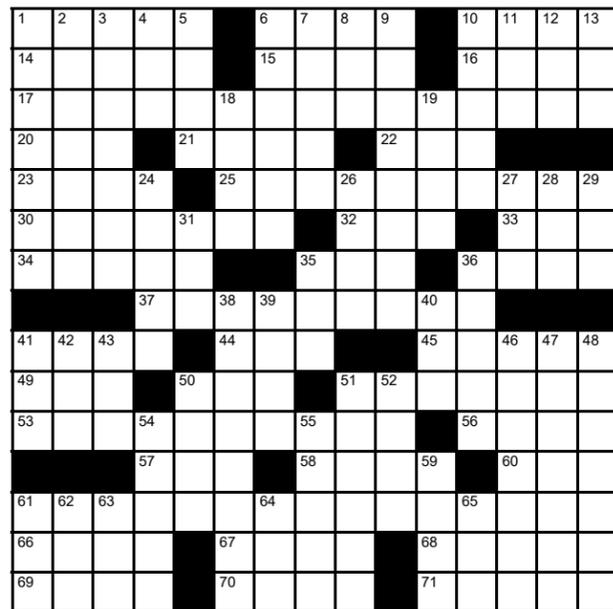
Across

1. Dipped fruit
6. Dealer's bane
10. Bad dreidel spin
14. Former town employee
15. Inflatable things
16. One of four notable animals in Parashat Shemini
17. One who might have been offended by the menu of 61-Across
20. Day before
21. Britain's last King Henry
22. "Fannie" follower
23. He played Bean, Button, and Black
25. Midwestern city where 61-Across occurred
30. Autocratic Russian rule
32. Batteries for remotes, perhaps
33. Pal
34. Dermatology issues
35. Kind of tree
36. Make like Doc Paskowitz
37. Menu item at 61-Across
41. They made a 42-Down obsolete
44. Female warrior in two "Thor" movies
45. Carlo, of Monaco
49. Aloof
50. Dells, for short
51. Nor'___
53. What many attendees at 61-Across were doing
56. Quick card game
57. Jean who was the abba of Dada
58. Blackens, in a way
60. Org. that will check you out after you check in?
61. Historic Hebrew Union College event that occurred on July 11, 1883
66. Equal
67. Little brook
68. 1/8 cup
69. Cowboys and Indians, e.g.
70. Hog hang out
71. Schruete Farms vegetable

Down

1. Admits
2. Qualifying clause
3. Bat goo
4. "The", to Éponine
5. ___ Pesach (busy day)
6. Yonah and Yaakov, e.g.
7. From the top
8. Make a stink?
9. CBS spinoff
10. "The West Wing" actor
11. Muslim's journey
12. Cause of an explosion?
13. Like a marriage during sheva brachot
18. Ocasek and others
19. Skateboarding apparel brand
24. Braid or plait, e.g.
26. Notable idol
27. Start of many an Arab name
28. Rabbi Yaakov ben Asher, AKA The ___
29. Israel's protection: Abbr.
31. Book end?
35. Elrond, e.g.

36. Curry's are often far out
38. The ones that got away
39. Place for VIPs?
40. Text message, formally and briefly
41. Be into
42. See 41-Across
43. Colorful rug
46. Poseidon, to the Romans
47. Cut in thirds
48. Jamaica ___ (Queens neighborhood)
50. Run well, as an engine
51. Pave the way for
52. Indian city often used in crosswords
54. One of a notable seven from Israel
55. Home of the world's first ghetto
59. Social climber, often
61. Medicinal amt.
62. Habayit preceder
63. Melodramatic, in slang
64. Like many an action star
65. "___ pasa?"



See answers on page 14A.

"I'm lost without it!"

"It's inexcusable!"

"My week is not complete without it!"

"I can't live without it!"

"How in the world am I supposed to know what's going on?"

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Norman Wall Summer Teachers' Institute helps teachers incorporate Holocaust education in the classroom



Resource teacher Mitchell Bloomer leads the Summer Institutes class.

Recent surveys show that Americans lack basic knowledge of the Holocaust. The Holocaust Center's annual Teacher's Institute remedies this lack by bringing Central Florida teachers to learn and teach the Holocaust. For 23 teachers who devoted an entire week at the Norman Wall Teachers' Institute on Holocaust Education at the Holocaust Center of Central Florida, there could be no mistaking the purpose that brought them together.

Every June, the Holocaust Center hosts an institute on Holocaust education. Teachers at every grade level, and in every discipline, are invited to

participate in this multi-day institute designed to assist them in incorporating Holocaust education in their class as required by Florida Statutes Chapter 1003.42. Lectures, films, printed materials and survivor testimony help participants identify many of the things that allowed the Holocaust to happen. The Institute encourages thoughtful discussion on how to help children understand the importance of tolerance, good citizenship, and nurturing democratic values.

"The Teachers' Institute helps to expand and fortify the enormous opportunity teachers have to make an impact. I learned that it is extremely

important to address racism and anti-Semitism, both during and after the Holocaust, as an integral part of Holocaust studies," one teacher said.

Dr. Norman Wall, for whom the Institute is named, was a retired cardiologist in Orlando, who had devoted his life to medicine, human rights and Jewish life. A longtime board member and community leader of the Anti-Defamation League, he fought against bigotry, discrimination and social justice for all.

"The Teacher Training Institute in the name of Norman Wall will help to bring the lessons of the Holocaust to Central Florida," said Harry D.

Wall, son of the late physician. "He believed that the Orlando Holocaust Center has a vital role in community education, to not only raise awareness of the Holocaust, but also to confront the danger of rising extremism."

Through the generosity of Dr. Wall's late wife, Faye, and son, the 2018 Teachers Institute received the added support needed for its realization.

Attendees from five school districts participated; most teach high school grade

levels, though there were some middle school teachers as well as university representation.

The Holocaust Center thanks Dr. Norman Wall and his family for support in the Teachers' Institute.

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'Terror kites' shake residents in southern Israel, but not their resolve to stay put



Sam Sokol

Raymond Reijnen joined the fire fighting team on his kibbutz.



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An Israeli holds a "terror kite" and the incendiary materials attached to it.

By Sam Sokol

NAHAL OZ, Israel (JTA)—Dani Ben David fiddles with his radio, switching between it and his cell phone as he drives through the Beeri Forest, a nature reserve located on the border of Israel and the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip.

As his Jeep jolts over the dirt road, he quickly and calmly jumps between multiple conversations, coordinating efforts to extinguish the multiple fires that have sprung up across his territory. As regional director for the Western Negev for Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael-Jewish National Fund, Ben David is responsible for maintaining the forest's tens of thousands of acres in the face of Palestinian efforts to torch them and the surrounding farmland.

Since April, more than 450 open-air fires have been set along the border region by kites and balloons carrying incendiary materials launched from Gaza. Flying aimlessly over the kibbutzim, they have turned large swatches of what was once an oasis of green in a dry and dusty south into a charred landscape.

Many of those kites have landed in the wheat fields of farmers, causing millions of shekels in damage to the local agricultural sector as well as in the area's vast nature reserves.

"Look over there," Ben David says, pointing to a pillar of smoke in the distance.

His finger sweeps across the horizon, noting the locations of several other fires in the distance. "We see three, four, five fires. There are eight fires now."

"It's like this every day," he continues, describing how more than 4,000 dunams, or nearly 490 acres, have already gone up in smoke over the past two months. "It's doing great damage to the forest, to the plants and animals. Everything here is burned. We don't really see a solution, either from the government or the army, against this kite terror."

Ben David says KKL-JNF employs 12-13 private firefighters who are responsible for the forest, a number bolstered by volunteers from local communities and Israel's overstretched Fire and Rescue Services.

"If we had 10 more it would be good, but we don't have 10 more," he says. "We are doing what we can. You extinguish one and you move on to the next one."

At another site nearby, a tractor puts out the flames by driving over them followed by a man carrying a hose attached to a small water tank on his back. It's siren blaring, a fire truck pulls up and a regular-duty firefighter gets out and starts spraying a flaming clump of trees.

Over the course of less than an hour, Ben David visits more than five fires, one of which blazes alongside a small one-

lane road, completely obscuring visibility.

"At the end of the day, we are succeeding at extinguishing everything," he says, but adding it would help if he had access to firefighting planes. Ben David explains that such aircraft are prohibited from taking part in the battle due to the proximity to the Gaza border.

"These kites aren't toys, they're weapons," he says. "If the IDF or government will understand that, I hope they will do something."

In nearby Nahal Oz, Yael Lachyani walks along pointing out the damage done to her kibbutz's farmlands. She points to a small patch of burnt ground on which small shoots are already beginning to sprout. Lachyani, the agricultural collective's spokeswoman, says that on the festival of Shavuot each year, a small ceremony is held here for the community's children, but this year it was set ablaze only hours before the gathering.

"We put out the fire and held the ceremony anyway. We are proud that we didn't let them destroy our holiday," she says, noting that 600 dunams, or almost 150 acres, have already gone up in flames.

"We try to be optimistic. It's all about resilience," Lachyani says. "We don't complain. We don't let them run our lives. You burn and we plant. Our morale is high. There is something about tragedy that

connects you more to the people you live with."

While acknowledging that the damage has only been to vegetation, she says it is only a matter of time until someone gets hurt in the community of fewer than 500 residents next to the border fence. The Israel Defense Forces and the government have not responded to the fires in the same way in which they act in the wake of a rocket attack, she says, and this "sends a message" to Hamas.

Lachyani says that despite the rocket attacks and fires, Nahal Oz is thriving, with residency at capacity, in part due to the "new secular Zionism of living wherever it's necessary and wherever it's meaningful." But while the community has grown since the last flare-up with Hamas in 2014, it does not mean the residents are totally sanguine about the situation.

"We are thriving under fire... for the moment," she says, complaining of the feeling that "no one cares." Citing Regional Cooperation Minister Tzachi Hanegbi's statement that he was "not excited by the kite terrorism"—that is, that people shouldn't overreact to what he called a "pathetic" enemy—Lachyani asserts that the "government isn't doing anything."

Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman has pledged to strike back in response to the kites "when it is convenient for us." The army is testing two types of drones for use against the kites as "part of a comprehensive response, which includes cooperation with firefighting forces and the activity of combat forces on the ground," an IDF spokesman told JTA.

According to police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld, bomb disposal experts have responded not only to kites dragging alcohol-soaked rags but also explosive devices, "which is a much more serious threat to both soldiers and civilians."

"Every day we have at least 30 firefighters with 10 fire engines to deal only with fires near the fence," Israel Fire and Rescue Services spokesman Yoram Levy says. "In order to respond quickly we opened five temporary stations in kib-

butzim. We have a volunteer unit at Kfar Aza with a fire truck and equipment, and we are about to establish two more units. When we receive intelligence that there might be mass demonstrations [like last Friday], we are reinforcing our staff as needed."

Levy says the fire service has used airplanes twice, near Kibbutz Or Haner and Kibbutz Karmia, after receiving permission from the Israeli Air Force.

One resident of Nahal Oz sees the attacks as an opportunity to give something back. Only weeks before the fires started, Raymond Reijnen immigrated to the kibbutz with family from Rotterdam in the Netherlands. A 16-year veteran of his city's fire brigade, Reijnen—a tall, thin blond with tattooed arms—saw no future in Europe and decided to make aliyah so his children could grow up in a Jewish state.

Assigned to the kibbutz dairy, where he tends cows, Reijnen threw himself into agricultural work and learning Hebrew. Teams of firefighters from across the country have converged on the south, taking shifts on duty before returning to their home cities. Nevertheless, each kibbutz maintains its own volunteer team and Reijnen joined the one at Nahal Oz immediately. He says he felt good that he could "give something back to the kibbutz with my skills as a firefighter. I can pay them back for all the things they do for me here. I was kind of useless for the kibbutz and I'm not used to that."

Kibbutz Saad, located three miles away, has had to deal with far fewer fires than Nahal Oz, and the fields that burned were already harvested, says Buki Bart, a member of the kibbutz administration. While expressing frustration, Bart says he understands that "everybody is doing the best that he can" and that the damage thus far has been minor enough that he doesn't feel he has to report every small fire to the kibbutz members. Residents have come under fire for years, he says, especially during the last three wars in Gaza.

According to Adi Meiri, a

spokeswoman for the Shaar Hanegev Regional Council, whose territory includes Sderot, extinguishing the fires is not the only struggle for residents of the region. While the state has pledged reparations for farmers who have lost crops, local representatives also have been pushing hard for additional payments for those forced to harvest early, losing part of the value of their produce, as well as for those who have lost agricultural equipment.

Aside from the financial side, Meiri says the constant fires have caused stress for residents, especially children, many of whom are receiving help from psychologists at a local "resilience center." She describes how she has gone to great lengths to shield her own children from the reality of the past two months.

Picking up on Meiri's theme, council head Alon Schuster told JTA that it is important that the IDF, when attacking targets in the Gaza Strip, announce that the strikes are in part in retaliation for the kites. He says "it is important for the internal psychological resilience of our residents."

The authorities have been somewhat slow "to assimilate, to integrate, the reality" of what is happening, Schuster says.

"They are concentrating now on the threat of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians entering into Israel to sabotage or kidnap people, and they underestimate the threat of fire," he says.

While many residents have called for increased strikes against Hamas, others believe that only an improvement in conditions in Gaza will bring true peace.

"We have been relatively lucky," Adele Raemer of Nirim says. "It hurts to see the land being ravaged by fires—the same land that those who are doing it claim to love, claim to be theirs."

"I'm hoping to hear that the government will make decisions today that will alleviate the impossible conditions in Gaza and enable the Gazans to have some hope. People who have no hope to live for only have reasons to die for."




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Scene Around

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Talk about disturbing news...

I read this in the World Jewish Congress digest and pass it along to you:

“Recent figures released by the Community Security Trust indicate a record-high number of anti-Semitic incidents in the United Kingdom, with the Jewish community targeted at a rate of nearly four times a day over the course of 2017. This is the third year in a row that the CST has reported record levels of anti-Semitism, and this is in a year with no specific trigger events.

‘Anti-Semitism is rearing its ugly head at an alarming rate around the world, even in a place like the United Kingdom, where Jews live in relative safety, security, and comfort’ said WJC CEO and Executive Vice President, ROBERT SINGER. ‘This is a cause for extreme vigilance and concern, and should be treated seriously by society at large, as well as at the judicial, police, and government levels. We must make it absolutely and infinitely clear that anti-Semitism, racism, xenophobia, and hatred have no place in our society.’

In its report, the CST logged 1,382 hate incidents in 2017, up 3% from 2016. It also registered a 34% rise in violent assaults against Jews over the course of 2017, with 145 attacks in 2017 compared to 108 attacks in 2016. The total tally was the highest registered by the CST for a calendar year since it began gathering such data in 1984.

Board of Deputies President JONATHAN ARKUSH noted that ‘the UK remains an overwhelmingly happy home for its Jewish community, but given these worrying statistics, there is no room for complacency.’

The Board of Deputies is a regional affiliate of the WJC.”

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Through his tears, Isaac sobs, “You don’t understand. They left out the phone number.”

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Bourdain seduced us all into confronting our own biases



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Anthony Bourdain at the Whitby Hotel in New York, July 17, 2017.

By Charles Dunst

NEWYORK (JTA)—Anthony Bourdain was quick—and often willing—to publicly offer his own flaws.

“Until 44 years of age, I never had any kind of savings account,” Bourdain said in 2017. “[I] always owed money. I’d always been selfish and completely irresponsible.”

Despite or maybe because of such flaws, Bourdain would

stumble into fame, parlaying his latent talent as a writer into hosting three increasingly sophisticated variants of the same food-oriented travel show—first on the Food Network, then on the Travel Channel and finally on CNN.

“For a long time, Tony thought he was going to have nothing,” his publisher, Dan Halpern, told *The New Yorker*. “He can’t believe his luck. He always seems happy

that he actually is Anthony Bourdain.”

In his professional ascendance, Bourdain developed a unique journalistic voice, demonstrating an underlying, at times seemingly innate ability to acquaint viewers with foreign lands and cultures divergent from their own without mocking his subjects. Instead he humanized the local tapestry of individuals, implicitly encouraging his viewers to do the same. It is for this reason that various communities, including the Jewish community, trusted Bourdain with their respective cultures and heritages—and mourned deeply the news of his death, at 61, on Friday.

In the opening of the 2013 episode in which he visits Israel, the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Bourdain notes that the region is “easily the most contentious piece of real estate in the world. And there’s no hope—none—of ever talking about it without pissing somebody, if not everybody, off.”

And yet, still simply happy to be here—happy to have accidentally secured the reverence now attached to his name—he worries not of angering partisans, instead focusing on his task: telling individual stories through food.

“By the end of this episode, I’ll be seen by many as a terrorist sympathizer, a Zionist tool, a self-hating Jew, an apologist for American imperialism, an orientalist, fascist, socialist

CIA agent and worse. So here goes nothing,” he said.

In addition to addressing his own internal struggles, by wrapping himself in tefillin at the Western Wall and praying, as a Jew, for the first time in his life (he described himself as “hostile to any sort of devotion”), Bourdain interrogates his subjects, who span the cultural, ethnic and political spectrums. He coaxes them to explicate the extremism of their respective communities.

Over a meal in a Jewish settlement, Bourdain asks a resident about local graffiti reading “Death to Arabs”; the settler admits that it should “probably” be expunged. At the Aida refugee camp outside Bethlehem, he prods a local children’s theater director, asking why communal heroes are armed gunmen, hijackers and suicide bombers rather than TV stars or singers. The director, like the settler, offers a moderate apology, acknowledging that the situation is not healthy.

In Israel proper, Bourdain speaks with the Jewish Natan Galkowicz, who lost a daughter in a missile attack from Gaza.

“I know that my daughter was killed for no reason, and I know that people on the other side have been killed for no reason,” Galkowicz tells Bourdain. “Bottom line is, let’s stop with the suffering.”

The father’s voice underscores the entirety of the episode—mournful over a

fraught situation, yet hopeful for peace, not for any particular ideological reason, but in the hopes of a future in which children neither worship armed gunmen nor are killed by missiles and suicide bombs.

Although ever ambivalent about politics, Bourdain allows this episode, likely inevitable due to its focus, to become deeply political. Yet he navigates the regional ideological complexities with ease similar to his canoe junket into Borneo’s jungles.

As Rob Eshman wrote in the *Jewish Journal of Los Angeles* at the time, “If you like food and you like Israel, this past week’s episode of Anthony Bourdain’s ‘Parts Unknown’ was a win-win... To me, he showed exactly how smart, curious people should engage a complex country—and how Israelis and Palestinians benefit from that approach.”

Throughout his time on television, Bourdain repeatedly forced his viewers to readdress their own biases. In this particular episode, he renders it difficult for viewers to descend in their own communal extremism. It’s hard to imagine watching the episode without empathizing for both, rather than choosing between, the Palestinians and the Israelis.

It is for this reason—his ability, through food, to present on-the-ground, real-life theater in aims of humanizing its players—that Israelis,

Palestinians, Colombians, Georgians, Malaysians, Cambodians and Hungarians, among countless others, welcomed Bourdain into not only their locales and cultures but also into their own homes. He did not glorify conflict nor local struggles, but yearned to understand and talk about individuals within their midst.

Floating above the ocean of biased or one-sided media coverage that only serves to reinforce pre-existing communal extremism, Bourdain was a lifeboat of, and for, humanity. He made us all a little more interesting, a little smarter and a little more tolerant of others.

A chef and accidental journalist, Bourdain did the type of reporting that all within the field, particularly in the midst of a global expansion of attacks on the free press, should aim to emulate. His suicide, ominously following news of this week’s CDC report indicating that suicide is rising sharply, shows perhaps how deeply he suffered from his own flaws and contradictions. It was these contradictions, however, that made Bourdain so quick to recognize and respect similar tensions in not only other individuals but in other communities.

For his voice, and for all he taught his viewers, Bourdain will be severely missed, not only in the Jewish community but also, due to his international expansiveness, around the globe.

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Iranians tell Twitter: #WeStandWithIsrael



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(JNS)—Following a video message to the Iranian people by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, thousands of Iranians took to Israel to express their support and love for the Jewish state.

According to Israel’s Foreign Ministry, the hashtag #WeStandWithIsrael was featured in tens of thousands of tweets written by Iranians who took part in a campaign to separate their opinions of Israel from that of the strongly anti-Israel Iranian regime.

Sharona Avginsaz, the Foreign Ministry Persian-language digital-media manager, told Mako news that the “Israel in Persian” Twitter page has been gaining serious steam, with approximately 60,000 followers, despite the fact that the Twitter social-media platform is actually banned in Iran.

The campaign was set to coincide with “Quds Day,” an annual day established by the extremist Muslim Iranian regime to support Arab claims to Jerusalem and decry Israeli control of the historic city.

According to Avginsaz, Iranian Twitter users decided to take the anti-Israel day and turn it into a show of Iranian support for Israel and disapproval of the controlling Iranian government.

“Most of the Iranian people oppose the regime and its policies towards Israel, and Iranians are always writing to us that they love Israel—that they do not want their regime to use their money to bolster Hamas and Hezbollah,” Avginsaz told Mako.

Iran and Israel maintained good relations prior to the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

On Sunday, Netanyahu released a video in which he promised to create a website to help Iranian farmers recycle wastewater and learn water-saving techniques. The country is undergoing a severe drought, and Israel is internationally renowned for its water-saving technologies.

“The Iranian people are victims of a cruel and tyrannical regime that denies them vital water,” said Netanyahu. “Israel stands with the people of Iran.”

“Now, Israel also has water challenges. We’ve developed cutting-edge technologies to address them,” he explained.

“We are with you,” said Netanyahu. “The hatred of Iran’s regime will not stop the respect and friendship between our two peoples.”



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History Lesson for today

The origins of the collapse of Palestinian society

By **Eli E. Hertz**

What caused the collapse of Palestinian society? In addition to serious cleavages dating to Ottoman times that existed in local Arab society, it was the absence of an alternative Arab infrastructure after the British pulled out of Mandate Palestine. Because Palestinian Arab society had been so dependent on British civil administration and social services, Britain's departure left Arab civil servants jobless. As a result, most social services and civil administration ceased to function in the Arab sector, disrupting the flow of essential commodities such as food and fuel, which added to their hardships and uncertainties.

In contrast, Jewish society in Palestine, or the Yishuv as it was called in Hebrew, had established its own civil society over the span of three decades under the Mandate. The Yishuv created its own representative political bodies and social and economic

institutions, including health and welfare services, a public transport network, and a thriving, sophisticated marketing system for manufactured goods and food—in short, a state-in-the-making. It was best described by the 1934 British report to the League of Nations:

“During the last two or three generations the Jews have recreated in Palestine a community, now numbering 80,000, of whom about one-fourth are farmers or workers upon the land. This community has its own political organs, an elected assembly for the direction of its domestic concerns, elected councils in the towns, and an organization for the control of its schools. It has its elected Chief Rabbinate and Rabbinical Council for the direction of its religious affairs. Its business is conducted in Hebrew as a vernacular language, and a Hebrew press serves its needs. It has its distinctive intellectual life and displays considerable economic activity.

This community, then, with its town and country population, its political, religious and social organizations, its own language, its own customs, its own life, has in fact ‘national’ characteristics.”

During that same period, the Arabs of Palestine, however, had invested all of their energies into fighting any form of Jewish polity-in-the-making. Although the British encouraged creation of an Arab Agency parallel to the Jewish Agency that had orchestrated and financed development of the Jewish sector, a similar Arab organization failed to develop. So it was no surprise that when the British departed, the Palestinian Arabs remained unorganized and ill-prepared not only for statehood (which they rejected in any case), but also for sustained conflict with their Jewish adversaries. In the end, the war caused horrific casualties for the Jews and left thousands of Palestinian Arabs without their homes.

Descendants of lost tribe of Manasseh make Aliyah from India



Laura Ben-David/Shavei Israel

Abel Hangshing (center, back) being reunited with his family, and meeting some of his great-grandchildren for the first time.

TEL AVIV—The week of June 11, 225 members of the Bnei Menashe Jewish community, which claims descent from one of Israel's lost tribes, made Aliyah thanks to Shavei Israel, a Jerusalem-based non-profit that aims to strengthen ties between the Jewish people and descendants of Jews around the world.

The 225 new immigrants all hail from the northeastern Indian state of Manipur, which borders Burma and is home to the largest concentration of Bnei Menashe. Among those making Aliyah this week is Seingul Lotjem, a father of one, who has not seen his parents in the 18 years since they moved to Israel in 2000. “It has always been my dream to return to Zion,” Lotjem said, adding, “but it is especially emotional for me because my beloved father and mother

made Aliyah in 2000 and I am overwhelmed to think that I will be able to meet them again and be reunited with them in the Land of Israel.”

Also among the immigrants who arrived today was Abel Hangshing, 80, who was reunited with his brother, whom he hadn't seen in 10 years, and met his great-grandchildren, who were born in Israel, for the first time.

“We are thrilled to be welcoming home 225 members of the lost tribe of Bnei Menashe to Israel,” said Shavei Israel Founder and Chairman Michael Freund. “It has been an incredibly busy year—and we are only getting started. With 429 Bnei Menashe having made Aliyah since January, we are determined to continue until all the remaining Bnei Menashe still in India are able to return to Zion as well.”

The new immigrants are arriving in Israel on five flights throughout the week. From the airport, the new immigrants will continue to Shavei Israel's absorption center in Kfar Hasidim, outside of Haifa. They plan to settle in the Galilee, in Israel's north, where many Bnei Menashe immigrants have made their homes in recent years.

The Bnei Menashe are descendants of the tribe of Manasseh, one of the Ten Lost Tribes exiled from the Land of Israel more than 2,700 years ago by the Assyrian empire. So far, some 3,500 Bnei Menashe have made Aliyah thanks to Shavei Israel, including more than 1,100 in the past four years, and 429 since the beginning of 2018. Some 7,000 Bnei Menashe remain in India waiting for the chance to return home to Zion.

Central Florida Synagogues

Orlando Weekday Morning Minyan (Conservative/Egalitarian), services Monday-Friday 7:45 a.m. (9 a.m.—national holidays); 2nd floor Chapel—Jewish Academy of Orlando; 851 N. Maitland Ave., Maitland. For information call 407-298-4650.

Celebration Jewish Congregation (R), services and holiday schedules shown at www.JewishCelebration.org; 407-566-9792.

Chabad Lubavitch of North Orlando (O), 1701 Markham Woods Road, Longwood, 407-636-5994, www.jewishorlando.com; services: Friday 7:00 p.m.; Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

Chabad of Altamonte Springs (O), 414 Spring Valley Lane, Altamonte Springs, 407-280-0535; www.jewishaltamonte.com.

Chabad of South Orlando (O), 7347 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, 407-354-3660; www.jewishorlando.com; Shabbat services: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. and 10 minutes before sunset; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, 8:15 a.m.

Chabad of the Space & Treasure Coasts (O), 1190 Highway A1A, Satellite Beach, 321-777-2770.

Congregation Ahavas Yisrael/Chabad (O), 708 Lake Howell Rd., Maitland, 407-644-2500; www.chabadorlando.org; services: Sunday, 9 a.m.; Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.; Shabbat services: Friday, 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.; Family service, 4th Friday of the month.

Congregation Bet Chaim (R), 181 E. Mitchell Hammock, Oviedo, 407-830-7211; www.betchaim.org; Shabbat services: Friday, 8 p.m.

Congregation Beth Am (C), 3899 Sand Lake Road, Longwood, 407-862-3505; www.congbetham.org; Shabbat services: Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

Congregation Beth El (C), 2185 Meadowlane Ave., West Melbourne, 321-779-0740; Shabbat services, 1st & 3rd Friday, 8 p.m.; 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

Congregation Beth Emeth (R), 2205 Blue Sapphire Circle, Orlando, 407-222-6393; Shabbat service: monthly, 8 p.m.

Congregation Beth Israel (Rec), Collins Resource Center, Suite 303, 9401 S.R. 200, Ocala, 352-237-8277; bethisraelocala.org; Shabbat service, second Friday of the month, 8 p.m.

Congregation Beth Shalom (R-C), 315 North 13th St., Leesburg, 352-326-3692; www.bethshalomflorida.org; schedule of services on website.

Congregation Beth Shalom (Progressive Conservative), Orange City congregation holds services at 1308 E. Normandy Blvd., Deltona; 386-804-8283; www.mybethshalom.com; Shabbat services: Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.

Congregation B'nai Torah (C), 403 N. Nova Rd., Ormond Beach, 32174, 386-672-1174; www.mybnaitorah.com; Shabbat services: Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.

Congregation Chabad Lubavitch of Greater Daytona (O), 1079 W. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach, 386-672-9300; Shabbat services Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.

Congregation of Reform Judaism (R), 928 Malone Dr., Orlando, 407-645-0444; www.crjorlando.org; Shabbat services, 7 p.m. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Fridays; 6 p.m., 4th and 5th Fridays; Saturday: 10 a.m.

Congregation Mateh Chaim (R), P.O. Box 060847, Palm Bay, 32906, 321-768-6722.

Congregation Ohev Shalom (C), 613 Concourse Parkway South, Maitland, 407-298-4650; www.ohevshalom.org; Shabbat service, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

Congregation Shalom Aleichem (R), 3501 Oak Pointe Blvd., Kissimmee, 407-935-0064; www.shalomaleichem.com; Shabbat service, 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, 8 p.m.

Congregation Shomer Yisrael (C), 5382 Hoffner Ave., Orlando, 407-227-1258, call for services and holiday schedules.

Congregation Sinai (C/R), 303A N. S.R. 27, Minneola; 352-243-5353; congregation-sinai.org; services: every Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Shabbat Service every Saturday, 10 a.m.

Orlando Torah Center (O), 8591 Banyan Blvd., Orlando; 347-456-6485; Shacharis-Shabbos 9 a.m.; Mon.—Thurs. 6:45 a.m.; Sun. and Legal Holidays 8 a.m.; Mincha/Maariv Please call for times.

Southwest Orlando Jewish Congregation/Ohalei Rivka (C), 11200 S. Apopka-Vineland Rd., Orlando, 407-239-5444; Shabbat service, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

Temple Beth El (R), 579 N. Nova Rd., Ormond Beach, 386-677-2484.

Temple Beth Shalom (R), P.O. Box 031233, Winter Haven, 813-324-2882.

Temple Beth Shalom (C), 40 Wellington Drive, Palm Coast, 386-445-3006; Shabbat service, Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.

Temple Beth Shalom (C), 5995 N. Wickham Rd. Melbourne, 321-254-6333; www.mytbs.org; Shabbat services: Friday, 7 p.m.; Saturday: 9:30 a.m. Minyan, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

Temple Beth Shalom (R), 1109 N.E. 8th Ave., Ocala, 352-629-3587; Shabbat services: Friday, 8 p.m.; Torah study: Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

Temple B'nai Darom (R), 49 Banyan Course, Ocala, 352-624-0380; Friday Services 8 p.m.

Temple Israel (C), 50 S. Moss Rd., Winter Springs, 407-647-3055; www.tiflorida.org; Shabbat services: Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Temple Israel (R), 7350 Lake Andrew Drive, Melbourne, 321-631-9494.

Temple Israel (C), 579 N. Nova Road, Ormond Beach, 386-252-3097; Shabbat service, Friday, 7 p.m.; Saturday: 10:30 a.m.

Temple Israel of DeLand (R), 1001 E. New York Ave., DeLand, 386-736-1646; www.templeisraelofdeland.org; Friday Shabbat service, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. followed by Torah study.

Temple Shalom (formerly New Jewish Congregation) (R), 13563 Country Road 101, Oxford, 352-748-1800; www.templeshalomcentralfl.org; Shabbat services: Friday, 7 p.m.; last Saturday of the month, 9:30 a.m.

Temple Shalom of Deltona (R/C), 1785 Elkcam Blvd., Deltona, 386-789-2202; www.shalomdeltona.org; Shabbat service; Saturday: 10 a.m.

Temple Shir Shalom (R) Services held at Temple Israel, 50 S. Moss Rd., Winter Springs, 407-366-3556, www.templeshirshalom.org; Shabbat services: three Fridays each month, 7:30 p.m.

Traditional Congregation of Mount Dora (T) Mount Dora, 352-735-4774; www.tcomd.org; Shabbat services: Saturday, 9:30 a.m. sharp.

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Is an anti-Iran bloc of Russia, U.S. and Israel forming in Syria?



Amos Ben Gershon/GPO

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (l) and Russian President Vladimir Putin seen during a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Moscow, on May 9, 2018.

By Ariel Ben Solomon

(JNS)—The tensions between Russia and Iran over Syria have intensified of late, and it appears that the interests of Russia, the United States and Israel are coalescing around limiting both Iran's and Hezbollah's role in Syria. But the question is: How far is Russian President Vladimir Putin willing to go?

Israel, which has become increasingly alarmed at Iran's presence north of its border and its Lebanese terror proxy Hezbollah's military buildup in Syria, has urged Russia to force Iran out of the region.

"The State of Israel appreciates Russia's understanding of our security needs, especially on our northern border," Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman told Russian counterpart Sergei Shoigu during a visit to Moscow on May 31 to discuss the situation.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said last month that only Syrian troops should be stationed near the Golan Heights. "It should only be the armed forces of the Syrian Arab Republic that stand on the Syrian border with Israel," he said.

Zvi Magen, a senior fellow with the Tel Aviv University-affiliated Institute for Na-

tional Security Studies, and a former Israeli ambassador to both Ukraine and Russia, told JNS in an interview that three main issues center on Russia's role in Syria.

First is the narrative that relations between Russia and Iran are not good because they have different interests.

"During the civil war, they were on the same side backing Syrian President Bashar Assad, but now that the war is ending, they are pushing different agendas. Iran and Russia each want to control Syria themselves," said Magen.

The second narrative is that Russia has an interest in cooperating with the United

States in Syria, but a lack of communication exists on both sides.

"The U.S. is not showing an interest in speaking to the Russians, and Moscow may be interested in making some kind of deal whereby they trade their interests in Syria for a Western comprise over its role in Eastern Europe," explained Magen.

"Third, there is the problem of Israel since it can spoil things. If there would be a war between Israel and Iran in Syria, it would be bad for Russia, and so they are searching for some kind of solution, part of which was its deal with Israel that pushes the Iranians out of southern Syria."

Magen added that "the Russia-Israel understanding actually seems part of the Russia-U.S. deal, while opposing Iran is the price."

Moscow's goals in Syria remain unclear

On Sunday, Assad shot down reports that Russia was dictating his decisions, playing down tensions between Russia and Iran.

"They [the Russians] never, during our relation, try to dictate, even if there are differences," he said, according to SANA's transcript of the interview, given in English.

"It's natural to have differences between the different parties, whether within our government or other governments; Russia-Syria, Syria-Iran, Iran-Russia, and within these governments, that's very natural, but at the end the only decision about

what's going on in Syria and what's going to happen, it's a Syrian decision," said Assad, according to Reuters.

Magen went on to explain that it appears that the Russia, Israel and America are aligned in wanting the Iranians out of Syria. However, he noted, Russia will have a difficult time getting the Iranians to agree to leave Syria since they are already deeply embedded in the country.

Anna Geifman, a Russia expert, professor emerita at Boston University and currently a research associate in the political-studies department at Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan, said Moscow's goals in Syria remain unclear, but perhaps the Russians would like to weaken Iran in Syria, especially now that America has withdrawn from the Iran nuclear deal.

"Russia sees an opportunity to retain Syria as its 'colony,' exclusively," she said.

'They will not be able to evict us'

In an article earlier this year for the Jerusalem Institute for Strategic Studies, Geifman noted that Putin had declared a withdrawal of military forces from Syria, but asserted that he was likely to leave substantial amount of forces in the country. This move helped gain popularity for Putin at home; he won a landslide victory in his reelection in March.

Yuri Teper, a Russia expert and a founding member of the Israeli Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies told

JNS, "It is clear that Russia and Iran don't see eye to eye. Russia's pragmatic goals differ from those of Iran, which are more ideological in seeking regional dominance and hostility to Israel."

However, the situation remains blurry, as Russia had called for non-Syrian forces to vacate southern Syria. Then, Hezbollah's leader Hassan Nasrallah ruled out leaving Syria because the regime wanted it there.

"I will tell you that if the whole world comes together to force us to leave Syria, they will not be able to evict us," said Nasrallah, according to Reuters.

Teper perceives the Russians as appreciating Israel's determined efforts to attack Syria, but avoid unnecessary confrontations with Assad's forces.

"At this time, Russia is primarily concerned with expanding Assad's control over Syrian territory and working to find a way for American forces to withdraw," said Teper.

As for the reported deal to remove Iranian or Hezbollah forces from Israel's border area, he asserted that they could very well try to maintain a covert presence.

In fact, The Wall Street Journal reported on this possibility, stating that, according to Syrian rebel sources, Hezbollah terrorists and other pro-Iranian militants are fighting alongside Syrian soldiers near the Israeli border disguised in Syrian army uniforms.

'You Don't Mess With the Zohan' was Adam Sandler's liberal Zionist manifesto



Charles Dunst/Getty Images

Adam Sandler as Zohan Dvir imposed in front of an illustration by Charles Dunst of an elite Israeli soldier.

By Stephen Silver

NEW YORK (JTA)—Whatever else you can say about the somewhat mixed legacy of his work, you certainly can't question Adam Sandler's credentials as an avatar of Jewish cultural pride. Chalk that up to his famous Chanukah song, which name-checked an array of famous Jews, his Chanukah-themed animated comedy "Eight Crazy Nights" and the 2008 film "You Don't Mess With the Zohan."

In "Zohan," Sandler played an elite and legendary Israeli

soldier who longs for a peaceful life. The film, which was released 10 years ago this week, was full of in-jokes about Jews and Israel—hummus practically serves as a supporting character—but it also actually expressed a liberal Zionist viewpoint that continues to disappear from modern Mideast discourse.

Sandler stars as Zohan Dvir, whose superhuman acts of fighting skill are rendered with cartoonish, over-the-top special effects. Zohan, though, is sick of fighting; he'd rather be partying with bikini-clad

ladies on the Tel Aviv beach. His real dream in life is to be a hairdresser, and early on in the film he becomes emotional while flipping through an old Paul Mitchell hairstyle guide.

During a fight with his Palestinian counterpart, The Phantom (played by John Turturro, of course), Zohan fakes his own death in order to sneak into the U.S. and make his hairdressing dreams come true.

"I couldn't take all the fighting anymore—what's it all for?" he says in a thick, overstated Israeli accent.

Once in New York, an incognito Zohan finds work in a salon owned by an attractive Palestinian woman (Emmanuelle Chriqui) and is caught up in a miniature version of the Middle Eastern conflict in a Lower Manhattan neighborhood, where feuding Israeli and Palestinian immigrants operate businesses on either side of the street. By the end of the film, however, the two sides unexpectedly bond and reach something resembling an Oslo Accords on the Hudson.

The story was loosely based on Nezi Arbib, an Israeli army veteran who moved to the United States and started a hair salon. Sandler spent two weeks training with Arbib—in hairstyling, not military tactics.

"Zohan" has a lot of the scatological, lowbrow humor that's long been associated with Sandler's work, as demonstrated in a bizarre subplot that has Zohan making his name as a hairdresser by having sex in the back of the salon with female clients who are decades older than he is. It was directed by Dennis Dugan, who has helmed seven other Sandler films.

But the writers—Sandler, Robert Smigel and Judd Apatow—gave the film an ambitious satirical edge (the script also lifted some Israeli electronics store humor from a series of 1990s "Sat-

urday Night Live" sketches written by Smigel). It offers a crowd-pleasing if unrealistic solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that goes beyond two states: Outside the pressure cooker of the Middle East, Israelis and Palestinians can flourish together side by side by realizing how much they have in common and toiling toward the same goals. In the film's New York, that means keeping one's business afloat.

"Zohan" has all the forces joining against villains who turn out to be more dangerous than themselves—a Trump-like real estate developer and his redneck henchmen (led by singer Dave Matthews).

Even in 2008, the film was criticized for being both too Zionist and not Zionist enough. The left-wing magazine Counterpunch denounced it as racist and of expressing "a comedic approach to understanding the inner workings of the substandard Arab people." Meanwhile, Gil Troy wrote that the film's "happy ending comes when our hero abandons his country and his identity, joining the all-American intermarried mélange."

Some aspects of the film don't hold up well in 2018, starting with the casting of Palestinian characters with white actors such as

Turturro, Chiriqui (who was raised in an Orthodox Jewish household) and Rob Schneider (who was born to a Jewish father). The absurd sex-in-the-workplace plot, along with other explicit comments, which weren't especially funny in 2008, play even worse in the #MeToo era.

But in the end, "Zohan" coherently expresses a liberal Zionist worldview. Today, Israel is increasingly becoming a wedge issue—conservatives are expected to support Israel and all of its actions unconditionally, while liberals are expected to condemn all that Zionism stands for. This leaves liberal Zionists, or those wishing for a peaceful two-state solution and a more left-wing Israeli government, without much of a political home.

So much discourse about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict these days is either framed in terms of Israel heroically defending itself from invading hordes or heartlessly carrying out massacres—views that are simplistically whittled down to terms like "pro-Israel" and "anti-Israel." "You Don't Mess With the Zohan" shows us something we rarely see anymore in media or culture: an Israeli hero who is proud of his country and heritage and wants the best for both, but is also sick of fighting and desires peaceful coexistence.

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Orthodox Union joins Jewish communal letter opposing family separations

(JTA)—The Orthodox Union joined an open letter signed by 26 other Jewish organizations opposing separation of migrants' families at the border.

The decision to sign the letter on Friday came two days after the O.U., an umbrella Orthodox group, hosted Attorney General Jeff Sessions at its annual conference in Washington D.C., where he spoke to a friendly crowd about protecting religious liberty for houses of worship, and other matters. In May, Sessions' department instituted a policy to separate migrant families after they cross the U.S. border illegally.

O.U. officials were assailed on social media and in a petition organized by the liberal rabbinic human rights group T'ruah for feting Sessions, and replied that they had brought up the immigration issue with him privately. On Thursday, June 14, one day after hosting Sessions the Orthodox Union released a statement criticizing the Trump separation policy.

Under the policy implemented in recent months, every illegal migrant who crosses the United States border is prosecuted and detained. Because children cannot be prosecuted with adults, they are reclassified as unaccompanied minors and taken away, either to mass children's shelters or foster homes.

Critics of the policy say forcibly separating parents and children is traumatizing and draconian. Sessions says it's a necessary measure to enforce border security.

"This policy undermines the values of our nation and jeopardizes the safety and well-being of thousands of people," the Jewish open letter says. "As Jews, we understand the plight of being an immigrant fleeing violence and oppression. We believe that the United States is a nation of immigrants and how we treat the stranger reflects on the moral values and ideals of this nation."

The letter signed by 26 national Jewish organizations, including the Anti-Defamation League, Jewish Council for Public Affairs and HIAS, urges the administration "to immediately rescind the 'zero tolerance' policy and uphold the values of family unity and justice on which our nation was built."

Among the signers of the letter are the leading organizations of the Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist movements. The addition of the O.U. means that top representative bodies of all four major American Jewish denominations have come out against the policy. It is rare that the O.U., which generally takes conservative political positions, agrees with the other three movements on a matter of domestic government policy.

Religious groups across the spectrum, Jewish and not, have opposed the policy, and the O.U. is among the most recent conservative religious organizations to oppose it. It has been criticized in recent

days by the Southern Baptist Convention, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Rev. Franklin Graham, the late Billy Graham's son.

Why did Argentina's Lionel Messi miss World Cup penalty kick? Israel's defense minister knows.

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (JTA)—Israel's defense minister suggested a reason that Argentina superstar Lionel Messi missed a penalty kick in his team's World Cup opener: The Argentines had canceled their friendly match against Israel a week earlier.

"In the Argentina against Iceland game we saw just how much Messi needed the warm-up game against Israel," Avigdor Liberman tweeted Saturday night about the game earlier that day in Moscow between the powerful Argentines and upstart Icelanders.

Messi's failure to convert left the game tied at 1, which is how it finished. Goalkeeper Hannes Halldorsson knocked away the shot.

The June 12 match in Jerusalem between the national teams of Israel and Argentina was canceled several days before it was scheduled following two months of pressure from the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement against Israel. The FIFA international soccer federation has opened disciplinary proceedings against the president of the Palestinians' soccer governing body for alleged incitement.

Meanwhile, the Israeli Embassy in Argentina spread a message of support for its host country's World Cup squad, despite the canceled friendly. The messages included strong support for Messi, who had been the victim of death threats over his planned participation in the match in Jerusalem.

The delegation posted on social media a video saying it "will be waiting for 'Lio,'" referring to Messi and the canceled friendly. Later the embassy said that Israel waited in vain for Messi, but that "...we are a people used to waiting for the... Messi-ah."

The video shows embassy staffers painting their faces with blue and white for Israel but also light blue and white, the Argentina team's colors. The video, which was tweeted by the embassy, shows Israel's ambassador to Buenos Aires, Ilan Sztulman, wearing an Argentine team T-shirt and saying "No doubt, we will be supporting the light blue and white." The video shows the embassy team celebrating a Messi goal against Brazil, even though Sztulman is a native of Brazil.

The Israeli support for Argentina's national team gained attention from the major Argentine media and was followed by another tweet just before Saturday's match wishing the team "success." **Former Israeli lawmaker arrested as alleged spy for Iran**

JERUSALEM (JTA)—A former Israeli lawmaker was arrested on suspicion that he spied on Israel for Iran.

Gonen Segev was arrested last month, the Israel Security Agency, or Shin Bet, said in a statement issued Monday.

On Friday, the state attorney filed a criminal indictment against Segev in Jerusalem District Court for spying and other charges related to passing information to an enemy country.

Segev, a physician, was energy and infrastructure minister from 1992 to 1995. He served more than two years of a five-year prison sentence beginning in 2005 for trying to smuggle more than 30,000 ecstasy tablets into Israel from the Netherlands and for forging a diplomatic passport. He later moved to Nigeria, where he continued to practice medicine.

Segev was arrested in May trying to enter Equatorial Guinea, which refused him entry due to his criminal record, and turned him over to the Israel Police.

A joint Israel Security Agency and Israel Police investigation found that Segev has been working with Iranian intelligence and providing them with information about Israel's energy economy, security sites in Israel, and diplomatic and security personnel and buildings, according to the agency.

According to the investigation, Segev and elements from the Iranian Embassy in Nigeria made contact in 2012. The statement said Segev subsequently visited Iran twice to meet with his handlers "in full knowledge that they were Iranian intelligence operatives."

"Segev also met with his Iranian handlers in various hotels and apartments around the world which he assumed were used for covert activity, the statement said. "Segev even received secret communications equipment for encoding messages between him and his handlers."

As part of his mission, Segev put Israeli citizens in the foreign affairs and security fields in touch with Iranian intelligence agents who he passed off as Iranian businessmen, according to the agency.

Other details of the case against Segev remain under a gag order.

Israeli media outlets reported that Segev had initiated the contact with Iran and that in 2016, the Israeli Health Ministry rejected a request from Segev to reinstate his medical license so he could return to Israel.

Netanyahu's son pressured him to tweet support for Trump's Mexico Wall, report says

JERUSALEM (JTA)—The son of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Yair, pressured his father to post a tweet in support of President Donald Trump's plan to build a wall on the border with Mexico.

The tweet, made in January 2017, led the Mexican government to summon the Israeli ambassador to Mexico for a reprimand. The Mexican government also demanded an apology from Israel.

The tweet said: "President Trump is right. I built a wall along Israel's southern border. It stopped all illegal immigration. Great success. Great idea."

Trump retweeted it less than a day later.

The Israeli daily Yediot Acharonot on Sunday published a report which notes that the prime minister posted the tweet at his son's urging, despite the opposition of several of the prime minister's top advisors.

"This was an unnecessary tweet, published against the recommendations of all professional advisers," an inside source told Yediot. "Although it is not criminal, it adds up to yet another questionable decision by Netanyahu, some of which have been security related."

The information has come to light in witness reports describing Benjamin Netanyahu's decision-making process during an investigation of the prime minister's affairs, according to Yediot. Some decisions were made under pressure from family members, including Yair, according to the report.

Nir Hefetz, a former Netanyahu communications director who turned state's witness in one of the investigations against the prime minister, told police how Yair Netanyahu pressured his father to install metal detectors on The Temple Mount in the wake of the killing in July 2017 of two Israeli police officers at the site, which led to wide-spread protests.

The metal detectors were removed less than a month later.

Former CIA head compares US immigration policies to Nazi Germany

(JTA)—Former head of the Central Intelligence Agency and National Security Agency Michael Hayden compared the Trump administration's immigration policies to Nazi Germany.

In a tweet posted on Saturday, Hayden wrote: "Other governments have separated mothers and children," under a black and white photo of the front of Auschwitz as seen from the railroad tracks approaching the former Nazi camp.

The tweet is a response to reports that under the U.S. government's so-called zero tolerance policy against illegal migrants nearly 2,000 children have been separated from their parents or adult guardians after entering the United States.

Men yell 'f*** all Jews' at Dutch chief rabbi's son and family

AMSTERDAM (JTA)—The son of a chief rabbi of the Netherlands and his family were accosted on the street by two young men who shouted at them "f*** all Jews" at them.

Rabbi Yanki Jacobs, the son of Binyomin Jacobs, made a complaint to police on Sunday about the incident from the previous evening, the AD news website reported.

On a street corner in a heavily Jewish area in southern Amsterdam, "two young men called out at the family 'Cancer Jews' and 'f*** all Jews' at our direction. They repeatedly drove in our direction in an intimidating manner," Yanki Jacobs was quoted as saying.

On Twitter, he listed the

license plate number of the vehicle in which the two were riding with a request to help identify them. Jacobs said the men appeared to be of Middle Eastern descent.

"I have had enough," he told AD, adding that previously he had been cursed on the street. "I've grown accustomed to thinking about it as normal, but now thought that we as a Jewish community must no longer agree for this to happen to us."

"If I do nothing, who will? I walk around my neighborhood, a 10th-generation Amsterdam Jew, and I will not be driven out of this city."

The home of Rabbi Binyomin Jacobs has been vandalized five times in recent years. In 2014, police advised the elder Jacobs to refrain from using some trains for fear for his safety.

The Dutch Public Prosecution Service said this year that it had recorded 141 confirmed criminal offenses of discrimination against Jews in the Netherlands in 2017, nearly double the number over the previous year and a five-year high. Anti-Semitic offenses accounted for 41 percent of the xenophobic incidents recorded in 2017.

Bill would make it a crime to film Israeli soldiers at work

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Israeli Cabinet ministers advanced a bill that would make it a crime to film Israeli soldiers, particularly during clashes with Palestinians, despite objections by the attorney general.

The Ministerial Committee for Legislation approved the measure, proposed by the right-wing Yisrael Beitenu party, on Sunday. The bill makes filming or publishing footage "with intent to harm the morale of Israel's soldiers or its inhabitants" punishable by up to five years in prison. The prison term increases to 10 years if the intention was to damage "national security."

The legislation includes both traditional media and social media.

Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit opposes the bill, saying he cannot defend such a law. He also said the Supreme Court would not uphold such a law.

The bill moves to a preliminary reading in the Knesset, reportedly on Wednesday.

Following the reading, the language of the bill likely will be softened as a result of a compromise brokered on Sunday in which the prohibition on filming soldiers will only apply to when there are active clashes and it obstructs soldiers ability to do their job. The rewrite also likely will lessen the jail term to three years.

Israeli soldier Elor Azaria was convicted of manslaughter after he was filmed by a volunteer from the B'Tselem NGO shooting a downed Palestinian assailant in the head in Hebron.

B'Tselem said such a law would not stop it from documenting what it describes as abuse by Israeli soldiers.

Israel hits Hamas targets in retaliatory attack

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Israel said its airstrikes hit nine Hamas targets in Gaza after

three rockets were fired from Gaza on southern Israeli communities.

The Israeli strikes targeted two military compounds and a munition manufacturing site in the northern Gaza Strip. The Israel Defense Forces said they were also in response to the arson attacks from explosive kites and balloons that have been flown into Israel causing damage to thousands of acres of agricultural fields and woodlands.

"These are terrorist acts that endanger Israeli residents living in southern Israel and damage extensive areas in Israeli territory," the IDF said in a statement.

"The IDF has fired warning shots near groups who were responsible for the arson and destruction in Israel, and has carried out attacks against infrastructure used by these groups," the statement also said. "The IDF's intelligence and operational capabilities will allow it to increase these strikes as necessary. The IDF is determined to continue to act with increasing intensity against these acts of terror as long as required, using the variety of tools at its disposal."

Code Red rocket alert sirens sounded in southern Israeli communities sounded early Sunday morning throughout the city of Ashkelon as well as smaller border towns and kibbutzim. Two of the rockets landed on Israeli territory and one landed in Gaza.

They were the first rockets fired at Israel from Gaza in nearly two weeks.

Norwegian rapper curses Jews at concert celebrating diversity

(JTA)—A Norwegian rapper hired by the City of Oslo to sing at an event intended to celebrate diversity cursed the "f***ing Jews" during his performance.

In response to the profane statement Friday by Kaveh Kholardi, the leader of the country's Jewish community has threatened to take legal action against the 23-year-old performer.

Kholardi wished Muslims "Eid Mubarak," a greeting in Arabic for the Eid al-Fitr holiday that on Friday marked the end of Ramadan, Dagen reported. He went on to ask if there were Christians present, smiling upon hearing cheers. Then he asked if there were any Jews, adding "f***ing Jews ... Just kidding."

Christine Thune, a spokeswoman for the Oslo municipality, told the Verdens Gang daily that the organizers had complained to Kholardi. Anne Christine Kroepelin said the whole "point of the event was diversity and inclusion," and that Kholardi's apparent expression of anti-Semitism was "exactly the opposite of what the organizers wanted to promote."

On June 10, five days before the concert, Kholardi wrote on Twitter: "f***ing Jews are so corrupt."

On Facebook, Kholardi wrote following criticism by the Jewish leader, Ervin Kohn, that he is "neither a racist nor anti-Semite," and that the reference to Jews during the concert was taken

Netanyahu commends Trump on North Korea summit, stance on Iranian nukes



U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un at the Capella Hotel in Singapore on June 12, 2018.

(JNS)—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu commended U.S. President Donald Trump on his “his-

toric” summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un on Tuesday.

“I commend U.S. President

Donald Trump on the historic summit in Singapore. This is an important step in the effort to rid the Korean peninsula of

nuclear weapons,” he said in a statement.

Netanyahu, who has been outspoken in his warnings regarding Iran’s nuclear program, also praised the American leader for his “strong stand” against Iranian efforts to “arm itself with nuclear weapons and against its aggression in the Middle East.”

“This is already affecting the Iranian economy. President Trump’s policy is an important development for Israel, the region and the entire world,” said Netanyahu.

Despite international sanctions, both Iran and North Korea have a long history of military cooperation, especially on exchange of ballistic-missile technology.

In Singapore, Trump and Kim Jong-Un became the first leaders of their respective countries to meet, potentially ending decades of hostility.

“We’re very proud of what took place today,” Trump said following their summit. “I think our whole relationship with North Korea and the Korean Peninsula is going to be a very much different situation than it has in the past.”

Both leaders signed a statement after their meeting, as Trump “committed to provide security guarantees” to North Korea, and Kim “reaffirmed his firm and unwavering commitment to complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.”

Afterwards, Trump expressed hope that Iran would be willing to sit down and negotiate a “real deal.”

“I hope that, at the appropriate time, after the sanctions kick in—and they are brutal what we’ve put on Iran—I hope that they’re going to come back and negotiate a real deal because I’d love to be able to do that. But right now, it’s too soon to do

that,” Trump told reporters after meeting Kim.

“I think Iran is a different country now than it was three or four months ago,” he added. “I don’t think they’re looking so much to the Mediterranean, I don’t think they’re looking so much at Syria like they were, with total confidence, I don’t think they’re so confident right now.”

At the start of his cabinet meeting this past week, Netanyahu made similar comments following his recent trip to Europe, where he met German Chancellor Angela Merkel, French President Emmanuel Macron and British Prime Minister Theresa May.

“These leaders agree with my main objective, which is to put together broad international consensus that Iran must withdraw from Syria—all of Syria,” said Netanyahu. “That was the purpose of the trip, and to a large extent, it was achieved.”

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out of context” and was only a joke.

Kohn demanded an apology from Kholardi, threatening a complaint to police for incitement to hate if Kholardi does not comply with the request.

Kholardi’s Facebook account has become inaccessible following the incident. **Gaza Palestinian killed during attack on border fence**

JERUSALEM (JTA)—A Palestinian man was killed and at least one was injured as they “attempted to damage

a security infrastructure in the northern Gaza Strip,” the Israeli army said.

Other reports said the men were attempting to breach the border security fence.

The Israel Defense Forces said the death and injury occurred when the bomb that a group of five Palestinian men was setting near the security infrastructure exploded. As many as three may have been injured, later reports said.

The incident occurred several hours after the IDF bombed Hamas military targets inside of Gaza in a retaliatory attack.

Israel will not interfere

in Eurovision, Netanyahu promises

(JTA)—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promised that the government will not interfere in the 2019 Eurovision song contest, which Israel is scheduled to host.

The assurances were offered in a statement issued Monday by the Prime Minister’s Office following a meeting with some government ministers.

“The government (will) act in accordance with European Broadcasting Union rules,” the statement said. “However, there are open legal issues regarding the Eurovision stemming from matters of pending legislation that are yet before the courts. The Prime Minister instructed that the legal aspects of the matter be examined with the relevant officials before a decision is made.”

The legal issues appear to refer to the current status of the Kan public broadcaster, which was created last year and has temporary membership in the European Broadcasting Union, which sponsors Eurovision.

The government is set to divide Kan into two separate entities—an entertainment entity and a news division—which would void its membership in the EBU and prevent Israel from hosting or participating in future Eurovisions. The Supreme Court is considering the split but has not yet ruled on the issue.

The business news website The Marker reported that if the split is approved, the government would likely delay it by up to 18 months

to allow Israel to host the song contest.

Meanwhile, Israel’s culture and sport minister, Miri Regev, reportedly has been demanding that Kan allow the government to be involved in producing the introductory segments for each artist for the 2019 contest. The segments are filmed in the host country and are an opportunity to publicize tourist opportunities, citing the public funds that will be used to host the contest.

Israel won the right to host the 2019 Eurovision after Netta Barzilai won the competition last month with the song “Toy.” At the time of her victory, Barzilai proclaimed that the competition would be held in Jerusalem. Regev echoed the sentiment and said earlier this month that Israel should withdraw as host Eurovision if it is not held in Jerusalem.

Four Israeli cities are said to meet the criteria to host Eurovision and likely will submit bids: Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Eilat.

Late last month, a message on the official Eurovision Twitter account warned fans not to book flights to Israel “just yet” and instead “keep an eye out for announcements on our official channels,” leading to speculation of disagreements between organizers and Israeli officials over various aspects of the competition, including matters connected to the Israeli-Arab conflict.

Olympic paddler helps raise memorial to murdered Polish Jews

WARSAW, Poland (JTA)—A

Polish Olympian remembered Jews from Kroszno who were murdered in the village during World War II at the dedication of a memorial he spearheaded.

Local officials, representatives of Jewish organizations and dozens of residents attended the ceremony Sunday in the Jewish cemetery in Kroszno, in southern Poland.

Dariusz Popiela, the 2017 national champion in the canoe/kayak slalom and the silver medalist at the European Championships, spearheaded a project to restore the memory of “the forgotten neighbors” as part of the Shtetl of Tzanz project of the Nomina Rosae Foundation

“For many years I trained on the canoe track not knowing that a few dozen meters away is a collective grave of Kroszno residents,” Popiela said at the ceremony.

The monument looks like a broken Jewish gravestone with the names of 246 Jewish victims. Popiela collected money for the monument online on the website pomogam.pl.

About \$30,000 was raised for the project, which also had support from the Jewish Historical Institute Association and the Nissenbaum Family Foundation.

According to Popiela, the most important part of the project is the possibility of “getting out of oblivion and putting on the monument the names and surnames of all Jewish Kroszno residents, resisting the plans of their murderers to erase their memory.”

On April 28, 1942, German occupiers carried out mass executions in the area. Research made it possible to collect a list of the Jews murdered in the village then and between the second half of 1939 and August 1942, when the last Jews left there.

The cemetery in Kroszno was destroyed during World War II. The gravestones—as in many other places throughout Europe—were used to build sidewalks and pave roads. At the cemetery during the war, Germans also carried out mass executions.

In advance of the dedication of the memorial, the cemetery was cleaned up and fenced in.

Woman chasing after Jewish kids with knife arrested in London

(JTA)—A woman was arrested in a London neighborhood for running after Jewish children while brandishing a knife and shouting “I want to kill all you Jews.”

The incident took place on Sunday evening in Stamford Hill, which has a large haredi Orthodox population. Some 15 children aged 8 to 15 were walking home from a local synagogue following the evening prayer service.

London Police were alerted to the threat by the Shomrim neighborhood watch group, according to the London-based Jewish Chronicle.

The woman, 47, was arrested on suspicion of a “racially aggravated public order offense,” police told the newspaper. She was sent for a mental health evaluation.

Police said the incident was not terror related.

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that “inferior” races, including the so-called Jewish race, and individuals had to be eliminated from German society so that the fittest “Aryans” could thrive. The Nazi state fully committed itself to implementing a uniquely racist and antise-

mitic variation of eugenics to “scientifically” build what it considered to be a “superior race.” By the end of World War II, six million Jews had been murdered. Millions of others also became victims of persecution and murder through Nazi “racial hygiene” programs designed to cleanse Germany

of “biological threats” to the nation’s “health,” including “foreign-blooded” Roma and Sinti (Gypsies), persons diagnosed as “hereditarily ill,” and homosexuals. In German-occupied territories, Poles and others belonging to ethnic groups deemed “inferior” were also murdered.

This exhibition from the US Holocaust Memorial Museum was made possible by the support of The David Berg Foundation, The Blanche and Irving Laurie Foundation, The Lester Robbins and Sheila Johnson Robbins Traveling and Temporary Exhibitions Fund established in 1990, and The Dorot Foundation.

Krauthammer

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denounced Trump's unfiltered rhetoric, which he called "vainglorious." (Trump called Krauthammer an "overrated clown.") He said Trump's

failure to unequivocally condemn white supremacists and neo-Nazis whose protests in Charlottesville, Virginia, culminated in a deadly attack on a counter protester was a "moral disgrace."

Krauthammer, a New York native who was raised in

Montreal, was a first-year medical student at Harvard when a diving accident put him in a wheelchair for life. He became a psychiatrist and first emerged in the political sphere as a speechwriter for Vice President Walter Mondale during the Carter

administration. Like many hawkish Jewish Democrats, he was soon attracted to the hard-line Cold War postures of President Ronald Reagan.

He opposed the Oslo accords, primarily distrusting the renunciation of terrorism by the late Palestinian

leader Yasser Arafat—a view that seemed vindicated when Arafat embraced the second intifada. Krauthammer also was an outspoken advocate of the Iraq War, scrambling to defend his advocacy when the war went south.

Krauthammer in his note

to readers said he had no regrets.

"It was a wonderful life—full and complete with the great loves and great endeavors that make it worth living," he said. "I am sad to leave, but I leave with the knowledge that I lived the life that I intended."

Summit

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JTA about reasons for hope and trepidation following the historic summit in Singapore.

The Israeli view

The good news for Israelis, Yadlin says, is that "denuclearization will remove North Korea as the No. 1 U.S. national security issue." That's welcome news because after a year and a half of rising U.S.-North Korea tensions—with intimations of missile attacks on Guam, and Kim and Trump exchanging social media insults—Israel wants Iran to be the top U.S. national security issue.

"Israel understands North Korea is more dangerous than Iran" to the United States, Yadlin said. "They have missiles that can reach the continental U.S., they do have nuclear weapons," as opposed to Iran, which does not. "America shifted all of its resources, planning resources, to North Korea. In Israel, we want to elevate Iran to the place of North Korea."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made that connection in his statement on the summit, slipping in praise for Trump pulling out last month of the 2015 Iran

nuclear deal, which swapped sanctions relief for a rollback in Iran's nuclear program.

Netanyahu commended Trump on the Singapore meeting with Kim and called it "an important step in the effort to rid the Korean peninsula of nuclear weapons."

"President Trump has also taken a strong stand against Iran's efforts to arm itself with nuclear weapons and against its aggression in the Middle East," he said. "This is already affecting the Iranian economy. President Trump's policy is an important development for Israel, the region and the entire world."

The bad news is that Trump appears to be making concessions from the get-go, a signal of what he may be prepared to do should Iran come around to renegotiating the nuclear deal that Trump just abandoned, and also a signal to Iranian leaders of what they can ask for if they play nice.

"One can claim that the fact that America has accepted a nuclear North Korea until it will be denuclearized" instead of demanding denuclearization before launching talks, "and we don't know how many years until it will be denuclearized—there is

some concern that if you gave concessions to the North Koreans, the same thinking can apply to Iran," Yadlin said.

The Iranian view

The bad news for Iran's leadership is that there's good news for Trump.

"They are worried that Trump achieved not everything, but unlike the expectations he would fail with North Korea, he is succeeding, and this made him strong vis-a-vis Iran," Yadlin said.

The spare page-and-a-half document signed by Trump and Kim, however, may be seen as encouraging in Tehran.

"The fact that there are no numbers or red lines or goals gives them some leeway to negotiate," he said of the Iranian leadership.

Yadlin said the process with North Korea so far seems personality driven—Trump and Kim heart one another, for now. He likened that dynamic to the chemistry between former Secretary of State John Kerry and Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif that helped drive the 2015 deal that Trump reviles.

"What I'm amazed at is how much in some aspects, the Trump administration having been portrayed to be

'anything but Obama,' at the end of the day is behaving in a very similar way as far as logic and decision making," he said.

Iran is not North Korea, part 1

I asked Yadlin if Israelis were not concerned that Trump seemed eager to embrace North Korea's demand that joint U.S.-South Korea exercises cease; Trump called the war games "expensive" and "provocative."

Yadlin said Israel would not be overly concerned at Trump's apparent ambition to pull the United States out of the peninsula for two reasons:

* Israel fights its own wars. The American involvement in the peninsula involves a risk to U.S. lives—there are 30,000 U.S. troops in South Korea—and decreasing direct American military involvement is key to Trump's doctrine.

"Israel never asks America to shed blood for us in the Middle East," he said. "This is not the case in Korea, where the United States fought a very bloody war. Israel is strong enough to cope with its traditional enemies in the Middle East."

* The United States has

vested interests (read: oil) in remaining in the Middle East. While Israel fights its own wars, it also appreciates the war games it performs with the U.S. military as a deterrent to Iran. The exercises are a sign that Israel's powerful ally isn't going anywhere soon—or was a sign until Trump started talking about retreat.

But Yadlin said he does not expect the United States to substantially lower its Middle East profile, if only to protect its energy interests and a key passage for commerce between Asia and the West.

"America is not in the Middle East for Israel," he said. "A superpower cannot give up on the Middle East."

Iran is not North Korea, part 2

North Korea poses the greater rogue nuclear threat to the United States because it possesses nuclear weapons and due to the range of its missiles, which are believed to be capable of reaching the continental United States.

But Iran poses a less tractable threat because unlike Kim, whose nuclear ambitions are a matter of self-preservation, Iran wraps its nuclear planning into

its ambitions for regional hegemony.

"Iran has developed two strategic aims: You need a nuclear arm to immunize you in order to achieve regional hegemony using conventional arms," Yadlin said, "and the conventional force aims to take Tel Aviv and Riyadh hostage so the nuclear arm won't be attacked."

Yadlin said this is how North Korea has operated, targeting Seoul with devastating conventional weapons as a means of deterring strikes on its nuclear capabilities. Israel is alarmed by Iran's development of a similar devastating conventional missile capacity in Syria, where Iran is working with its ally, the Lebanese militia Hezbollah, to prop up the Assad regime. (He elaborates on the conventional Iranian threat to Israel this week in *The Atlantic*.)

That brings Yadlin back to the Begin doctrine and preemption.

"It may apply to the advanced Iranian missile operation in Syria," he said. "It could come to a level that threatens Israel not as an existential threat but just below it."

Bias

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student assembly and how it happened.

Tom Mountain, chairman of the Newton Republican Committee and father of

a student in the Newton school system, thundered his disgust at the School Committee's betrayal of the schools' Jewish students, and the Jewish community in general. He directly demanded the dismissal of

Superintendent Fleishman and asked loudly what sort of Jew could stonewall efforts to protect teenagers, mostly Jewish, from being taught rabid anti-Jewish propaganda.

Aaron Shneider, a new col-

lege graduate and alumnus of the Newton school system himself, railed at the committee, spoke of how the system had betrayed him, and that if everyone wants to speak of "balance," then pro-Muslim

and anti-Israel is hardly "balance" in educational presentation.

The Committee, as in the past, refused to respond to any of the speakers, and when Goldman's seventh permitted

speaker was through, Goldman called for the next topic.

The grass roots anti-indoctrination groups are planning to petition the School Committee for a special meeting to openly address their concerns.

Durns

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note how self-destructive the "kite units" are, with many of them accidentally starting fires on the Gaza side of the border as well. The paper could even dig deep, as the pro-Israel blogger Elder of Zion has done, and show the long history—at least dating back to the 1920s and 1930s—of Arabs using arson as an "insurgency method" against Jews.

But instead, The Post has covered other topics, such as the June 7 report "Giuliani gets his groove on at landmark Jerusalem restaurant,"

about a video of the former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani dancing at an Israeli eatery. To the extent that the paper has covered the fire attacks, it has merely reprinted Associated Press dispatches.

The decision to devote page space to the dance moves of a former U.S. mayor instead of hugely destructive Palestinian terrorism is absurd. It's also revealing.

Many Western media outlets ignore stories that depict either Israeli suffering or Palestinian independent agency, preferring instead narrative-based reporting that depicts the former as

aggressors and the latter as perennial victims. Indeed, the press often seems unable to even write about Palestinian affairs when Israel can't somehow be blamed.

For example, a March 13 assassination attempt on top Palestinian Authority officials received little follow-up coverage. P.A. Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah and the authority's intelligence chief, Majid Faraj, were traveling to the Gaza Strip for a meeting with Hamas—the rival to the Fatah movement that dominates the P.A.—when a roadside bomb went off, injuring several bodyguards. The

Post covered the initial bombing, but nearly three months later, the paper has failed to conduct any follow-up investigation or reports into the attempted assassination of P.A. leadership, despite the fact that the authority is a significant beneficiary of U.S. and international aid and remains, for the moment at least, a key component of U.S. strategy in the area.

Similarly, The Post failed to provide original reporting when P.A. leader Mahmoud Abbas was hospitalized in late May, reportedly with a lung infection. The paper merely reprinted short A.P.

briefs noting his hospitalization. Abbas is 82 years old, smokes two packs a day, and is in the 13th year of a single elected four-year-term. Several analysts, such as Jonathan Schanzer of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, have noted the strong possibility of chaos and civil war should Abbas—who is routinely called a "moderate" by the press, no matter his vocal and financial support for terrorism—pass from the scene. No clear succession procedure is in place, although in February 2017, Abbas appointed an unrepentant terrorist named

Mahmoud al-Aloul (aka Abu Jihad) to be his deputy. Abu Jihad's appointment was also largely unreported.

With fires raging in southern Israel, it has become clear that many in the media are giving readers short shift on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; dancing around stories that don't fit their pre-existing narrative. Blowing smoke and ignoring Palestinian fires—both burning and impending.

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Demolitions

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prise. While some residents of Judea and Samaria move to the territories on purely ideological grounds, most enjoy the affordable, suburban lifestyle, with sprawling parks, high-quality schools and close proximity to large Israeli population centers. Elazar is merely a 10-minute drive from Jerusalem.

Tens of thousands of Americans live in settlements, with particularly large numbers of English speakers living in Elazar and in the neighboring communities of Efrat, Neve Daniel and Alon Shevut

within the large Gush Etzion settlement block.

A recent West bank population survey, published by Yaakov "Ketzale Katz," former Knesset Member and chairman of the right-wing national Union Party, the total number of Jewish residents in Judea and Samaria is 435,159, representing a 3.39 percent growth in 2017 and 21.4 percent growth in the last five years. The rapid Jewish population growth—the fastest of any region in Israel—has much to do with the relatively high birthrates of families, many of whose children seek to live near to their parents,

and the lower costs of housing relative to nearby cities.

Josh Hasten, a resident of Elazar, and an English-speaking spokesperson for the Netiv Ha'avot neighborhood, told JNS that "once again Jews in the Land of Israel are unjustly being evicted from their homes on the order of the High Court. Instead of coming up with a creative solution the Court simply rules that the homes should be destroyed."

"We're talking about a dispute over a few meters on these homes," added Hasten. "So what we have here is extremist NGOs like Peace Now and others who appeal to

the courts because their goal is tragically to make others Jews in Israel suffer because of their geography. Nobody wins here."

"In the end, this neighborhood will be fully recognized by the government and more homes will be built here in Gush Etzion, so in the long term Peace Now's actions will have the opposite effect of their goals."

Meanwhile, members of the international community will be celebrating the demolitions, which further weaken Israel's standing within that community. Each time a demolition takes place, it cre-

ates more pressure on Israel to withdraw from territories.

As can plainly be seen from the withdrawal and expulsion of 8,000 Jewish residents from the large Gush Katif settlement block in what is today Palestinian Gaza, the withdrawal did not lead towards peaceful co-existence. To the contrary, the economic situation of Gazans diminished as employment opportunities within the Jewish communities disappeared, Hamas took over security control in areas vacated by the IDF, and thousands of rockets were fired at Israel.

Gazan residents who have been trying to breach the bor-

der with Israel, are doing so in part, because the quality of life on the Jewish side of the border is exponentially higher than on the now Judenrein, Palestinian side of the border. Radical Palestinians and members of the international community who seek for Israel to continue withdrawing from territories now want to make the region of Judea, home to Netiv Ha'avot, Judenrein as well.

The best-case scenario is that the demolitions in Netiv Ha'avot will have little to no effect on Israel moving forward. In the worst-case scenario, the evacuations will drive peace further away.

A NJ college professor shares conspiracy theories and anti-Semitic tropes—Is that protected speech?

By Larry Yudelson

TEANECK, N.J. (The Jewish Standard via JTA)—A sociology professor at William Paterson University of New Jersey in Wayne has been recorded on video espousing a series of anti-Semitic beliefs about Jews. They include the ideas that Ashkenazi Jews are not genetically related to the ancient Israelites; that 175,000 German Jews found safe harbor in the German army during the Holocaust; and that Judaism has degenerated from a universal religion, with roots in ancient Egypt, to a racist religion.

Benny Koval, 18, of Fair Lawn, recorded the videos. Koval, a freshman, was enrolled in Clyde Magarelli's course, Sociology 1020, "Social Problems."

It is not the first time Magarelli has stirred controversy in the classroom.

Last year, another student complained to the department head and filed a formal complaint with the school.

And in 1994, Magarelli was rebuked by his department after handing students a document that downplayed the number of deaths in Nazi concentration camps. According to the Feb. 7, 1994 issue

of the Beacon, the school's newspaper, Magarelli's hand-out said: "In relationship to the media theme of six million concentration camp deaths... a figure of between 700,000 and 800,000 appears more realistic."

The exposure of Magarelli's comments in the classroom comes as Jewish groups have criticized Rutgers University—like William Paterson a New Jersey state university—for continuing to employ two professors who made anti-Semitic and anti-Israel remarks, as well as social media postings outside the classroom.

Just two weeks ago, staff from the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey, accompanied by New Jersey Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg of Teaneck, met with Rutgers President Robert Barchi to express their concerns.

At William Paterson, Koval complained to Jacob Felson, the chair of the sociology department, who urged her to file an official complaint. But after learning that a complaint filed last year had no effect, Koval decided to wait until the course was over before expressing her concerns and posting videos publicly on Twitter over the weekend.

According to Koval, and as verified by the videos she recorded, Magarelli's traffic in alternative facts is not limited to discussions of Jews. Magarelli tells his students that the moon landings were faked, and that human space travel beyond the Van Allen radiation belts is impossible. (In the real world, this fear was debunked when the radiation was first directly measured in the 1960s, living on mostly as a key plot point in the Fantastic Four comic books.)

Magarelli's unorthodox beliefs extend to his politics. According to campaign donation records at opensecrets.org, Magarelli has been donating to the Lyndon LaRouche Political Action Committee since at least 2010. In 1979, Lyndon LaRouche lost a \$26 million libel suit against the Anti-Defamation League, which had declared LaRouche "anti-Semitic." The New York state Supreme Court ruled that it was reasonable to apply that label.

LaRouche, who ran for president several times, has long trafficked in conspiracy theories, some centering on the queen of England. Many of those theories have anti-Semitic overtones.

None of the videos of

Magarelli that Koval recorded include full-fledged Holocaust denial. But the snippets, which she recorded because they seemed bizarre, reflect the beliefs of Holocaust deniers.

In one video, Magarelli explains that German Jews found safety in the German army during the Holocaust.

"One hundred and seventy five thousand German Jews served in the German army—this is not the SS—the German army—in World War II and occupied positions from private up to field marshal, the highest ranks. Now the leader of that himself was a Jew," he said.

Magarelli, who has a doctorate from SUNY Binghamton, did not respond to requests for comment.

Michael Berenbaum, a professor of the Holocaust at the American Jewish University in Los Angeles, rebutted Magarelli's assertion.

"There were 525,000 Jews in Germany in 1933," Berenbaum, who played a key role in the creation of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, wrote in an email. "Most emigrated between 1933-1941 when emigration of Jews was shut down. 183,000 German Jews are known to have been murdered."

"What he may be saying is that there were some mischlinge (mongrels, partial Jews) who served in the German army. There were hundreds, not 175,000," he said. "My student and friend Bryan Rigg can probably name them. He wrote an important book with an unfortunate title 'Hitler's Jewish Soldiers' detailing the mischlinge who served in then Wehrmacht. But the number is 1 percent at best of what the professor quotes."

Magarelli "knows not of what he speaks," Berenbaum said. "He should know better."

In another video, Magarelli asserts that Ashkenazi Jews "have no biological links to the original Judaism. They claim to have it, though there's no link at all. DNA follows that."

In fact, however, as Science magazine wrote in 2012, "three of the major Jewish groups—the Middle Eastern, Sephardic, and Ashkenazi Jews—share a genetic connection going back more than 2,000 years, and are more closely related to each other than to nearby non-Jewish groups."

Felson, the department chair, said he is glad that Koval is speaking out.

"That's important," he said. "I encourage students to speak up when they have a problem in the classroom. There are not enough students speaking up. On some campuses there would have been a lot more discussion and debate about something like this much earlier."

Magarelli has been teaching at William Paterson for more than 50 years, Felson said.

"He was probably tenured when I was in elementary school," he said.

"Unfortunately, particularly post tenure, the only kind of thing that can be done is when there are multiple complaints from students.

It's unfortunate that, partly out of apathy or just ignorance, not many students have complained. Professors are given a wide latitude in what they teach in their classes. If they have some wild and erroneous things thrown in, it's very difficult for the department chair to do much about it."

The student who filed a complaint last year declined to speak to the Standard, citing a confidentiality agreement she signed with the university. She also declined to use her name.

Talia Mizikovsky, the director of Hillel of Northern New Jersey, said that she had encouraged the student to file a complaint, and followed up with a meeting with the university administration to express her concerns over "the anti-Semitic and racist comments" in the student's account of Magarelli's classroom.

Eventually the student received a response from the dean who had investigated the issue.

"I found that Professor Magarelli's statements would likely be protected under the First Amendment and viewed as generating a healthy classroom discussion/debate," the response said. "I did, however, find that Professor Magarelli (and consequently his students), would benefit from a discussion to determine whether he was improperly veering off the topic[s] of his Criminal Investigations syllabus/outline. I was advised that a discussion was had between Professor Magarelli and the Sociology Department Chair. He was generally notified (no student name was mentioned) about complaints regarding some of his statements made during class. The Department Chair also counseled Professor Magarelli about the dangers of veering off the topic/subject matter while teaching his courses."

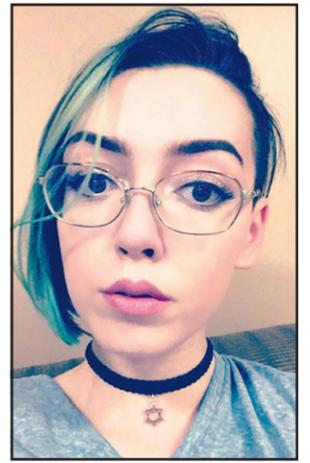
The dean concluded that "if Professor Magarelli (or any other professor for that matter) engages in behavior or makes statements that are deemed discriminatory in nature (as opposed to protected under academic freedom), the University will (and has as recently as this school year) act accordingly to take action against that professor."

A call to the dean of the college of humanities and social sciences was returned by the William Paterson press office.

"We are aware of the student's social media posts and have reached out to encourage her to use official university channels to voice her complaint," Mary Beth Zeman, the university director of public relations, wrote in an email. "The university policy is to investigate individually each student's complaint and then determine what action may be warranted."

"Sometimes disciplinary action is taken against a professor. When that occurs, it is a private matter between the university and an individual faculty member."

Ari Cohn, who works at the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education and regularly defends college faculty



First-year student
Benny Koval

members' First Amendment rights, said the William Paterson faculty would have ample grounds to sanction Magarelli for trafficking in disproven conspiracy theories.

"Professors do not lose the right to participate in public conversation simply by virtue of their government employment," Cohn said. "The First Amendment generally forbids retaliating against that." But "classroom speech is a different situation."

Magarelli's remarks, Cohn said, raise two problems: bias and competency.

"One issue that comes up is when someone says something unpopular," Cohn said. "The question then is, can the teacher who said X fairly treat students of category Y. It's often brought up when a faculty member says something and people just imply that he will treat someone from that group unfairly."

"If a faculty member opposes same-sex marriage, is it automatically true that he can't treat gay students fairly? Universities must be circumspect in imputing discrimination based on views. In the absence of complaints, we have to be skeptical about accepting that logic."

On the other hand, he said, "If he's not teaching the material they're supposed to be teaching, the university certainly has the right to step in. If what he was saying was germane to course content, you get into the question of competency. If a history professor were teaching that the South won the Civil War, there's a competency issue."

That said, "It's imperative those decisions be left to the faculty," Cohn said. "It's reasonable for a faculty member to be concerned and want to figure out what's going on. When faculty members see their colleagues are unfit, they tend to take action."

Perhaps. Student comments describing Magarelli as a "paranoid conspiracy theorist" who talks about 9/11 being "an inside job" are found on RateMyProfessors.com as long ago as May 2004. A more recent review warned, "This man will not teach you anything but conspiracies without any backup evidence to support what he says!"

Benny Koval, however, did not think to check out Magarelli before enrolling in his class.

"I looked on RateMyProfessors after I had already chosen the course," she said. "Which was a mistake."

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These Israeli scientists are giving new hope to kids with cancer

By Larry Luxner

TEL AVIV—For the past four decades, geneticist Dr. Yossi Shiloh has been researching the origins of a rare, crippling childhood disease, ataxia-telangiectasia.

Children with A-T suffer frequent infections and lung problems, and are usually wheelchair-bound by the age of 10 or 12. They're also 1,000 times more likely than healthy kids to develop cancer. The syndrome generally leads to death by the late 20s or early 30s—either from cancer or lung disease.

Though only 1 in 40,000 to 100,000 children worldwide are diagnosed with the disease, the prevalence among Sephardic Jews of Moroccan and Yemenite origin is astronomically higher: 1 in 100 have a chance at being carriers.

"There have only been a few hundred families with this disease in the history of Israel," said Shiloh, of Tel Aviv University. "We don't see too many patients these days because the families do prenatal diagnosis, and parents

often prefer to terminate the pregnancies of affected children"

In Jerusalem, another Israeli scientist, Dr. Amir Eden of Hebrew University, studies the molecular processes underlying pediatric bone cancer and rhabdoid tumors. Elsewhere at the university, neuroscientist Dr. Oded Behar specializes in researching high-grade gliomas—devastating tumors that attack both adults and children.

The pioneering pediatric cancer research these three scientists are working on is a big part of the reason Israel has become a leader in the global fight against cancer.

Several key cancer breakthroughs in recent decades had their origins in Israel. Landmark drugs to treat leukemia and bone marrow cancer were the result of groundbreaking work by Israeli scientists. Researchers in Israel have been at the forefront of uncovering the role that genetic mutations play in breast cancer.

The work these three scientists are doing now on some of the fundamental causes driv-

ing cancers is giving parents around the world reasons for hope that more effective treatments for their children may be just around the corner.

Why genetic sequencing spurred a quantum leap in cancer research

The watershed moment in modern cancer research came in 2003, according to Eden, when the completion of the Human Genome Project made it possible to compare differences between the genetic makeup of cancers and healthy genomes. That led to a large-scale, international effort to study the DNA sequence of different tumors.

"For researchers, this was a revolution because until then, we were kind of in the dark," Eden said. "Many new mechanisms of cancer were discovered simply because we never knew they get mutated."

Eden's research focuses on a mutation in the SMARCB1 gene, which causes malignant rhabdoid tumor (MRT), an extremely rare pediatric tumor diagnosed in 20 to 25 U.S. babies a year. MRT generally starts in the kidneys but can



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Dr. Yossi Shiloh, right, a professor of human genetics at Tel Aviv University's Sackler School of Medicine, is an expert on ataxia-telangiectasia syndrome, a pediatric cancer that disproportionately affects Sephardic Jews.

also occur in other soft tissues or in the brain.

The lab Eden runs at Hebrew University's Life Science Institute with about half a dozen research assistants experiments on mice to understand the molecular mechanisms behind the development of the mutations that lead to the tumors. The hope is that by understanding the underlying molecular processes, scientists can figure out which processes to target so that treatments can be developed to alter those mechanisms.

"For example," Eden said, "our experiments with mice could show that if we eliminate a specific enzyme, the cancer doesn't occur. How to translate that into a drug that inactivates such an enzyme is someone else's job."

Eden's work, like that of so many other cancer researchers in Israel, is supported by the Israel Cancer Research Fund, which doles out millions of dollars annually to Israeli cancer researchers.

Aborting cancerous tumors

Behar specializes in high-grade gliomas. Adults with these tumors typically develop them in the brain's cortex region, which is responsible for

thinking. In kids, the tumors generally show up in the brain stem, which controls breathing and alertness.

Lacking effective therapy, these gliomas can cause death within months.

"The prognosis is terrible," Behar said.

It's not clear why children get high-grade gliomas. It's not a genetic disease. Neurons comprise about 30 percent of the brain's cells and glia make up the other 70 percent. To examine the cells more closely, Behar's team purified glia from the brain stem and cortex and then tested tumorous cells from post-mortem patients. They found that tumors originating in the brain stem proliferate much faster in the presence of brain stem glial cells than in the presence of cortex glial cells.

As with Eden's work, the focus is on discovering what causes the tumor to develop so the process can be aborted.

"We're utilizing these differences between the glial cells to identify the distinct factors that promote growth of the corresponding gliomas," said Behar, whose four-person lab at Hebrew University is supported by a two-year research grant from the Israel Cancer Research Fund. "Our hope is to catch those genes that are responsible for the interaction between tumors and glia. If we can target the interaction between the glia and the tumor and basically block that interaction, we can develop treatments that will be less sensitive to the tumor."

A deadly Sephardic disease

Shiloh, 69, stumbled upon A-T syndrome in 1977, while a graduate student in search of a doctoral thesis topic. While visiting a small village in southern Israel, he met a Moroccan Jewish family with 10 children, four of whom had the disease.

"I decided on the spot that this would be the subject of my thesis," Shiloh recalled.

The A-T mutation causes severe neuro-motor disability and chronic lung disease. Sufferers also have a predisposition to leukemia and lymphomas and extreme sensitivity to radiation.

First described in 1926 by two Czech doctors, A-T is inherited much the same way as other genetic disorders. If both parents are carriers of the disease-causing mutation, their children each have a 25 percent risk of developing the disease. Marriage within the family clan, once common

among Jews in the Middle East and North Africa, increases the risk tremendously. A-T is not uncommon among Sephardic Jews and Arabs, but it's practically nonexistent among Ashkenazim in Israel.

After years of research, Shiloh discovered the protein that causes A-T, called ATM.

"The ATM protein turned out to have many functions," Shiloh said. "It controls the cellular response to DNA damage caused by ionizing radiation. This protein is completely missing in A-T patients, and this explains the extreme radiosensitivity."

The immediate benefit of Shiloh's discovery was that it allowed, for the first time, reliable prenatal diagnosis of A-T. That led Shiloh's lab to carry out a pilot screening program in two Arab villages in Israel's Galilee with high A-T rates.

"If you can identify a family at risk before they have their first affected child, you can help them prevent this tragedy," Shiloh said.

Leading a lab in Tel Aviv with 13 employees, Shiloh is a long-time grantee of the Israel Cancer Research Fund, currently in year four of a seven-year ICRF professorship grant. The long-term funding, he said, has allowed him to focus on his work.

"Unlike other sources, ICRF is very attentive and flexible to our needs," Eden said. "With ICRF, when I want a piece of equipment that I didn't ask for in advance, I write to them, explain what I need and why, and they will generally approve it."

Since its founding, ICRF has distributed almost \$64 million to researchers working at 24 Israeli institutions.

"Few challenges evoke a more impassioned response than cancer when it occurs in a child," said Dr. Mark Israel, national executive director of the organization. "Harnessing the innovative and committed focus of Israeli cancer scientists to impact in a meaningful way on this problem is an effort ICRF is proud of and will expand going forward."

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Top cancer doc turns his sights toward Israel with new post

By Ben Harris

Dr. Mark Israel has spent his entire career focused on cancer.

He has worked in medical clinics, as a laboratory researcher and as director of the cancer center at Dartmouth's medical school.

But perhaps no position Israel has occupied in four decades in medicine offers as much influence and opportunity to help cancer patients as his new job: national executive director of the Israel Cancer Research Fund. The organization provides crucial funding for cancer research across more than 20 Israeli institutions.

"Israel is the center of so much pioneering cancer research," Dr. Israel said. "When I think about the science that's transforming cancer care, so much of it comes back to Israel. There's no place I'd rather be."

The focus of Dr. Israel's own research has been to understand the molecules driving the growth of cancerous tumors so that drugs to inhibit them can be developed.

This work is painstaking. It can take years for researchers to identify a target, and then many more before tar-

geted drugs are developed. Breakthroughs are rare, and when they do occur they are often the result of the work of many researchers toiling individually in labs across the world.

In some key areas, those breakthroughs have come from Israeli researchers, who have made an outsized contribution to the cancer fight. Two Israeli researchers—both funded in part by the Israel Cancer Research Fund—won a Nobel Prize for work that led to a breakthrough drug to treat multiple myeloma, a blood cancer. ICRF-funded Israeli research also contributed to the development of the miracle drug Gleevec, used to treat a particularly aggressive form of cancer called chronic myelogenous leukemia. The list goes on.

Among the avenues of Israeli research Dr. Israel considers promising are immunotherapy, which seeks to harness the body's own defense system to fight cancer, and growth regulation and signal transduction, which attempts to identify how damaged genes drive tumor growth. The Israel Cancer Research Fund distributes about \$4 million annually in grants.

Dr. Israel will spend the bulk of his time at the organization fundraising to support Israeli research projects, and the remainder evaluating grant proposals and determining which scientists to support.

"I see my role as providing the opportunity for people who want to make a difference in impacting the cancer problem," Israel said.

A native of Newburgh, New York, who has been married to his childhood sweetheart for 48 years and is a father to three grown children, Israel never wanted to do anything other than practice medicine. Throughout his career, he continually sought to place himself in areas of medicine where he could have the greatest effect on people's lives.

After graduating from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Israel worked as a pediatric intern at Boston Children's Hospital. Then he spent the next four decades focused on studying the ailments he saw in those hospitalized children.

"While treating children with cancer in the clinic, I realized that even the brutal, toxic treatments in use were oftentimes ineffective," Israel

said. "I decided I could have a more substantial impact doing research that might provide an enhanced benefit for a much larger number of patients."

As a fellow in pediatric oncology at the National Institutes of Health, Israel developed a special interest in neuroblastoma, a type of tumor that affects nerve tissue and occurs almost exclusively in children.

Israel eventually rose to become the director of Dartmouth Medical School's Norris Cotton Cancer Center, where he was in charge of delivering comprehensive clinical care to more than 30,000 patients every year.

The cancer center in New Hampshire has an annual research budget of approximately \$50 million and is one of only 69 U.S. facilities designated by the National Cancer Institute as a comprehensive cancer center. In Israel's 15 years there, the center grew to encompass 16 outreach centers across New England that brought advanced cancer care to rural communities and small regional hospitals. It also made significant advances in research capacity, particularly the development of a bioinformatics program—an approach to research that mines enormous data sets to identify patterns useful to researchers.

"I have known Mark for more than 20 years and have followed his many important contributions to science," said Dr. John Mendelsohn, past president of the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

"Mark is a superb choice to lead ICRF. He is uniquely positioned to understand the science and to advance ICRF's mission to discover new and more effective treatments in the battle against cancer."

In his new position in New York, Israel is not only raising money for some of the most promising cancer research being done in the Jewish state, but also providing a counterpoint to those who seek to isolate Israeli scientists as part of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement against Israel, known as BDS.

"Today's efforts by many in many countries to manipulate Israeli science and universities to force political change was abhorrent to me," Israel said. "When thinking about my next job, I wanted to find something that would support Israeli science and Israeli scientists."

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Dr. Mark Israel, once director of cancer care at Dartmouth in New Hampshire, where he was responsible for care of 30,000 patients per year, now is focused on supporting cancer research in Israel.

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Compound protects against cell damage that leads to macular degeneration



GAINESVILLE—For macular degeneration patients, blurry vision emerges slowly as cells in and around the retina get damaged. Now, University of Florida Health researchers have found that a chemical compound improves eyesight in mice with macular degeneration and helps to protect human retinal cells.

The compound produced an antioxidant effect on human

retinal cells, protecting them against the cell-damaging effect that occurs when oxygen is metabolized. In mouse models, the compound produced sharper vision and preserved the structure of support cells that are crucial to eyesight, researchers found.

Those findings suggest that the drug, and others like it, could be useful in preventing so-called "dry" macular degen-

eration, according to Alfred S. Lewin, Ph.D., a professor in the UF College of Medicine department of molecular genetics and microbiology and a faculty member of the UF Genetic Institute. The results were published recently in the journal *Experimental Eye Research*.

There is no current treatment for the "dry" form of macular degeneration, a disease of the retina that causes blurry central vision and sometimes leads to blindness. It accounts for up to 90 percent of the 15 million cases of age-related macular degeneration in the United States, according to the Macular Degeneration Partnership.

During initial testing on

human retinal pigment epithelium cells, the compound known as 8-OH-DPAT induced a suite of enzymes that provided protection against damage from oxidation, researchers found. Cell survival improved from 10 percent to about 65 percent when increasingly larger doses of the chemical were used.

Healthy retinal pigment cells are especially important in preventing dry macular degeneration because they help to support light-sensitive photoreceptor cells that are critical for vision.

Following the testing on human cells, Lewin's team then studied how the chemical worked in a mouse model. After deleting an enzyme to

make the retina age faster, researchers treated the mouse models with the chemical for four months. Not only did they find that the retinal tissue was protected, the mouse models also developed sharper vision, Lewin said.

The chemical appears to protect both the retina and its supporting epithelium cells by boosting the production of antioxidant and detoxification proteins, researchers found.

"The most important thing is that there is a class of drugs that may protect against a disease that affects 6 percent of the people over age 50, and a large number of people in Florida. Among this class of drugs, we may be able to find a tolerable dose that slows down retinal degeneration for people with dry macular degeneration," Lewin said.

While the chemical used in the research has yet to

be tested in human clinical trials, researchers said the class of drugs that includes 8-OH-DPAT appear to be safe and worthy of further study. The doses of 8-OH-DPAT used in the research would be considered tolerable in humans, Lewin said.

Now, researchers are studying an oral form of a similar drug that provides the same protective benefits to the retina and surrounding tissue, Lewin said. That drug could be tested in humans relatively soon because it has already undergone a large clinical trial, he added.

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Vision-improving nanoparticle eye-drops could end the need for glasses

High-tech eyeglasses can give blind people the ability to see, but could the development of eyesight-improving eyedrops help eliminate the need for glasses altogether? Quite possibly, suggests new research coming out of Israel's Shaare Zedek Medical Center and Bar-Ilan University.

A team of ophthalmologists at these institutes have invented and tested "nanodrops"; combined with a laser process, they reportedly lead to improvements in both short- and long-sightedness (also called near- and farsightedness). Clinical testing in humans is set to take place later in 2018.

"The invention includes three parts," Zeev Zalevsky, professor of electrical engi-

neering and nanophotonics at Bar-Ilan University, who worked on the project, told Digital Trends.

The first of these steps involves an app on the patient's smartphone or mobile device that measures their eye refraction. A laser pattern is then created and projected onto the corneal surface of the eyes. This surgical procedure takes less than one second. Finally, the patient uses eyedrops containing what Zalevsky describes as "special nanoparticles."

"These nanoparticles go into the shallow ablated patterns generated on the surface of the cornea," he explained. "They change the refraction index inside of those patterns. This corrects the visual problem the user

has. The process of correction can be done at home without the need of a medical doctor."

Zalevsky said that the treatment differs substantially from regular laser eye surgery, which removes a significant portion of the cornea, the transparent layer that forms the front of the eye. In the new process, only the upper part of the cornea is affected. The benefit of this approach is that, not only does it mean that the treatment can be safely carried out in a patient's home without medical supervision, but it should prove effective for far more patients.

The downside of the approach is that, because it is a milder treatment, the eye will gradually heal itself, which means that the

improvements will subside. As a result, patients would need to repeat the process every one to two months to maintain their superior eyesight.

So far, the team has carried out ex-vivo experiments on pig eyes. These tests demonstrated improvements for both myopia and presbyopia, meaning short and long-sightedness. "We showed that... the nanoparticles went into the surface patterns and that without them no correction is obtained," Zalevsky said. "We are now raising funds in order to commercialize this technology from Bar-Ilan University. We intend to finish in-vivo tests within one year, and I hope that within two years the product may be available [on] the market."



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Swimming lessons and embarrassing moments



Marilyn Shapiro enjoying a swim.

By Marilyn Shapiro

As schools let out for the summer, children head to the beach or the pool. Fortunately, my own first experiences with swimming certainly did not seriously hurt my current enjoyment of the sport.

In 1952, my parents moved our family from Potsdam to Keeseville. Both were small upstate New York towns. But whereas Potsdam had a college, including the Crane School of Music, Keeseville was a fairly poor mill town. Soon after my father took over as manager of Pearl's Department Store, the business at Prescott's Lumber, the company that made wooden television cabinets, slowed as manufacturers moved to less expensive metal cases.

Our new home, however,

had one major advantage. Keeseville was located less than four miles from Port Douglass, a lovely spot on Lake Champlain that offered a sandy beach with a diving raft a hundred yards offshore. My mother grew up within walking distance of Coney Island's beach and boardwalk and loved the water. She was determined to get her license so she could drive us to the beach herself during our summer vacations.

As we lived only a block away from Pearls, my mother would walk me over to the store, hand me over to my father, and then drive away with Mr. Holdridge for her weekly driving lesson. While Dad managed the cash register, I sat in a back corner of the old building, listening to 78 RPM records: Walt Disney's

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs; Brothers Grimm and Hans Christian Anderson stories read by Danny Kaye; James Thurber's The Thirteen Clocks. Mom passed her driver's test on her third try. Soon after, she got her license in the mail, and I got the take those special records home to listen again and again on our family photograph.

Every summer afternoon, weather permitting, Mom would pile all of us into the station wagon, along with whatever friends tagged along. We would happily bounce our seat-beltless way to beach, nestled between towels, a couple of chairs, a cooler filled with snacks and drinks, and—once Bobbie was born—a playpen and a diaper bag. Once we got there, we dumped everything onto the sand. Mom would sit in a chair chatting with to her friends as we ran into the usually freezing water. (This was Upstate New York, remember, where the water temperature ranged from sixty degrees in early June to a balmy seventy degrees by August.)

I remember the beach, but I also remember the day—I was probably four—that I waded in too far and found myself over my head. I frantically struggled in three feet of water, going under once, twice, three times. Luckily, a teenager who was standing near my dilemma, fished me

out, and put me back on shore. Sputtering, scared, but safe, I ran back to our blanket.

"I drowned!" I told my mother. "That's nice, sweetheart," my mother said, and went back to her conversation with her friends.

In the years that followed, I, along with many of my friends, took swim lessons at Port Douglass. For six weeks a summer, we caught an 8 a.m. bus provided by the town to take classes taught by high school students. The four years of lessons are etched in my memory through the songs we would sing while being shuttled back and forth: Wake Up Little Susie (1957); Tom Dooley (1958); Battle of New Orleans (1959); and Tell Laura I Love Her (1960). We'd get home in time for lunch and often a second trip to the beach with Mom behind the wheel.

Around 1961, a swimming pool facility was built near Ausable Chasm. Our family obtained a membership, and we split our time between the sandy beach and the warmer waters of the pool. In 1966, our parents purchased a cottage on Willsboro Bay, across from Burlington, Vermont. We swam off our boat dock and off the small public beach adjacent to our property.

It was also during those summers in Willsboro that I learned how to water ski, resulting in one of the most

embarrassing moments of my life. When I was 16, I was water skiing behind a boat driven by a very cute neighbor with his equally cute friend, who was spotting me. All of a sudden I realized that I had lost the top of my two-piece bathing suit. I quickly let go of the towline and submerged myself up to my neck in the middle of the bay. The two "Troy Donahue" twins brought the boat around to retrieve me. They somehow managed to hold their laughter as they handed me my aqua and white ruffled top—now missing their two back buttons—while I handed over my skis.

While in college, I occasionally swam laps in the university's athletic center, but my pool time increased exponentially once Larry and I had children. We joined a neighborhood pool four miles from our house. Adam and Julie played in the water with friends and I caught a few laps during adult swim. They both took swim lessons and subsequently joined a swim team. We spent many a summer night with timers in our hands as Adam, Julie, and their teammates made their way back and forth the pool with their breaststrokes and freestyles and butterflies.

Larry was not much of a swimmer himself, but he insisted both children get their lifeguard certification. For several years, they got

jobs life guarding at our town pools and at college pools. Julie spent two summers managing the pool at The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in Connecticut, a resort for seriously ill children founded and sponsored by Paul Newman. While Julie occasionally has opportunities to swim, (Nearby mountain-fed Lake Dillon rarely gets above 63 degrees in the summer), Adam still swims regularly in indoor pools near his San Francisco apartment.

In Florida, I swim in our neighborhood pool several times a week. The water is heated to 82 degrees, so warm for my Upstate blood that I have been known to do laps when the air temperature is under 60 degrees. I am a strong swimmer, gliding slowly but steadily back and forth in my lane for 40, 50 minutes without a break. But once in a great while, I inhale a mouthful of water, start choking, and lean on the side of the pool to catch my breath. For that short moment I remember once upon a time, I "drowned," but I have lived to tell the tale.

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How a DNA test made me feel more Jewish than ever

By Zibby Owens

(Kveller via JTA)—I had a life-changing experience recently that transformed how I feel about my body, my health, my sleep and my identity. And it all started with a gob of spit.

I don't know why I bought a 23andMe DNA kit. Maybe I saw an ad. Perhaps a friend recommended it. I can't remember, but I've always been curious about my ancestry, my background and my health. (I mean, who isn't?) So I went online and bought a kit.

When it arrived, however, I let the small, square white box sit in a drawer beneath my sink for at least a month. Maybe two. I was eager to try it but could not mentally

prepare for having to decipher what I assumed would be complicated instructions. Plus, I knew I had to do the test after 30 minutes of not eating and drinking—and, seriously, when does that ever happen?

At the urging of my 10-year-old daughter—an inveterate snooper—I finally decided to take the plunge. I opened the box, read the (surprisingly simple) instructions, then spit into the little test tube. Later that morning I tossed the completed kit in a nearby mailbox. That's it. Then, between raising four kids, hosting a podcast and writing, I forgot all about it.

But six weeks later, as I was emailing various moms about play dates, I got the email: "Your reports are ready." I

stared at it in my inbox. At first I felt paralyzed: What if it was bad news? Could I handle knowing I was at a higher risk for Parkinson's? What if I carried the BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene? It was like one of those movie scenes where my index finger hovers over the keyboard, and all sound and motion stops.

But then I clicked.

First I clicked on the Ancestry report. The result? My background is—wait for it—98.4 percent Ashkenazi Jewish. Though this wasn't exactly a surprise, I discovered I found power and meaning in that statistic. Even though I've always known that I was Jewish, seeing it written like that—in my DNA, the very fibers of my being—made

me pause. This wasn't just about "tradition, tradition, tradition," this was my blood. A heritage, a culture, a background—the very core of my being.

Seeing these results somehow strengthened my resolve to observe Shabbat every Friday night, which despite always buying the challah and planning on it, I occasionally forget. I mean, this is who I am! It's more than a religion; it's my entire body. I'm not even just Jew-ish; I'm like, really Jewish. A 98.4 percent felt like getting an A in Judaism. Observe—or else.

The result also reinforced all my decisions to enroll the kids in Hebrew school (b'nai mitzvah booked for 2020—stay tuned!), take them to

Tot Shabbats and kiss the mezuzah every time we enter our home. It made me feel a renewed kinship with all other Jewish people—a feeling that's not only cemented by a legacy of surviving persecution but by our blood ties alone.

Of course, the results of the DNA test weren't all positive. I held my breath as I clicked on Health Reports. One by one, I scrolled down the tests. All was well—until I got to late-stage Alzheimer's. I learned I have a copy of the E4 gene variant, which means I have a "slightly increased risk" of developing late-stage Alzheimer's. This means that while the population at large has a 3 percent chance of Alzheimer's by age 75, I have a 5 percent to 7 percent chance. By age 85, the odds increase. Thankfully, I don't have two variants—that would have further increased the odds—but still. My great-grandmother had Alzheimer's.

Seeing this, my anxiety got the better of me. (I mentioned I was 98.4 percent Jewish, right?) I quickly did the math and calculated, worst-case scenario, that I have just 33 more years left with my memory intact. (If you could even call it that now.) That's 33 more Chanukahs, 33 more birthdays for each kid. My youngest child will only be 36 then! Will he have kids by then? Will any of my kids have kids? How can I live my life better now to prepare for this?

As my panic subsided, I resolved to live more for the moment—or try to, anyway—and to appreciate life events more as they rolled around. I told myself we'd celebrate Shabbat no matter what, even if it were a makeshift

affair at a Benihana knockoff along Route 27 late on a Friday night. I vowed to thank God when my little guy—my fourth child, my miracle baby—said something sweet, like earlier this evening when he looked up and said, "I just want to snuggle with you, Mama," and hugged me close. I'm clinging to moments now—recording them, writing them down, savoring them. Who knows how many I have left? (And, just to be safe, I'll start to give to some Alzheimer's charities, too.)

The 23andMe test opened my eyes to many things: I now know, for example, that my weight is genetically exactly average for others with my ancestry, so I can stop beating myself up for not looking like those skinny, blonde WASPs. But also I'm sporty, and I learned I carry the same gene that many elite athletes do. Also, incredibly, both poor sleep and drinking lots of coffee also were in my DNA results.

So now I know: I'm a forgetful, size 8, athletic Jew who sleeps badly and drinks lots of caffeine, and this isn't just thanks to my behavior but due to my entire genetic makeup. I'm ready to embrace all that that means. Thanks, 23andMe.

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Six facts about smiling

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Modern science is discovering what Jewish wisdom already knew: smiling is crucial to our well-being.

A smile can make someone's day. That's the conclusion both of modern researchers and ancient Jewish thinkers who long recognized the crucial role a smile can play in our well-being. Here are six facts about smiles, reflecting Jewish wisdom and modern scientific findings.

1. Smiling improves health.

The very act of smiling can make us happy. That's the surprising finding of two psychological scientists, Tara Kraft and Sarah Pressman, of the University of Kansas, in a groundbreaking 2012 study. They divided people into groups and asked them to complete a series of stressful tasks; some were asked to

smile while others were not.

The results were striking. Participants who smiled experienced markedly lower levels of stress. "The next time you are stuck in traffic or are experiencing some other type of stress, you might try to hold your face in a smile for a moment," explains Dr. Pressman; "Not only will it help you 'grin and bear it' psychologically, but it might actually help your heart health as well!"

2. Smiling is contagious.

Smiling at someone is the surest way to put a grin on their face—and make them feel happy. People subconsciously mimic the facial expressions of the people around them. When we see a smile, we often can't help but follow suit. "Smiling will change our body's nervous system in a way that fits with happiness," explains Adrienne Wood, a researcher at the University of Wisconsin.

3. Commanded to smile.

"Receive everyone with a cheerful face," advised the great Rabbi Shammai (Pirkei Avot 1:16) in a famous piece of advice that people still try to follow to this day.

4. Smiling makes us more attractive.

Smiling makes us more attractive than being healthier, losing weight and wearing makeup. That's the surprising finding of a 2017 study at Swansea University in England. People judging the attractiveness of men and women in photos consistently rated those who were smiling as more beautiful. The effects of having a smiling expression were as powerful as being slim, wearing makeup, and being young, researchers found.

5. Your smile affects everyone around you.

Your face is in the public domain. The expression you wear affects everyone around

you. The Chazon Ish noted that smiling is not just a personal matter. Exuding happiness has a profound influence on everyone around us.

6. Smiling helps us to see the world as a better place.

Judaism advises us to "judge everyone favorably" (Pirkei Avot 1:6). According to a 2015 study at University College London, smiling might help us to achieve this.

Researchers asked participants to look at various photos while they underwent MRIs. Some of the subjects were asked to smile while they did, others to frown and others were asked to have neutral expressions on their face. Those people who smiled during the experiment were more likely to perceive other people favorably. It seems that the very act of smiling makes us more magnanimous and conditioned to like other people more.

Thousands of years later,



modern science is discovering what ancient Jews already knew: smiling is crucial to our well-being, and sharing a smile with others is a way to brighten their whole day. Yvette Alt Miller earned her

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How gum disease is at the root of five serious health issues



Your dentist keeps warning you about bleeding or inflamed gums for a reason. They can be a gateway to serious health issues.

Periodontal disease, the result of infections and inflammations of the gums, affects nearly 50 percent of U.S. adults aged 30 and older, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The problem increases with age; 70 percent of U.S. adults 65 and over have some form of periodontal disease. Those sizable portions of the population are at increased risk heart disease, stroke, cancer, erectile dysfunction, and prostate problems.

"Lousy gums can lead to more health concerns than many people may realize," says Dr. Harold Katz, a dentist,

bacteriologist and developer of TheraBreath Healthy Gums Oral Rinse (www.therabreath.com). "The bacteria in our mouths can spread throughout the body, and the results can be devastating.

"When you brush, floss and rinse regularly, you are doing more than caring for your teeth and gums. You are also taking care of your overall health."

Katz says major health concerns researchers have associated with gum disease include:

- Heart disease. Several studies have shown a link between periodontitis and heart disease. "The same bacteria causing periodontitis symptoms like inflammation, bleeding, and bone loss around teeth can travel through the

bloodstream to the arteries," Katz says. "Bacteria can latch onto the walls of the arteries and cause small blood clots, increasing the risk of restricted blood flow to the heart."

- Stroke. The findings from a study titled "Impacts Of Periodontitis On

Nonfatal Ischemic Stroke" showed that patients who suffered a stroke also had evidence of an oral infection. "Research has indicated that gum disease is nearly equal to high blood pressure as a source of causing strokes," Katz says.

- Cancer. "Bacteria swells the gums, and it can cause similar reactions to other tissues," Katz says. A study published in Cancer Research found that some of the same types of bacteria that trigger periodontal disease may also be linked to a higher risk of esophageal cancer. Another investigation, in the Annals of Oncology, found that men with an advanced form of periodontitis were 45 percent more likely to get diagnosed with cancer.

"More proof you are simply endangering yourself while leaving bad gums unattended, allowing bacteria to spread," Katz says.

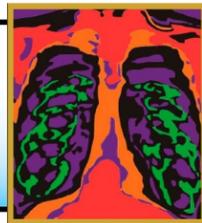
- Erectile dysfunction. Research has suggested there's a connection between systemic inflammation—the kind that could be caused by that traveling bacteria in your mouth—and increased risk of developing impotence. In research from Taiwan, men with erectile dysfunction were

79 percent more likely to have been diagnosed with chronic periodontal disease.

- Prostate-specific antigen (PSA). When the prostate becomes inflamed or infected, PSA levels increase, notes the American Academy of Periodontology. "The AAP states that men with indicators of periodontal disease tend to have higher levels of PSA, as well as more inflammation of the prostate," Katz says. That can lead to a condition

known as prostatitis, which can be manifest in painful irritation, difficult ejaculation, and urination urgency.

"It's simple: Maintaining healthy gums increases your chances of a healthy body," Katz says. "Poor oral hygiene causes infection of the gums. It can send toxins into the bloodstream. It's being proven that having good oral hygiene is one of the most important preventative health measures one can take."



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Is cannabis the new wonder drug?

By Abigail Klein
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(ISRAEL21c)—Cancer, chronic pain, epilepsy, asthma, insomnia, autism, PTSD, inflammatory bowel disease, Parkinson's—the list of conditions that can be improved, and possibly cured, by medical cannabis keeps growing longer.

The powerful plant used to make marijuana and hashish may prove to be the wonder drug of the century. Israeli researchers have long been at the forefront of discovering which of its many components, and in what quantity and form of delivery, are effective for which ailments.

Already since the 1990s, medical cannabis has been permitted in Israel and currently is dispensed by prescription to about 33,000 people for relief of pain associated with diseases such as cancer, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's and Crohn's, as well as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Now, academic and corporate research is more intensive than ever. The Israeli government is formulating rules for exporting medical cannabis products such as capsules and oils, and the first government-sponsored international conference on medical cannabis took place April 23-26 near Tel Aviv.

ISRAEL21c spoke to conference organizer Hinanit Koltai, PhD, senior research scientist at the government's Agricultural Research Organization—Volcani Institute.

She works with the Agriculture and Health ministries to promote medicalization of cannabis by determining proper growth conditions and building a national cannabis gene bank for the use of authorized growers, scientists and breeders.

Individual strains or cultivars could be optimized for certain medical indications, Koltai explained.

"We can grow cannabis plants for research purposes and manipulate the growth conditions in a way that forms whatever composition we prefer and then we can give future guidelines to growers," Koltai said.

Her lab developed new extraction methods and bio-assays, and collaborates with physicians, scientists and commercial companies to develop cannabis-based treatments for specific conditions.

IBD and cancer

For research on inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD) including Crohn's and ulcerative colitis, Koltai's lab partnered with Israeli-Canadian PlantEXT, a subsidiary of Israel Plant Sciences.

They're examining the effect of cannabis extracts and compounds on tissue from colon biopsies provided by Meir Medical Center in Kfar Saba and will soon start clinical trials. Next they'll turn their attention to colon cancer.

"Until now, even with IBD we talked about treating symptoms rather than curing. With cancer, we're starting to talk about curing. This

is revolutionary in relation to medical cannabis," Koltai revealed.

"I do not want to raise false hopes but we see it as a mission to try and establish cannabis as an anti-cancer treatment. We have exciting results that have to be verified in clinical trials and that can take years," she added.

Cannabis will one day be an important tool in curing cancer, agrees Prof. David "Dedi" Meiri, head of the Laboratory of Cancer Biology and Cannabinoid Research at the Technion-Israeli Institute of Technology.

However, a one-size-fits-all approach won't work. Each type of cancer has unique characteristics and cannabis contains 142 known cannabinoids (active components).

Matching the most effective cannabis compounds (possibly a cocktail of them) to specific cancers is a complex process that Meiri's lab is mapping out on mice, Meiri told ISRAEL21c at the fourth annual CannTech conference in Tel Aviv earlier this year.

Even the compound extraction method makes a difference, Meiri said, "but we don't know yet which is better, just that there's a difference."

Parkinson's, insomnia

Nearly 70 Israeli companies are actively focusing on medical cannabis in sectors such as agriculture, life-sciences and medical devices, according to a 2018 report from Tel Aviv-based IVC Research Center.

Some of the life-sciences companies developing medicines or treatments are

ICD Pharma, Intec Pharma, Talent Biotech (acquired in 2017 by Kalytera Therapeutics), Therapix Biosciences, Bazelet and Izun Pharma subsidiary CannRx.

"Cannabis is very different from traditional pharma because the initial evidence for relevant indications is coming from patients themselves rather than from basic research," said Shimon Lecht, PhD, the R&D manager for CannRx.

The medical indications in the CannRx pipeline are insomnia, neurodegenerative disorders such as Parkinson's disease; and pain (with a delivery system suitable for the elderly and other populations having difficulty with administration).

"The most advanced formulas are for insomnia and pain. We expect during this year to have some announcements of clinical trial results," said Lecht.

CannRx also develops unique drug-delivery products for the cannabis molecule such as a novel vapor capture technology (VCT) method to extract the oil of the plant for the most beneficial medical effects.

Kanabo Research in Ness Ziona, which develops clinical solutions for extraction and vaporization of medical cannabis, is entering an agreement with US-based medical cannabis extraction company Constance Therapeutics to establish a cannabis cultivation farm and manufacturing facility for cannabis active compounds THC and CBD in the European Union, to be used as treatments for insomnia, PTSD and chronic pain. Constance Therapeutics also will market Kanabo Research's solutions in the United States.

Autism, epilepsy, fractures, diabetes

Dr. Adi Aran, director of neuropediatrics at Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem and a consultant to the Health Ministry for medical cannabis, explores the effects of medical cannabis on epilepsy and autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

"The dramatic clinical effect seen in some cases has led me to further explore the potential benefits, and possible risks, of cannabinoids, particularly in children," said Aran.

In 2016, he led the world's first open-label trial studying the effect of cannabidiol (CBD) oil on symptoms in 60 subjects aged 5 to 21.

Nearly half the subjects' parents said their children's core ASD symptoms were reduced by the treatment. Almost one-third said their previously uncommunicative

children started speaking or communicating nonverbally—including one who said "I love you" to his mother for the first time.

Encouraged by those results, Aran led a large-scale double-blind controlled trial on the efficacy and safety of cannabis for autism, involving 150 severely autistic children and adults aged 5 to 29.

"The follow-up will continue till November," he told ISRAEL21c, "and then the publication process will take several months."

Tikun Olam, the first grower and supplier of medical cannabis to be licensed by the Israeli Health Ministry, in 2005, recently tested its oral CBD oil drops to lessen symptoms associated with severe ASD.

In the study at Assaf Harofeh Medical Center involving 53 children and young adults aged 4 to 22, the Tikun Olam drops caused a significant improvement in social communication skills and decrease in self-injury and rage attacks, hyperactivity, sleep disturbances and anxiety. The overall rate of improvement in symptoms was 74.5 percent, although in some participants the symptoms stayed the same or worsened.

"Cannabidiol appears to be effective in improving ASD symptoms; however, long-term effects should be evaluated in large-scale studies," the study authors concluded.

Regarding other medical conditions, scientists from Tel Aviv University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem showed that CBD significantly enhanced healing in lab rats with thigh-bone fractures; and Ananda Scientific is investigating how CBD may control and even prevent diabetes.

Pain, PTSD, asthma

The opioid addiction crisis is driving increased interest in medical cannabis as an alternative to other pain-relief medications.

Israeli research published in the March 2018 issue of European Journal of Internal Medicine showed the effectiveness and safety of a six-month regimen of cannabis treatment for pain in 2,736 patients aged 65 and older.

Overall improvement was noted by 93.7 percent of respondents. They reported significantly fewer falls and less use of prescription pain medicines including opioids.

"Gathering more evidence-based data, including data from double-blind randomized-controlled trials, in this special population is imperative," concluded the authors, who include Ran Abuhasira, Victor Novack and Lihi Bar-Lev Schleider of the Cannabis Clinical

Research Institute at Soroka University Medical Center and Ben-Gurion University in Beersheva (Schleider also heads research at Tikun Olam) and Prof. Raphael Mechoulam from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Mechoulam, the first to successfully isolate the THC (psychoactive) component of cannabis back in 1964, is leading a team at the Hebrew University's Multidisciplinary Center on Cannabis Research investigating the benefits of non-psychoactive cannabis components for treating asthma and other respiratory conditions, a study commissioned by UK-Israeli biotech startup CiiTech.

Bazelet, the largest medical cannabis company in Israel, has developed proprietary technology to isolate and utilize specific cannabis components to treat chronic pain, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), neurodegenerative diseases, epilepsy and autism. Clinical trials are in progress for pain relief and PTSD.

Therapix Biosciences of Tel Aviv recently received US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) clearance for its investigational synthetic cannabinoid drug THX-110, paving the way for a Phase IIa clinical trial of THX-110 for chronic low back pain.

Tourette and sleep apnea Therapix also has a clinical development program for THX-110 in the treatment of Tourette syndrome (TS) and obstructive sleep apnea.

A Phase IIa study at Yale University for TS suggests that THX-110 significantly improved symptoms over time in adult subjects. Complete results will be presented at the 2018 European Society for the Study of Tourette Syndrome meeting in Copenhagen this June.

"These results are of particular interest as the pharmacology of THX-110 appears to be distinct from existing medications for TS and may offer a unique option for treating these patients," said Therapix CTO Adi Zulloff-Shani.

"Based on these study results, we intend to initiate a randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled study to evaluate the safety, tolerability and efficacy of daily oral THX-110 in treating adults with Tourette syndrome."

There is more on the horizon: Therapix is testing a different cannabis compound, THX-130, for the treatment of mild cognitive impairment and traumatic brain injury; THX-150 for the treatment of infectious diseases; and THX-ULD01 for treating mild cognitive impairment.

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Ten breakthrough health techs emerging from Israel

By Nicky Blackburn

(ISRAEL21c)—This annual three-day life-science and biomed conference has been running for 17 years and attracts around 6,000 healthcare professionals, investors, engineers and scientists, including more than 1,000 attendees from over 45 countries, who come to learn about the newest developments in biotech, digital health and medical devices emerging from Israel.

For the second year in a row, 10 of the companies taking part in this exhibition were invited to enter the IIA's Biomed Startup of the Year competition.

If there's one conference every year that is guaranteed to highlight fascinating new health innovations, it's Israel's MIXiii-Biomed, held in Tel Aviv.

"The 10 companies that participated were a remarkable variety of what the Israeli life-science industry has to offer," said Appelbaum.

"They all presented impressive innovative technologies and choosing the best one was not an easy task. From cellular biology to space technology, we were presented with the best startups in Israel's life-science industry. The winning companies exemplify differentiated technology and solid global strategy, serving as a beacon of excellence for the well-being of humanity."

Here we take a more in-depth look at the 10 Israeli startups chosen as the best of the year.

CorNeat Vision

CorNeat Vision was one of the joint winners of the startup competition at Biomed, and for good reason—the technology is just so cool. The company is developing an artificial cornea implant, the CorNeat KPro, which could offer a remedy to millions of people suffering from diseases of the cornea.

The early-stage technology is a patented synthetic cornea that uses advanced cell technology to integrate artificial optics within resident ocular tissue. It can be transplanted in a simple 30-minute surgery, according to the company. Ra'anana-based CorNeat plans to move to human implantations sometime this year, and to begin clinical trials in the US.

According to the World Health Organization, diseases of the cornea are the second leading cause of blindness worldwide, second only to

cataracts. As many as 30 million people are affected, with around two million new cases each year.

"Unlike previous devices, which attempt to integrate optics into the native cornea, CorNeat's implant leverages a virtual space under the conjunctiva that is rich with fibroblast cells, heals quickly and provides robust long-term integration," said CorNeat's CEO and VP R&D Almog Aley-Raz.

PixCell Medical

PixCell Medical is developing a breakthrough low-cost portable hematology analyzer that performs a complete blood count (CBC) at the point of care.

With just a tiny drop of blood, PixCell's HemoScreen can analyze 20 standard CBC parameters, including red blood cells and five different white blood cell types, and identify anomalous cells and hemoglobin levels, in just five minutes.

HemoScreen relies on a new microfluidics technology that causes cells to migrate to the center of flow and perfectly align into a single layer. Identification and classification of the cells is achieved using machine-learning and machine-vision algorithms superior to present methods.

SpacePharma

Swiss-Israeli SpacePharma will democratize the process of doing experiments in space, according to Guy Samburski, the company's head of chemical and pharmaceutical technologies.

"NASA has made huge efforts to enable commercial companies to carry out experiments in space, but it's too slow and expensive. SpacePharma makes the same science available to everyone—universities, pharma companies—at a much, much cheaper price," he told ISRAEL21c at MIXiii-Biomed.

Experimenting in microgravity is an essential tool for many pharma and research companies today. Taking gravity out of the equation simplifies the physics and removes many obstacles to bacteria growth and stem-cell research. Already companies like Merck, Procter & Gamble and Eli Lilly have conducted tests on the International Space Station over the last decade. However, these experiments are hugely expensive and have to be extremely well vetted because they need to be carried out by the astronauts themselves.

SpacePharma creates minilabs that can be rented for up to six months of orbital research. These minilabs—about the size of a milk carton—can include a number of experiments that can be carried out remotely from Israel, reducing costs drastically. All an astronaut has to do is turn it on.

Since all experiments are done remotely, the minilabs can be docked on the International Space Station or attached to private satellites.

SpacePharma was founded by Yossi Yamin, a former commander of the Israeli Defense Forces' satellite unit, and has already carried out two rounds of experiments in space. It is the first company in the field, and though competitors are now beginning to emerge, Samburski says SpacePharma, which is headquartered in Switzerland with R&D in Herzliya, is two to three years ahead.

NovaSight

Two-and-a-half-year-old NovaSight has developed a technology based on eye-tracking to help children with vision disorders. The company's first product is a system called EyeSwift, which it claims can revolutionize diagnosis of strabismus—a misalignment of the eyes, CI (Convergence insufficiency) and reading disorders.

Strabismus is treated by corrective surgery, but its success is dependent on the accuracy of the misalignment measurement—until now a laborious, inaccurate, manual process that has not changed for decades.

EyeSwift uses eye-tracking technology as well as self-designed active glasses to diagnose visual disorders quickly and reliably while patients watch a short animated video. The system has already received CE approval.

NovaSight, which is based in Airport City in Israel, has also developed another product called CureSight to treat amblyopia (lazy eye) and CI.

"When you have lazy eye the gold standard treatment is a patch covering the good eye," Liran Adlin, the company's marketing manager, tells ISRAEL21c. "This can be a great source of embarrassment for children, however, and there's only about 50% compliance, which isn't good."

"With our device, children can instead watch videos while we process the content in real time according to the momentary direction of the eyes, two



Alexander Elman

The Startup Pavilion at MIXiii Biomed.

or three times a week, and this trains the eye."

Alpha Tau Medical

Alpha particles are considered a powerful tool against cancer because they can damage the DNA of a tumor cell regardless of the level of oxygenation or the cell cycle stage, but their downside is a short range. Israeli startup Alpha Tau Medical believes its potent alpha radiotherapy technology provides the answer.

Alpha DaRT (Diffusing Alpha-Emitters Radiation Therapy), developed in 2003 by Itzhak Kelson and Yona Keisara from Tel Aviv University, is based on a radioactive seed that can be injected into a solid tumor. As the seed decays it releases atoms that emit high-energy alpha particles that destroy tumor tissue.

Preclinical trials have found the technology to be safe for various indications, including tumors considered resistant to standard radiotherapy. The company, led by CEO and Chairman Uzi Sofer, is now carrying out clinical trials in Israel and Italy and plans further trials around the world.

Neurosteer

Herzliya startup Neurosteer has developed a small wearable sensor for monitoring brain activity in people with neurological disorders, and providing high-quality neurological data.

The sticker-sized sensor can be used for a wide range of medical, wellness and lifestyle applications and combines advanced neuroscience and proprietary machine learning to capture brain activity,

interpret brain dynamics, and detect emotions, neurological states, engagement, attention and intent in real time.

The sensor can be used in the hospital, in rehab and at home. It can also be used to monitor patients undergoing psychiatric clinical trials.

Brainvivo

Tel Aviv's Brainvivo develops MRI-based software that enhances MRI resolution for early detection, monitoring and treatment of neurodegenerative brain disorders.

The company's software overcomes the MRI resolution limitation by tracking the movement of water molecules within brain tissues, and providing MRI data that allows the measurement of both the neural fiber diameter and layers of the brain cortex.

The company was co-founded by Assaf Horowitz and Prof. Yaniv Assaf from Tel Aviv University.

TempraMed

TempraMed develops small, hassle-free cooling products for keeping sensitive injectable medications like insulin, for the treatment of diabetes, at the proper temperature.

The company, which has been working in stealth mode for some years, has developed a series of products including replaceable caps lined with a space-grade thermal insulation to fit over popular insulin pens and vials. It is now working on a similar product for EpiPens, which are designed for treating allergies.

TempraMed was founded by Israeli Ron Nagar, who has worked in the medical-device field for 20 years, and whose father has Type 2 diabetes.

E-Motion Medical

Millions of people suffer from reduced motor function of their digestive system, leading to malnutrition and a higher risk of infection. It's a phenomenon common in critically ill patients, as well as neurological, surgical, geriatric and neonatal patients. A severely limited ability to eat detrimentally affects well-being and quality of life.

Founded in 2011, Tel Aviv's E-Motion Medical has developed a unique technology that it claims can deliver stimulation to the esophagus, generating contractions, restoring esophageal and digestive motor function, reducing infectious complications and improving survival and physical function.

BarimOte

Patients who have undergone gastric weight-loss surgery have to alter their eating behavior radically in order to sustain their lower weight. For many, this proves too difficult, and can lead to complications, weight gain and new operations.

Israeli startup BarimOte hopes to improve those odds with a new eating behavior monitoring and training technology, which it claims can enhance the success rate of weight-loss surgery.

The company's patented technology will offer biofeedback during meals, real-time analysis of eating behavior patterns, remote e-monitoring to caregivers, and even caloric intake at every meal. It sends alerts and referrals to the surgeon in case of complications.

Injury recovery should include prescriptions plus natural medicines

Suffer an injury—a twisted knee, a turned ankle—and you know what's likely to come next: swelling and reddening of the damaged area.

Inflammation is one of the body's most common reactions to the stress of an injury, and while modern science has created many important drugs to help the body heal, some health professionals say holistic medicines should also be part of the prescription.

Here's why: An emphasis on alternatives to prescrip-

tion drugs could reduce other issues, says Dr. Sanda Moldovan, a periodontist and nutritionist and author of "HEAL UP!: 7 Ways To Faster Healing And Optimum Health" (www.beverlyhills-dentalhealth.com).

The most frequently prescribed medications worldwide are non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, known as NSAIDs, and they have been linked to a higher increase in cardiovascular problems, heart attacks and strokes. In the United States alone, more

than 70 million prescriptions are written for these drugs every year.

"Prescription medications have their place, but discovering and using natural alternatives prevents potential narcotics abuse and lessens side effects," Moldovan says. "Dr. Mother Nature is the best prescriber for healing and optimum wellness."

While a typical physician's recommendations will include things to not eat or drink that will be helpful in making sure there is no specific reac-

tion, making sure the entire body is in optimum health to fight an infection will typically shorten the recovery period, she says.

"Nutritional interventions can assist the body's capacity to fight any type of infection," Moldovan says.

She says there are many little known therapies that can help a person heal including IV nutrition, homeopathics, herbs, teas, oxygen/ozone, and even light and energy devices. A few of those include:

- Micro-current and low

level laser therapy—speed up healing by using magnetic fields and laser energy

- Mind-Body Synchronization—Guided Meditation and relaxation techniques have been proven as ways to shorten the length of time for injury rehabilitation.

- Oxygen / ozone Therapy—Oxygen is all around us yet we underestimate its importance. The trend of hyperbaric chambers in private homes is evidence that more people are taking it seriously. Ozone therapy also

aids in immune function and detoxification.

- Plants, herbs and teas—Current research has proven the efficacy of ancient plant medicines, which are now in better formulations and more purified for a better therapeutic effect.

Patients should remember that the entire body is impacted by an injury even though the injury itself may be localized, Moldovan says. By treating the entire body holistically, she says, it will assist the body in recovering faster.

Big wheels, big hills, and a bike ride from hell

By Marilyn Shapiro

Summer mornings on our neighborhood in Upstate New York during the 1980s were quiet—until eight o'clock. At that hour—designated by the parents to be late enough to 'start the engines'—the garage doors on almost every house opened one by one. A fleet of children, all sitting low on seats of their Big Wheels, flew down their driveways and began circling the 'track' that surrounded the grassy knoll in the middle of the cul-de-sac. The Daily Devon Court 500 was officially in session.

Biking had been part of life since I was a child. I spent hours riding a second-hand three speed on rolling hills past apple orchards and Lake Champlain beaches Larry and I pedaled through the back roads of Albany County, me on that ancient three speed and Larry on the bike he had ridden to deliver newspapers in Saratoga Springs.

Once our children graduated from Big Wheels to two-wheelers, the four of us took family outings on the Mohawk-Hudson Bike Trail.

When we turned 40, Larry and I traded in our relics for lighter, more efficient ten speeds. Larry had to give up competitive running in 1996 due to an injury, and he began biking more frequently. He encouraged me to join him, and

we pedaled our way around Southern Saratoga County.

Cycling became a social event. For a couple of years, a group from Congregation Beth Shalom in Clifton Park met on Sunday mornings in the synagogue parking lot for a ten to fifteen mile circuit. Larry and I were enjoying our biking.

The length of our rides together increased: twenty miles, thirty miles at a clip. As a members of the Mohawk Hudson Wheelmen, we participated with several other riders in metric half centuries, one in which I rode the 62 miles in honor of my 62 birthday. Larry completed a 100 miles with a more-hardy friend.

Despite all my biking, I never was totally comfortable on hills. While Larry gleefully viewed them as a challenge, I dreaded every long, steep incline. I usually made it with a great deal of effort. Once in a while, I had to resort to getting off the bike and pushing it to the top.

My fear of hills prevented me from taking advantage of all the all the biking trails near Julie and Sam's home in Summit County, Colorado.

Larry had taken some rides with Sam, but I bowed out. On our visit in July 2012, however, I had several months of biking long distances in New York under my belt. Larry

and I finally took Sam up on his offer to join him for what Sam billed as an easy, fairly flat twenty mile ride around Lake Dillon.

"There is a little incline at the beginning of the trip," Sam explained while we adjusted our seat height on our rentals and snapped on our helmets, "but I am sure you two can handle it."

As Sam had promised, the first four miles on the bike trail, were fairly flat and straight. Then we arrived at the bottom of Swan Mountain. I craned my neck to view the bike lane that ran along a fairly busy two lane highway. The summit appeared to me to be five miles away,

"Sam, this is not a little incline," I said. "This is a mountain! How long is it? And what is the increase in elevation?"

"We go from 9100 to 10,200 feet, an eleven hundred foot ascent over about a mile," Sam conceded. "I promise we'll take it slow."

Within one half mile, I was huffing and puffing. And sweating. My shirt was stuck to my back; under my helmet, my hair was glued to my head; my socks were drenched. I even had sweat running out of my ear canals.

"I can't do it," I yelled to Larry and Sam, who were riding with little effort 200 yards in front of me. "I'm going to

walk the rest of the way. I will meet you at the summit."

"Are you sure?" Larry asked. They barely waited for my breathless "Yes!" before they pedaled off and left me to push my bike to the top.

Fifteen minutes later, I met up with Larry and Sam at the Sapphire Point Overlook.

"I made it!" I said to Sam. "It's all downhill from here!"

Then I took a look down the trail. Whatever goes up must come down, but this down was a steep descent on a narrow, serpentine bike path crowded with other cyclists

"What the heck, Sam?" I exclaimed. "I thought climbing up was bad, but I can't handle going down this obstacle course!"

"Sorry, Marilyn, but it's the only way back to our house without adding another 10 miles," said Sam. "Just take it slow."

"Don't worry!" said Larry. "I'll be right behind you."

Larry's 'right-behind-you' promise lasted an even shorter time than Sam's 'we'll-take-it-slow' promise. Terrified and white knuckled, I kept hitting my brakes. Larry couldn't bike slowly enough to follow behind and had to go ahead. I prayed all the way down to the bottom, where I caught up with Larry and Sam for the second time that day.

The remaining miles were less dramatic. And, by the end



Biker Marilyn Shapiro.

of our vacation, I had actually forgiven Sam.

Since my bike ride from hell, however, I haven't attempted a repeat in Colorado. These days, I love riding through my mountain-free community in Florida—elevation in the Orlando area peaks out at eighty-two feet above sea level. Big hills—like

Devon Court's Big Wheels—are in my rear view mirror. And that is fine with me.

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Beating the odds, winning at life

By Marilyn Shapiro

Eric Lagerstrom, a 29-year-old from Gresham, Oregon, may have been the official male top finisher in the 2018 St. Anthony's Triathlon, which was held on a beautiful April day in St. Petersburg, Florida. However, in the pack of over 3000 participants was an individual that many considered the true winner. Seventy-nine-year-old Tony Handler had completed his 300th triathlon since his "terminal" diagnosis 35 years earlier. "I beat Mr. Cancer again," said Tony with satisfaction.

Waiting at the finish line, as she had done almost every time before, was his wife, Narda, his childhood sweetheart from Newark, New Jersey. "I think I missed only five races in his entire triathlon career," said Narda.

None of this seemed it would be possible 35 years earlier. In 1983 Handler was driving Narda and friends home from an evening out when he was seized by excruciating abdominal pains. His friend took over the wheel and drove Tony directly to the hospital. The doctors in the emergency room determined that his stomach had ruptured and immediately operated.

Death around the corner?

Two days after the surgery, Handler was transferred to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland. The doctors there gave the Handlers the devastating news: he had pancreatic cancer and had at best two more years to live.

Handler, who was 45, refused to accept the diagnosis. After several more surgeries,

he was chosen to participate in clinical trials at NIH with 19 other patients who shared his rare form of cancer. A willing "human guinea pig," Handler endured hours of medical protocols, innumerable experimental drug treatments, and seven surgeries.

While undergoing the regimen, Handler saw an article that stated the city of Baltimore was hosting the Bud Lite Triathlon in July 1985. "I thought this would be a good way for me to fight the bleak prognosis."

Against the odds!

Handler was not new to athletic competitions. Born in 1939 in Newark, New Jersey, to first generation Jewish parents, he had participated in Weequahic High School's cross country and swim teams, serving as the latter's captain.

Cheering him on in the stands was Narda Mandell. Shortly after his bar mitzvah at Congregation B'Nai Jeshurun in Newark, Tony had met 12-year-old Narda and they soon became a couple. "I was—and still am—his biggest fan," said Narda.

Handler was determined to survive. He set his goal to compete in the 1985 Bud Lite Triathlon. Initially, he could only do a slow walk/run. As his stamina increased, he began running two, five, 10 miles. "Running made me feel as if I were fighting back," said Tony. He dusted off his bike and rode the Maryland countryside. He found a local pool, donned goggles and a Speedo, and began swimming competitive laps for the first time since his high school swim team days.

The main competition

On July 1, 1985, Handler completed the Baltimore triathlon, which combined a one-mile swim, 24.8 miles of bicycling and 6.2 miles of running. He was far behind the winning time of one hour and 55 minutes, but he had won a personal victory. "I only had one competitor," said Tony, "and that was Mr. Cancer."

Unfortunately, Mr. Cancer wasn't done with Handler. He faced multiple bouts with six different kinds of cancer, including pancreatic, liver, prostate, and skin cancers, and twenty-one surgeries.

Through it all, Handler continued his job as an IBM consultant. The management at the company was supportive, never hesitating in giving the time he needed to have the multiple surgeries and finish his recovery. After work and on weekends he continued to work out and participate in triathlons across the United States. "I needed victories wherever I could find them," said Handler. "Every time I crossed that finish line, I felt like I beat Mr. Cancer again."

The marathon continues

In 1988 Handler received a promotion to senior consultant and was transferred to Tampa, Florida, where he continued to compete.

By the time he was approaching his 60th birthday, Handler had completed 200 triathlons. He set his goal even higher by signing up for the 2000 Florida Ironman Triathlon. A back injury that was unrelated to cancer forced him to cancel. But in 2001, he completed the Panama City-based competition, which was composed of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bicycle ride and a marathon 26.2-mile run. He felt such

a sense of accomplishment he did again when he was 62.

When he retired from IBM in 2003, the Handlers moved to Solivita, a 55-plus active adult community in Central Florida.

Playing it forward

As a cancer survivor, Handler was determined to "pay it forward." Soon after their move, he organized the first annual community-wide three-mile walk/run in Solivita to raise money for the American Cancer Society (ACS). Beginning in 2012, several Solivita clubs joined together to establish an annual Relay for Life event that supported ACS. Handler's run/walk was folded into the community's umbrella fundraising efforts. As of 2018, the combined efforts have raised over \$700,000, of which \$60,000 was raised by Handler's walk/run event.

His story of survival and his fundraising have earned Handler state and national recognition. In 2013, he qualified to compete in the National Triathlon Age Group Championship in Milwaukee. At the concluding banquet, Handler was given an award for being the "Most Inspirational Athlete." In 2015, Handler qualified to represent the United States on Team USA at the World Age Group Triathlon Championship in Chicago.

In 2016, Handler was the recipient of the "Geriatrathlete" award at the Growing Bolder Awards banquet in Orlando, Florida. He, along with other Central Florida seniors, was lauded for "pursuing his passions and living lives of purpose while making a difference in the lives of others."

Determination and exercise



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Tony Handler stands with his triathlon bicycle in his Poinciana, Florida home, May 6.

Sadly, Handler is the only surviving participant of the 20 original participants in the 1983 NIH clinical trials. Doctors at the Moffitt Cancer Center continue to track Handler's progress and oversee his life-saving medications and monthly chemo injections. His remarkable medical history has been the subject in professional journals and conferences. Researchers agree that what Handler often calls his "crazy exercise routine" appears to have been a factor in his longevity.

Along with their busy life in Central Florida, the Handlers enjoy the pleasure of three sons, one living in Maryland

and the other two in Florida with their wives and five grandchildren.

Handler views the St. Anthony's Triathlon as another victory against Mr. Cancer, a fight he hopes to continue waging for as long as his body is able to.

"I beat the odds," said Handler. "I just hope my story is an inspiration to other cancer patients to 'NEVER GIVE UP.'"

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