



A David's Sling missile being launched.

Rafael

Israel's newest air-defense system makes its debut

By Yaakov Lappin

(JNS)—Israel's newest air-defense system, David's Sling, made the headlines this week after going into action for the first time on the border with Syria.

Although it appeared not to strike the target—in this case, two short-range missiles fired by the Assad regime against a rebel region near the Israeli border—that should not be seen as a major setback, defense experts have told JNS.

Produced by Israeli defense company Rafael, in partnership with American defense firm Raytheon, the David's Sling system is designed to shoot down an array

of threats. These include heavy rockets, cruise missiles, drones, short-range ballistic missiles and evasive airborne threats that maneuver as they fly.

The system, which has been ready for use since 2017 following years of testing, plugs a hole that was left between the short-range Iron Dome missile-defense system, and the long-range Arrow 2 and Arrow 3 systems that defend against ballistic missiles in the upper atmosphere and in space.

"David's Sling was designed from the start to be part of a multi-layered air-defense system, and when bugs are cleaned, it will do what it is supposed to

do," Uzi Rubin, a leading Israeli expert, told JNS. Rubin founded the Arrow defense program in the Israeli Defense Ministry.

The arrival of a multi-layered air-defense system is, in itself, a revolution, said Rubin. Every such defense system has its own role to play, in line with its ranges, he added.

"They decide what to fire according to the type of threat," he said.

While Iron Dome is more of a local defense system—with batteries of interceptors placed near the area they

Missiles on page 14A

Fire kites sting Negev honey farms just before Rosh Hashanah

By Maayan Jaffe-Hoffman

(JNS)—When you drive into Israel's Sha'ar HaNegev Region in the northwestern Negev, the fields are burnt and black. The trees are broken, and the smell of acrid smoke stings the eyes and nose.

"It is a very upsetting



Alon Sigron

A beehive in flames from an incendiary kite at a honey farm in southern Israel near the Gaza Strip.

view," said Zeev Meidan, general manager of the Israeli Honey Council.

Meidan, who in the past was employed as a beekeeper at the area's Kibbutz Yad Mordechai, has been spending extra time in the southern district to support the region's honey farmers, many of whom have been the target of arson attacks by Hamas.

He said fires in the Gaza periphery caused by aerial arson attacks launched by flammable kites and helium balloons have caused millions of shekels worth

of damage to the beehives of Kibbutz Erez and Yad Mordechai in the period just before Rosh Hashanah, the height of the honey harvest. On average, Meidan said, the hives would be producing as much as 50 kilograms of honey each this season.

"After many months of labor, we were supposed to collect the honey from our hives," said Boaz Kanot, chairman of the Israel Beekeepers Association. "The recent fires have burned dozens of beehives full of honey just before it was meant to be packaged and distributed.

This is a huge loss to the industry in general and the beekeepers specifically."

Many beekeepers rely on income from this season to support themselves throughout the year, explained Yitzchak "Hakale" Amitai, manager of Kibbutz Erez's building and infrastructure. He said the beekeepers provide taxes from the profits to the kibbutz, which will also suffer a financial blow.

The government has committed to help offset the loss

Kites on page 15A

Settlers welcome Mike Huckabee



Sam Sokol

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee speaks at a ceremony welcoming a new neighborhood in the West Bank settlement of Efrat, Aug. 1, 2018.

By Sam Sokol

EFRAT, West Bank (JTA)—Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee laid bricks in a new neighborhood in this settlement in a ceremony Wednesday that took its language and cues from Donald Trump's "Make America Great Again" rhetoric.

During the ceremony in Efrat's Tamar neighborhood, organizers distributed red caps bearing the slogan "Build Israel Great Again" and spoke of how thankful they were for the president's support. Leaders of the Yesha Council, which represents the settlement movement, indicated

the ceremony was part of an effort to garner American support for expanding the settlers' footprint in the West Bank.

"I cannot tell you how proud I've been of the president as it relates to the land of Israel," said Huckabee, a Trump supporter, talk show host and ordained Southern Baptist minister.

Speaking against the backdrop of red "Build Israel Great Again" signs, settlement leaders took turns alternately praising Trump and calling on him to lift limits on settlement construction.

Huckabee on page 15A

Beilin new Hillel Israel chair

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Hillel International announced that former Israeli Justice Minister and Member of Knesset Dr. Yossi Beilin has been elected to serve as chair of the board of Hillel Israel, a volunteer position. His appointment was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors of Hillel Israel.

In addition to his extensive public service career, Beilin is the visionary of the Birthright Israel program, which has brought more than 650,000 young Diaspora Jews to Israel for 10-day educational trips. The Hillel movement recruits more college-age students for Taglit-Birthright Israel trips than any other organization. "Yossi Beilin has spent his entire career devoted to strengthening the future of the Jewish community," said Hillel International President and CEO Eric D. Fingerhut, who also serves on the Hillel Israel Board of Directors. "His insights into Hillel's role in shaping tomorrow's Jewish



Dr. Yossi Beilin

leaders are invaluable and we are excited to build and grow with his leadership."

Beilin was chosen to lead

Beilin on page 15A



Volunteering with seniors can be fun



Jacob Cohen enjoys leading a game of Lotto for residents of Savannah Court as a Jewish Pavilion volunteer

By Lisa Levine

Sometimes all it takes is some friendly encouragement and a little banter to add spark to a game that may otherwise seem tame. At least, that was Jacob Cohen's experience on a recent Monday when he took over as the "caller" for a game of Lotto at the Savannah Court Assisted Living Community in Maitland.

Cohen, 21, and a senior in the bachelor's in nursing program at Florida Gulf Coast University, grew up in Orlando and is spending part of his summer volunteering for The Jewish Pavilion. In addition to helping in the Pavilion's offices, he is also assisting with some of its programs at area senior living facilities and is making individual visits to some of the residents.

At Savannah Court, the game of Lotto is played with a staff member pulling cards from a deck, calling out the card, and holding it up for residents to see. Residents are dealt extra large cards, and when one of their cards matches the card called, they

perceived," he said. In the hospital settings where Cohen has done a number of clinical rotations, adopting an upbeat and engaged demeanor can help patients feel that their nurse cares about them, contributing to their sense of well-being.

Cohen applied a similar philosophy to his participation in Lotto: "If you don't make it fun, they're not going to have fun," he said.

Having done a rotation in gerontology at a skilled nursing facility as part of his training, Cohen knew it would be rewarding to work with elders, and that's why he sought out The Jewish Pavilion to satisfy his degree requirement for 80 hours of volunteering. "I'm here because I like it. I have to volunteer, but I don't have to do this," Cohen said, adding, "I thought it was kind of fun up there" calling the game.

"We always have work at The Jewish Pavilion," said Nancy Ludin, the Pavilion's executive director. "Any teen or college student who wants to volunteer, we'll find something for them to do. Some of it might be meaningful work, and some of it might be more boring office work, but all of it will benefit the community."

Cohen has been helping to update the addresses in the distribution list for the Pavilion's monthly emails, a sizable task that must be accomplished each year. He will also help confirm the contact info in the Pavilion's database before he returns to college for his final semester.

He's good at such detail work, but it's the individual connections with seniors that Cohen looks forward to. One of the seniors Cohen is visiting individually is Murray, a sociable resident of Enlivant Wayman Place in Longwood. "We go out of our way to find the right fit for our young volunteers to visit," noted Ludin.

Cohen said he had especially enjoyed assisting with a Shabbat program at Brookdale Island Lake. As a busy

student in Fort Myers, Fla., it has been some time since he's had the opportunity to connect with other Jews at a Shabbat service.

"It's kind of like coming

home," Cohen said. "And it's like being with my grandparents again. It feels good."

The Jewish Pavilion welcomes student volunteers throughout the year—it's a

great way to earn community service credit while supporting a vital service in Orlando's Jewish community. To learn more, go to JewishPavilion.org or call 407-678-9363.

Chabad Hebrew Schools bring joy of Judaism to children

Preparations are in full swing for the new academic year for the four growing Chabad Hebrew Schools in the Greater Orlando area.

"Chabad Hebrew School is a warm and loving place," said Jenn Nero, who sends her son to Chabad Hebrew School in North Orlando. "My son doesn't want to miss a day."

"The students come in with a smile, leave humming a Jewish song," noted Chanshy Majesky, director of CHS of North Orlando. "We share the warmth and spirit of Judaism in a real and tangible way, and the children feel it."

Each CHS location is run independently, but all four locations integrate a hands-on and in-depth teaching approach.

"We offer an affordable educational experience where your child will enjoy acquiring a solid foundation in Jewish education in a positive atmosphere," said Rabbi Amram Hoffer, director of CHS of Greater Orlando in Maitland.

Hebrew reading is taught using the acclaimed Aleph Champ motivational reading program, which clearly defines achievements and goals with color-coded levels like in karate.

The newest Chabad Hebrew School recently opened in Winter Garden by directors of Chabad of South Orlando Rabbi Yosef and Chani Konikov, who already run a growing Hebrew School at their main Chabad center on Sand Lake Road. Parents in Winter



Children begin learning at an early age about the symbols of Judaism.

Garden who were not being serviced approached Rabbi Yosef and Chani and requested a second branch in their area.

"Our goal at Chabad is to service every Jew. We want to bring Hebrew School and the joys of Judaism to as many kids as possible," said Chani Konikov.

The attendance year to year at Chabad Hebrew Schools worldwide is going up. More and more branches are open-

ing in cities across the globe. In Orlando this year there are over 100 children enrolled for the coming school year.

Chabad Hebrew School is for every Jewish child, from kindergarten to Bar/Bat Mitzvah age, regardless of affiliation, religious observance or prior knowledge. Membership is not necessary. To register and for more information contact the Chabad Center closest to you.

MEDICAL ALERT

Have you experienced

Kidney or Heart Issues

from side effects such as Ketoacidosis caused by the Type 2 Diabetes medication Invokana?

You may be entitled to Compensation.

SIDE EFFECTS MAY INCLUDE KETOACIDOSIS, KIDNEY FAILURE, HEART ATTACK, STROKE, COMA OR DEATH.

For Immediate Assistance CALL:

321-274-1822

LegalHelpAdvocates.com



Legal help is available NOW!



Elders and children love Jewish Pavilion's Inter-Generational program

A wonderful time was had by the residents at Brookdale Lake Orienta and the children from Camp J at the third annual get together hosted by the Jewish Pavilion's Inter-Generational program. From quiet one-on-one time, tech talk, puzzles, coloring books, cards, singing and dancing, everyone did it all and loved every minute.

—Walter Goldstein, Jewish Pavilion program director

Netflix won't run Louis Farrakhan documentary, citing 'internal miscommunication'

By Jackson Richman

(JNS)—A documentary featuring the notorious Louis Farrakhan will not be available to Netflix customers next month after all, with the media streaming giant citing an “internal miscommunication.”

“This film will not be released on Netflix. Due to an internal miscommunication, it appeared to be scheduled for release on Netflix, but it is not,” a Netflix spokesperson told JNS. “We apologize for any confusion this has caused.”

The 2014 film, “The Honourable Minister Louis Farrakhan: My Life's Journey Through Music,” was produced by Farrakhan's son and profiles the Nation of Islam leader's life as an extreme and polarizing figure.

In a video post on Twitter on Tuesday, Farrakhan an-

nounced that the documentary would soon appear on Netflix.

“My dear viewers and listeners, on August 1 you will be able to view the premiere on Netflix of the minister's life journey through music. And, if you would like to leave a comment of what you think about that documentary, and its music, you can go to LCTWMusic.com and leave your comment. May God bless you—As-Salaam Alaikum,” said Farrakhan.

According to a list of newly available films on Netflix, published on Monday, the documentary was scheduled to be released on Wednesday.

Zionist Organization of America president Mort Klein told JNS on Tuesday that the ZOA was planning to launch a campaign against Netflix.

“The media has legitimized Jew-haters Yasser Arafat, Mahmoud Abbas, Jesse Jack-

son and Keith Ellison—now Netflix is attempting to do the same with the despicable Louis Farrakhan,” said Klein. “It's both frightening and shameful.”

Farrakhan, who organized the 1995 Million Man March in Washington, D.C., is infamous for anti-Semitic and other bigoted statements made over the decades. For example, in 1972, he said that Jews were “in control of the media.” In 1984, he again tooted this Orwellian horn and pronounced that “Hitler was a very great man.”

According to Anti-Defamation League CEO Jonathan Greenblatt, Farrakhan's “lacerating speeches over more than three decades and more from his pulpit and perch at the Nation of Islam have repeatedly placed Jews at the center of conspiracy theories blaming them for everything from controlling the banks



Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, who is considered an anti-Semite by the Southern Poverty Law Center.

and media to engineering the slave trade.”

Despite this, Farrakhan still wields considerable influence today, with purported ties to at least seven Democrats in Congress, including

Minnesota Congressman and Democratic National Committee Deputy Chairman Keith Ellison.

Additionally, Women's March leader Tamika Mallory, who has been avocal

critic of Israel, maintains a relationship with Farrakhan and attended his annual Saviour's Day address in Chicago this year, during which the minister labeled the Jewish people as “satanic.”

In Tennessee primary, the Trump-backed Jewish incumbent beats a challenger who ran on Christian values

By Ron Kampeas

WASHINGTON (JTA)—David Kustoff, running for re-election in Tennessee's 8th Congressional District, had three things in his favor: incumbency, a solid Republican district and President Donald Trump's endorsement.

Kustoff was not taking anything for granted, though: In the Republican primary on Thursday, he faced a challenger, George Flinn, who spent more than twice what he has on the campaign and likes to remind voters that he is a “Christian conservative.”

Which is notable because Kustoff is Jewish.

“It's unfortunate that someone would try and use David's Jewishness against him as a wedge issue in the election,” said Matthew Brooks, the CEO of the Republican Jewish Coalition. “The idea that someone would use race or religion or sexuality as a wedge

stands against everything we hold true in the democratic process.”

Kustoff handily won the primary, 56 to 40 percent.

This was not Flinn's first run at public office. A radiologist who owns a network of clinics, Flinn has been a candidate for Congress three times previously and also for the state Senate. He has lost every time. His single win appears to be in 2006, as a county commissioner.

In 2016, when Kustoff won his freshman bid for Congress, Flinn described himself as a “Christian conservative” on the eve of the primary, and in response to a negative ad from Kustoff's campaign.

This time around it was a recurrent theme. In a post on his campaign website accompanying a video ad, Flinn deployed the “Christian” theme in a particularly loaded context: abortion rights.

“If you want someone who has voted to fund Planned

Parenthood, vote for the same old Washington insider that has sold us out,” Flinn said. “Or, if you want someone who will protect and stand up for our Christian, conservative values and pledge to never vote to fund Planned Parenthood, then I'm your candidate.”

(The Memphis Commercial Appeal said the ad made “questionable” claims; the Planned Parenthood funding was in a massive omnibus spending bill that drew more GOP votes than not.)

In an April 22 Facebook post, Flinn drew a blunt contrast between his “Christian, conservative” values and those of Kustoff. After campaigning in Tipton County that day, Flinn said “I talked with many who said they are fed up with the current congressman. They told me he has compromised our West Tennessee values and does not vote with our best interest in mind. I told them there's a clear choice in this elec-

tion. I will NOT compromise our Christian, conservative values.”

One of two commenters on the post said “There's some shade. Christian values.”

The Kustoff campaign did not return multiple calls, but in an interview with JTA earlier this year, Kustoff said he was irked when Flinn invoked “Christian conservative” values on the eve of the 2016 primary—but was heartened by how enthusiastic voters were once they found out he was Jewish.

“When I campaigned for this office, I would literally knock on constituent doors, and I would get asked by some, ‘Where do you go to church?’ and my response would be ‘Temple Israel,’” he said at the time. “Virtually every time I would give that response, the person would say ‘I love Israel, what can I do to help?’”

Brooks said Flinn's gambit was obvious.

“He's obviously, unabashedly raising the Christian vs. Jewish issue,” said the Republican Jewish Coalition leader, who noted that his organization has strongly backed Kustoff.

Brooks said he heard from Kustoff's campaign that people in the district had received “push poll” calls emphasizing Kustoff's Jewishness. Push polls advance a political agenda rather than accurately gauge opinion.

Flinn's campaign did not return multiple requests for comment.

Deploying one's Christianity on the campaign trail is not unprecedented in U.S. politics, particularly in the South. Barack Obama drew Jewish ire for doing so ahead of the 2008 South Carolina primary, and another candidate in the 2016 Tennessee primary, Brad Greer, described West Tennessee as “Christian, conservative” territory in his campaigning. (Greer has endorsed Flinn.)

Brooks said Kustoff could not afford to take any chances in a volatile election season that has seen the ouster of longtime incumbents. Flinn has spent \$2.7 million of his own money on the campaign, while Kustoff has spent \$1 million of funds he has raised.

Flinn depicted himself as closer to Trump's values, but Kustoff has voted with the president 93 percent of the time. Additionally, Kustoff has precious currency in southern primary politics: Trump's enthusiastic endorsement.

Trump tweeted his endorsement of Kustoff on July 27 and July 31, and he retweeted the July 27 endorsement on July 29.

“Congressman David Kustoff has been a champion for the Trump Agenda—I greatly appreciate his support,” the president said. “David is

strong on crime and borders, loves our Military, Vets and Second Amendment. Get out and vote for David on Thursday, August 2nd. He has my full and total Endorsement!”

It's an unusual intensity of involvement made weirder by the stakes—Trump endorses to punish enemies, to reward loyalists or if he fears that one of the candidates in a close race would lose in the general election. He tends to boost the primary candidate he believes is the safe bet to beat the Democrat.

None of that applied here: Kustoff and Flinn fell over each other to out-Trump one another on issues like immigration and health care, and the 8th is a lock for Republicans in November. It's not clear why Trump was so deeply invested in this race; the White House did not return a request for comment.

Kustoff left little to chance. In a recent ad, he got former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, a leading evangelist (and also a leader in the right-wing pro-Israel movement) to push back against Flinn's negative ads on abortion. Huckabee noted that Kustoff has the National Right to Life endorsement.

“Don't believe what he's saying,” Huckabee said of Flinn, whom he calls a “failed career politician.” “Why? Because David Kustoff is a principled conservative.”

California forest fire forces evacuation of Jewish camp

By Hannah Jannol

SAN FRANCISCO (J. The Jewish News of Northern California via JTA)—Campers and staffers were evacuated from Camp Tawonga in Northern California on Tuesday morning due to potentially harmful smoke from backfires set by firefighters battling the Ferguson Fire near Yosemite National Park.

A new crop of 330 campers arrived on Sunday, a day after officials at the Jewish camp were assured by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the U.S. Forest Service that the fire would not impact camp. But on Monday, Tawonga camp officials were informed that smoke from the backfires, set to slow

the spread of the main fire several miles south, was creating “very unhealthy” air quality conditions. The main fire has so far burned 57,000 square miles of forestland.

“We were really surprised,” said Tawonga Executive Director Jamie Simon. “[Cal Fire] said there was no threat to camp, and that they thought the fire is getting better. The Health Department said the air quality is good.”

At least 16 active wildfires scorching California have killed at least eight people and destroyed more than 1,000 homes and businesses.

On Tuesday morning, six buses picked up all 300 campers with their gear, 200 staffers and a 400-year-old Torah scroll for the four-hour return trip to the Bay Area. Among

the group were 40 campers from outside the Bay Area, who will be hosted by local families.

The last blaze to impact Tawonga was the Rim Fire in August 2013, which covered 250,000 acres and reached the grounds of the camp, where it burned three staff buildings. The Ferguson Fire started in the Sierra National Forest and is burning eight miles south of camp.

The backfires are scheduled to burn through Thursday. Simon has been told the air quality is expected to improve by Sunday, and she is hopeful campers can return to camp that day.

“But the weather is unpredictable and fire is unpredictable, so there is no guarantee,” she said.

Every day that you're outside, you're exposed to dangerous, but invisible, ultraviolet (UV) sunlight. Left unprotected, prolonged exposure to UV radiation can seriously damage the eye, leading to cataracts, skin cancer around the eyelid and other eye disorders. Protecting your eyes is important to maintaining eye health now and in the future.

Shield your eyes (and your family's eyes) from harmful UV rays. Wear sunglasses with maximum UV protection.

For more information, visit www.thevisioncouncil.org/consumers/sunglasses. A public service message from The Vision Council.

THE VISION COUNCIL

When a rock falls in a plaza...

By Jonathan S. Tobin

(JNS)—In ancient times, people looked to portents involving the heavens and earth-bound events in order to try to understand the baffling world in which we live, as well as to discern the will of their Creator. In the 21st century—armed with science, sophisticated technology and mass communication—we're much smarter than that. Instead of pondering the stars, we now expect the fall of a loose rock in an old stone wall to explain it all.

When a boulder that was part of the ancient Western Wall fell this past week, it was just a matter of gravity, the loosening most likely caused by vegetation that grows in the ancient structure, the debris that birds place into crevasses or an accumulation of moisture. But the

crash of a 220-pound piece of rock was enough to set off a storm of commentary—some of it serious and some delivered with tongue firmly planted in cheek. All of it was designed to score points in the wars Jews fight among themselves, in addition to the one Palestinians still wage against Israel's existence.

The Kotel is the last remnant of the retaining wall surrounding the Holy Temple in Jerusalem that was destroyed by the Romans in 70 C.E. As such, it is more than a historical monument; it is infused with holiness for people of faith. Sadly, that has also made it a battleground on which efforts to ensure or suppress Jewish religious pluralism has played out.

The rock fell into the area separated from the main Kotel plaza and in which a relatively small area has been set aside for egalitarian

prayer. A plan to expand access to the area has been blocked by those who are offended by non-Orthodox prayer services. The ensuing controversy has angered many Jews in the Diaspora.

So it wasn't surprising that some people claimed that the rock falling was a sign of heavenly favor or disfavor, made more profound since had it fallen a day earlier on Tisha B'Av—when the area was packed with thousands of worshippers—some people almost certainly would have been badly injured or even killed. Jerusalem Deputy Mayor Dov Kalmanovich of the right-wing Jewish Home Party said the non-Orthodox might be the reason for the incident, and that these “quarrelmongers examine themselves, not the Wall.”

In response, a U.S. Reform rabbi wondered, in what was clearly intended as sarcasm, whether instead the all had “spit out a stone” in protest against the passage of the Jewish nation-state law days earlier. More thoughtfully, Alden Solovy, a Reform teacher and blogger, invoked traditional teachings about Tisha B'Av by warning that perhaps the *sinat chinam*—or “senseless hatred” that helped destroy Jerusalem 2,000 years ago—is now undermining the stability of the Kotel.

But as is often the case, these Jewish interne-cine battles can obscure the war their enemies still wage against them. While the Orthodox and the non-Orthodox bicker about who can pray at the wall and where, the Palestinians are still denying that the site has anything to do with the Jews.

As Khaled Abu Toameh reported in The Jerusalem Post, Omar Kiswani, director of

the Al-Aqsa mosque on the Temple Mount, claimed that the loose rock was the result of Israeli archeological excavations aimed at toppling the entire plateau and destroying Muslim holy places. Yusef Natsheh, director of Islamic Archeology and Tourism on the Mount, chimed in by saying that the slab falling was clearly a “pre-planned test” carried out by the Jews in order to test the strength the walls of the mosques before destroying them.

The spokesperson for the Fatah Party that runs the Palestinian Authority also said that the rock's fall was proof that Israel was trying to destroy the mosque. Not confining himself to conspiracy theories, Fatah's Osama Qawasmeh, who works for P.A. leader Mahmoud Abbas, made it clear that the Kotel prayer areas were the property of Muslims, not the Jews arguing about them.

“We affirm that al-Aqsa Mosque and its surroundings, including what is beneath it, are purely Islamic,” Qawasmeh said. “The Jews have no right to it.”

He also called the visits to the Temple Mount by Israelis a “crime,” even though Jewish tourists are forbidden to pray at the sacred site in a futile effort to mollify the Palestinians.

If all this sounds familiar, it should. Palestinian leaders have been spewing such falsehoods, which amount to a blood libel against Jews, for a century in order to stir up hate. The recent “stabbing intifada” was set off in no small measure by Abbas's claims that “stinking Jewish feet” were profaning Jerusalem's

Tobin on page 15A

Enablers of Palestinian child terrorists

By Stephen M. Flatow

(JNS)—Last Thursday, a Palestinian teenager stabbed a young Jewish father to death and wounded two others. On Sunday, a Palestinian teenager who assaulted Israeli soldiers was released from prison to international acclaim. Later on Sunday, two Palestinian teenagers with machine guns and bullet magazines were intercepted on their way to massacre Jews.

Palestinian children are not born hating Jews or loving violence. Who is to blame for encouraging and inspiring these young people to engage in such murderous behavior?

We can, of course, dismiss the tired cliché about how “the occupation” is what causes young Palestinians to turn violent. Israel stopped occupying 98 percent of the Palestinians back in 1995. Thursday's stabber and Sunday's machine-gunners have spent their entire lives under the rule of the Palestinian Authority, not Israel. They had to leave their P.A.-ruled hometowns and go in search of Jews elsewhere precisely because the last Israeli soldier left their hometowns way back in 1995.

So if it's not the “occupation,” then what is it?

The obvious answer is the P.A. school system. Every day, in every classroom, Palestinian children are taught that Jews are evil monsters, and Arabs who kill them are heroes and martyrs who will be rewarded with cash and virgins.

And it's not just the schools. Palestinian children are also exposed to newspapers, television and radio programs, movies, plays and novels—all of which are saturated with hatred of Jews and the glorification of terrorists.

And don't forget the crucial role of the enablers.

Let's start with the extreme-left wing of the Democratic Party in the United States. Twenty-eight members of Congress, led by Rep. Betty McCollum of Minnesota, have so far signed on to legislation that would prevent U.S. aid to Israel from being used to arrest “Palestinian children.” All 28 are Democrats.

Any Palestinian under 18 qualifies as a “child,” according to the bill. That means that Israel would be penalized if its army arrested the 17-year-old who murdered the young Jewish father or the two 17-year-olds with the machine guns.

Not surprisingly, the bill has been praised by Israel-hating organizations such as the U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights and the American Friends Service Committee (the Quakers).

But they're not the only ones who approve

of McCollum's anti-Israel initiative. Jeremy Ben-Ami, the president of J Street, which claims to be pro-Israel, was interviewed this week by the online news site Roll Call about the bill. Here was his response: “These kinds of expressions from not just one member but a significant portion of the Democratic caucus, in my mind, is groundbreaking. It's part of an overwhelming trend.”

Fortunately, it's not an “overwhelming trend” at all. There are 193 Democrats in the House of Representatives, of whom 28 have signed on to McCollum's bill. That's 14 percent of House Democrats who have endorsed the bill, meaning some 86 percent have not. Still, even though it's not an overwhelming trend, it's a worrisome trend.

What's especially worrisome is that J Street, which has a large budget and numerous lobbyists on Capitol Hill, is hailing this anti-Israel legislation as “groundbreaking,” and obviously encouraging members of Congress to endorse a bill that seeks to help shield teenage terrorists from being arrested by the Israeli military.

The other enablers are, of course, the news-media outlets that downplay or even glorify teenage Palestinian violence. When Palestinian teenager Ahd Tamimi was released from prison this week after serving her sentence for assaulting an Israeli soldier, some major U.S. newspapers treated her like a hero.

Washington Post correspondent Erin Cunningham authored a sympathetic tribute disguised as “news.” She could barely contain her admiration for the assaulter: “As she spoke to reporters, Tamimi's light, unruly curls fell over her black-and-white checkered scarf, long an emblem of Palestinian nationalism,” Cunningham drooled.

Imagine if an Israeli teenager was arrested for assaulting a Palestinian Authority security officer. Do you think Cunningham would be writing lovingly about her “light, unruly curls”?

Of course not! Because from the Quakers to J Street, from Congresswoman McCollum's office to the “news” columns of The Washington Post, violent Palestinian teenagers are praised, coddled and encouraged—guaranteeing that their violence will only continue.

Stephen M. Flatow is a vice president of the Religious Zionists of America, an attorney in New Jersey and the father of Alisa Flatow, who was murdered in an Iranian-sponsored Palestinian terrorist attack in 1995. His book, “A Father's Story: My Fight for Justice Against Iranian Terror,” will be published later this year.

Letter from Israel

Whimsy is the solution, for now

By Ira Sharkansky

Should we worry about the future? Of course. But how far into the future? We should certainly complete the obligations we have committed to for today. And maybe next week. Beyond that, however, something unforeseen may get in the way.

In matters of politics and public policy, it's much more complex.

How much to worry about the incompetence of the American president? Or the tilt to the right of the Israeli prime minister?

Each of those characters may be the most weighty influence on the near future of the U.S. and Israel, but there is lots else that can mess up whatever they might be planning for tomorrow or beyond. Only someone obsessed with risk would bet more than a few cents (or agorot) on which of many possible domestic or international events can intrude.

The most recent tussle between Donald Trump, his secretary of state, and vice president over what he said about Vladimir Putin suggests the coddling that a great leader may face.

Did he mean what he said about an accord with Putin? Did he even realize that he had gone 180 degrees from the agreed script while extemporizing?

Bibi's great accomplishment in enacting a nationality law appears empty of substance, but nonetheless capable of exciting opposition from Druze and others.

Great changes in and around Israel will depend on the Palestinians putting their house in order, and getting ready for accepting something that has occurred since 1948. And that doesn't seem likely to occur anytime soon.

It's not a crap shoot, especially for stable democracies.

Bureaucracies in the fields of social policy, diplomacy, and security do almost all of the work, and very important in their actions is established policy and precedent. Things move incrementally, usually in small changes from what's existed. Adjustments come in response to what's not expected, but big changes are infrequent and unpredictable.

The headlines are likely to be dramatic, but that's more likely to reflect a concern for media ratings than any certainty about what's likely to be important.

Lots of Americans and Israelis may be embarrassed by details of what their leaders have been saying, tweeting, or doing, but in neither place is there a promising alternative to the man in charge worth betting on. Israel's

left and center is neutralized by the conflicts within Palestine.

Lots of Americans may be embarrassed by their president, but no fix appears to be obvious. Cynicism, or more likely whimsy, is appropriate for anyone concerned about the future.

Cynicism may be too serious an option. Whimsy is less costly, and no less effective than donating to any of the do-gooders promising to fix, or call attention to the plight of the environment, inadequate social programs, corruption in government, the dangers lurking in migration, or evil outside of one's borders.

In a mature society, like the U.S. or Israel, there's plenty of legislation, regulation, and administrative cadres in place. Most likely all the workable solutions have been considered on high. Security forces seem capable of defending against the likely threats. Both the U.S. and Israel, along with numerous other developed countries have programs that have helped ambitious individuals at the bottom of their societies get themselves out of misery. Nothing's perfect, or anywhere close to ideal.

None of the do-gooders seems likely to civilize the evils or incompetence prevailing among Palestinians, or the enmity that precludes Muslims from coming together and agreeing to modernize and liberalize their societies.

For the meantime, we seem stuck with Trump's passion and grammar, and Bibi's symbolic moves to the right.

Those worried about Israel's security can relax. The IDF and other organizations are active, imperfect, but largely successful. So far the damage from incendiary kites and balloons has been less costly than a military operation that will cost some Israeli lives and would not, in all probability, bring Gaza any closer to a peace-accepting, and stable locale, whose government can reach and honor agreements with the variety of armed Palestinian activists or its neighbors.

Should the next balloon that brings fire to a kindergarten actually kill or injure children, then all bets are off.

Alfred E. Neuman had it about right. There ain't no cause for serious worry for those living in tolerable societies, at least partly because there ain't any sure way of making them better.

Contribute what you will of your money to the do-gooders, sign petitions and demonstrate. Chances are better that it'll make you feel good than make things better for the rest of us.

You might also comment, irashark@gmail.com.

THE VIEWS EXPRESSED ON THIS PAGE ARE NOT NECESSARILY THE VIEWS OF HERITAGE MANAGEMENT.

☆ ☆ ☆ CENTRAL FLORIDA'S INDEPENDENT JEWISH VOICE ☆ ☆ ☆

ISSN 0199-0721 Winner of 46 Press Awards

HERITAGE
FLORIDA JEWISH NEWS

HERITAGE Florida Jewish News (ISSN 0199-0721) is published weekly for \$37.95 per year to Florida addresses (\$46.95 for the rest of the U.S.) by HERITAGE Central Florida Jewish News, Inc., 207 O'Brien Road, Suite 101, Fern Park, FL 32730. Periodicals postage paid at Fern Park and additional mailing offices.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes and other correspondence to: HERITAGE, P.O. Box 300742, Fern Park, FL 32730.

MAILING ADDRESS PHONE NUMBER
P.O. Box 300742 (407) 834-8787
Fern Park, FL 32730 FAX (407) 831-0507
email: news@orlandoheritage.com

Editor/Publisher
Jeffrey Gaeser

Editor Emeritus Associate Editor News Editor
Gene Starn Kim Fischer Christine DeSouza

Society Editor Office Manager
Gloria Yousha Paulette Alfonso

Account Executives
Kim Fischer • Marci Gaeser

Contributing Columnists
Jim Shipley • Mel Pearlman
David Bornstein • Ed Ziegler

Production Department
David Lehman • Gil Dombrosky
Joyce Gore

Protecting our children from Poland

By Jonathan Feldstein

This week, the fourth of my children visited Poland. Though the immediate threats to Jewish life in Poland today are not what they were 75 years ago, I can't escape the need to protect her from Poland, our history, and its horrors. I don't fear for her physical safety, but I do fear her loss of innocence as she will be exposed to the horrors to which our people, and specifically dozens of our relatives, were subject, and murdered.

I've been to Poland and I've witnessed concentration camps, death camps, the gas chambers, and the crematoria. I've been to cities and small towns that once thrived with Jewish life, and in which now not a single Jew lives. I've been to synagogues whose walls remain scarred with the marks of bullets shot at Jewish worshippers, and I've been to towns where entire Jewish

communities were rounded up and locked in their synagogues, in some cases to be burned down with the entire community inside.

I've never been to the towns from which my grandparents were lucky to escape as young adults along with some of their siblings. However their stories resonate in my DNA as to what their parents, siblings, nieces and nephews, and friends and neighbors suffered, and the anti-Semitism to which they literally became victims.

My daughter's visit to Poland this week is particularly meaningful considering that we also celebrate my youngest son's bar mitzvah. He is our sixth child. The only one born in Israel. His birth alone fulfills the dreams of our relatives before us who could only pray for, and possibly never truly imagine, the life we are blessed to have in Israel.

He is named for my great-grandfather, Shalom Yakov, who foresaw life for Jews in

Poland getting dangerous and more precarious, and was able to get four of his children out before it was too late. In the end however, he along with my great-grandmother and their many other children and grandchildren, were murdered by the Nazis and their Polish neighbors.

My son is also named for my father's first cousin, Yosef, who was a little boy of four or five at the time my other great-grandfather left him and his wife behind in hiding while seeking help and a place of refuge along with his older son, Shlomo. When my great-grandfather and Shlomo went back to find their family, they learned that they had been rounded up and murdered.

I often put myself in the place of my two great-grandfathers, who only lived a few miles apart but may have never known one another. I am awestruck that in both cases, while my great-grandfathers couldn't do anything to

change their circumstances, they also didn't simply fall victim to the Nazi horrors in Poland. One survived with one son, but lost his wife and younger son. The other was able to save four children, but despite seeing the writing on the wall, had no escape for himself of the rest of his family.

In both cases, they were driven to save as many of their children as possible. It's impossible to imagine fully what was going through their mind: their thoughts, fears, and prayers.

But as a parent I do know the absolute imperative to save their children must have driven and weighed heavily upon them. They probably prayed to God fervently, and lost sleep and were fearful much of the time. One great-grandfather was murdered along with his children and grandchildren. The other left behind his wife and youngest child to find a place of sanc-

tuary in which they could be safe, and must have regretted until the day he died that he was not able to save them.

At least in part due to the miracle of the survival of the few who were lucky enough to escape, our family thrives in Israel today.

My daughter visited the towns and cities in which Jewish life thrived, and the death camps where Jewish life was snuffed out. I wish she didn't have to go there, to bear witness, and carry our history with her for the generations that will come from her. But it's part of us. As much as I'd like to protect her from this, I realize I can't and shouldn't. Someone once said 'that which doesn't kill you will make you stronger.' I pray that she will be stronger for this experience.

I spoke to my daughter just before boarding her flight along with dozens of classmates with who she grew up. As emotional as I

was, I wondered what my great-grandparents thought in departing from their loved ones. When they said goodbye, did they know or think it would be their final good bye? Did they have hope of seeing one another again? Did they imagine that their sacrifice would enable future generations like us to thrive? Or were they just too sad and fearful to have any of these thoughts?

My daughter will come home physically and emotionally drained. Two days later we will celebrate her little brother becoming a bar mitzvah. God willing, we will continue to have many future family celebrations. But always, we will carry this baggage of our past. As her father, I just want to try to make the burden lighter.

When I speak to my son at his bar mitzvah, I will remind him that he carries the names and memories of two relatives

Poland on page 15A

Identifying the enemy as the enemy is not 'racism'

By Martin Sherman

(JNS)—One of the most mendacious and widely propagated myths regarding the Middle East conflict is that Israel's defensive actions against hostile Arab initiatives—whose sole aim is to murder or maim Jews, simply because they are Jews—constitute "racism."

The apparent reason for these grave accusations is rooted in the fact that some of the coercive measures, necessary for the effectiveness of these defensive Israeli actions, are carried out differentially (and therefore, allegedly, discriminately) against Palestinian Arabs, on the one hand, and Israeli Jews, on the other.

Of course, in principle, the claims that counter-offensive actions by a given collective, against hostile initiatives of an adversarial collective, are tainted by some sort of im-

proper, indiscriminate group prejudice against that collective, are clearly unfounded: conceptually, morally and practically.

In the particular case of the Israeli-Palestinian clash, such claims are even more baseless.

After all, to call on any collective entity to treat a rival entity, with which it is engaged in violent conflict, in precisely the same way that it treats its own members, is not only patently irrational, but also patently immoral. For, in effect, it includes the inherent demand to forgo—or at least, to gravely curtail—the right of self-defense, i.e., the right to protect both the collective and its members from the aggression of the rival entity.

To the best of my knowledge, there is nothing in the theory of democratic governance that precludes the possibility of a democ-

racy—even one totally devoid of racial prejudices—from having enemies. Likewise, there is nothing to preclude the possibility that the ethnic identity of the enemy entity will differ from that of the majority of the citizens of the democracy.

No ethical flaw in identifying the enemy as such

So, does this mean that measures intended to thwart, deter or punish aggressive acts against a democracy—and/or its citizens—violate some hallowed rule of proper democratic conduct? Moreover, how is it possible to claim any ethical flaw in the behavioral code of a democracy when it identifies its enemy as an enemy and treats it as such?

When couched in these terms, the answers to these questions seem simple and straightforward—indeed, almost self-evident.

Sadly, however, this is not true with regard to Israel, especially when it comes to the conflict with the Palestinians.

In this conflict, democratic Israel is confronted with a bitter and irreconcilable adversary that harbors a profound desire to inflict harm on the Jewish state and its citizens—a desire, which is, for all intents and purposes, its very *raison d'être*.

Certainly, by the declarations of its leaders, the text of its foundational documents, and the deeds of its militant activists, the Palestinian collective has unequivocally defined itself as Israel's enemy.

Accordingly, it would be wildly unreasonable to expect Israel to restrict the measures it employs to counter Palestinian enmity, to measures it employs against its own citizens—who harbor no such enmity!

Arab enmity, not Arab ethnicity

This, then, is the context, in which the various countermeasures that Israel undertakes against the members of the Palestinian enemy collective—but not against its own citizens—should be perceived—such as: travel restrictions on certain roads; intrusive security inspections at roadblocks and checkpoints; preemptive administrative detentions; demolition of convicted terrorists' homes; dawn raids on households suspected of harboring members of terror organizations; and so on.

However, the enforcement of these coercive countermeasures is not motivated by any doctrine of racial superiority, but by well-founded security concerns for the safety and security of Israel's citizens—concerns that are neither the product of mere arbitrary malice, nor

of some hate-filled delusional prejudice. To the contrary, they are the result of years of bitter experience, of death and destruction, wrought on the Jews by Arab hatred.

Of course, one might dispute the wisdom, the efficacy and/or the necessity of any, or even all, of these measures, but not the reason behind their use. This is, without a doubt, due to Arab enmity, not Arab ethnicity.

Accordingly, Israel would do well to clarify, forcefully and resolutely, this simple truth, which has been either unintentionally forgotten or intentionally obscured:

Identifying one's enemy as the enemy is not "racism." It is merely an imperative dictated by common sense and by a healthy instinct for survival.

Martin Sherman is the founder and executive director of the Israel Institute for Strategic Studies.

The internal struggle for the soul of Islam

By Raheel Raza

(JNS)—Since Sept. 11, 2001, whenever there has been a terrorist attack in the West (and there have been many), the question everyone asks is: "Where are the moderate Muslims?"

Well, we are here, but our voices have been drowned out by the hysterical din of the Islamist narrative.

In light of the urgent need to promote the voices of progressive liberal Muslims, a conference was held on Aug. 8 at the Jewish Community Center-Chabad of Aspen, Colo., in which five reformist Muslims spoke about challenges faced within the Muslim world.

The key question posed was whether or not there can be reform in both Islam and the Islamic world. In my opinion, we are not at that point yet. Therefore, I prefer not to call myself a "reformer." Instead, I believe we are reform-minded Muslims who wish to change the way in which Muslims interpret, implement and practice the faith of Islam.

We would like to see Muslims join the contemporary 21st century and embrace the values of a liberal democracy, which means gender equality, freedom of expression, respect and tolerance for others, and separation of mosque and state. This is the start of sowing seeds for change.

This change has to come from within the faith because those standing outside will always be labeled. Therefore, the five speakers at this unique gathering are observant Muslims, and although each of us may have varied opinions, we are united in our efforts to condemn the dangers of radicalization and work towards modernity.

In this effort, it's important to distinguish between Islam as a faith like Judaism and Christianity, and Islamism, which is an ideology that is entirely political in nature and uses violence as a mechanism to further its agenda.

The four main speakers who addressed the conference were:

Dr. M. Zuhdi Jasser, president and founder of the Amer-

ican Islamic Forum for Democracy; co-founder of the Muslim Reform Movement; and a former vice chair of U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, appointed by the U.S. Senate. An American medical doctor, he is author of "A Battle for the Soul of Islam: An American Muslim Patriot's Fight to Save his Faith."

Elham Manea, a political scientist specializing in the Arab Middle East. She is known for her writings on a Humanistic Islam; her work in the fight against extremism and Islamism; and her defense of universal human rights. Manea has written "Women and Shari'a Law: The Impact of Legal Pluralism in the UK."

Salim Mansur, a professor in the department of political science at the University of Western Ontario, London, is author of "The Qur'an Problem and Islamism" and "Delectable Lie: A liberal Repudiation of Multiculturalism." Mansur is a survivor and witness of Muslim-on-Muslim violence and ethnic cleansing in the 1971 war and genocide

in Bangladesh, formerly East Pakistan.

Tawfik Hamid, an Islamic thinker, reformer and one-time Islamic extremist from Egypt who was a member of the radical Islamist organization Jamaa Islameia with Ayman Al-Zawahiri, who later became the second in command of Al-Qaeda. Dr. Hamid started fighting

Radical Islam 35 years ago. Author of "Inside Jihad: How Radical Islam Works; Why It Should Terrify Us; How to Defeat It," he has also written a modern commentary on the Koran that has more than 2 million followers.

The goal of the conference was the hope that the audience would learn something new and be able to understand that

the real struggle is within the world of Islam.

Raheel Raza is president of the Council for Muslims Facing Tomorrow, a founding member of the Muslim Reform Movement and director of Forum for Learning. She is author of "Their Jihad, Not My Jihad." Raza served as moderator of the Aug. 8 conference in Aspen.

Mr. Shuldig and his dog Doobie



What's Happening

A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LIGHT SHABBAT CANDLES AT
AUGUST 10
 7:50 p.m.
AUGUST 17
 7:44 p.m.

For inclusion in the What's Happening Calendar, copy must be sent on separate sheet and clearly marked for Calendar. Submit copy via: e-mail (news@orlandoheritage.com); mail (P.O. Box 300742, Fern Park, FL 32730-0742); fax (407-831-0507); or drop it by the office (207 O'Brien Rd., Ste. 101, Fern Park) Deadline is Wednesday noon, 10 days prior to publication.

MORNING AND EVENING MINYANS (Call synagogue to confirm time.)

Chabad of South Orlando—Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. and 10 minutes before sunset; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, 8:15 a.m., 407-354-3660.
 Congregation Ahavas Yisrael—Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m., 407-644-2500.
 Congregation Chabad Lubavitch of Greater Daytona—Monday, 8 a.m.; Thursday, 8 a.m., 904-672-9300.
 Congregation Ohev Shalom—Sunday, 9 a.m., 407-298-4650.
 GOBOR Community Minyan at Jewish Academy of Orlando—Monday—Friday, 7:45 a.m.—8:30 a.m.
 Temple Israel—Sunday, 9 a.m., 407-647-3055.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

Ahavas Yisrael—Kabbalat, 30 minutes before sundown.
 Congregation Beth Shalom—Special Shabbat service with world-class violinist Zorly Zinger, 7 p.m. Info: 352-315-0309.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

Torah Portion—Re'eh: Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17; Shabbat Rosh Chodesh: Numbers 28:9-15; Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-24.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

The Holocaust Memorial, Resource & Education Center—Exhibit: Deadly Medicine—Creating the Master Race, on display through Aug. 31.
 Congregation Ohev Shalom—Meet the Teacher event 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. with a Meet and Mingle

and refreshments for families at 12:30 p.m. Prospective families welcome. Info: Amy Geboff, educator@ohvshalom.org.

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

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, AUGUST 14

JOIN Orlando—Torah Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. No charge. More information email rabbig@joinorlando.org

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

Temple Israel—Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Neely, noon—1 p.m. A parashat discussion class. Open to the public, no RSVP needed. Info: 407-647-3055.
 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 Gittleleson at sgittleleson@joinorlando.org
 MAGAL—Temple Shir Shalom and Temple Israel join together at the Meitin Alliance for Growth and Learning. Open House, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. at the synagogue located at 50 S. Moss Road, Winter Springs.
 A Nosh of Yiddish—Classes in Yiddish the third Wednesday of each month sponsored by the Jewish Pavilion, held at Oakmonte Village, Royal Gardens Cir., Lake Mary (Valencia Building), 1 p.m. Info: 407-678-9363. Coffee and refreshments served.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

Ahavas Yisrael—Kabbalat, 30 minutes before sundown.
 A Nosh of Yiddish—Classes in Yiddish the third Thursday of each month sponsored by the Jewish Pavilion, held at Brookdale Island Lake, 160 Islander Circle in Longwood 10:30 a.m. Info: 407-678-9363. Coffee and refreshments served.
 Cornerstone Hospice—Volunteer training class, 2 p.m.—7:30 p.m. at 5655 S. Orange Ave., Orlando. Refreshments will be served. Info: Diane Anderson, 407-304-2604.
 Congregation Ohev Shalom—Mishpacha Sheli with Nina Fine, 9:30 a.m. Circle time with story, song, art and snack.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

Ahavas Yisrael—Kabbalat, 30 minutes before sundown.
 Congregation Ohev Shalom—Shirei Shabbat with Rabbi Kay for children, 5:30 p.m. with a nosh.

Quote of the Week

Speaking of the first flowers that pop up as the Negev starts to recuperate from kite fires: “[They] are striking red anemones, which will ignite the fields in vibrant color. It will be very pretty. This new life—that is the message I would send back to Hamas.”
 —Yahel Ben-Aris, a resident of Kibbutz Erez and volunteer coordinator for the MetroWest New Jersey Federation-Kibbutz Erez partnership

HERITAGE FLORIDA JEWISH NEWS

“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?”

These are some of the comments we receive from readers when they miss an issue of *Heritage Florida Jewish News*.

What are you missing out on?... Subscribe today!

YES! I want to be informed. Start my subscription at once.

Please: enter extend my subscription for:

- 1 year at \$37.95 52 issues
- 2 years at \$69.95 104 issues
- 1 year out-of-state at \$46.95 or 2 years out-of-state at \$87.95

MAIL SUBSCRIPTION TO:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Phone _____
 # _____ expiration date _____

Fill out coupon and mail, with check or credit card information to:

HERITAGE Florida Jewish News
 P.O. Box 300742
 Fern Park, FL 32730

(407) 834-8787

If different from above, fill in your:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Phone _____

Manageable puzzle “On the Board” by Yoni Glatt koshercrosswords@gmail.com

Across

1. Deep in thought
5. Goal
8. Least amount
14. Radcliffe’s role in “Victor Frankenstein”
15. X-ray cousin, briefly
16. Home of the Tempio Maggiore
17. Make like Madoff?
19. Belonging to Sharansky
20. Adler of “Sherlock Holmes” stories
21. Word with mark or row
23. Coup d’___ (overthrow)
24. Writer Brown
25. “That feels nice”
27. Make like a gland
29. Wee
31. Pig’s building material
32. Google co-founder Sergey
34. Sonic-speed unit
34. Ran at an easy pace
40. Transportation for Torah lainers?
43. Favor, in slang
44. Food for American Pharaoh
45. Pearl or Mapex sets
46. Smartphone feature
48. More, some say
50. Role for McKellen or Fassbender
53. i item
54. Pick
57. On the ocean
58. Bus driver on “The Simpsons”
60. Observe the fifth commandment
62. Actor Reagan
64. What the Israelites had on water during the first plague... or the board for this puzzle’s theme?
66. Like some grading
67. Reisman of Olympic fame
68. Web-footed diving birds
69. Creates slippery conditions, perhaps
70. Be a noodge
71. Exam with a max. score of 180

Down

1. Draconian
2. Prefix with phobia
3. Some reach it, others waste it
4. Jeff Bridges sci-fi film
5. Physicians’ org.
6. Like Joyce and Wilde
7. Part of a forbidden mixture in Judaism
8. Locator
9. Flight info.
10. Hezekiah’s Tunnel and the Yeruham Dam?
11. Make jubilant
12. ___ Chinam (baseless hatred)
13. It’s a sense
18. Legendary sitcom actress Stapleton
22. “___ the best you can do?”
26. Choir selection
28. One may be close or cold
30. St. for the character that’s appeared in the most Spielberg’s films?
31. “Get lost!”

32. Places to sleep, in ads
33. “Can’t Fight This Feeling” (___ Speedwagon)
35. Israeli coins
37. Like some spiders
38. Partake in a siyum
39. Driller’s deg.?
41. Eric who wrote some Jewish jokes into “Spamalot”
42. Wife of Sacha (Baron Cohen)
47. Conflicting
49. Sound in a cave
50. Jacobs and Cohn
51. “I won’t tell ___”
52. Mystery or romance, e.g.
53. Dough
55. Dot option
56. Illicit get-together
59. I.R.S. worker
61. Fire ___ (gem)
63. Start of Moses’ most famous line
65. Saquon Barkley’s team, on the scoreboard

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14				15			16					
17			18				19					
20				21		22		23				
24			25	26		27		28				
		29	30			31						
32	33			34	35			36		37	38	39
40				41				42				
43					44					45		
			46		47			48	49			
50	51	52					53			54	55	56
57					58		59		60	61		
62				63			64		65			
66							67			68		
69							70				71	

See answers on page 14A.

A kosher cheeseburger is now possible—well, almost



Josefin Dolsten

The Impossible Burger is served at Shelly's Cafe in Teaneck, N.J., with cheddar, avocado, tomato, lettuce, sriracha mayonnaise and a side of homemade potato chips.

By Josefin Dolsten

TEANECK, N.J. (JTA)—For many Americans, no hamburger is complete without cheese. Whether a slice of no-fuss American or something fancier, the cheese melds the beef patty with the bun into umami-laden perfection.

Until now, the cheeseburger was the stuff of daydreams for Jews observing kosher dietary laws that prohibit the mixing of meat and dairy. Sure, there are vegetarian meat substitutes and fake cheeses—made from ingredients such as black beans and brown rice, cashew nuts and soy—but the kosher cheeseburger remains a chimera.

Now a new product is making the forbidden attainable. Well, almost.

The Impossible Burger is a meatless patty that has made waves for tasting and

looking just like the real thing. It even “bleeds” just like a juicy burger thanks to heme, a protein that puts the hem- in hemoglobin.

In May, the Redwood City, California-based Impossible Foods announced that the burger, which launched in 2016 and is only available at restaurants, had been certified kosher. On Monday, it received another seal of approval as the Food and Drug Administration certified it as safe to eat after answering questions about the genetically engineered substance used to produce plant-based heme.

As the burger debuted at a cafe in New Jersey earlier this month, the patrons seemed impressed.

“It’s so good, it’s amazing,” Deena Ganz, 34, told JTA.

Ganz said she’s always been curious about what the non-kosher dish tastes like.

“I would try all of the vari-

eties because I want to know what all the different types of cheeses taste like [with it] It lives up to the hype, it really does,” she raved as she and her husband, Shmuli, 35, tried the Impossible Burger for the first time at Shelly’s Cafe in Teaneck.

This reporter (who has been known to eat an occasional cheeseburger) found the burger tasty and quite similar to the real thing. The meat was juicy, though perhaps a bit softer than regular beef, and paired well with cheese.

Noam Sokolow, who owns the kosher dairy restaurant with his wife, Shelly, said he typically serves only dishes made from scratch. He was willing to make an exception for the Impossible Burger.

“This gives us an opportunity to serve a kosher cheeseburger,” he said. “We’ve had kosher veggie cheese burgers and other types of substi-

tutes, but the Impossible Burger is not just an ordinary veggie burger.”

Shelly’s Cafe has four variations of the burger on its menu—with Swiss, cheddar, cheese fondue and a no-cheese option.

The Orthodox Union, the largest kosher certifying agency in the United States, was “thrilled” to put its seal of approval on the Impossible Burger, said Rabbi Menachem Genack, CEO of the organization’s kosher division.

Approving the burger took only two months because many of its ingredients already were certified kosher, said Rabbi Yitchok Gutterman, who oversaw the process.

Though the burger is 100 percent kosher, a cheeseburger could raise questions of appearances. A Jewish legal concept known “marit ayin” (literally, “appearance to the eye”) bans certain otherwise kosher actions that could appear to violate Jewish law. In the case of the Impossible Burger, an onlooker could see an observant Jew eating what looks like a genuine cheeseburger and assume that mixing meat and cheese is allowed.

But restaurants can deal with that by displaying a sign that says the burger is not made from meat, Genack told JTA.

Still, some observant Jews may gag at the mere idea of eating a cheeseburger, even if halachah, or Jewish law, says the non-meat option is OK.

“For people for whom kashrut and Jewish eating practices is a matter of identity as opposed to halachah, this is ironically more of a challenge,” said David Kraemer, a professor of Talmud and rabbinics at the Jewish Theological Seminary who has written about the history of Jewish eating and identity.

Ganz said she had no problem eating the burger with cheese because she was aware it was not real meat.

“Intellectually I know that it’s OK, so I’m OK with it,” she said. “It’s not weird, it’s just good.”

Shmuli Ganz said the unusual part was not having something that looked like

meat together with cheese but the fact of eating “a non-meat burger.”

“That was weird,” he said. “Having it with the cheese was not weird.”

At Shelly’s Cafe, the burger is selling well, Sokolow said. On the night it was introduced, the burger sold around 50 units, which he called “an enormous amount of any one item.” The least expensive of the Impossible Burgers with cheese at Shelly’s goes for \$22.95.

Gutterman, the rabbi who oversaw certifying the burger as kosher, said he has been flooded with questions asking about it.

“It’s incredibly popular,” he said. “Everybody is buying it!”

South African model banned from Israel goes from critic of Palestinians to 'poster girl' for BDS

By Marcy Oster

(JTA)—It's been a dizzying few weeks for South African model and actress Shashi Naidoo, who transformed herself from a harsh critic of the Palestinians to what some are calling a "cover girl" for the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement.

It all began in an Instagram post last month, when Naidoo called Gaza a "s***hole" and accused Palestinian leaders of diverting aid in order to feed its "ambition to annihilate Israel." She explained that she was defending a South African record producer who had been vilified for performing in Israel.

The backlash was swift. Naidoo said she received dozens of death threats, presumably from supporters of the Palestinians. She was dropped as an ambassador of Glampalm Africa, a hair-styling brand, and by jewelry designer Adila Dhorat. She hired personal security guards out of fear for her life after angry Palestinian supporters circulated her home address on social media.

She then tearfully apologized in a video for having "little knowledge" of the issues surrounding Israel and the Palestinians, and said she would be willing to be "re-educated." She deleted her Instagram post in support of

Israel, but it was preserved in screenshots.

Days after her original Instagram post, on June 20, at a news conference organized by the BDS movement, Naidoo said she would participate in "a fact-finding visit to Palestine" led by the South African Council of Churches and South African Jews for a Free Palestine.

On Wednesday, however, Naidoo was denied entry to Israel because she arrived under the auspices of the BDS movement.

"It is sad that in today's South Africa, expressing support for Israel in its struggle against terrorism leads to death threats against those who expressed their support," the Israeli government said.

Naidoo said she had come with an open mind in order to learn more about the issues between Israel and the Palestinians.

"I'm not anti-Israel and I'm not anti-Jewish," Shashi Naidoo told the South African Jewish Report from Jordan on Wednesday.

The South Africa Jewish Board of Deputies and South African Zionist Federation noted the head-snapping turn of events in its statement.

"It took less than 48 hours for the BDS to do a complete turn-around over Shashi Naidoo," they wrote. "Indeed, the intention now is to set her up as a poster girl for the BDS movement."

Being turned away at the border on Wednesday should not have come as a surprise to Naidoo, who was informed by the Israeli Embassy in South Africa last week that she would be denied access.

"I believe that flagging an individual whose only intention was to push an agenda of love and light is dubious," she told the South African Jewish Report in a WhatsApp message. "I have said numerous times that I have no desire to be a political tool. My only hope was to meet the people, experience the land and give aid to those in need. It was never a BDS itinerary. I really am devastated."

The model, who was married to a Jewish man,

Mark Sandler, until their divorce in 2011 after two years, later sent a second message that read, "I was moving to Israel to do my Orthodox conversion. And now, nine months later I am not allowed entry." She did not elaborate.

The newspaper reported that following the news conference with BDS South Africa and before flying to the Middle East, Naidoo had spent hours listening to lectures by BDS leaders. She declined to meet with the South African Zionist Federation. She also reportedly canceled a scheduled meeting with Israeli peace activists and well-known anti-apartheid journalist Benjamin Pogrud.

Naidoo said her passport was marked with a stamp that makes her ineligible to enter Israel for the next 10 years. But Israel's public affairs minister, Gilad Erdan, seemed to indicate that the ban could be negotiable.

"Dear Ms. @SHASHI-NAIDOO I'm sorry that we had to prevent your entry to #Israel today under our anti-#BDS laws. You're welcome to visit Israel—but not under threats & pressure from hate-filled BDS groups, on a trip organized by BDS groups, in order to 'reeducate' yourself," Erdan said in a tweet.

The statement also said: "I personally invite Ms. Naidoo to visit Israel on her own accord and experience the reality on the ground. She will soon discover that what she tweeted was true and accurate."

Israel has turned away four active leaders of the BDS movement, including Jewish-American activist Ariel Gold. Some observers have said the policy only gives the BDS movement free publicity and activist cache.

"This South African model and others are getting favorable publicity and street cred in their home countries for being barred from Israel for their political views. Isn't that the definition of a boomerang policy?" asked Allison Kaplan Sommer, a writer for Haaretz.

South Africa's BDS movement is certainly capital-

izing on the moment, as Naidoo was welcomed back to South Africa on Thursday by Nelson Mandela's grandson and member of parliament, Mandla Mandela. While Naidoo at a news conference continued to describe her trip as "educational" and did not endorse BDS or take sides, Mandela wasn't shy, calling on his government to downgrade relations with Israel.

"We strongly condemn Apartheid Israel's refusal of entry to Palestine for Shashi Naidoo and this reveals the true Apartheid character of the occupation," Mandela said in a statement, according to MSN.com. "The denial of entry shows that apartheid Israel treats the occupied territories of Palestine as a bantustan in which it is the sole arbiter of access. This denial is not only tantamount to an infringement of fundamental human rights, it also violates the sovereignty of the Palestinian state."

A bantustan was a territory set aside for black inhabitants of South Africa and southwest Africa as part of the policy of apartheid.

In May, South Africa recalled its ambassador, Sisa Ngombane, "until further notice" after Israeli troops killed more than 50 Palestinian protesters and wounded hundreds during protests at the Israel-Gaza border in the so-called Great March of Return that has been ongoing since mid-March. The ruling African National Congress party recently called for the downgrading of the South African Embassy in Israel, which is located in the Tel Aviv suburb of Ramat Gan, due to what it said was the "lack of commitment from Israel on Palestine."

Shaun Zagnoev, a spokesman for the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, said he welcomed Naidoo's effort to educate herself about the conflict.

"Unfortunately, she has chosen to do so through the BDS organization," Zagnoev said. "The BDS is based on the premise that Israel should be boycotted until it ceases to exist as a Jewish state."



Gallo Images/Sunday Times/John Liebenberg/Getty Images
Shashi Naidoo shown in Johannesburg, South Africa, Aug. 3, 2017. She said she has "no desire to be a political tool."

Beth Shalom Memorial Chapel

Proudly Serving Our Community
For Over 35 Years

L'dor v'dor ...

From Generation to Generation

- Traditional Jewish Funerals
- Non-Traditional Services
 - Interstate Shipping
 - Pre-Arranged Funerals

Shalom Assurance Plan

- Headstones, Grave Markers

407-599-1180

640 Lee Road • Orlando, Florida

W.E. "Manny" Adams, LFD

Samuel P. (Sammy) Goldstein, Exec. Director

www.bethshalommemorialchapel.com

CARDINAL MONUMENTS

Comedy night at Temple Israel

Famous improv comedian Wayne Brady got his start at the SAK Comedy Lab year's ago. And although he most likely will not be among the SAK performers who take the Temple Israel "stage," those who do are just as talented as Brady. So, don't miss seeing Temple Israel temporarily

transformed into a comedy club on Saturday, Aug. 25 as Orlando's famous SAK Comedy Lab entertains the crowd with a personalized, one-hour show.

The cost is \$10 per person and appropriate for kids 10 and up. Free babysitting is available for younger children.

There will be refreshments in the social hall at 8 p.m., followed by a brief Havdalah service led by Rabbi Neely in the sanctuary. The comedy show starts at 9 p.m.

Please RSVP by Monday, Aug. 20 at <http://tiflorida.org/sak-comedy-lab-event/>.

MEDICAL ALERT

Have you suffered

Internal Bleeding



or other complications due to taking the drug Xarelto?

You may be entitled to Compensation. COMPLICATIONS MAY INCLUDE INTERNAL BLEEDING, STROKE, HEART ATTACK, PULMONARY EMBOLISMS OR EVEN DEATH.

CALL us for a FREE Case Consultation.
321-274-1598

LegalHelpAdvocates.com

Legal help is available NOW!



Scene Around

By Gloria Yousha—Call 407-657-9405 or gloriayousha@gmail.com

Praise for Israel...

I read this recently in a copy of the World Jewish Congress (WJC) digest and pass it along:

“Speaking at a meeting organized by the Israel Council on Foreign Relations, which operates under the auspices of the WJC, Bulgarian President RUMEN RADEV noted that the Jewish community of Bulgaria remains an integral part of the country’s society. He also stressed that Israel and Bulgaria “now enjoy better relations than ever.”

The event came at the end of Radev’s official visit to Israel. During his address, the Bulgarian president stressed that “in Bulgaria, there is no negative image of Israel. Bulgarians have warm feelings toward Israelis.

“I think Israel is an example of a model state,” Radev added. “We see this in the hi-tech sector and the military. This model of keeping the citizens engaged, giving them the feeling that everyone has a part of the country’s future, this is the strength of your model and I think it could be beneficial to many other countries.”

Asked about moving Bulgaria’s embassy to Jerusalem, the president said that “recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel is the important issue,” but emphasized that “Jerusalem is only one element of the peace process. We are committed to facilitating an open, ongoing dialogue between Israel and the Palestinians.”

Radev also spoke of the heroic refusal of Bulgarian society to allow the Germans to deport Bulgarian Jewry in 1943, the 75th anniversary of which was marked earlier by the Bulgarian government, the Jewish community and the WJC.

“Bulgarians opened their hearts and homes to the Jewish community,” Radev underscored, expressing regret that the Jews of Thrace and Macedonia, which were under Bulgarian occupation during the war, were deported to their deaths in Treblinka.”



Ed Sullivan

board games, Lego and more.

The fall session is from Aug. 13th to Dec. 21st.

For more information, phone the JCC at 407-645-5933.

The program is for children in grades K thru 5.

(Att: ROBBY ETZKIN, I’m just a little older. Can’t you make an exception?)

(Where are all those Holocaust deniers now?)

Just a little personal note...

I make it a habit to watch the Johnny Carson show and the Ed Sullivan show on television every night. I was watching the current Tonight show, but I didn’t recognize any of the guest stars! (Ok, so I’m elderly (almost!))

Sounds like my kind of fun...

The Roth Family JCC in Maitland has a program called “HANGTIME,” where kids can enjoy a game room, ping pong,

A special volunteer...

I’m referring to a lovely lady named BERNICE DAVIDS.

For many years, Bernice and her beloved spouse, Joe (who passed earlier this year), have been volunteering with the Jewish Pavilion.

They not only attended most functions and numerous programs, but also came into the office regularly to help with mailings, program preparation and other necessary tasks. Even in her grief, Bernice has reached out to the Jewish Pavilion to see how she could help them. Her commitment and dedication to them has been unending and is much appreciated.

(Alifewell lived, Bernice, and you are much appreciated by all.)

A fabulous performance...

The show “Gigolo” officially opens the 2018-2019 Mainstage Series at the Winter Park Playhouse.

It opened on July 27 and will run through Aug. 19.

For tickets and other information, phone the Winter Park Playhouse at 407-645-0145.

The Winter Park Playhouse is located at 711-C Orange Avenue, Winter Park. (This show is NOT to be missed!)

The JCC39ers Cinema Sundays...

On Aug. 12 in the Senior Lounge of the Roth Family Jewish Community Center in Maitland, the movie “The Imitation Game” with BENEDICT CUMBERBATCH will be shown, beginning at 2 p.m. Refreshments are also available.

More JCC39ers...

On Meet & Mingle Monday, Aug. 13, “Senior Finances,” presented by SUSAN TAYLOR & Associates will be discussed. Refreshments will follow the program, which starts at 1 pm in the Senior Lounge.

One for the road...

Max and Leah visit a plastic surgeon. When asked what they would like done, Max replies, “It’s her tuchus, doctor, her backside is getting so large that I can no longer get my hands around it.”

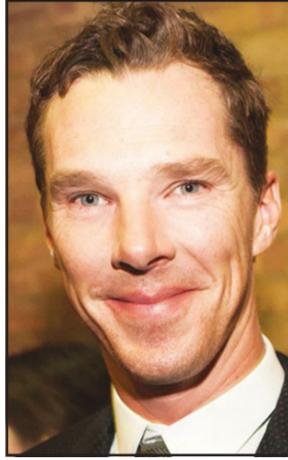
“So,” says the doctor, “you would like me to perform a tuchus reduction?”

“No, no,” replies Max, “I need a hand enlargement.”

(Oyvy! This reminds me of the time I went to Florida Hospital and asked for a facelift. They gave me a heart valve instead!)



Bernice Davids



Benedict Cumberbatch

HERITAGE FLORIDA JEWISH NEWS

can be purchased at the following locations:

ORANGE COUNTY

JCC, 851 N. Maitland Ave., Maitland • JCC South, 11184 South Apopka-Vineland Rd., Orlando • Kinneret, 515 South Delaney Ave., Orlando • SOJC, 11200 S. Apopka Vineland Rd., Orlando • Brown’s New York Deli, 156 Lake Ave., Maitland • Most Publix Supermarkets • All Winn Dixie Supermarkets

SEMINOLE COUNTY

Heritage News, 207 O’Brien Rd., Fern Park • Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 451 E. Altamonte Dr. Suite 2317, Altamonte Springs & 1260 Oviedo Marketplace Blvd., Oviedo • Bagel King, 1472 Semoran Blvd., Casselberry • Kosher Kats, 744 W. S.R. 434, Longwood • Central Florida Hillel, 4250 Alafaya Trail, Ste. 212-363, Oviedo Most Publix Supermarkets • All Winn Dixie Supermarkets

VOLUSIA COUNTY

Federation of Volusia/Flagler, 470 Andalusia Ave., Ormond Beach • Most Publix Supermarkets • All Winn Dixie Supermarkets • Barnes & Noble, 1900 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach • Perrys Ocean Edge Resort, 2209 South Atlantic Ave. Daytona Beach • Debary City Hall • Debary Library • Vienna Coffee House, 275 Charles Richard Beall Bl • Starbucks, 2575 Enterprise Rd • Orange City City Hall • Orange City Library • Dunkin Donuts, 1296 S Woodland • Stetson University Carlton Union • Deland Chamber of Commerce • Sterling House, 1210 Stone St • Temple Israel, 1001 E New York Ave • Beth Shalom, 1310 Maximillan St • Deltona City Hall • Deltona Library • Temple Shalom, 1785 Elkam Dr. • Temple Israel, 1001 E New York Ave, Deland • College Arms Apt, 101 Amelia Ave, Deland • Boston Gourmet Coffee House, 109 E. New York Ave, Deland • Stetson University Carlton Union, 421 N Woodland Ave, Deland • Family Bookstore, 1301 N Woodland Ave, Deland • Deland Chamber of Commerce, 336 Woodland Ave, Deland • Deland City Hall, 120 S Florida Ave, Deland • Beth Shalom, 206 S. Sprng Garden Ave, Deland • Orange City Library, 148 Albertus Way, Orange City • Boston Gourmet Coffee House, 1105 Saxon Blvd, Deltona • Deltona Library, 2150 Eustace Ave, Deltona • Temple Shalom, 1785 Elkam Dr., Deltona • Deltona Community Center, 980 Lakeshore Dr, Deltona • Debary City Hall, 16 Coloma Rd, Debary • Debary Library, 200 Florence K. Little, Debary

OSCEOLA COUNTY

Cindy M. Rothfield, P.A., 822 W. Bryan St., Kissimmee • Most Publix Supermarkets • Verandah Place Realty, 504 Celebration Ave., Celebration • All Winn Dixie Supermarkets • St. Cloud City Hall, 1300 9th St, St. Cloud • St. Cloud Library, 810 13th St, St. Cloud • Southern Oaks, 3865 Old Canoe Creek Rd, St. Cloud • Plantation Bay, 4641 Old Canoe Creek Rd, St. Cloud • Osceola Chamber of Commerce, 1425 Hwy 192, St. Cloud • Valencia College, 1800 Denn John Ln, Kissimmee • Kissimmee City Hall, 101 Church St, Kissimmee • Kissimmee Library, 211 E. Dakin, Kissimmee • Robinson’s Coffee Shop, 114 Broadway, Kissimmee • Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Sq, Kissimmee • Barnies, 3236 John Young Pwy, Kissimmee • Reily’s Gourmet Coffee, 3831 Vine St, Kissimmee • Shalom Aleichem, 3501 Oak Pointe Blvd, Kissimmee • Books-A-Million, 2605 W. Osceola Pwy (522), Kissimmee • Lower East Side Deli, 8548 Palm Parkway, Lake Buena

Israel strikes Islamic State terrorists

(JNS)—The Israeli Defense Forces said it launched an airstrike on Wednesday night, killing seven terrorists from the Islamic State who had infiltrated Israeli territory in the Golan Heights along the Syrian border.

According to the IDF, Israel had been tracking the seven armed suspects from the Islamic State terror group in the southern Golan Heights near the area of the triangle of Israel, Jordan and the demilitarized zone of Syria when the Israeli Air Force aircraft struck them.

IDF Spokesman Jonathan Conricus said the terrorists had managed to infiltrate approximately 200 meters (650 feet) into a region between the Alpha Line and the security fence, but did not cross the security fence into Israel.

“IDF troops completed a search today where the seven bodies were located, and in the same area the following was found: five AK-47 assault rifles, explosives, and what appear to be grenades,” the

IDF Spokesperson Unit said.

The IDF also said that it holds the Syrian regime responsible for “all violent acts or threats” emanating from Syria.

“The IDF stands by the 1974 Separation of Forces Agreement, which ended the Yom Kippur War and is still in effect today.”

Former head of the Counter terror Bureau at the Prime Minister’s Office, Brig. Gen. (res.) Nitzan Nuriel said in a call with reporters organized by the Israel Project that Israel will not allow any changes to the 1974 cease-fire agreement with Syria.

“We will not let anyone to change that cease-fire agreement from ‘74 [according to which only U.N. forces can be in the ‘grey area’ between Israel and Syria] and those seven people were inside that grey area which is unacceptable,” he said.

“When the Syrian forces with all their supporters are trying to capture the areas close to the borders we can expect more mistakes and



U.S. Air Force/1st Lt. Erik D. Anthony

Two Israeli F-35 “Adir” jets fly in formation.

more friction with us. Again, we told them very loud and clear, through the Russians and directly by UNDOF and others, Don’t change the rules... we will not let anyone, the Syrians, as well as ISIS, Hezbollah as well as the Iranians [breach the cease-fire area].”

The strike on the Islamic State terrorists comes amid a large-scale drill being held by the IDF’s Northern Commander to test its military preparedness.

Despite this latest incident, Defense Minister Avigdor

Lieberman said that with Syrian President Bashar Assad’s forces taking back territory in Syria from rebel groups, the situation is slowly returning to the one prior to the civil war, where Israel and Syria enjoyed decades of quiet along the border.

“In Syria, as far as we are concerned, the situation is returning to the previous one before the civil war—meaning there is a clear address, there is responsibility and there is a central government,” Lieberman said while touring northern Israel.

Sudoku (see page 14A for solution)

SUDOKU

The support you need to find quality

SENIOR LIVING SOLUTIONS

A Place for Mom has helped over one million families find senior living solutions that meet their unique needs.

There’s no cost to you!

CALL (855) 439-6734

! We’re paid by our partner communities



	7	2	8				3
8				1	3		
4	1						
			2				5 9
	6	5				7	1
9	4				1		
							4 2
			9	3			5
	2				4	1	9

© StatePoint Media

Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Britain's Labour Party tried to define anti-Semitism to satisfy critics—it didn't go well

By Cnaan Liphshiz

(JTA)—It's been nearly three years since Jeremy Corbyn became the leader of Britain's Labour Party, and he has riled British Jews more than any other politician in recent history.

Last week, Great Britain's three leading Jewish newspapers united in publishing a front-page editorial warning that a Corbyn premiership would constitute an "existential threat to Jewish life in this country." In May, the previous president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews said Corbyn has "anti-Semitic views" and that his rising popularity is making Jews ask if they have a future in the country.

This unprecedented rhetoric, accompanied by street protests against Corbyn by hundreds of Jews, follows his alleged inaction against, or tacit encouragement of, perceived increases in anti-Semitic speech within the party.

A hard-left politician who has called Hezbollah and Hamas officials "friends" whom he was "honored" in 2009 to host in the Parliament, Corbyn is widely accused of tolerating or ignoring anti-Semitism disguised as anti-Israel speech, among other forms of Jew hatred.

Recent revelations such as his defense in 2013 of an anti-Semitic mural, as well

as membership around that time in Facebook groups rife with anti-Semitic discourse, have done little to improve his image.

Ironically, though, the worst crisis yet in his troubled relationship with the Jewish community is currently unfolding not over his party's inaction on this issue, but over what Labour says is one of its major attempts at addressing the problem: the adoption this month of a four-page definition of what Labour considers anti-Semitism.

Critics of the party's definition call it a defanged version of the British government's own definition. The government's definition, based on the "working definition" of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, outlines classic expressions anti-Semitism and ways in which criticism of Israel can also be perceived as anti-Semitic. Labour's definition trips many of the anti-Israel examples—suggesting, for example, that someone could compare Israeli policies to those of the Nazis and not be an anti-Semite.

But Jennie Formby, Labour's general secretary, said the document "goes further" than the government's definition and will "foster deeper understanding about all forms of anti-Semitism within our movement." For



Jeff J Mitchell/Getty Images

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn leaves the stage after delivering an address at Queens University in Belfast, Northern Ireland, May 24, 2018.

example, she wrote, Labour defines anti-Semitism as the use of certain derogatory words and tropes not included in the IHRA definition.

However, amid mutual suspicion and mounting hostility, the debate over the merits and faults of a quasi-legal document has deteriorated into a fight between Corbyn's Jewish critics and his advocates. It has featured expletives and shouting by lawmakers, racist conspiracy theories and growing despair even among staunch supporters for resolving the feud through dialogue.

The main grievance raised by critics of Labour's definition is that it omits four

Israel-related points featured in the one adopted by the British government in 2016.

The Labour definition does feature some examples of anti-Israel vitriol that should be considered anti-Semitic, including accusing Israel of exaggerating the Holocaust. But it also states that Israel's own description of itself as "a Jewish state" can "cause particular difficulty in the context of deciding whether language or behavior is anti-Semitic."

To David Hirsh, a Jewish University of London lecturer who last year published a book on left-wing anti-Semitism in Britain, the Labour definition is essentially a loophole, or a way for Labour to articulate "their opposition to anti-Semitism which would not define their friends" as anti-Semitic.

The Labour definition, he said, stipulates that offenders must have shown anti-Semitic "intent" in order to be disciplined.

"If you can't prove intent, then you can't prove anti-Semitism. And nobody on the left has anti-Semitic intent," he said sarcastically.

The new definition follows decades of accusations involving a former mayor of London, Ken Livingstone, who quit Labour in May following repeated claims that Zionists collaborated with Adolf Hitler. Livingstone went beyond the historical record that the Jews cut limited rescue deals with the Nazis, suggesting instead that Hitler was a Zionist before orchestrating the murder of 6 million Jews.

Livingstone has a rich record of making statements perceived as anti-Semitic. In 1984, he said Jews were "basically a tribe of Arabs," and that "the Jews became reactionaries, turned right, nearly to be fascists."

Corbyn, whose party had resisted repeated calls to kick out Livingstone, said Livingstone's resignation was a "sad moment."

Sixty-eight British rabbis earlier this month published an open letter condemning Labour's divergence from the IHRA definition as "insulting and arrogant," and calling on the party to adopt the international document. The Board of Deputies of British Jews has issued a similar call.

The row over the definition of anti-Semitism has



Ian Forsyth/Getty Images

Labour General Secretary Jennie Formby speaks at a miners' gala in Durham, England, July 14, 2018.

prompted a spate of resignations from Labour, including by John Strawson, a University of East London School of Law lecturer and Palestinian rights advocate, journalists Jane Merrick and Martin Bright, and lawmaker John Woodcock. Other Labour moderates are said to be planning to resign in September.

Other critics of the definition have been less polite than Hirsh and other Corbyn detractors.

Among them is Margaret Hodge, a Jewish lawmaker from Labour.

Turning to Corbyn during a July 17 meeting in Parliament, Hodge said "You're a f***cking anti-Semite and a racist. You have proved you don't want people like me in the party," according to several witnesses of the exchange. Hodge, a knighted dame, has denied using the expletive.

In the aftermath of the interjection, Labour's ethics board has launched an internal investigation for disciplinary infractions. The board is also looking at another Labour lawmaker, Ian Austin, whose adoptive father survived the Holocaust. Austin said he had a "heated discussion" with Labour officials about the new definition but denies their claim that he "screamed abuse" at them.

There are even claims that the conflict has descended to violence: Paul Mason, a journalist and influential Corbyn supporter, is accused of assaulting an activist from a Dutch Jewish group in the Hague during a visit there by Corbyn. The activist held up a banner during Corbyn's speech reading "Labour, for the many not the Jew" to protest the new definition, among other issues. Mason denies assaulting him.

Separately, Damien Enticott, a Labour representative in the south of London, admitted this week that he shared on Facebook an anti-Semitic video accusing Jews of drinking blood for ritual purposes.

Enticott has been suspended pending an investigation—one of at least 250 cases featuring alleged anti-Semitic rhetoric referred recently to Labour's ethics panel.

And Peter Willsman, a key supporter of Corbyn, was recorded dismissing the Labour leader's Jewish critics, saying "I am not going

to be lectured to by Trump fanatics." He also said about the 68 rabbis: "Where is your evidence of severe and widespread anti-Semitism in this party?"

Corbyn, who attended the meeting where Willsman made these remarks, did not react to Willsman's assertions, witnesses told The Jewish Chronicle.

Labour's adoption of a homemade anti-Semitism definition follows several actions that the party under Corbyn thought would appease critics but only ended up inflaming them.

In 2016, an internal review found that Labour has an "occasionally toxic atmosphere" against Jews but no institutional problem. The Board of Deputies of British Jews called the report a white-wash—an accusation that gained considerable traction after its author, Shami Chakrabarti, was promoted to represent Labour in the upper house of the Parliament months after submitting the document.

Corbyn's attendance at an alternative Passover seder dinner in April was another controversial gesture. The left-wing group organizing the event, Jewdas, included a "Prayer Against the State of Israel" in its Haggadah that asks God to "smash" the Jewish state. It also included the "Ten Plagues of the Occupation of Palestine."

"Either Jeremy Corbyn was deliberately provoking the Jewish community or making a catastrophic error of judgment," Jonathan Arkush, then leader of the Board or Deputies of British Jews, said about the seder event. "I don't know which of these is true."

Keith Kahn-Harris, a Jewish left-leaning sociologist from London and advocate of reconciliation between the Jewish community and Corbyn, wrote in The Guardian that Labour's anti-Semitism definition "has only compounded the problem" that its authors said they seek to solve.

But Kahn-Harris said he cannot ascertain whether it was a cynical attempt to give accused anti-Semites a loophole or a genuine but botched attempt to address the problem they present.

"Maybe both things are true," he said. Around Corbyn, "there is both a widespread chaos and a small coterie of very ruthless people."

HERITAGE FLORIDA JEWISH NEWS

Rosh Hashanah



Publication Date: September 7, 2018
Advertising Deadline: August 29, 2018

Orthodox cantor snags role on 'Orange Is the New Black'

By Josefin Dolsten

NEWYORK (JTA)—Cantor Philip Sherman gives me a call after having finished two circumcisions before noon on Tuesday. That's a light day, he explains. On Thursday, he will be performing circumcisions for four baby boys; on Friday, he'll do five.

Sherman, 62, is a mohel (in fact he was featured as one of "America's Top Mohels" in a 2014 JTA article) and has performed over 20,000 circumcisions, both for Jewish and non-Jewish families. But in between performing multiple circumcisions a day and serving as associate cantor at Congregation Shearith Israel in New York—also known as the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue—he has another gig: actor.

Most recently, the Orthodox cantor, who lives in White Plains, New York, appeared in the Netflix hit series "Orange is the New Black," about a women's prison. Though the role was small—he played a judge presiding over a trial involving one of the prisoners—Sherman says it was his favorite to date.

"The really amazing thing about that is that it's a real part in a real show, where I'm not playing a rabbi or cantor or some Jewish guy," he told JTA in a phone interview Tuesday.

Sherman has appeared in about 15 other roles in commercials, TV series and movies, playing a religious Jew in most of them.

He played a rabbi in a 1999 commercial with Whoopi Goldberg for Flooz.com, a now defunct digital currency, and a mohel in the 2011 comedy "Our Idiot Brother," where his appearance was cut from the final movie but made it into the extra materials on DVD. Sherman has also been featured as an expert on "Storage Wars," a reality show where the contents of unpaid storage lockers are auctioned off.

Sherman's "Orange" scene lasts about a minute and a half, but was shot approximately a dozen times, and Sher-



Cantor Philip Sherman has appeared in more than a dozen roles in commercials, TV series and movies, mostly playing a religious Jew.

man had to come in another time to re-record some of his lines. Sherman said he later received a call asking him to come back to the series in a recurring role, but he was not able to make the filming date because he was traveling in Israel at the time.

Sherman thinks the outfit he wore to his audition may have helped him snag the part. He came in his black robe from Congregation Shearith Israel, which resembles those worn by justices on the U.S. Supreme Court.

"When you have an audition, if you have the stuff to help make you look the part, you bring it and you wear it, so that's the idea," he said.

Though the cantor belonged to theater groups in high school and college, he never studied acting. His acting career launched by chance in 1987, when the Philip Morris tobacco company decided to feature a shot of Shearith Israel in a commercial celebrating the 200th anniversary

of the Bill of Rights. Sherman mentioned to the producers that the music they had planned to feature in the background during that shot featured an Ashkenazi, not Sephardi, melody and therefore was not representative of the synagogue's culture. They ended up asking him to record a more appropriate song to play during the shot.

"A few months later, checks started to come in," he said. "Apparently they put in my little voice, the thing that I did, and it was a 26-week nationwide commercial, which back then was like hitting the lottery."

The voice appearance earned him a spot in the Screen Actors Guild, now known as SAG-AFTRA, and from there he hired an agent who helped him land further roles.

"Over the years it's been a lot of fun," Sherman said. "It's just one thing that I get to do, and you get to meet all sorts of interesting people."

Construction, Remodels, Additions, Handyman
does most anything

Ricardo Torres — Handyman
407-221-5482

Available in Central Florida Area • References Available

OBITUARIES

NANETTE P. BABENZIEN

Nanette P. Babenzien, age 67, of Nashville, Tennessee, passed away on Friday, July 20, 2018, at TriStar Centennial Medical Center in Nashville. A native of Brooklyn, Nanette was born on June 2, 1951, to the late Joel and Cecille Kaden. For many years, she was the owner/operator of the family packaging and delivery service started by her parents. On April 11, 1976, in Roslyn Heights, N.Y., she married Eric Babenzien, her husband of over 42 years who survives her. She relocated to the Nashville area in 2014 to be closer to her family.

In addition to her husband, Nanette is survived by her son, Corey Babenzien and daughter, Brooke Babenzien (Charles Pippin); and her grandsons, Alexander Pippin

and Tyler Pippin. She is also survived by her sister, Andrea Rubin of Boca Raton.

A graveside service, with Rabbi Arnold Siegel of Jewish Family Services officiating, was held at Beth Israel Memorial Park, Gotha. Arrangements entrusted to Beth Shalom Memorial Chapel, 640 Lee Road, Orlando 32810. 407-599-1180.

NANCY RAE BEHRMAN

Nancy R. Behrman, age 79, of Longwood, passed away on Saturday, July 28, 2018, at her residence. She was born in Chicago on Oct. 6, 1938, to the late Ray and Evelyn Nelson Bobeng. She earned her master's degree in education and was a teacher in the Orange County School system for over 32 years. On Sept. 6, 1959, in Chicago, she married Bernard Behrman, her husband for nearly 56

years when he passed away on Dec. 14, 2015. The family relocated to the Orlando area in 1973, and were members of Congregation Ahavas Yisrael.

Nancy is survived by her daughters, Heidi (David) Weiss of Ft. Lauderdale, Katie Adler of Ft. Lauderdale and Abra Behrman of Longwood. She is also survived by her grandchildren—Molly, Jenny, Harry and Teddy.

A graveside service was held at Glen Haven Memorial Park in Winter Park, with Rabbi Shalom Dubov officiating. In memory of Nancy Behrman, the family requests contributions to the Alzheimer's Association, 378 CenterPointe Circle, Suite 1280, Altamonte Springs 32701.

Arrangements entrusted to Beth Shalom Memorial Chapel, 640 Lee Road, Orlando FL 32810. 407-599-1180.

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.bethsholomflorida.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.crorlando.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.ohvshalom.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.

(R) Reform (C) Conservative (O) Orthodox (Rec) Reconstructionist (T) Mehitsa

Will Pakistan's hotshot new prime minister change his country's relationship with Israel?



Stephan Röhl/Flickr

Imran Khan at the "Rule of Law: The Case of Pakistan" conference in Berlin, Germany, Nov. 26, 2009.

By Charles Dunst

(JTA)—The election of former cricket star Imran Khan as Pakistan's new prime minister has raised eyebrows across the globe. He has promised a "new Pakistan," running on a light-on-policy nationalistic anti-corruption platform.

Khan "is known for running a team of one, making impulsive decisions, contradicting himself and then using his enormous reserves of self-confidence and charisma to dig himself out," Jeffrey Gettleman wrote in *The New York Times*.

Critics have questioned the legitimacy of his victory, as "the election was widely considered tainted" due to allegations of rigging and military interference. Some observers believe he could forge more functional relations with the United States and India—despite the U.S.-India-Israel nexus being reviled domestically—while others are concerned he could further isolate the country from relations with the West.

Khan has also faced long faced anti-Semitic conspiracy theories—his first wife had Jewish roots—and since becoming a more devout Muslim in recent years has talked of making Pakistan a welfare state according to Islamic tradition.

Pakistan, the world's sixth-most populous country, has nuclear weapons and is located strategically next to India, China, Iran and Afghanistan. So what is there to make of the country's new leader?

He was first a sports celebrity.

Khan is a former cricket star who made his debut for the Pakistani national team in 1971 at 18. Upon graduating from Oxford University in England, he rejoined the national squad team, playing from 1976 to 1992 and captaining Pakistan to victory in the 1992 Cricket World Cup. He spent much of his time in London in the 1980s and 1990s, developing a reputation as a playboy—a past he has aimed to distance himself from. Khan frequently visited London nightclubs, describing the club Tramp as his "living room."

He has been the victim of anti-Semitic taunts.

Khan married the British socialite Jemima Goldsmith in 1995 when she was 20 and he was 42. Goldsmith is not Jewish, but has ethnic Jewish roots and recounts being "made familiar with Jewish traditions." Khan's Pakistani critics have long exploited her heritage to undermine his domestic political credibility. In 2013, political rivals wrote of his "Jewish connections" and spread "innuendos" about

"Jewish financing." Khan even filed a libel suit against a politician who accused him of working as an "agent of the Jewish lobby." The railways minister, Khwaja Muhammad Asif, wrote in 2017 that "Khan's relations with [the] Jewish lobby are no secret."

"Imran Khan always responded to barbs about his alleged Jewish connection by saying that his ex-wife, Jemima, was brought up Anglican Christian," Husain Haqqani, the Pakistani ambassador to the United States from 2008 to 2011 and current director for South and Central Asia at the Hudson Institute, told JTA. "I wish he had stood up to anti-Semitism, but he never did."

Although Goldsmith converted to Islam before the pair's marriage (she also learned Urdu and moved to Pakistan before the couple divorced), Khan's "past marriage to a woman of Jewish descent is considered by many Pakistanis as an unforgivable stain on the energetically Islam-infused platform," Paul Gasnier wrote in *Haaretz*.

He has distanced himself from his Western past.

Khan's recent electoral victory demonstrates that Pakistanis have either looked past or accepted the blemish of his Western past—including his marriage—or that the former cricket star was able to effectively scrub it away

(or that the army was always going to pick a winner).

Khan, despite his time in England, has recently dog-whistled to headline Islamists and has been "distancing himself from his days as a star athlete and ladies' man." Khan has pandered to both Islamists and secularists. He has promised to create both the "type of state that was established in Medina," referring to the Muslim city-state from the Prophet Muhammad's time and "the country that Pakistan's founder Mohammad Ali Jinnah had dreamed of," which would have been a secular democracy.

He is critical of Israel but less so than many other leaders in the Muslim world.

Khan winks abroad to both the Muslim world and the West. On Twitter, he repeatedly calls out Israeli policy toward Gaza, although in a manner more subdued than other leaders in the Muslim world, referencing "Israel's continued oppression against Palestinians" and condemning President Donald Trump's move of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem.

Yet in a 2012 tweet Khan, in an apparent repudiation of anti-Semitism present in some parts of Pakistani society and perhaps with a nod to the West, showed empathy for Jewish suffering.

"Just as questioning the holocaust is painful to the Jews, & we respect this," he wrote, "so abuse of the Prophet is even more painful to Muslims."

Experts doubt he will change Pakistan's official stance toward Israel.

In the glow of victory, Khan has made overtures toward the U.S. and India—two countries that, along with Israel, form the nexus that Pakistan's Senate chairman once called a "major threat" to the Muslim world. While he has not directly commented on Israel, Pakistan has a history of semi-secret relations with the country despite an official boycott of the Jewish state and local derision of a supposed Zionist-Hindu conspiracy.

In 2005, then-Israeli foreign minister Silvan Shalom met his Pakistani counter-

part, Khurshid Kasuri, in Istanbul, Turkey. Former military ruler Pervez Musharraf attended an American Jewish Congress dinner in New York as the guest of honor. In 2009, the head of Pakistan's spy agency contacted Israeli officials to warn of potential attacks on Israeli targets in India. And in 2011, Israel was rumored to have exported military technology to Pakistan.

Pakistani journalist Kamran Yousaf, writing in 2018 in *The Express Tribune*, the country's New York Times-affiliated newspaper, said that "Diplomacy is the art of making new friends and avoiding confrontation with countries with which you don't have the best of relations." Pakistan's policy toward Israel has historically followed the Muslim world's boycott of the Jewish state—an icy diplomatic reality that seems to be thawing.

"Proponents of that policy have now themselves embraced the change," Yousaf wrote. "Saudi Arabia is the prime example."

Ambassador Haqqani, however, believes that Khan will neither build upon these previous relations nor follow Saudi Arabia's lead in thawing frozen relations with Israel.

"His political stance has been anti-Israel," Haqqani told JTA. "He also has to take into account the fact that Islamist groups got 5 million votes in the election that got him 16 million votes. Given his own Islamic-nationalist rhetoric, I do not see Imran Khan as the man who would reach out to Israel on behalf of Pakistan. But miracles can always happen."

Christine Fair, provost's distinguished associate professor in Georgetown University's Security Studies Program, told JTA that any opening to Israel will be the decision of the army, not Khan's, referencing the Pakistani military's vast power.

"To my knowledge," she said, "there is no such interest in the army."

Michael Kugelman, deputy director of the Asia Program at the Wilson Center, expressed similar pessimism.

"Khan may consider himself a maverick and a bold

reformer willing to go where others haven't gone before him—such as in his pledge to eliminate corruption—but I don't think he'll go out of his way to reach out to Israel," he told JTA. "Not that he'd rule out exchanges and relations, but the idea of trying to push for official relations—that's a tall order, and I just don't see it happening."

Kugelman said, however, that for all the obvious political and religious differences between the two countries, they share something fundamental in common in that they are religious states.

"Pakistan's military and civilian elites—including Khan—all have ties to the West, and when you have ties to the West, the chances are that you'll have some type of exposure to Israel or to Jews, or both," he said. "So none of these [previous] relations are surprising."

"The big question is if there will ever be a Pakistani leader who tries to push for a normalized relationship with Israel. If it happens, I doubt Khan will be the one to make that push."

Israel remains open to establishing relations with Pakistan.

The Israelis, however, appear open to establishing firmer relations. Speaking in India, in 2017, Netanyahu rebuked claims that Israel's relationship with India is in any way a threat to Pakistan.

"We are not enemies of Pakistan and Pakistan should not be our enemy either," Netanyahu told reporters.

Daniel Shapiro, the former U.S. ambassador to Israel, told JTA that he expects Israel to continue to seek avenues to open relations with many nations with which it has not had formal ties in the past, including Pakistan.

"Negative perceptions of Israel by some in Pakistan, and Israel's close partnership with India, may impose some limits on what is possible," he cautioned, however. "But that doesn't mean quiet ties based on security cooperation or access to Israeli technology are out of the question."

"They can provide important mutual benefits even before establishing official relations is possible."

Gaza will turn 'deep red' if Israel is attacked

By Lilach Shoval, Nikki Guttman and Daniel Siryoti

(Israel Hayom via JNS)—Two Palestinians, a 34-year-old man and a 14-year-old boy, were killed on Friday and 150 were wounded in a riot near the Israel-Gaza Strip border, Palestinian media reported over the weekend.

According to the Israeli military, some 7,000 Palestinians took part in border demonstrations. The Israel Defense Forces opened fire to ward off rioters who threw rocks and firebombs, and rolled burning tires at the security fence in attempts to sabotage it.

The IDF targeted a Hamas position in Gaza on Friday evening after Palestinians

opened fire on Israeli troops patrolling the northern side of the security fence. No injuries were reported in this incident.

Also on Friday, Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman visited Kibbutz Or Haner, some 3 kilometers (1.8 miles) from Gaza.

"If we have Color Red here, Gaza will turn deep red, too," Lieberman said, referring to the rocket warning system that operates across the western Negev.

"We would prefer not to be dragged into war, and we're doing everything we can to avoid a large operation, but the ball is not in our court. I highly recommend Hamas be wise about it," he said.

Commenting on the residents' criticism that Israel's

response to Hamas violence is not sufficiently forceful, Lieberman said, "I think we are mounting a forceful response. Do things need to go to the next level? Probably, but at the end of the day, our responsibility is to deal with all threats at all times, to ensure the normal routine here—and everywhere else."

Channel 10 News reported that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu informed senior cabinet ministers that a new initiative to resolve the humanitarian crisis in Gaza was in the works with the aim of facilitating a stable ceasefire.

Hadashot evening news reported that the recent flare-ups on the Gaza border have prompted Lieberman

to propose dealing Hamas a more crippling blow, but Netanyahu opposed the move.

Meanwhile, after a few relatively calm days, Palestinian arson terrorism raged again over the weekend, as 28 fires were sparked in Israeli communities near the border by incendiary balloons.

The terrorist arson campaign, launched in late April, has so far decimated nearly 10,000 acres of forest and farmlands on the Israeli side of the border. Incendiary kites and balloons have caused millions of dollars in damage to the area over the past three months.

Environmental experts say it will take at least 15 years to rehabilitate the vegetation and wildlife that have been destroyed.

HEALTHY EYES WEAR SUNGLASSES

Every day that you're outside, you're exposed to dangerous, but invisible, ultraviolet (UV) sunlight. Left unprotected, prolonged exposure to UV radiation can seriously damage the eye, leading to cataracts, skin cancer around the eyelid and other eye disorders. Protecting your eyes is important to maintaining eye health now and in the future.

Shield your eyes (and your family's eyes) from harmful UV rays. Wear sunglasses with maximum UV protection.

For more information, visit www.thevisioncouncil.org/consumers/sunglasses. A public service message from The Vision Council.

THE VISION COUNCIL

Weekly roundup of world briefs from JTA

Northern California Jewish camp cancels final session over forest fires

(JTA)—The final summer session of Camp Tawonga in Northern California has been canceled due to smoke from the Ferguson Forest Fire.

In a letter to parents also posted on social media, the director of the Jewish camp, Jamie Simon, said that “the U.S. Forest Service, the Tuolumne County Health Department and CAL FIRE all recommend that Camp Tawonga remains closed for at least another week due to unhealthy air quality and volatile fire conditions.” She also said the camp property was not in danger.

“Our thoughts are with the thousands of brave men and women still fighting this fire and many others in California,” she wrote.

More than 300 campers from the previous camp session were sent home on July 31 due to the fire and the backfires set to contain the blaze.

About 40 of the campers came from outside the Bay Area and were temporarily hosted by Camp Tawonga families. The campers are receiving full refunds, according to J. The Jewish News of Northern California.

“In Tawonga’s 93-year history, we have never before had to cancel a session, and we want to do everything we can to support our Tawonga families during this time,” read the email sent to parents, according to J.

The last blaze to impact Tawonga was the Rim Fire in August 2013, which covered 250,000 acres and reached the grounds of the camp, where it burned three staff buildings. The Ferguson Fire started in the Sierra National Forest and is burning eight miles south of camp.

The 25-day old fire, which moved over the weekend into Yosemite National Park leasing to the closure of all but one entrance, as of Sunday evening had burned 89,633 acres (140 square miles) and was 38 percent contained. Full containment is estimated by Aug. 15, according to Cal Fire.

Charlotte Rae, who starred as Mrs. Garrett on ‘The Facts of Life,’ dies at 92

(JTA)—Actress Charlotte Rae, who won acclaim playing the housemother Edna Garrett on the sitcom “The Facts of Life,” has died. She was 92.

Rae, who was nominated for Emmy and Tony awards, died Sunday at her home in Los Angeles. She was diagnosed last year with bone cancer; she had survived pancreatic cancer.

Rae first appeared as Mrs. Garrett in a recurring role as a housekeeper on the popular sitcom “Diff’rent Strokes,” and then for seven years on its spinoff, “The Facts of Life,” beginning in 1979. Her Emmy nomination was for the show.

Her career also featured appearances on more than 50 television shows.

Rae worked in theater before her TV career took off, garnering two Tony nominations—in 1966 as best featured actress in a musical

in “Pickwick,” and in 1969 for best actress in a play for “Morning, Noon and Night.”

Her last role in a feature film was alongside Meryl Streep in the 2015 movie “Rikki and the Flash.” She also appeared in films such as Woody Allen’s “Bananas” in 1971, “Hair” in 1979 and the Adam Sandler comedy “You Don’t Mess with the Zohan” in 2008.

Rae was born Charlotte Rae Lubotsky in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Russian Jewish immigrants. Her mother, Esther, was a childhood friend of the future Israeli prime minister Golda Meir, also a Milwaukee native. Rae reportedly dropped her Jewish-sounding surname on the advice of an unnamed radio personality.

She released her autobiography, “The Facts of My Life,” in 2015, co-written by her son Larry Strauss.

Rae was married for 25 years to composer John Strauss, but divorced in 1976 when he came out as bisexual. Her son Andrew, who was diagnosed with autism, died in his mid-40s of a heart attack in 1999.

She is survived by her son, Larry; three grandchildren; and a sister, Miriam Guten.

Tens of thousands of Druze and their supporters rally against nation-state law

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Tens of thousands of Israel’s Druze community and their supporters rallied in Tel Aviv against the controversial nation-state law.

Israeli media reported that at least 50,000 and up to 90,000 participated in the Druze-led rally on Saturday night in Rabin Square.

Many protesters carried the Druze flag and the Tel Aviv city hall was lit up in the colors of the Druze flag.

“We’re all proud of the democratic and free State of Israel, where human dignity and freedom are the supreme values. We’ve never doubted the Jewish identity of the state. We recognized its Jewish character with full equality for its non-Jewish citizens,” Druze religious leader Sheikh Mowafak Tarif said at the rally.

“No one can teach us what sacrifice is, and no one can preach to us about loyalty and devotion—the military cemeteries are a testament to that. We are determined to fight alongside you for the state’s character and the right to live in it with equality and dignity,” Tarif, who received the honor of lighting a torch at last year’s national Independence Day ceremony, said. “Despite our unconditional loyalty to the state, the state doesn’t see us as equals. The cry of the Druze community is real. They feel justifiably that someone seeks to take their Israeliness away.”

Tarif also said that he sincerely believes that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has had several meetings with Druze leaders since the passage of the law, and who appointed a high-level committee to recommend and implement actions to cement the position of the Druze in Israel society, plans to fix the damage caused by the law.

“We came here to tell the entire Israeli nation, with all of the Israeli people, that this country is for all of us,” retired Brig. Gen. Amal Assad told The Associated Press. “We were born here, we will die here, we love this country, we have defended it, and we will continue to live here together—Jews, Arabs, Druze, Circassians, Bedouins, as equal brothers. We are all Israelis.”

Druze, unlike other Arabs who make Israel their home, are subject to the mandatory draft. Several Druze servicemen in the last week have announced that they would resign from the military due to the passage of the law.

Assad, who spearheaded activity against the nation-state law passed last month, became more well known in Israel last week amid reports that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu abruptly left a meeting with him and other Druze leaders after Assad said that the new law would “lead to apartheid.”

Ahead of the rally, 40 former Israeli diplomats released a statement against the nation-state law, saying that they are “embarrassed” and “pained” by its passage.

“During our years of service for the State of Israel, we could always look world nations in the eye and tell them with an honest heart that Israel, being the only democracy in the Middle East, is indeed a proud Jewish state, but one run in the spirit of Israel’s prophets and upholding equality between its different components, including by maintaining Arabic as an official language alongside Hebrew,” the statement said.

“Being proud of the right we were given to represent the State of Israel, defend it publicly, promote its interests, its security and our government’s policy, and act to advance science, the economy and culture in Israel, we express our protest against the legislation that excludes the minorities among us—Arabs, Muslims, Druze, Christians, Circassians and others,” it also said.

During the rally, opposition leader Tzippi Livni and Avi Gabbay, head of the Labor Party, announced in a statement that they would pass legislation making Israel’s Declaration of Independence, which calls Israel a Jewish and democratic state, the constitution of the country.

Hours after the end of the rally, Netanyahu on Sunday morning at the regular Cabinet meeting addressed again the issue of the nation-state law.

“The State of Israel is the national state of the Jewish people. Israel is a Jewish and democratic state. Individual rights are anchored in many laws including Basic Law: Human Dignity and Liberty. Nobody has harmed—and nobody intends to harm—these individual rights but without the Nation-State Law it will be impossible to ensure for [future] generations the future of Israel as a Jewish national state,” Netanyahu said.

He also said that the “deep bond between the Druze community and our commitment to it are also essential; therefore, today we will es-

tablish a special ministerial committee to advance this bond and this commitment and at the same time will appreciate those of all religions and all ethnic communities who serve in the IDF and the security forces.”

Amazon removes racist and anti-Semitic products from site

(JTA)—Amazon removed racist and anti-Semitic products from its site being offered by third-party sellers.

Amazon announced the move in a letter to Rep. Keith Ellison, D-Minn., dated July 31. In mid-July, Ellison in a letter to Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos called for the company to stop selling “products that promote hateful and racist ideologies.”

Among the products removed were a Nazi swastika pendant, a Nazi eagle sticker and a cross-burning onesie for baby boys, according to BuzzFeed, which published the letter. Amazon also was offering books by white nationalist printing houses, including on Kindle.

In its letter to Ellison, Amazon said that it prohibits the listing of products that “promote or glorify hatred, violence, racial, sexual, or religious intolerance or promote organizations with such views.”

The company said it had reviewed the products and contents referenced in Ellison’s letter and “removed the listings that were found in violation of our policies and permanently blocked the seller accounts that were in violation of Amazon policy.” Amazon also said it is reviewing seller accounts for potential suspension.

2 American-Jewish activists living in Israel detained at border with Egypt

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Two American-Jewish activists who live and work in Israel were detained by Israeli authorities for more than three hours at Egypt’s border with Israel.

Simone Zimmerman and Abby Kirschbaum were returning from a weekend in the Sinai with friends. They both carry type B1 work visas registered with Israeli nonprofit human rights organizations.

Zimmerman said in a series of tweets that she was questioned by the agents from the Israel Security Agency, or Shin Bet, and they asked her why she came to Israel to work with Palestinians as opposed to with Jews.

She also told the Israeli media that the security agents asked her about what places she has visited in the West Bank and what she thinks about Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Zimmerman, a founding member of the IfNotNow organization, served for a short time as Jewish outreach coordinator for the 2016 presidential campaign of Bernie Sanders. She was fired over a Facebook post in which she used vulgar terms to describe Netanyahu and called him a murderer.

“The scariest part of this wasn’t the fear that they would deport us,” Zimmerman said in a statement. “We had teams of people making calls and advocating for us, ready to raise

hell. And the truth is that for Jews in the Jewish state, we still hold a ton of privilege. The scariest part is the horrifying realization of how badly the Israeli government wants to scare Jews away from Palestinians. They are using all tactics to make the cost of knowing & working with Palestinians so risky that we won’t dare to do it at all.

Kirschbaum said: “The level of surveillance and intimidation we experienced tonight was unsettling, but it is a fraction of the lived reality for the Palestinians I know and am proud to work with.”

In July, Israel denied entry to Jewish-American activist Ariel Gold, who is active in the social justice NGO CodePink, because of her work with the BDS movement, despite having a valid student visa.

Also last month, the prominent Jewish philanthropist Meyer Koplow, chair of Brandeis University’s board of trustees and a longtime donor to pro-Israel causes, said he was aggressively questioned by Israeli airport security before leaving the country after going on a Jewish tour of Palestinian areas of the West Bank.

Jeremy Corbyn again acknowledges anti-Semitism in Labour Party, this time in a video

(JTA)—British Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn acknowledged that anti-Semitism has surfaced in the party and sincerely apologized for “the hurt that has been caused to many Jewish people.”

Corbyn made the statements in a three-minute video posted on social media on Sunday.

“Anyone who denies this has surfaced in our party is clearly actually wrong and contributing to the problem,” Corbyn said. “I acknowledge there is a real problem of anti-Semitism that Labour is working to overcome.”

“We have been too slow in processing disciplinary cases of, mostly online, anti-Semitic abuse by party members. We’re acting to speed this process up,” Corbyn also said, while pointing out that the number of offenders amounts to only 0.1 percent of the half-million party members, while saying that even one is “too many.”

“Jewish people have been at the heart of our party and our movement throughout history. No one should dismiss the concerns they have expressed about what has been happening in the party,” he said.

The video comes on the heels of a Corbyn op-ed that appeared Friday afternoon on the website of the British daily The Guardian, in which Corbyn said he respects the affinity that many Jews feel for Israel and appealed to critics to resolve differences over his Labour Party’s policy on anti-Semitism that has drawn fire.

Corbyn in his op-ed referred to a new round of consultations he has launched to reconsider Labour’s anti-Semitism definition, which departs from the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance one generally recognized by the world community, acknowledging that the party had not fully engaged the Jewish community in the past.

He defended the party’s decision not to use one of the examples - which warns against “claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor.”

He said this had “sometimes been used by those wanting to restrict criticism of Israel that is not anti-Semitic.”

The Board of Deputies of British Jewry and Jewish Leadership Council on Saturday night criticized Corbyn for the publishing of his op-ed in the Guardian shortly before the start of Shabbat, which meant that the Jewish community did not have a chance to immediately respond.

The joint statement called the op-ed “ill-timed and ill-conceived” and said: “Once again Mr. Corbyn, of all people, has chosen to lecture Jews on antisemitism.”

Woman’s appointment to an Israeli rabbinic court is seen as a breakthrough

JERUSALEM (JTA)—A woman was appointed to serve as a judicial assistant in an Israeli rabbinic court—one of the most senior positions in the Orthodox-run court system.

The appointment of Shira Ben-Eli was announced Sunday by the rabbinical courts administration and the Civil Service Commission to the Jerusalem District Labor Court. The position involves close contact with the court’s decision-making processes, Haaretz reported.

Nearly two years ago ITIM, an organization that seeks to help Israelis navigate the country’s religious bureaucracy, and the Rackman Center at Bar-Ilan University filed a lawsuit calling for equality in Israel’s rabbinical courts, particularly for non-rabbinic positions.

The lawsuit included a restraining order against the Civil Service Commission and the rabbinical courts administration from hiring judicial assistants as long as they prevented women from obtaining the positions. The requirement that a judicial assistant have rabbinic ordination or qualification as a dayan, a rabbinic judge, ultimately was lifted.

In an announcement, the Civil Service Commission and the rabbinical courts administration said: “The respondents are pleased to inform the court that the committee that examined candidates for two positions of judicial assistant in the rabbinic court chose a female candidate for one of the posts. No candidate, male or female, was chosen for the second position as of yet because no applicant was found with suitable knowledge and experience.”

Rabbi Seth Farber, ITIM’s director, said in a statement to JTA: “This is a great day for women Jewish legal scholars who now have doors opened to them that were unimaginable even five years ago. It is also a great day for Israel, which has demonstrated that extremism can be countered by the forces of democracy and equality.”

Karen Horowitz, legal adviser to the Rackman Center, called the appointment “an important step, but certainly not the last one, in the advancement of women.”

Eviction of Dutch Jews from Nazi-ravaged synagogue brings back bitter memories

By Cnaan Liphshiz

DEVENTER, Netherlands (JTA)—Four years ago, Tom Furstenberg proudly carried into his synagogue its first Torah scroll since the Holocaust, when local Nazis destroyed the building's interior.

The scroll's introduction in 2014 was an important moment for the Beth Shoshana Masorti community that Furstenberg helped establish in 2010 in this city of nearly 100,000 residents located 60 miles east of the capital Amsterdam.

After all, it was proof that Jewish life had finally returned to a place where it had been uprooted and destroyed.

"I felt that this was it, nothing could reverse our presence as part of this city," Furstenberg, a 49-year-old teacher and chairman of Deventer's Jewish community, told JTA on Monday.

Furstenberg had been overly optimistic.

On Monday, he and a dozen other members of their congregation of 35 had to take away the scroll and all the other ritual possessions and load them into a white van.

The building housing the Great Synagogue of Deventer was sold in January by the church that had owned it for decades. The developers, a Dutch-Turkish restaurant owner and his associate, then evicted the congregants amid a legal fight over the owners' plan to turn the place into an eatery.

For Deventer, the eviction meant "the end of a Jewish presence in this city," Sanne Terlouw, a founding member of Beth Shoshana and a renowned author, told JTA with

tears in her eyes on the day of the move.

But for many other Dutch Jews, the demise of the Great Synagogue of Deventer signals a broader demographic shift: Jewish life and heritage are becoming increasingly difficult to maintain outside Amsterdam, where most Dutch Jews live, because of secularization and the echoing losses of the Holocaust.

"Of course it's sad, we're losing a piece of our history," said Esther Voet, editor in chief of the NIW Jewish weekly in Amsterdam. "But the reality is that this small Jewish community cannot afford to stay in that huge synagogue. That's just the way it is."

With no synagogue of its own, Beth Shoshana will move to the nearby municipality of Raalte, where it will share space with an existing congregation. Voet says she finds this "a reasonable solution" born out of a "regrettable reality."

But in Deventer and beyond, the evicted congregants appeared less resigned to the change than Voet.

On Monday, the congregation gathered one last time for a snack in the building they had just emptied of its possessions. Sipping black coffee and eating prune cake, they sang in passionate Hebrew "Am Yisrael Chai" and "Kol Ha'Olam Kulo"—"The People of Israel Live" and "The World is a Narrow Bridge." Some of the congregants cried; others tried to console them.

"This was our home for a long period," Ehud Posthumus, 79, a retired Royal Netherlands Air Force officer, told JTA. "On winter nights, we'd gather here in the cold—we never heated

the place properly to save on utilities—and although outside it turned very dark early in the afternoon, here inside we had a great source of light. And now it feels like losing a home."

Maurice Swirc, the former editor in chief of NIW, called the synagogue's sale "a scandal" and found it "very painful." Dutch authorities, he said, "were partially responsible for the fact that Deventer does not have enough Jews to maintain the synagogue. The least they could do is help preserve it."

The affair prompted intense interest internationally. JTA's video report of the community leaving the shul has been viewed more than 200,000 times on Facebook.

Ronny Naftaniel, a founder of The Hague Jewish Heritage group, said the synagogue's sale is unusual "for a city such as Deventer, where authorities have a high awareness for heritage." Deventer, where wealthy Jewish cattle dealers left an indelible mark and where a part of Naftaniel's family lived before the Holocaust, "could have set aside this space," he said.

Until recently, Furstenberg's community was able to hold on to its synagogue thanks to the Christian Reformed Churches group. It bought the building in 1951 from the severely depleted Jewish community of Deventer and turned the structure into a church, complete with a massive pipe organ that the group installed.

In 2010, Furstenberg and other Jews from the area began convening at a nearby Jewish club and asked the church's permission to re-establish a synagogue in the hall, which they began renting from the church at a subsidized rate. But the church had to sell the building this year. The highest bidder was Ayhan Sahin, the Dutch-Turkish developer, and his associate, Carlus Lenferink.



Cnaan Liphshiz

Tom Furstenberg, right, and a fellow congregant carry the Torah ark out of the Great Synagogue of Deventer, July 30, 2018.

This summer, the entrepreneurs announced their plan to turn the synagogue into a restaurant. Furstenberg objected and the city declined to approve the plan.

Amid negotiations with the Jewish community, Sahin was quoted as saying: "If need be, I'll turn it into a mosque," according to De Stentor regional daily. He later said he would allow the Jewish community to stay, "but only if they pay full rent"—an unlikely prospect for the small congregation, which has no sources of income and could barely afford maintenance fees when it rented the shul at a subsidized price from the church.

Maarten-Jan Stuurman, a spokesman for the Deventer municipality, told De Stentor that the city tried to help the Jewish community stay, but ultimately "it is not the city's task to buy religious properties it does not use." The issue of rent, he said, "is at the discretion of the owner."

Losing the synagogue is "a failure and a major step back for the city," Furstenberg said, his voice echoing in the tall and now empty space where his congregation would gather once every three weeks and on Jewish holidays. "Once again, the city is looking on

as its synagogue is being destroyed."

Furstenberg's j'accuse, spoken in Dutch in the presence of local reporters, was a reference to the unusual and painful wartime history of the building. Unlike most Dutch synagogues, the one in Deventer was not confiscated in the orderly and methodical Nazi manner. Instead it was ransacked by a rabble belonging to the Dutch Nazi party, NSB, on July 25, 1941.

Under the gaze of local police officers, they smashed the furniture, hacked open the Torah ark, tore up the scroll, pulled down the chandeliers and dislodged the bimah of the building, which was built in 1892.

But that violence paled in comparison to the deportations of the congregants the next summer. Of the 590 people registered as Jews in Deventer in 1942, the Nazis murdered 401. It was a typical statistic in a country where the Nazis and local collaborators were responsible for killing at least 75 percent of Jews—the highest death rate in Nazi-occupied Western Europe.

Dutch Jewry, which numbered 140,000 before the Holocaust, never came close to replenishing its numbers. Today, Holland has about

45,000 Jews, according to the European Jewish Congress.

The Deventer synagogue played a role in the survival of at least two Jews.

Simon van Spiegel, his brother, Bubi, and Meier de Leeuw hid in the building's attic for a while. Bubi was caught by the Germans after they received an anonymous tip. His brother and de Leeuw escaped. Simon's daughter, Liesje Tesler-Van Spiegel, who lives in Israel, visited her father's hiding place for the first time last month.

"I remember all of them," Roelof de Vries, 86, a carpenter whose family worked as caretakers at the synagogue before the Holocaust.

"Even if this place becomes a restaurant, I'll never forget my friend Bubi, whom they gassed along with so many others," he said, weeping.

Referring to the genocide, Furstenberg said "This is the reason there are not enough Jews to afford this place."

In the cool interior of the Great Synagogue—a tall building in the neo-Moorish style—he added: "This is not just a story about a dwindling faith community, like all those churches that get turned into a discotheques. This is an aftereffect of the Holocaust."

1	R	A	P	T	5	A	I	M	8	F	E	W	E	S	13	
14	I	G	O	R	15	M	R	I	16	I	T	A	L	I	A	
17	G	O	T	O	18	J	A	I	L	19	N	A	T	A	N	S
20	I	R	E	N	E	21	S	K	22	I	D	23	E	T	A	T
24	D	A	N	25	A	H	H	27	S	E	C	R	E	T	E	
29	T	I	N	Y	31	S	T	R	A	W						
32	B	R	I	N	34	M	A	C	H	36	L	O	P	E	D	
40	R	E	A	D	41	I	N	G	R	A	I	L	R	O	A	D
43	S	O	L	I	D	44	O	A	T	S	45	K	I	T	S	
46	A	L	A	R	M	48	L	E	S	S						
50	M	A	G	N	E	T	O	53	M	A	C	54	O	P	T	
57	A	S	E	A	58	O	T	T	O	60	H	O	N	O	R	
62	R	O	N	A	63	L	D	64	M	O	N	O	P	O	L	Y
66	C	U	R	V	E	D	67	A	L	Y	68	A	U	K	S	
69	S	L	E	E	T	S	70	N	A	G	71	L	S	A	T	

5	7	2	8	6	9	4	3	1
8	9	6	4	1	3	5	2	7
4	1	3	7	2	5	9	8	6
7	3	1	2	4	6	8	5	9
2	6	5	3	9	8	7	1	4
9	4	8	5	7	1	2	6	3
6	5	9	1	8	7	3	4	2
1	8	4	9	3	2	6	7	5
3	2	7	6	5	4	1	9	8

Missiles

From page 1A

must defend—longer-range systems like David's Sling and Arrow can defend the entire country from almost anywhere.

In recent days, an older and well-known air-defense system, the Patriot, also made headlines after it shot down a Syrian fighter jet that intruded into Israeli airspace.

The Patriot and David's Sling will work together in similar altitudes, dividing up tasks between them. However, as time goes by, the Patriot is likely to focus more on "traditional" anti-aircraft tasks, while David's Sling takes over the anti-missile missions at the intermediate range.

The Stunner interceptor is even more advanced than its Patriot counterpart and can deal with maneuvering threats better.

David's Sling fires a highly advanced interceptor missile, called Stunner, which uses a "range of sensors" to lock on and strike threats, explained

Rubin. "The point of the whole missile is to put itself in the right place so that the attacking missile hits it," he added. "It's a very advanced missile."

Currently, Rafael and Raytheon are working to integrate the Stunner interception missile with the American Patriot systems, creating a new air-defense package for sale on the international defense market.

"They are setting new rules of the game"

Brig. Gen. (ret.) Ephraim Segoli, a former commander of two Israeli Air Force helicopter squadrons, stressed that there is no such thing as fully hermetical air defense.

"But the fact is that the defense has improved significantly," said Segoli, who today heads the Airpower Research Center at the Fisher Institute for Air and Space Strategic Studies in Herzliya.

David's Sling overlaps with the other two systems: Iron Dome and Arrow, he explained. That overlap certainly improves the defense since a lack of overlap means that

threats "can fall in between," said Segoli.

He echoed Rubin's assessment about the result of the first use of David's Sling, saying there was no need to get carried away because it did not succeed the first time.

"This was its first use. Now they will be learning, investigating and making fixes," he said.

Firing interceptors at sporadic missiles is one thing, but defending the skies during a full-scale war—when the skies would be flooded with incoming threats—is quite another.

Segoli noted that if Hezbollah and Israel ended up in a conflict, Israel would not rely only on its air-defense capabilities.

"There would be a combined offense-defense use of force," he said. "Intelligence collection would play a big role here. If the day comes when this happens, [Hezbollah's] weapons would be attacked. We know that the heavier and more sophisticated the projectiles are, the harder they are to hide.

"But the citizens [in Israel] must know: There is no hermetical defense."

Asked to provide an assessment on recent events on the Syrian-Israeli border, Segoli replied, saying "this entire phase is about checking limitations. Every side is checking the other. They are setting new rules of the game. A new system is taking shape."

With the Assad regime and its backers completing their takeover of Syria, a volatile stage is under way in which "every side does something, and the other side responds or initiates," said the former commander.

Israel is making clear that it is unwilling to accept an Iranian military presence anywhere in Syria, and has so far been able to transmit its red lines without being dragged into a major escalation.

"No one knows if this can continue," said Segoli, "but those who make these decisions are setting the red lines, and if they see that someone has crossed them, they attack."

Kites

From page 1A

to individual farmers, but only about half of the funds have been transferred thus far, said Meidan.

Amitai said the beehives are not located inside the kibbutzim, but in open land all around their periphery. He explained that in addition to the bees themselves being scorched, when the fields are burnt then any remaining bees cannot produce honey because there are no flowers on which to graze.

"Flowers do not grow overnight, so in the near future there will not be enough flowers to make honey," he said. Fewer bees also mean "that they will not be able to pollinate the fields."

'Nearly all the grove was burnt'

According to Meidan, the country produces around 3,500 tons of honey per year, of which little or none is exported. The country imports

about 1,000 tons of honey, which together with local production just meets the needs of Israelis, especially around the holidays. He said Israel's northern farmers and imports this year should make up for the loss of the honey in the Sha'ar HaNegev Region, and honey prices should remain stable through the High Holidays and Sukkot.

Meidan said Israel has around 120,000 beehives, including 5,000 located near the border with Gaza. Of those 5,000, some 200 hives have been destroyed and thousands more indirectly impacted by the fires. And while annual plants can be planted and regrown with little impact on next year's honey season, he explained, other varieties, like eucalyptus trees, cannot be grown in a year. As such, there will be long-term impact on the industry that has yet to be determined.

Additionally, Amitai said the situation has taken an

emotional blow on the beekeepers who worked all year only to watch their efforts undone in a blaze.

"It is terrible to watch your hives burn up alongside eucalyptus trees, flowers and grazing land," said beekeeper Ido Eden. "Nearly all the grove was burnt, and with it, my hives. We are talking about eight dunams of land with 32 hives. I was planning to go on vacation with my family, but now I'm not so sure. It just feels terrible."

'It is not only hurting the Jews'

Yahel Ben-Aris, volunteer coordinator for the MetroWest New Jersey Federation-Kibbutz Erez partnership, expressed similar sentiments.

"I don't know what to say ... you just look out at the fields and see fire—another kite, another balloon—it's crazy," said Ben-Aris. "It doesn't make sense."

Ben-Aris lives in Kibbutz Erez. He said there are a minimum of six fires per

week, and sometimes as many as three a day. The best way to contain them is to arrive on the scene fast. The kibbutz has put together an emergency response firefighting team with equipment purchased largely from donations made by the MetroWest New Jersey Federation. He said there is a constant need to replenish items like fire hoses, which are quickly worn down from the fires.

"There were days that teams would go out to extinguish the fire and holes in the hoses would have water spraying everywhere," Ben-Aris said. "These are firefighters with day jobs, and when it happens on Shabbat, they have to leave their families three times. It's very hot right now, and these fires are so hot, too."

Retirees from across the country have been volunteering in the area, sitting in watchtowers to monitor for aerial attacks and inform the firefighting response team.

Strikingly, even as their fields are destroyed and fires sting the production of the area's sweet honey, residents and leadership alike say they have empathy for the plight of the Gazans and do not want to go to war with Hamas.

Sha'ar HaNegev Regional Council Mayor Alon Shuster told JNS that arson is not something new for the region. Rather, there were rounds of fires set by Gaza activists near the border for years. The big shift now is that these fires are reaching further into the region, propelled by kites and balloons. While he said that the results are tragic economically, emotionally and agriculturally, "we are lucky none of the burning kites have put people in danger."

Shuster said he doesn't want a military solution to be the only solution.

"A war will just temporarily stop the fires, but it will not stop Hamas from attacking

us again," he said. "Of course, Hamas is a terrible partner for negotiations... But we must move to a situation where Israel opens dialogue with Hamas—for the people of Israel and Gaza. While this is hard on us, the people in Gaza are suffering in ways we cannot even imagine or describe."

Meidan added that "Hamas should know that not only does the arson not help them, it is not only hurting the Jews. It is bad for nature and killing bees—innocent insects that don't deserve to die." And he believes the people of the Sha'ar HaNegev Region are resilient.

"We will not be broken," he said.

Ben-Aris said the first flowers that pop up as the land starts to recuperate are striking red anemones, which he said will ignite the fields in vibrant color.

"It will be very pretty," he said. "This new life—that is the message I would send back to Hamas."

Huckabee

From page 1A

"We appreciate the American administration that appreciates the importance of us living here and the connection of the Jewish people to their homeland," said Efrat Mayor Oded Revivi, who also serves as Yesha's foreign envoy.

Asking Huckabee to convey to the president what life is like in his city, Revivi said he hoped the White House would come to realize the importance of settlement building.

While Trump initially declared settlement expansion to be "unhelpful," he subsequently changed his tune, declining to condemn Israel's decision to approve the construction of more than 2,000 settlement homes in May. According to Peace Now, Israel has approved plans and tenders for nearly 14,000 units since the 2016 elections, a significant increase over the 4,476 units approved in the year-and-a-half before Trump's victory.

Earlier this week, U.S. Ambassador to Israel David

Friedman visited the family of a terror victim in the Adam settlement. In prior administrations, embassy officials generally refrained from paying visits to areas over the pre-1967 lines, such as eastern Jerusalem and the West Bank.

Huckabee's visit to the settlement and Friedman's condolence call constituted a message that "we should separate between the positive and negative vectors in this area," said Yesha Council Chairman Hananel Dorani, meaning, respectively, the 435,000 Israelis and 2.75 million Palestinians living in the West Bank.

Comparing Israel to the United States in its commitment to liberty and peace, Dorani described the Palestinians as a violent people who "believe in terror and educate to hate." He said that lasting peace will only come when millions of Jews have been settled in the West Bank and the Palestinians realize that they have "no choice but to live side by side and not fight us."

Yesha Council CEO Yigal Dilmoni was enthusiastic about the future, saying the settlers felt like there was "a new spirit in the period of Trump" and that the U.S. and Israel together could build up Judea and Samaria. Yesha is an acronym that includes Judea and Samaria, biblical names for the disputed area that are commonly used in Israel.

Settlement leaders discounted the possibility that their embrace of Trump-style rhetoric could make the settlement enterprise even more of a partisan issue than it already is. Polls show that a majority of Republican voters support settlement expansion and most Democrats oppose it.

"You can see the attitude of our PM, which [is] the same," said Dorani, referring to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Trump "truly loves Israel, and we think it's an opportunity for us to get the process forward."

New York physician Joseph Frager, a vice president of the

National Council of Young Israel and one of the organizers of Wednesday's event along with Yesha and the Efrat municipality, approved the Trumpian rhetoric, saying it "helped the president in the United States get elected."

"The idea is that Judea and Samaria have to grow," Frager said. "The president, I think, likes to see demonstrations of that fact. I think this catches his eye and his interest, and it could be helpful."

Israeli politicians and American Orthodox Jewish leaders have been effusive in thanking Trump for his support for Israel and its government. During a reception celebrating the U.S. Embassy's move to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv in May, Orthodox Union President Mark Bane described Trump as "God's messenger," while Israel's justice minister, Ayelet Shaked, called him "the [Winston] Churchill of the 21st century."

Commenting at the time, Dan Shapiro, who served as U.S. ambassador to Israel un-

der President Barack Obama, said it was understandable that Israelis and American Jews were engaging in "hyperbole" because "it's become accepted in international circles that the way to gain favor with President Trump is to engage in excessive flattery."

"The settlers are euphoric about Trump's victory," said Hagit Ofra of Peace Now, which regards the settlements as an obstacle to the two-state solution. "Together with Netanyahu, they feel they can do whatever they want in settlements. Netanyahu is seizing the opportunity of the carte blanche he got from Trump to set facts on the ground in order to prevent the possibility of a two-state solution. This is bad news for anyone who cares about Israel and wants to see it living in peace and prosperity side by side with its neighbors."

In one of Obama's last actions as president, the administration abstained rather than veto a U.N. Security Council resolution that declared Israel's settlements il-

legal and demanded the building stop. When the parties to the peace process seemed committed to restarting it a year ago, Trump cautioned Israel against settlement expansion, saying it could frustrate the process, as his predecessors had.

Now that the process is moribund, however, Trump and his administration officials barely mention settlement—a break from the Obama administration, which would speak out against any announced building in the settlements or eastern Jerusalem.

While happy with the lifting of Obama-era sanctions, Dorani said settlement leaders still feel stifled.

"During eight years of Obama we couldn't build like we wanted, and now under Trump we are building but not enough," the Yesha CEO said, turning to Huckabee and asking him to intervene with the president. "There are still limits. We can't build new settlements or big neighborhoods."

Beilin

From page 1A

Hillel Israel in a two-step process that included his nomination to the board by Hillel Israel's shareholder assembly and his election to serve as chair by Hillel Israel's board. Both decisions were unanimous.

"After a long career serv-

ing the people of Israel, I am thrilled to expand my role to serve the global Jewish people," said Beilin. "I will work hard to create and strengthen the bonds of Jewish students around the world to one another and to Israel."

Beilin replaces Avraham Infeld, the former president of Hillel International, who

stepped down as chair of the Hillel Israel board after six years of service. Infeld remains an active board member.

"Hillel Israel's mission is to make Judaism relevant to the lives of young Israeli Jews, and to strengthen their sense of belonging to the global Jewish people" said Alon

Friedman, Director General of Hillel Israel. "We enthusiastically welcome Dr. Beilin to the Hillel Israel family and are confident that his leadership will add immense value to our students and our work."

Dr. Beilin's career in public service began with his appointment as Cabinet Secretary. As a member of Knesset

for 20 years, Beilin has held ministerial positions in the governments of Prime Ministers Yitzhak Rabin, Shimon Peres and Ehud Barak. He has devoted his career to the pursuit of peace, Jewish continuity and a strong Israel-Diaspora relationship.

The shareholders of Hillel Israel also appointed Israeli busi-

ness leader and philanthropist Arie Mintkevich to serve on the board as a new member. Mintkevich previously served as General Counsel at Israel's Ministry of Finance, chair of Israel's Securities Authority, chair of Israel's Discount Bank and Vice Chair of IDB Holdings, a prominent Israeli business group.

Tobin

From page 4A

holy sites. A stabbing murder of a Jew this week may well have been directly inspired by the latest P.A. lies about the Temple Mount.

So while Jews fight each other over prayer at the Kotel,

Palestinians continue to seek to deny all of them the right to be there. Even the supposed moderates of Fatah seem to want not just a Jew-free West Bank, but also a Jerusalem where Jews have no rights—whether they are Orthodox or non-Orthodox.

Serious observers should know that it's pointless for mortals to ponder whether their Creator moves around rocks, even the sacred ones of the Kotel, to send them messages. Rather, they should remember that it's the contemporary wars of the

Jews against each other—like the battles that took place inside Jerusalem while the Romans besieged the city—that undermine the unity needed to defend the Jewish people against those who would harm them and deny them their ancient home.

Instead of using the rock as a weapon in a domestic squabble, this would be an apt moment for all Jews to stop trying to insult each other. And if it's the only way for the message to get through, let's say that God moved that stone in order to send them

a reminder to behave themselves and understand that their enemies make no such distinctions when seeking to spill their blood.

Jonathan S. Tobin is editor in chief of JNS—Jewish News Syndicate. Follow him on Twitter at: @jonathans_tobin.

Poland

From page 5A

we never knew, and as the only Israeli born child in our family, has a unique responsibility to carry with him the obligation to live for them. They could never imagine that

75 years after their murder, a child with their DNA and name would be thriving in the Judean Mountains.

With every soccer ball he blocks at the goal, as he reads from the Torah affirming God's Oneness, as he grows

and excels in school, and one day joins the IDF, he will carry forward the responsibility to never forget, and to be part of ensuring that we as a people will never be in the same position that we were generations ago.

With God's help and each of my children understanding their responsibility, and despite my feeling of a need to protect them, they will be part of building a bright future for us and all of Israel.

Jonathan Feldstein was

born and educated in the U.S. and immigrated to Israel in 2004. He is married and the father of six. Throughout his life and career, he has been blessed by the calling to fellowship with Christian supporters of Israel and shares

experiences of living as an Orthodox Jew in Israel. He writes a regular column for Standing With Israel at charismanews.com and other prominent web sites. He can be reached at firstpersonisrael@gmail.com.

Chocolate Babka Challah recipe

By Chaya Rappoport

(The Noshers via JTA)—There's nothing more comforting than a slice of babka and a glass of milk to break a long fast on. In my family, it's pretty much all we eat. But I don't always make babka, and I do always make challah, especially during the High Holidays season.

So, for convenience, I started setting aside one portion of my challah dough, rolling it out like babka and filling it with chocolate, creating a babka-challah hybrid. It saves me time, tastes delicious and since my challah dough is pretty enriched, works just as well as my babka dough.

Here I've adapted my challah recipe to yield just one round, perfect spiral filled with chocolate and spice. I've found that using both cocoa and melted chocolate in the filling creates the richest, gooiest interiors. I combine chocolate with a bit of olive oil, salt, sugar and spice in a pot, and while they melt, I spread the dough with oil, cocoa and sugar. Then I drizzle the chocolate over the cocoa spread dough.

Rolled up in a log, twisted into a spiral and baked with a crown of buttery, cinnamon-flecked crumbs, it's warm, melty and decadent. I can't think of a better way to enter the New Year.

Variations: You can use margarine or Earth Balance in place of oil in the crumble to make it completely non-dairy. Not a fan of margarine? You can also combine 1/2 cup of sugar, 1/2 cup of flour, 1/4 cup of vegetable, a dash of cinnamon and a sprinkle of salt for a butter and margarine-free topping.

You could even add a drizzle on top: Combine 1 cup of confectioner's sugar with 1/4 cup of hot water, a splash of vanilla and a pinch of salt, and whisk it well to combine. Drizzle over the challah while it's hot.

Ingredients:

For the challah:

3 1/2 cups all purpose white flour, plus more for rolling out
1 cup lukewarm water (around 105 F.)
2 teaspoons active dry yeast
1 1/3 cup white sugar
2 teaspoons sea salt
2 eggs
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 egg, whisked, for egg wash



For the chocolate filling:
4 ounces dark chocolate, finely chopped
2 tablespoons olive oil
1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt
3 tablespoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/8 teaspoon ground ginger
3 tablespoons olive oil
1/4 cup cocoa
1/4 cup sugar

For the crumble:
1 cup all purpose flour
1/2 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
1 teaspoon fine sea salt
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 stick unsalted butter, softened but cool

Directions:

1. Make the challah dough: In a large bowl, dissolve the yeast and the sugar in the water; set aside for 5 minutes until a bit foamy.
2. Whisk oil into yeast, then beat in the eggs, one at a time, with the salt. Gradually add flour.
3. When dough holds together, turn the dough onto a floured

surface and knead until smooth. Clean out bowl and grease it, then return dough to bowl

4. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise in a warm place for 1 hour, until almost doubled in size.

5. Punch down dough, cover and let rise again in a warm place for another hour.

6. While the dough rises, make the filling: Melt the chocolate with the oil in a pot over low heat on the stovetop. Add the sugar, salt and spices to the pot and stir to combine. Refrigerate to cool until needed.

7. On a floured surface using a rolling pin, roll out the dough to an 18- by 10-inch rectangle, with the long side nearest you. Brush the 3 tablespoons of olive oil over the dough. Sprinkle the cocoa over the greased dough. Top with the sugar and mix with your hands to combine.

8. Top with the melted, spiced chocolate mixture and use a spatula to swirl it out over the dough.

9. Starting with the long side farthest from you, roll the dough into a snug log, pinching firmly along the seam to seal. Coil the log to form a round challah and place in a pan to rise, around 40 minutes.

10. Make the crumble: Combine all of the ingredients except for the butter in a medium bowl and give a quick stir to combine, making sure to break up any lumps of brown sugar.

11. Add the butter and use your fingertips to mix everything together until crumbs form. Set aside until needed. Put oven rack in middle position and preheat oven to 375 F. Brush the top of the challah with egg wash. Sprinkle with crumble.

12. Bake until the top is a deep golden brown, about 40-50 minutes. Transfer the challah to a rack and cool to room temperature. Serve.

Chaya Rappoport is the blogger, baker and picture taker behind *retroillies.wordpress.com*. Currently a pastry sous chef at a Brooklyn bakery, she's been blogging since 2012 and her work has been featured on *The Feed Feed*, *Delish.com*, *Food and Wine*, and *Conde Nast Traveler*.

The Noshers food blog offers a dazzling array of new and classic Jewish recipes and food news, from Europe to Yemen, from challah to shakshuka and beyond. Check it out at www.TheNoshers.com.

Legislation aims to make U.S. aid to Palestinian refugee agency contingent on reform

By Sean Savage

(JNS)—New legislation introduced in Congress recently is seeking to make American aid to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, the U.N. refugee agency that is solely dedicated to the Palestinian refugees, contingent on reform.

According to the legislation, introduced by Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-Colo.), the "UNRWA Reform and Refugee Support Act would return UNRWA to its original framework and address this false narrative of an inflated refugee population."

The bill seeks to make U.S.

funding available to UNRWA to the extent that it resettles the original refugees from 1948.

"Those original refugees must meet the standards in section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, which is how American law defines refugees. This will reduce the Palestinian refugee population from the inflated 5.3 million to an estimated 40,000," the bill says.

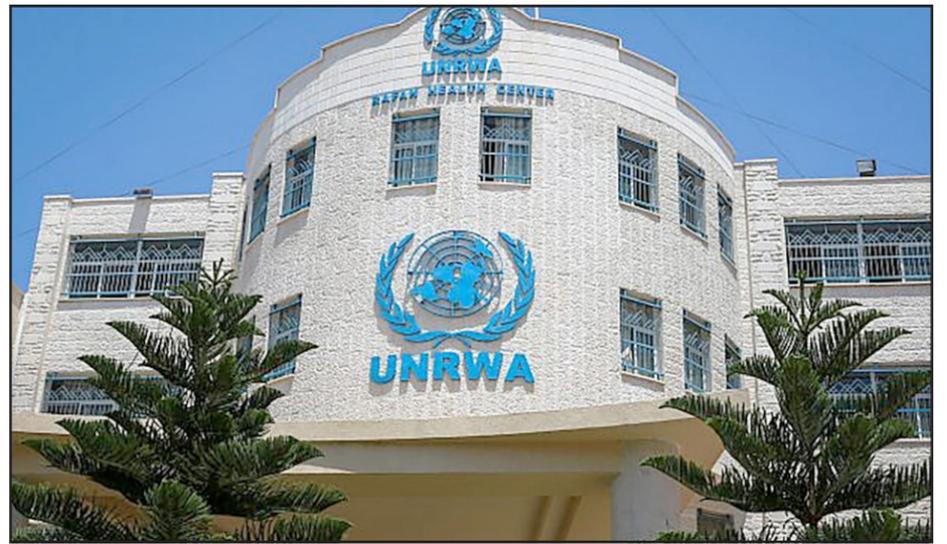
Lamborn told JNS that UNRWA's wide definition of refugees has made a "mockery" of other refugee situations across the world.

"UNRWA's twisted definition of refugee has made a

mockery of both those who are true refugees in various conflicts around the world and those who are truly living in horrible conditions throughout the region, such as Syria," he said.

"It is time to return UNRWA to its original framework and that is what H.R. 6451, the UNRWA Reform and Refugee Support Act, would do. This bill would ensure that U.S. taxpayer dollars dedicated to refugees only contribute to UNRWA to the extent that it resettles the original refugees from 1948—not their descendants, who UNRWA also claim to be refugees."

Unlike all other global



Abed Rahim Khatib/Flash90

View of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency building in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip, July 26, 2018.

refugee situations, which are handled by the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, self-described displaced Palestinians and their descendants have had their own dedicated U.N. agency to provide education and social services to refugees scattered throughout the Middle East—mainly in Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, the West Bank and Gaza.

According to UNRWA, when the agency was launched, it provided services to about 750,000 refugees. But since Palestinian refugee status is "inherited," that number has grown about seven-fold to some 5.2 million today.

Until earlier this year, the United States had been the largest donor to UNRWA, providing more than \$355 million to the agency in 2016. However, U.S. President Donald Trump slashed contributions to the agency by approximately 80 percent to around \$80 million.

The legislation was an-

nounced last week at the annual Christians United for Israel (CUFI) conference, which has fully endorsed the bill as a means to help solve the Palestinian refugee situation.

"UNRWA perpetuates the Palestinian-Israeli conflict by keeping the Palestinians captive as eternal refugees. Those educated on the issue, who truly aim to solve these crises as opposed to enable it, should support UNRWA reform and back this bill," said CUFI founder and chairman Pastor John Hagee told JNS.

Asaf Romirowsky, executive director of the Scholars for Peace in the Middle East nonprofit and co-author of the 2013 book "Religion, Politics, and the Origins of Palestine Refugee Relief," told JNS that UNRWA reform is long overdue.

"We have seen a complete and total Palestinian takeover of UNRWA is similar to regulatory capture, which occurs when a state regulatory

authority is taken over by the interests or industries that it is designed to control. UNRWA is an international agency that is effectively managed by the interests that it is intended to serve," he said.

Romirowsky said that UNRWA's own "coercive soft power" on international politics and media have helped shield the organization from scrutiny.

"This has been done in large part by members of the 'refugee' population itself working within UNRWA, with the help of the senior international managerial staff. By acting as a pressure group, the organization has thus been able to extend its mandate, and ward off oversight and reform," he said.

"It might also be asked whether UNRWA's prerogatives and operations also constitute a deliberate infringement on the sovereignty and legitimacy of the Palestinian Authority."



HEALTHY EYES

WEAR SUNGLASSES

Every day that you're outside, you're exposed to dangerous, but invisible, ultraviolet (UV) sunlight. Left unprotected, prolonged exposure to UV radiation can seriously damage the eye, leading to cataracts, skin cancer around the eyelid and other eye disorders. Protecting your eyes is important to maintaining eye health now and in the future.

Shield your eyes (and your family's eyes) from harmful UV rays. Wear sunglasses with maximum UV protection.

For more information, visit www.thevisioncouncil.org/consumers/sunglasses.
A public service message from The Vision Council.

THE VISION COUNCIL