



A portion of the traveling exhibit, "Operation Finale: The Capture & Trial of Adolph Eichmann" and, its curator, Avner Avraham, a career Mossad agent who will be the guest speaker at the annual Florida Holocaust Museum "To Life" gala.



## Mega exhibit on capture, trial of Adolf Eichmann opens in February

A blockbuster exhibit, "Operation Finale: The Capture & Trial of Adolph Eichmann" will open at the Florida Holocaust Museum Feb. 10 and its curator, career Mossad agent Avner Avraham, will be the keynote speaker for the museum's annual "To Life" gala the same day.

Operation Finale is the first exhibition in the United States to fully document the pursuit, capture, extradition, and trial of one of the most notorious escaped Nazi war

criminals. The St. Petersburg museum will be just the fourth stop for the exhibit in the U.S. After its original exhibition in Israel, it was adapted for the American audience with showings in Cleveland, Skokie, IL and New York City.

Fifty-six years ago, Eichmann, who had been in charge of transporting millions of European Jews to death camps, sat in a courtroom for a trial that would be among

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## Hanukkah party for 'all types' of families

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The Jewish Federation of Pinellas and Pasco Counties will once again host a special family Hanukkah party on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 12:30 p.m.

Spearheaded by the PJ Library Community Council, the council is calling the event, "Be the Light: Hanukkah Party & Toy Drive."

Activities will include a festive dairy brunch at Ruth Eckerd Hall in the Margaret Heye Great Room, where attendees will enjoy holiday favorites like latkes, jelly doughnuts, entertainment and activities appropriate for children 2 to 11. Among the activities planned are balloon animals, holiday crafts, PJ Library story time and a photo booth.

The program incorporates Jewish traditions and aims to provide a cultural experience appropriate for children of all faiths and backgrounds. The program is specifically designed to emphasize a message of inclusion.

"We want to welcome all types of families, whether there is one Jewish parent, two Jewish parents, a single parent, LGBTQ parents, grandparents, blended families, Jews by Choice and people who just love the beauty of Jewish culture ... all are wanted and included," said event committee member Susie Schwartz.

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Photo by David Buimovitch/Flash90



An Iron Dome missile defense battery shown in 2014 near the southern Israeli town of Ashdod.

Iron Dome was a key topic when Israeli Minister of Defense Ehud Barak, right, met with US Secretary of Defense Bob Gates, left, at the Pentagon in summer 2010. St. Petersburg native Eric Lynn, seated at the head of the table, served as special advisor on the Middle East in the Defense Department Policy Office, and was a staunch proponent of the Iron Dome system.

## Local man's dogged support for Iron Dome helps save lives of Israelis and Palestinians

By BOB FRYER  
Jewish Press

When Eric Lynn met President Barack Obama in the White House in September 2010 to seek funding the Israel's Iron Dome defensive missile system, he recalled a time two years earlier when he stood with Obama, then a U.S. senator running for president, in Sderot, Israel.

Lynn, a native of St. Petersburg and currently a board member of the Jewish

Federation of Pinellas & Pasco Counties, worked for candidate Obama as a Middle East policy advisor. He and Dan Shapiro, also a Middle East policy advisor and fundraiser for Obama, had put together a trip to Israel for Obama in July 2008. While there, they visited the southern town of Sderot, located less than 9 miles from the Gaza strip. The locals had gathered many of the spent rockets that Hamas had fired from Gaza and stacked them next to the lo-

cal police station.

With the pile of rockets as backdrop, Obama told residents and Israeli officials, "...I can assure you that if - I don't even care if I was a politician - if somebody was sending rockets into my house where my two daughters sleep at night, I'm going to do everything in my power to stop that. And I would expect Israelis to do the same thing."

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## Jewish family's adopted son accused of scrawling Hitler slur on preschool

A Florida teenager who was adopted by a Jewish family is accused of trashing a Jewish preschool and scrawling a statement mentioning Hitler.

Michael Dami, 19, is accused of breaking in the Naples Preschool of the Arts, part of the Chabad Jewish Center, last month, causing thousands of dollars' worth of damage and writing with a red lipstick on a wall inside: "I YOU JEWS NEVER! LEARN!! HEIL HITLER!" CNBC-2 reported. Police said he was caught on surveillance video.

"Once inside, it appears that he used a fire extinguisher to start smashing televisions and bookshelves and other equipment," according to Lt. Seth Finman of the Naples Police Department.

Dami struggles with drugs and mental health, his adopted father said.

Police said the State Attorney's Office could increase Dami's charges because the incident could potentially be treated as a hate crime.

## Kuwait Airways can ban Israeli passengers, German court rules

Kuwait Airways may bar Israeli citizens from boarding its planes in Germany, a Frankfurt court ruled.

Jewish and political leaders in Germany criticized the ruling handed down Nov. 16 by the district court. The plaintiff, an Israeli student living in Frankfurt, will appeal, his lawyer said.

"This is a shameful ruling for democracy and for Germany," attorney Nathan Gelbart told the German news agency dpa. Gelbart is the German counsel for The Lawfare Project, a New York-based litigation fund for Israelis who allege civil rights violations.

The student, identified in court documents as Adar M., had sued the airline over its cancellation of his flight to Bangkok in the summer of 2016. The flight was to originate in Frankfurt with a stopover in Kuwait. When the state-owned airline found out the student's nationality, it canceled his ticket, referring to a 1964 law that bars any agreements with Israeli citizens. Adar M. demanded damages.

The court said it was unreasonable to expect an airline to "fulfill a contract if it means going against the laws of its state" and having to face legal consequences at home. The court added that it was not within its jurisdiction to decide whether Kuwaiti law was reasonable.

But Frankfurt Mayor Uwe Becker said in a statement that "an airline that practices discrimination and anti-Semitism by refusing to fly Israeli passengers should not be allowed to take off or land in Frankfurt, or at any other airport in Germany. This Kuwaiti law, that is deeply anti-Semitic and that forbids the transport of Israelis, cannot be legal grounds for the violation of international standards."

In January 2016, Kuwait Airways dropped its 35-year-old route between New York City and London after the U.S. Department of Transportation found the airline was breaking American law by barring passengers based on nationality. The decision followed an appeal by an Israeli citizen against a negative ruling by the department.

In late October, Germany's minister of transport, Alexander Dobrindt, ordered a Transport Ministry investigation into whether Kuwait Airways' discriminatory policy violates German air traffic laws.

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**PERSPECTIVE**

**Emilie Socash**  
Executive Director, Jewish Federation  
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**But is it good for the Jews?**

I fondly remember the episode of *Seinfeld* (season 8, air date April 24, 1997), in which Jerry's dentist Tim Whatley (played by Bryan Cranston) converts to Judaism for the jokes, and the show culminates in a fellow dentist standing up for Whatley in calling Jerry an "anti-dentite bastard." (For die-hards, this is also the episode that introduces "yada-yada-yada"). The entire episode was a light-hearted romp emphasizing how Jewish humor was becoming mainstream. Some 20 years later, I have to ask, Is it good for the Jews?

Jordan Klepper – a long-time featured correspondent on *The Daily Show*, first under Jon Stewart and later with Trevor Noah – recently branched off to develop his own show, *The Opposition*, in which he presents a "fringe-friendly" version of the truth that seeks to "rise above the partisan hackery of the mainstream media." I haven't seen the show, but regularly see the ads on Comedy Central. In one, Klepper notes that Trump has reduced something or other by 90 percent, and snarks, "That's one hell of a bris!"

From what I can find, Klepper doesn't describe himself as Jewish (or at least, his Wikipedia page doesn't). What I did find, however, is that the last name of "Klepper" is German and means "gossip," and also is a word used for the person who would call people to synagogue by rattling a stick. Chances are high that the guy who jokes about the bris has had one.

Why I found this particular show promo so notable is that the word "bris" isn't as commonplace as many other Jewish concepts that have invaded the commonplace vernacular of modern-day America. I'm used to hearing about someone self-identifying as a *klutz*, complaining about how far they had to *schlep* their kids here or there, noting that the party tonight is really just a big *schmooze*-fest, and judging someone for having the *chutzpah* to suggest cash-only gifts for their wedding. But "bris?" Have we entered an age in which circumcision is getting its time in the comedic (and everyday) spotlight? What's next?

Entertainers have a special role in introducing and shaping concepts in the mainstream mindset, and I'd argue that those in the majority (primarily those of non-Ashkenazi European descent) get their socially acceptable cues from those in the minority (Jews and non-white individuals) when we talk about our own cultures. In other words, if Klepper uses "bris" to joke about a reduction, the non-Jews out there will start picking up on the trend.

Another case in point: Sarah Silverman, acclaimed raunchy-squeaky comedienne-actress has a long track record of offering insightful-yet-caustic, far-left liberal ideas in her stand-up and televised comedy. About a month back, she launched a new weekly show called *I Love You America*, in which she sets out to bridge divides between political viewpoints and place the spotlight on commonalities in an upbeat way. Knowing that she's the type that pushes the envelope, Shane and I watched the first episode with trepidation. I could live with the two naked people in the front row; with the brazen reference to the man-behind-the-desk as a source of comfort for those seeking a traditional late-night show experience; and even with the rambling anti-format format. But over the course of two full episodes and part of a third, which we turned off, I realized: there's a certain undertow in this show that feels bad for the Jews.

It's not her guest line-up: in fact, this is the area where her show excels. Gracing her couch have been Meghan Phelps-Roper (who left the Westboro Baptist Church), DeRay McKesson (social activist with Black Lives Matter), Sen. Al Franken, Mary Gauthier (songwriter with a social activism message), Father Greg Boyle (who founded Homeboy Industries to help L.A. gang members), and Christian Piccolini (former Neo-Nazi).

Rather, it's in her segments. Shane put it best: "If someone is on the fence about liking Jews, they'll hate us after watching this show." Why? Silverman's *schtick* is abrasive, raunchy and meddlesome – all to be expected – but pairing this with serving as a representative of the Jewish people in places where Jews aren't known or understood (ahem, parts of the South she visits on her show) leaves me more than a scant bit worried.

This topic weighs heavy on my heart since I'm a long-time fan of Silverman's work, but my stand on it really became clear after Larry David's appearance on *Saturday Night Live* on Nov. 4. In David's monologue, two problematic themes emerge: a reflection on the very current issue of sexual misconduct among many of Hollywood's elite men (many of whom are Jewish) and the impossible-to-contemplate idea of how to pick up women in a concentration camp.

What?  
David was suitably strung up in the media in the days that followed, shining a light on his insensitivity and misplaced relationship between Jews and sexual misconduct. Beyond shaking my head, I still find myself wondering how far the ripple effect reaches after one of our own normalizes language and concepts into the mainstream mindset. How can we expect others to respect us, to understand us, and to want to stand with us in our shared values when we publicly (and shamefully) speak out against our own?

The broader issue is recognizing that the Jewish people is made up of all of humanity's best and worst. We are a people – like every other people – who have tremendous capacity for good. We have tremendous temptation for bad. Yet unlike many other peoples (but not all), we have more to prove, more to work for, and have seen how badly we can lose when deprecation becomes the norm, and the norm then defines our identity as a deficient people.

*Liked it? Loathed it? Want to react? I would welcome your feedback and can be reached at [emilie@jewishpinellas.org](mailto:emilie@jewishpinellas.org).*

**House advances bill docking PA for paying attackers' families**

(JTA) – A key House panel has advanced a bill that would reduce U.S. payments to the Palestinian National Authority if it continues to pay subsidies to the families of Palestinians jailed for or killed in attacks on Israelis.

The Taylor Force Act, named for an American who was stabbed to death in a 2016 terrorist attack in Tel Aviv, was approved unanimously Nov. 15 by the U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee. The bill leaves some humanitarian assistance for the Palestinians in place.

*Jewish Insider* reported that the humanitarian exemptions came at the behest of Jason Greenblatt, President Donald Trump's special envoy handling Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

The Senate's Foreign Relations Committee passed companion legislation in August that was similarly modified.

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More than a holiday event, Be the Light is a special community initiative in partnership with Toys for Tots, teaching young guests the spirit of *tzedekah* (charity). Attendees are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped gift to donate. The Toys for Tots organization is specifically in need of items for babies under 1- year-old and gifts for children ages 10-12.

Other members of the event committee are Gily Baror, Vicky Dinehardt, Mali Feld, Mandi Gross, Aliza Norstein (Federation Fellow), Yael Mor (Community Shlichah) and Kara Tanner.

Tickets are \$25 per family with an option to sponsor a family who might need assistance. Space is limited. To RSVP, call the Federation office at (727) 530-3223 or e-mail [dmorin@jewishpinellas.org](mailto:dmorin@jewishpinellas.org). Reservations can also be made online at [www.jewishpinellas.org/bethelight](http://www.jewishpinellas.org/bethelight)

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# RABBINICALLY — SPEAKING —

## Shabbat- pause and reflect

By RABBI ALTER KORF  
Chabad Center of St. Petersburg

At a recent well visit appointment at the pediatrician's office, the doctor asked me a series of standard questions regarding my child's development, and that of our family.

"Does he use a helmet when riding his bike?"

"Does he know how to swim?"

"Do you eat dinner together as a family at least once a week?"

This question took me by surprise! Eating dinner together at least once a week? Upon reflection, I realize just how much the doctor can discern about our priorities and lifestyle with this last, simple question.

The way we live our life – and make decisions – is all based on our priorities. There are ideals and values that we view as significant, and there are those we believe to be expendable. We all know that wearing a helmet is important for a child's development, but do we stop and think about the importance of simply eating dinner together? According to a report from the National Center of Addiction and Substance Abuse, eating family dinners regularly drastically lowers a teen's chance of smoking, drinking, and using drugs.

Have you noticed how life is so busy? Though we have more "smart" appliances and gadgets than ever before, it seems as though we are busier now than our parents and grandparents were. What activities and projects make it on to our work, social and family calendar? Only those that are high priority. The rest gets shelved for another time....

People question and wonder about the relevance of Torah and Mitzvot in today's day and age. I constantly field queries about the laws and customs of living a Jewish lifestyle. When answering the pediatrician's question about dinner, I was struck once again at the wisdom of our sacred tradition.

"Yes, we eat dinner together as a family, at least once a week" (Actually, every day of the week). The blessing of Shabbat, the once-a-week pause of all work, enables Jews worldwide to focus on family and friends, without any distractions. Shabbat dinner, replete with kiddush, challah and family favorites are a fantastic way to bond as a family unit. Just before sunset on Friday afternoon, we usher in the Shabbat with candle lighting. Welcoming light, love and holiness to our home, we proceed to reap the benefits of being "unplugged" for 25 hours. There is no need to take part in the National Day of Unplugging, we have a weekly recharge and rejuvenate day, inbuilt since the beginning of time.

Just two weeks ago, 200 women from the Pinellas community joined in the third Annual Mega Challah Bake. I have personally heard about the many families that enjoyed fresh challah with their family at Shabbat dinner, and their resolve to continue baking challah to enhance this family tradition.

Looking for tranquility and inner serenity? Usher in the peace on Friday afternoon with the Shabbat candle lighting\*, and see just how much it enhances your life, and that of your family.

\*Not sure how to do the ritual candle lighting? I encourage you to reach out to your rabbi, and make this tradition yours!

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## Congregations

### Temple Ahavat Shalom Palm Harbor

**Mind games:** The temple's youth groups will present "Bob Lawson's Mind Games," on Sunday, Dec. 3 from 7-8:15 p.m., followed by a meet and greet. **Bob Lawson** is a Clearwater resident and one of North America's leading mentalists. His show, "The Mental Mystery Tour" has been presented from Russia to Las Vegas. For six seasons, he acted as a technical advisor on the CBS show *The Mentalist*, starring Simon Baker.

Light foods and beverages will be available for purchase in the social hall. VIP tickets for the show are \$50 and general admission is \$20. Call (727) 789-1191 for ticket payment and reservations.

**Torah study:** Congregant **Susan Segal** teaches a Torah study class on Thursdays from noon to 1:15 p.m. Bring a lunch, and of course, opinions. No prior knowledge or attendance is required. The class will use the book *The Torah: A Woman's Commentary*.

**Judaism basics:** A new Introduction to Judaism class began on Nov. 5 and will continue in the months ahead on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. This class, taught by **Rabbi Gary Klein**, is appropriate for non-Jewish spouses and significant others; those considering adopting Judaism as their faith, and those who are already Jewish who wish to review and enhance their knowledge of Judaism. New students are welcome at anytime. The course fee is \$100 per person or couple, for non-members. There is no fee for temple members.

### Chabad of Pinellas Palm Harbor

**A night of beauty:** An evening focusing on beauty, health and inspiration will be held on Thursday, Dec. 7 from 7-9 p.m. to benefit the children of Gan Chaya Preschool. There will be beauty workshops and a talk by **Chanie Adler** on women empowerment. The evening will include kosher wine and healthy kosher food options. Cost is \$25 per woman or \$75 to sponsor the event. Go to [yichabad.com/](http://yichabad.com/) wonder to RSVP.

**Women & Shabbat:** The second in a series titled "Pause and Effect," a Rosh Chodesh Women's Society learning group, will be taught by **Mushky Adler** on Monday, Dec. 11. The course is exploring meaningful ways women can enrich their lives through the lessons of Shabbat. Each class is a self-contained unit. Women of every level of observance are invited.

Scholarships are available. To sign up or for more information, call (727) 487-1521 or visit [yichabad.com/](http://yichabad.com/) women.

### Cong. B'nai Emmunah Tarpon Springs

**Medical ethics:** A class that will delve into medical ethics from a Jewish perspective will be taught by **Rabbi Lynn Goldstein** on Nov. 28 and Dec. 20 and 27 at 7 p.m. For more information or to register for the class, call (727) 938-9000.

**Israeli emissary to speak:** Congregants will gather in a member's home on Friday, Dec. 1 to hear a presentation by **Yael Mor**, the community's shelicha from Israel. She will speak about her life and her reasons for being here. There will be a pot luck dinner at 6:15 p.m. followed by Shabbat services at 7:30 p.m. For more information or to RSVP, call the synagogue.

### Cong. Beth Shalom Clearwater

**Jerusalem history:** A two-part lecture on the history of the Old City of Jerusalem will be led by **Dr. Eric Steckler** on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. The first part will be on ancient and medieval periods and the second part will be on the modern period.

**Garden tour:** Congregants are invited to take part in a trip to Florida Botanical Garden on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy the twinkling lights that outline the foliage in the gardens in Largo. Those interested should meet in the synagogue's parking lot to carpool to the garden. Cost is \$4 per person. RSVP to **Martha Margolis** at (727) 409-5557.

**Jewish spirituality:** **Rabbi Danielle Upbin** leads a series of lectures on Jewish spirituality, on Thursdays from 12:30 - 2 p.m. The next lecture is on Nov. 30. The class continues through Dec. 21. The course is exploring the foundations of Mussar as it relates to the weekly Torah portion and one's own inner development. Each session will incorporate time for meditation and other mindfulness practices.

**Living a Jewish Year:** An adult education course on "Living a Jewish Year" is under way and will continue into next year. The course is dedicated to studying and experiencing the holidays within the Jewish calendar and attempting to make a case for their continued relevancy. **Rabbi David Weizman**, **Rabbi Upbin** and **Paul Applefield** lead the classes on Wednesdays Nov. 29 and Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.

**Torah study:** Join Torah study with **Jason Palmer** on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 12:30 p.m. in the social hall.

Talmud classes: On Mondays, explore ancient legal tradition with **Dr. Priscilla Nathanson**. The class, open to all levels of knowledge, is held after minyan from 10 - 11:15 a.m. Nathanson also leads a Talmud

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study on most Wednesdays, at 7 p.m. and will also lead a Talmud study class on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. Contact the synagogue office to confirm when classes will be held.

**Hafarot study:** Join **Johanna Bromberg** for Hafarot study in the synagogue library on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 10 a.m.

### Chabad of Clearwater

**Torah and tea:** **Rebbetzin Miriam Hodakov** leads a "Torah and Tea" exclusively for women on Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m. There is no charge to attend. RSVP to **MiriamHodakov@gmail.com** or (727) 265-2770.

### Temple B'nai Israel Clearwater

**Playtime:** Preschoolers and their parents can enjoy playtime on Sunday, Dec. 17 from 10 a.m. to noon. This is an opportunity for families with young children to meet one another, and engage in fun activities with their tots. Non-members are welcome. Call the temple office for full schedule and pricing information at (727) 531-5829.

**Shabbat dinner plus:** Enjoy a nosh on Friday, Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. before Shabbat services at 6 p.m. After services there will be a dinner. Cost is \$13.50 for adults; \$9 for children. Call the temple to RSVP.

**Bible study:** Explore the Second Book of Samuel and discover a unique period of Jewish history. **Rabbi Daniel Treiser** leads the classes on Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. There is no fee for members; \$30 for non-members for the year.

**Adult play time:** Play mah jongg, Mexican Train Dominoes or Bridge on Thursdays at 1 p.m. Join active seniors and play the game of your choice. Coffee and cake is served. For more information, contact **Linda White** at [linda3217@gmail.com](mailto:linda3217@gmail.com) or (727) 688-0626.

### Cong. B'nai Israel St. Petersburg

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**Q:** Before coming to Florida, had you previously traveled abroad?

**A:** In Israel we dream of traveling abroad all the time and we dream big. It starts right after we finish our army service. Some will say that the planning and the thoughts about that trip is what kept them sane and what they were holding on to throughout those two - three years of service. Countless hours in the watch towers and security tours where we focused entirely on the situation at the time are difficult. The need to let our thoughts wander to exotic, beautiful and remote places is great, so we plan our travel.



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most Israelis travel in groups. These trips are long. Three month trips are the shortest and sometimes we travel for an entire year. The trip I took was to Southeast Asia.

**Q:** What about what we call “staycations”?

**A:** Travel within the Promised Land has a lot to offer as well. For their big trip after army service, there are those who choose to travel the Golan Heights or the Galilee. When traveling in the Golan Heights or the Galilee one might go rafting in the Jordan River, enjoy water adventures in the vast supply of streams and rivers, go horseback riding through the wilderness, or even take an ATV (all terrain vehicle) excursion. Some choose to hike the length of the Israel Trail, an approximately three-month journey from the north of Israel at Mount

Hermon (where you might ski in the winter) all the way south to Eilat (where you might go snorkeling or scuba diving in the Red Sea).

**Q:** Where else do Israelis like to vacation?

**A:** After coming back from several months of travel, you now have that “traveling bug.” At least one week of the year is reserved for this purpose. But the destinations are now different, closer to home. Since the Open Skies agreement between Israel and the Europe Union (2013), flights to nearby countries like Greece, Bulgaria and Georgia to name a few, are cheaper and more accessible.

Every year the number of Israelis traveling abroad increases and the root of that is in a big group of people who feel that they just want to seize the moment and live life to its fullest. There is this magic in breaking away from everything and traveling to a different country. That feeling of getting on an airplane and just leaving all your worries behind for this amount of time, sometimes with an open ticket knowing that you are on your way to one destination and someday, when you decide to return, it will probably be from a completely different destination, perhaps from a different continent.

## Congregations

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Jews of India” will be given by Scholar in Residence **Rahel Musleah** from Friday through Sunday, Dec. 8-10. On Friday, Dec. 8 at 5:30 p.m during kabbalat Shabbat services, she will speak on “Jewish Rhythms from Baghdad to India,” followed by a vegetarian Indian Shabbat dinner featuring authentic flavors of India without the fire. The cost is \$18 per family. RSVP required to **Pam Askin** at (727) 381-4901 or officemgr@cbistpete.org.

On Saturday, Dec. 9 during Shabbat morning services, Musleah will address “Recreating Community Through Prayer,” featuring a Sephardic-style Torah service followed by Indian kiddush lunch hosted by the Sisterhood. That evening at 6, the program is “Masala Havdala: Spice and Spirit Young Families PJ Party.”

On Sunday, Dec. 10 at 10 a.m., the topic is “Jewish Calcutta Through Music & Memory,” an audiovisual presentation and brunch, hosted by the Men’s Club. This is free for congregants and any Men’s Club members and \$5 for non-members. RSVP is required to the synagogue office.

**Library Shabbat:** Honor Jewish Book Month on Saturday, Dec. 2 as guest speaker **Caryn Baird** presents a talk with a librarian’s twist on *Dueling Identities: Two Names, One Person*.

**Be counted:** Join in egalitarian twice-daily minyan on Sundays and national holiday mornings followed by breakfast at 9 a.m. Minyan are on Mondays through Fridays at 7:45 a.m., and Sundays through Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

### Temple Beth-El St. Petersburg

**Book club:** The club will discuss *Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 10:45 a.m. Participants are asked to read the book before joining the discussion. For more information, call the temple office.

**Shabbat wonder:** Enjoy a gathering of families with preschool-aged children on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the all-purpose room. For more information, call the temple office.

**Family sing-a-long:** Join **Barbara Mazer Gross** for prayer melodies that children and adults can sing along to on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

**Brotherhood schmooze:** Families are invited to hang out and relax while children attend religious school classes on Sundays from 9 a.m. to noon in the social hall. Enjoy a bagel and a cup of coffee and read the newspaper.

**Daystar lunchmaking:** Help feed the homeless and families at the Daystar Life Center by gathering in the social hall on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 9:30 a.m. to schmooze and make sandwiches for folks at Daystar. For more information, contact Paula at (727) 254-6436.

### Chabad of St. Petersburg

**Family Shabbat:** Families and friends can enjoy song, Torah and kosher cuisine on TGI Shabbat on Friday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. There is no charge but reservations are appreciated. To RSVP: info@chabadsp.com or call (727) 344-4900.

### Chabad of West Pasco

**The day hate died:** Guest speaker **Yisroel Shemtov** will tell his tale as the first Jewish vigilante that took on the crime ridden streets of Crown Heights in Brooklyn in the 1970s and ’80s, including how he saved a black woman from bleeding to death from gunshot wounds. He will speak on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Chabad center. The cost is \$8 with advanced

reservation or \$11 at the door. Light refreshments will be served. To RSVP, email rabbi@chabadwp.com or call (727) 376-3366.

### Cong. Beth Tefillah/ JCC of West Pasco Port Richey

**Adult education:** A class to study Pirkei Avot (Ethics of our Ancestors) and its relevance to Jewish life in the 21st century will be offered on Sundays from 10 - 11 a.m. The class is free, but donations are welcome.

### Cong. Beth David Spring Hill

**Family fun night:** Play games, eat and celebrate your Jewishness at family fun night at the temple on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. There will be a Havdalah celebration as folks bid farewell to Shabbat, followed by a pizza dinner at 6:20 p.m., Jewish trivia at 7 p.m. and board and card games and dominoes at 8 p.m. There will be supervised children’s programming with games, a movie and snacks. This event is free for members and \$3 for non-members.

**Torah study:** Rabbi **Paul Schreiber** will conduct a Torah study class on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. The class is free for members and \$5 per class for non-members.

**Judaism class:** A free Jewish conversion class will be held on Saturdays at 1 p.m., conducted by Rabbi Schreiber.

**Talmud for beginners:** This class, already under way, will be held every Wednesday at 8 p.m., except for the third Wednesday of the month. It is free for members and \$5 per class for non-members.

### Chabad Spring Hill

**Challah bake:** The Women’s Circle will have an event, *Knead a Break*, on Sunday, Dec. 3 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at Chabad of Hernando & Citrus County, 13576 Hunters Point St., Spring Hill. All women are invited to come make their own challah, discover the mitzvah of challah and the blessings it brings to your family. For more information, go to www.chabad-springhill.com or call (352) 600-2779.

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## Braids strengthen bonds during St. Pete area annual challah bake

More than 200 women mixed premeasured ingredients, kneaded and braided dough at the 3rd Annual Mega Challah Bake on Oct. 26.

There was an atmosphere of joy in the room at The Club at Treasure Island as the women enjoyed the sushi and wine social before getting down to the essence of the event – fulfilling the mitzvah of challah.

After braiding the dough, participants took it home to bake, together with a Shabbat candle lighting kit and a Mega Challah bake apron.

Along with The Club, sponsors were Emlin, St. Pete Wealth Management group of Raymond James- Marcia Person, Leisa Zimmer, Chabad Jewish Center of St. Petersburg, Chabad Of Pinellas and Hadassah of St. Petersburg.



Heidi Cohen shows off her challah dough.

## Critics warn House tax reform bill could politicize houses of worship

(JTA) – The U.S. House of Representatives passed major tax reform legislation along party lines that critics said effectively repeals an amendment designed to keep houses of worship nonpartisan.

The vote Thursday, Nov. 16, was 227-205, with 13 House Republicans joining all Democrats to oppose the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Its passage represents the advancement of a key agenda item for President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans.

The Anti-Defamation League said the bill constitutes a repeal of the Johnson Amendment, which bars tax-exempt nonprofits from endorsing or opposing candidates. For decades, the ADL said, the amendment “has protected the integrity of houses of worship and other non-profit organizations by prohibiting them from endorsing or opposing political candidates.”

ADL’s national director, Jonathan Greenblatt, warned that “undermining the Johnson Amendment’s critical protections will politicize the pews and foster inappropriate religious entanglement with politics.” ADL “is deeply troubled and disappointed” by the development, the group said in a statement.

Noting that the Senate’s current version of the tax bill does not contain a similar repeal, ADL added that the Senate “must be resolute on this issue by taking a stand to keep divisive politics out of our houses of worship.”

While the bill’s passage in the Republican-controlled House was largely drama free, the prospects for the measure are more unclear in the Senate, where Republicans hold only a two-seat majority, according to CNN.

The House Republican tax plan, released Nov. 2, condenses the current seven tax brackets to three, nearly doubles the standard deduction and caps the amount taxpayers can write off in state taxes at \$10,000. The Senate Republican plan, released Nov. 8, eliminates the state and local tax deduction and keeps the current seven brackets but lowers rates. The Senate Finance Committee is expected to vote its version out of committee on Friday, according to *The New York Times*, with a full Senate vote expected after Thanksgiving.

Dozens of Jewish nonprofits, charitable organizations and religious institutions urged Congress to refrain from passing legislation that compromises the Johnson Amendment.

A letter signed by 55 Jewish groups was sent to the chairman and ranking member of the House Ways and Means Committee.

“Charitable nonprofits and houses of worship can only be successful if we maintain public trust in our integrity and commitment to mission,” the letter reads. “Politicizing them for the benefit of politicians and partisan donors would destroy that trust. Every charitable dollar spent on partisan campaign politics is one less dollar spent on the public good.”

In addition to ADL, groups representing all strands of Judaism except the Orthodox community signed the letter, as did Jewish community relations councils and the Jewish federations of several cities. The Jewish Federations of North America and the Jewish Council for Public Affairs also signed the letter, as did the American Jewish Committee and B’nai B’rith International.

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A client looking at gifts at the Gulf Coast Hanukkah and Holiday Gift Bazaar in 2016. The agency is seeking donations for this year's gift shop.

## Gulf Coast JFCS stocking free gifts in Hanukkah bazaar

Each year Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services decorates its conference room to house the Gulf Coast Hanukkah and Holiday Gift Bazaar. But unlike other shops, the gifts here are free to the agency’s clients who otherwise would be unable to experience the joy of giving gifts to their family and loved ones.

This year’s bazaar will open from Wednesday, Nov. 29 through Friday, Dec. 15.

“The feedback from shoppers has been overwhelmingly positive in past years. Everyone finds this to be a helpful way to bring a little Hanukkah and holiday miracle into their families’ lives. Families and individuals will be able to see and choose exactly what they like and need,” Gail Allen, Jewish Family Services Family Support coordinator said. “We hope to bring smiles to our clients.”

Gulf Coast is once again reaching out to the community for help stocking the Holiday Gift Bazaar with an assortment of gift items for all ages. This year’s most

needed items include Judaica, new clothing and toys for children ages 3-12, teen gifts such as make-up, sports and crafts, underwear and socks for all ages and sizes, slippers, personal toiletries, kitchen items such as paper towels, toilet tissue and cleaning supplies and gift cards. Donations are sought from individuals as well as local synagogues and organizations.

The need is even greater this year due to Hurricane Irma that disrupted the lives of many families and seniors, some of whom are still dealing with the effects of being low on food and have homes in need of repair.

“JFS has been fortunate enough to have received a great nonperishable food supply thanks to the community coming together. We also have provided emergency assistance as well as resources to other agencies providing assistance,” Allen said.

Contact Allen at (727) 479-1806 or [gail.allen@gcjcfs.org](mailto:gail.allen@gcjcfs.org) to drop off your donations or make an appointment to shop in the bazaar.

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## New exhibit explores Jewish contributions to Orlando's growth

The earliest Jewish religious services in the Orlando area were held in a citrus grove.

The story of the Orlando Jewish community where only five families were known to live at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century to a population exceeding 30,000 today, is told in a new exhibition, *Kehillah: A History of Jewish Life in Greater Orlando*.

The exhibit is currently on display at the Orange County Regional History Center through Feb. 20.

The springboard to create the exhibition was the upcoming centennial of Central Florida's oldest Jewish institution, Congregation Ohev Shalom. The Conservative congregation was founded in Orlando in 1918.

The exhibit's name, Kehillah, is Hebrew for community and refers to the entire region including Orange, Seminole, Lake and Osceola counties. The display includes 450 photographs, 75 artifacts and an animated map of merchants to show how pioneering Jews arrived

more than 150 years ago and helped transform the region from a cow town to a #1 tourist destination.

Although Jews were first allowed to settle in Florida in 1763, it was not until the end of the Civil War that Jews first arrived in Orlando. In 1875, merchant Jacob R. Cohen helped draft the Town of Orlando Charter and was elected alderman. Dr. Philip Phillips settled in 1897, amassed 5,000 acres to grow oranges and left a lasting philanthropic legacy.

At the turn of the 20th century, only five families comprised the Jewish community in the Orlando area until a migration of Jews from Pittsburgh in 1912 doubled the Jewish population.

Jews organized to preserve their traditions and became pioneers of business and industry entwined in the development of the region. The



Rose Gleibman and Aaron Levy married in the Levy orange grove with the entire Jewish community in attendance, 1917.

Jewish community even produced a Nobel laureate, Dr. Marshall Nirenberg, who received the prize in medicine in 1968.

A catalog accompanies the exhibition.

The Orange County Regional History Center is located at 65 E. Central Blvd. in downtown Orlando. For more information on hours and admission cost, call (407) 836-8500.

For more information, visit TheHistoryCenter.org.

## Genesis Prize co-founder denies that award to Ruth Bader Ginsburg was 'consolation prize'

(JTA) – The co-founder of the foundation that awards the Genesis Prize, known as the “Jewish Nobel,” denied a report that Ruth Bader Ginsburg was intended to be the award’s 2018 laureate but instead was given a lifetime achievement award as “a consolation prize.”

Stan Polovets denied the veracity of an article published in *Haaretz*, which quoted unnamed sources

saying that the \$1 million award given Nov. 7 to actress Natalie Portman was originally going to the Jewish Supreme Court justice. The foundation then created a new prize, a lifetime achievement award, to give Ginsburg as “a consolation prize,” the article said. The awards were announced a week apart.

The unnamed sources gave *Haaretz* varying reasons for the alleged change of plans, including that Ginsburg had been an outspoken critic of President Donald Trump and that the Supreme Court does not allow its justices to accept such monetary awards.

Polovets, who also serves as the Genesis Prize Foundation’s chairman and CEO, also denied claims made by *Haaretz* that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s office had been involved in the decision

making. The Genesis Prize was established as a partnership between Russian-Jewish philanthropists and the Israeli government.

Polovets said the lifetime award was created to honor worthy individuals who could not accept the prize due to work or time limitations.

“This year when we began discussions with Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and it turned out that she would not be able to accept the award, we thought it would be very important to honor her,” he said. “We consulted with the first five laureates and came up with idea for the lifetime achievement award, which they unanimously agreed should go to Ruth Bader Ginsburg.”

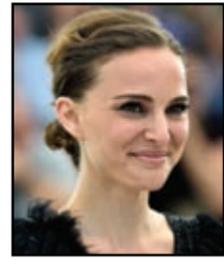
The foundation is considering awarding the lifetime award on a yearly basis, Polovets said.

The Genesis Prize was founded in 2012. Along with Portman, the other laureates are former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, actor Michael Douglas, violinist Itzhak Perlman and sculptor Anish Kapoor.

Portman, who was born in Israel but moved to the United States, was chosen for “her talent, her commitment to social causes and her deep connection to her Jewish and Israeli roots,” Polovets said.



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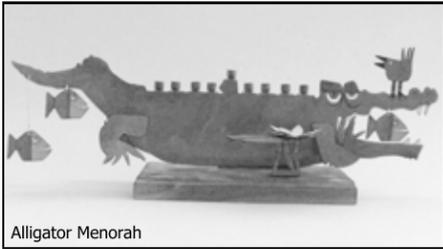


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**Jews should support First Amendment**

**Dear Editor:**  
The article by Jamie Shapiro on Richard Spencer's appearance at UF is disheartening for several reasons. Why is it "very alarming" that someone is giving a speech on campus? Why is she delighted that protestors "shut down" the speech by drowning it out with chants? Spencer is labeled a "white supremacist" spreading "hate." What has he said or written that makes her feel so threatened? She doesn't tell us. Has Spencer called for the annihilation of 45 percent of world Jewry? Others have. During recent "Anti-Israeli Apartheid" weeks on campuses across the country, the following slogans have been chanted or displayed on signs: "Hamas, Hamas, Jews to the gas," "Nuke Israel," "Jews = Nazis," "All of Israel is Occupied Territory," "Palestine Will be Free, From the River to the Sea." The demonstrations have been accompanied by graffiti: "Gas Jews Die," "Kill all Kikes," and "Holocaust 2.0." Should we ban events sponsored by organizations that appear to endorse or encourage genocidal anti-Semitism? Instead of trying to figure out exactly what constitutes "hate speech," perhaps we can restore the First Amendment. Let's recall it has two parts. Jews have been zealous defenders of the first half: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." This erected a "wall" between Church and State. Once upon a time, Jews also welcomed the second half. This

prohibits "abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press" and guarantees "the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Most Jews in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century lived in Czarist Russia and they did not have these rights. When one of Chaim Weizmann's teachers brought a Hebrew language chemistry textbook to class, the students had to read it aloud in a Talmudic chant, to deceive passers-by. If authorities in the shtetl learned that Western science was being taught, the teacher would have been fired.

Later, when Weizmann was a college student, he spent his summers giving talks on Zionism in small towns across the Pale. These talks had to be held in synagogues, with the audience pretending to pray. If the Czarist police discovered that he was promoting Zionism in public, Weizmann risked jail or deportation.

Jews influenced by the intellectual currents sweeping across Eastern Europe – the sciences, Zionism, socialism – feared both communal authorities and the government, and looked wistfully at countries with long traditions of tolerance. Weizmann chose to pursue an academic career in Britain, not in Russia or Germany.

How broad is the First Amendment's protection of free speech? In 1919, the Supreme Court decided that only speech posing "a clear and present danger" could be prohibited. Fifty years later, the Court raised the bar. Now only speech inciting "imminent lawless action" was to be illegal. It's no coincidence that this decision was drafted by the only Jewish member of the Court, Justice Abe Fortas.

Today, more than ever, Jews should be especially interested in defending the rights the Amendment guarantees. On campuses across the U.S., events sponsored by Jewish organizations have been disrupted and Jewish students intimidated. Pro-Israel speakers like Ben Shapiro have been prevented from addressing audiences. And it's not the "alt-right" that's been responsible.

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**Defend free speech no matter how odious**

**Dear Editor:**  
I read the account of a Jewish student at the University of Florida and the months leading up to a speech by the white supremacist, Richard Spencer. She painted a picture of impending doom. The university president fed the hysteria by sending messages to students warning and advising them to "stay away" after multiple attempts to cancel the event had failed. The author suggests the First Amendment was a burden and somehow was used "as ammunition against us." Gov. Rick Scott started a dubious precedent by declaring a state of emergency. Is it any wonder why people are in a state of panic with this sort of leadership? Add to this our 24/7 media, which thrives on controversy. Not once were the contents of the speech mentioned or refuted in the story. I watched the speech video and it was highly underwhelming and poorly attended. I've noticed how college students complain of "triggers," "micro-aggressions," or demand "safe spaces." But college should be a place where argument and civility are welcomed. It's a place where you can debate, protest, explore, and establish your own identity. UF is my alma mater, and home to the largest Jewish student population in America. We shouldn't fear

bizarre beliefs held by some white supremacist. We should use this as an opportunity to expose bad ideology and proudly assert our views. Are we afraid to be challenged? Are we conditioning our children to be victims instead of confident and proud American Jews? Ironically, this pattern of silencing "hate speech" is already turned against us. Numerous Jewish or pro-Israel speakers were excluded or shouted down at public universities (two recent examples are Dennis Prager and Ben Shapiro). But it doesn't end with speeches. Content on Facebook and YouTube is increasingly more regulated, especially on matters related to Israel (interestingly, YouTube does not censor speeches by the white supremacist). We need to remind ourselves of the danger in limiting free speech, otherwise we'll lose it. We must stop behaving like victims and defend the right of the speaker, despite the content of their speech.

**Noah Jacobson**  
**Tampa**

*Editor's Note: The student writer, Jamie Shapiro, was asked to write about the mood on campus in light of the appearance of white supremacist Richard Spencer. Her assignment did not include covering his speech.*

## Reform leaders pushed and shoved by security at the Wall

(JTA) – Rabbi Rick Jacobs and other Reform Jewish leaders were pushed, pulled and had clothes torn by security guards as they tried to pray at the Western Wall Plaza in Jerusalem.

The guards and haredi Orthodox worshippers tussled with the group Thursday, Nov. 16, as it entered the main entrance to the Western Wall plaza with Torah scrolls. The guards said it was illegal to bring the scrolls into the main plaza. Reform leaders accused the haredi administration of the holy site, which employs the guards, of denying their right to freedom of prayer.

Rabbi Jacobs said that during the clashes, a guard put his finger on the trigger of a bottle of pepper spray, and put it up to Jacobs' face. His suit jacket was also ripped on the side as guards shoved him and pressed their bodies on his.

"The guards were really pushing hard," Rabbi Jacobs told JTA. "The guard who was standing right in front of me took his pepper spray and put it right in our face."

Israeli Reform chief Gilad Kariv, speaking to Israel's Hadasht news, accused the administration of acting like "thugs" and said the violence "will not stop us from fulfilling our right to pray at the Western Wall."

The Reform group began their prayer in Robinson's Arch, a non-Orthodox section of the holy site to the south of the main plaza. They then tried to enter with the Torah scrolls. They ended up finishing the service in the main plaza, in a large tourist area that is removed from the wall but adjacent to the Orthodox areas for men and women. A group of haredi protesters also shoved some of the worshippers then, according to Jacobs.

The group included the entire board of the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem, which had just ordained four new rabbis, and members of the Women of the Wall feminist prayer group.

The brief fracas caused no injuries.

Administrators accused the non-Orthodox Jews of flouting the rules of the main plaza, "with the aim of creating a provocation and using it to push public relations."

"This provocative act at the Western Wall plaza, a place of unity, was a physically and verbally violent campaign at the site," the Western Wall Heritage Foundation said in a statement. "We protest this unacceptable behavior, the violence, and strongly condemn it."

The Western Wall's main plaza, administered by the Heritage Foundation, requires men and women to pray separately and bars women from using religious items, including Torah scrolls. It prohibits visitors from bringing their own Torah scrolls in an attempt to prevent women and non-Orthodox Jewish groups from using them in services at the site.

Rabbi Jacobs said that the Reform worshippers "never were aggressive, we never threw any punches, we were very determined."

The non-Orthodox groups have repeatedly challenged the rules, leading to sometimes violent confrontations. They have also criticized Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government for backing out in June from a 2016 agreement to expand and upgrade the Robinson's Arch prayer section at the southern end of the West-



Photo by Noam Rivkin Fenton/Flash 90

Rabbi Rick Jacobs, center, and other non-Orthodox Jews clashing with security guards at the entrance to the Western Wall plaza in Jerusalem, on Nov. 16.

ern Wall. The haredi parties in the governing coalition had demanded the move.

"We belong there, we have a right to be there, and the Jewish people and state of Israel will be strengthened when the country, the Western Wall, is truly welcoming to Jews of all beliefs and practices," Rabbi Jacobs told JTA. "Things are not fine. We're not going back, we're not going to take bread crumbs and say that Robinson's Arch is good enough."

At the Jewish Federations of North America's annual General

Assembly Monday, Nov. 13, in Los Angeles, the board of trustees passed a resolution calling on Israel to reverse its "divisive and damaging" steps to freeze the Western Wall deal.

Netanyahu also addressed the controversy in a speech at the closing session of the conference.

"Israel is the home of all Jews and it must remain so," he said. "I believe that the Jewish people are all one family. I believe that Israel is the home of all Jews and that all Jews should have access and prayer at the [Western Wall]."

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# Judaism is star at new D.C. Bible museum

By **RON KAMPEAS**  
JTA news service  
WASHINGTON – As the Burning Bush crackles, God is heard.

“Mow-zes,” God says in the mysterious mid-Atlantic accent that Hollywood once trained its actors to use – the one Anne Baxter as Nefertiti used to summon Charlton Heston’s Moses in the 1956 blockbuster *The Ten Commandments*. “Mow-zes, Mow-zes.”

That epic, earnest and seemingly endless film has much in common with the Museum of the Bible, the \$500 million extravaganza gifted to the National Mall by one of America’s leading evangelical families, the founders of the Hobby Lobby chain.

The museum celebrates Jews and Judaism as the noble, beloved and even feared antecedents to Christianity, and argues that its best modern expression is in the State of Israel. And it makes the case that the Bible is not merely to be studied but to be believed.

Speaking at the dedication Friday, Nov. 17, Steven Green, the president of Hobby Lobby and the museum’s chairman of the board, said museumgoers should come away realizing that the Bible “has had a positive impact on their lives in so many different ways and when they leave they will be inspired to open it.”

It especially celebrates the Bible’s Jewish origins, notably those made manifest in modern Israel. The dedication included a rabbi, Israel’s ambassador to the United States, the Israeli minister of tourism and the director of the Israel Antiquities Authority.

At times, the event seemed like a pro-Israel gala. Ron Dermer, the Israeli ambassador, celebrated the museum as a signifier of the Jewish claim to Jerusalem. The Bible nurtured Jews through 2,000 years of exile until they were able to “rebuild the original DC – David’s Capital,” he said.

Yariv Levin, the tourism minister, read a letter from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who sent “warm greetings from Jerusalem, the eternal and undivided capital of Israel.”

The deference to Judaism is evident in the museum logo, a B flat on its face resembling the tablets of the Ten Commandments, and the museum store, where Star of David pendants glitter next to crucifixes. If you have \$80 to spare, you can choose a crucifix or Hanukkah menorah made from Jerusalem stone facing each other on the same shelf.

The museum also makes the Bible as unmistakably American as someone named, well, Charlton Heston. One permanent exhibit is dedicated to the biblical underpinnings of the abolition of slavery and of the civil rights movement.

The U.S.-born Dermer picked up on the theme of his native land as a nation whose origins were in the Bible. “Those ideas inscribed in your founding documents and etched on your statues are not merely the values of America, they are the values of the Bible,” he said in his address.

Scholarship at the museum is pervasive, but employed a la Cecil B. DeMille: to prove the Bible is not just compelling but true.

A day at the museum – officials say a thorough tour would take 72 hours – may leave you smarter about the Bible’s origins, the stated agenda of the museum. But you may also suspect that the goal of this newfound knowledge is not to encourage critique but belief. The approach is closer to seminary than religious studies department.

Executive Director Tony Zeiss was unambiguous about the museum’s desired effect at the dedication ceremony.

“This is a day to rejoice, it is the Lord’s day!” he said. Designers of the museum, he added, had two overarching criteria: “Will this lift up the Bible, and will it lift up people?”

The museum employs scholarship to make that case. “We engaged leading scholars around the country,”



Hanukkah menorahs and crucifixes vie for space at the Museum of the Bible’s gift shop. The museum was a gift to the National Mall by Hobby Lobby.



Amanda Weiss, the director of the Bible Lands Museum in Jerusalem, leading a tour through an exhibit her museum is lending to the Museum of the Bible.

Green, the scion of the family that runs the Hobby Lobby chain, said Nov. 15, in a news briefing.

But scholarship alone wouldn’t sell it, so like most contemporary museums, there are plenty of experiential exhibits. “If you put a Bible under a glass case in a language I can’t read, it will only hold my attention for so long,” Green explained.

Judaism as parent suffuses just about every exhibit, including The Hebrew Bible. It’s an immersive 30-minute stroll through animations and special effects illustrated by supple, handsome animated Hebrews. (The Burning Bush, a riot of bright yellow light in a darkened room, was genuinely thrilling.) That’s more than twice as long as the 12 1/2-minute immersive New Testament experience.

On the fifth floor of this six-floor mammoth comprising much of a Washington block are artifacts contributed by Israel’s Antiquities Authority. The exhibit is permanent, but the Israeli authority will rotate the items about 1,500 at a time.

The debt to Judaism is seen in the kosher-style food at Manna, the rooftop restaurant run by a couple who wrote *The New Jewish Table* cookbook. (Two kosher items per meal will be available at the restaurant.)

Judaism and its origins in Israel are evident as well in a temporary exhibit, through May, organized by Jerusalem’s Bible Lands Museum, which served as a consultant to the D.C. museum.

It is there that one gets to the crux of what makes this museum different from all others. An exhibit of finds from Khirbet Queiafa, a village dating to the time when King David is purported to have ruled, begins with a replica of the Tel Dan Stele, fragments of an inscribed stone tablet. The tablet, to a degree, validates the historical accuracy of the battle of Jezreel, where Yoram, king of Israel and Ahaziah, king of Judah were killed, as recounted in 2 Kings 9.

The stele is important because it contains the oldest reference to King David, who lived two centuries or so earlier. It establishes that David was likely a real person. But it also diverges from the Bible, crediting Hazael, an Aramaic king, and not Jehu, the Israeli king, with the victory.

The real stele is at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, where a docent will explain how the radically different accounts at once validate the ancient Jewish presence in the land – but undercut the notion that the Bible is less revealed truth than it is a political document written by the ultimate victors.

In this exhibit, the accompanying text refers only to a “different version” appearing in the Bible. MiYoung Im, the museum’s antiquities curator who trained first as a theologian in Korea and then in Israel as an archaeologist, said she appreciated the stele both as a Christian and as someone trained to view artifacts as a scholarly outsider.

Nonetheless, she said, the significance of the stele for the new museum was not in how it differed from the Bible, but how it validated it.

“We want to show how this exhibit relates to the time of David,” she said. “We can’t prove where David lived – we can show that he lived.”

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# Hanukkah Happenings

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## NORTH PINELLAS

On **Sunday, Dec. 3** from 3-5 p.m. **Young Israel Chabad of Pinellas** invites all kids to a **Pre-Hanukkah Chocolate Factory** at Ninja Bounce, 30798 U.S. 19 N., Palm Harbor. Children will learn how to make chocolate coins and wire their very own, light-up, LED menorah. There will be doughnuts to decorate, snacks and snow cones. Kids will be able to jump around and complete obstacles at Ninja Bounce. There is something for every age including an area for babies and toddlers. Admission is \$7 per child by Nov. 27, \$11 after Nov. 27 and \$5 for children under 3. RSVP to YIChabad.com/Coin or call (727) 789-0408.

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**Congregation B'nai Emmunah** will hold a **Shabbat Hanukkah Celebration** with Cantorial Soloist Laura Lenes on **Friday, Dec. 15**. There will be a Shabbat dinner at a local restaurant in Tarpon Springs at 5:45 p.m., followed by a Shabbat Hanukkah service at 7:30 p.m. at B'nai Emmunah, 57 Read St., Tarpon Springs. For more information, call (727) 938-9000.

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On **Saturday, Dec. 16** at 5 p.m., **Congregation B'nai Emmunah** will host a **Hanukkah celebration** that will include a pot luck dairy dinner, stories, and songs featuring Cantorial Soloist Laura Lenes and accompanist Stan Sabarsky.

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**Temple Ahavat Shalom**, 1575 Curlew Road, Palm Harbor, will hold its **Family Hanukkah party** on **Sunday, Dec. 17** at 11:30 a.m. Join the congregation for a children's choir performance, food, holiday treats, arts and crafts activities and a children's raffle. For more information, call Susan Herron at (215) 882-4754.

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**Young Israel Chabad of Pinellas County** invites the community to the 12th annual **Hanukkah on Ice** on **Sunday, Dec. 17** from 5:45 - 7:45 p.m. at the skating rink in Westfield Countryside Mall, 27001 U.S. 19 N., Clearwater. There will be fun for kids and adults including a grand fidget spinner menorah lighting at 6:30 p.m. The evening includes ice skating, Jewish music, latkes and doughnuts, face painting, balloon sculpting, Hanukkah gelt and more. Kids can make their own fidget spinner Lego dreidel. Admission is free, but RSVP is required. RSVP to www.YIChabad.com/Ice or call (727) 789-0408.

## CENTRAL PINELLAS

**Hanukkah Shabbat services and latke dinner** will be held on **Friday, Dec. 15** at 6:15 p.m. at Temple B'nai Israel, 1685 S. Belcher Road, Clearwater. Feast on chicken and latkes and other festive treats before a Friday Night Live service that includes live music with the Kol Rina Choir and FNL band. Bring your hanukkah. Dinner is \$10 per person or \$20 per family. For reservations, call the temple office (727) 531-5829.

## SOUTH PINELLAS

Congregation B'nai Israel, will host its **Chase the Dreidel 5K event** on **Sunday, Dec. 3** at 4 p.m. Chase a giant dreidel down the streets of St. Petersburg and the Pinellas Trail, beginning and ending at the synagogue, 300 58<sup>th</sup> St. N., St. Petersburg. Race events include a professionally-timed race on a police-secured course - walkers and baby strollers welcome - and a Fun Run for youths under age 11. Registrants receive a t-shirt, latke buffet and a swag bag. Awards will be given for top finishers. Cost is \$25 per person to register for the race before Dec. 1 and \$36 after that date. Free activities for the community include a bounce house, crafts, and storytelling. Top it all off with a potato pancake latke buffet and jelly doughnuts. The buffet is free for racers, \$5 for others. For more information, contact Hana Cowart at (727) 344-1017, hana@cbistpete.org, or visit cbistpete.org.

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**Temple Beth-El**, 400 S. Pasadena Ave., St. Petersburg, will hold a **Tot Hanukkah** event on **Sunday, Dec. 3** at 9:30 a.m. Children through age 5 are invited to participate in this Hanuk-

kah themed program with Hanukkah songs and crafts, snacks and more. Part of the Shabat Wonder program, the goal is to foster community among families with young children, while introducing them to Judaism. Everyone is welcome.

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Build your own menorah at a **Hanukkah workshop** on **Sunday, Dec. 10** from 2-4 p.m. at the Home Depot in the Crosswinds Shopping Center. There will be music and refreshments and a free worker's apron. This is a free, family event, sponsored by **Chabad of St. Petersburg**. RSVPs are necessary as the event is limited to 50 children. To RSVP, go to Chabad-SP.com or call (727) 344-4900.

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**Hanukkah Extravaganza**, a celebration of the first night of Hanukkah, will be held at the Sundial, 153 Second Ave. N., St. Petersburg on **Tuesday, Dec. 12** from 5-7:30 p.m. There will be a show by Israel's King of Blues, side entertainment, food, drinks, and fun activities for all ages. There is no charge and reservations are not necessary. Food will be available for purchase. This event is hosted by **Chabad of St. Petersburg**. For more information, visit ChabadSP.com.

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**Congregation B'nai Israel** in St. Petersburg will hold a **Hanukkah party** on **Sunday, Dec. 17** at 5:30 p.m. as participants light the largest hanukkah in St. Petersburg and celebrate with a Hanukkah sing-a-long and a latke buffet.

## WEST PASCO COUNTY

Pasco County Commissioner Kathryn Starkey will take part in the **Grand Menorah Lighting and Hanukkah Party**, sponsored by **Chabad of West Pasco**, on **Thursday, Dec. 14**, from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at Trinity Community Park (across the police/fire station), 11530 Trinity Blvd. The event will also include a balloon artist, face painting, hair wraps, a show with Dallas the Fire Guy and a meet and greet with state and local officials. Doughnuts and latkes will be served. The party is free and everyone is welcome. For more information, call (727) 376-3366 or email info@ChabadWP.com

## HERNANDO COUNTY

A **Hanukkah Street Fair and menorah lighting** will be held on **Thursday, Dec. 14**, at 5 p.m., hosted by **Chabad Spring Hill**. The festivities will be held at the Spring Hill Professional Center (in front of Babies and Beyond Pediatrics) featuring the Phoenix Fire & Arts Show, create your own menorah, arts and crafts, latkes and doughnuts. For more information and to register go to Chabadspringhill.com or call, (352) 600-2779

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**Temple Beth David's** Hanukkah tradition, **Night of 100 Menorahs**, will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 17**, at 5 p.m. The celebration will include a complete catered meal, singing, Hanukkah gelt, dreidels, presents for the children and fun for the entire family. Admission for temple member adults is \$24, \$5 for children; non-member adults \$30, \$8 for children. All children 3 and under eat free. Reservations and payment are required by Dec. 8. Call (352) 686-7034 for more information and to RSVP. Guests are encouraged to bring menorahs and candles.

## TAMPA

**Jewish Heritage Night** will be celebrated at Amalie Arena on **Thursday, Dec. 7** when The Tampa Bay Lightning take on the Colorado Avalanche. The event, sponsored by the **Tampa JCCs & Federation and Chabad Centers Tampa Bay**, will include a pre-game menorah lighting ceremony at Ford Thunder Alley at 6:45 p.m. Tickets for the game, which begins at 7:30 p.m., cost \$30 for the upper level and \$100 for the lower level and include a gift and kosher meal on the Bud Light party deck until the start of the second period. To buy tickets, visit www.jewishlightning.com and use promo code: Chanukah17. For more information, call Sam Reiner at (813) 301-6814 or email sreiner@amaliearena.com.

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## Iran and Iraq reject Israel's offer of aid for earthquake victims

JERUSALEM (JTA) - Israel offered humanitarian assistance to the victims of the earthquake that killed hundreds of people in Iran and Iraq but was turned down.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that he was motivated by photographs of the devastation caused by the Nov. 12 magnitude 7.3 earthquake, which has killed at least 530 people in Iran and several in Iraq.

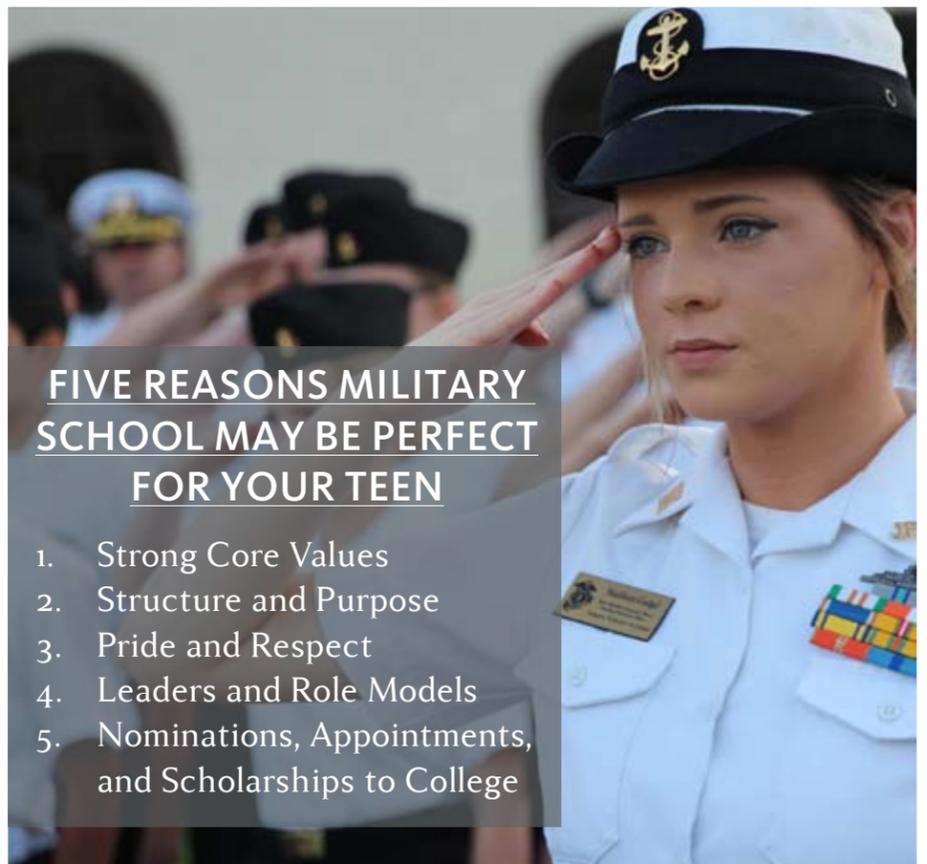
"I saw these heartbreaking images of men and women and children buried under the rubble," Netanyahu told Jewish leaders gath-

ered at the annual General Assembly of the Jewish Federation of North America movement in Los Angeles last week.

He added: "I've said many times that we have no quarrel with the people of Iran. Our quarrel is only with the tyrannical regime that holds them hostage and threatens our destruction. But our humanity is greater than their hatred."

According to an official in Netanyahu's office, the offer was immediately rejected.

"This shows the true face of the Iranian regime," the official said.



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# Organizations

## Hadassah

**Hanukkah party:** Join in some pre-Hanukkah fun at the St. Petersburg Chapter of Hadassah's Annual Hanukkah party on Thursday Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sage, 400 Fourth Ave. S., St. Petersburg. Bring a wrapped gift valued at \$12 to \$15 (with a hint of what's inside) for a special fund-raising auction. To RSVP, contact **Rhoda Ross** before Dec. 4 at rhodar63@yahoo.com or (727) 548-5405 and let her know what dairy or pareve dish you will bring to share.

**Luncheon:** The North Pinellas Chapter of Hadassah will hold a luncheon and installation of officers on Monday, Dec. 18 at noon at the Preserve (formerly Inn on the Pond), 2010 Greenbriar Blvd., Clearwater. Cost is \$18 for the salmon lunch with advance reservation. Deadline to RSVP is Dec. 11. Contact **Janice Caine** at (727) 726-3735 or **Veronica Harris** (727) 939-1759.

## Generations After

**Seeking members:** The Generations After organization, consisting of sons or daughters or an adult grandchild of a Holocaust survivor or Holocaust refugees, re-

cently elected officers. Elected were: **Shelly Nadler**, president; **Leah Davis**, director of membership and events; **Yael Schauder**, director of communications, and **Barbara Bergren, Schauder, Diane Mandel and Renee Daniels**, publicity. **Charlene Wygodski** and **Bergren** are co-chairs of the Witness of the Witness Book Club, which meets six times a year. The group holds luncheons on the first Friday of each month. Those wishing to join need only become a member of the Florida Holocaust Museum (727) 820-0100. Contact **Wygodski** at **CharleneWyg@mindspring.com**. The organization is on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/groups/GATampabay/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/GATampabay/)

## Genealogical Society

**Lunch and learn:** The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay will meet for a lunch and learn social on Sunday, Dec. 10 at noon at Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services, 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater. A pot luck luncheon will be served at noon followed by a brief business meeting at 1:30 p.m. to elect and install new officers. The program will feature members' "success stories" and "lessons learned" in researching their families. There is no charge to members, \$5 for guests for lunch. Reservations must

be made by Dec. 2 to ensure there will be ample food for those attending. RSVP by calling **Sally Israel** at (727) 343-1652. For further information on the Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay or directions to the meeting call **Bruce Hadburg** at (727) 796-7981.

## Young adults

**Bucs watch party:** Enjoy an afternoon watching the Tampa Bay Buccaneers take on the Green Bay Packers on Sunday, Dec. 3. The party, sponsored by #Gather, will be at Blind Goat Food & Drink Co., 4105 Henderson Blvd., Tampa from noon to 4 p.m. The first 20 people to RSVP for the event will receive a free drink. There will be craft beer, cocktails, wings, pizzas and more, with food and drink specials available. There is no cost to attend; food and drink at your own cost. #Gather is designed to help young adults connect with friends and meet new people. The events are open to young adults in their 20s through 40s of all faiths and backgrounds. For more information or to RSVP, go to: [www.bryanglazerfamilyjcc.com/gather](http://www.bryanglazerfamilyjcc.com/gather).

**Whiffleball tourney:** On Wednesday, Dec. 20 from 7:30 to 10 p.m., #Gather will host a whiffleball tournament at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC basketball gym. This

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## Job-Links

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# Rob Reiner on Judaism, movies and 'home shuling'

By CURT SCHLEIER  
JTA news service

By his own admission, Rob Reiner was not the right person to direct *LBJ*, a film biography of Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36th president of the United States. "I had a lot of trepidation," he said in a telephone interview with JTA.

In addition to a successful career as an actor, Reiner is one of the most bankable directors plying the trade today. His films run the gamut from lighthearted fare like *This is Spinal Tap*, *The Princess Bride* and *When Harry Met Sally*, to serious drama such as *A Few Good Men* and *Misery*. But *LBJ*, which opened Nov. 3, was different because he had a personal connection to the subject.

"I was of draft age during the Vietnam War, and I looked at Johnson as the enemy," said Reiner, 70. "I thought he could send me to my death."

But he revised his views of the former president — both as a man and a potential movie subject — when he read Joey Hartstone's well-researched script. Reiner said additional research, especially Doris Kearns Goodwin's illuminating *Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream* and Robert Caro's multi-volume Johnson bios, clinched the deal.

Reiner discovered a man far more nuanced than he had imagined. Yes, Johnson expanded and prolonged the Vietnam War. But he also delivered on John F. Kennedy's legacy and bullied a recalcitrant Congress dominated by Dixiecrats to pass the Civil Rights and Voting Rights acts, increase funding for education, and create Medicare, Medicaid and Head Start.

"It was like there were two presidents — one for the Vietnam War and the other with great domestic programs," the actor-director said. "If it wasn't for Vietnam, he'd have gone down as one of the greatest presidents of all time. I wanted to make a film that would reveal who this guy was."

It wasn't just the dichotomy of Johnson's politics that Reiner wanted to capture, but the contradictions of his personality, which informed his career. "What surprised me was his insecurity," Reiner said. "He had this recurring nightmare where he dreamed he was paralyzed."

Johnson also had a complicated relationship with his mother in which "at times he felt unloved. I thought that was interesting," Reiner said.

Also interesting was Reiner's choice for the actor to play the lead: Woody Harrelson, best



Photo courtesy of Electric Entertainment

Rob Reiner was director of the new biopic "LBJ." On why Jews are funny, he says, "You have Cossacks. You have Hitler. You have to have a sense of humor or you can't survive."

known as the slow-witted Woody on *Cheers* and for drawling comic roles in *White Men Can't Jump* and *Zombieland*.

"When people heard about the film, they'd ask me who I'd cast for the lead, and when I told them Woody Harrelson, they'd say 'get out of here,'" he recalled. "I'd say, 'wait until you see what he does.'"

The prosthetics change Harrelson into a close approximation of LBJ, but it is Harrelson's subtle yet powerful performance that is transformative. "I told him don't try to imitate Lyndon," Reiner said. "Just give me his essence and that relaxed [Woody]."

*LBJ* is infused, in part, with the director's personal experiences as a political activist. Nearly two decades ago, he spearheaded a successful effort to raise cigarette taxes in California and use the money to fund early childhood development programs. Subsequently, Reiner was appointed chair of the commission to oversee the project, a post he held for seven years.

Around that time, he briefly considered running for office. Reiner asked his wife and three children for their opinions and the results were — how to put this? — discouraging. "I only polled 40 percent in my own family," he recalled. "If I couldn't carry my own family, I didn't think I should run."

Nevertheless, Reiner has remained politically active in liberal causes, most recently as a founder of the Committee to Investigate Russia, which he calls "a nonpartisan [organization] that puts the spotlight on what the Russians were able to do, particularly in the last election."

Reiner is not a fan of the current administration, to put it mildly. As he describes it, "without changing a single frame," his film changed between the time it was first screened, when Obama was president, to its release this week with Trump in the White House — meaning a film about a troubled presidency transformed into one about how best to govern.

And, yes, his activism "absolutely" has hurt his career, Reiner said. Even in liberal Hollywood,

Reiner's outspokenness has earned him ridicule — not unlike the incessant ribbing he took on *All in the Family* playing the liberal Mike "Meathead" Stivic opposite his arch-conservative father-in-law Archie Bunker.

"There's no question that people have turned away from me," he said. "You should see what some people call me on Twitter. But I have to live on this planet and be who I am."

And who he is the scion of Carl Reiner and the late Estelle Reiner from the Bronx, NY. Dad, of course, is the author/producer/actor/director of such hits as TV's *The Dick Van Dyke Show* and the films *Oh God!*, *Where's Poppa?* and a string of Steve Martin comedies. Mom famously ordered whatever Meg Ryan was having in the legendary *When Harry Met Sally* scene filmed at New York's Katz's Deli.

"My grandmother spoke Yiddish in the house, and my mother and father spoke a little Yiddish, too," said Reiner, who was a bar mitzvah. "They decided to bring a teacher in to teach me Yiddish, too. I learned a little, but he also taught the history of the Jews and it was like having a little shul at home."

"It was home shuling," he quipped.

Reiner's sister-in-law is a rabbi, "and we'll have Passover," he said. "My wife's mother lost her entire family in the Holocaust and my aunt — my father's brother's wife — did also, something we always think about."

"Yes, all this is reflected in my work. It's my sensibility. I'm a Jew. I was raised a Jew. I value honesty and integrity and knowledge and education and all those values I was raised with."

Of course, Reiner was raised with another "Jewish value" as well: comedy.

"Jews are funny," he said. "And there's a reason we're funny. You have Cossacks. You have Hitler. You have a lot of things weighing down on you. You have to have a sense of humor or you can't survive."

Welcome to the world

Jody and Dennis Sherman of Oldsmar are kvelling over the birth of their first grandchild, Olivia Taylor Sherman, born Oct. 26, to Daniel and Shannon Sherman of Dania Beach. Maternal grandparents are Barbara and Jeff Browder and Peter and Teresa Baso.

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Mazel tov

David "Elan" Wygodski, son of Avi and Alexandra Wygodski of Tallahassee, recently celebrated his Bar Mitzvah at Temple Israel in Tallahassee. Proud St. Pete family include grandmother Mary Wygodski, aunt Charlene Wygodski and uncle Steven Bloom.

P.S. As always, I'm looking forward to hearing about all your family simchas. Photos are welcome, too. Send information to: Sincerely Yours, P.O. Box 6970, Clearwater, FL 33758, or e-mail jewishpress@aol.com.

## Obituaries

**ELAINE BELKIN**, 90, of Largo, died Nov. 2. Active in Hadassah, she was a life member, a Keeper of the Gate and a past president of the Clearwater chapter. Survivors include her children, Joseph and Judy Belkin, Rebecca and Barry Rosenstein, Deborah and Edward Shapiro, Ruth and Stanley Hoffman, Wendy Belkin; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to Hadassah, or Hospice. (David C. Gross Funeral Homes, Clearwater Chapel)

her son and daughter-in-law, Calvin and Vivian; sister Louisa Pitsirilos and two grandchildren. The family suggests memorials may be made to the Florida Holocaust Museum or Menorah Manor. (David C. Gross Funeral Homes, St. Petersburg Chapel)

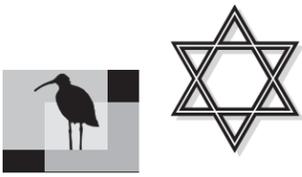
**MOLLY SAMUEL**, 90, of St. Petersburg, died Nov. 11. Survivors include

**JILL DONNA SHAPIRO**, 73, of Seminole, died Nov. 10. Survivors include her husband Jim; daughters Jennifer (Van), Emily (Jay) and Heather (Rohn), sister Judith (Barry) Alpert and five grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to Temple B'nai Israel. (Curlew Hills Memory Gardens)

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## The 5 weirdest kosher foods you'll be eating in 2018

By JOSEFIN DOLSTEN  
JTA news service

"Caution: Meat and dairy sampling on show floor," read a sign at the entrance to Meadowlands Exposition Center.

That may seem like an unusual warning outside a convention center, but to the crowd attending the food expo there on Tuesday, it made sense: Koshersfest is the world's largest kosher food trade show, where the vast majority of those attending follow the Jewish prohibition against mixing meat and dairy.

More than 4,000 food industry professionals gathered for the annual two-day event, which featured more than 325 vendors showcasing an array of products, from candy to wine.

Naturally, there were lots of samples.

Reporting can be a tough job, but somebody had to taste everything. Amid the offerings of many obvious treats (lox varieties and bagel flavors, for example), there were some surprises. These are the five most unexpected foods and beverages JTA sampled at this year's Koshersfest.

**Patterned matzah**

Matzohgram, which was crowned by Koshersfest the Best Kosher for Passover product, is matzah printed with Jewish-themed patterns, such as Stars of David and Passover greetings. The manufacturer, Independent Ink, uses colorful, edible ink that is kosher for Passover.

Customers placing large orders can also customize matzahs with any image they desire.

"It gives you the ability to be creative for your seder plate," said NK Ranganathan, Independent Ink's chief operating officer. "You can have a variety of designs, and it becomes very interesting for the kids."

Customers can buy Matzohgram online beginning Nov. 20: It's \$10 for a box of mini-matzahs and \$16 for the regular size.

**Oxygen-infused water**

If Oxigen's claims about its water — that it improves both post-workout and or post-hangover recovery time and mental clarity — are true, then Gatorade may have some serious competition.

A bottle of the oxygen-infused beverage contains 1,000 parts per million of stabilized oxygen, compared to 5 to 40 parts per million in regular water, according to its manufacturer. Those in need of even more O's can take an Oxigen shot, which contains 5,000 parts per million.

"When you drink the water, the oxygen gets into your bloodstream and goes to work immediately to aid in focus, recovery, endurance and stamina," Max Lewis, director of sales for Formula Four Beverages, told JTA.

The oxygen is not in gas form, meaning it won't escape the bottle when it's opened, Lewis added.

Oxigen bottles retail at stores nationwide for \$1.69 to \$1.99, while the shots sell for \$2.79 to \$2.99.

**Salted caramel frozen pizza**

It's a pizza, it's a frozen dessert — it's a Frizza!

The Salted Caramel Frizza from Elegant Desserts won the trade show's award for Best Frozen Dessert. The dairy-free treat consists of a cookie bottom, salted caramel "ice cream" and caramel sauce.

"Everybody, when they come over, they go crazy about it because it's entertaining, it's fun, it's different," said Benjamin Weisz, president of Elegant Desserts based in Brooklyn.

At Koshersfest, the frizzas were cut into bite-sized squares, but they are meant to be served by the slice, like a pizza. Each pie contains eight to 16 servings, depending on how it's sliced.

Elegant Desserts, which sells frizzas online for \$36.50 each, also sells the pies in flavors such as cookies and cream and strawberry.

**Ready-made shakshuka**

Craving shakshuka but short on time?

This sauce is perfect for any busy person who loves this Israeli breakfast food, which consists of eggs cooked with spices in tomato sauce. To make this version of the hearty dish, one only needs to open a jar, crack a few eggs and cook the delicious mess on the stovetop or in the oven.



Photos by Josefin Dolsten

**Elegant Desserts sells frozen pizzas in sweet flavors such as salted caramel, peanut butter, and cookies and cream.**



**Matzohgram is printing patterns on matzah.**



**Oxigen water claims to aid in post-workout.**



**Rabbi Mendel Segal sells Jewish and Southern-inspired barbecue sauce.**



**Cooks need only add eggs to this sauce to make shakshuka.**

"It makes it very quick," said Tami Bezborodko, vice president of marketing for Iron Chef. "In seven minutes, you can have a nice, hot breakfast."

The sauce contains tomatoes and spices and comes in mild and medium spicy varieties. A 24-ounce jar retails in stores nationwide for around \$4.50.

**Rabbi-approved BBQ sauce**

Want a barbecue with a rabbinic seal of approval? Look no further. Rabbi Mendel Segal, who founded the Kansas City Kosher BBQ Festival, now offers three varieties of his RaBBI-Q sauce. Since launching in 2015, Segal has expanded his line of sauces to include flavors that draw on both his Jewish and Southern roots — the pomegranate honey barbecue sauce, which Segal came up with when making brisket for Rosh Hashanah, is a favorite.

"It sells really well in the non-Jewish market, too, because nobody has a barbecue sauce that flavor yet," he told JTA. "But Jews catch onto it right away."

An 18-ounce jar of sauce retails at select kosher markets nationwide for \$4.99.

# Call from fake reporter with Jewish-sounding name, voice seeks dirt on candidate

WASHINGTON (JTA) – A made-up reporter named “Bernie Bernstein” called an Alabama pastor searching for women to provide “damaging remarks” against Roy Moore.

In what sounded like a robocall, the man left a voicemail message with Pastor Al Moore claiming to be a reporter for the *Washington Post*. He offered women money in exchange for allegations, which he said would not be well vetted, the local CBS affiliate WKRQ-TV reported.

The voicemail was an apparent bid to discredit allegations that the Republican Senate candidate had sexual contact with minors many years ago. Given the caller’s Jewish-sounding name and strong, nasally Northeastern accent, many saw the message as anti-Semitic.

“Hi, this is Bernie Bernstein, I’m a reporter for the *Washington Post* calling to

find out if anyone at this address is a female between the ages of 54 to 57 years old willing to make damaging remarks about candidate Roy Moore for a reward of between \$5,000 and \$7,000,” the man said.

“We will not be fully investigating these claims, however we will make a written report. I can be reached by email at albernstein@washingtonpost.com. Thank you,” the caller said.

Marty Baron, the *Washington Post*’s executive editor, who is Jewish (and grew up in Tampa), issued a statement to WKRQ-TV criticizing the call as an attempt to undermine his newspaper. It is not known who made the call. But no staffer at the *Washington Post* is named Bernie Bernstein or Al Bernstein.

“The call’s description of our reporting methods bears no relationship to reality,” said Baron. “We are shocked and appalled

that anyone would stoop to this level to discredit real journalism.”

Last week, the *Post* reported allegations by four women that Roy Moore made romantic or sexual overtures to them when they were teenagers and he was in his 30s. One woman said Moore initiated a sexual encounter with her in 1979 when she was 14 years old and he was 32.

Since then more women have come forward with similar accusations and *The New Yorker* reported that many people in Moore’s hometown, Gadsden, AL, recalled him being barred from the local mall for bothering young women, though no direct evidence has been found.

Moore, 70, a former prosecutor and judge, has denied the allegations and threatened to sue the newspaper.

Many observers condemned the call by the invented Jewish reporter as playing

on anti-Semitic stereotypes and canards of Jewish conspiracies and media control. Anti-Defamation League CEO Jonathan Greenblatt suggested it was an attack both on journalism and Jews.

*Atlantic* magazine editor Adam Serwer said a Moore supporter seemed to be pinning the blame for his political problems on a “Jewish conspiracy.” Others, including *Toronto Star* Washington correspondent Daniel Dale and the *New Yorker* television critic Emily Nussbaum, found humor in the blatant nature of the call.

The made-up name recalls two prominent Jews: Bernie Sanders was the first Jewish candidate to win major-party nominating contests last year when he ran in the Democratic presidential primaries, and Carl Bernstein was part of the *Washington Post* team that exposed the Watergate scandal in the 1970s.

## IRON DOME

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After Obama was elected, Lynn went to work in the Pentagon for the U.S. Department of Defense in early 2009 at the age of 30, as a senior advisor under Defense Secretary Bob Gates. He served as special advisor on the Middle East in the Policy Office, which included being lead on U.S.-Israel defense policy issues.

Shortly after starting his job, Lynn said, “Among other items on my desk was a file on the Iron Dome project, and it was stamped in 2008 as rejected.”

Today, the Iron Dome rocket defense system is hailed as a highly effective defense system that has about a 90 percent success rate of shooting down rockets fired at Israel population centers and blowing them up before they can harm people. But when Lynn looked at the file and began asking why the project was rejected, he said a number of generals and defense officials told him the Iron Dome system – entirely the creation of a company in Israel – was not accurate and too costly.

Lynn’s duties brought him into frequent contact with Maj.-Gen. Benny Gantz, the IDF defense attaché in Washington at the time and later IDF chief of staff. Gantz wanted the U.S. to take a second look at the Iron Dome system, saying since it was tested by U.S. officials earlier and deemed ineffective, vast improvements had been made.

“I encountered a lot of rejections and heard ‘no’ many times,” Lynn said.

But he was finally able to set up a meeting with Defense Secretary Gates. Until then the project had not come to Gates for review and he was not familiar with the full details.

In a recent *Jerusalem Post* story on Lynn’s fight to get funding for the Iron Dome project, Lynn was quoted as pointing out to Gates that “this is a particular system of technology that we don’t have available ... that Israel is on the front lines, that they are taking fire, schools are getting hit and that they have technology which we should check to see if it can save lives.”

Lynn said he won Gates’ support to get a second test of the improved system at the Redstone Arsenal in Alabama and the Iron Dome proved to be highly effective.

Later that year, after putting together a funding request, Lynn and his friend Dan Shapiro, who by then was the National Security Council’s senior director for the Middle East (and later became

U.S. Ambassador to Israel), met with Obama at the White House. Also at the meeting in the Situation Room were Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary Gates, Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Michele Flournoy and other members of the National Security team, Lynn said.

Lynn and Shapiro told the president that Israel was seeking to build 10 Iron Dome defensive systems at a cost of about \$400 million and needed about half of that funding from the United States.

Lynn reminded Obama of his visit to Sderot two years earlier, saying, “Mr. President, you told us and everyone you wanted to do everything to protect Israeli civilians – just like if it was your daughters; this is something we can do to protect Israeli civilians and other civilians.”

Lynn said Obama immediately embraced the idea. “This is not even a difficult decision. This is absolutely something I want to support. Let’s move forward,” Obama said.

With backing from the president, the Pentagon and pro-Israel lobby AIPAC, Congress quickly approved the funding, and in subsequent years has continued to provide funding, adding on a provision that some of the Iron Dome production be done in the United States, creating jobs for Americans.

The Iron Dome technology determines the trajectory of the rockets, identifies those likely to strike populated areas, and shoots those rockets down before they reach their targets.

Lynn said Iron Dome has about a 90 percent success rate and it was his favorite project during his service at the Department of Defense. In addition to serving as Secretary Gates’ lead on the Iron Dome project, other duties included working on joint U.S.-Israel training exercises, the sale of F-35 stealth fighter jets to Israel, and on the David’s Sling and Arrow anti-missile systems being developed for use in Israel against mid-range and long-range guided missiles. His tenure at the Pentagon also included serving under Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, who succeeded Gates in that position in 2011.

Lynn left his Pentagon job in late 2014 and returned with his family to St. Petersburg.

Since then he has dabbled in politics. He filed to run in the Democratic primary for the congressional seat then occupied by



President Obama and Eric Lynn at the White House

David Jolly, but was persuaded to step aside when former Gov. Charlie Crist entered the 2016 race. He then ran for a state house seat and lost.

Lynn, 39, and Frank Sanchez,

former Under Secretary of Commerce, now run a firm called CNS Global Advisors, a strategic consulting business on national security and defense matters.

It was at a defense conference in Israel last year that he gave some details of his work to get the Iron Dome funded, resulting in a reporter from the *Jerusalem Post* writing the behind-the-scenes story recently about Lynn’s work.

Here is an excerpt from that story:

*The final chapter in Lynn’s Iron Dome story came three years later.*

*On August 26, 2014, the day that Israel and Hamas agreed to a final cease-fire, Lynn was present at Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s residence for a small meeting along with then-IDF chief*

*Gantz and US envoy retired general John Allen.*

*Netanyahu said, “I want to thank you Eric, and Dan [Shapiro] and Benny that you made sure we have Iron Dome. As prime minister, if I had not had it, we would not be ending the conflict right now. It was a game changer. I would have had to have ordered a full invasion [of the Gaza Strip] if rockets had hit Tel Aviv.”*

*The prime minister continued, “This not only saved Israeli civilians lives, but thousands of Israeli soldiers’ lives and thousands of Palestinian civilians lives who could have been in danger if we had needed to go in to retake Gaza.”*

*Lynn said that of all of the work he has done in public service, he was “the most proud” of this accomplishment, because “it worked in combat and it saved lives.”*

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# Nuremberg prosecutor to give Skype interview at Florida Holocaust Museum

The Florida Holocaust Museum's Lawyers of Conscience invites the community to attend a special interview via Skype with the last living Nuremberg Trial prosecutor.

The museum's Executive Director Elizabeth Gelman will interview Benjamin Ferencz, 97, from his home in South Florida. The program will be broadcast live on a large screen via Skype at the museum in downtown St. Petersburg on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 12:30 p.m.

Ferencz was born in Transylvania in 1920. Ten months later, his family moved to the United States, where he grew up in Manhattan. In 1943, he graduated from Harvard Law School and soon afterward joined the Army, landing at Normandy and fighting in the Battle of the Bulge. Toward the end of the war, he was invited to investigate Nazi war crimes for the War Crimes Branch of the US Army. In that role, he gathered evidence about the horrors perpetrated by the Nazis, visiting concentration camps as they were liberated.

After the war, he was asked to return to Germany to serve on the legal staff of Telford Taylor, who was a principal prosecutor for the Nuremberg Tribunals, conducted by the Allied Forces against the top echelon of the Nazis. The landmark Nuremberg Trials, which began Nov. 20, 1945, established the offenses of crimes against peace, waging a war of aggression, war crimes, and crimes against humanity.

Ferencz was sent to Berlin with a team of 50 other researchers to investigate official Nazi records where he found records of the so-called "task forces" or Einsatzgruppen, which recorded exactly how many Jews, Gypsies, Communists, and Soviet intellectuals were murdered as they trekked across Eastern Europe. Although he had never prosecuted a case before at age 27, Ferencz was appointed chief prosecutor in Nuremberg's Einsatzgruppen Trial, in what the Associated Press called "the biggest murder trial in history." At the trial's conclusion, the 22 defendants were convicted of murdering over a million people. Four of the defendants were hanged.

In an interview earlier this year with *60 Minutes*' Leslie Stahl, Ferencz said one of the takeaways from that trial was, "War makes murderers out of otherwise decent people."

After the trials, he became focused on negotiating restitution for Holocaust victims and preventing future genocides. Throughout his life, he has spoken and writ-



Photo from United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, courtesy of Benjamin Ferencz  
**Benjamin Ferencz, center, in Nuremberg, Germany, during the Einsatzgruppen Trial**

ten extensively about the importance of international law as a means of attaining world peace, advocating for the establishment of the International Court of Law, which was finally established in 1998. Ferencz was given the privilege of delivering the closing arguments in the first case brought by that court against Congolese leader Thomas Lubanga Dyilo.

Ferencz is not done yet even at age 97. He believes in "peace not war," and despite the continuing scourge of genocides, he told *60 Minutes*, "It takes courage not to be discouraged ... I'm still in there fighting because I know I'm right."

Cost for the event is a minimum \$75 donation. Attendees are invited to stay and tour the museum after the program. Reservations are required, call (727) 820-0100, ext. 249.

The Florida Holocaust Museum is located at 55 Fifth St. S., St. Petersburg.

### About the Lawyers of Conscience

The mission of the Florida Holocaust Museum Lawyers of Conscience is to provide a non-political forum in which to sponsor thought-provoking programs and discussions relating past atrocities and lessons of history to contemporary issues, and to encourage participation of lawyers in order to promote equality of rights and justice under law.



**Benjamin Ferencz today**

# MEGA EXHIBIT

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the first in history to be completely televised. The trial captivated millions of people across the globe and it was the first time that many of them learned the details of the Holocaust.

Avraham, who worked as a communications officer for Mossad, Israel's Secret Intelligence Service, spent seven years researching Eichmann's capture and trial, meeting with thousands of people and collecting and documenting the details of the operation. Avraham was aided by recently declassified artifacts from the Mossad, which helped produce the exhibit along with two museums: Beit Hatfutsot, the Museum of the Jewish People, in Tel Aviv and the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage in Cleveland.

Besides serving as curator of the exhibit, Avraham has been in Argentina on the set of a new movie about the Eichmann capture, also named *Operation Finale*. The movie stars Ben Kingsley as Eichmann.

During World War II, Eichmann was the key functionary in the Nazis' attempt to annihilate all of Europe's 11 million Jews. After the war he disappeared, but his crimes made him a wanted man. Operation Finale - the code name of Israel's effort to find him - reveals exactly how Mossad agents located Eichmann in his hiding place in South America, and how they abducted and smuggled him safely to Israel to stand trial.

The exhibition includes objects and images made available for the first time - original 1960s-era artifacts, photographs, Telly Award winning films and audio, as well as contemporary design elements and interactive features, to tell a story of espionage, intrigue and, ultimately, justice served.

One of the most dramatic features of the exhibit is the bulletproof glass booth in which the accused sat as the courtroom drama was broadcast around the globe. "Standing in front of the dock, that upright glass coffin familiar from a thousand newsreels, is a humbling experience," the *New York Times* said in its review of the exhibit.

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The Operation Finale exhibit will run from Feb. 10 - July 15 at the museum, 55 5<sup>th</sup> St. S., St. Petersburg. For more information including hours and admission prices, call (727) 820-0100 or go to [flohocaulmuseum.org](http://flohocaulmuseum.org).

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The "To Life: Honoring the Past; Empowering the Future" gala featuring Avraham as keynote speaker, will take place on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay. The hotel is located at 2900 Bayport Drive, Tampa.

Tickets to attend To Life are on sale now. To purchase tickets, visit: [www.TheFHM.org/to-life-annual-benefit](http://www.TheFHM.org/to-life-annual-benefit) or call (727) 820.0100 ext. 276.

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